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# Riverside Township

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## Mental Health Board News

The Riverside Township Mental Health Board has been supporting intellectual and development disability services and providing mental health services to the Riverside Township community since 1972.

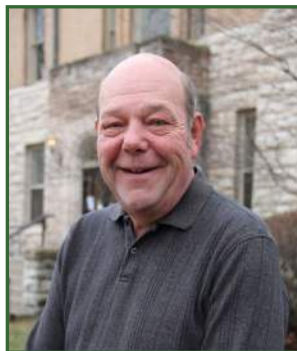
Fully funded by the Mental Health Board, the Riverside Township Community Resource Center, is a partnership between the Mental Health Board and three area agencies: Aging Care Connections, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, and the Way Back Inn. This past August, the Resource Center held its annual Health & Wellness Fair at the North Riverside Village Commons. This was one of the many efforts that the Mental Health Board is supporting to improve accessibility of disability and mental health resources to the residents of Riverside Township.



Riverside Township  
**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

As we head into the fall, the Mental Health Board would like to remind residents of some important resources available in support of our community:

- **Community Resource Center** - The CRC can help residents, who are in need of information and assistance, access numerous services and support systems within the Township. For more information on the CRC and how to contact them, **please see their article on Page 3 of this newsletter.**
- **Community Resource Guide** - This information source can be accessed by scanning the QR code on Page 3 or visiting the CRC's webpage here: [www.riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center/](http://www.riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center/).
- **Watch our Special Program Presentations** online, covering a wide range of topics: [www.riversidetownship.org/mental-health-presentations/](http://www.riversidetownship.org/mental-health-presentations/).



Finally, the Mental Health Board would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing Township Board Liaison, Timothy Heilenbach. Tim has been a long-time member of the Mental Health Board, a former Board President, and a steadfast advocate for the availability of mental health and disability support for the community. His efforts have led to the increase of services provided by the community agencies we partner with and have assisted our local first responders in their preparedness to support the evolving needs of Township residents. This board and our impact in the community would

not have been possible without Tim's leadership, mentorship, and guidance. Best wishes to Tim as he steps back from the Mental Health Board, but continues his distinguished service as a Riverside Township Trustee.

# Property Tax Pointers

## **2025 Second Installment Property Tax Bills are in the mail - Due date is Oct. 1, 2026**

- **Familiarize yourself with the Cook County Treasurer's Office website.** It's where you can pay online for free, change your name and address, and find out if any money is owed to you. You can access and download your bills and review the tax history of your property going back 20 years, all on their website at: [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com).
- **Know your PIN.** Your 14-digit Property Identification Number (PIN) is on your tax bill and property deed. It is unique to each of the 1.8 million properties in Cook County. You will need your PIN to pay your bill, so keep it handy!
- **Understand the billing cycle.** Property tax bills are divided into 2 installments a year. The 1st installment covers 55% of the previous year's taxes and is typically due in early March. The 2nd installment includes your exemptions. If you are missing an exemption, act quickly so a timely money saving correction can be made.
- **Keep your information current.** It's important to keep your info up to date to ensure that you receive your bill on time. If you moved or changed your name, update your contact info on the Cook County Treasurer's website above.
- **Decide how you want to pay.** You can pay online through your bank account for free. If you pay with a credit card, a 2.1% fee is charged. Payments are also accepted at nearly 400 Chase Bank branches and 160 community banks across the region. You can also drop your payment in the mail or pay in person at the **Cook County Treasurer's Office located on the 1st floor of 118 N. Clark Street in Chicago.**
- **Determine if you need a payment plan.** If you get behind on your taxes, you can set up a payment plan by using the free Payment Plan Calculator on the Cook County Treasurer's website. This tool helps you set up monthly or bi-monthly payments.
- **Monitor your mortgage escrow account.** If your property taxes are paid through an escrow account, ensure timely and accurate payments are being made by regularly checking the account.
- **See where your money goes.** The 1st installment bill features your taxing district debt and shows whether obligations to the school district, town, or other taxing districts are unfunded. The 2nd installment has a taxing district breakdown that shows how much each agency is taxing your property and where those tax dollars are being spent.



The Riverside Township Assessor's Office is open **Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** to assist residents with property tax inquiries and can be contacted at **(708) 447-7700** or via email at: [assessor@riversidetownship.org](mailto:assessor@riversidetownship.org).



## 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, especially with the holiday season fast approaching.

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 monthly period.

## Radio Players Return

The Riverside Township Radio Players return for their 28th 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, 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 2026 half of the season:

**September 25 | October 23 | November 20  
December 18**

For more information, visit their Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/RiversideTownshipRadioPlayers](https://www.facebook.com/RiversideTownshipRadioPlayers)

## 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. 17 - **"Radio Days"** (1987)  
Sept. 24 - **"Meet The Fockers"** (2004)  
Oct. 1 - **"Move Over, Darling"** (1963)  
Oct. 8 - **"Arsenic and Old Lace"** (1944)  
Oct. 15 - **"The Uninvited"** (1944)  
Oct. 22 - **"The Devil Wears Prada 2"** (2026)  
Oct. 29 - **"Bell, Book and Candle"** (1958)

## Community Resource Center

On **Friday, October 9th**, the Riverside Township Community Resource Center will host a **FREE** informational presentation on Medicare from **10:30 am - 11:30 am in the 2nd floor auditorium of the Riverside Town Hall**. The presentation will be beneficial for individuals who are approaching, or are already on Medicare, and will cover a brief overview of Medicare itself, explore what is Medigap & Medicare Advantage, how those plans work, and when you can make changes to your coverage. More details to follow soon; visit the Township's website and Facebook page for updates.

The Community Resource Center is **located on the 1st Floor of the Riverside Town Hall** and is a joint venture with the Riverside Township Mental Health Board and various area agencies. A 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.

Staff is available on **Monday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Wednesday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. For more information, reach out to the Resource Center by phone at **(708) 853-9578** to schedule an in-person appointment, or send an email to: [src@riversidetownship.org](mailto:src@riversidetownship.org).

A Community Resource Guide is also available online as a source of information for numerous 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 resource guide directly here: [www.riversidetownship.org/community-resource-center](http://www.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, **FREE** of charge. Examples of such items available are walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, knee scooters, shower benches, commodes, and toilet seat risers.

This service is available to ALL residents of Riverside, North Riverside, and Brookfield, but please call the office beforehand to check for item availability. The Nurse's Closet operates

**Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.**



**Visit us online!**

[www.riversidetownship.org](http://www.riversidetownship.org)

[www.facebook.com/riversidetownshipll](https://www.facebook.com/riversidetownshipll)

## Paper Shredding Event In October

If you missed the springtime "Shred-A-Thon" event hosted by the Township earlier this year, don't worry! Another one is right around the corner! The Township's always popular paper shredding event will be back on **Saturday, October 3rd, 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!**

The Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non-perishable, non-expired items from generous residents and organizations within the community. The Township will 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!