

VILLAGE
GOVERNMENT

All Riverwoods Board of Trustees and Plan Commission meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise specified and are open to the public; residents are encouraged to attend.

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1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. January 21, February 4, 18, March 4 and 18.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. February 6, March 6, April 3.

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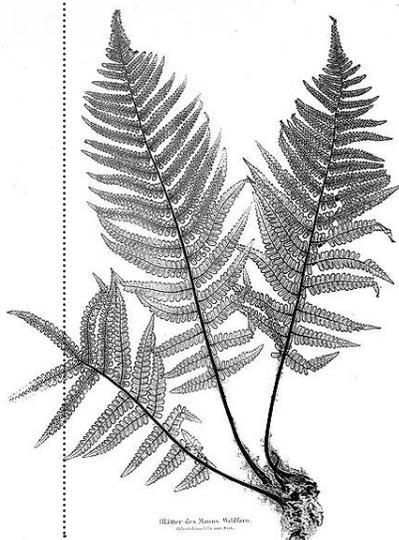
Indoor Plants Beautify Surroundings, and May also Purify the Air

Submitted by the Riverwoods Preservation Council

Indoor plants can add beauty and sense of tranquility to any environment, but did you know that some favorite houseplants possess the ability to improve our air quality as well? NASA recently conducted a study to evaluate the effectiveness of houseplants to reduce common environmental pollutants found in homes. The following is a short list of plants NASA found could reduce specific air pollutants and were easy to grow.

Kentia Palm (*Howea fosteriana*) The Kentia is consistently rated among the best houseplants for removing all indoor air toxins tested. This palm is tolerant of the indoor environment, releases copious amounts of moisture into the air and removes chemical toxins. This plant is kept best in semi-shade.

Swiss Cheese Plant (*Monstera deliciosa*) This is a fast-growing plant with good all-round air cleaning properties. It is particularly effective in humidifying air and is easy to grow.



Philodendron These plants are very tolerant of shady conditions. In a NASA study they were shown to be particularly effective in removing formaldehyde

molecules as well as other toxins.

Miniature Date Palm (*Phoenix roebelinii*)

This slow-growing palm can reach a height of five to six feet and is one of the best palms for removing indoor air pollutants, especially xylene. This plant can be kept best in semi-sun.

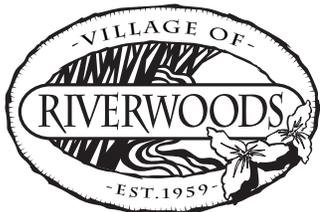
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum*) This elegant plant produces beautiful white spathes. The Peace Lily excels in the removal of alcohols, acetone, trichloroethylene, benzene and formaldehyde. This plant is kept best in mid-light to shade.

Dracaena fragrans "Janet Craig" (*Dracaena fragrans*) This is one of the best plants for removing trichloroethylene. These plants can tolerate neglect and a dimly-lit environment, but growth will be slow.

Boston Fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata*) The Boston Fern requires a certain amount of attention. It must have frequent misting and watering or the leaves will quickly turn brown and begin to drop. Of the plants tested, it is the best for removing air pollutants, especially formaldehyde, and for adding humidity to the indoor environment. This plant is kept best in semi-sun to shade.

Ficus (*Ficus Alii*) This is a new ornamental which is easier to grow. However, like all species of ficus, expect some leaf drop until the plant adjusts to its new location. Its ability to help purify the air and resistance to insects make it an excellent choice. This plant grows best in full sun and semi-sun.

Rubber Plant (*Ficus elastica*) Rubber plants like semi-sun to semi-shade, but will tolerate dim light and cool temperatures and are easy to grow. They are especially effective at removing formaldehyde. Rubber plants are the best for removing chemical toxins from the indoor environment.



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VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Village Voice is published bimonthly by the Village of Riverwoods. The purpose is to provide a communication forum and information for residents. The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Mayor or members of the Board of Trustees.

Editor: Jackie Borchew.

Any resident wishing to become a newsletter staff volunteer please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and leave your name and phone number.

SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number.

Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance.

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State of Our Village Is Excellent

With the coming of the New Year, the Mayor has traditionally reported on the state of the Village. I am pleased to report that the Village remains in excellent condition.

For the first time in a number of years, the Village has a Planning Budget that gives a systematic overview of revenues and expenses. Our 2014 budget shows that the Village is in sound financial condition. We estimate that the General Fund's operating revenues (derived without a general property tax) will produce a modest surplus.

With the news reports full of stories about state and municipal pension problems, you may be concerned as to the potential impact on the Village. Don't be. The Village pays into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) for certain employees, including our full time officers. The IMRF has not fallen into the dire straits of other state pension funds, and the Village's future contributions should not become burdensome.

On the whole, as a result of the efforts of many who have served the Village over the years, the Village is in good financial health.

Having told you about our strong financial position, I must now talk about a potential new project that will not be inexpensive. The results, however, should be well worth the cost.

During the severe rain storms of last year, the Village board room flooded. When work was performed to remove damaged walls, we realized that foundation and other structural problems led to the situation. Significant reconstruction work is needed to avoid additional future flooding. Accordingly, we retained Robert J. Hammer, AIA, of Baranski Hammer Moretta & Sheehy, for architectural services to develop restoration plans for the board room. We also asked the architect to expand his review to include the entire Village Hall structure and to identify any issues related to fire, safety, ADA accessibility, etc.

The architect's review revealed a far larger number of code and safety issues than we imagined. Many of these issues are quite significant and need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Moreover, as we continued to review the board room issues, it became clear that there is no sensible, cost effective way to make small

changes that would address the multitude of structural problems discovered. Accordingly, we are considering options to re-build the board room and remodel the rest of the Village Hall to produce a more efficient, user-friendly structure. While the board room has charm, it lacks modern audio-visual equipment that would improve the ability of our residents to hear and see what is being discussed. More importantly, we can have a safer, handicapped-accessible building in compliance with all legal requirements.

While the final project, no matter what is finally approved, will not be inexpensive, the Village has the cash reserves to pay for the work. No borrowing or increase in taxes will be required.

We will keep you informed as this potential project progresses to reality.

John W. Norris
Mayor of Riverwoods

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of October 15, November 5, 19 and December 3 and 17. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com.

December 17

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 3, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two DUIs, seven other agency assists, 10 ambulance calls, one fire call, two fire alarms, 21 premise exams, one well-being check, one notification, four vehicle lock outs, three other complaints, 11 burglar alarms, four suspicious autos, two suspicious persons, one domestic trouble, five complaints about animals, 11 motorist assists, 21 traffic accidents, three 911 hang ups, one cellular 911 call

and five case reports. There were 38 traffic stops with 32 citations issued to 22 people.

There are currently 11 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

The alarm registration letters went out per the Ordinance. The Department has received a number of calls from residents asking if they had registered their alarm in the past. Chief Dayno indicated that 10 checks have been received to date. Chief Dayno reported that the cost to put together the alarm registration mailing was about \$1,000 which includes supplies, postage and labor.

Chief Dayno indicated that two squad cars were auctioned off for approximately \$21,000 total.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REPORT

Battalion Chief Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department explained that the fire on Orange Brace was in a one-story ranch house that is under construction. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The new fire hydrant on Thornmeadow and Orange Brace was used to extinguish the fire. There were no injuries.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

2014 Budget – Mayor Norris distributed the proposed budget for 2014. He indicated that the document is purely for planning purposes and that actual expenditures would still need to be approved. Mayor Norris noted this is the first Village budget and believes it is a good starting point in what will be an ongoing process.

Village Email, Broadband and Tablet/Computer Policy for Trustees – Mayor Norris explained that the new policy is still in a draft format. He reminded the Trustees that they must use their Village email address for all Village business to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Along those lines, the Village will provide trustees with a smart phone and service from Verizon. If a Trustee has a private cell phone, the Village would reimburse the Trustee up to the amount that the Village would pay to Verizon for a Village phone. Mayor Norris also stated that, now that all Village communications are sent electronically, the Village would provide a tablet or notebook, along with a data plan, for the use of the Trustee. The Trustee could use either the phone and/or the tablet for personal use. However, the device would be FOIA-able and would

be owned by the Village.

GENERAL CONSULTING ENGINEERING RATE

Village engineer Glenn stated that Gewalt Hamilton is requesting a rate increase of approximately 7.5% for 2014. He indicated that the work his firm does for the Village is billed at a 20 to 30% discount of their standard rates. Trustee Jamerson noted that the rates listed are well in line with the engineers his firm deals with.

The Board voted to accept the new rates.

FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

Fee schedule discussion continued.

Mr. Glenn explained with a spreadsheet the sewer and water fees and costs and said there is a deficiency in the sewer user fees. He plugged in realistic costs of sewer operations, maintenance and improvements for the next five years. The annual revenues are \$33,000 per year, the annual costs will be approximately \$173,000 for the next five years, which creates a deficit of \$140,000 each year.

To break even, each residential equivalent would need to be billed an additional \$7.68 per month. Mr. Huvad recollected that the Village had adopted a reserve policy and that \$2 million was the preferred cushion for the sewer reserve. A resolution was approved in 20112 that committed a portion of the General Fund to be available to pay for necessary capital replacements to the Village's sanitary sewer system. If the Village wants to make progress toward that goal, they would have to charge more than the \$7.68 per month. The Trustees believe increasing the sewer fund would be appropriate and requested examples of the various approaches as well as comparable data from other communities. Discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

December 3

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the November 19, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one theft under \$500, one DUI, five other agency assists, one MOR, six ambulance calls, two fire alarms, 36 premise exams, one well-being check, five vehicle lock outs, four other complaints, 11 burglar alarms, two suspicious autos, one domestic trouble, one turned-in weapon, one nuisance phone call, seven animal problems, one roadway

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debris, one village ordinance violation, two motorist assists, two traffic accidents PD, one traffic accident PP, three 911 hang ups and three case reports. There were 60 traffic stops with 52 citations issued to 37 people.

There are currently 10 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REPORT

Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the months of October and November. In October there were 37 calls including 17 EMS calls, one fire call, two auto accidents and 17 other calls. In November there were 21 calls including 12 EMS calls, two fire calls, and seven other calls. There were 362 calls year to date.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Trustee Ford explained that the Northern Illinois Food Bank is an organization that supports food pantries and food kitchens as well as mobile food pantries in Lake County.

Pete Schaefer, President and CEO of the Northern Illinois Food Bank came before the Board to request a donation. He indicated that there are now more people living in poverty in the suburbs than in the city. He stated that more than 70,000 people in Lake County will go hungry this year. He explained that every dollar donated is turned into \$8 of groceries.

Mayor Norris noted that the Village has donated \$36,800 of the suggested \$38,000 for the current year. Trustee Haber moved to donate \$1,000 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Board voted in agreement.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson presented highlights from the building report.

In November 2013, there were 10 permits with a construction value of \$321,500 generating fees of \$3,824. In November 2012, there were seven permits with a construction value of \$182,158, generating fees of \$1,975. In 2013 year to date, there were 180 permits with a construction value of \$6,291,733, generating fees of \$147,294. In 2012 year to date, there were 133 permits with a construction value of \$4,372,080, generating fees of \$42,279.

Construction values are up 43% year to date, the fees are up 248% and the number of permits is up 94%.

Information Services/Parks/NSSRA – Trustee Ford noted that the NSSRA Finance Committee met and that the Member Agency contribution will be \$36,000 for 2014. Inclusion costs have increased approximately 50% and are now \$13,000.00. Including the capital commitment, the Village can expect approximately \$55,000 in total charges from NSSRA in 2014. The Village Board will eventually be presented with a Resolution to allow the NSSRA to sell their

current facility. Trustee Ford noted that the NSSRA expects to end the year with a \$19,000 surplus.

November 19

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning was approached by Orphans of the Storm. They plan to remodel the wing of the animal shelter that houses the cats.

There were 243 ComEd customers without power in Riverwoods due to the storm.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the November 5, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one theft over \$500, one credit card fraud, one criminal damage to property, two DUIs, 10 other agency assists, one MOR, eight ambulance calls, two fire calls, one fire alarm, three fingerprintings, one public service, 13 premise exams, one child seat installation, one vehicle lock out, eight other complaints, 12 burglar alarms, one hold-up alarm, three suspicious vehicles, one suspicious person, one found property, two complaints about animals, two found animals, one roadway debris, four motorist assists, five traffic complaints, eight traffic accidents, two 911 hang ups and five case reports. There were 63 traffic stops with 47 citations issued to 33 people.

There are currently five houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

SE Corner of Milwaukee and Deerfield – Mayor Norris indicated that the Village met with representatives from Terraco and McDonald's. McDonald's submitted some general renderings of the new style of their restaurants. The Village indicated that they want the property as attractive as possible, including additional landscaping. Though not in writing, Terraco indicated that they would abandon the second drive-thru restaurant in their original plan.

Report on Village Hall Planning – Mayor Norris sent draft reports from the architect concerning remodeling the Village Hall to the Trustees. The report raised questions on how compliant the board room is with Code and other statutes. These issues need to be addressed. It became apparent to Mayor Norris that, in order to resolve these problems, there is a need for a more comprehensive plan.

Status Report on Software – There has been significant progress. Village Clerk Gagerman indicated they were able to coordinate the new software with the meter reading software. The billing for three of the seven routes was run on the new software and compared to the old software. Clerk Gagerman will now move forward with the resident database.

DEERFIELD PARENT NETWORK REQUEST FOR DONATION

Diana Lackner and Linda Lohatta from the Deerfield Parent Network made a presentation to the Board. They explained that the

purpose of Deerfield Parent Network is to help parents become better parents through formal programs, lectures and events. All of the programs are free and led by experts. Deerfield Parent Network is an all-volunteer organization that is strongly supported by the communities within districts 109 and 113.

Services are available to all Riverwoods residents. The Board voted to give the Deerfield Parent Network a \$1,000 donation.

November 5

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the October 15, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one assault, one burglary, one burglary from motor vehicle, two thefts over \$500, one criminal damage to property, one liquor control, three DUIs, two no-valid-driver's-license, one in-state warrant, 11 other agency assists, 13 ambulance calls, six fire calls, five fire alarms, three fingerprintings, 19 premise examinations, three child safety seat checks/installations, two well-being checks, eight vehicle lockouts, one solicitor complaint, 23 burglar alarms, six suspicious vehicles, three suspicious persons, three domestic issues, one missing person, one death investigation, nine complaints about animals, one roadway debris, six motorist assists, three traffic complaints, two parking complaints, 10 traffic accidents, six 911 hang ups, one crime prevention notice and eight case reports. There were 74 traffic stops with 59 citations issued to 40 people.

There are currently 3 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer/Solid Waste/Roads/Bike Path – Trustee O'Donnell and Mayor Norris met with Bill Kenny from Lake Shore Recycling regarding the possibility of electronic payments. Mr. Kenny indicated they should be able to provide an electronic payment option by the end of the first quarter. Trustee O'Donnell also stated that Lake Shore would trade out both trash and recycling carts at any time. They will put a notice to that effect in the billing statements.

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson presented the building report for October. He noted that the number of building permits being issued is considerably up since last year. In October 2013, there were 23 permits issued with a total construction value of \$820,625 generating fees of \$10,521. In October 2012, there were 16 permits issued with a total construction value of \$216,975 generating fees of \$2,840. In 2013 thus far, there were 168 permits issued with a total construction value of \$5,952,133 generating fees of \$76,674. In 2012, for the same time period, there were 125 permits issued with a total construction value of \$4,188,322 generating fees of \$39,079.

October 15

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Hal Roseth stated it was a quiet month. The investment accounts are up almost \$30,000 in net value. The interest rate for the Wells Fargo investments was about 0.02% for the

month, which annualized at almost 3%. JP Morgan was about 2.5% for the year. The funds in Ameriprise are in the process of being transferred to Wells Fargo.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Glenn indicated the restoration phase of SSA 24 is nearly completed. The contracts for SSA's 25 and 26 have been executed. The culverts along Portwine Road near the Village Hall will be replaced next week.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Director of Community Services Rob Durning reported a permit was issued to knock down the house at 250 N. Portwine, next to the Village Hall. Mr. Durning believes that it will be kept as open space. Royal Asian Spa has started their buildout. ComEd is looking to replace 8,500 feet of buried cable in 2013, mostly along the golf course.

Trustee Haber walked by Hiawatha and Sunset Trail. There is a home that has a lot of overgrown weeds and he noticed that all of the windows are open. He stated that the house is obviously abandoned. Resident Sherry Graditor stated that the owner is working with a contractor and is looking to tear the house down. Trustee Haber believes the Village should inquire about the house, because it is not a good situation.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the October 1, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one domestic battery, one burglary to a motor vehicle, one theft over \$500, two criminal damage to property, two DUIs, five other agency assists, one matter of record, 14 ambulance calls, five fire calls, two fingerprintings, seven premise exams, one well-being check, two vehicle lock outs, three other complaints, 12 burglar alarms, one suspicious automobile, one suspicious person, two domestic trouble, one missing person, four animal complaints, one found animal, three parking complaints, seven traffic accidents, one 911 hang up, two cellular 911 calls, one crime prevention notice and eight case reports. There were 54 traffic stops with 42 citations issued to 32 people.

There are currently 5 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there were some arrests since the last Board meeting. The Department investigated home repair fraud and made an arrest on a Class 3 felony. Chief Dayno reported that there was an arrest in the Riverwoods Liquors credit card fraud case that resulted in the theft of over \$1,000 in merchandise.

Chief Dayno discussed the possible purchase of two police vehicles now rather than in 2014 as originally planned and budgeted. Chief Dayno spoke with the Chevrolet dealers, who explained that GM has stopped manufacturing 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles with the police package and that the 2015 model year Tahoe would not be available until May of 2014. Chief Dayno indicated that, by

January of 2014, it might be difficult to find a 2014 model and was concerned if he had to wait until May to purchase the 2015 models. The lowest quote was from Bill Stasek Chevrolet in Wheeling at a cost of \$30,694.60 each.

The Board voted to approve the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$62,000.00.

Alarm Registration

On October 15th, 2013, the Village of Riverwoods Mayor and Board of Trustees modified an ordinance of the Riverwoods Village Code covering alarm-user registration.

In order to allow the Riverwoods Police Department to closely monitor alarm activity and identify alarm users, every alarm system within the Village must be registered with the Police Chief and each registration must be renewed annually on or before December 31st. This will enable us to maintain accurate contact information for responding to alarms. It should also reduce false alarms.

The initial registration fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per system and must be paid at time of application. The annual renewal fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each system. Upon change in ownership of the premises in which the alarm system is installed, a re-registration by the new owner is required, as well as a new initial registration fee.

If you have registered your alarm system with the Village at anytime in the past, you need only update your information and pay the \$15.00 annual renewal fee. If you are uncertain if you have previously registered, contact Police Records at 847-945-1130.

The information contained in an alarm-user registration application and other information received by the Police Chief will be securely maintained. The information contained in the alarm registration will not be used for any purpose not related to official matters without the express written consent of the alarm user supplying the information.

Operating an alarm system without first registering will be a violation of the Village Code.

A copy of the alarm-user registration form can be found on the Village website at Riverwoods-il.net.

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Visible and Accessible in the Snow

By Battalion Chief Duane Christensen

The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District would like to remind residents of the importance of having snow removed from around fire hydrants. With the recent snow storms many area fire hydrants have become invisible and inaccessible due to being covered in snow. We would like to ask residents to assist the Fire Department by removing the snow from the fire hydrants if they are able. In the unfortunate event of a house fire, the time spent trying to locate a fire hydrant buried in snow can make a critical difference in the outcome.

New Early Voting Site for Moraine and West Deerfield Township Voters

The Lake County Clerk's office is most grateful to the Lake County North Shore Health Center and West Deerfield Township for their long partnerships in facilitating early voting at their offices. New state laws continue to increase requirements and associated costs for voting. In an effort to minimize the financial burden to taxpayers, a number of early voting sites have been combined and relocated to better serve with fewer sites.

Beginning with the March 2014 primary, early voters in Moraine and West Deerfield Townships will be served at the Highland Park Police Station Community Room, 1677 Old Deerfield Road in Highland Park. Early voting sites are open Monday-Friday from 9am to 4:30pm and on Saturday from 9am to 2pm starting Monday, March 3 until Saturday, March 15.

The convenient in-person early voting option is available to all registered voters. State law requires early voters to present a current, government-issued photo ID before receiving a ballot.

Any voter can request a ballot by mail online without signing a separate paper ballot request at www.LakeVoterPower.info or may complete a printable form online to sign and mail to Lake County Clerk, 18 North County Street, Room 101, Waukegan, IL 60085. For more information, call 847-377-2406.

Food Drive at Deerfield Public Library to Benefit West Deerfield Township Food Pantry

The Deerfield Public Library will hold a food drive benefitting the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry March 1-23. Donations of canned goods, household items and personal hygiene products are most welcome. Please bring your items to the library's lobby during business hours. Call the Library at 847-945-3311 for further information.

The Pantry serves over 250 township residents each month who find themselves in need, either on a long-term or temporary basis. Many are seniors who live on fixed incomes, while others are families with children.

Food Pantry Wish List:

Canned protein	Juice
Side dish mixes (rice, potato, pasta)	Canned fruit
Toilet paper	Soup
Paper towels	Peanut butter
	Laundry detergent (small size)

West Deerfield Township Can Help Answer Your Questions about the Affordable Care Act

One-on-one appointments are available with our trained navigators to assist you with information to manage your comprehensive coverage, and with our certified assistants to help you sign up for your insurance coverage.

Daytime and evening appointments, and limited weekend hours are available. Call West Deerfield Township at 847-945-0614 for further information.

Tree Tips

Representatives of Conserve Lake County reported the following information from a recent Urban Tree Conference at the Morton Arboretum:

- Oaks remain the kings of trees, as they should, given that oak species support, for example, over 450 species of butterflies and moths, whereas non-native ginkgoes support just three. With over a dozen native oak species to choose from, they provide diversity, too. Given that Lake County has lost 88% of its historic oak ecosystems, anything that promotes oaks is good.

- The debilitating practice of volcano mulching around a tree is an oddly Midwestern practice. Mulch should be spread evenly 2 - 3 inches deep in a circle that reaches as wide as the outermost branch tips. Mulch should not touch the trunk or it might lead to disease.

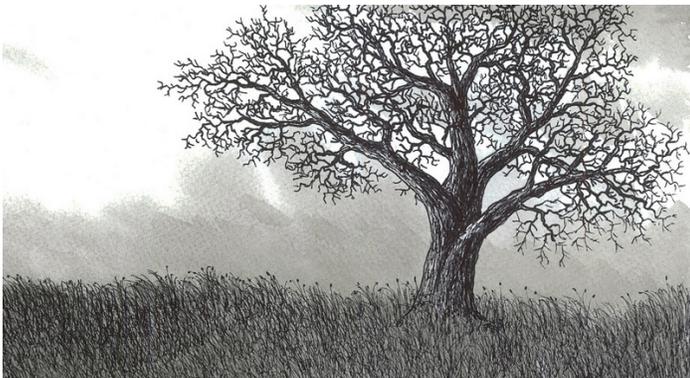
- Those guys at ComEd actually don't enjoy carving our trees into misshapen freaks. It's just that whoever planted those trees long ago forgot that little trees grow into big trees and it's not safe to have live electrical wires snapping about here and there.

- Invasive buckthorn is well-documented as harmful to songbirds, frogs and other forms of wildlife - but it's Lake County's most common tree. Forty-one percent of our trees are buckthorn and we have the highest percentage within the Chicago region. Our next most common tree? Ash.

- All 13 million of the region's ash trees are expected to die this decade. About 10% of Lake County's trees are either green or white ash, every one of them vulnerable to the emerald ash borer that is chewing its way across the land.

- To save money and extend the life of a tree, you must prune it correctly when it's young. It's stunning to learn the number of things that, easily fixed on young trees, turn into expensive problems on big trees.

Conserve Lake County (formerly Liberty Prairie Conservancy), is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization founded in 1995. Its mission is to preserve open land, restore natural areas and inspire commitment to land conservation for the benefit of people and wildlife in Lake County, Illinois. Check out its website at conserve.lakecounty.org to use its resources and free on-site advice about native, eco-friendly landscapes, and to participate in the Conservation@Home program.



You are invited to join the RPC.

The RPC would like to involve more people throughout the Village in local ecological issues. We have sponsored interesting programs and events, such as a water management panel, shoe and eyeglass recycling, installation of a rain garden at the police station, and a native plant lecture at Red's Garden Center. The RPC, a nongovernmental, resident-run environmental organization, is seeking directors and others interested in Riverwoods' ecological matters. To learn more, please contact Laurie Bretkopf at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net or at 847-945-7034.

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to support the RPC in its efforts to preserve Riverwoods! Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

Join at a level of \$100 or more and receive a 10% discount on most plants sold each spring by the RRA Plant Sale Committee.

Please make your check payable to the Riverwoods Preservation Council, P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015. The RPC is an independent, resident-run, volunteer-run, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook at www.riverwoodsrpc.org, and at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail your check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. For more information contact Jill Kaplan at jedma1@yahoo.com or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Amount Enclosed _____



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Riverwoods Book Club

By June Melber

Our February book pick is **The Cruel-est Miles** by cousins Gay Salisbury and Laney Salisbury. This is the story of the 1925 diphtheria epidemic in Nome, Alaska, and the 674 mile dog sled relay that brought diphtheria serum to that desperate city. This event is the original inspiration for the Iditarod dog sled race, which takes place every March in Alaska. The book is exciting, with many photographs. We'll also be discussing the Iditarod race and dog sledding. This is a great book to curl up with under a blanket with your canine best-friend-for-life. I'll be cuddling up with my best friends, Noki and Karma, both alums of Orphans of the Storm, for a great mid-winter read. The discussion date is not yet determined, but can be obtained by calling the Village Hall (847-945-3990).



Join us for refreshments and interesting discussion at the Village Hall.

Photo: June with her friends Karma and Noki.

Save the Date – April 28
Orphans of the Storm Benefit Dinner

Orphans of the Storm is defined by the life-saving service provided to the stray and abandoned dogs and cats throughout Lake and northern Cook counties each day of the year, the families whose lives are enriched by adoption of these animals, and the rich history which has made this shelter what it is today. Founded in 1928 as a country refuge for these orphaned animals, Orphans of the Storm has continued to faithfully fulfill its life-saving mission for 86 years.

We invite you to join us on April 28 for a special evening as we celebrate with our friends and supporters.

Orphans of the Storm Benefit Dinner
Monday, April 28
5:30-9pm

Cocktails - Silent Auction - Dinner
Ravinia Green Country Club
1200 Saunders Road

Reservations are \$250 per person. To make your reservation contact Donna Heggie at 630-567-7240. For more information visit our website at www.orphansofthestorm.org, our facebook page www.facebook.com/orphansofthestorm or call the shelter directly at 847-945-0235.

