



## Community Calendar

### October

- 7 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 19 Rio Historical Society Meeting at 10:00 am
- 21 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00 pm
- 24 Rio Community Club Tentative - FM Bank, 6:30pm
- 27 **Trick or Treat Day**  
Turn your lights on to receive visitors!  
2:00 -4:00 pm

### November

- 4 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 16 Rio Historical Society Meeting at 10:00 am
- 18 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 28 Office Closed
- 29 Garbage Pickup, Friday

### December

- 2 Village Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:00 pm
- 5 Rio Community Club Tentative - FM Bank, 6:30pm
- 18 Committee Meeting, Village Office, 6:00pm
- 24 Office Closed
- 25 Office Closed
- 31 Office Closed

*Please note that dates and/or times of scheduled*

## Autumn News & Notes

With cooler weather here and winter's arrival just around the corner, keep these important items in mind:

CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP is throughout the year on or about the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you have brush that has not been picked up please contact the Village office. Leaves will be picked up on Thursday's for the month of October when possible. Leaves must be bagged and at the curb by 8 am. Please note leaf piles may not be left in the street. Leaves may be left in the bulk piles next to the recycling bins in the Village parking area east of Lincoln Avenue. Please observe the directions posted at this site: Put leaves and brush in separate piles. Empty bags of leaves onto the leave pile.



## Snow Removal Reminders

Please keep your side-walks clear of snow and ice to provide safe passage for everyone!

The Village Board would like to remind residents and business owners that snow and ice **MUST** be removed from all side-walks. According to Village Ordinance 6-2-8 property owners have 24 hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate to remove snow and ice from sidewalks that adjoin their property. Snow cleared from side-walks, driveways and parking lots cannot be shoveled, blown or plowed into the highway, street or any public right-of-way, where it poses a safety hazard to road crews, pedestrians and motorists.

If you do not remove snow in a timely manner, the village will do it for you and bill you \$100 per hour, 1 hour

minimum. Any portion beyond a full hour will be charged the full hourly rate. Each 24-hour period will be considered a separate offense and billed according to ordinance.

**STREET PARKING** The Village Board made changes to allow overnight street parking during with winter months unless it snows. If it snows you may not park on the street during snowfall and 24 hours after snowfall.

**PLEASE LEND A HAND** – Clear snow from fire hydrants so firefighters have clear access to the hydrants in an emergency.

### Garbage Pick Up

**Please visit the village website at [www.riowi.us](http://www.riowi.us) for the garbage schedule.**

## CAMPFIRES

**BURNING REGULATED:** Under Village ordinance 5-3-7, BURNING is prohibited, except for.....

Enjoy your campfires this fall. For everyone's safety please make sure you are following the regulations. Campfires are allowed during the hours of 12:30 pm and 2:30 am and must be 15 feet from any building or structure and shall be confined and contained within an area protected by a barrier of stones or other noncombustible material. Campfires cannot be left unattended.

**BURNING PROHIBITED:** This prohibition shall include but not limited to: garbage, brush, leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste, asphalt, rubber, plastics and oily substances.



## Watch for ghosts on

Oct. 27

The Village Board has set the Trick-or-Treat hours from 2-4 pm on Sunday, Oct. 27. Members of the Rio Police Department will be out on the street to assist with safety. Please remember if you would like to participate to turn on your lights to receive visitors.



**The Village Office will be closed on the following days:**

Thursday, Nov. 28  
(Thanksgiving Day)  
Tuesday, December 24,  
Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Holiday)  
December 31 and  
January 1, 2025  
(New Year's Eve and  
New Years Day Holiday)

**How To Contact Us**

**Clerk's Office**

207 Lincoln Ave.  
Hours: M-TH 8:00am-4pm  
920-992-5454 ph  
920-992-6108 fax

**Police Department**

**ALWAYS CALL 911  
IN AN EMERGENCY**  
207 Lincoln Avenue  
Hours: Vary – Please  
call ahead  
920-992-5454 ph

You can also contact  
the Columbia County  
Sheriff's Department  
non-emergency number  
at 608-742-4166. They  
will be able to contact  
the Rio Police  
Department when the  
Village office is not  
open.

**Public Works**

207 Lincoln Ave.  
Hours: Vary – Please  
call ahead  
920-992-5454 ph

**[www.riowi.us](http://www.riowi.us)**

Good People of Rio,

My favorite season is here and the leaves are changing color again. Fall holidays are coming as we look forward to Halloween and Thanksgiving. I hope your family has settled back into a comfortable routine as kids are back in school and summer vacations are now a happy memory. If you are a fellow autumn lover, I'm sure you have been enjoying pumpkin spice flavored treats just like me!

I'd like to recognize the firefighters of the Rio Fire Department that serve our village and surrounding towns. We are blessed to have many individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to help keep our community safe. Although fighting fires is in their name, firefighters do much more than just put out unwanted flames. From directing traffic and extricating trapped occupants at crash scenes to helping with search and rescue operations for missing persons, firefighters have a wide range of skills they use to serve the public. I am grateful for our firefighters and glad we still have people willing to volunteer to help their neighbors in this way. Please thank our firefighters for their selfless service!

May God bless you and may God bless the Village of Rio!

James Thomas Olrick  
President  
Village of Rio

**Sewer and Water System**

The Rio Water and Sewer Utility is in the process of upgrading our metering system. The Village currently manually reads the sewer and water meters. With the upgrade to the system the Village staff will no longer have to read the meters manually. The Village will also be notified of high usage at homes which can save residents money if they have a leak or running water. Please watch for more information to come. We are excited for the changes and the benefits that the residents will see.

**REGISTER TO VOTE!**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Welcome new residents! To avoid delays at the polls please register to vote before the upcoming elections. If you are a new voter, or have had an address or name change since the last time you voted, you are **REQUIRED** to re-register to vote. **You must provide Proof of Residence (POR) with the Voter Registration application.**

Proof of residence (POR) is NOT required for active military or permanently overseas voters, but POR is always required of all registering electors, including indefinitely confined voters in adult-care facilities.

Unsure if you are registered? You are able to look up your registration information and fill out a Voter Registration form online at <https://myvote.wi.gov> or you may register to vote at the Clerk's Office or by mail.

**Dog Registration**

Dog Licenses expire on December 31 of each year...Wisconsin Stats. 174.05 requires that all dogs over five (5) months of age be licensed. A current rabies vaccination is required at the time your license is obtained. Vaccination records are only needed if there is an update from last year or if this is a new animal to be licensed. License fees are nonrefundable. If you no longer have your dog, please let the Village Office know so we can update our records. You can email the office at [astone@riowi.us](mailto:astone@riowi.us) or call 920-992-5454.