



## VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST E-NEWS

Thank you for taking the time to read this Special Edition Village's E-News. This message is being sent in addition to the monthly [E-News](#) in order to provide information on a few important topics. We strive to keep the content brief and relevant to the issues that matter most to the community.

### Message from the Village President



Dear River Forest Residents,

The Village Board, our staff, and I are committed to making public safety our number one priority in the community. We were excited to formally swear-in former Deputy Chief Jim O'Shea as our new Police Chief on January 8, 2018 at our last Village Board meeting.



To further engage our community in crime prevention, the Police Department will be hosting our first Community Crime Prevention Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 4:30 PM in the first floor Community Room of Village Hall. I invite you to join us at this meeting.

This is the first in a series of meetings to engage our Police Department in a discussion with our community. We intend to hold several meetings throughout the year, at different times of the day, so that we may reach the maximum amount of residents. See below for the dates and times that meet your schedule and join us for this very important discussion. Conversations like these are beneficial to both residents and the department as we work together on important public safety initiatives.

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Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,



Cathy Adduci  
Village President

## **RFPD Community Crime Prevention Meeting**

The River Forest Police Department is excited to announce it will be hosting the first Community Crime Prevention Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 4:30 PM - 6 PM in the River Forest Village Hall Community Room. All residents and members of the public are invited and welcome to attend. The meeting will be the first of several throughout 2018 and beyond. Please plan to join us for our next Community Crime Prevention Meetings:

- Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 25th, 2018 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

The idea for this meeting came at the request of residents seeking to learn more information and become more involved in assisting the River Forest Police Department prevent, stop, and solve crime. The meetings will:

- Provide residents with usual information related to the most common crimes in the Village.
- Allow the Department to learn more about what residents are seeing and concerned about the most.
- Detail the different units, divisions, and task forces of the River Forest Police Department.
- Show some of the specialized equipment that is used.
- Provide information on the variety of special programs and services provided by the River Forest Police Department.

If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda or be placed on a mailing list for future meetings, contact Ofc. Glen Czernik at [gczernik@vrf.us](mailto:gczernik@vrf.us).

## **Silver Search Program**

The River Forest Police Department will be participating in the Silver Search Program which is designed to assist in missing person cases involving those with Alzheimer's or dementia. The Silver Search Program is spearheaded by the Alzheimer's Association and the Illinois State Police, among several other agencies. The program allows River Forest to create an "Endangered Missing Person Advisory", similar to an AMBER Alert, to be broadcast throughout the state in cases of missing persons. If your loved one goes missing, it is important to call 911 as soon as possible to make a report. For more information on Silver

Search, [click here](#). For resources to assist those who care for persons with Alzheimer's or other dementia, [click here](#).

## **New Law for 2018**

Per Illinois state law (625 ILCS 5/11-1401), it is now illegal to leave a car unattended while it is running, with or without keys inside the vehicle. The law makes exception for emergency vehicles and vehicles with remote-start ignitions running while locked. Started January 1, 2018, the River Forest Police Department can and will issue parking tickets for any cars found running, unattended, with keys inside.



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