



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Mayor's Letter— Introducing the “Road Special Service Ordinance”

Every year I receive calls from residents concerning private roads in Riverwoods. Complaints range from the condition of the roads, lack of maintenance, lack of snow plowing or failure of residents to pay their fair share of the cost for the maintenance or snow plowing. It does not seem to matter whether the road association is a formal or informal one, the problems are the same.

This year I brought this matter to the attention of the Board of Trustees and expressed my concern and belief that the Village should help its residents in the administration of these vital services. I believe a solution has been created in the form of the new “Road Special Service Ordinance” that was passed January 18, 2011.

This ordinance concerns special service areas (SSA) for the purpose of maintaining private roads as well as providing for snow plowing and snow removal. Road SSAs are formed differently under state law than are utility SSAs, in that Road SSAs require the owners who represent 51% of the homes in the SSA to petition in favor of Village Board action. Once the owners have successfully petitioned, the Village Board passes an ordinance formally establishing the Road SSA. (On the other hand for a utility SSA, the Village Board must wait to see if a successful objection petition is lodged with the Village, which would bar the SSA).

In order to provide for the special

services (snowplowing) and/or maintenance of the road, the new SSA Ordinance requires that the owners be formally organized as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. The association's bylaws must ensure that by a 51% majority, the association, acting as a Road Committee, can authorize the requested projects. The Road Committee would determine what street maintenance or repair services or snowplowing would be needed and when they would be needed. It would make up a budget and submit a plan to the Village to establish an SSA Tax to pay for those services. This tax would be added to your regular property tax bill. Unless ad valorem taxes are specifically requested, the Village would impose the SSA Tax at a flat rate, with each homeowner paying the same amount. The taxes would be used to pay the costs to provide the special services, subject to availability of funds.

The Village will add a reasonable administrative fee each year to the taxes to offset the costs of administering this program. The Road Committee would be responsible for signing all contracts (in which the Village must be named as a third party beneficiary). The Village will not pay out anything beyond what is collected and available in the SSA account established for your Road SSA, and each Road Committee remains ultimately responsible for paying its contractors. All payments by the Village will be made directly to the contractors.

Once the Road SSA is formed, requests to set the annual amount of taxes must be given to the Village no later than October 31st of each year. Long range planning must be exercised. For example if a budget submission is made on October 31, 2011, the taxes for the

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Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm. Mar. 1, 15, April 5, 20, and May 3 and 17.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Mar. 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2.

GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods

Call Donna Lubow, artistic director at 847-419-8927.

Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. www.riverwoodsrpc.comcast.net

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)

Call Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

Riverwoods Book Club

Contact June Melber at 847-940-7086, or email her at argos501@aol.com. Exercise your brain. The book club is free to all and meets at the Village Hall one Friday a month at 10am.

Plant Sale Committee

Call chairmen Margie Kaul at 847-945-5131 or Sheila Hollander at 847-945-4879.



RIVERWOODS
VILLAGE VOICE

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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 preferred. 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. Deadline for the May/June 2011 issue: April 15, 2010
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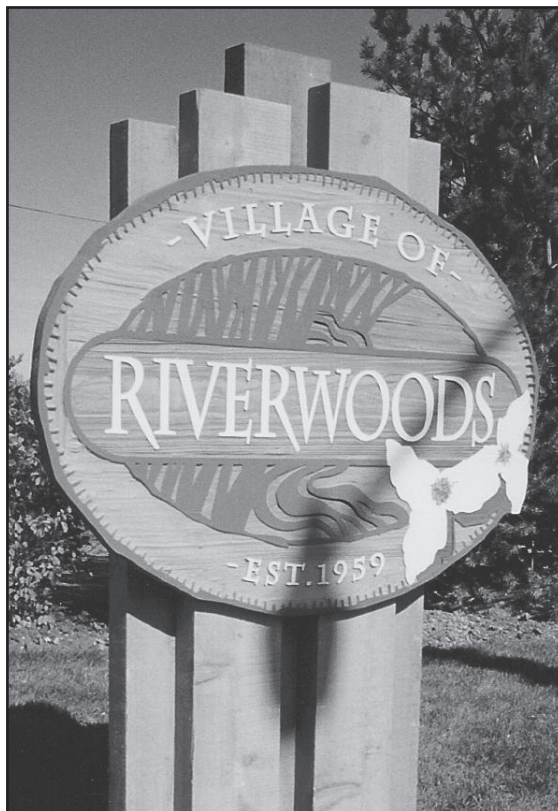
Mayor's Letter; continued from the front cover

Road SSA will not be collected until June of 2012 and will not be available until after that date. The Village will not advance funds. In cases where the Road SSA has both snow plowing and road maintenance, funds can be used to pay for extra ordinary snow plowing that was more than budgeted as long as the money is in the account. Each payment request must include a certification from the Road Committee that the amount claimed is properly due and owing.

To view the ordinance, go to www.villageofriverwoods.com, Click on Government Tab (Green) at Top of Page. Click on Board of Trustees tab Left of Page, Click on Ordinance No 11-1-3 under downloads on right side of page about 1/3 of the way down.

If you are interested please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 between 8:30am and 1:30pm. Ask for the Director of Community Services, and he will help you set up the Road SSA for your road association.

William S. Kaplan
Mayor



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 December 7, 21, January 4 and 18. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com

January 18

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Trustees with a summary of the activities since the January 4, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were four 911 hang-ups, nine accidents, 12 alarms, one complaint about animals, 11 fire department assists, three other agency assists, one dispute, two driving complaints, two DUIs, two fingerprinting, one fraudulent activity, seven vehicular or residential lock outs, one missing person, nine motorist assists, nine noise disturbances, two suspicious circumstances, 12 crime prevention notices and eight case reports. There were 68 traffic stops with 57 citations issued to 38 persons.

There are currently six houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly. There was one Class 2 felony theft arrest. Tobacco compliance checks were conducted on January 14, 2011. Chief Dayno was pleased to announce that there were no sales made to Village agents.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH LAKE COUNTY REGARDING DEERFIELD ROAD BIKE PATH

Mayor Kaplan, Mr. Glenn, Trustee Chamberlain and Mr. Huvarad met with Lake County officials and are awaiting a memo of understanding from the County stating that the County will agree to be the lead agency for construction of the bike path. The County will then pay 20% of the cost of the path (assuming that 80% will be paid by the Federal Government), conditioned on the Village taking care of landscaping and screening for the path. Mayor Kaplan noted the Village would handle the landscape screening for the residents anyway. The County also said the Village would have input on the widening of Deerfield Road when and if it gets widened. Mr. Huvarad noted the County is offering to let

the Village determine the add-ons, for example a median strip with plantings, and how far to push out the edge of the pavement. Trustee Koomjian asked if the bike path would accommodate the proposed future expansion of the road. Trustee Chamberlain noted that it would. Mr. Glenn discussed the proposed alignment, which stays on the south side of Deerfield Road west of Portwine Road and on the north side of Deerfield Road east of Portwine. This alignment should make the path more accessible to the residents.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING ROAD SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS

Trustee Haber moved for a Second Reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance. Trustee Graditor seconded the motion.

Mr. Huvad discussed the comments he received from the Trustees. He stated that the draft ordinance now provides that if there is an existing homeowner's association, it should be incorporated. The draft ordinance also mandates that if a group of residents wants to participate in the program, it needs to have documents showing that it represents at least 51 percent of the homes within the relevant area.

Mr. Huvad explained that no officer or member of the Road Committee shall have a direct or indirect interest in the contractor engaged to provide services under the road contract. He also noted that the date for participation should be changed from October 1st to October 31st, because the salt quotes may not be available at the beginning of October. Mayor Kaplan stated that the Board could adopt the proposed ordinance, but it may not be able to be used for a few years, because money needs to be built up in the various SSAs before the ordinance could be used. Trustee Chamberlain asked how the Village knows there are sufficient funds. Mr. Huvad explained the agreement and Ordinance state that payment is only made from collected funds. Trustee Chamberlain expressed concern because payments could be approved without enough money being available. Mr. Huvad would work with Susie Crohn so the bills would state they would be paid from a specific fund along with the balance available in the fund. Trustee Koomjian asked what would happen if a property was held in joint tenancy. Mr. Huvad

explained that 51 percent of the properties would be required; not 51 percent of the owners.

Trustee Svatik asked if the Village would identify each unit or property belonging to a specific Road Association. Mr. Huvad explained that a map of SSAs would be established and would show the properties incorporated within the SSA.

January 4

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since for the year 2010 as well as comparisons for the past two years. In the year 2010, there were 47 hang-ups on the emergency 911 line, 120 arrests, nine abandoned vehicles, 202 accidents, 445 alarms, 142 complaints about animals, five assaults/batteries, 321 fire assists, three burglaries, five burglary to motor vehicles, 27 well-being checks, 21 child safety seat installations, 16 criminal damage to property, one death investigation, 10 disputes, 15 domestic disputes, 76 driving complaints, 16 DUIs, 41 finger printings, 17 fraudulent activities, 250 house watches, 11 harassments, one ILEAS callout, 88 lock outs, six lost property, 13 missing persons, 238 motorist assists, 26 noise disturbances, five open burning, 36 parking complaints, 18 public assists, three stolen vehicles, one suicidal subject, 252 suspicious circumstances and 19 thefts. There were 339 case reports, 144 crime prevention notices, 2018 traffic stops with 1576 citations issued to 1195 people.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through December 31, 2010. There were seven calls, three car accidents, 18 paramedic calls and two other calls with a total of 31 calls during the month of December. There were a total of 65 fire calls, 36 accidents, 251 paramedic calls and 73 other calls during the year ended December 31, 2010. There were a total of 425 fire department calls in 2010 which is down from the 484 calls in 2009.

Assistant Chief Ugaste stated the fire district has placed an order for a new, 100 foot

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aerial ladder vehicle with pumping capabilities. It will replace the current, 15 year old vehicle. The new truck will take approximately eight months to build and is expected to arrive in the fall.

He reported that the fire district was awarded a federal grant of more than \$100,000 to be used for radios and other supplies.

Assistant Chief Ugaste noted there was a chimney fire last week. The damage was limited to the fireplace, but noted that these kinds of fires can be very dangerous and spread through the house.

DEER COUNT

Mayor Kaplan inquired whether the Trustees want to do a deer count this year. He stated that 58 deer have been counted in Ryerson Forest Preserve, and 32 around the buffer. Ryerson culled 15 deer last year and will cull 65 this year. If the Trustees want a count, it would cost between \$3,800 and \$3,900. Trustee Masterson stated he would normally not want a count, but given the circumstance that the Board will be reviewing the deer fence issue again this year, believes it may be helpful.

Trustee Masterson moved to allot up to \$4,000 for a deer count. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS AND PROVIDING FOR ITS UNDERLYING ZONING CLASSIFICATION

The adopted Ordinance would annex Estonian House and Mr. Hockman's property and classify both properties to the B-2 Business Compatible District. Mr. Glenn stated they were still waiting for approval from the County before going out to bid on the sewer design.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PRIVATE DINING FACILITY AND APPROVING ACCESSORY USES IN THE BUSINESS COMPATIBLE DISTRICT (ESTONIAN HOUSE)

The Ordinance passed unanimously on a voice vote. Mr. Huvad explained the form attached to the annexation agreement has various conditions on event and party types. He noted that Trustee Svatik pointed out an inconsistency with the outside lighting. The form suggests that attendees need to leave the property by 11:00 pm, but the outside street lighting was required to be turned off at 10:00 pm. He suggested changing the time the lighting needed to be turned off to 11:15 pm on the nights on which events take place.

BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Graditor stated that from December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 there was small, miscellaneous construction with a total construction value of \$42,554, generating fees of \$3,315. From December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 there was a commercial remodel and small miscellaneous construction with a total construction value of \$1,012,191, generating fees of \$6,698. The total construction value for 2009 was \$3,426,087, generating fees of \$44,541. The total construction value for 2010 was \$4,558,383, generating fees of \$58,012.

December 21

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 7, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were nine 911 hang up calls, 15 accidents, 27 alarms, 11 complaints about animals, 14 fire department assists, one other agency assists, one child safety seat installation, one criminal damage to property, one dispute, one driving complaint, one DUI, two finger printings, one found property, two fraudulent activities, nine vehicular or residential lock outs, 14 motorist assists, one noise disturbance, one open burning, one public assist, nine suspicious circumstances, three crime prevention notices and eight case reports. There were 47 traffic stops with 35 citations issued to 32 people. There are currently four houses on the HouseWatch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there was no unusual activity since the December 7, 2010 meeting. There was an attempted ruse burglary in the 3000 block of Deerfield Road, in which a male came to the door and stated that he was from the gas company. The resident was suspicious and called 911 right away, and the attempt was foiled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through December 15, 2010. There were three calls, one car accident, eight paramedic calls and one other call for a total of 13 calls this month and 408 calls year to date.

VIDEO RECORDING OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Village is no longer using YouTube. Videos of the Board meetings will be available on the Village website. Mayor Kaplan will try to sell the camera without the hard drive, which is no longer needed.

RUSS KRALY RETIRING AS OF JUNE 25, 2011

Mayor Kaplan stated that Mr. Kraly has submitted his resignation, effective June 25, 2011. He will be very difficult to replace. Mr. Kraly has offered to stay on as a part-time consultant. Mayor Kaplan would like to hire someone a few months before

Russ retires, to ensure a smooth transition.

TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND ADESTA, L.L.C. FOR JOINT UTILITY LOCATING INFORMATION FOR EXCAVATORS (JULIE)

Mr. Glenn explained that the adjustment in Adesta's fees is minimal; less than one percent from their current rates, and that not a single underground utility line has been hit since Adesta has been handling the Village. Mr. Glenn noted that JULIE has adjusted its billing and would be sending a bill in January.

TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY HOLLANDER TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Kaplan announced that he has received a letter from Joe Schwartz resigning from the Plan Commission because he is moving out of Riverwoods. The Mayor asked for the Board's approval to appoint Mr. Henry Hollander to the Plan Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT OF \$800,000 IN AN EXISTING WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT OF THE VILLAGE

The Board voted to approve the investment of \$800,000 in the existing Wells Fargo investment account.

Mayor Kaplan explained that the Village received about \$1.6 million from CDARS funds about six weeks ago, and attention should be paid to the reinvestment of the funds. The Mayor thus suggested moving \$800,000 to the existing Wells Fargo investment account. This year, that account netted 3.1 percent. The entire investment, including principal and interest, is federally insured.

November 16

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hal Roseth reported that the current value of the investments is \$15.6 million which is virtually unchanged since the prior month. Available funds are at \$14.5 million with \$8 million in IPTIP funds. The CDARS program is completed. The reinvestment rates were 0.59 percent under one year, one percent for one year and 1.5 percent for two years. Mr. Roseth will look for alternatives. The IPTIP funds are currently at 0.1159 percent. Mayor Kaplan recently forwarded some information to Mr. Roseth on possible investment opportunities with returns up to 2.2 percent, with good security for a large sum of money. He will look at the restrictions before making a decision on those investment options. Given the Village's investment policy and the economic times, the Village will not do much better without taking on risk.

POLICE REPORT

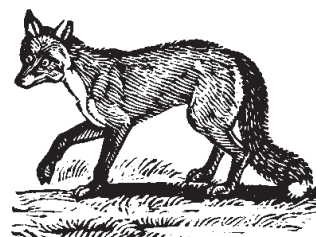
Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the November 2, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were three 911 hang up calls, nine accidents, nine alarms, six complaints about animals, one assault, 14 fire department assists, five other agency assists, 11 crime prevention notices, four driving complaints, one DUI, three finger printings, one fraudulent activity, two harassments, two vehicular or residential lock outs, eight motorist assists, one ordinance violation, two parking complaints, one solicitor complaint, nine suspicious circumstances, two thefts, one threatening phone call and ten case reports. There were 57 traffic stops with 41 citations issued to 32 people. There are currently eight houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly. Chief Dayno stated there was no unusual police department activity since the November 2, 2010 meeting.

BIKE PATH APPLICATION FOR GRANT TURNED DOWN

Mr. Glenn submitted an application for additional funding for the Deerfield Road bicycle path, which was turned down. He stated the Village would explore options with Lake County as the lead agency for the proposed bicycle path. The Village would lend support for the project but the County has more influence. Mr. Glenn will schedule a meeting with the County. Mr. Siegel noted the potential widening of Deerfield Road has been on the 20 year plan for many years.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE DIRECTING A REBATE OF TAXES COLLECTED ON THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS FOR THE 2010-2011 HEATING SEASON [TO RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE WHO QUALIFY].

Mr. Huvad explained that Trustee Svatic has brought this proposed ordinance to the Board every year for ten years. The Village can offer a rebate on gas tax if the resident is income eligible. The rebate was less than \$1000 last year, with a \$60 average per participant.



Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director of Community Services

As I write this, today's forecast is 54 degrees and sunny. This weather is melting the snow faster than expected. This is not good because we'll have a lot of standing water when the snow melts. The culverts are frozen solid and the water is not able to move along its normal path. You might have to open up some new paths for the water to move along since it may be a while until the culverts are open and running again. Forecasts are for more snow and cold weather next week. The bad part is standing water will freeze, and this will cause more potholes to open up in the roads. This thawing and freezing is devastating on roads and parking lots; even driveways. Hurry spring!

One problem that came up during the blizzard of 2011 was that fire hydrants became buried in snow. Most of the hydrants have flags on top to help the fire department locate them in case of a fire. It's up to the residents to keep fire hydrants cleared so the fire department can get to them and hook-up their hoses quickly. You don't want them to try and shovel them out while your house is burning. Get with your neighbors or your associations, and make a plan to keep the hydrants free of snow so they can be gotten to quickly when needed.

With respect to floodplains in Riverwoods, we do have some, but they are limited to two areas of the Village. Maps and information about our floodplains are available at the Village Hall Building Department. You may come in during regular office hours to review the map to see if you are affected. We would like to remind you that flood insurance is mandatory if you are building in the floodplain and using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Come in and the staff will be happy to help you with this information.

And if you are planning to build, our village engineers can help you with Elevation Certificates. The village engineers already have information on file for some areas of the Village, and for a nominal fee they will be able to help you get one for your property if needed. They are also available to assist you if you have some flooding problems. Please call me or the Building Department if you have any questions at 847-945-3990.

At our last board meeting, under the Fire Department report, Assistant Chief Rob Ugaste said there were a couple of fires in the area, two of them caused by people using extension cords. Using extension cords is not always a good idea, but if you have to, you must make sure you are using one that is large enough to handle the appliance that it is being plugged into. After you plug something into one, check it after fifteen or twenty minutes, grab the cord itself and make sure it's not overly warm or hot to the touch. If it is, the cord wiring is too small for the appliance that is

plugged into it. Unplug the item and get a larger diameter wire cord. Extension cords should never be "hot." Often times people hide extension cords behind or under a couch or chair and forget about them. Please check them periodically.

The building of the Police Department is moving right along. The garage is up and the roof is shingled. The brickwork should begin next week. The Police Department exterior walls are up, sally port walls are built, and hopefully the weather will hold so the gradebeam and the floor can be poured next week. After that the interior walls and roof go up.

Last, but not least, Linda Gryziecki, Executive Director of the Deerfield Park District, is retiring effective May 1st of this year. Linda has served the Park District for over thirty years, and I've work with her over the years on different projects. We've had a great relationship with Linda and the Park District. She will be missed. We wish her good luck in her retirement. Rick Julison has been appointed to be her successor. We look forward to working with him.

It's February, but think spring. It's just around the corner.



Earth Hour 2011: It's Time to Go Beyond the Hour

At 8.30pm on Saturday, March 26, 2011, lights will switch off around the globe for Earth Hour.

From its inception as a single-city initiative – Sydney, Australia - in 2007, Earth Hour has grown into a global symbol of hope and movement for change. Earth Hour 2010 created history as the world's largest ever voluntary action with people, businesses and governments in 128 countries across every continent coming together to celebrate an unambiguous commitment to the one thing that unites us all – the planet.

This year, when the lights go back on, think about what you can change in your daily life that will benefit the planet. To share your stories, thoughts and ideas and to get inspiration from what others are doing, or for more information or to organize an Earth Hour event, go to www.earth-hour.org. Don't forget to see the official Earth Hour YouTube video to get even more inspired.

Switch off your lights for Earth Hour 2011, and share the positive actions you will sustain for earth beyond the hour. Together our actions add up.

Riverwoods Police Survey Results 2010

Average Scores	2010	2009	2008
Competence of Officers	8.70	9.02	8.82
Demeanor of Officers	8.18	8.85	8.32
Fairness of Officers	8.09	9.08	8.35
Courtesy of officers	8.54	8.86	8.38
Traffic Enforcement in the Village	7.84	8.56	7.93
Police Visibility in the Village	7.56	8.10	7.71
Police Visibility in Your Neighborhood	6.77	7.12	6.96
Overall Services Provided by the Police	8.12	8.80	8.61

Thank you to those who participated in the Riverwoods Police Survey for 2010. We received 59 responses, compared to 57 last year, and 50 in 2008. We have poured through them to not only assess the needs of the community, but also to gain insight into what you think we are doing well and where you think we can improve.

As you can see from the scores, we rated in the “excellent” range in five of the eight categories and in the “good” range in the remaining three.

Our lowest average score was 6.77, under “Police Visibility in Your Neighborhood.” We will continue to strive to improve in this area. We have noted the areas where residents expressed visibility concerns and will work to provide more vehicular and bicycle patrol.

Here are some samples of the comments we received.

- “I think it would be a great idea to print the results of these surveys in The Village Voice for all to see.” (We do.)
- “We are excited about the construction of the new police station.”
- “The phone alerts are appreciated and should be continued.” (This was the most common comment.)
- “I believe the Police Department is very well run and does a highly professional job.”
- “I would like to see more police visibility in my neighborhood.”
- “More emphasis on preventing burglaries; less emphasis on speed enforcement.”
- “The officers who have assisted me have been fantastic! Smart, courteous, willing to help with things that would not really fall into their job description – you know you can rely on them.”
- “Overall you guys are doing a very good job. Glad you are getting a new police department building.”
- “Keep up the good work.”

EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
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Here are common values and characteristics you feel Riverwoods Police Officers should possess. We are dedicated to being all of these.

- Caring
- Competent
- Community Integrated rather than Controlling
- Courteous
- Dedicated
- Fair
- Friendly
- Helpful
- Honest
- Integrity
- Knowledgeable
- Professional
- Trustworthy
- Understanding
- Well Trained

Here are the top areas you ranked as “High Priority” in over 50% of the 59 responses. Each of these is also a high priority with us.

- Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred (51)
- Investigating burglaries (42)
- Enforcing drunk driving laws (41)
- Discouraging crime in general (40)
- Notifying citizens of potential for criminal activity (38)
- Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.) (33)
- Providing 24 hour patrol services to community (32)

I have called and spoken to, or left a message for, each responder who indicated they would like to be contacted. Anyone wishing to speak with me further on the survey, or on any other topic, can contact me at 847-945-1130 ext. 30 or e-mail me at bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.

Bruce Dayno
Chief of Police

Commuter Travel Resources

Here is a listing of transportation websites to help you better commute by car or transit. Please travel safely!

www.rtachicago.com

The Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) provides a commuter trip planner to provide commuters with information on which buses or trains to take.

www.pacebus.com & www.pacerideshare.com

Pace Suburban Bus provides route, schedule and fare information on suburban bus service. Information is also available for all of the Shuttle Bug routes that provide connecting service between Metra stations and area employers. Web Watch can provide commuters real time travel information on buses.

www.metrarail.com

Metra is one of the nation's premier commuter rail systems. Its web site provides information on fares, schedules, stations, connecting services and tickets. Take Metra commuter trains to access Shuttle Bug service and avoid winter driving hassles. With about a 98% on-time performance rating, Metra provides a reliable, safe and economical alternative to driving. Get service updates via email and buy your ticket online with a credit card.

www.transitchicago.com

The Chicago Transit Authority provides bus and El service in Chicago and nearby suburbs. Its web site provides routes, schedules, fares and connections as well as information on Chicago Card/Plus.

www.lakecountypassage.com

PASSAGE is an Intelligent Transportation System designed to provide motorists real time traffic congestion information due to crashes and construction events. These events are communicated through the police department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that is sent directly to the Transportation Management Center (TMC), then communicated back to highway users via www.lakecountypassage.com, PASSAGE Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1620 AM, and variable message signs.

www.travelmidwest.com

Travel Midwest is a voluntary organization with active member participation from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Illinois Tollway, the Skyway Concession Company LLC, and the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company LLC. The goal is to focus on operations within the region to ensure that traffic moves safely and efficiently. This goal is realized by interagency communication and coordination, improvement projects, training efforts, and region-wide planning.

www.dot.wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin Department of Transportation supports all forms of transportation. The department is responsible for planning, building and maintaining Wisconsin's network of

state highways and Interstate highway system.

www.dot.state.il.us

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has responsibility for planning, constructing and maintaining of Illinois' extensive transportation network, which encompasses, highways and bridges, airports, public transit, rail freight and rail passenger systems.

Prepared by TMA of Lake Cook. For further information visit www.tmalakecook.org

Your Lake County Forest Preserve has a Lot to Offer

Take advantage of the "upcoming possibilities" schedule at the Lake County Forest Preserves. Go to www.LCFPD.org to get outdoors and enjoy the spring.

MAPLE SYRUP HIKES

Reserve your spot for the LCFP's popular maple syrup hikes. On this one-hour hike, learn why the trees have sweet sap and how to tell which trees to tap. Everyone gets a taste. Hikes begin every half hour starting at 1pm through the month of March.

Location: Ryerson Conservation Area

Cost: \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, Ages 3 and under are free.

Note: If you are registering a group of friends, large family or other informal group, we recommend you register by telephone to ensure there are enough open seats at your preferred date and time to accommodate all of you. Scouts and other organized groups: The LCFP has special dates and times set aside just for you. Please call 847-968-3321.

RESTORATION WORKDAYS

Grab some work gloves and join other volunteers to save some of Lake County's natural areas. Workdays are a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, make new friends who share a concern for the preserves and make a meaningful contribution.

Visit www.LCFPD.org/restoration for a full workday schedule, site steward contact information and meeting places, descriptions of workday activities and more.

WALK WITH A NATURALIST

Explore a new preserve each month during a one-hour guided nature hike. View all scheduled 'Walk with a Naturalist' programs at www.LCFPD.org/restoration.

See you on the trails!

Dear Plant Ladies

*Your planting questions answered by the plant ladies;
Sheila Hollander and Margie Kaul*

I really like the striking effect provided by a container full of flowers. How do I go about designing, planting and caring for a container garden?

First you should decide what kind of container to use for your plants. The most common types of pots include: terra cotta and clay pots with porous surfaces that allow for air circulation and reduce the risk of overwatering; plastic pots, which are lightweight, chip- and break-resistant, inexpensive, and frost-resistant; and wooden containers, which are great for a rustic or natural look. Concrete containers, like the ones used at the Village Hall, are porous and can be kept outside year-around. Frost-resistant planters have year-around appeal in that they can be planted with flowering annuals during the growing season and filled with evergreen boughs for winter interest.

The most important feature of a container is drainage. Without proper drainage, overwatering and heavy rains will cause the soil to become too wet and result in poor air circulation and root rot. Make sure that whatever type of container you use it has a sufficient number of holes, depending on the size of the container, and be sure to put screening material on the bottom of the container to prevent the potting soil from leaking out.

I have my containers and they all have drainage holes and screening material in them. Now what do I do about soil?

The best soil for your containers is no soil at all. Instead, use a potting mix that has all the nutritional requirements your plants will need and does not contain weeds and diseases that could exist in topsoil and garden soil. Look for a potting mix that contains nonorganic matter, such as perlite or vermiculite, which will help water to drain. Add potting mix to about three or four inches from the rim.

My container is ready, how do I decide which flowers to plant and how to plant them?

Use color to catch the viewer's eye. Depending on personal preference, you can use complementary or contrasting colors or different tones of the same color. Also remember that foliage can add color to a container. And consider balance when you design your planter. In determining what plants to buy, consider the fully grown size of the plants you're thinking of purchasing.

For increased interest, texture should be considered when designing your containers. For instance, use plants with different foliage and flower sizes and shapes, and especially incorporate non-flowering plants. Tall, non-flowering plants could be the ubiquitous dracaena (spikes) or could be ferns, coleus, or ornamental grasses and grass-like plants. And don't forget to add plants that cascade or trail over the

edge of the container.

For round containers that can be seen from all sides, use upright plants in the middle, mounding plants around the uprights, and trailing plants along the edges. For round containers that will not be seen from all four sides, use the upright plants in the back, mounding plants around and in front of the uprights, and trailing plants along the front and side edges. For rectangular containers, place the uprights in the back and middle area then put mounding plants on both sides of the uprights and along the front of the container and intersperse them with trailing plants. Begin by planting the uprights and fill in the container with the rest of the plants.

What about watering and fertilizing?

Add a slow-release fertilizer to your potting mix before you plant (unless you're filling your containers with new potting mix that contains a fertilizer). The fertilizer you incorporate into your potting mix in the spring will need to be replenished with follow-up applications of fertilizer during the summer. If using annuals in your containers, use a fertilizer with a high-phosphorus content (the middle number on the label).

Water your new plants when you first plant them until the potting mix is evenly wet and water leaks from the drainage holes at the bottom of the container. The amount of water your plants will need depends on the type of container, the temperature and amount of rainfall, the potting mix used, the amount of sun that shines on the containers, and the water requirements of the plants. Check the potting mix frequently and water when the top couple inches of potting mix are dry to the touch. Add water with a gentle water flow until it leaks through the drainage holes.

Any final suggestions?

Don't forget to consider how much sun and rain your container will be getting and select plants that have similar light and water requirements.

Pinching or cutting off spent flowers, or deadheading, keeps the containers looking great and increases flowering. Plants can be cut back a couple inches or up to a third of their size if they become too big or leggy.

If you share your yard with deer, be sure to spray a deer repellent on the plants in your containers. (A tried and true deer repellent is sold at the Village plant sale in May; it can be pre-ordered or purchased on the sale dates.)

If the neighborhood chipmunks start to dig in your containers, wind discouraging strips of plastic bags in and around the base of your plants.



Theatre in the Woods

Volunteers Open House

By Donna Lubow, Artistic Director

We invite you to join in the fun of our Riverwoods theatre. The heart and soul of any community theatre is the community of volunteers behind the scenes. Theatre in the Woods was founded in 1998 by Riverwoods residents Donna Lubow, Sandy Sagan and Nutan Vaidya for the purpose of providing quality live theatre to Riverwoods residents. An additional purpose was to provide Riverwoods residents with opportunities to gain skills as volunteers working behind the scenes and performing on stage.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation at our Volunteers Open House on Saturday, April 16, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods (off Milwaukee Avenue just north of Deerfield Rd.).

Theatre in the Woods' staff will be on hand to show you around the theatre and fill you in on the volunteer positions available, whether it's on stage, backstage, or in the lobby. Whether you have little or no experience, you are welcome to learn from our staff of experienced theatre volunteers and professionals. Perhaps you're interested in designing our flyers or posters or website, or finding that impossible prop for the show, taking ticket orders, finding costumes, taking photos, fundraising, painting and decorating the set, baking goodies - whatever your interest, we're sure to find a place for you. Every role that a theatre offers is available for your participation.

For more information, contact Donna at 847-419-8927 or email at dramadonna@aol.com.

THEATRE IN THE WOODS

Dearly Departed — Audition Notice

Theatre in the Woods is pleased to announce auditions for **Dearly Departed**, a southern comedy by David Bottrill & Jessie Jones. Set somewhere deep below the Mason-Dixon Line, this outrageous, funny story brings the Turpin Family and all their kin together for one of the most humorous and unbelievable funerals to ever take place!

Auditions, by cold readings from the script, will be held April 25th and 26th at 7:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church (10 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, IL). Performance dates are July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24th at Estonian House (Estonian Lane, off Milwaukee Avenue just North of Deerfield Road in Riverwoods, IL).

Director, Brent A. Stringfield, is looking for 5-8 women ranging from mid 20's - 60 and 4 - 7 men ranging from early to mid 30's - 60. Some actors may be asked to perform

multiple roles. Headshot and resume is extremely helpful but not required to audition. Southern accents will be required for performances, but are not necessary for auditions. For more information, please call the theatre at 847-604-1990.

RIVERWOODS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Composting with Worms! A Perfect Winter Project

Although it's only March, does the winter already seem to have gone on too long? Are you already dreaming about your summer garden? Composting with worms is an easy winter project that will benefit not only your summer garden but the greater environment as well.

Why worms? Worms can spin flax into gold, so to speak. If you feed your daily vegetable scraps and your shredded paper to hungry red wiggler worms, by summer your garden will have spectacular, nutritious vermicompost (that's worm poop in lay terms) and you will have kept numerous bags of garbage out of the waste stream.

Just as soil bacteria feed on the grass clipped by your mulching mower, or as the soil fungi eat the leaves and twigs on the forest floor and break them down into micronutrients, worms can eat your vegetable waste and transform it into food for your garden or houseplants.

It's easy!

1. Purchase the wigglers. To get started, all you need is a pound or two of red wiggler worms, available from bait shops and web sites.

2. Build a compost container. An easy worm home uses two plastic containers that stack, one inside the other, plus one lid. Drill the lid, body and floor of the upper container with air holes to provide oxygen for the worms. Put bedding, like straw or shredded paper, lightly moistened, in the bin and add the worms. The bottom container will hold excess moisture which drips from the holes in the floor of the top bin.

3. Add veggie scraps to the upper container. Feed your worms weekly (no meat, bones or onions) and add dry bedding to maintain the moisture of a wrung-out sponge. Keeping a proper moisture level will involve a little trial and error. Too little and the worms can actually dry out; too much will encourage the growth of damaging anaerobic bacteria. Properly kept, there is no odor. So you can house your worms in a closet, the basement or any place that maintains a temperature between 45 and 80 degrees.

4. Harvest the compost for house plants or gardens. In summer, separate the worms from the compost. (A pair of rubber kitchen gloves is great for the squeamish.) The compost can be added directly to the garden or diluted with water for compost tea that is wonderful for houseplants.

To learn more, check out *Worms Eat My Garbage* by Mary Appelhof, download the *Perdue Extension pdf document*, *Household Composting with Worms*, or visit the *Shedd Aquarium web site* at www.sheddaquarium.org/worm_composting.html for a beautiful, illustrated and very detailed explanation.

Rain Barrels: Practical and Environmentally Beneficial

By Riverwoods Preservation Council

Collecting rainwater for use during dry months is an ancient practice. Historical records show that rainwater was collected in simple clay containers as far back as 2,000 years ago in Thailand, and throughout other areas of the world. With the rising price of municipal water and moderate to severe watering restrictions now facing much of the United States during the summer months, more and more homeowners in our modern society are turning to the harvesting of rainwater to protect the environment and save money.

An easy and inexpensive way to collect rainwater is by connecting one or more rain barrels to your gutter downspout system. You can use a rain barrel even if you don't have gutters by positioning the barrel where two roof sections meet and create a valley. Most rain barrels come equipped with a spigot, a screen to keep out bugs, a diverter for overflows and a hose fitting to allow you to connect multiple barrels to one downspout.

How much water can you expect to collect? A house whose footprint is 1000 square feet could collect 600 gallons of water for every inch of rainfall! Rainwater can be used to water indoor or outdoor plants. In fact, plants thrive on the soft, chemical-free properties of fresh rainwater.

In addition to the practical aspects of collecting rainwater, there is an environmental benefit. The protection of every natural resource is key to the survival of humankind. Fresh water is undoubtedly one of the most important of those natural resources. For those of us with access to the water-wealth of the Great Lakes, it may be difficult to accept water scarcity. However, some experts believe that water will replace petroleum as the twenty-first century's core commodity.

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 _____

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

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form. Please make your check payable to RPC and mail to P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

Name _____

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My Biggest Concern about Riverwoods: _____

SWALCO Helps You Compost

SWALCO subsidizes the cost of compost bins for county residents so they can compost food scraps and yard waste at home. SWALCO provides bins for sale at several locations in Lake County, with a small amount of the proceeds benefiting the organizations that are selling them. Thousands of homeowners across Lake County have taken advantage of this program that provides home composting bins at a reduced price.

Composting at home has two main benefits: you dispose of less material while making mulch for your plants! Composting has many benefits for the homeowner, including lower utility bills.

Over 15,000 homeowners across Lake County have taken advantage of this SWALCO program. The Earth Machine compost bin is 33" x 33" and rests in a typical backyard while waiting to be manually stirred by its owner. It holds approximately 1 cubic yard of material. The Earth Machine is easy to operate, adequately sized to accommodate a typical family's organic food waste, and comes with a 10-year warranty.

Earth Machine compost bins will be sold for \$50.00 each including tax (cash or check only) and will be sold on a first come first served basis with no limit on how many one person may buy.

Composting at home requires a mix of materials high in nitrogen (such as grass clippings and leaves) and materials high in carbon (such as vegetable and fruit peelings). The compost bin comes with an educational booklet that describes the process of getting started and producing high quality compost.

For location to purchase compost bins, contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340.

RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. RRA is made up of residents who care about making their community the very best it can be. 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

Please include me as an RRA member.

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Orphans of the Storm Invites You to Adopt a Friend for Life

By Jackie Borchew, Director of Community Outreach

At your local animal shelter, Orphans of the Storm, there is a daily selection of over 100 dogs and 350 cats and kittens waiting to be adopted. If you haven't visited the shelter in some time, it is well worth the trip. Not only can you meet some great dogs, but you are welcome to sit in the cat room and see who "picks you." If you can't adopt right now, we understand - but we ask that you help spread the word about all of these deserving animals.

Puppy is one of them. He was rescued from a high-kill shelter in Tennessee, and arrived in need of an eye operation. The operation was a success and now he hopes for a family to choose him soon. Puppy is a 2-year old male Boxer. He is one of the most sought after breeds at the shelter so he isn't going to be here very long. He's smart, alert and eager to learn!



He's exceptional and could be the best pet you ever had! Boxers are a bright, energetic and playful breed and tend to be very good with children. They are active and incredibly strong dogs and require adequate exercise to prevent boredom-associated behaviors. If you decide to visit you may get acquainted with Puppy off-leash in on of our family run areas.

If you would like to support Orphans of the Storm but are unable to adopt, you may consider joining us at our annual benefit dinner, "One Family, One Mission," Monday, April 11, 5:30pm at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort. The event kicks off with cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner and a brief presentation round out the evening. All proceeds benefit the thousands of animals that arrive for refuge and go on to loving adoptive homes each year.

Reservations are \$250 a person. Sponsor Tables are available for (\$2,500), and Patron Tables (\$5,000) will each seat you and nine of your friends. For more information, call the shelter at 847-945-0235, or go on line to www.orphansofthestorm.org. Or if you would like to contribute to our silent auction, items may be dropped off at the shelter any day between 11am and 5pm.