



Village of River Forest



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March 24, 2020

A Special E-News Message from the Village President, Catherine Adduci

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear River Forest Residents,

Executive Order 20-02

I have executed [Executive Order 20-02](#) to be effective immediately and ratified by the Village Board of Trustees at our next special meeting on Monday March 30 at 7pm. This Order essentially addresses the common sense actions needed to help our residents, our businesses, and the community at large as we continue to deal with COVID-19 issues and the fall out that it might create for all of us. PLEASE READ THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Changes to Calls for Service in the Police Department

In an effort to protect our police officers & employees from potential exposure to COVID-19, the River Forest Police Department has modified its non-emergency customer services. For any incident that does not present a significant threat to life or property, officers will begin the initial investigation over the phone. If it is determined an in-person response is warranted, the officer will keep a safe distance from the reporting party. These steps are to limit citizen exposure, adhere to social distancing, and to maintain a properly staffed police force. Crime Prevention Officer Ben Ransom can be contacted at 708-366-7125 ext. 343 or bransom@vrf.us with regard to any senior services, juvenile matters, business inquires, or any other community policing initiatives. And as always, please call 911 in an emergency.

A Message from Roy Strom Co. Regarding Waste Pickup

In order to protect all waste collection workers and help to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Roy Strom will enact the following changes in effect until the further notice.

- For residents with refuse collected by Roy Strom Collection Company and billed by the Village, any refuse items that exceed the allowable capacity that are placed in a garbage bag will be picked up and not require a "yellow tag" for pickup through May 31, 2020. All items must be placed in a bag and no loose items will be picked up.
- Bulk items that do not fit inside a container such as loose construction material, couches, mattresses, etc. will not be collected.
- Recycling will only be collected inside a Village issued container with handles (32 gallon container, wheeled alley cart, or a legacy green plastic crate).
- Yard waste will begin as scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Small Business Assistance

The Village understands the current shelter-in-place requirements are having an effect on small businesses. The Village wants to share some links that small businesses should review and investigate.

- [Oak Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [US Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance](#)
- [US Small Business Administration Disaster Loan](#)

Sincerely,



Catherine Adduci, Village President
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<https://www.vrf.us/coronavirus>

River Forest School District 90

<https://www.district90.org/>

River Forest Park District

<https://rfparks.com/news/covid-19>

River Forest Public Library

<https://www.riverforestlibrary.org/>

River Forest Township

<http://www.riverforesttownship.org/>

River Forest Community Center

<http://www.rfcc.info/>

River Forest School District 200

<https://www.oprfhs.org/>

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