



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

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.

### **Riverwoods Village Board**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm. Mar. 6, 20, Apr. 3, 17, May 1 and 15.

### **Riverwoods Plan Commission**

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Apr. 5, May 3 and June 7.

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. [dramadonna@aol.com](mailto:dramadonna@aol.com).

### **Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)**

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. [www.riverwoodsrpc.comcast.net](http://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](mailto: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.

## Using Village Dollars to Improve Your Property

By Cheryl Chamberlain, Village of Riverwoods Trustee

Are you thinking of improving your woodland landscape or yard? Now is the time. Through the Village cost-share programs, there is something to suit every type of residential property in Riverwoods. Funds are available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit us at the Village Hall to receive more information about these programs, choosing the appropriate contractor, and choosing the best plantings for your property. Check the following list to find the program that works best for you.



For any of the cost-share programs, we recommend a consultation with either our Village Forester or a professional of your choice. These experts can not only help you in creating a plan that is best for your property, but can help you develop the most cost-efficient plan for your budget. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the details of the programs, as some have limitations or special requirements. Note that a resident must pay all contractors and the Village Forester must pre-approve and review all completed work before a resident can receive reimbursement for most Village cost-share programs.

For more information and forms, visit the Village Hall, telephone us at 847-945-3990 or email Trustee Chamberlain at [cchamberlain@riverwoods-il.net](mailto:cchamberlain@riverwoods-il.net). All information and forms will soon be available to download and print out at [www.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net).

### **FORESTER CONSULTATION**

Would you like the forester to come to visit your property for a consultation?

- Call the Village Hall to schedule a consultation on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of a month, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
  - Consultations are conducted from mid spring through early fall and will resume April 12, 2012.
- Cost for consultation - \$50.

### **CANOPY THINNING**

For the heavily wooded lot, optimizing woodland health may require canopy thinning. Some canopy trees may need to be removed from strategic areas to allow light to reach the understory. This program does not apply to dead trees.

- Sign up for a consultation with the Village Forester or professional of your choice.
- The Village Forester will prepare or review a plan for tree removal.
- Get quotes for tree removal per the pre-approved plan.

Funds available - 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share.

### **BUCKTHORN REMOVAL**

Improve the health of any wooded lot by removing invasive buckthorn. This increases the opportunity for desirable native trees and plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor.

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RIVERWOODS  
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 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 2012 issue: April 15, 2012  
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WILLIAM S. KAPLAN  
MAYOR

March 2012

Dear Resident,

The Village of Riverwoods has a unique opportunity to lower your individual Commonwealth Edison energy rate. Residents in other Villages that have completed this process are now saving \$150 to \$175 per year. But Riverwoods residents must first approve a referendum on March 20, 2012, to authorize the Village to pursue this opportunity.

Villages may now aggregate (or pool together) the electric load of its residents to seek bids for lower electric rates from suppliers other than ComEd. This has come about as a result of deregulation of the market by the State of Illinois.

***The goal is to secure lower electric-supply rates for residents and small businesses in our community.***

Nineteen Illinois communities completed this process in 2011. The average resident in those Villages is now saving \$150 to \$175 annually on their electric bill. Two hundred municipalities are pursuing the municipal aggregation process in 2012.

The referendum on the March 20, 2012 ballot will read as follows:

<b>Should the Village of Riverwoods have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?</b>	YES NO
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There would be no change to your billing; ComEd would continue to send your monthly bill. ComEd would still deliver the electricity. Residents would still call ComEd in the event of an outage.

You would not be required to participate in the new aggregation. Every resident would receive a letter with the opportunity to "opt out" of the new plan and stay with ComEd.

For more information, read Electric Aggregation Frequently Asked Questions on the Village website or call 1-800-856-3404.

Sincerely,

William S. Kaplan  
Mayor

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**For more information, please read "Electric Aggregation Frequently Asked Questions" on the Village Website at [www.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net) under "Hot News."**

# 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 6 and 20 and January 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.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net).

January 17

## POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the January 3, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two 911 hang ups, six accidents, 25 alarms, two complaints about animals, 11 fire department assists, three other agency assists, two well-being checks, one fingerprinting, one harassment, 10 motorist assists, one noise disturbance, one open door, five suspicious circumstances, four crime prevention notices, and two case reports. There were 87 traffic stops with 58 citations issued to 52 people.

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

## VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*Residents' comments concerning Waste Management, vehicle stickers and a Village library.*

Resident Art Bielski expressed concerned about the decision to replace Waste Management. Mr. Bielski specifically voiced support for Rafael because he has become a part of the community. He trusts Rafael to answer questions and feels he is very reliable. Mr. Bielski does not think a few dollars of savings is worth the change. He wants the Board to know that it is not always about the money. Rafael has been doing a stellar job since Mr. Bielski moved into the community 11 years ago.

Mr. Bielski also read about the possibility of having city stickers. Ten years ago, when city stickers were discussed, he was told that expenses of the police department were going to be paid and there would be no tax increases or new fees. He expressed concern about this new direction. If fees are going to be collected, he would like to gain access to a library or have a park built in Riverwoods. In some ways he feels that the wonderful Village of Riverwoods is acting more like a big city than a small community. He understands things cost money, but he would like the

Village to invest in the things for the children of the community. Mr. Bielski would like to know about the future plans in the Village. He noted there are a number of families with younger children that have moved into the community. Mr. Bielski asked that this demographic be considered.

Mayor Kaplan noted that the Village sticker issue was voted down. He explained that Village residents have access to the Deerfield Library or the Vernon Township Library. Because Riverwoods does not have a library, however, Riverwoods residents would need to pay for library service like residents of other towns. If residents want a library, the residents could sign a petition and put forth a referendum. Mayor Kaplan does not think that will happen at this time. Trustee Norris noted that the possibility of having Village stickers was discussed because stickers were previously available through the RRA. They may not go forward with stickers in the future.

Trustee Norris provided a brief history about the library. Over the past 15 years, Riverwoods has had a library corporation try to get a special membership where members could get a reduced rate. They found that the Village would get five or six people a year. Trustee Norris stated that residents want the library while they have school-age students, but it is not as big an interest once the students have left school. The Board is aware of it. If people want a separate library district in Riverwoods, the Board will assist.

Resident David Schoenfeld says he understands why Riverwoods does not have a library. He was at a Board meeting, however, where the Board gave a \$500 donation to the Deerfield library. Mayor Kaplan explained the Board donated the money to the 1 Book, 1 Zip Code program.

Mr. Schoenfeld stated that Rafael does everything for residents. He believes the Village should show him loyalty.

Village resident Ron Baranski wanted to show support to Rafael and Waste Management and the service they provided him over the years. He explained that Waste Management has always been very accommodating. Mr. Baranski questioned whether LakeShore would be on the same schedule. He believes these things are important to iron out before a contract is signed.

Bernard Lakemaker, another resident, stated his

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## CURFEW

Curfew for minors under the age of 18 is 11pm. - 6am during the week and 12am - 6am on holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. Minors under the age of 18 are restricted from driving 10pm. - 6am during the week and 11pm - 6am Holidays, Friday and Saturday.

support for Rafael. He is comfortable with Rafael coming up his driveway when he is away. Mr. Lakemaker would not be comfortable with an unknown entity. He does not believe \$100 is enough savings to make a change.

**PROPOSAL TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO PARTIALLY REIMBURSE THE OWNER AT 2575 FOREST GLEN TRAIL FOR A FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 50% OF THE TOTAL COST, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$4,000**

Trustee Haber moved to approve an agreement and release to partially reimburse Barbara and Michael Schlessinger for a flood control system, up to 50% of the cost in an amount not to exceed \$4000, subject to the receipt of a release in satisfactory form by the homeowners in favor of the Village. The motion was passed.

**PROPOSAL TO ADD PRESCRIBED BURNING TO THE COST SHARE PROGRAM ON A 50/50 BASIS, THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE VILLAGE TO BE \$800 PER ACRE, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 ACRES PER PROPERTY AND LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN ONCE EVERY 5 YEARS**

Village Forester Chuck Stewart looked at the various cost-share programs in the Village. Since there is an interest in establishing a similar program for prescribed burns. Mr. Stewart looked at the costs from the Village restoration project, which came up to about \$1400 per acre. He felt that, with the additional costs for fuel consumption and less consistent situations, the cost would be about \$1600 per site per acre. With a 50/50 cost-share, the Village's exposure would be \$800 per acre. Mr. Stewart suggested limiting the Village's exposure to \$1600. Trustee Chamberlain added that part of the program requires residents to consult with the Village forester to see whether the property is appropriate and whether a permit would be issued. Mr. Stewart explained there are very stringent State requirements. Trustee Koomjian suggested taking a test plot and making measurements of the floral composition to see if there are tangible results. Mr. Stewart is unsure how to find a typical plot. Trustee Chamberlain stated that some residents have asked for a prescribed burn cost-share, as it has been recommended for their properties. She noted that she and Mr. Stewart will continue to do an annual assessment and re-evaluation of all Village cost-share programs and make adjustments as needed.

A resident inquired why the Village is paying if the resident is requesting a controlled burn. Mr. Stewart explained the Board made a decision to use this as a mechanism for residents to better manage their woodlands. He stated the funds come from mitigation fees and fees generated when residents remove trees and pay a fee so they do not have to replace them. This program, like the other cost-share programs, helps residents manage their woodlands.

Trustee Jamerson moved to add prescribed burning to the Village forestry cost-share programs with a 50-50 cost-share of \$800 per acre with a maximum of \$1,600 per property. Residents can take part in the 50-50 prescribed burning cost-share program no more often than every five years. Trustee Haber seconded the motion.

**UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE RESTORATION PROJECT**

Mr. Stewart provided a brief update on the Village restoration project at the corner of Saunders and Deerfield Roads. He stated that the buckthorn removal has been done by hand. They are about 70% complete on that and he will meet with them to review the rest of the work. They will also be doing some burning. They completed the tree inventory. Over the next few weeks, he will determine which trees should be removed.

Mr. Stewart mentioned that they went through a process with the police station where they removed the buckthorn, inventoried the trees and prepared the site. Mayor Kaplan stated that Cheryl Hadley received a call from an irate person who was championing native white oak trail trees. The caller stated there was a white oak tree on the police department property that was a "trail" tree. Mr. Stewart stated that they inventoried 57 trees on the police station property that were six inches in diameter or larger but did not find a 300-year-old oak tree. According to the caller, the tree was near where the rain garden was built. In that area, the largest tree was a 39"-diameter burr oak that was rated a 4 on a scale of 1-6 with 1 being the best. There was nothing on the tree to denote it as a trail tree. Trustee Chamberlain added that the Village has identified trail trees. Attorney Huvad explained a trail tree has been especially nurtured to show where trails are marked. Mr. Stewart noted there were no trail trees on the site.

**PROPOSAL FOR A RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAKESHORE WASTE SERVICES, LLC, SUBJECT TO VILLAGE COUNSEL'S APPROVAL OF LAKE-SHORE'S PERFORMANCE BOND**

Mr. Huvad stated the proposal in front of the Trustees includes revisions suggested by the Trustees. The basic deal did not change. There will be a choice of limited or unlimited service and back-door or street-side service and residents can use their own refuse containers for regular garbage if they desire; but, the cost of toters will be included. Residents have the choice of a 64-gallon or a 94-gallon toter. The rate for leasing additional toters was lowered to \$3. The price list submitted in the RFP (request for proposal) did not change. Most of the points changed were clarifications. There was some old language that was updated. Mr. Huvad stated that LakeShore's attorneys are ready to execute the contract in its current form.

Mayor Kaplan explained some residents have asked the Board to reconsider. Mayor Kaplan noted that some residents received charges on their bills, such as gas surcharges and administrative fees. They found that the bills from Waste Management were not the same for everyone. Although no one was complaining about the service, there was no consistency in the billing. Mr. Huvad noted that LakeShore will accept electronic payments without extra fees.

Trustee Norris explained they will try to provide residents with as good service as they have now, at a better rate. LakeShore will also provide a large recycle toter at no charge to residents. Mr. Baranski, of Chianti Trail, expressed concern because his curb is 1/4 mile back from Portwine Road. Trustee Norris explained that Lakeshore will

offer back-door service as an option, at an additional cost. He noted that if Waste Management's curb-side service was 1/4 mile from Portwine that is what the resident would receive from LakeShore. Trustee Norris noted that the scheduled pickups would remain the same for the first three or four months. After that, LakeShore would work with residents if it needed to change. Trustee Norris explained that there would be an education program put in place describing all of the options available. Mr. Baranski explained that he does not currently recycle because he would have to pay and drag the refuse 1/4 mile to the curb. Trustee Norris explained that the County has put forth a new solid waste plan and residents will need to recycle. Mr. Glenn noted that the map submitted with the agreement does go to the end of Chianti Trail. Mr. Baranski stated that the Waste Management trucks were too long and could not make the turn. Trustee Norris stated the LakeShore trucks are slightly smaller than the trucks currently being used.

Trustee Norris explained that the average cost is about 40% less than what residents have been paying. The contract does not allow for administrative fees or fuel charges. The contract does allow a 2-3% annual increase. The goal is to increase recycling, lower costs and provide similar or better service. He noted the Village has encouraged LakeShore to speak with Rafael.

Resident Ilene Schoenfeld questioned why the Village would not go with Waste Management at the guaranteed rate of approximately \$28. Mr. Huvad explained that rate was received during the formal bidding process. He stated there is a certain procedural fairness and most communities have an ordinance in place that require them to award the bid to the lowest, responsible bidder. Ms. Schoenfeld noted that one of the reasons for going out to bid was that Waste Management was charging additional fees. If the Village went with Waste Management, they would be bound by the contract and would not be able to charge the additional fees. She feels it would be worth the extra \$7 a month to stay with Waste Management. Mr. Huvad explained they were not the lowest, responsible bidder. Trustee Norris explained Waste Management was 25% higher than the lowest, responsible bidder. If the bids were almost the same, the Board may have stayed with Waste Management.

When questioned whether LakeShore would be able to provide good, long-term service, Trustee Norris explained the Village did its due diligence and believes LakeShore appears to be able to perform the work. He noted that LakeShore currently provides recycling services for 50,000 people and will be taking over in Skokie as well. They should have the financial ability to perform the work. Trustee Norris stated that the Village is a member of SWALCO, and that the executive director of SWALCO is familiar with LakeShore Waste Services, LLC, and has not experienced any problems with the company.

Mr. Huvad stated that he added a sentence into the contract that anything that is a recycling material must be recycled.

Trustee Haber disclosed that, as an attorney, he represents people in the waste business that do business with LakeShore. LakeShore

gives a fair amount of business to one of his clients. Therefore, Trustee Haber announced that he would abstain from voting on the proposal.

Trustee Norris moved to approve the contract with LakeShore Waste Services, LLC., subject to Village counsel's review of its performance bond. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion.

Trustee Chamberlain commented that there is a provision in the contract in regard to quality of performance. She feels that is important and, additionally, there are a number of residents that would welcome the \$100 savings. The proposal passed.

*January 3*

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 20, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were five accidents, 20 alarms, six complaints about animals, 10 fire department assists, three other agency assists, two well-being checks, two child-safety seat installations, one criminal damage to property, two disputes, two driving complaints, two DUIs, one fingerprinting, five harassments, one ILEAS callout, two vehicular or residential lock outs, 11 motorist assists, seven suspicious circumstances, one theft, 10 crime-prevention notices and seven case reports. Chief noted that ILEAS stands for Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, which is a mutual aid for police. There were 53 traffic stops with 35 citations issued to 28 people.

There are currently 15 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated the ILEAS callout was from Northbrook. There was an autograph session in Northbrook Court with Bulls players. The turnout was much greater than expected and they asked for other agencies to assist.

Chief Dayno received an email from Willow House who offered to conduct a First Responder Training for encounters with grieving families. They are very appreciative of the money donated by the Village. Chief Dayno left a message stating the Department would be very interested in the training.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Battalion Chief Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFPD including mutual aid to the Deerfield-Bannockburn District for the month of December. There were 19 calls including 13 EMS calls and six fire calls. There were 454 calls year-to-date.

#### **PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR WORK COMPLETED IN 2011**

Attorney Huvad explained the Board passed a resolution at the last meeting, that appropriated an additional \$5000 from the motor fuel tax fund for work completed in 2011. The bids were higher than expected so the Village was short with the initial appropria-

tion. Village Engineer Pat Glenn noted the MFT fund has about \$650,000 in unobligated funds.

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### **DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

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Mayor Kaplan stated things were under control. For the first three months of the new service, things will remain the same. Mr. Huvard explained the pickup is weekly, but LakeShore believes they can complete the pickup in the Village in two days. As more people utilize the toters, things will become more efficient. Mr. Huvard asked the Trustees for additional comments. Trustee Chamberlain asked whether the trucks would add additional stress, wear and tear to the roads. Mr. Huvard replied that they anticipate the road stress to be about the same as the current company.

Carol Lieberman of Greenbriar Lane suggested having a trial period because LakeShore is less experienced than Waste Management. Mayor Kaplan explained LakeShore will be providing a performance bond and they will be purchasing at least one additional truck. Trustee Chamberlain explained there is a quality of service provision in the service agreement. Mayor Kaplan noted that Trustee Norris and Walter Willis from SWALCO have done their due diligence and they are satisfied LakeShore will be able to perform.

Village Clerk Mike Ford pointed out that Waste Management seemed to be charging an add-on fee of \$2 to the bills of residents who would not authorize Waste Management to automatically debit their bank accounts when the bill was due. Mayor Kaplan noted Waste Management also added an administration fee and a gas surcharge. The Trustees commented that extra charges such as these should be addressed going forward. Mayor Kaplan stated he will seek to prohibit these kind of additional fees in the LakeShore contract.

Mr. Paul Zgonena of Riverwoods Court expressed concern about road damage. He spoke with Waste Management about minimizing truck weight on the property. His street is a private street and the residents maintain it. He stated Waste Management has been very accommodating and they assured him that their truck would be 1/3 full or less when going on their street. Mr. Huvard explained LakeShore provided the Village with pictures and specifications of the vehicle they intend to purchase for the Village. Mr. Huvard stated the Village specified the truck must be a single axle. Mayor Kaplan noted that all private streets would request being in the beginning of the run; therefore, the Village could not make that request of LakeShore. Trustee Haber suggested the four homes could bring their garbage to the end of the street, so the vehicle would not have to enter Riverwoods Court. Mayor Kaplan stated Mr. Zgonena could negotiate on a private basis if he desired. Trustee Koomjian stated the Village could confirm that the truck capacity and weight is not larger than that which Waste Management uses. Trustee Chamberlain stated her belief that the Village should be mindful of street repairs progressing at the same rate. Further action on the proposal was then deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

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### **BUILDING/ZONING**

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Trustee Jamerson presented the building report summary, as follows:

From December 1, 2011 to December 27, 2011, there was one roofing/siding permit, three fence/deck/patio permits and four miscellaneous permits for a total of 8 permits with a total construction value of \$101,384 and permit fees of \$1,125. From December 1, 2010 to December 27, 2010, there were five permits with a construction value of \$1,012,091 and permit fees of \$6,698.

From January 1, 2011 to December 27, 2011, there were 128 permits with a construction value of \$2,521,115 and permit fees of \$38,585. From January 1, 2010 to December 27, 2010, there were 123 permits with a construction value of \$4,675,612 and permit fees of \$58,362.

*December 20*

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### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 6, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were 18 accidents, 20 alarms, five complaints about animals, 20 fire department assists, three other agency assists, one residential burglary, one motor vehicle burglary, two well-being checks, one child-safety-seat installation, two disputes, two driving complaints, three DUIs, three fingerprintings, one fraudulent activity, one harassment, two vehicular or residential lock-outs, five motorist assists, 10 suspicious circumstances, one theft, three crime prevention notices and nine case reports. There were 58 traffic stops with 59 citations issued to 43 people.

There are currently 25 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated the department was one of the participating departments in the Safe Run on 21 initiative during the past two weekends. The Department made 3 DUI arrests and wrote 41 citations during the beefed-up patrol.

In February, there was a burglary arrest. The vehicle was seized and the Village collected \$1,300 after negotiations with the owner.

Chief Dayno noted that they did compliance checks and a Pine Garden server was charged with unlawful sale of alcohol to a minor. Mayor Kaplan noted this is Pine Garden's fourth offense.

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### **REQUEST FOR ANNUAL DONATION TO THE CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING**

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Mayor Kaplan noted that last year the Village gave the Center for Enriched Living a donation of \$5,500, and this year the Center requested a donation of \$10,000. Trustee Svatik explained that the additional donation was requested because it was thought that they received \$10,000 last year. He stated that the Center for Enriched Living would be very happy with the same donation as last year. Trustee Chamberlain stated the NSSRA and Center for Enriched Living have had some conflicts in regard to some services. The Village supports both entities and should be mindful of their differences.

Trustee Svatik moved to authorize the donation of \$5,500 for the Center for Enriched Living. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion which passed.

#### **G4S TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Mr. Glenn explained that G4S was formerly known as Odesta. They have provided JULIE location services for eight years. It is a niche service and there is not a lot of competition. Odesta provided a year-to-year contract rather than a multi-year contract. Mr. Glenn stated the Village is spending \$1,500 - \$2,000 per month on JULIE services. There is a 3.5% fee increase in this contract amendment. Mr. Glenn recommended authorizing the amendment to the G4S Technology Contract. Trustee Koomjian moved to authorize the G4S Technology Contract amendment which passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF SB FRIEDMAN & CO. PROPOSAL FOR TIF CONSULTING SERVICE**

Mr. Huvard noted the Village needs a TIF because the cost of improving traffic flow on Deerfield Road. Ideally, the property owners on the four corners would get together with the IDOT engineers and look at the benefits from making the improvements and ultimately fund the improvements. The owners of the 37 acres are not moving to act anytime soon. The Terraco property and the Village-annexed property are about 15 acres. This study will authorize a consultant to determine whether the Village is eligible to develop a TIF.

Mr. Huvard stated the Village worked with SB Friedman & Co. and has been pleased with their work. He recommends that the Board authorize the proposal for TIF consulting services. Mayor Kaplan noted that no money will be paid until the Village receives the money from Terraco.

Trustee Koomjian asked if the Army Corp. of Engineers believes the 33 acres should be considered wetlands. Mr. Glenn explained that Lake County identified 32 separate wetlands of varying size on the property. The jurisdiction over the wetlands would still need to be determined. He noted there is still a regulatory debate that will occur. Trustee Norris explained that wetlands used to be prime areas for environmental landfills. Trustee Svatik asked for clarification. Mr. Huvard explained the environmental reports show the material as putrescible.

Trustee Koomjian noted there is a possibility that development could have issues because of the materials that have been deposited there. Mr. Glenn noted that it would depend on jurisdiction.

Trustee Norris moved to authorize SB Friedman & Co. to perform TIF consulting services. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.



#### **DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING DUTCH ELM DISEASE AND TREES INFESTED WITH EMERALD ASH BORER**

Mayor Kaplan summarized that the State no longer requires the Village to require residents to cut down trees infested with Dutch Elm Disease or Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Stewart explained that he received a call from the Lemont Public Works Department, whose research indicates that Illinois has modified its position in this matter. Communities can now decide what to do with infested trees. The State did not feel it was its responsibility to request that property owners remove infested trees. There is a professional disagreement about how to treat infested trees.

Mr. Stewart is unsure whether the State will provide information in writing about the modified laws. The elm trees in Riverwoods have been planted naturally. The large elm trees are mostly gone, so the number of elm trees has been reduced. There are several ash trees that have been confirmed as infested. Mr. Stewart believes that, if the Village policy is changed, there would need to be changes in the ordinances and codes in the Village. He believes there may be some issues with some potentially hazardous trees and recommends removing the diseased trees from Village-owned property. The State's goal is to let local officials deal with these issues.

Mr. Stewart suggested no longer requiring infested trees to be removed from private property unless they are deemed hazardous. He does not believe the Village should regulate the trees on private property. Mr. Stewart noted the guidelines still require that contractors handle the removals. Trustee Chamberlain stated that there is a debate about whether treatment is helping to curtail the spread of the disease. Mr. Stewart noted this would lessen the economic impact to Riverwoods residents. Trustee Jamerson suggested the Village send out letters informing residents that the Village is considering making a change to the existing ordinance, and they should not act until further notice. Trustee Koomjian does not believe the Village should rush the ordinance change. He believes there should be a moratorium on enforcing the removal of trees.

Mayor Kaplan suggested directing the Village Attorney to draft a proposed ordinance for the next meeting. Mr. Stewart will send out letters to residents that have been contacted about removing their trees.

#### **FUNDING FOR AERIAL DEER COUNT FOR THE VILLAGE**

Mayor Kaplan stated that last year the Village spent about \$3,300 for aerial deer counts in the Village. He suggested authorizing up to \$4,000 for a current aerial deer count. Trustee Jamerson suggested doing the count in quadrants, as it would make the counts more understandable.

Trustee Svatik moved to authorize up to \$4,000 for an aerial deer count in the Village. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

# Riverwoods Police Survey Results 2011

Average Scores	2011	2010	2009
<b>Competence of Officers</b>	<b>9.64</b>	8.70	9.02
<b>Demeanor of Officers</b>	<b>9.46</b>	8.18	8.85
<b>Fairness of Officers</b>	<b>9.29</b>	8.09	9.08
<b>Courtesy of Officers</b>	<b>9.66</b>	8.54	8.86
<b>Traffic Enforcement in the Village</b>	<b>8.17</b>	7.84	8.56
<b>Police Visibility in the Village</b>	<b>8.07</b>	7.56	8.10
<b>Police Visibility in Your Neighborhood</b>	<b>6.93</b>	6.77	7.12
<b>Overall Services Provided by the Police</b>	<b>8.93</b>	8.12	8.80

By Bruce Dayno, Chief of Police

Thank you to those who participated in the Riverwoods Police Survey for 2011. We received 32 responses, compared to 58 last year and 57 in 2009. 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 seven of the eight categories and in the “good” range in the remaining one. All scores were up from last year.

Our lowest average score was 6.93, under “Police Visibility in Your Neighborhood,” up from last year. 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.

Twenty-one residents reported having at least one contact with Riverwoods Police. Of those, 13 reported their reason for the contact, with the highest percentage being “House Watch” at 61.5% (8 respondents). Remember to let us know if you are going on vacation so we can check your house regularly while you are gone.

Twenty-eight responded to the question on what telephone number they would call if they saw a suspicious person. Three responded 847-945-1130, which is our administrative number and should NOT be used to report in-progress activity. This number is not staffed 24 hours per day. If you see a suspicious person, call 911. To have an officer dispatched to your location for a non-emergency, call our 24/7 non-emergency number, 847-945-1820

### Here are some samples of the comments we received.

- “New police station lights are too bright.” (We have dimmed them and they will dim further with age.)
- “We enjoyed the open house at the new police station.”
- “The phone alerts are appreciated and should be continued.” (This was the most common comment.)
- “The police do a great job.”
- “I would like to see more police visibility in my neighborhood.”
- “People in Thorngate speed and have no regard for stop signs.”
- “Officers are friendly and helpful.”
- “There should be a yearly report of police actions.” (Police activity is reported on the Village web site in the minutes of Board Meetings and in the Village Voice. You can also call Chief Dayno anytime for statistics at 847-945-1130.)

EXCELLENT			GOOD			FAIR			POOR	NO OPINION
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

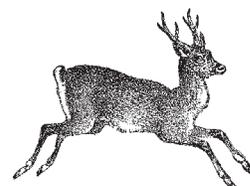
**Here are common values and characteristics you feel Riverwoods Police Officers should possess.** We are dedicated to being all of these.

- Caring
- Compassionate
- Competent
- Courteous
- Fair
- Friendly
- Helpful
- Honest
- Integrity
- Knowledgeable
- Mature
- Professional
- Responsive
- Reasonable
- Trustworthy
- Understanding

**Here are the top areas you ranked as “High Priority” in over 50% of the 32 responses.** Each of these is also a high priority with us.

- Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred (30)
- Discouraging crime in general (25)
- Investigating burglaries (24)
- Enforcing drunk-driving laws (23)
- Providing 24-hour patrol services to community (22)
- Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.) (20)
- Notifying citizens of potential for criminal activity. (17)
- Reduction of traffic crashes (17)
- Investigating local illegal drug activity (17)

I have spoken to 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 202, or e-mail me at bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.



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## New Windows and Energy Conservation

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By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

Going green is not just a good idea these days - it's the law - at least when it comes to the building codes. This doesn't mean much if you're not planning to renovate your home. If you are planning to do so, however, conserving energy in building construction is kind of becoming like the air we breathe - it's inescapable. Here is a simple requirement to be aware of for your next home renovation project for windows.

All newly installed windows must meet a requirement called a fenestration U factor. The fenestration U factor is basically a measurement of the rate of heat loss from inside to outside through the window glazing. The U factor is based on climate zone. Riverwoods is in climate zone 5 in the U.S. and, correspondingly, windows must have a U factor rating of no higher than .035. So when you're checking the manufacturer's sticker on your new windows, look for the U factor. The science and technology have come a long way in window thermal glazing in the last 20 years, but it's still possible to buy the wrong windows. You or your contractor should make sure that you're not buying a window from your local big box retailer that is meant for Texas or Georgia or your tool shed, instead of inside a home in northern Illinois. And while you're thinking windows, you might want to consider the roles that trees play in allowing the helpful winter rays in, and filtering the hot summer heat out. Landscape design and window orientation go hand in hand.

I'm looking forward to opening a few windows and welcoming in my first full springtime in Riverwoods. Looking out my window now, it's beautiful in Riverwoods - leaky windows or not.

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## RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

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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.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please include me as an RRA member.

Name

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Email

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Phone

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Address

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# of extra stickers at \$5 each

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Amount Enclosed

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## Voting by Mail - Open for All Registered Lake County Voters

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County Clerk Willard Helander announced that registered voters may request an official application for a ballot for the March 20th Primary. Illinois law requires each person voting by mail to complete an application for ballot before each election. Once the signed application is received, a ballot can be mailed to the voter.

For faster service, print the online application at LakeVoterPower.info and mail to Lake County Clerk, Room 101, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, IL 60085. The web application is a fillable form to print, sign and date before mailing.

Applications for ballot may also be requested by calling 847-377-2406 or emailing VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov. Those choosing to vote by mail can visit LakeVoterPower.info and use the "Track My Ballot" option to confirm their voted ballot has been received by the Clerk's office. Voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office with a postmark no later than March 19, the day prior to Election Day.

Voters may make a one-time request for this primary or enroll in a Voting by Mail Program to automatically receive an application for ballot for each election specified. Voters remain enrolled until the Clerk receives notification to cancel or the voter's registration becomes inactive.

"Voting by mail is a convenient way to assure your voice is heard—no matter how busy life becomes or difficult the March weather may be," said Helander.

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## Orphans Dinner to Benefit the Shelter Animals

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Orphans of the Storm announces its 12th annual benefit dinner - "**Golden Years** - Celebrating the joys and rewards of the older pet" to be held at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort on Monday, April 23rd. The evening kicks off with cocktails and a silent auction at 5:30pm.

*By loving and caring for the older dog or cat, we make a statement about compassion and the value of life at all ages. Just as the puppy and kitten have their whole life ahead of them, so does the older dog and cat have the rest of their life in front of them. That older animal often enjoys the best years of his life while at the same time nurturing in us warmth, compassion and wisdom.*



Reservations are available at \$250 each. A Sponsor Table is available for \$2,500 and a Patron Table for \$5,000. Each table seats 10. You may call the shelter directly at 847-945-0235 to make your reservation. We are also accepting items and services to be included in the silent auction.

Orphans of the Storm is the final refuge for thousands of stray, abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats from throughout Lake County each year. All animals receive the best possible care and attention with a final goal of adopting them into warm and loving homes. (The photo is of "Billy," seven-year-old German short hair pointer adopted out after a year at the shelter.)

## Village Contract with LakeShore Waste Services Finalized

In the last edition of the Village Voice, we told you that the Village was negotiating a franchise agreement for Village-wide waste hauling and recycling. We are now pleased to announce that the Village has entered into a contract with LakeShore Waste Services, LLC, to provide waste hauling and recycling services.

Under the new contract, LakeShore will make available to Village residents exactly the same services that had been provided by the previous contractor, plus a few new options. Each resident is entitled to unlimited recycling and will be provided with a 64-gallon or 94-gallon wheeled recycling container. Waste disposal will be offered in either "limited" or unlimited amounts, with either back-door or curb-side pickup.

A significant goal for both the Village and LakeShore during the negotiation process was to make the transition as seamless as possible. Towards this end, LakeShore has hired at least one key employee from Waste Management in an effort to ensure there will be no drop off in the quality of service under the new contract.

Another significant goal was to reduce costs. The new rate schedule should result in the desired savings for Village residents. The greatest savings in dollars should be realized by those residents opting for the "limited" curb-side option. While



the amount previously being charged to each homeowner varied from household to household, the average resident opting for the "limited" curbside option should experience a 40% savings. The new rate will be \$21 per month versus an average charge of \$34.66 per month from the previous waste hauler. The percentage savings for other options may be lower but

each homeowner's bill should still be significantly lower than under the previous rate. A schedule of all options and charges are following.

Finally, any increase in rates under the contract will be limited to between 2%-3% annually, depending upon the increase in the CPI. No service charges, fuel charges, or any other add-ons will be permitted. This will prevent any significant increases similar to those residents have received over the last few years as the cost of fuel has increased.

Village residents will be receiving in the mail additional information directly from LakeShore concerning the new service options available. We are also planning to schedule several meetings during the next few weeks at which Village residents can ask representatives of LakeShore and the Village questions about the new service.

*The term "limited" is placed in quotation marks because the service is not very limited. Limited service would allow disposing of waste in three average-sized waste containers of 33-gallons each or, preferably, in one 94-gallon wheeled container. Any week in which a resident needs to dispose of more than the "limited" amount, stickers can be purchased for \$1.50.*

## LAKESHORE PRICING SHEET

Residential Waste and Recycling Program

### 1) Limited Service - Back-door collection

\$29.00 per household per month

### 2) Limited Service - Street-side collection

\$21.00 per household per month

### 3) Unlimited Service - Back-door collection

\$31.00 per household per month

### 4) Unlimited Service - Street-side collection

\$28.00 per household per month

### 5) Service using own container -

Per household cost for each option above (1-4) if customer uses own container.

Option 1 - \$32.00

Option 2 - \$24.00

Option 3 - \$35.00

Option 4 - \$31.00

Pricing options 1-4 all include a medium or large wheeled cart for residential waste as part of the monthly price, and pricing options 1-5 all include once-per-week, unlimited street-side collection of recyclable materials from wheeled carts and other appropriate containers.

### 6) Change of Service -

More than one time a year - \$25.00

### 7) Waste Sticker Charge -

For exceeding three containers or 99 gallon capacity.

\$1.50 per sticker per 33 gallons

### 8) Cost of Private Services -

\$8.00 per cubic yard

\$25.00 per appliance

## 2012 Annual Plant Sale

Watch for the 2012 plant sale newsletter and order form to arrive in your mail box in early April. If you do not receive it, please contact the Plant Sale Committee. You certainly will not want to miss out on all the beautiful perennials, ferns and trees that will be offered.

Happy Planting!



## Deerfield Park Foundation Announces Linda Gryziecki Scholarship

Deerfield Park Foundation announced a new post-secondary/college scholarship opportunity - The Foundation's new Linda Gryziecki Scholarship provides one \$1,000 scholarship to an accredited, post-secondary institution in the U.S. for the school year beginning fall 2012. This scholarship is open to: 1) current or recent H.S. Graduates who are current or recent Deerfield Park District Employees or Volunteers; and/or 2) current or recent H.S. Graduates who are Deerfield Park District residents. The scholarship may be applied toward any undergraduate year (freshman - senior). The scholarship is named in honor of Deerfield Park District's Executive Director Linda Gryziecki who retired in 2011 after 38 years of service.

Qualified students must submit an application and accompanying forms to Deerfield Park Foundation by Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Announcement regarding any scholarship recipient is expected to be made by the beginning of May 2012.

Applications are available online at: [www.deerfieldparkfoundation.org](http://www.deerfieldparkfoundation.org) or may be picked up at the Deerfield Park District administration office, 836 Jewett Park Drive, in Deerfield. For more information, please contact the Deerfield Park Foundation at 847-945-0650.

## Treasures, Trinkets and One-of-a-Kind Finds - North Shore Senior Center Hosts Annual Spring Sale

Bargain hunters love the annual Spring Sale, which features greatly reduced prices on antiques, collectibles and contemporary items for the home. Attendees will be able to enjoy complimentary antique appraisals and soup and sandwiches available for purchase at the A&A Café. To learn more about the sale, or to inquire about making a merchandise donation, call 847-784-6000. Proceeds from the Spring Sale directly benefit North Shore Senior Center. Supporting sponsorship for the sale is provided by Companions for Seniors.

Friday, March 30, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. to noon

North Shore Senior Center's Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus is

located at 161 Northfield Road in Northfield. Admission is free.

*Back by Popular Demand -*

## Vernon Township's 4th Annual Community Garage Sale

Vernon Township will be hosting the 4th Annual Community Garage Sale in the west parking lot of the Prairie View train station. The township will be selling 2 spaces (16ft x 17ft) for \$25 with proceeds from the sale of spaces benefiting the Vernon Township Food Pantry.

Saturday June 9th, 2012 (Rain or Shine)

10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Set-up starts at 7:00 a.m.)

Applications are available at the Vernon Township Administration Building or on line at [www.vernontownship.com](http://www.vernontownship.com). Everyone is invited to participate, however space is limited so reserve your spaces early. Deadline for reserving a space is May 18. For further information please call Vernon Township at 847-634-4600.

## Vernon Area Library Offers Free Public Programs

Vernon Area Public Library District programs are free and open to all unless otherwise indicated. Register for programs online at <http://calendar.vapld.info>, by telephone at 224-543-1485 (adult programs) or 224-543-1486 (youth or teen programs), or in person at the library at 300 Olde Half Day Road in Lincolnshire.

Mondays through April 9, 45-minute appointments between 1 and 4 pm  
**AARP Tax Counseling** - Senior citizens, make a free appointment with an AARP volunteer for assistance in completing your tax forms. Call 224-543-1485 to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, March 14, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**Introduction to Computers** - Learn the basics of using a computer. Computers provided, no computer knowledge necessary. For Vernon Area Library cardholders only. Registration is required.

Wednesday, March 14, 6:45 pm-8:45 pm

**Writer's Support Group** - A monthly sounding board and moral support for beginning and experienced writers alike. Newcomers welcome. No registration required.

Monday, March 19, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

**Microsoft Word 2010 Basics** - Cut, copy, paste, and use formatting tools. File and Folder Management experience necessary. For Vernon Area Library cardholders only. Registration is required.

Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm

**The 39 Clues Book Tour Stop** - Author Peter Lerangis, will talk about his experience writing the latest title in the world-wide bestselling adventure series *The 39 Clues*. Copies of the new book will be available for purchase and signing. Note: this event will take place at Twin Groves Middle School, 2600 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove. Recommended for grades 3-6 and up. This event is free and open to all, but registration is required.

Tuesday, March 20, 4-5:30 pm

**Drop-in Writing Sessions for Grades 3-8** - Drop by the library to type your submission for our new youth literary magazine to be published this spring. USB drive recommended. No registration is required.

Tuesday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm

**Evening Book Discussion**-*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins - Read and discuss the first book in the blockbuster trilogy before the movie release on March 23. For high school students and adults.

Wednesday, March 28, 2-3:30 pm

**Drop-in Writing Sessions for Grades 3-8** - Drop by the library to type your submission for the new youth literary magazine to be published this spring. USB drive recommended. No registration is required.

The Vernon Area Public Library District serves a population of 41,000 within a 32-square-mile area that includes Lincolnshire, Prairie View, and parts of Buffalo Grove, Long Grove, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, and unincorporated Vernon Township. The library was rated among the top 3.55% of public libraries in the United States by *Library Journal* in 2010 and 2011. For more information about the library and its services, visit <http://www.vapld.info>. You may contact them at 847-634-3650.

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## Theatre in the Woods Presents **The Dining Room** By A.R. Gurney

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By Donna Lubow, Artistic Director

Time for something a bit different at Theatre in the Woods. Our usual productions are in the summer, but this year we expanded our season with an additional show in March.

**The Dining Room**, by A.R. Gurney will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays, March 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm and Sundays, March 18 and 25 at 3:00 pm at Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane in Riverwoods. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. To reserve tickets, contact Theatre in the Woods at tiw300@comcast.net or call 847-604-1990. We invite you to also follow us on Facebook at Theatre in the Woods-Riverwoods.

Set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the action of the play is comprised of a mosaic of interrelated scenes - some funny, some touching, some rueful - which taken together create an in-depth portrait of a vanishing species: the upper-middle-class WASP. The actors change roles, personalities and ages with virtuoso skill as they portray a wide variety of characters from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. Each of the 18 vignettes introduces a new set of people and events, allowing each of the six actors to portray 9-10 different characters.

Artistic Director Donna Lubow, Associate Artistic Director Kathie Howski, and Administrative Advisor Sandy Sagan, all of Riverwoods, are at the helm of Theatre in the Woods. The show is directed by Brent A. Stringfield of Palatine, and produced by Jeri Solomon of Northbrook, also the Managing Director of the Theatre.

Cast members include Kathie Howski of Riverwoods, Steve Zeal and Beth Goldberg of Deerfield, Elizabeth Rude of Northbrook, Carey Smolensky of Lincolnshire, and Erik Martin of Barrington.

Beth Goldberg returns in her fourth production with Theatre in the Woods, having appeared as Lucille in Dearly Departed, Karen in Jake's Women and Sylvie in The Odd Couple (Female Version). Other roles include Blanche in Brighton Beach Memoirs, Ruth in Later Life, Lenny in Crimes of the Heart, and Mrs. MacAfee in Bye Bye Birdie.

Kathie Keefe Howski is back on the TIW stage, having been seen previously in Jake's Women, The Odd Couple (female version), Over the Tavern, California Suite, Neil Simon's Rumors, and many children's productions as well as co-producing. Other credits include The Warden in Holes for Racine Theatre Guild and Ellen Pazinski in Over the Tavern for Big Noise Theatre.

Erik Martin is performing at TIW for the first time. After living in the La Crosse, Wisconsin, area for fifteen years, he moved to the Chicago area a year and a half ago. While in La Crosse, he graduated from UW-La Crosse and worked as a disc jockey for Midwest Family Broadcasting for two years. He previously appeared in two productions at the James Downing Theatre, playing

Santoro and Policeman while acting as an assistant props manger for Rehearsal for Murder.

Elizabeth Rude is making her second appearance with TIW. Other shows include Dearly Departed (Raynelle), Rehearsal for Murder (Monica), Out of Our Fathers' House (Elizabeth Cady Stanton), Foxfire (Annie Nations), Comedy of Errors (Adriana), The Cherry Orchard (Varya), The Crucible (Elizabeth Proctor), and the



Steve Zeal and Kathie Keefe Howski in "The Dining Room."

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Kissing Wench at the Bristol Renaissance Faire (hey, a gal's gotta make a living...).

Carey Smolensky is excited to be making his first appearance on stage in a full-length play. In recent years, Carey has trained at Second City and performed in films such as Boycotting Time, Newton's Cradle and Fighting for a Chance. Carey started Mobile Music Disc Jockey Service Inc. in 1978 and further enhanced his business by creating Carey Smolensky Productions. In 2011, Carey earned the "DJ of the Year" Award from BizBash magazine. Smolensky is a PADI Certified Scuba Rescue Diver, has raced half-scale NASCAR race cars, competed in numerous endurance competitions, and annually rappels down 27 stories of the Wit Hotel in Chicago for charity fundraising.

Steve Zeal is making his third appearance with Theatre in the Woods. Last year he appeared as Ray-Bud in Dearly Departed and previously as Jake in Jake's Women. Other works include The Long Awaited, Enter Laughing, Rumors, Noises Off!, The Imaginary Invalid, Hamlet, Seussical, and West Side Story.

In other news, TIW has an ongoing acting workshop held at 7 pm on Monday nights at Zion Lutheran Church in Deerfield. The workshop focuses on monologues and is open to beginners as well as those with experience. Those interested in joining should contact Donna Lubow at 847-323-0054. The workshop is led by James M. Lynch of Highland Park. Lynch has an MFA in Directing for Theatre and has performed and directed professionally throughout the Chicago area. He is currently Chair of the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and the Director of Highland Park Cultural Access Network. He has also published a self-coaching workbook, The Hamlet Secret.

Look for information in the next newsletter about auditions for Theatre in the Woods summer show. The title is still to be announced, but under consideration is Sabrina Fair, Laura



Top: Eric Martin, Beth Goldberg and Elizabeth Rude.  
 Bottom: Carey Smolensky and Kathie Keefe Howski.  
 All photos by Riverwoods resident Stephen M. Levin.

and Romantic Comedy. We would enjoy hearing from Riverwoods residents who would like to be on our play selection committee or work in some capacity backstage.

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### Theatre in the Woods Acting Workshop

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**What:** An 8-week acting workshop focusing on monologues and open to all levels of experience.

**When:** Monday nights, 7-9:30 pm February 6 to March 26, 2012

**Where:** Zion Lutheran Church, 10 Deerfield Road, in Deerfield

**Fee:** \$160

**Instructor:** James M. Lynch

**To Register:** 847-604-1990 or tiw300@comcast.net

*Included in the numerous credits of James M. Lynch are:*

-MFA in Directing for Theatre from DePaul University's Theatre School.

-Taught acting at several venues, including The Art Center in Highland Park.

-Studied acting at several NY studios, notably a conservatory program at Riverside Shakespeare and Herbert Berghof Studios.

-Acted/produced/directed at the Organic, The Greenview Arts Center, & Chase Park Theatre.

-Acted in national tours as Cyrano de Bergerac and Athos in The Three Musketeers.

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## Higher Purpose for Invasive Buckthorn

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By Rocky Levy, Icon Modern

Recently the Village property at the corner of Deerfield and Saunders Road was cleared of invasive buckthorn shrubs. Before all of the cuttings were burned, Icon Modern was able to salvage some of the material, which will be used to create unique sustainable wood furniture. With the cooperation of the Riverwoods Urban Forest Manager, Chuck Stewart, and Rob Durning, Director of Community Services, it was possible to arrange to use this material for a "higher purpose". Icon Modern is a local manufacturer of sustainable wood furniture, which is manufactured entirely from this reclaimed urban wood, or from raw materials from deconstructed buildings in the metro area.

There is an amazing amount of useful raw material that can be entirely sourced from our parks, streets and other wooded urban areas. Throughout the year, trees are knocked down in storms, or taken down for construction or safety reasons. Hardwoods such as elm, oak, maple and walnut are all available, not to mention one of the most common regional trees, ash. Ash trees are currently being removed all over the Midwest in an effort to fight the spread of the emerald ash borer, a beetle that kills the trees. Most of these trees would be chipped for mulch or cut for firewood - but there is a lot of beautiful wood that can be used in other ways. Using these local woods also greatly reduces the environmental impact of manufacturing, and at the same time creates furniture with an interesting story.

In this case, the buckthorn branches that were collected will be trimmed and assembled into side tables and coffee tables, which will be sold to restaurants, hotels and commercial or residential customers in the area. More information on Illinois Urban Wood is available at <http://www.illinoisurbanwood.org/>, and finished furniture can be seen at the Icon Modern website, [www.iconmodern.com](http://www.iconmodern.com).



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**Using Village Dollars to Improve Your Property;**

*continued from the front cover*

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- Obtain Village Forester approval.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for removal, but cannot apply again for five years.

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**GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL**

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Improve the health of any lot by removing invasive garlic mustard plants. This increases the opportunity for desirable herbaceous plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor
- Prepare a two-year plan with a contractor, identifying density and cost per acre, with removal only by mechanical means.
- Obtain Village Forester approval.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for each year, but cannot apply again for five years.

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**CANOPY TREE PLANTING  
(ANY RESIDENTIAL LOT)**

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This tree-planting program is appropriate for any residential lot in the Village, whether you have woodlands or



not, to add native trees that increase the tree canopy in the Village.

This program provides for up to five 1.5" caliper native species trees at a special Village price, which includes planting, mulching, a deer-protection cage for the trees, and a one-year guarantee.

This program differs from the plant sale because these extras are included in the price.

- Any resident can apply at the Village Hall.

- The Village Forester will review and approve requests

and coordinate the planting.

- Trees will be supplied, planted, and guaranteed by Possibility Place Nursery or any pre-approved nursery.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$625 for Village share (five trees or alternative if pre-approved).

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**WOODLAND REFORESTATION  
(WOODLAND RESIDENTIAL LOT)**

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Once you have removed the buckthorn and garlic mustard, this program will help you in replanting your woodland landscape with trees, native shrubs, and plants.

- Invasive buckthorn and garlic mustard must be removed prior to

planting.

- Prepare a landscape plan using native plantings.
- Obtain Village Forester approval.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share.

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**RAIN GARDENS**

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Manage water drainage and reduce flooding by building a rain garden with native plantings, especially designed to collect water.

- Consult with Village Engineer for location, size, plant species, and typical plan details.
- Prepare a rain garden plan.
- Obtain Village Engineer approval of plan and installation.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$4,000 for Village share.

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**PLANT SALE**

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Purchase native trees and shrubs at the plant sale for reduced prices. The Riverwoods Plant Committee organizes and runs this sale each year in May. Watch for more information in the Village Voice.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village for trees and shrubs purchased from the sale.

Trees up to \$600 Village share for trees

Shrubs up to \$200 Village share.

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**PRESCRIBED BURN**

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Owners of woodland properties who wish to promote woodland health may wish to consider a woodland burn.

- Consult with the Village Forester to review burn potential for your property and technical requirements for burn permit.

- Can be done once every 5 years.

- Opportunities for a collective burn with neighbors for additional savings.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$800 Village share per acre burned and \$1600 maximum per lot.

The amount of funds available for each program will be re-evaluated and approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. Help make our programs a success and apply today!

*Contributions were made to this article by the RPC, the Riverwoods Preservation Council.*



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## Mild Winter May Bring More Insects

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By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

We are currently experiencing our 8th warmest winter to date, per the State Climatologist and, as a result, more nuisance/invasive insects may survive to contribute to elevated population numbers this spring and summer. There are numerous factors that combine to influence an insect species population's growth and survivability, and winter temperatures are one of them. In seasons when we experience consecutive days of extreme cold temperatures and a certain ground-freeze-depth level, fewer insects survive to hatch in spring and summer. Depending on what type of spring weather we get (early warm spring vs. prolonged cold and rainy spring) newly hatched insects may or may not have additional favorable development conditions.

Therefore, residents may notice more insects such as gypsy moth and Japanese beetle than in recent years.

To help control gypsy moth, the Village conducts an aerial spraying program, depending on the density of the Village's gypsy moth population. Anyone who has gypsy moths should call the Village Hall at 945-3990 and provide an address so the map can be updated to determine next year's spraying activities.

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RIVERWOODS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

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## One Person's Garbage Is Another's Gold!

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RECYCLING IN RIVERWOODS

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The Riverwoods Preservation Council invites residents of all ages to a free program about recycling and waste disposal in Riverwoods and the rest of Lake County. In addition to recycling issues, you'll learn more about the new Riverwoods waste collection agreement that starts on April 1.

Speakers include Merleanne Rampale (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) and Riverwoods Village Trustee John Norris.

Riverwoods Village Hall  
7:00- 8:30 pm  
Thursday, April 12, 2012

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## RPC and Village of Riverwoods Team with SWALCO to Give Used Shoes a New Life and Keep Them Out of Landfills

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**Do you have shoes you are no longer wearing?** Get ready to bring them to the Riverwoods Village Hall! This Spring between Monday, March 19th and Friday April 27th the RPC and the Village of Riverwoods team with SWALCO to run the first shoe drive in Riverwoods. The purpose of the drive is to give used shoes a new life through reuse and recycling and to keep them out of landfills.

**Every year millions of pairs of shoes end up in landfills or are disposed of in some other way.** With the goal of sustainability, SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL) has coordinated a recycle-and-reuse program for used shoes. 2012 will mark the

8th year that SWALCO has sponsored and coordinated the shoe program working with groups around Lake County. Through this program over 41,000 shoes were collected in total and nearly 8 tons of shoes were kept out of Lake County landfills in 2011.

**What types of shoes can be donated?** All types of shoes can be brought to the Village Hall during the drive including: worn out athletic shoes, new or gently used athletic shoes and other types of shoes (e.g., sandals, dress shoes, boots, Crocs, flip-flops) The RPC will sort the donated shoes and bring them to SWALCO

**What happens to the shoes after they get to SWALCO?**  
Worn out athletic shoes: SWALCO has partnered with Nike to recycle worn out athletic shoes and turn them into new products. Old athletic shoes (any brand and any size) are processed and recycled into a material called "Nike Grind" that is used to create sports surfaces like basketball and tennis courts, athletic fields, running tracks and playgrounds. Products like carpet padding made with "Grind" are also becoming available at places like Home Depot.

Gently worn athletic and other shoes: Three years ago, SWALCO's program coordinator expanded the shoe recycling program even further, partnering with Share Your Soles, a local Illinois shoe charity that donates new or gently worn shoes to people in need. This local group has been working for over 10 years to send shoes to many adults and children affected by tragedies around the world. Last year 4,000 pairs of shoes from Lake County were sent through the Share Your Soles Program to Joplin, MO, where they were given to people affected by the tornado disaster.

This Shoe Drive will help people in need and as well as the environment. Please join your neighbors in this worthwhile effort and bring the shoes you are no longer using to the Riverwoods Village Hall between March 19th and April 27th!



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### RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adopt a friend for life at Orphans of the Storm® animal shelter  
Meet Sweet Rosemary**

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*By Jackie Borchew*

Rosemary arrived to Orphans of the Storm early this year. Lake County animal control found her wandering the streets homeless. The shelter has estimated her age at approximately 9 years, and her breed as a pure bred Labrador Retriever. Rosemary is a sweet girl, well-mannered and friendly with other dogs. She walks well on a leash and loves car rides. Rosemary calls kennel #47 home while she waits for someone to fall in love and offer her a second chance in life.

Large black dogs like Rosemary, and especially the older ones, are always the last to be adopted in shelters. Maybe someone out there has another older lab that needs a companion? Rosemary would make a wonderful friend to another dog or she could go into a home as a gentle companion for a family.

The shelter is open for adoptions every day 11am-5pm. With capacity to house 190 dogs and up to 400 cats at any time, why look anywhere else. Your new best friend is waiting. For more information on Rosemary, call 847-945-0235.