



north riversider

providing better and affordable services for all

FALL 2017

friday
SEPT. 15
6:30-9PM

Autumn Fest & **CHILI COOK-OFF**

OUR 10TH ANNUAL EVENT • GET YOUR FOOD/BEVERAGE TICKETS EARLY!

VOTE

Village Departments, local civic groups, churches & schools will compete for the **Traveling Chili Cup!** Cast your vote for **People's Choice** and enjoy **FREE** chili samples while supplies last!



PETTING ZOO



FOR KIDS

SCARECROW Contest

businesses, family, friends and neighbors will try to win the prize!

if available, there will also be pumpkin decorating. Pre-register.



Carnival games
Inflatables • Balloon Artist
Face Painting



ENTERTAINMENT
by Libido Funk Circus

and much more!

Join us at the Commons!

pre-purchase food & beverage tickets

buy your tickets in advance through the Recreation office!

FREE
admission
for everyone

FREE!

at the end of the night
there will be

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS





A reminder to all residents who consider their pets part of their families that Mater Christi will host its annual Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7th at Noon. All area families and their pets (and always stuffed animals) are invited to this special occasion. Meet at Mater Christi, 2431 S. 10th Avenue, in front of the Shrine.



FROM THE MAYOR

Hubert Hermanek, Jr.

Every decision is made with you in mind



Some decisions are easy. Ensuring that our residents have memorable holidays and events like our concerts, the Biggest Block Party and record-setting summer day camp is one of the best parts of the job. Even recruiting “Dufus the Camel” (top right) to take part in our spectacular 4th of July celebration was a hugely successful decision! And, as summer draws to a close, we hope you’ll make an easy decision to join us at what has become one of the most anticipated and popular events of the year—our Autumn Fest/Chili Cook-Off on September 15th. It is, without question, one of my favorite days on the calendar and, as we mark our 10th anniversary, I truly hope that as many individuals and families as possible can come out, enjoy the festivities and the best fireworks anywhere.

Other decisions have been time-consuming and frustrating but, in the end, very gratifying. The bike path is finally finished and filled with students making their way safely to R-B High School for the first time ever while other pedestrians and cyclists are also taking full advantage of this long-awaited and completed project. The implementation of a water rate increase was a difficult

but necessary decision that also has its rewards. Instead of hastily imposing a flat tax on North Riversiders to cover what the City of Chicago is now charging for Lake Michigan water, we gave it careful thought—then created a new plan that will actually provide relief to seniors and disabled residents and spare the majority of customers while providing a competitive rate and the updated infrastructure we need to provide clean, reliable water and service for all. Decisions to make road improvements, providing the Fire Department with new digital signage and working with Binny’s to fill the vacancy left by HH Gregg are all in a day’s work.

Some decisions are even a little emotional. Wishing Cathy Novotny (NRPD) and Rich Urbinati (NRPD) all the best as they retire after years of dedicated service; and watching Carlos Garcia promoted to Police Commander remind me that we are blessed to have such extremely qualified and caring people in all of our departments.

Speaking of caring and compassion, it is an honor to be the third mayor to carry on the Neighborhood Services tradition. In June, we celebrated 25 years of living the Golden Rule in North Riverside and all credit goes to former Mayor Richard Scheck and Carol Spale for inspiring us to be each other’s keeper, to be as kind and as generous as we possibly can. The group picture on the back cover of this issue speaks volumes—so many people over the last 25 years have reached out to strangers, have become friends and changed lives in the process. Thank you, Rich and Carol, for giving our community a program that still amazes people around the world.

JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL
HOLIDAY TREE
Lighting
CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29
6 TO 7:15 PM**

A FREE FAMILY EVENT
FAMILY CRAFTS
HOT CHOCOLATE
COOKIES
FESTIVE MUSIC

**TREE LIGHTING
WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 PM**

SNOW removal application 2017-2018

DEADLINE IS NOV. 3RD

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE
NO ONE WILL BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE**



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 please 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: _____

THERE HAS BEEN NO PRICE INCREASE!

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: _____



Parks & Recreation

Connect with us!

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Email: recreation@northriverside-il.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NRRrecreation



FALL FLEA MARKET

Sunday, September 17, 9 am to 2 pm. It's always a good time to make more space in your garage for that snow blower or more room in your closet for coats and boots! Sign up early for the best spaces or come early to get in on the bargains. A Goodwill truck will be in the lot after the Flea Market if you wish to donate your unsold items. This event is held rain or shine in the Police Department front parking lot and Village Commons. Set up begins at 7 am.

SUPERHERO TRAINING ACADEMY

Saturday, October 21, Noon to 1:30 pm. Do you think you have what it takes to be a Superhero? Test out your skills with our Super(hero) staff as you will master the art of taking down the villain. Refuel with super delicious snacks. There will also be a special Superhero visitor! For ages 3-8 in the Village Commons gym. Fee is \$20.

FREAKY FRIDAY BASH

Friday, October 20, 7 to 10 pm. The freaky fun continues! All Komarek, Hauser, St. Mary, S.E. Gross and St. Louise 6th, 7th and 8th graders, head out to the Rec! The night will be filled with the hottest jams, fun with your friends and tons of snacks and concessions. There may even be some horrifically Halloween-ish surprises. Find the waiver on Facebook two weeks before the program. All participants must have a completed waiver for this lock-in program. Fee is \$6 for pre-registered guests and \$8 at the door.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

Friday, October 27, 6 to 7:30 pm. Pre-registration only! Our costumed creatures will meet at the Commons to decorate delicious "pumpkins" and enjoy electrifying entertainment from our Mad Twister. After, take part in the march to the Commons Park hill for the Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt. Not everyone will find a pumpkin but everyone gets a prize. Bring your flashlights. Follow and "like" North Riverside Recreation on Facebook for more details. A \$100 Grand Prize basket has been donated by Raising Cane's. Fee is \$3 per person. Registration deadline is October 13.

HOME DECORATING COMPETITION: HALLOWEEN & WINTER HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Show off your holiday spirit and enter North Riverside's Holiday Home Decorating competitions. Prizes will be awarded to the top three houses for each holiday. Winners will receive a lawn sign declaring their triumphant status as well as a prize packet. Photos of all the entries will be posted on Facebook. Call in to register—there's **NO** registration fee! Deadline for Halloween is Monday, October 23; deadline for Winter is Friday, December 15.



FOLLOW REC EVENTS ON FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/NRRrecreation

IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE FOR YOU

WE OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Specialty Classes for Kids:

Tiny Tunes, Fresh Chefs, Book & Cook; Finding Dory Scavenger Hunt; Tea with Belle; Machine Sewing for Children; Speech Camp; STEM classes; Make Your Own Fidget Spinner; Strumming on Sundays and more.

Youth Sports: Available all season long! Check out Martial Arts; Floor Hockey; Mighty Hitters; Jr. Sluggers; Jr. Kickers; Little Hoopsters; All-Star Jr. Hoopsters; Big Tacklers Flag Football; Strong Start Baseball Parent/Child; Little Tykes Basketball; New League Pre-Season Power Basketball Clinic are just a few programs being offered.

Teen/Adult Specialty Programs:

Buttercream Basics; Rainbow Mania Cupcakes; Embossed Fondant Cupcakes; Preparing and Decorating a Great Cake; Fall Foliage Cookies; Essential Oil 101; Pallet Sign Paint Night.

Teen Outings: All Night Open Gym and Sleepover September 8/9; Fright Fest; Holiday Hunt and much more. Get on the list to receive updates on Teen Happenings by sending an email to bryantr@northriverside-il.org.

Adult Athletics: Get healthy, stay healthy! Consider our Zumba classes on Tuesdays, 7-8 pm or Sundays, 9-10 am; Piloxing; Cardio-Kickboxing; Fit Over 50; Seated Yoga; Tae Kwon Do; 30-Minute Boot Camp; Lean Ladies' Night; Vinyasa Flow for Beginners and Advanced Adult Yoga will help you achieve balance, strength and physical and mental confidence!

Upcoming Adult Socials: Don't miss Theme-O-Bingo; Spook-tacular Bingo on October 25 (\$9); Thanksgiving Feast and Fun on November 9 (\$7); and Ornament Exchange and Lunch on December 7 (\$10).

Always the Best Adult Trips:

Sign up now! Trick or Treat Chocolate Halloween Adventure on October 18; Ghouls and Spirits Adult Trick or Treat on October 21; Christmas Bakery Tour, December 13; *Wicked the Musical*, January 4; and this summer's trip to Washington, DC, June 14-19.



Festive Shopping!

It's the ultimate buying and selling event in your own "backyard!" Some of the most talented crafters and best vendors in the area will be in the Commons gym on Saturday, November 4, 9 am to 2 pm. Interested in being a vendor? Register early. Fee is \$25 per table. Concessions will be sold.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: CARS 3

Wear your jammies, bring a blanket, get comfy and enjoy FREE Family Movie Night on Friday, November 10 at 6:30 pm. Popcorn specials, concessions sold all night. All children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Movie theater etiquette will be required.



OUR ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO AND HOLIDAY PHOTO SHOOT

Friday, November 17, 7 to 9 pm in the Commons gym. You could win your Thanksgiving turkey or many other prizes! Everyone's first game is free; after the first game, bingo sheets (three games per sheet) are just 50¢ each. Unlimited popcorn all night; concessions will be available for purchase. Buy your family's tickets early because this is one of our most popular events and it sells out fast! Admission fee is just \$8 per person so come on over!

Also that same night, bring the family for professional holiday photos. Get 4-6 poses (no sitting fee). Each family gets their pictures on a CD for \$18 before leaving. Reserve your time through the Recreation Office.



Drop off your precious letters to Santa in the North Pole Mailbox in the Village Commons across from the Parks & Rec Office. If you add a return address (prior to 12/21), Santa will respond! The Mailbox will be out November 18 just in time for Turkey Bingo & Photo night.

HO! HO! HOLLY-DAY CAMP

Don't want the kids to be bored at home during the break? We've got the answer: Pack a lunch, a drink and wear comfy clothes and gym shoes for some action-packed excitement. Sports, games, arts and crafts and much more are on the agenda for kids who attend our Parks and Recreation Holly-Day Camp! All registration must be done in-person! No phone or online registration

will be accepted. For ages 4-9 years old in the Village Commons gym. Dates are Tuesday through Friday, December 26-29 from 9 am to 4 pm (fees are \$24/\$26 per day) and Tuesday through Friday, January 2-5 from 9 am to 4 pm (\$24/\$26 per day).

Also, ask about the Kids New Year's Eve at Noon Party. Register by December 22nd.



taking care of business

A new addition to our newsletter...regular updates from each Department Head



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Guy Belmonte Village Administrator

APPLICATIONS. We received a tremendous response to the Senior/Disabled Water Operations Fee Discount Application but anyone who has not yet applied can do so at anytime. Another form that must be filled out annually is the Senior/Disabled resident snow removal form on page 3. Please make sure you don't miss the deadline!

WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE! More of our residents still need to sign up for CodeRed. It's free and easy—the CodeRed system is only as good as the database supporting it so please visit www.northriverside-il.org, click on CodeRed on the left-hand side of the Home page. Signing up only takes 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 e-mail address to get important notifications such as water boil notices, evacuation notices, road closures, weather alerts, public safety information as well as general notifications

such as Village events and programs. Calls go out through our high-speed telephone system; 9-1-1 dispatchers can target certain areas or the entire Village. Sign up today so you'll have access to this very important service.

LET ROY STROM HAUL YOUR BULKY ITEMS AWAY FOR FREE. Roy Strom Refuse is ready to pick up any of your bulk items! As part of our contract with them, all residents are entitled to **FREE** pick up of any large, bulk items such as furniture or mattresses that they no longer want or need. Because bulk items require a special truck, all you have to do is let them know you need their service. Just call the number below and it will be promptly removed at no charge!

get rid of bulky items free & fast!

Roy Strom: 708-344-5000



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Sue Scarpiniti Finance Director

DIFFICULT AND NECESSARY DECISIONS ARE NOT EASY OR POPULAR. As most residents know, on August 14th the Village Board voted on a water rate increase that will go into effect with the September water bills. In short, the bulk of the blame for this tough decision falls squarely on the City of Chicago, which supplies Lake Michigan water to the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission. In June, the Commission also raised its water rates in order to fund a \$17 million water main project; a 36" main will be installed to supplement the aging 79-year old line that carries our water from the lake.

The City of Chicago doesn't think twice about the tremendous burden on suburban water consumers but we have thought about it long and hard in North Riverside. The new ordinance that we drafted modifies the Water Operations Fee, which will now be based on meter size: the larger the meter, the bigger the share of the fee increase since those customers will place a greater demand on our infrastructure system. Through the creation of this new water rate structure, we can offset the City's increases and do our part in maintaining and

improving our infrastructure in order to provide the highest quality water service to our residents and businesses. Best of all, we made our seniors and disabled residents a priority by offering them a flat fee upon completion of the Discount Application. Eligible seniors must be 65 or older, live in the house and receive the senior exemption on their property tax bills. They must reapply annually and bring in their 2nd installment tax bills and driver's license to prove residency. The discount will expire every September 30th and go into effect on the next billing cycle after the application is renewed. The discount is also extended to disabled homeowners who get an exemption on their taxes.

As Mayor Hermanek stated in his letter to all water users, "the majority of customers will NOT see a fee increase in this area and qualifying seniors/disabled will see a reduction." Applications and copies of the new water rate structure flyer are available at the Village Hall and you can access it 24/7 on the Village website. Every effort has been made to make this as stress-free on our residents and businesses as possible while meeting the necessary obligations.

Brian Basek Fire Chief

NRFD achieves upgraded score after ISO PPC Survey Process



BIG NEWS: ISO CLASS 2 STATUS. I am pleased to announce that after our recent August 2017 ISO PPC survey process, NRFD has obtained an ISO Public Classification of 2, which now places our department as one of only 1,324 fire departments nationwide to have obtained this rating. The improved ISO could result in lowering insurance premiums for homeowners and businesses. Many thanks to North Riverside Central Dispatch, NR Public Works and members of the NRFD for helping our department to achieve this excellent classification which is based on equipment, staffing levels, training, availability and adequacy of water supply, emergency communication centers, fire prevention and public fire safety education. The last time the NRFD was rated an ISO 2 was 1996.

ALWAYS TRAINING. Fire Departments from North Riverside and Broadview recently participated in a mutual aid auto extrication

training exercise involving rollover vehicles. Scene safety is established through stabilization of the vehicles using a strut system and air bags together; hydraulic tools, i.e. cutters, spreaders and a Combi Tool are used to remove a vehicle from around a person who has been involved in a terrible motor vehicle accident. We work diligently at the skills and the use of proper equipment that can mean the difference between life and death.

EVERY SECOND COUNTS. The average person has less than 6 minutes to safely escape a fire. Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14 and the theme is **Every Second Counts**. All of us at NRFD strongly encourage you to make an escape plan and practice home fire drills twice each year, once during the day and once at night. Teach kids how to escape on their own; make sure the address on your home is clearly marked; and once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back into a burning building. Dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies!



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Lane Niemann Police Chief

New Commander • Responding to the One Mind Campaign

In keeping with my goal to have two Police Commanders, Detective Sergeant Carlos Garcia was recently promoted and will now serve as Commander in charge of investigations, joining



Commander Christian Ehrenberg, who oversees training and patrol operations. Carlos joined the department in 2002 and has exceeded all expectations, earning several meritorious unit awards, letters of recognition and becoming

certified in nearly a dozen special fields while being assigned to various investigative task forces such as Major Case Assistance and West Suburban Enhanced Drug/Gang Enforcement (WEDGE). He brings experience and knowledge to the position and is an asset to our community.

Recently, I attended training for the One Mind Campaign with Deputy Chief Deborah Garcia. The focus of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's One Mind Campaign is to unite local communities, public safety organizations and mental health agencies in such a way that the three become of "one mind." The North Riverside Police Department acknowledges the need to recognize and address recent societal, cultural and technological changes that impact our responses to persons with mental illness. The committed efforts of both law enforcement and the mental health community to reduce officer and civilian fatalities and injuries resulting from encounters between the two are of critical importance.

Pledging to support the One Mind Campaign is the first step toward creating a safer community for everyone and the NRPD has committed to implementing the practices set out by the Campaign over the next 12-36 months.



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Teresa Mrozik Recreation Director

Thank you all for a wonderful summer season in North Riverside! We had more campers than ever before making crafts, having water balloon fights, taking trips throughout Chicagoland and, most importantly, making special memories with friends from near and far. Concerts were fun for everyone who came out to enjoy Sounds of Summer concert series and we truly hope that all residents had a chance to take to the trails in town, enjoy the playgrounds or maybe had a family picnic in the Commons. Soak up that last little bit of warm weather before it officially becomes Fall!

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Speaking of that cooler, colorful season, be sure to save the date for our 10th annual Autumn Fest and Chili Cook-off! This is the ultimate community event, bringing residents and friends together for an end-of-summer spectacular. Mix and mingle with neighbors while Libido Funk Circus entertains with live music, chili aromas fill the air, grills thrill your palate and children enjoy the many activities we have planned for September 15th behind the Commons. Best of all, you don't have to waste a single minute of the event standing in line for food/beer tickets because you can **BUY THEM EARLY** at the Parks and

Recreation office. Because of the always-changing status of the pumpkin crop, we ask that you pre-register for pumpkin decorating by calling the office at 442-5515. Fee is \$2 per pumpkin. All of us in Parks and Rec are looking forward to celebrating this free and fun event with you and we can't wait to see which recipes will win Best Chili and People's Choice this year!

Fall also means that our soccer season is in full swing, preschoolers are filling up with knowledge in one of the best programs the area has to offer. There are a variety of classes for the young or the seasoned plus get your tickets early for the North Riverside Players' fall show *And Then There Were None* (more details on page 10 of this issue).

Youth basketball registration is in progress and anyone who loves Vegas action won't want to miss our new Casino night on November 3rd. We've listed many of our upcoming programs on two pages in this issue but we also encourage you to keep a copy of the Fall Fun Guide handy (or download one from www.northriverside-il.org) and stay in the loop by following Parks and Recreation on Facebook. Just "like" the page to get all the good scoop that we post!



Karyn Byrne Community Development

The Community Development Department has been very busy! As you drive around, you will notice numerous second-story additions under construction and many remodel projects underway in the Village. If you are planning a project, please contact us at 708-765-5922 prior to starting work to confirm whether or not a building permit is required.

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As always, we encourage all residents to shop local—and soon you'll have even more reasons to do so. Victoria Secret Pink and the recently enlarged/remodeled Bath & Body, which has combined with White Barn Candle, are now open at North Riverside Park Mall. And, for those who haven't heard, North Riverside is proud to welcome Binny's Beverage Depot to town. Binny's is scheduled to open around Thanksgiving and will occupy the former HH Gregg location—just in time for holiday shopping and gift-giving!

With cooler temperatures around the corner, here are some fall maintenance tips to keep your house in shape and keep you warm this winter.

- Regularly clean gutters and downspouts.
- Lower humidity and ideal weather make for a perfect time for exterior house painting.

• To prevent water pipes from bursting when weather gets below freezing, turn off the valves to the exterior hose bibs and make sure water is drained from the pipes.

• Have your wood-burning fireplace inspected, cleaned and repaired to prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

• Clean and replace filters in your furnace or heating system and contact licensed contractors to inspect and service your furnace.

• Check your windows and doors inside and out for leaks and drafts. Caulk cracks or install weather stripping around windows and doors, including the garage door.

• Check carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms and put in fresh batteries. Change the clock, change the batteries!

A Festive Code Reminder

With the holidays upon us, remember that temporary electrical power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. Holiday decorations and electric are not permitted in the parkway or across the public sidewalk.



taking care of business

A new addition to our newsletter...regular updates from each Department Head



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Tim Kutt Public Works Director

We Welcome the Fall season!

As we enter into the months of autumn, I want to provide you with some information on upcoming construction projects:

1. WATER MAIN PROJECT. We have secured a bid proposal to replace the water main that feeds the west portion of town along Cermak Road. This project will start in September and it is the first phase of improving water flow to the furthest point of our town from the standpipe located behind Costco. Cost will exceed \$500,000 and is the first of four phases along Cermak Road only. Once completed, we will then identify the next section of water main and keep going from that point.

2. SEWER LINING. Secondly, we have a sewer lining project that will complete all the repairs from the town-wide televising that has been done over the last five years. When it's done, we will start all over again to make sure our system is operating at 100%. The cost of this project is approximately \$120,000.

3. MFT ROAD PAVING. Using Motor Fuel Tax dollars, we will be resurfacing some streets through town. Our program this year will cost approximately \$175,000 to complete.

A REMINDER ABOUT LEAVES

Of course, we are entering into leaf season and, as a friendly reminder, there is **NO** stockpiling of leaves in the curblines or streets in North Riverside. Besides taking up valuable parking spots, we absolutely do not want leaves entering our sewer collection system through catch basins. And we certainly don't want kids playing in leaf piles that are not illuminated, putting them in danger of being struck by vehicles!

BRANCH COLLECTION

The last day is coming soon—the second Tuesday in November will end branch collection for 2017. Make sure all of your minor trimming projects are completed by that time. Place cuttings at the curbside on Monday as Public Works goes down every street to pick up the clippings. Public Works, however, does NOT pick up debris left by contractors—it is their responsibility to remove any debris generated by the services they provide.

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

For all other information, visit the North Riverside Public Works portion of the Village's website where you'll find guidance on hydrant flushing, winterizing water lines at home and other helpful seasonal suggestions.



We all need a little help sometimes!

Stay off the ladder. Eliminate unnecessary stress and danger. The Village Handyman Program exists to provide minor repairs around the home for senior and disabled residents who can no longer do the work on their own. All the labor is paid for by the Village; furthermore, the Village also pays for all supplies up to \$25. If you need assistance with simple, general repairs, we can help. If it's a large job, Handyman Vince Ranieri from Public Works can provide a list of qualified contractors and assist in securing quotes.

For all the details, just call 762-5885.

First Responders Blue Garden

Garden Club pays tribute to Village's brave public servants

The North Riverside Garden Club invites all residents to enjoy the new First Responders Blue Garden located at the Village Commons in front of the Police Department. "No words seem



adequate to express our admiration and gratitude to all of the North Riverside first responders who selflessly run toward danger to help others. This Blue Garden tribute is an expression of our sincere thanks for all you do," said Garden Club member Lucy Trentadue. The Garden features a dwarf blue spruce, blue flowering perennials and a stone mounted dedicated plaque. The idea was to create an area that could be easily viewed by first responders to remind them of the community's gratitude for all the courageous

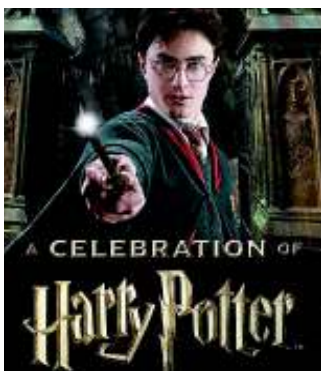
acts they perform while on duty. "Credit for the Garden goes to Lucy," adds member Rose Titus. "She initially proposed the idea and got the ball rolling." Anyone interested in more information about the Garden Club, should call Ann at 442-6531 or join a meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Village Commons at 7 pm. New members are always welcome.

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news you should know about

at your **North Riverside Public Library**

Autumn Gala. Save the date: Saturday, October 21 at 5 pm, the Library Foundation will hold its Autumn Gala at the Riverside Golf Club. The evening will include dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Foundation's mission of providing technology opportunities to the community that tax dollars simply won't cover. Anyone willing to donate items for the silent auction or interested in attending the event should call 447-0869 and leave a message.



Harry Potter Film Festival. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first Harry Potter book, all eight movies will be shown on Sundays in September and October at 1 pm in the main floor meeting room. Refreshments provided. Children under 10 must be with a parent/guardian age 18 or older.

Sept. 17: *Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets*
Sept. 24: *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
Oct. 1: *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
Oct. 8: *Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix*
Oct. 15: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
Oct. 22: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows I*
Oct. 29: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows II*

Tri-Wizard Challenge. It's a scavenger hunt that will send you throughout the library in search of magical answers. Pick up weekly clues at the Library. Winners drawn weekly. For resident children, teens and adults through November 4.

Coming up from **North Riverside Players**

NRP has announced the dates for the Fall production of the Agatha Christie mystery *And Then There Were*



None. Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past that they are unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate! This mystery is one of Agatha Christie's very best. Dates are September 29, 30,

October 1, 6, 7, 8; Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm. For tickets, contact Andy Natanek at 708-512-7015 or visit www.nrplayers.com for info.

Board Meeting Highlights

JUNE 5, 2017

Cash receipts for the month of April 2017 totaled \$1,720,362.89. Trustee Mengoni reported on several items, including Opting out of the Cook County Minimum Wage and Sick Time Ordinance. At the time of the board meeting, 45 local governments had already opted out or planned to do so; Mayor Hermanek stated numerous reasons why North Riverside would opt out, including the fact that the wage rate is not uniform across the State and it would be detrimental to the Village's overall financial well-being, placing undue hardship on local businesses. All Trustees unanimously concurred to opt out of this County ordinance.

In his report, Mayor Hermanek read Community Development updates, including \$5,265 in presale inspections and \$34,146.84 in permit totals. Olive Garden and Jewel-Osco submitted plans for remodeling and RUSH Pediatrics received a permit to open a pediatric unit on the seventh floor of the professional building at 7222 W. Cermak.

Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Ordinance for the Supplemental Appropriation for 2016-2017 were both approved by the Board.

JUNE 19, 2017

Cash receipts for the month of May 2017 totaled \$2,192,740.33. Trustee Czajka reported on Parks and Recreation events, including a well-attended Day Camp program and the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. Mayor Hermanek thanked all participants, donors, Recreation staff, the Youth Scholarship Committee and Riverside Golf Club for another successful golf outing fundraiser this year. Ordinances related to the Composition of the Police Department and Amending Title 5 "Business and Regulations" were approved. Detective Sergeant Carlos Garcia took the Oath of Office as he was promoted to Police Commander.

JULY 10, 2017

Trustee Bianco discussed the water main project (detailed in Director Kutt's column on page 9). Trustee Mengoni shared Finance Director Scarpiniti's detailed financial overview of all funds and the 2018 proposed operating budget as well as aggressive collection efforts and police and fire pension contributions. The 2017-18 Operating Budget in the amount of \$28.5 million was approved by a 3-0 vote and Director Scarpiniti was thanked for her hard work in preparing a balanced and comprehensive plan. Mater Christi Holy Name Society thanked the Village, Fire, Police and PW for supporting the 37th Annual Spiritual Assembly.

Neighborhood Services

by Coordinator Carol Spale & block captains

Information and Building Blocks of Kindness

Wish we could all slow down and smell the roses

Our pastor told us recently to slow down so I decided to do it. I started out walking in the Forest Preserves on 26th Street; I saw deer, Monarch butterflies, heard the water, saw endless purple and yellow foliage and unusual birds. I said "hi" to many people and they greeted me back. It was rejuvenating. I think we all need to put down our smart phones and earbuds and just listen and relax. I found out that I could listen to others better and give of myself more by slowing down.

Angels on Parade

■ Paramedic Angels helped an older resident, going above and beyond their duties, caring about her relatives, too.

■ This honest, mechanic angel fixed a resident's car at an inexpensive rate and inspired the resident to write a wonderful "thank you" note.

■ Angel parents are all around us: they love their kids, watch their ballgames, drive them when they are young, help them move into their dorms and celebrate their lives through photos on Facebook.

■ Another angel saved a young man and a dog from a house fire. The man could see nothing but black smoke; when he opened the door, the dog saw the light from outside and they were able to get out safely. The family is so grateful to this angel.

■ Some angels just purely tried to do good. They gave money, clothes, gift cards. The grandmother was amazed at the kindness of those in town who reached out to help the family whose house was gutted.

■ An angel respite worker did all she could for her client; she made calls, ate with her, went shopping and loved this lady like her own mom.

■ One angel man was always on call for his elderly neighbor who became his good friend and he even brought his daughter to visit to teach her the importance of caring about others.

We love how Block Parties bring people together

The 5th Avenue block party (pictured below) was just one of many held in town this summer that magically turns neighbors of all ages and nationalities into friends sharing interests, food, music and a common love for the Village of North Riverside!



TO BE GIVEN AWAY

One all-season outdoor elevator lift (for those in a wheelchair or who have trouble with stairs).

NEEDED ITEMS

One shopping cart
One airbed

NO WHERE TO TURN?

Call Carol at 447-4932 or Teresa in the Parks and Rec office at 442-5515 if you have no where to turn...or if you can share any positive stories.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

British Home: Visiting, sharing a talent, making someone happy. Call George at 387-8366.

People Care: Visit homebound who match your interests, drive residents to doctors, etc. Call 442-1223 or www.peoplecareinc.org.

Household Hints

- PAM® cooking spray will dry finger nail polish.
- Cool Whip will condition your hair in 15 minutes.
- Mayonnaise will KILL lice and condition your hair.
- For shinier hair, use brewed Lipton Tea.
- For minor burns, use Colgate or Crest toothpaste or aloe vera.
- Burn your tongue? Put some sugar on it.
- Fungus on toenails or fingernails? Use Vicks VapoRub.
- CD scratches? Use peanut butter and wipe with a coffee filter.
- Heavy dandruff? Pour on the white vinegar.
- Remove wine stains with Morton Salt.
- For dirty grout, use Listerine.
- Grass stains? Use Karo syrup. Grease stains? Use Coca-Cola. It will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight and remove corrosion from car batteries.
- To keep flowers fresh longer, use 7-Up instead of water.

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Celebrating 25 years of caring for our **NEIGHBORS**

On June 28, everyone involved with North Riverside Neighborhood Services was invited to gather in the Scheck Village Commons gym for a milestone event: 25 years of kindness and caring were celebrated and individuals, past and present, were applauded for their efforts to make the world a better place. What started in 1992 under Mayor Richard N. Scheck as an idea that had failed elsewhere has become known around the world for its success in North Riverside as adults, seniors and even children have reached out to others, creating family bonds between neighbors so that no one ever feels alone. Nearly 90 block captains comprise the group that builds bridges between the Village and its residents; though meetings are only held twice each year, Neighborhood Services Coordinator Carol Spale, who has served in that role since the beginning, is in constant contact with new and experienced block captains to help plan block parties, collect inspiring "angel" stories, assist residents in need and keep the lines of communication open. At the meeting in June, an inspiring slideshow and a special presentation to former Mayor Richard Scheck were among the highlights of the evening. At left, Scheck opened the gift of a crystal paperweight with the inscription: "A visionary of people and government working together for a single goal: helping others." The emotional former Mayor thanked Carol Spale for her dedication over the past quarter century, former Mayor Ken Krochmal and current Mayor Hugh Hermanek for their continued commitment and all of the many residents whose random acts of genuine kindness and compassion prove time and time again that North Riverside is a small town with a very big heart.

