



FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

# north riversider

FALL 2013

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## Autumn Fest

### CHILI COOK-OFF & FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 6:30-9 PM

#### CHILI COOK-OFF

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS,  
LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS, CHURCHES &  
SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE!

The Traveling Chili Cup will be awarded by professional judges, a People's Choice trophy will go to the chili that earns the most votes and a Jr. Chef Award will also be presented to the winner among children's organizations.  
Chili tasting from 7 to 8 pm.

FOOD • BEER • FREE CHILI SAMPLES

#### FUN STUFF TO DO

BAGS COMPETITION  
SCARECROW CONTEST  
INFLATABLES FOR THE KIDS  
PUMPKINS (IF AVAILABLE)\*  
DANCE WITH OUR DJ

PLUS  
**AMAZING  
FIREWORKS!**

Join us at the Village Commons

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOGETHER!

\*Call the Rec Department at 442-5515 for fees that apply to the scarecrow contest & pumpkins.

## BEST WISHES TO DOROTHY CAMODECA!

The Village of North Riverside thanks Dorothy Camodeca who served as a member of the Recreation Department staff from its inception over 48 years ago! From trips to special events, volleyball to bridge, Dorothy gave her all to residents and non-residents alike. The Fall 2013 Recreation book is dedicated to her and everyone at the Village wishes her and her husband, Tilio, health and happiness as they retire to Florida.

# FROM THE MAYOR

**Hubert Hermanek, Jr.**

## *Always serving and always remembering*

Most people may not know that 9/11 is a national day of service and remembrance in the United States now. Here in North Riverside, we like to think of every day that way. I am especially grateful to those who plan and participate in our September 11th program each year. Thank you to our keynote speaker, Hinsdale firefighter Steve Tullis, the Chicago Fire Department Pipes and Drums, the MABAS Division 20 Honor Guard and to those who made the display of steel recovered from the World Trade Center ruins possible.

We try to serve and remember in everything we do, big and small. From the subtle improvements and new stone around our ponds, the removal of the tennis courts to create a greener, landscaped space to the near completion of Costco, which is set to open on Tuesday, November 26. I hope our residents will take advantage of the job opportunities now available and visit the Costco website to apply online. Demolition will soon make way for our new Red Lobster, set to open in early 2014.

In this issue, you will see our mission to serve and remember in action—swearing in new police officers, promoting highly-qualified personnel, instituting the new Code Red notification program, reminding residents to take advantage of snow removal services, planning events, classes and trips around our residents and saluting the living and deceased angels among us, never forgetting the kindness and goodness that is so prevalent in our town.

I hope you will join me, members of the Village Board and our Village staff in celebrating the Village's 90th birthday, the greatness of our community and an Indian Summer tradition on Friday, September 20th at the Commons. Bring the family to our Autumn Fest/Chili Cook-Off at an event that is really designed just for North Riversiders. And to salute you, our residents, we are excited to announce the return of a spectacular fireworks display to end the night. So please mark your calendars and spend the evening at the Commons. I hope to see you there.

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED **CodeRED System**



The Village of North Riverside encourages all residents and businesses to sign up for the new CodeRed Emergency Notification System at their first convenience. This high-speed telephone system provides 911 dispatchers and Village officials with the ability to quickly deliver alerts to targeted areas or the entire Village. These alerts include, but are not limited to: water boil notices,

evacuation notices, road closures, weather alerts, public safety information as well as general notifications such as Village events and programs. The Village recently sent out a test call and notification regarding mosquito spraying. If you received these calls, then your phone number is already in the CodeRed database. The system is only as good as the telephone database supporting it so please visit the Village's website at [www.northriverside-il.org](http://www.northriverside-il.org), click on CodeRED on the left-hand side of the Home page. Signing up will only take a few minutes. If you do not have internet access, enrollment forms are available at the Village Commons. You can also register your cell phone and email address to get important notifications.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

# SNOW removal application 2013-2014

**DEADLINE IS NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**SEND THIS APPLICATION TO:**

Senior Snow Removal Program  
c/o Village of North Riverside  
2401 S. Desplaines Avenue  
North Riverside, IL 60546

Or drop application at the Village Hall.

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Send in or drop off your forms now to participate in this year's Senior Snow Removal Program. Seniors are reminded that even if you were a participant in the program in previous years, **YOU MUST RE-APPLY THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR.** The reason for this is the Village has no way of knowing from year to year if your situation has changed. Someone may have moved, hired another service, or may not wish to participate in the program again for whatever reason.

Service will be provided for all snowfalls of 2" or more. Due to the overwhelming demand for this program, residents are reminded that this program was instituted to help residents who are senior citizens age 65 and older, disabled, handicapped or who have severe health problems.

Participants are also reminded that due to the large number of participants in the program, it takes time to clear everyone's property. We ask that you be patient.

If you have any questions regarding the Village of North Riverside Senior Snow Removal Program, please contact Guy Belmonte or Tim Kutt at 447-4211.

PRINT Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (708) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign-Up Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Service required (please check):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 For stairs, sidewalk and garage apron per 2" snowfall

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 For stairs, sidewalk and driveway per 2" snowfall

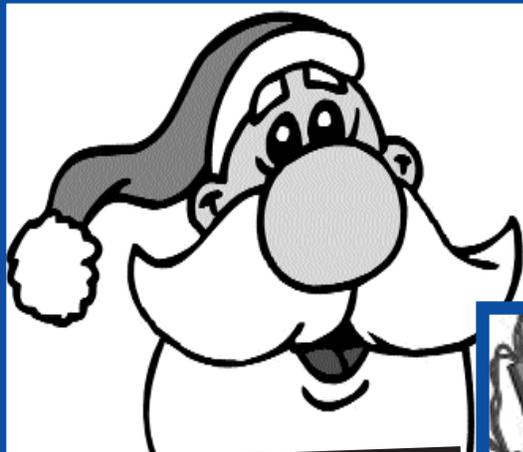
Please check, which applies:  Senior  Disabled

IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE,  
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS INFORMATION:

BILLING Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### **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*



**Riverside Township  
Community Band  
Holiday Concert,  
Dec. 6, 7-9 pm at  
the Commons. FREE!**

**VILLAGE HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Friday, Dec. 13, 7-8:30 pm at  
the Commons. Join us!



### **7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Attention all crafters, dealers and buyers! North Riverside Recreation has planned the ultimate buying and selling event—a shopping extravaganza! It's the perfect opportunity to buy and sell those holiday extras. \$15 fee includes a space with an 8-foot table and two chairs.

### **TURKEY BINGO IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Bring the family for an evening of fun at the annual Turkey Bingo Night at the Commons. Win a Thanksgiving turkey plus other great holiday goodies. There will even be a Kid's Bingo with special prizes. Children and adults get a bingo sheet with three games on it PLUS unlimited popcorn. Other refreshments available at a nominal fee. Additional bingo sheets are 50¢ each. Approximately 8-10 rounds of bingo will be played. Purchase your ticket by Tuesday, November 13 for just \$7; at-the-door price is \$14.

### **HOLIDAY PHOTO SHOOT**

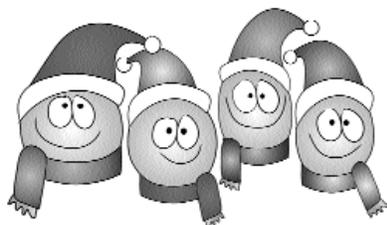
Bring the kids or the entire family for a professional holiday photograph. Choose from two backgrounds (4-6 poses per family). There is no sitting fee and you'll receive your pictures and/or CD before you leave! Appointments are required so call 442-5515 to reserve a time slot on November 15 between 5 and 8 pm at the Village Commons in Room B/C during Turkey Bingo. Price for the CD is \$15.

### **BASKETBALL TURKEY SHOOT**

Your basketball skills might win a turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner! Make the most baskets from three different spots on the court. Parent/child teams are grouped by child's age and the best combined score of parent and child wins. Each child in a family may compete once with parent or guardian 18 and over. Contact the Rec office for more information.

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Resident registration is underway for the Youth Basketball League (4 years to 8th grade); non-resident registration begins October 3. Teams will be organized after the coach's meeting. Practice times arranged during Christmas vacation. Practices will be held at either Komarek School or the Village Commons. Call 442-5515.



**Need something to do over Winter Break? Why not join the Rec Department for some major fun! Participants will enjoy games, arts and crafts, cooking and music. We'll also be playing outside so plan accordingly for winter fun. Campers are asked to bring their lunch and a beverage each day. Fee is \$48 per session. Call 442-5515 or check your Fall 2013 Rec brochure for convenient ways to register.**

## HIT THE ROAD!

### Chicago Chocolate Tour:

Monday, November 4. Visit Chicago's most popular stores. Level of walking: easy. Fee is \$46.

**The Nutcracker** performed by the Joffrey Ballet at the Marriott Theater in Lincolnshire, Saturday, December 7. Fee is \$60.

**Dick Contino:** Wednesday, November 13 at noon in the Sabre Room. Fee is \$28.

### National Shrine of St.

**Therese:** Thursday, October 17. Fee is \$44.

**Wicked:** It's coming back to Chicago! Wednesday, November 20. Tickets are \$87.

### Denny Diamond & The

**Family Jewels:** Neil Diamond Tribute Band, Saturday, November 2. Enjoy a rib buffet with over 200 items to choose from. Fee is \$72.

### Brunch Café and Winery:

Learn about wine making at Lynfred Winery. Fee is \$28. Meal at Café on your own.

**Horseshoe Casino:** Friday, November 15. Fee is \$32.

**Majestic Star Casino:** With over 1,900 slots and nearly 70 table games, try your luck! Fee is \$32.



## Every Kind of Class!

Youth Sports. We offer great programs all year long—Lil Ninjas, Pee Wee Tae Kwon Do, Fit Kids, Flag Football, Floor Hockey and more. Call 442-5515.

Adults Looking to Get Fit and Stay Fit? Sign up for Zumba, Zumba Gold, Step Class, Gentle Yoga, Cardio Kickboxing, Tae Kwon Do or Fit Over 50.

For Kids and Adults, budding artists might be interested in Cartooning and Drawing; dancers will love ballet and tap classes; check out the Creative Room class and Scrapbooking class or consider learning to play the guitar or creating a burlap door/wall hanging!

Preschoolers will love the books and art of Eric Carle, Adventures in Time and Munching through the Months. Sign up today.

## PARENTS: NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TIME TO FINISH CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Drop the kids off with our Day Camp counselors for an evening of fun and games so you can do some shopping, cleaning, cooking, decorating or gift wrapping! Friday, December 20 from 6 to 9 pm for children Kindergarten through 4th grade. Call for details.



## RIVIERA MAYA

### 2014 MEXICO TRIP

Leave the cold temperatures behind and join North Riverside Recreation on the Riviera Maya at the 5-star Gran Porto Real Playa del Carmen All-Inclusive Resort and Spa from February 22-March 1, 2014. Your incredibly low price includes round trip air, Jr. Suite Oceanfront rooms, all food and drink from eight restaurants and seven bars, private beach and more. Deposits of \$200 pp are currently being accepted to hold your space. Final payments are due December 7, 2013. Complete registration package is available at the Rec Department. Call 442-5515.

## FUN FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

**Snacks and 7's, Thursday, October 3.** Play a popular card game and enjoy some of the delicious snacks that will be served. No experience necessary. \$4 fee.

You'll love this Halloween event: **Witches & Warlocks Brew & Bingo on Tuesday, October 29.** Come in costume—prizes will be awarded for best witch and warlock. Lunch is a mystery! Fee is \$6.

Grab your stash of pennies and join the group for **Pumpkin and Penny Poker on Thursday,**

**November 14.** Snack on a variety of pumpkin treats while playing poker in the B/C Room. \$6 fee.

Sign up for some untraditional bingo with **Patterns and Pie on Tuesday, December 19.** Treat yourself to fabulous pie while playing bingo on special bingo cards where players try to fill in the "pattern" for a win. \$6 fee.

To save your seat at these fun, upcoming events, just call the Recreation Department at 442-5515 for all the details.

## DROP IN EVERY TUESDAY FOR FREE FUN

Beginning in September, every Tuesday is Senior Drop-In! Come to the Rec from 10:30 am until Noon to socialize with friends and have some fun! Whether it's cards, board games or just time to chat, there's something for everyone—and it's FREE!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT **safety TIPS**

Fire Chief Brian Basek and all members of the North Riverside Fire Department stress safety throughout the year but especially during busy holidays, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving which are right around the corner.

### **halloween**



When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long-trailing fabric. Make sure the eyeholes in the mask are large enough so children can see. Provide kids with flashlights to carry for lighting or make glow sticks part of their costume.

Keep flammable decorations, like corn stalks, away from open flames and heat sources. It's safest to use a flashlight or battery operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution and place pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps and walkways.

Don't block escape routes and be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

### **thanksgiving**

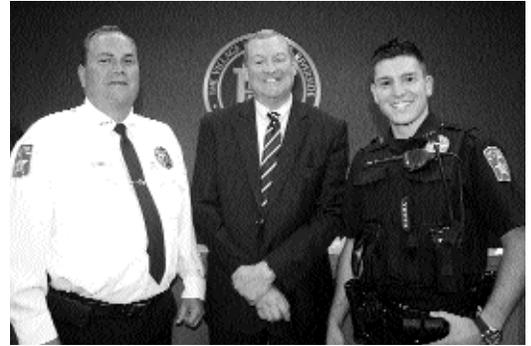
Did you know that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food. Stay in the home when the turkey is in the oven and check on it frequently.

Keep children at least three feet away from the stove and keep them away from hot foods and liquids. Steam or a splash could cause serious burns. Plan activities that keep kids out of the kitchen.

## **POLICE NEWS**

### **Jon Walley**

Pictured with Chief Niemann and Mayor Hermanek, new Probationary Officer Jon Walley graduated from Western Illinois University, majoring in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration as well as Political Science.



### **Scott Vuolo**

A recipient of an FBI Meritorious Unit Award, new Probationary Officer Scott Vuolo graduated with honors from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a B.A. in Administration of Justice degree.



### **David Kopka**

An 18-year veteran, Officer David Kopka has been promoted to Sergeant. A gang specialist, he is also a juvenile officer, member of the bike patrol and has earned several commendations.



### **Christopher Boenzi**

Sergeant Christopher Boenzi is in his 12th year with NRPD and is extremely well-trained in many capacities. A graduate of Western Illinois, he is also a recipient of the Cook County Award of Valor.



### **Christian Ehrenberg**

Police Commander Ehrenberg graduated at the top of his class in the Police Academy. In his 18th year with NRPD, he has received advanced training and earned several awards for service.



# nr bulletin board

*news you can use*

## Resident Reminder: Parking Ordinance In Effect!

All residents are urged to take notice of the Village's parking ordinance which reads: No person shall park a vehicle on the public streets between the hours of 2 am and 6 am of any day, except vehicles displaying a valid Village vehicle sticker. If you are having an overnight guest, please call the vehicle information into the Police Department at 447-9191.

## Garden Club invites residents to grow with them!

Autumn greetings from the North Riverside Garden Club! If you don't know about the Club, you've probably seen the beautiful work accomplished by members—whether it's the flower beds at the Village Hall or young trees planted on the Village's parkways—or, maybe you've seen members selling plants at the flea market or handing out chili at the Autumn Fest.

Whether you're a master gardener or a beginner, Club members would like to meet you! The Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month except December and January at the Village Commons. Participate in a lively discussion about gardening and bring your questions about annuals, perennials, weeds, shrubs, native plants or anything else that will help your garden grow. Other benefits of joining are field trips to gardens and parks plus classes on floral arrangements and wreath design. For more information, call Ann Petric at 442-6531.

## Coming up at Mater Christi: Grand Raffle, Pet Blessing

Mater Christi is celebrating its 60th anniversary in the community! As part of the celebration, grand raffle tickets are being sold to benefit the parish. Tickets are \$60 each and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held September 29 and prizes are as follows: \$10,000 grand prize; a \$2,013 second prize to mark the 60th year; and a \$1,953 third prize, the year the parish was established. Winner need not be present to win. For more information or ticket availability, call 442-5611.

Also, on Saturday, October 5th at Noon, families and their pets (and always stuffed animals) are invited for the annual gathering of the Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing. Meet at Mater Christi, 2431 S. 10th Avenue, in front of the Shrine.

## Fill up a bag at the Library's Annual Fall Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Fall used book sale on Saturday, October 26 from 9 am until 2 pm and on Sunday, October 27, noon to 3 pm in the main floor meeting room of the North



Riverside Public Library,  
2400 S. Desplaines Avenue.

A special pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm on Friday, October 25.

Anyone wishing to join the Friends can pick up an application at the door.

Avid readers will want to come on October 27 when patrons can fill a bag with books and take it home for just \$3. Bags will be provided.

Donations can be dropped off at the Library during regular business hours. Pick-up service can be arranged by calling the Library at 447-0869.

## Get tickets for "You Can't Take It With You"

The North Riverside Players are busy preparing for their October performance of "You Can't Take It With You," one of the most popular American comedies of the 20th century. It's the story of a zany-but-loveable family of eccentrics and is considered the forerunner of the modern television situation comedy.



Plan to be at the Scheck Village Commons for the shows on October 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 pm; Sunday performances begin at 2:30 pm. Group rates are available for 10 or more. For online ticket ordering, go to [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com) and click on North Riverside Players. Ticket prices are \$17 each for adults, \$15 each for seniors, \$14 each for students and \$13 for children 12 and under.

For more information or to order tickets, contact Andy Natanek at 708-512-7015 or visit the website at [www.nrplayers.com](http://www.nrplayers.com). You can also follow the North Riverside Players on Facebook.

CAN'T ATTEND?

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES HIGHLIGHTED HERE FOR YOUR REVIEW

# In the MINUTES

**JUNE 3, 2013**

■ **In Trustee Decosola's** report, he announced that Aging Care Connections recognized four North Riverside residents at their Celebrating Seniors Week "kick off" luncheon. Commended for their community involvement and volunteer spirit were Carol Spale, Don and Kathy Doubek and Jim Zak.

■ **Trustee Wilt's report** focused on 1) Fiscal Year 2013 Projection and 2) Financial Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014. Finance Director Sue Scarpiniti distributed a Preliminary Summary of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2013 at the Finance, Health and Appropriations Committee Meeting of May 28, 2013 and was happy to inform the Board that, after projecting a \$589,295 deficit at budget time, the numbers showed a \$32,947 net income for the year ending April 30, 2013. The Director offered in-depth explanations of each category and answered questions from committee and Board members.

Regarding FY 2014, Director Scarpiniti distributed a proposed financial calendar with potential days through April 2014 for committee and budget meetings.

■ **Mayor Hermanek** presented resident Emilio Noel-Martinis-Gomez with an Eagle Scout Award and also presented Mr. Esteban "Steve" Fernandez with a Centenarian Award to mark his 100th birthday.

■ **In Correspondence**, Riverside-Brookfield High School PTO and Day of Service Committee thanked the Village Board for the generous donation of donuts and water for students and volunteers.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Amending the 2012-2013 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and an Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2012-2013 were both approved by the Board.

■ **New Business.** The following appointments were made and approved: Ken Krochmal to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals; Tom Corgiat to the Civil Service Commission; Sue Scarpiniti to the Police Pension Board; Sue Scarpiniti to the Fire Pension Board; Annette Corgiat, Ernie Halverson, Joe Melone, Al Meyer and Bridget Watson to the Citizens Recreation Committee.

Also, Mayor Hermanek made the following promotions: Officer John Jennings was promoted to Police Sergeant and Fireman Russell Perez was promoted to Fire Lieutenant.

**JUNE 17, 2013**

■ **Trustee Demopoulos'** report of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting included reading the Findings and Recommendations report from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Plan Commission with regard to the Scottish Home's Request for Conditional Use and Variances; the ZBA and Plan Commission recommendations were approved by the Village Board and the Village Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance granting the conditional use and variances for the Scottish Home, 2800 S. Desplaines Avenue.

**Trustee Decosola** updated the Board on Recreation events; **Trustee Mengoni** shared the Police and Fire Activity report and **Trustee Wilt** scheduled a public hearing for July 29 to review the Appropriations Ordinance.

## A safe Halloween is a Happy Halloween!

Practice Halloween safety (see tips from the North Riverside Fire Department on page 6) and remember that Trick or Treat hours in the Village of North Riverside are 3 to 7 pm on Thursday, October 31st. Accompany your children, please!



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# it's our 90th BIRTHDAY!

Happy 90th Birthday, North Riverside! Incorporated on July 30th, 1923, the Village is celebrating nine decades of progress throughout the year. Historical Society President Bryant Rouleau invites residents to keep a look out for the Society's new website at [www.nrhistory.com](http://www.nrhistory.com). Updates are currently being made to share more information on the town's great history. You can also follow the Society on Facebook. To contact the Society, send an email to [nrhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:nrhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com). New members, artifacts and old memories are always welcome!

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this year's 90th Birthday Ball Gala in August. The 3rd Annual fundraiser welcomed nearly 200 guests for a fun-filled evening with great music provided by the Steve Cooper Orchestra.

New fundraising efforts are currently underway to find a bigger space for the Society that will include an office and storage for preserving memorabilia and holding small meetings.

Regular meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Village Commons. The public is invited to come out to learn more about the group, share historical information, knowledge and fun conversation.

■ **Mayor Hermanek** asked to cancel the July 15 Village Board meeting and to schedule a special Board meeting for July 29. The Mayor also took the opportunity to thank everyone who attended and help to make the Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing held on June 10 at Riverside Country Club a great success. A total of 77 North Riverside children were given assistance in the amount of \$28,700.

The Mayor also expressed his sympathy on the loss of Police Commander Tony Garvey and thanked all Village departments for participating in the funeral procession. More on Commander Garvey on the back cover.

■ **Correspondence.** Among the items in Correspondence were thank you notes from the family of Cathy Steele; the Sons of the American Legions; from the Arlington Heights Police Department thanking Officer Chris Boenzi for his assistance; from the Riverside Police Department thanking Sgt. Frank Schmaltz for helping to locate a witness and bringing a Riverside case to a successful conclusion; from Kohl's Department Store's Loss Prevention Team, thanking the entire North Riverside Police Department for helping to reduce the shortages in their building by \$115,000 from last year; and block party requests.

■ **New Business.** Mayor Hermanek congratulated Edward Chen on becoming a Probationary firefighter with the North Riverside Fire Department. Chen was sworn in by Clerk Kathy Ranieri.

■ **Audience.** Susan Casey from the Miller Meadow Dog Park spoke to the audience and Board about the new Dog Park that will be located on 1st Avenue just north of Cermak Road.

## JULY 29, 2013

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,777,188.34 for the month of May 2013 were approved.

■ **Trustee Bianco** stated that Village Engineer Fitzgerald had prepared all documents related to this year's MFT project for submission to IDOT. The Village's projected cost for the project is \$200,000 and the streets to be resurfaced are:

- Keystone Avenue from 26th Street to 25th Street
- 2nd Avenue from 24th Street to 23rd Street
- 8th Avenue from 25th Street to 23rd Street
- Forestview Drive from 14th Avenue to 13th Avenue

These streets have been designated the "worst streets in the Village as determined by staff." The Village is anticipating this project to start in late September.

■ **Recreation Department** programs such as the Commonwealth Edison ComCare Seminar, 4th of July celebration, summer concerts, the outdoor craft fair and the Cruise Night at the Commons were announced by Trustee Decosola.

■ **Trustee Demopoulos** read the lengthy Findings and Recommendations report from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission relative to a request for a variance to allow Chick-Fil-A to construct a new building at 7201 W. Cermak Road within the required front yard setback and additional signage variances. He also read the report related to the matter of Red Lobster's request to allow signage to exceed the maximum square footage allowed in the Village's Municipal Code for their new location coming to 7515 W. Cermak. Lastly, the ZBA and Plan Commission findings to waive the required number of parking spaces at 8320-8340 W. Cermak Road were discussed and all three issues were approved and the Village Attorney was asked to prepare the proper ordinances for passage at a future meeting.

■ **Trustee Mengoni** announced that Certificates of Appreciation would be presented to Police Officers Kyle Pinelli, Terri McCarthy and Corporal Christopher Devine from the North Riverside Police Department and the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) in recognition of Commendable DUI Enforcement. Officer Eck was commended for his work in a criminal sexual assault case and Officer Pinelli was also acknowledge for his investigation that

led to the recovery of 1.6 grams of cannabis and a local ordinance arrest.

■ **Trustee Wilt**, seconded by Trustee Mengoni, concurred with all of the recommendations passed by the Finance Committee and agreed upon by the Mayor and all Trustees from the July 1 and July 2, 2013 committee/budget meetings with the exception of the water rate increase.

■ **In the Mayor's Report**, Mayor Hermanek offered remarks on six topics:

1) The Mayor thanked the Little League organization for their important role in the July 4th parade and activities at Veterans Park this year.

2) Costco Update. Construction began on July 22, ahead of schedule. Pat Moriarity, General Superintendent for Novak Construction, advised that 110 "actual" days are required for completion; however, the schedule allows 135 days for variables that may arise during the course of construction. The Village's plumbing inspector examines the progress every Tuesday during installation of sewer and storm systems; an inspector from the MWRD is also inspecting work covered under their authority.

3) Chick-Fil-A. Tower Real Estate demolished the old Pearle Vision building and received a permit for exterior site work. Construction is expected to begin in September and developers hope to open the restaurant sometime during the winter of 2014.

4) Red Lobster. Community Development has reviewed the drawings for the proposed Red Lobster to be located on the out lot west of Olive Garden.

5) Monroe Partners. The Village has not yet received any exploratory inquires for the four out lots owned by Monroe Partners, LLC.

6) North Riverside Mall owners obtained a demolition and interior renovation permit in preparation for Windsor, an

apparel and accessory company for junior and contemporary women customers. Established in 1950, Windsor is a family-owned business that currently has stores in several states and continues to expand at a national level. Windsor is scheduled to open this summer.

■ **Correspondence** included thank you cards and letters from Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski; Susan Casey and the Miller Meadow Dog Park; the Scarpiniti family; from Alice Kenan to Sue Frampton for the Party in the USA; from Jason Bianco and residents on 9th Avenue thanking Chief Basek and the Fire Department for attending their block party; and several block party requests. All correspondence was approved by the Board.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Wage Standard in the Village; an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code relating to Fences; Annual Appropriation Ordinance (2013-2014); Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 1.18 of the Municipal Code relating to Vehicle Immobilization; and a Resolution for Improvements to Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code were approved by the Board.

■ **New Business.** Mayor Hermanek introduced and congratulated Probationary Officers Scott Vuolo and Jon Walley as well as Officers David Kopka and Christopher Boenzi who were promoted to Police Sergeants and Christian Ehrenberg who was promoted to Commander. The new Officers, Sergeants and Commander were sworn in by Clerk Ranieri and photos appear on page 6.

**Watch for the launch of  
the new Village website:  
COMING SOON!**



## MINDING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS

**COSTCO**  
WHOLESALE



**DISCOUNT**  
Grocery Outlet

With the grand opening expected in less than two months, residents are encouraged to apply for jobs at the new **Costco**. Anyone interested in securing a position at the company can apply conveniently online at [www.costco.com/jobs.html](http://www.costco.com/jobs.html). Simply choose the North Riverside location from the options and review the positions available!

New community partner **Big Corner Tavern**, located at 8405 W. Cermak Road, held its first annual Charity Motorcycle Run this summer to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project. Inspired by its proximity to the National Guard Armory, BCT owners raised over \$2,000 and plan to make the Run, along with its well-attended BBQ and live entertainment, an annual event. BCT plans to support the community throughout the year and to raise awareness about worthy causes. Stop in or visit [www.bigcornertavern.com](http://www.bigcornertavern.com).

The Village welcomes back Fred Thompson, formerly of Cozzi's Closeouts, who has reopened as **Discount Grocery Outlet** located at 8753 W. Cermak (9th and Cermak). Open seven days a week, 9 am to 7 pm, shoppers can save 40%-80% off regular retail prices. For ad specials online visit [www.discountgroceryoutlet.net](http://www.discountgroceryoutlet.net).

# Neighborhood Services

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

*Keep your eyes on the stars  
and your feet on the ground.*  
~Teddy Roosevelt

As I walk at night around town, I could see the stars but I heard the music of laughter, of block party get-togethers, graduation parties, open houses and delicious-smelling barbecues and I thought these are the moments that bring people together! It's not always easy to include everyone, to continue to reach out even when it's hard but that's what creating a community is all about: small acts of kindness create a BIG caring community. A few angels to think about...

**Generous Angel.** This wonderful landlord bought a whole table of tickets so his tenants could attend a big event in town. What a kind man!

**Sharing Angel.** Invited her whole family and friends over to celebrate her son's college graduation and the next day shared the food and cake with neighbors on the block.

**Reciprocal Angels.** A family who had suffered much still collected toys and clothes that their children didn't need and shared them—amazingly, a single mom had just asked for the exact size of clothes given. Wow!

**Produce Angels.** This family planted tomatoes in the community garden and shared with a resident who then shared with another resident. Pay it forward!

**Healthy Angel.** Brought healthy cookies and dark chocolate blueberries to a neighbor concerned about her cholesterol even though she had many difficulties going on in her own family.

**Wallpaper Angel.** An out-of-towner donated 9 wallpaper books which were shared with Komarek, the Rec preschool, Library youth services and St. Mary's School. So many benefitted!

**Saving Angel.** This anonymous angel found a purse in Tony's parking lot and immediately turned it in. When the resident who lost it came back, she was shocked to find that nothing was missing in her purse at all.

**Garage Sale Angel.** A mom was driving and saw a beautiful water landscape painting at a garage sale. It reminded her of her son who had just passed away. The price was \$100 and the lady could not afford it. When she was paying for a few little items, the homeowner asked why she liked the painting so much. When she told the homeowner about her 24-year old son's sudden death, they both cried and the homeowner gave her the painting for nothing.

## Resources

Wheelchair accessible senior shuttle for MacNeal Hospital Professional Building and Pain Center. \$2 each way. 48-hour notice, 7:30 am to 4 pm. Also Westlake and West Suburban hospitals. Call 763-7433.

Call ComEd for financial help at 888-806-2273 for special hardship program or budget billing.

Also call CEDA in Cicero at 222-3824 for help with heating, etc. Also grants for car repair, vision, etc. to those who meet eligibility requirements.

## SHARING BOARD

To be given away:

✓ Three wooden painted figures about 24 inches high, one side is snowmen and the other side is pumpkins and scarecrows.

✓ 5 men's sweaters, black with patterns, medium and large

✓ 1 men's medium polo shirt

✓ 1 ultrasound humidifier.

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

## PLEASE START COLLECTING FOR DECEMBER

Seeking lotions, jewelry, little notebooks, pens, etc. for baskets for the homebound in 20 communities (with the out-reach of Cantata). Drop off at 2300 5th Avenue. side door.



## TEACHING CHILDREN TO SHARE



### Cooking up Kindness on 22nd Place

*All the little girls on this block—from 4th grade on down—went over to one house for a baking class. Together they learned how to make pan chocolate chip cookies and took them home to share with their families and their neighbors.*

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**WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND

# ANTHONY GARVEY



The Village of North Riverside joins the family and countless others who experienced a tragic loss earlier this summer and still mourn the death of Police Commander Anthony Garvey, 47, who passed away on June 11th. Tony served North Riverside for 24 years as a Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, Chief and Commander. He was the devoted husband of Sandra and father of Kevin and Karen; son of Michael and Elizabeth Garvey; brother of Michael (Barb) and John (Michelle); uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Residents, fellow employees, relatives and friends knew him as a good, hard-working, caring man who was dedicated to his family, always making his children's education and activities his top priority. Tony was equally dedicated to his career and to the people he served. Extremely knowledgeable and well-respected in his field, Tony was an integral part of many law enforcement partner agencies including the West Suburban Chiefs of Police. This month he was slated to be sworn in as the organization's President. Never too busy, he always made time to help in any way possible. Mayor Hermanek stated, "Not only is North Riverside losing a valuable member of the community but I am personally mourning the loss of a longtime friend for over 30 years. My deepest sympathy and

prayers are extended to his family."

Tony's life was celebrated at St. Louise de Marillac Church in LaGrange Park with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial donations to the family will be used for the education of the Garvey children. Please continue to keep Tony and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.