



Riverside Township

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Safety Grant Awarded To Police

This past May, The Riverside Township Board generously awarded a joint grant to the Riverside and Brookfield Police Departments for the purpose of enhancing pedestrian safety on Golf Road by Riverside Brookfield High School. As a result of the grant, solar-powered pedestrian crossing signals were installed in July, placed at both ends of the crosswalk that connects the main high school entrance on the east with the sidewalk and football field on the west. The highly visible signals flash when triggered by a pedestrian at either end of the intersection and reinforce to motorists that they must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, by law.



The new crosswalk signal and signage on Golf Road.

In May, the Township Board also awarded a number of other grants



The Township Board presents a grant check to Bruce Jablonski of PeopleCare, Inc.

to various community organizations. Annual grants were approved for the Riverside Arts Center, North Riverside Golden Ageds, and for PeopleCare, Inc. Additional grant funding was awarded to the Riverside Chamber of Commerce to support their Cruise Night Car Shows and Riverfest events, North Riverside Parks and Recreation to support their Autumn Fest & Chili Cook-off event, and to North Riverside's Little League organization.

Township Tees Up For Annual Event

On June 11th, Riverside Township participated in North Riverside's 2018 Mayor's Golf Outing at the Riverside Golf Club. It was a rain-soaked morning, but that didn't deter Board members and staff from showing up and proudly representing Riverside Township in this charitable golf tournament. The Township sponsored two foursomes for the annual outing and all proceeds from the event go to the North Riverside Youth Program & Educational Scholarship Fund, Inc. The scholarship fund provides opportunities for young people in the community to enroll and participate in various recreational programs, assists with preschool tuition, and helps to offset the costs of higher education for young adults. Riverside Township is honored to be able to participate and support this worthwhile community event, year after year.



Representatives from Riverside Township in this year's charitable golf outing.

Town Hall Room Rental Policy Expands

At their September meeting, the Township Board passed new room usage policies and rules, opening up the Town Hall building to allow for additional types of groups and special events. Traditionally, the Town Hall has long had rooms available, free of charge, for community, non-profit, educational, and cultural organizations all based within the Township. Now, space at the Town Hall will also be available to rent for fundraisers, weekend events, and private events for Township residents, such as birthday parties, wedding showers, and reunions.

Rental fees will apply for special events, and security deposits, security personnel, and permits may also be required depending upon the nature of the event. Limited alcohol usage will now be permitted as well within the Town Hall building, in addition to basic food service. Proper permits will be required from the Village of Riverside for certain alcohol and food service requests, and liability insurance coverage may be requested as well from the Township.

To review all the new room rental policies, fee structures, rules and regulations, or to fill out a rental form for either standard use or a special event, one can visit the "Forms and Downloads" section of the Township website and obtain all the necessary paperwork. For more info about room rentals at the Town Hall, please stop by the Township office or call during regular business hours.



The Town Hall auditorium is a featured room now available to rent for special events.

Important Voting Info Before Election Day

On November 6th, a General Election will be held in Illinois for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, the State Senate, the State House, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Other statewide offices and top Cook County positions are included as well. If you want to vote in this upcoming election, now is the time to make sure you are properly registered before it's too late, and time is already running out. Here are some key dates and deadlines:



10/21/18 - Last day to register to vote via online application.

10/22/18 - First day of early voting.

11/1/18 - Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters.

11/5/18 - Last day of early voting.

11/5/18 - Last day of grace period registration and voting.

11/6/18 - Last day mail ballots can be postmarked.

It's too late to register to vote by paper application or in person at the Township Office, but you may still be able to register online, or take advantage of the grace period. Grace Period Registration and Voting allows voters to register and vote until the Monday before an election. Individuals must register and vote in person at one of the Cook County Clerk's designated grace period locations. Individuals may also be able to register and vote on Election Day, but at their home precinct only. Those wishing to vote during the grace period or register on Election Day itself, must bring 2 forms of identification, one with a current address. Grace period registrants must immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote.

The closest grace period voting and early voting locations for Riverside Township residents are the **Brookfield Village Hall: 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield, (708) 485-7344** or the **Berwyn City Hall: 6700 W. 26th Street, Berwyn, (708) 788-2660**. Please call each location's respective phone number for their hours of grace period and early voting. To check your voter info, registration status, election day polling place, further early voting info, election results, candidates running for office, or to register for grace period voting, you can go online and find it all in one place at www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/elections, or call the Cook County Clerk's Office at **(312) 603-5656**.

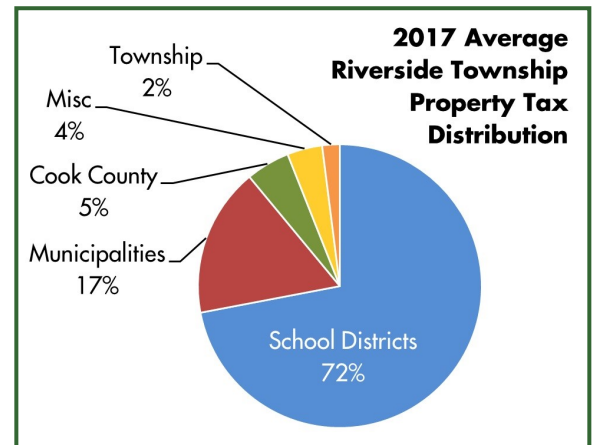
Update From The Township Assessor

The Cook County Board of Review should be pretty close to making final decisions

on 2018 Assessed Value Complaints (appeals) for Riverside Township by the time you receive this newsletter. Remember, the Assessed Value of your property is only one factor used in the equation to calculate property taxes in Cook County. The Assessed Value places a value on your property; it does not determine the amount of property taxes you pay.

The amount of property taxes you pay is determined by your local taxing bodies. Contrary to what you may be hearing and seeing in election ads these days, property taxes are **NOT** determined by the State of Illinois. The State of Illinois makes policy decisions about property taxes; however, it does not determine the amount of money our local taxing bodies collect and spend each year. Who are these local taxing bodies? They are municipalities, libraries, and school districts which all collect property taxes to provide their services to their communities. **Property taxes are local taxes.** 90% of property taxes collected stay in the community.

At this time, all local taxing bodies are discussing their tax levy during their monthly meetings. They must determine the amount of money they need to collect from local property taxes (aka the tax levy) to meet their budgets by December. The collective taxing bodies therefore determine property taxes. The Assessed Value of your property just determines what portion of that sum is paid by you. Overall changes in Assessed Values as a whole do not change the amount of money collected by local taxing bodies.



The Township Assessor's Office can only help taxpayers with one part of the property tax calculation. The other part is in the hands of the taxpayers when they understand how their money is being spent. To further help residents, the Assessor will be holding a **free Property Tax Seminar in the Town Hall auditorium on October 25th, beginning at 7 pm.** For more info, contact the Township Assessor's Office at **(708) 447-7700** or by email at 27rside@sbcglobal.net.

Medical Equipment Loans

One of the most utilized services provided by the Township is the Nurse's Closet. Offered to Riverside Township residents **free of charge**, the Nurse's Closet has durable medical equipment available for a short-term loan period of up to 3 months. Examples of such equipment are walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, commodes, and toilet seat risers. The Township will also accept donations of such items if they are in good, clean condition. Please call the office and check to see what items are in stock. The Nurse's Closet is open **Mon - Weds, 9 am - 3:30 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 4:30 pm, and Friday, 9 am - 2:30 pm.**



Mental Health Board Approves Program

The Riverside Township Mental Health Board voted at their September meeting to approve the Special Recreation Reimbursement Program. This allows families with special need children to enroll in special recreation programs and pay half the fee, along with half the transportation cost. The Mental Health Board will be billed on a quarterly basis by the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) and take care of the other half of the costs. This is for the Township residents of Riverside and North Riverside only, at this time. The board is in talks with SEASPAR, which is Brookfield's special recreation outlet and should have an agreement with them in the near future. Terms and conditions

do apply; details are available at the Township Office or by contacting Township Trustee Tim Heilenbach.

The Mental Health Board also approved funding for training of first responders on how to handle mental health emergencies. This program will be available for all first responders in Riverside Township.



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Township Has New Hours

The Township has expanded its office hours to overall better accommodate residents and those needing to take advantage of the many services offered. New hours are as follows:

Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, Closed

Connect with us online!

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Township Sponsors State Fair Trip

On Saturday, August 11th, Riverside Township once again arranged for an all day trip to the Illinois State Fair. This year, 48 township residents boarded a coach bus in front of the Town Hall and headed on their way down to Springfield. Everyone spent the entire day freely exploring and seeing the many sights and sounds the State Fair had to offer, from various musical acts and entertainment, to special exhibits and attractions, carnival rides, public competitions, and unique foods. The State Fair had a little something for everyone! The group returned home late that same evening and many came back with enjoyable stories to share of their day-long experience. The Township hopes to continue to schedule a trip each year to the Illinois State Fair for residents, and turn this event into an annual tradition!

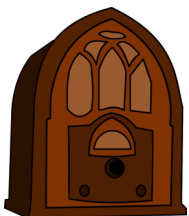


A bus full of residents on their way to the Illinois State Fair.

The Riverside Township Radio Players have returned for their 20th season of old time radio

Radio Players Celebrate 20th Year!

programs, presented each month in the **2nd floor auditorium of the Town Hall**. Performances are typically on the **4th Friday each month** (3rd Friday in November, December, and May) and begin at **7:30 pm**. **Admission is free** and all are welcome to attend and watch these wonderful, live performances, recreating shows from the Golden Age of Radio. For more information about the group, and further dates for the entire season, one can visit their website at www.riversidetownshipradioplayers.com. Some upcoming shows are as follows:



October 26 - NBC Presents Short Story Show: "The Lottery", Lights Out: "Come to the Bank"

November 16 - Dragnet: "The Big Sisters", Easy Aces: "Jane Gets Loan for Brother"

December 21 - Our Miss Brooks: "Department Store Contest", Suspense: "Out for Christmas"