



# Village of Riverview

## Fall/Winter 2010-11 Newsletter



### Board of Trustees

Left to Right: Craig W. Boehmer, Trustee/Finance Liaison, Howard Pierce, Trustee/Public Works Liaison, Chairman Steve Paro, Bruce Stocker, Trustee/Police Liaison, Phyllis Paro, Trustee/Zoning and Building Liaison

### Candidate Filing Information- April 5, 2011 General Municipal Election

The next municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. City Hall will be closed for regular business on this day, but will be open as a polling place from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be 3 Trustee positions on the ballot. Trustees serve 2-year terms and are compensated at the rate of \$100 per month. Any candidate wishing to file must be 21 years of age, a United States citizen, and a Village resident who has lived in the Village for at least 1 year prior to the election. Candidates may not be in arrears for municipal taxes or user fees. Filing opens at City Hall on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 and closes on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The filing fee is \$50. For more information, please contact Megan Asikainen, Village Clerk.

### Board Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Residents are invited to attend the meetings.

Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Village website as well as on the bulletin board at City Hall.

Some dates and times may change as scheduling conflicts occur. Please check the website for current meeting dates and times.

### We Need Your Help Naming the New Village Park on Diamond Drive

The Board of Trustees is asking residents to submit suggestions for the name of the new Village park located on Diamond Drive. Submissions will be accepted through October 31, 2010. Please call City Hall, 868-0700, to submit your idea.

A poll will be placed on the home page of the Village website, [www.riverviewmo.org](http://www.riverviewmo.org), in the beginning of November so that you can vote for your favorite name.

The new name will be officially announced in the Spring newsletter!



### Important Dates

October 23, 2010	Make A Difference Day
October 25-29, 2010	Branch Pickup Week
October 31, 2010	Park Name Submission Deadline
November 2, 2010	City Hall Closed- Election
November 11, 2010	City Hall Closed- Veteran's Day
November 25-6, 2010	City Hall Closed- Thanksgiving
December 14, 2010	Candidate Filing Opens
December 24, 2010	City Hall Closed- Christmas
December 31, 2010	City Hall Closed- New Years
January 17, 2011	City Hall Closed- MLK, Jr. Day
January 18, 2011	Candidate Filing Closes
February 21, 2011	City Hall Closed- Presidents Day
March 9, 2011	Voter Registration Deadline
April 5, 2011	General Municipal Election
April 25-29, 2011	Branch Pickup Week

### Helpful Phone Numbers

City Hall (General Information)	868-0700
Municipal Court	868-0700
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	868-9130
Dispatcher (After Hours)	889-2341
Street Department	868-7120
Fire Department	867-3889
Riverview Gardens School Dist.	869-7436
Ameren UE	342-1111
Laclede Gas	621-6960
MO American Water	866-430-0820
St. Louis County	615-5000
County Animal Control	831-6500

## New Village Park Master Plan Created



- Central area of green space will be maintained.
- Remove hazardous and undesirable trees and stumps and complete earthwork to improve site drainage and be ADA compliant.
- Realign intersection of Fork Drive with Diamond Drive.
- Perimeter sidewalks and pavement.
- Perimeter fence and brick corner piers.
- Walking paths.
- Playground and drinking fountain.
- Shelter with picnic tables.
- Parallel parking spaces along Diamond Drive.
- Parking lot south of Fork Drive.



The Board of Trustees, in conjunction with SWT Design, Inc., using grant funds from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County, created the above master plan for the new Village park to be located on Diamond Drive between Fork and Northridge.

The park will be constructed in phases, the first of which will begin this fall. The first phase will be the construction preparation phase, which includes land clearance and curbing work. The cost of this construction is expected to be around \$40,000 and will be paid using Community Development Block Grant Funds and Capital Improvement funds. This phase should be completed by the spring of 2011.

The second phase of construction will be to create a bioswale in the rear of the park to assist with drainage, to add an asphalt walking trail, and to install features such as benches and fencing. The cost for this phase is expected to be around \$160,000. The Village has made an application to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County for a construction grant to cover up to \$140,000 of this cost. The remaining \$20,000 will be funded by Community Development Block Grant funds. The goal is to have this second phase completed by the end of 2011.

Additional phases include the addition of playground equipment, a pavilion, and a parking lot. The total cost of the park is expected to be around \$650,000.

## Branch Pickup Guidelines

The Village of Riverview offers residents a free branch pickup program. The following regulations apply to the program, if they are not followed, the branches will not be picked up.

- Branches will only be picked up during the designated week of the month (please see below for specific dates). In order for branches to be picked up, residents must call the Street Department and have their addresses added to the list by the Friday before the pick up week. Only those that have been called in will be picked up.
- The Street Department will go street by street beginning Monday and ending Friday of the designated week.
- Branches must be placed at the curb with the butt end (the end that was cut from the tree) facing the street. Try to leave the limbs as complete as possible, don't break branches off.
- Limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter.
- Yard waste, twigs, and vines will not be picked up.
- If a tree service cuts a tree down or trims branches, the Street Department will not pick up the branches.



**Pickup will occur the week of October 25-29, 2010. Branches must be called in by October 22.**

**Pickup will occur the week of April 25-29, 2011. Branches must be called in by April 22.**

**For pickup, please call the Street Department, 868-7120.**

## Recycle at City Hall

There is a large, tan recycling dumpster on the City Hall parking lot that is utilized by many Village residents whose trash providers have yet to provide them with recycling services. This dumpster will remain on the lot until we are sure that most residents are receiving recycling services through their waste providers. Due to the utilization of single-stream recycling, **you no longer need to sort the items.** There are still separate bins, but the items can be placed anywhere in any slot.

Items that are accepted include: Aluminum cans, brown paper bags, cardboard, catalogs, magazines, phone books, cereal boxes, colored paper, computer paper, envelopes, newspapers, junk mail, plastic bottles and jugs, tin and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, and white ledger paper.

Items that are NOT accepted include: Aluminum foil, auto glass or ceramics, batteries, film canisters, light bulbs, painted wood, paper towels, plastic grocery bags, plastic wrap, porcelain, styrofoam, treated wood, and glass.



## Winter Street Plowing

As the weather gets colder, please be aware that parking your vehicles on the street makes it more difficult for our snowplows to get through. Whenever possible, please use driveways in inclement weather.

Pay close attention to traffic signs and markers. The Village streets are narrow and some have poor visibility so the Street Department and Police Department sometimes have to divert traffic for your safety and theirs when working. Do not attempt to drive through an area that has been blocked off.

When driving in the snow, stay at least 2 car-lengths behind the snowplows and do not pass. This is for the safety of all the drivers on the road. The narrow streets and hills in the Village impair visibility.



## Ameren UE Spare Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program

Ameren UE can help you reduce your energy cost and give you a \$35 rebate by recycling your spare refrigerators and freezers. If you are an Ameren UE residential electric customer and you own a spare refrigerator or freezer (in good working condition) manufactured prior to 2002, you qualify.

Pickups may be scheduled online at [www.uefficiency.com/recycle](http://www.uefficiency.com/recycle) or by calling 877-341-2187. Ameren UE will pick up the unit from your home at no additional charge. You must plug in the unit the night before the scheduled pickup. The rebate will be mailed to you 4-6 weeks after pickup. There is a limit of 3 units per year.

For more information on the recycling program, call Ameren UE at 877-341-2187 or visit them online at [www.uefficiency.com](http://www.uefficiency.com).

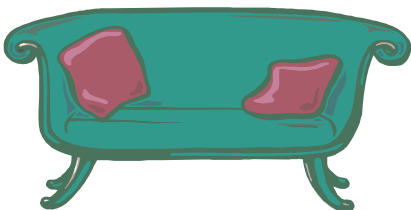


## Waste Management Bulk Item Pickup Service

Have an old couch, dresser, or mattress lying around and don't want to wait for Bulk Trash Day to get rid of it? Waste Management offers free weekly bulk item pickup with your trash service.

**You must call Waste Management at 1-800-989-2783, or email them at [wminkstl@wm.com](mailto:wminkstl@wm.com) to schedule the pickup.**

For more information on other services available through Waste Management, visit their website, [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com).



## Halloween Safety Tips from the Riverview Police Department

Trick or Treat before dusk.

Never send children out alone- make sure an adult is always present.

Check all treats before eating.

Wear light-colored or reflective clothing.

Masks should not be worn if they impair vision.

**OFFICERS WILL BE OUT THIS HALLOWEEN PATROLLING THE STREETS AND HANDING OUT TREATS.**



## Santa's Visit to the Village

Santa will be riding around visiting the children of the Village on Sunday, December 12, 2010 from noon to 3 p.m.

Please accompany children out to the curb to see Santa so that he has time to visit all the families in the Village.



## Keep in Mind...

Any time you see **any** suspicious activity do not confront the individuals, jot down the following information and immediately call the police:

**Size-** number in group, genders, ages, etc.

**Activity-** describe what they are doing

**Location-** provide exact location if possible

**Uniform-** describe what they are wearing

**Time-** provide date, time and duration of activity

**Equipment-** vehicle and license plate, any tools, etc.

## Clean, Green, and Beautiful

On September 9, 2010, St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley announced the countywide "Clean, Green, and Beautiful" initiative. The program is designed to generate a greater level of community involvement in the regular upkeep and beautification of neighborhoods in St. Louis County.

The initiative will make its official debut on October 23, 2010, in conjunction with the nationwide "Make a Difference Day". County-recruited volunteers and County staff will be picking up roadside litter, cleaning up neighborhoods, and beautifying community gardens across the county, including right here in the Village.

The program will partner with schools to provide anti-litter programs and promote "green" and community beautification projects. The Adopt-A-Road program in the County will also be spotlighted through the initiative.

The goals of the program are:

- Enhance the visual and physical appearance of St. Louis County.
- Beautify areas to promote a positive image of St. Louis County to visitors and residents.
- Develop and strengthen community pride through anti-litter cleanup and beautification efforts.
- Increase civic involvement from residents and businesses in anti-litter, cleanup, and beautification efforts.

To find out more information about the "Clean, Green, and Beautiful" initiative, please visit [cgb.stlouisco.com](http://cgb.stlouisco.com).



**Clean** - free of litter, trash, dumping, and neglected properties;

**Green** - less waste, more recycling, be friendly to the environment; and

**Beautiful** - beautifying neighborhoods and public spaces through improvements, such as community gardens, tree planting, and native landscaping.

## Make a Difference Day

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday every October.

Millions have participated. In 2009, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

The Village of Riverview is sponsoring a Village-wide litter cleanup event in conjunction with the St. Louis County Clean, Green, and Beautiful Initiative and USA WEEKEND Magazine.

The cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9 am to 11 am. Volunteers should meet at the park lot on Diamond Drive, between Fork and Northridge. Please bring gloves! We will divide into groups and pick up litter in various Village locations. In case of inclement weather, information on a rescheduled date will be posted on the Village website.

To register as a volunteer, please visit our event page at <http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/event/village-riverview-village-wide-cleanup>



## St. Louis County and Village of Riverview Adopt New Building Codes

In July, the St. Louis County Council passed Ordinances approving the adoption of new Building Codes. The Village will also adopt the new Codes which will go into effect on November 1, 2010. A list of the adopted Codes is as follows:

**2009 International Building Code**

**2009 International Residential Code**

**2009 Existing Buildings Code**

**2009 International Mechanical Code**

**2009 Intl Property Maintenance Code**

**2008 National Electric Code**

**2009 Uniform Plumbing Code**



The standards and provisions contained in the new Codes will be applied to any permits issued after November 1, 2010. Prior Code applies to any project started before the effective date.

Copies of all Code books are available for the public to view at all branches of the St. Louis County Public Library. Copies are also available to review at City Hall by appointment only.

### Who Needs Building Codes?

We all do- whether in our homes, offices, schools, stores, factories, or places of entertainment. We rely on the safety of structures that surround us in our everyday living. The public need for protection from disaster due to fire, structural collapse, and general deterioration underscores the need for modern codes and their administration.

### How reliable are they?

Most aspects of building construction- electrical wiring, heating, sanitary facilities- represent a potential hazard to building occupants and users. Building Codes provide safeguards. Although no code can eliminate all risks, reducing risks to an acceptable level helps.

### What is a Building Code?

Practically, it is the government's official statement on building safety. Technically, it is a compendium of minimum safety standards arranged in a systematic manner (codified) for easy reference. It embraces all aspects of building construction- fire, structural, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical.

### Why should Codes apply to my own house?

For several reasons:

- For your personal safety, and that of your family, and the guests invited to your home.
- To ensure the economic well-being of the community by reducing potential spread of fire and disease.
- For the conservation of energy.
- To protect future home purchasers who deserve reasonable assurance that the home they buy will be safe.

*Adapted from ICC Publication, Building Codes: How They Help You*



# Gina's Soul Food Diner

## 9946 Diamond Drive

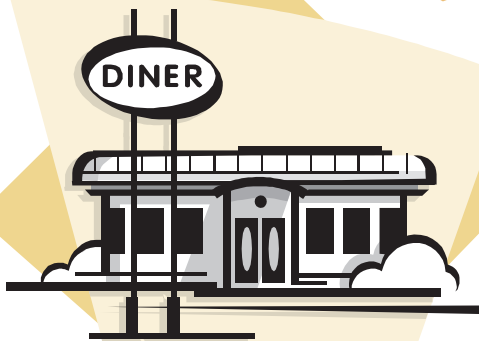
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Dine-in or Carryout



Home-style Cooking

Opening January 2,  
2011

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