



Village of River Forest E-News



RIVER FOREST

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Thank you for taking the time to read the Village's E-News. These messages are sent approximately once per month and include timely information regarding Village events, news, and other useful information. We strive to keep the content brief and relevant to the issues that matter most to the community.

Message from the Village President



Dear residents of River Forest:

Spring is finally here! I am sure that all of you are as excited as I am to begin enjoying nicer weather.

In March, the Village Board of Trustees and I approved an amendment to the redevelopment agreement for the project at Lake and Lathrop. This marks a step forward on the project and brings the developer closer to the process of demolishing and remediating the property. This is an exciting project for our Village as it will add commercial retail and hopefully a long-awaited restaurant.



To continue our commitment to [Dementia Friendly River Forest](#), I signed a [pledge](#), approved by the Board of Trustees, to make River Forest a place for successful aging. Additionally, members of our [Police](#) and [Fire](#) Departments have already begun training provided by Dementia Friendly River Forest to enhance their understanding of what it's like to live with dementia.

On Monday, April 8, the Village Board will hold a public hearing for our upcoming budget year starting May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. The hearing will be in the first floor Community Room of Village Hall at 6 PM prior to the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting. [Click here](#) to view the draft copy of the budget. I encourage you to attend the hearing and learn more about the Village's finances.



In addition to our budget hearing, the Village Board of Trustees and I will review and accept additional public comment on the Village's [Comprehensive Plan](#). Residents are encouraged to view the [draft Comprehensive Plan](#) and learn more about this important document. The Comprehensive Plan will be

brought back to a Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, May 13 for approval.

River Forest will be celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 27 and once again will have many activities engaged around making our community healthier, including the following:

- From 8 to 10 AM, the Park District will host the annual Des Plaines River and Thatcher Woods Clean-up. This event will take place rain or shine. Pre-registration is recommended and available online. Everything you need to know can be found by clicking [here](#).
- If you participate in curbside composting, the finished compost product will be available all day at the Metra Commuter East Lot, also known as the Depot. Bring your own bucket. The event is sponsored by the [Sustainability Commission](#). To sign up for curbside composting, click [here](#).

Please save May 4 as it will be this year's [Recycling Extravaganza](#). This event, also sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM at the United Methodist Church, at the corner of Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue. The Extravaganza will again be accepting electronics.



Congratulations to our local River Forest winners of the [2019 One Earth Film Festival Young Filmmakers Contest](#)! Andrew Edwards of Roosevelt Middle School won first place in the Middle School category for his film "[The Turmoil of Palm Oil](#)" about food and open space/ecosystems. Lily Kleps of Lincoln Elementary School received an honorable mention in the Elementary School category for her film "[What a Waste!](#)" about food and waste. Tori Robinson-Thomas of Grace Lutheran School received an honorable mention in the Middle School category for her film "[Our Water Crisis](#)" about water. I encourage all of our residents to watch these short films made by some of our finest youth.

I wish all of you a warm and wonderful Passover and Easter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy".

Cathy Adduci
Village President

Pet License Renewal

Pet licenses are now available at Village Hall and are valid from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Dogs and cats are required to be registered with the Village. For more information and for the pet license application, please [click here](#).

River Forest Police Department



Quarterly Community Crime Prevention Meeting

Join the Police Department **Wednesday, April 24, 6 PM - 7:30 PM** for our Quarterly Community Crime Prevention Meeting. The meeting will have guest speakers from the community and the Department. Also included will be promotion of the River Forest Citizen Corps and educating attendees about our Traffic Safety Challenge and Junior Citizen's Police Academy. The River Forest Police Department will also introduce the Women's and Seniors' Safety Initiative and will distribute free flashlights and safety whistles to attendees.

Protect Yourself from Utility Scams

As utility scams become more frequent, ComEd has joined other utilities nationwide in an effort to help protect customers against scammers. [Click here](#) for more information on how to protect yourself against utility scams and how to report suspicious activity.

River Forest Fire Department



Safety for the Season

The River Forest Fire Department and River Forest Township wants to remind residents that knowing what to do in the event of a fire is particularly important for older adults. [Click here](#) to learn more about important fire safety reminders for older adults.

River Forest School District 90

Save the Date and Help Willard Elementary School Celebrate its 90th Anniversary!



Willard School turns 90 years old this year. Students and staff are planning a community celebration that will be held in the fall. Former students, residents, and alumni are invited to loan or share pictures, artifacts, and other memorabilia from Willard's 90 years at the celebration. The celebration is being held in partnership with the Willard PTO and the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest. For more information, contact Willard [Principal Diane Wood](#) at 708-366-6740. Additional information will be forthcoming.

GREEN NEWS

Compost Pick-Up is now every Tuesday through November

The program is offered on a voluntary, subscription basis at \$19.33/month of compost service. [Click here](#) for more information about curbside composting.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Drop off your hazardous waste at Brookfield Zoo on **Saturday, April 13, 8 AM - 3 PM**. [Click here](#) for details about what will be accepted.

PARK DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

The Summer Fun Guide is here!



The [Summer Fun Guide](#) is now online and will be delivered to residents' homes on Saturday, April 6. Check your front step or your building lobby for your Summer Fun Guide.

Registration for [summer camps](#) is currently open! Registration for all other summer programs begins April 15 for residents and April 29 for non-residents.

Now Hiring Summer Staff!

The Park District is currently hiring for the following seasonal positions: Summer Camp Director, Summer Camp Assistant Director, Summer Camp Floater, Summer Camp Counselor, Park Maintenance Staff, Birthday Party Leader, Dance Instructor.

[Click here for details »](#)

RIVER FOREST LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



Find out everything that's happening at your library at www.riverforestlibrary.org.

April 7 - 13 is National Library Week

The River Forest Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by going "Fine Free" indefinitely! Beginning April 7, items checked out at RFPL will no longer accrue overdue fines. Additionally, if you are a River Forest cardholder, all past overdue fines on River Forest library items will be waived. This does not apply to lost or damaged items.

We're Supporting *Housing Forward*

The River Forest Public Library will be collecting cleaning supplies, paper goods, sponges, and dustpans for *Housing Forward*; these are items needed by individuals who have recently been placed in transitional housing. A donation box will be in the lobby during the week. Help us be a strong community and donate on your next trip to the library!

TOWNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

To learn more about the programs and services provided by River Forest Township, please visit our website, www.RiverForestTownship.org, or the River Forest community calendar at www.RFHappenings.com.

Attention: Parents of Teens

Teens can sometimes engage in risky behaviors, but parents may not know how to recognize the signs. Learn more at *Hidden in Plain Sight: Detecting Teens' Risky Behaviors*, **Thursday, April 25, 6 PM - 8 PM** at OPRF High School. Parents will tour a mobile unit designed to look like a teen's bedroom... with many warning signs "hidden in plain sight". Light dinner and a panel discussion with local experts will follow. Adults only, aged 19+. Child care available upon request; email ljackson@oprfs.org by **April 18**.

Celebrating Seniors Week is Coming: May 2 - 9!



River Forest Township is hosting a great lineup of Celebrating Seniors Week events at the River Forest Community Center, 8020 Madison St, River Forest. Programs are free and open to all.

Thursday, 5/2, 10:30 AM - noon – *Perspiration & Inspiration: Why Staying Active is for Everyone*. Panel discussion with reps from local fitness organizations.

Friday, 5/3, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM – *Re-Imagining Aging, One Breath at a Time*. Breathing and mindfulness with trained experts ML Wahlfeldt and Susan Lucci.

Monday, 5/6, 2 PM - 3 PM – *Between Generations: Genealogy Interviewing & Family Connectedness* with residents Abby Schmelling and Bob Ray.

Tuesday, 5/7, 1 PM - 2:30 PM – *Step by Step: Decluttering & Downsizing and What to Do with All That Stuff* from professionals Laura Bruzas and Kristi Bangert.

Wednesday, 5/8, 8:30 AM - 2 PM – *IL Secretary of State "Rules of the Road" and "Super Seniors" Day*. Call Township Senior Services 708-383-4806 to register.

Thursday, 5/9, 10:30 AM - noon – *Elder Life Planning Using Legal Tools Like Advanced Directives, etc.* Tools for later life planning from attorney Tom Wendt.

AROUND RIVER FOREST

Still looking for more River Forest info? Click below.

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