



FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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# NOW OPEN!



*“This is a great day for the people, businesses and, perhaps most importantly, the future of the Village of North Riverside,” said Mayor Hubert Hermanek, Jr. just prior to the ribbon cutting at North Riverside’s new Costco Warehouse.*

“We are thrilled to be bringing Costco’s low warehouse prices to the residents of North Riverside,” said Warehouse Manager Jonathan Taub. “They have been asking us to open here for a long time, and we already have made an impact on the local job market. We look forward to contributing to the community in many ways.” This 19th Costco warehouse in Illinois will be the 461st in the U.S., and 649th worldwide. Costco has 70 million cardholders throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Wales, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia and Japan. Pictured above, left to right, Village Trustees Jason Bianco and Vera Wilt, Mayor Hermanek, Costco’s Jonathan Taub, Village Clerk Kathy Ranieri, Village Trustees, Matt Decosola, Debbie Czajka, Joe Mengoni, Mrs. Anna Hermanek and State Representative LaShawn Ford.



**Above, Mayor and Mrs. Hermanek display and use their Costco membership while proudly shopping in North Riverside.**

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

For those fortunate residents who might get a new TV or electronics items for Christmas, remember that the Village provides a recycling container for old electronics. It's located outside of the Public Works building (behind the fire station) and is open during regular Public Works Hours, 7 am to 3 pm Monday thru Friday. Also, during the week of Christmas and New Year's Day, garbage and recycling will be picked up Saturday.

# FROM THE MAYOR

**Hubert Hermanek, Jr.**

## *Shop til you drop...in North Riverside!*

Finally...Costco! What a great Christmas present this is for the Village of North Riverside! We have all worked and waited for over a year for the doors to open and the day finally arrived on Monday, November 25th. Costco is the biggest economic event to happen in our town since the opening of the North Riverside Park Mall opened decades ago! I am encouraging all of our residents and businesses to make Costco one of their "go to" places throughout the year when shopping for your home or office. As you'll read in the article below, when residents shop in their own town, it makes a huge impact on the local economy because every dollar spent here comes back to you in some way—through the exceptional fire, police and public works services we provide as well as low taxes and fees. So, please, "shift your shopping" and take advantage of all that North Riverside has to offer.

Many residents may not know him by name but we are proud to announce that after many years of part-time service, Zach Zakosek is now a

full-time member of our Public Works Department. Zach will take over as the mechanic in charge early next year when Stan Vladimir, our valued 29-year employee, retires. You can rest assured that our "fleet" of service vehicles will be ready to plow when the snow comes and to take care of business throughout the year.

Lastly, please join me and members of the Board as we do the cooking at the December 7th Breakfast with Santa event and, of course, I hope you will make time to join us at the Village Christmas Open House on December 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Commons gym. I realize it is a very hectic time of year, but let's all come together for a short time during the holiday season and enjoy great music and treats with our North Riverside neighbors. Speaking of neighbors, take a look at the Rec info on page 4 and Carol Spale's column on page 11 for ways to help those less fortunate among us, if you can. From the Hermanek home to yours, we wish all of you a safe, healthy and happy holiday!



## Residents, please shop local!

In addition to Costco, the Village is lucky to have some of the best major retailers and exceptional small businesses in the area! Many new stores and restaurants have opened recently including Big Corner Tavern, Cardinal Liquors, P.S. Aeropostale and Windsor Fashions. Other businesses have undergone extensive remodeling to serve you better such as Castle Buick, Children's Place, JC Penney, Mom, Dad & Me and Payless Shoe Source. There are a lot of interesting statistics regarding buying local and how it affects the economy but the most important thing you should know is that every dollar spent in North Riverside keeps our taxes low and helps provide you with the best services in all departments. Here are a few more facts you might want to know:

- When you shop locally, your money is recirculated over and over and creates up to 75% more tax revenue to your community and state.
- Shopping local creates jobs. And local businesses are more generous in their support of local charities and community events.
- Shopping local saves you money by saving valuable time and travel costs.

**WHY LEAVE TOWN?**

## a success story

*“We have worked hard to make Costco a reality and that work has finally paid off.”*

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### Welcome, Costco!

Costco's new membership warehouse in North Riverside officially opened Monday, November 25, at 8 am. The 154,000-square-foot warehouse is located at 2500 S. Harlem Avenue, at the northwest corner of Harlem Avenue and West 26th Street.

Previously, residents of the area had to drive approximately 6 miles northwest to Melrose Park, 9 miles west to Oak Brook, 8 miles east to Chicago (South Loop) or 9 miles southeast to Bedford Park to shop at Costco.

In the Costco tradition, the North Riverside warehouse will offer quality, name-brand and private-label merchandise at incredible values. Costco helps businesses save money on supplies and on items for resale, and provides a wide range of products and services for personal use as well. This new Costco location will feature a variety of convenient specialty departments, including a Gas Station, Fresh Bakery, Fresh Meat, Fresh Produce, Fresh Deli with Rotisserie Chicken, Optical Department with Independent Doctor of Optometry, 1-Hour Photo, Pharmacy, Tire Center, Hearing Aid Center, Food Court, and Fine Wine & Liquor. Members also can save on Costco Services such as Travel and Auto Buying.

The company has been recognized throughout the country for providing its employees with real living wages—the highest in the industry—and for its ethical business practices.

The Costco home office is located in Issaquah, Washington. For more information about Costco, visit the website at [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com) for the Company Profile, the Costco Story Brochure, The Costco Connection or My Costco Services guide.



With over 3,000 people attending the “soft opening” on November 24th and customers waiting in line by 7 am on November 25th, it was evident that North Riverside's new Costco was getting a warm reception from the community. Pictured above, the Mayor, Mrs. Hermanek and the Village Trustees display just one of the popular store items; below, left, Store Manager Jonathan Taub introduces the Mayor to his team and below, right, Taub and store associate Dalid, reload the inventory of the most popular items: XBOX ONE, PlayStation4 and the X Rocker Pro Gaming Chair.



## Join **COSTCO** A FEW QUICK FACTS

**3** levels of membership are available; all include household membership. The Executive Membership (\$110 annually) is the highest level and offers 2% rewards and additional benefits.

A \$55 Business membership is available for business owners and managers. The Gold Star membership for individuals and households is also \$55 per year. One-year Gold Star gift memberships, which can be renewed by the recipient, are available for purchase by Costco members.

Warehouse holiday hours (through December 31): Monday-Friday, 10 am to 8:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 7 pm; Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm; Christmas Eve, 9 am to 5 pm; New Year's Eve, 9 am to 6 pm.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH

From 9 am to 10:30 am, join the Mayor and Village Board. All you can eat plus pictures with Santa. Adults and children, \$4; 12 and under, \$3.

## Recreation!

Registration in progress. Sign up now!  
Call us at 442-5515 for info and details



FREE MOVIE FRIDAY, DEC. 13  
1 pm • Please Pre-Register



SIGN UP  
FOR  
PATTERNS  
AND PIE!

### HOLIDAY EVENT CALENDAR!

**Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm.** Come over to the Village Commons for a FREE holiday concert by the Riverside Township Community Band.

**Saturday, December 7, 9 am to 10:30 am.** Breakfast with Santa! The Mayor and Village Trustees will be flipping all the pancakes you can eat and frying up sausages. Price is only \$4 pp for adults and youth ages 13 and up; admission is \$3 pp for children 12 and under. Pre-registration is required and don't forget to bring a camera for your picture with Santa Claus!

**Friday, December 13, 7 to 8:30 pm.** Village Christmas Open House in the gym. Come and greet your neighbors and meet new ones as you enjoy some delicious holiday treats and listen to the music of the season performed by Pat Paremba.

### EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Recreation Department will have donation boxes at the Village Hall to collect new or "gently used" coats for children and adults; non-perishable food for the Riverside Township food pantry; and new toiletries for the homebound. We will also have an "Angel Tree" where you can make a monetary donation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Adults are invited to "Patterns and Pie" on Tuesday, December 19 from Noon to 1:30 pm. Fee is \$6 pp ad includes a generous slice of pie and bingo with great prizes. Sign up to save your spot. Watch for the new Winter-Spring 2014 Rec book to be mailed to your home in December, full of great programs and trips!



The North Riverside Autumn Fest and Chili Cook-Off was a huge success with fireworks that knocked our socks off! The winner of the Scarecrow Contest was the Village administration office which created a 9/11 Scarecrow. Winners of the Chili Cook-Off were: Judge's Choice, North Riverside Public Works Department; People's Choice, North Riverside Public Library; Jr. Chef, Riverside-Brookfield High School. Spit-the-Pot winner was Judy Scheck who donated the prize money to Fr. Lou at Mater Christi parish.

# HOLIDAY

OPEN HOUSE

AT THE VILLAGE COMMONS



## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

from 7 TO 8:30 pm

### ENJOY TREATS

And make some time to visit with old friends and neighbors while having snacks & refreshments

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*from*  
ALL OF US AT THE  
VILLAGE OF  
NORTH  
RIVERSIDE

### SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Have you been good this year? Stop in and have a chat with Santa at the holiday party

### SING HOLIDAY SONGS

*with entertainment  
by Pat Paremba*

Get in the spirit of the season!

### EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING

WE'RE COLLECTING  
COATS,  
NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEMS  
AND NEW  
TOILETRIES  
FOR THE  
HOMEBOUND  
IN THE  
DONATION BOXES

### HO! HO! HO! ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

Games  
Arts & Crafts

JOIN US MAYOR HERMANEK & THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# tree safety

Fire Chief Brian Basek reminds you that as you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly!

**PICKING A TREE.** Pick a tree with fresh, green needles that don't fall off when touched.

**PLACING THE TREE.** Cut 2" from the base of the trunk before you place the tree in the stand. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, heat vents. Make sure the tree isn't blocking an exit. Be sure to add water daily.

**LIGHTING THE TREE.** Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read the manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree. And always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

### DID YOU KNOW?

❏ 1 of every 3 home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failure?

❏ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of the fires.

## edward chen

Fire Chief Brian Basek and the Village Board recently welcomed Edward Chen to the Department. A 2006 Fire Academy graduate and 2009 grad of the Good Samaritan Hospital paramedic program, Eddie had been working with the Clarendon Hills and Roselle departments for the past eight years.



# POLICE ★ NEWS

Mayor Hermanek, Village Trustees and Police Chief Lane Niemann recently welcomed three new Probationary Police Officers to the Village and the Police Department. Probationary Officers Ryan Biel, Theodore Roberson were introduced to the public and took their oaths of office at the October 21st Village Board meeting and Alex Weitzel took his oath of office at the November 4th Board meeting. All three men have had extensive training.

Also at the November 4th meeting, Officer Carlos Garcia was promoted to Detective Sergeant within the Police Department.

## Carlos Garcia

Pictured with the Chief and Mayor, Detective Sergeant Garcia has served the country as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He joined the department in 2002.



## Ryan Biel

A graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and Applied Science, Probationary Officer Biel has been trained in many areas including firearms, and tasers. He has 2-year old twin daughters.



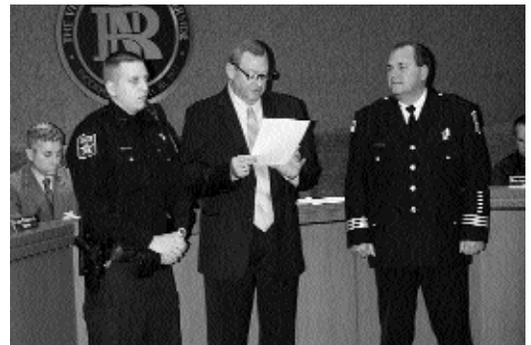
## Theodore Roberson

P.O. Roberson joined the U.S. Army in 2007 and served one tour in Afghanistan and serves in the Army Reserve out of Arlington Heights. He also volunteers his time at St. John Lutheran Church.



## Alex Weitzel

Probationary Officer Weitzel graduated from Governors State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and completed his training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign-Urbana.



# nr bulletin board

*news you can use*

## See the lights. Feel the magic. Continue the tradition.

**O**ur neighbors at Brookfield Zoo remind you not to miss out on another year of Chicagoland's largest lights festival presented by ComEd and Meijer. You'll be surrounded by the cheer of over 1,000,000 twinkling lights, caroling to animals, ice carving, laser light shows, live entertainment and a new holiday light spectacular. You're sure to feel the magic of the holidays! Many of the Zoo's indoor exhibits will be open for viewing favorite animals plus there will be Singing to the Animals and special Zoo Chats. Zoo restaurants and food stands will be open with full menus and holiday treats and gift shops will have hundreds of unique items for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones. Enjoy a full schedule of nightly music and entertainment in the Pavilions. Also on the schedule are nightly ice carving demonstrations, an amazing magic show, costumed characters, a model railroad display and a new 38-foot LED Talking Tree. Holiday Lights schedule is: Saturdays and Sundays, November 30, December 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and Thursday through Tuesday, December 26-31 from 4 pm to 9 pm. Regular parking and admission fees apply. Free with membership.



## Use the R-B Pool this winter for fun and exercise



**S**top in at the North Riverside Recreation Department and get your free photo ID pool pass so you can take advantage of Riverside-Brookfield High School's olympic-sized swimming pool for fun and exercise on Sundays from Noon until 4 pm. The pass is free to North Riverside residents; proof of residency is required at the time of registration. A pass is required for entrance into the pool (ages 3 and up).

## Historical Society's first-ever Christmas ornament

**N**orth Riverside Historical Society President Bryant Rouleau has announced that the group is working on its last fundraiser of the year—keep a look out for the first in series Christmas ornament! “We are excited to be starting this collection so we can bring some old-fashioned history into your homes,” said

Rouleau. The ornaments will be available at the Village office, by sending an email to [nrhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:nrhistoricalociety@hotmail.com) or by calling 630-258-7099.

Local residents might want to consider a New Year's resolution that includes joining the Historical Society and helping out with

fundraisers in 2014. The group meets every second

Tuesday of the month and soon a

permanent location for meetings will be established. “We hope to see many new faces next year,” added Rouleau. “Until then, the North Riverside Historical Society wishes everyone safe and happy holidays. Keep making history!”



## Upcoming Events from North Riverside Players

**M**ark your calendars now for the North Riverside Players' 7th annual Murder Mystery/Brunch/Silent Auction Fundraiser “Karaoke Killer” set for Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 1 pm at the Scheck Village Commons, 2401 S. Desplaines Avenue. Reservations are \$40 per person by January 10 and \$45 per person by the January 17 deadline. To save your seat, call Frank at

708-442-6073. Also, coming up this Spring, the Players will present “Jesus Christ Superstar.” Show dates are April 4-6 and April 11-13. Audition dates are January 16 and 17, 2014 from 7 to 9 pm at the Village Commons. For more details, go to [www.nrplayers.com](http://www.nrplayers.com) or call 708-512-7015.



CAN'T ATTEND?

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES HIGHLIGHTED HERE FOR YOUR REVIEW

# In the MINUTES

## Just a friendly reminder about 72-Hour Parking

Most residents should be well aware that the Village of North Riverside enforces 72-hour parking restrictions. This policy is in effect at all times.

No vehicle will be allowed to be parked in the same spot for more than 72 hours at any time of the year.

### SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,259,762.55 for the month of July 2013 were approved.

■ **Trustee Bianco** was happy to report that IDOT had approved the Village's MFT Project scheduled for October construction. He also mentioned that he attended a fundraiser held at Big Corner Tavern located at 1st and Cermak that benefitted Wounded Warriors. "I want to thank the businesses like Big Corner Tavern that are hosting these fundraisers and I encourage our residents to attend them and support local businesses." (More on supporting local businesses on page 2 of this issue)

■ **Trustee Decosola** recapped happenings in the Recreation Department, including: youth soccer, fall softball league, preschool, the Fall Flea Market and the Autumn Fest/Chili Cook Off.

■ **Trustee Mengoni** noted that the North Riverside Fire Department's Celebration of Heroes would be held on September 11th.

■ **Mayor Hermanek** read a report from Code Enforcement Representative Karyn Byrne that provided updates on Costco's construction and Chick-Fil-A's preliminary site work; the demolition of a structure on 30th Avenue to make way for the construction of a new single-family home; discussions with Monroe Partners regarding the possibility of a Red Robin restaurant locating on one of their four outlots; inquiries from the North Riverside Park Mall regarding sanitation requirements for converting a jewelry kiosk to a pretzel vendor; application and permit updates from the new Cardinal Liquors store and Discount Grocery Outlet; the feasibility of a Chuck E. Cheese occupying the vacant Bally's space on Harlem Avenue and fence permits that were issued.

The Mayor also encouraged residents to check out the ponds behind the Village Commons building as Public Works Director Tim Kutt and his crew have been working diligently on improving and refilling the pond, adding new rocks and replacing the old tennis courts with new grass and beautiful bushes.

### SMART METERS

Empowering you to  
save energy and money.



Mayor Hermanek also announced the launch of the Smart Meter Program and invited ComEd representative Mike McMahan to give a brief presentation. Over 1,300 meters had already been installed and by mid-November another 1,300 would be installed. Residents do not have to be home as long as ComEd has access to the meter and the installation only takes about 10 to 15 minutes.

■ **In Correspondence**, Carol Spale thanked the Village for the "lovely gift" of Commons Park, stating that residents are "very fortunate to have such a beautiful place." A thank you note was received from Joseph Zyck for the scholarship he received at the Mayors Golf Outing; Lions Club Candy Day request and two block party requests were approved.

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**SEPTEMBER 16**

■ **Bids.** The following bids were received for the 2013 MFT Street Resurfacing Project in North Riverside:

Brothers Asphalt Paving.....	\$190,735.60
Chicagoland Paving Contractors .....	\$199,900.00
Central Blacktop.....	\$212,759.50
J.A. Johnson Paving .....	\$217,409.30
K-Five Construction.....	\$219,689.35
Crowley-Sheppard Asphalt .....	\$227,496.00

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,329,451.84 for the month of August 2013 were approved.

■ **Trustee Bianco** read the report from Engineer Fitzgerald on the 2013 MFT Project, stating that Brothers Asphalt Paving was the low bidder at \$190,735.60 which was \$21,114.40 (9.97%) below the Engineer’s Estimate of \$211,850.00. Since Brothers Asphalt is prequalified by IDOT to perform this type of work, he recommended that the contract be awarded to Brothers Asphalt.

Trustee Bianco also read the Fire and EMS calls for the month of August and noted that the Fire Department attended four block parties during the month of August and Blood Pressure Screenings were provided to seniors at the North Riverside Village Commons on the first Wednesday of the month from 9 am to 11 am and at the Fire Department from 1 to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The Fire Department also participated in the Freedom Salute Honor Ceremony at the National Guard.

Corporal Terri McCarthy was congratulated for his on-view arrest of an escaped Cook County prisoner.

■ **Mayor Hermanek** thanked Ralph Zaccariello for the impressive 9-11 ceremony held on September 11, 2013 at the North Riverside Fire Department, which paid tribute to all of the victims of the 2001 attack. After offering a few words about the ceremony, Mr. Zaccariello presented the Village Board with commemorative coins that were placed at Ground Zero.



■ **Correspondence.** Scholarship recipient Cristine Vassos thanked the Village Board for their help toward her college fund; Sue Frampton thanked the Board for the flowers sent while she recovered from surgery; Ben and Maria Pura thanked the Board for allowing their organization to use Commons Park for their organization’s annual walk; Chief Niemann received two letters commending the North Riverside Police Department. One letter was from Loyola Medical Center thanking Officer Megan Ehrenberg and Officer John Walley for their professionalism and compassion on a well-being check; the other letter was from the Village of Lemont, thanking the Department for participating in the Village’s 2013 Annual Emergency Vehicle Cruise Night.

**OCTOBER 7, 2013**

■ **Trustee Decosola** cancelled the October 14, 2013 Recreation Committee meeting and stated for the record that the Autumn Fest and Chili Cook Off was a success and thanked everyone for their help (see photos on page 6).

■ **Trustee Mengoni** submitted the Fire Activity Report for the month of September and also reported that the Fire Department participated at two block parties in September and attended a “Safety Day” at the Old Navy store in North Riverside Park Mall on September 7. Firefighter Dwayne Eriksen applied for a Small Tools Grant through the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s Office for Rescue Equipment. Blood pressure screenings continued at the Commons and at the Fire Department.

■ **In the Mayor’s Report,** Mayor Hermanek stated that Recreation Director Sue Frampton had announced her retirement after many years of service. Penny Devin will interim for a few months until a successor is named. The Mayor added that the cause of recent phone service problems was a cable outage located in Cicero and that the 9-1-1 service was not affected. He also read a report from Code Enforcement Rep Karyn Byrne providing insight into the developments at the Costco and Chick-Fil-A construction sites; inspections at Cardinal Liquors and Windsor retail store in North Riverside Park Mall; and the latest information from Darden Corporation on Red Lobster and Long Horn. On an interesting note, the property at 2511 Park Avenue was purchased for \$75,000 last year by an investment company for the purpose of remodeling and resale. The owner spent over \$100,000 to renovate the residence which recently sold for \$270,000. The home is to be featured in an upcoming episode on the TLC channel in Spring 2014. This same company recently purchased the Brosseau home at 8019



W. 26th Street for \$80,000.

Lastly, Mayor Hermanek received a document from State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka congratulating the Village of North Riverside on its 90th anniversary.

■ **Correspondence** included a thank you note from the family of Geraldine Grosse. All correspondence was approved by the Board.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Regular Meeting Time and Place Section 2.16.020 (13-O-28); and a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of North Riverside and PACE (13-R-07) were approved by the Board.

■ **Audience.** Firefighter Kribales thanked the Village Board members for their compassion during the loss of his mother. He expressed the need for blood donations in the area and would like to start a blood drive in town. Resident Nancy Quick suggested that the Village look into ways to bring back the Farmer’s Market.

**OCTOBER 21, 2013**

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,198,295.85 for the month of September 2013 were approved.

■ **Trustee Demopoulos** submitted the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission meeting minutes with the Clerk's Office. He also reported that Village Administrator Guy Belmonte, Community Development Department and Engineer John Fitzgerald have worked on updating the Village's Zoning District Map. The Map was last updated in 2007 and, with the development of 26th Street and Harlem Avenue Business District, along with other zoning changes, it was necessary to overhaul the Map. Attorney Hayes was asked to prepare an ordinance for passage.

■ **Trustee Mengoni** reported that a Code Red was sent out by Deputy Chief Garcia reminding residents that there would be a Prescription Drug Drop Off on October 26th. Another Citizen's Police Academy began on October 9 with approximately 20 citizens attending. Scottish Home residents visited the Police Department and enjoyed an informative tour of the facility.

■ **Trustee Wilt** called for a Finance Committee meeting on October 28 to discuss the additional cost expected for a Village fire truck and the PSI contract that is set to expire.

■ **In the Mayor's Report**, Mayor Hermanek announced two important items: 1) the Costco grand opening date had been set for November 25 at 7:45 am and 2) on November 1, the Village of North Riverside launched its new and improved user-friendly website.

■ **Correspondence** included a request for a block party, a thank you from Chris Coyne on behalf of Outreach/Feed 6, which packaged nearly 40,000 meals to feed the local hungry and a thank you from Nina Lechowicz of the Rec Department for the flowers sent for her brother's funeral.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Adopting and Publishing the Official Zoning Map of the Village of North Riverside (13-O-29) was approved by the Board.

■ **New Business.** Probationary Police Officers Ryan Biel and Theodore Roberson were sworn in by Clerk Ranieri (more on page 6).

# Village CODE

## ✓ ROOF DRAINS, GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS AND SUMP PUMPS

These shall not be discharged in a location which does not provide at least five feet of pervious surface between the point of discharge and any property line or in any manner and in any location that results in standing water or formation of any ice of any thickness on sidewalks, public alleys or the paved portion of the roadway within the public right-of-way.

## ✓ ELECTRICAL CODE

Temporary electrical power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes.

## ✓ FEEDING OF WILD/FERAL ANIMALS OR BIRDS

No person shall conduct any activity or create any condition on property under such person's control, including but not limited to the feeding of wild or feral animals, if such activity or condition attracts wild animals, birds or insects in a manner or in sufficiently large numbers as to cause unreasonable damage to other property or a hazard to public health.

## ✓ DUMPING OF REFUSE...AND SNOW OR ICE

No person, firm or corporation shall place or dump any litter, trash, refuse, rubbish, garbage or debris including SNOW OR ICE, grass clippings and yard waste onto any land located within the corporate boundaries of the village, which land is not owned by the individual engaged in such activity without having first obtained the consent of the owner of such land. However, such person, firm or corporation (owner) may place snow or ice on that land owned by the village which immediately adjoins the land owned by the owner and which land is located between the sidewalk and the street (parkway). In the event there should be a fire hydrant located in the parkway, no snow or ice shall be placed on or about the fire hydrant by the owner.

## ✓ HEAT SUPPLY

Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling unit, rooming unit, dormitory or guest room on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply sufficient heat to maintain a temperature of not less than 68°F during the hours of 6:30 am and 10:30 pm of each day and not less than 65°F during other hours.

# Neighborhood Services

by Coordinator Carol Spale & block captains  
*Information and Building Blocks of Kindness*

## *Pay It Forward, Please.*

Christmas is a time to pay it forward, to give love to another and not expect it back. And we have to be the first to reach out, especially to those who seem unlikeable or alone. These are just some of the stories that show our residents paying it forward.

**Subway Angel.** I was in the subway recently and a man just said that he would pay for my sandwich “out of the blue.” It never happened to me before and I could not believe how happy it made me feel. A little act of kindness made my whole day.

**Single Mom Angel.** A toy that a family had shared with those in need (even though they were needy, too) was given to a young girl. The little girl loved that toy so much that she brought it to Show and Tell.

**Extras Angel.** A lady with many health problems was helped by the Village last year. During this year, she bought one or two cans extra of sides to go with turkey each time she shopped and offered them for a family that needed help this year.

**Green Angel.** A resident called to say that she was worried about the house next store which was vacant because the woman was living at Cantata. She called back to say that she would pay for her landscapers to do the neighbor’s lawn, too, so she wouldn’t worry.

**Grateful Angel.** Last year, a lady was driven by local residents to the hospital for several weeks; sadly, the lady’s husband died. But we recently found that the “drivers” are still keeping in touch with the widow, letting her know she is cared about.

**Sharing Angel.** A senior received a gift of food and couldn’t use it. She offered it for families who had no food for the holidays.

**Fun Angel.** A resident had an extra ticket for a downtown performance. She offered it around town and one resident was so happy to receive it that he took another resident with him!

**Christmas Angels.** A lady shared her snowmen figures with a group of children in town that helps others. Then another resident gave her two gift certificates for a needy family with children. Then she remembered a Discover card she had...a chain reaction that helped neighbors and children!

## We Need Help

We are still collecting used or new gift certificates/cards for families in need or who have had a trying year. Call Carol at 447-4932 or drop it off at 2300 5th Avenue, side door. Special thanks to Denise, Liz, David and Patti Jo for going to the local restaurants and asking for help for our families.

## Help the Homebound

Donations of lotions, writing pads, pens, jewelry, etc. for homebound seniors can also be dropped off at 2300 5th Avenue, side door, or dropped in the collection box at the Village Commons.

## Angel Tree Envelopes

There are envelopes on an Angel Tree at the Village Commons. Put a donation of any amount in the envelope and give it to the Rec Department staff.

## SHARING BOARD

NEEDED:

✓ Hooded sweatshirts in size XL

✓ Men’s sweatpants in size XL

✓ Flat screen TV with antenna

✓ Jeans size 38/30

Check the Sharing Board outside of the Rec Department for updated information!

## WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING WE CAN GIVE

It’s not always about money. We all have ways we can give and show people that we care—a smile, a note, a helping hand, a thank you or just a little time. If you want to help someone but you’re not sure how to do it, call Carol at 447-4932.



## WAYS & WEBSITES TO HELP

### Spend Time. Or Write A Note.

Visit residents at Cantata at Thanksgiving, Christmas or any time during the year and/or share your talents. Cards can be written by children, notes can be written by adults. Call 387-8366 and ask for George Columbus.

### People Care Needs You

Visit homebound residents once each month, bi-monthly or weekly, drive residents to doctor appointments. Every little bit helps brighten someone’s day. Call People Care at 442-1223.

### Catholic Charities

They can use help with Christmas gift wrapping, Christmas Day gift and food delivery. Call 383-0661 or visit [www.christmascheer.org](http://www.christmascheer.org) for details.

### Websites That Make A Difference

Visit [www.greatergood.com](http://www.greatergood.com) to find links to veterans’ sites, hunger sites, animal rescue and others. Just click...no money needed! You can even sign up for daily reminders!

Visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). Great way to teach children to give. \$10 minimum.

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# Santa Claus is coming to town!

**CALL THE KIDS! GET READY!**

Santa will be making his annual trip through North Riverside on Saturday, December 21, bringing holiday cheer to all good boys and girls. Santa will travel through the Village on the fire engine, leaving his reindeer to rest up for their Christmas Eve journey.

- 9:05 am • 23rd & Park Avenue
- 9:20 am • 23rd & Hainsworth Avenue
- 9:35 am • 25th & Burr Oak Avenue
- 9:50 am • 25th & Forest Avenue
- 10:05 am • 30th & Lincoln Avenue
- 10:20 am • 24th & 4th Avenue
- 10:35 am • 24th & 7th Avenue
- 10:50 am • Komarek School
- 11:05 am • 23rd & 15th Avenue

The Scottish Home will be Santa's last stop where he will visit the elderly residents. This trip is sponsored by the North Riverside Fire Department in cooperation with the North Riverside Village Board.

