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Paper Shredding Event In May

Spring is in full swing, and that means there's no better time to declutter your home by purging old documents at another "Shred-A-Thon"! The Township's always popular paper shredding event returns on **Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 am - Noon** and will once again be held in the parking lot of the **Riverside Masonic Lodge at 40 Forest Avenue in Riverside**.



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



Swinging Bridge Rededication

Riverside Township will kick off the celebration of America's 250th Anniversary by rededicating the "Swinging Bridge" to the residents of the Township. **A reception will follow in the Town Hall Auditorium**, first with a performance by Riverside Brookfield High School music students and then ending with a special presentation by the Riverside Township Radio Players. See you on **Friday, May 15th starting at 6 pm at the Bridge!**

North Riverside Senior Fair

North Riverside Parks & Recreation will be hosting their annual Senior Fair on **Tuesday, May 19th, from 9 am - Noon**. This **FREE** event is a great resource for all seniors and caregivers and will take place at the **North Riverside Village Commons at 2401 S. Des Plaines Avenue**.



Join Riverside Township, and over 50 other organizations, that will be on hand to offer senior-related services including home health, medical representatives, retirement communities, government agencies, legal and financial advisors, insurance companies, health specialists, community groups, senior clubs, and more! For more info about the Senior Fair, call North Riverside Parks & Recreation at **(708) 442-5515** or visit: <https://www.northriverside-il.org/300/Parks-Recreation>.

Prepare For Reassessment

The Cook County Assessor's Office is currently working on the 2026 Reassessment for the portion of the county that includes Riverside Township property owners. Notices of reassessment should be mailed out soon this spring and once they are, taxpayers will have 30 days to file an appeal. Here are some frequently asked questions taxpayers have regarding property reassessment:

- **Why is property reassessed?** All properties, commercial and residential, are reassessed every three years in Cook County in order to capture changes in market value.
- **What is an assessment?** The Cook County Assessor places a "market value" on all properties in the county. The Assessed Value is 10% of that market value for residential properties and 25% of that market value for commercial. The Assessed Value has two parts: a portion of the value is attributed to the land, and if the land contains a building, a portion is attributed to the building. Building Assessed Value + Land Assessed Value = Total Assessed Value, and that total value is used to calculate property taxes.
- **Does the Cook County Assessor come out to look at my property?** No, the reassessment is conducted by mass appraisal. The Cook County Assessor collects sales data of all properties in the county. Sales data of properties sold 3 years prior to the reassessment is analyzed and includes characteristics such as livable square footage, age, and location. During reassessment, all properties are given new assessed values based on this data.
- **When should I appeal?** - At this time, the dates for appeal have not yet been determined. The Cook County Assessor will send out reassessment notices with proposed 2026 Assessed Values soon, after which time property owners will then have 30 days to appeal with Cook County.



Riverside Township Assessor, Mary Jo Miller, and her staff are actively communicating with homeowners as the process unfolds. Residents should make sure that they are added to the Township Assessor's email and call list for future updates; please call the Township Assessor at **(708) 447-7700** or send an email to: assessor@riversidetownship.org. The Township Assessor is here to provide **FREE** assistance to all Riverside Township taxpayers, not just with reassessment inquiries, but also with filing appeals and applying for exemptions. The Township Assessor's Office is open **Monday - Friday, from 9 am until 2 pm**, and it is best to call ahead and make an appointment.

Donate To The Township Food Pantry



The Riverside Township Food Pantry would like to thank Riverside Foods, and all those in the community, that took part in their annual "Pack-The-Truck" Food Drive this past December. Over 120 packed grocery bags were donated and brought to the Town Hall with the help of Scout Troop 24. This is the 4th year Riverside Foods has organized this drive to benefit our Food Pantry and we are beyond grateful. A special thanks goes as well to all those that donated extra this past winter after the federal cuts and changes to SNAP benefits and Medicaid. It is through the increased efforts of generous organizations and individuals that the

Township can continue to offer a Food Pantry to the community.

You can help support the continuation of this vital service by dropping off non-perishable items in the Food Pantry drop box in the Town Hall or by making a monetary donation with a check made out to the "Riverside Township Food Pantry". **The Food Pantry is available to any Township resident in need and operates Monday - Thursday, from 9 am - 3:30 pm, and Friday from 9 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.



Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Riverside Township Community Resource Center will be holding its annual Health & Wellness Fair this summer on **Saturday, August 29th, from 10 am - Noon**. This **FREE** event will be held at the **North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 S. Des Plaines Avenue**, and all ages are welcome to attend. Engage with multiple community organizations, governmental agencies, and vendors to learn about health-related programs, resources, and providers that service the Township area.

The Riverside Township Community Resource Center can provide guidance and assistance with any number of concerns including: aging services, benefits counseling (by appointment), developmental and intellectual disability services, mental health services, substance abuse services, and more. Staff is available on **Mondays from 9 am - 5 pm, Tuesdays from 9 am - 1 pm, Wednesdays from 9 am - 1 pm, and Thursdays from 9 am - 5 pm**. For more info, reach out to the Resource Center directly by phone at **(708) 853-9578** to schedule an in-person appointment, or send an email to: crc@rivertownship.org.

A Community Resource Guide is also available online as an informational source for services and organizations throughout the community and is always being updated with the latest information. You can access the guide by scanning the QR code to the right with your smartphone or you can download it directly at the link here: <https://rivertownship.org/community-resource-center/>.



Mental Health Board News

This past February, the Riverside Township Mental Health Board hosted a free community program at the Riverside Town Hall titled *"The Kids Are NOT All Right"*. The topic of discussion was the overwhelming evidence that our adolescents and young adults are in crisis. One CDC study reported that roughly half of our kids are currently dealing with anxiety and depression issues. The many mental health problems with children today are being heavily chronicled and this presentation discussed the many contributing factors to this current mental health crisis, and the available Riverside Township agencies serving our youth.



Lecturers at the event included: Joseph E. Troiani, Ph.D., CADC, Denise F. Dailey, Psy.D., and Matthew Buckley, the Village of Riverside Public Safety Director. Other guest speakers were Daisy Gomez, LCPC of Pillars Community Health, Yaritsa Carrasco, MS, NCC of Pillars Community Health, Yvette Williams of Community Support Services, and Shawn Lewis of Aging Care Connections.

The entire presentation was well attended, but if you missed out, the event was video recorded by Riverside TV and can be viewed any time on YouTube via the Mental Health Board's "Presentations" webpage here: <https://rivertownship.org/mental-health-presentations/>.

The Mental Health Board is saddened to inform residents about the passing of long-time Secretary, and former Board Member, **Joan Labak** in December of last year. Joan had just retired from the Mental Health Board months prior in September after 46 years of dedicated service, and will be greatly missed. We are forever grateful for her tireless work with the Mental Health Board and her commitment to supporting the residents of the Township. The Mental Health Board would like to offer the deepest of condolences to Joan's family, friends, and loved ones. Joan Labak was 81 years old.





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Lions Club Chicken Dinner

The Riverside Township Lions Club will host their 50th Annual Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, May 3rd, from Noon until 5:00 pm**. The event will once again be held in the **2nd floor auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall** and will feature delicious fried chicken, plenty of sides, and light refreshments. Cost is **\$25 per person** and tickets are available to purchase directly from Lions Club members or at the door on the day of the event.



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Radio Players End Season

The Riverside Township Radio Players are set to end their 27th season of old time radio programs with final shows in April and May. Presented 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.



The Radio Players will return again after a summer break, but for now, here are their last two performances of the season:

Friday, April 24 - Break The Bank: "Quiz Show from 10/5/49" & Queen For A Day: "Fulfillment of a Wish"

Friday, May 15 - A special performance to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary!

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. Come down to enjoy some free popcorn and light refreshments while viewing a film selected from any year, from old classics up to recent, present day releases. Here are some of the upcoming films:



April 16 - **"Some Like It Hot"** (1959)

April 23 - **"Roman Holiday"** (1953)

April 30 - **"Wicked: For Good"** (2025)

May 7 - **"On Golden Pond"** (1981)

May 14 - **"Strangers On A Train"** (1951)

May 21 - **"The Devil Wears Prada"** (2006)

May 28 - **"Hello, Dolly!"** (1969)