



River Forest  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# River Forest Community Calendar

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## River Forest Collaboration Committee

- Village of River Forest
- Elementary School District 90
- High School District 200
- River Forest Township
- River Forest Public Library
- River Forest Park District



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The River Forest Collaboration Committee is a standing committee and is made up of representatives from the Village of River Forest, Elementary School District 90, High School District 200, River Forest Township, River Forest Public Library, and River Forest Park District. The group has involvement from at least one elected official and one staff member from each taxing body on a regular basis. The Committee gathers to share efforts and initiatives of the individual entities as well as to try to identify opportunities for collaboration.



The River Forest Collaboration Committee identified communication with residents as being a mutual interest for all organizations represented. The Committee also concluded that collaboration on communication could be mutually beneficial for all parties by serving as a way to reach non-traditional audiences of any one given agency.

## Collaborative survey

Would you make use of a web-base community calendar?

- Average answer 4.1 (1-5 scale)
- 49% found it “extremely useful”

Platform 1

To Chicago →



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In November of 2017 a survey was issued by the Collaboration Committee to all River Forest residents as a way of collectively gathering more data on what information residents wanted to be communicated and how residents preferred receiving communication. Part of that survey included gauging interest in a combined online community calendar. The survey results were collected and analyzed by the Collaboration Commission in early 2018. Based on these results and discussion, the group decided to take on this project of building the River Forest Community Calendar which was launched in January of 2019.

# What's happening in River Forest?

All the activities, all in one place

The River Forest Community Calendar makes it easy to keep track of the broad collection of events in our Village. Six public agencies in River Forest are sharing their calendars in one place to make planning easier.



Village of River Forest



River Forest School  
District 90



OPRF High School  
District 200



River Forest Park  
District



River Forest Public  
Library



River Forest Township

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The River Forest Community Calendar is an online calendar that hosts events from six River Forest taxing bodies. The calendar is populated by automatic feeds from each individual agency's already existing online calendars. Therefore, the River Forest Community Calendar does not require any duplicate entries to be created. Rather, the River Forest Community Calendar compiles event information from each organization and re-disseminates it in a way that is conveniently viewable for River Forest residents.

## Customization for the resident

The screenshot shows a user interface for customizing event feeds. It features two main sections: 'Organizations' and 'Views'. The 'Organizations' section contains a list of organizations, each with a checkbox and a count of events. The 'Views' section contains a dropdown menu for selecting the view type.

Organization	Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIVER FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY	(85)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RF Library - Adults	(28)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RF Library - Children	(56)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RF Library - Teen	(1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPRF HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 200	(100)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 90	(27)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIVER FOREST PARK DISTRICT	(15)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP	(269)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST	(138)

Views: List, List, Monthly

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The Community Calendar makes it easy for residents with interest in events from multiple agencies to see them all in one place. Filtering options on the website allow for residents to easily turn calendar feeds on and off to see what they are most interested in. For example, a family who has a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and a high school student could select to see both school calendars at once, or view the park district and library calendars together for age appropriate events over a break.

# Expansion for the community

## Upcoming events

JAN  
16  
WED

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

### Pickleball for seniors

01:00 PM - The Tennis and Fitness Centre, 301 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302, USA

JAN  
16  
WED

RIVER FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Snack Attack

04:00 PM - River Forest Public Library at Meeting Room

JAN  
16  
WED

RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 90

### IAB Meeting

07:00 PM



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The Collaboration Committee hopes to expand the Community Calendar in the future by inviting feeds from other agencies in River Forest, such as the two Universities in town that offer public programs. For now, the Committee welcomes individuals who want to post something to direct their inquiry to an individual agency that may wish to sponsor the event onto the calendar.

A graphic for the River Forest Community Calendar. The background is a photograph of a parade on a tree-lined street, featuring a line of fire trucks and people on the sidewalk. In the foreground, a young girl in a red and white striped dress is holding a flag. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Please feel free to view the Community Calendar at [RFHappenings.com](http://RFHappenings.com) or contact me with any questions you may have.