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Identity Theft Presentation

Riverside Township will be hosting an outreach presentation from the Illinois Attorney General's Office on the subject of identity theft. This **FREE** event will take place in the **2nd floor auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:00 am.**

Primarily aimed toward senior residents, "*Identity Theft Scams and Prevention Tips*" will explore how to recognize common scams and their many variations, teach seniors how to set up fraud alerts and security freezes, as well as how one should go about reporting a scam to the authorities.



A representative from Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office will present all of these prevention tips and more, in addition to helping educate seniors on ways to restore their financial profile if they ever become a victim of identity theft or fraud.

If you have been the victim of identity theft or believe your personal financial information may have been compromised, you can call the Attorney General's toll-free **Identity Theft Hotline at (866) 999-5630**. The Attorney General also has established a helpline specifically for reports of **Senior Fraud at (800) 243-5377**. For more info on identity theft, you can visit the Illinois Attorney General's website here: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Consumer-Protection/Identity-Theft/>.

Food Pantry 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. More individuals and families have come to rely on the Food Pantry in recent years and that reliance is only expected to increase after recent federal cuts and changes to SNAP benefits and Medicaid.

Please help support the continuation of this vital service by dropping off non-perishable items in the Food Pantry drop box in the Town Hall. Monetary donations are accepted as well; please make checks payable to the "Riverside Township Food Pantry".

The Food Pantry is available to any Township resident in need and operates **Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.** We ask no questions, but must verify residency within the Township. Participants are eligible to receive two pre-packed tote bags of non-perishable items once per month.

Property Tax Bills Delayed

When property tax bills are delivered to Cook County taxpayers on time, those tax bills arrive in mailboxes in late June and are due around August 1st. Long time taxpayers know there have been some years when this has not been the case. It has now been well over a month past when second installment property tax bills are typically due and a current due date has yet to be determined by Cook County. Generally, the due date is 30 days after the tax bills are mailed out by Maria Pappas, the Cook County Treasurer.

The reason for the delay this year is because of the transition to a new computer system affecting multiple Cook County offices that are involved in the calculation of property tax bills. This is certainly a year of growing pains with implementing this new system, but hopefully in the future, it will make the whole process of calculating and issuing property tax bills in Cook County much easier. Residents should make sure that they are added to the Assessor's email and call list for all future updates; please send an email to: assessor@riversidetownship.org, or call the Township Assessor at (708) 447-7700 to be added.

Last April, I decided not to seek re-election for another term as Riverside Township Assessor. Deputy Assessor Mary Jo Miller, who has been part of the Assessor's Office since 2010, ran instead and was easily voted in. I am confident she will continue to serve the Township to the highest standards.

As I prepare to retire from my role as Riverside Township Assessor, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful journey it has been to serve this unique and wonderful community. It has been a pleasure working with my staff and the Township Board. I am grateful for the support and appreciation that the community of Riverside Township has given me for all the years I have held public office. I will leave office on December 31, 2025; however, Riverside is home and I plan on remaining a part of this community for many years. Thank you, Riverside Township, for the honor of serving you.

- Frances Sitkiewicz, Riverside Township Assessor



Fran Sitkiewicz will retire this year, having served as Assessor since 2010 and after having been a part of the office since 2001.

Mental Health Board News

As the Riverside Township Mental Health Board reconvenes this September, the gathering will be bittersweet as we mark the retirement of our longtime Secretary and former Board Member, **Joan Labak**. Joan is stepping down after 46 years of dedicated service to the Riverside Township Mental Health Board. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Joan on her retirement. Thank you, Joan, for your tireless commitment to supporting the residents of Riverside Township!



This fall, we are excited to continue building awareness of the many mental health support services available to our community. As part of our efforts to enhance visibility and deepen community engagement, we are proud to introduce a new logo for the Mental Health Board. Seen here on the left, can you spot the symbolism that connects the new design to mental health and the values of our community? This branding is one step in the Board's broader mission to ensure every resident knows where and how to access the help they need.

If you are part of a group or organization interested in learning more about the Mental Health Board's work and resources, we encourage you to reach out to the Board President, Adam Wilt, via email at: awilt.rtmhb@gmail.com. The Mental Health Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with the exception of July, August, and December. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Radio Players Return

The Riverside Township Radio Players return for their 27th season of old time radio programs, set to be presented each month in the **2nd floor auditorium of the Town Hall**. Performances take place once a month, from September to May each year, and **begin at 7:30 pm**. All ages are welcome to attend these **FREE**, live performances of shows from the Golden Age of Radio.

Here are their upcoming performance dates for the 2025 half of the season:

**September 26 | October 24 | November 21
December 19**

For more information, visit their website at:

<https://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:



Sept. 18 - **"The Big Sleep"** (1946)

Sept. 25 - **"My Cousin Vinny"** (1992)

Oct. 2 - **"Mr. Smith Goes To Washington"** (1939)

Oct. 9 - **"Yours, Mine and Ours"** (1968)

Oct. 16 - **"State Fair"** (1945)

Oct. 23 - **"Knives Out"** (2019)

Oct. 30 - **"Cape Fear"** (1962)

Community Resource Center

Effective this past April, the Riverside Township Community Resource Center has expanded its hours at the Riverside Town Hall. New hours of operation will be **Mondays, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. Fully funded by the Riverside Township Mental Health Board, the Community Resource Center is a partnership with three area agencies: Aging Care Connections, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, and the Way Back Inn.

On August 30th, the Resource Center held its annual Health & Wellness Fair at the North Riverside Village Commons. This free event featured over 30 representatives from community and government agencies. The Fair was well attended by all and continues to be a valuable opportunity for residents to engage with multiple organizations & vendors to learn about health-related programs, resources, and area providers.

The Resource Center can help residents, who are in need of information and assistance, access numerous services and support systems within the Township. A Community Resource Specialist can provide guidance and referrals for a number of concerns, including aging services, benefits counseling (by appointment only), intellectual and developmental disability services, mental health services, substance abuse services, and more. Reach out to the Resource Center by phone at **(708) 853-9578** to schedule an in-person appointment, or send an email to: crc@riversidetownship.org.

A Community Resource Guide is also available online as an information source for services and organizations throughout the community. Scan the QR code above with your smartphone to be taken to the CRC webpage, where you can access the guide, or you can download the guide directly here: <https://riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center>.



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Medical Equipment Loans

The Riverside Township Nurse's Closet offers short-term loans (up to 3 months) of durable medical equipment to Township residents, **FREE** of charge. Examples of such items available are walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, knee scooters, shower benches, commodes, and toilet seat risers. The Township also accepts donations of such items if they are in good, clean condition. Please call the office to check availability, **Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.**



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Shred-A-Thon Event In September

If you missed the springtime "Shred-A-Thon" event hosted by the Township earlier this year, worry not! Another one is coming up sooner than you'd think! The always popular paper shredding event will be back on **Saturday, September 20th, from 9:00 am - Noon**. The event will once again be held 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 restricted 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. As always, this will be a drive-thru 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.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to the Township Food Pantry!

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