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Election Day Is Almost Here

The November 5th Presidential Election is quickly approaching and it is important that everyone exercises their right to vote, whether it be through a mail-in ballot, Early Voting, or in person on Election Day.

Mail ballot applications for the Presidential Election are available to any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID, or social security number. You can apply directly online or download an application through the Cook County Clerk: www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail. The last day to request a mail ballot is **October 31st** and the ballot must be postmarked by Election Day.

In person **Early Voting in suburban Cook County begins October 21st and goes until November 4th**. All early voting sites are open Monday - Saturday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Sundays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Registered voters can vote early at any location throughout Cook County. The nearest Early Voting sites for Riverside Township residents are as follows:

- **Brookfield Village Hall - 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield**
- **Lyons Village Hall - 4200 Lawndale Avenue, Lyons**
- **Berwyn Pavak Rec Center - 6501 W. 31st Street, Berwyn**
- **Stickney-Forest View Library - 6800 43rd Street, Stickney**



On Election Day, voting precincts are open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Registered voters can only vote in their home precinct on Election Day. If you are not yet registered to vote, you can still do so online until October 20th. If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you can register online or download an application here:

www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/voter-registration.

Grace-period registration will also be available at all Early Voting sites before Election Day; individuals must bring two forms of ID, one with a current address. Individuals then must immediately cast their ballot after registering. You may also be able to register on Election Day, but can only do so at your home precinct. Two pieces of ID are needed as well, one with a current address.

To check your current voter registration status, the location of your polling place, ballot information and more, visit the Cook County Clerk's Voter Information page online here: www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections. Additionally, you can also visit www.vote.org for all your voter information inquiries.

A Break From Property Taxes

Good news for the taxpayers of Riverside Township! The appeal session for 2024 has ended, the 2023 property tax bills have been paid, and the next round of appeals will most likely not begin until February of 2025. So for now, the property tax cycle is giving homeowners a much needed break from appeals and exemption applications for a few months.

It does appear that the average property tax bill increased significantly for most taxpayers in Riverside Township. Overall, second installment property taxes were much higher than the first installment. This was due to increased assessed values of the 2023 reassessment. Most taxpayers in the Township should expect next year's installments to be a little more balanced.

Around this time of year, most mortgage companies send out annual escrow account statements and may be adjusting your monthly mortgage/escrow payments.

Homeowners paying property taxes through escrow accounts should carefully review those statements and not hesitate to reach out to their mortgage company to review any adjustments.

The Riverside Township Assessor's Office is available to assist Township taxpayers with appeals, filing exemptions, and to answer any questions they may have regarding their property taxes and escrow accounts, all for **FREE**. Taxpayers do not need to pay for these services provided by private firms for costly fees. Residents should make sure that they are added to the Assessor's email and call list for future updates; please call the Township Assessor at **(708) 447-7700** to be added to their contact list, or send an email to: assessor@riversidetownship.org. The Township Assessor's Office is open **Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm**, and it is best to call ahead and make an appointment.



Community Resource Center Adjusts Hours



Scan the QR code above to view the Community Resource Guide.

Effective October 14th, the Riverside Township Community Resource Center will have a new, adjusted schedule at the Town Hall. New hours of operation will be **Mondays, from 9:00 am - Noon and from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Wednesdays from 9:00 am - Noon, and Thursdays from 9:00 am - Noon and from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**

Fully funded by the Riverside Township Mental Health Board, the Community Resource Center is a partnership between the Mental Health Board and three area agencies: Aging Care Connections, UCP Sequin of Greater Chicago, and the Way Back Inn.

The Resource Center is available to help residents, who are in need of information and assistance, access numerous services and support systems within Riverside Township. A Community Resource Specialist can provide individuals with guidance and referrals for any number of concerns, including aging services, benefits counseling (by appointment), intellectual and developmental disability services, mental health services, substance abuse services, and more.

Scan the QR code above with your smartphone to access the **Community Resource Guide**, an online informational tool for services and organizations throughout the community. You can also download the guide from the Township website here: www.riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center/. Please first reach out to the Resource Center by phone at **(708) 853-9578** to schedule an appointment, or send an email to: crc@riversidetownship.org.

Radio Players Return

The Riverside Township Radio Players have returned for their 26th season of old time radio programs, presented in the **2nd floor Auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall**.



Performances take place once a month, from September to May each year, and **begin at 7:30 pm**. All are welcome to attend these **FREE**, live performances of shows from the Golden Age of Radio.

Here are their performance dates for the rest of 2024:

**October 25 | November 22
December 20**

For more information, visit their website at:

www.riversidetownshipradioplayers.com

Free Weekly Movies

FREE weekly movie screenings continue **every Thursday at 12:30 pm, on the 1st floor of the Town Hall**, and all are welcome to attend. So come on out and enjoy some free popcorn and light refreshments while viewing a film selected from any year, from old classics up to more recent, present day releases.

Here are some of the upcoming films:



October 10 - **"The Manchurian Candidate"** (1962)

October 17 - **"Adam's Rib"** (1949)

October 24 - **"What Ever Happened
To Baby Jane?"** (1962)

October 31 - **"A Haunting In Venice"** (2023)

November 7 - **"The Fortune Cookie"** (1966)

Food Donations Needed

The Riverside Township Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non-perishable, non-expired food items from generous members of the community. As more individuals and families have come to rely on the Food Pantry, the increase in demand has put a constant strain on the Pantry's ability to provide food items to those in need. Over 80 families within the Township are served monthly by the Food Pantry, and during the summer months, the Pantry also offers vouchers for enrolled participants to redeem at the Riverside Farmers' Market for fresh food items. Now, with the holiday season fast approaching, it is more important than ever to be charitable and donate.



Please help out those in need by dropping off non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry drop box in the Town Hall during regular business hours. The Food Pantry will accept monetary donations as well; please make checks payable to the "Riverside Township Food Pantry". Every little bit helps to support the continuation of this vital service for the community.

The Riverside Township Mental Health Board (RTMHB) continues to work with local agencies that provide services for those needing support with mental health and disabilities within the Township. The Mental Health Board is currently in the process of revising their Grant Application process, soon to be finalized this fall.

Mental Health Board News

The RTMHB is currently accepting applications for a pending board vacancy. To apply, please send a letter of interest and a resume to: supervisor@riversidetownship.org. The RTMHB continues to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and occasionally hosts meetings at the various agencies that serve the community. Meeting dates, locations, and more Mental Health Board info can be found online here: www.riversidetownship.org/riverside-mental-health-board/.





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Theater Guild To Perform

You won't want to miss the Riverside Township Theater Guild's upcoming musical comedy **"Li'L Abner"**!

Tickets are only \$10 and performances will be in the

Riverside Town Hall Auditorium on

November 15th & 16th at 7:30 pm,

and November 17th at 3:00 pm. For

more info or how to buy tickets, visit the

Theater Guild's Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/RCTheaterGuild or send

an email to: dr.jeanne.sheehan@gmail.com.



Visit us online!

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Shred-A-Thon Event In October

If you missed the spring "Shred-A-Thon" event hosted by the Township earlier this year, worry not! The Township tends to host two shredding events each year and the next one is coming up soon. The always popular paper shredding event will return on **Saturday, October 19th, from 9:00 am - Noon**, in the parking lot of the **Riverside Masonic Lodge at 40 Forest Avenue in Riverside**.

As always, this **FREE** event is only for Riverside Township residents and only for personal, confidential documents. No shredding of business documents will be allowed. Each household will be limited to **no more than 3 boxes of paper**, and all documents will be securely destroyed and disposed of on site by American Mobile Shredding and Recycling.



Please note: be sure to remove all paper clips, binder clips, and spiral binders before you bring your items. Do not bring magazines, newspapers, junk mail, or other items that belong in traditional recycling. Just like in the past, this will be a drive-up event; no need to get out of your car! Just place the documents in your trunk, follow the signs at the event and then pop the trunk. We will remove the documents and shred them for you.

We ask that you please **consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to the Township Food Pantry as well**. The Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non-perishable, non-expired items from charitable residents and organizations within the community. The Township will also accept monetary donations as well; checks can be made payable to the "Riverside Township Food Pantry". Every little bit helps, so please bring a donation if you can!