



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

### 10 Simple Green Ideas to Make a Difference in 2013

By Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO

Although New Year's Day has passed, it's still not too late to make a resolution, or better yet just make some helpful little changes. Here are some simple, sustainable, economical and easy green ideas that any of us can do to conserve and make a difference in 2013 and beyond. Here are 10 simple green ideas that we can do for ourselves, our family, our community and the planet. Pick one, two or more and make 2013 a great one!

**1) Stop waste.** Recycle at home, work, school and play. Before you go to throw, think Recycle First, Trash Last. The good news is that we are able to recycle more items than ever, from every room in the house. Some of the items that are recyclable may surprise you. Visit SWALCO.org or recyclefirsttrashlast.org for a complete list of the new recycling guidelines. Recycling is one of the best and easiest things we can do. Its impact reaches beyond just keep-



*In Riverwoods we can all take advantage of electronics recycling on the first recycle pickup day of each month.*

ing items from landfills, which is a great thing in itself. Recycling paper can conserve forests and habitat, which protects plants and wildlife species that live there. Recycling a cell phone or other electronics at one of SWALCO's collections can potentially prevent mining for metals in areas where endangered species like gorillas live.

**2) Make a pledge to keep reusable bags handy for shopping.** There are so many sizes and designs available everywhere and most are fairly inexpensive. Some collapse down to fit your glove box, purse or pocket.

**3) Clear out the clutter and stop junk mail.** Each year 19 billion catalogs are mailed to consumers in the United States. To produce these catalogs require more than 53 million trees and 53 million gallons of water. Visit Catalogchoice.org and get off the mailing list. Contact your bank and credit card companies and ask them not to forward or use your name and address for any promotional or marketing lists. And recycle all junk mail that does arrive. Virtually 98-99% of all of the paper in our homes and workplace is recyclable, including window envelopes, phone books, shiny-coated catalogs and much more.

**4) Buy recycled bath tissue and other products made from recycled materials.**

**5) Give up conventional paper towels.** Purchase a pack of micro fiber cleaning cloths.

**6) Conserve water.** Make a promise to run your dishwasher only when fully loaded.

**7) Purchase a rain barrel.** Use the captured rain water for gardening, car washing, and other household activities and chores. SWALCO, Lake County Storm water Management Commission and Lake County Forest Preserves will sponsor a compost bin, rain barrel and native plant sale in May of this year.

**8) Purchase a compost bin.** With a bin you will create wonderful mulch for your

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#### Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm. Mar. 19, April 2, 16, May 7, 21, and June 4 and 18.

#### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. April 4. May 2 and June 6.

#### 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.

#### 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 Thursday each month at 10am.

#### Plant Sale Committee

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



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VILLAGE VOICE

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SEND IN THOSE  
LETTERS!

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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 2013 issue: April 15, 2013.  
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# Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

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*Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of December 18, January 2 and 15 and February 5. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com).*

February 5

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## POLICE REPORT

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the January 15, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two 911 hang ups, four abandoned automobiles, 26 accidents, 19 alarms, four complaints about animals, one assault, 16 fire department assists, one other agency assist, one burglary, three well-being checks, three driving complaints, two DUIs, nine lockouts, 14 motorist assists, 13 suspicious circumstances, one unwanted subject, six crime prevention notices and 12 case reports. There were 96 traffic stops with 83 citations issued to 55 people.

There are currently 14 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there was one residential burglary in Thorngate. There have been a number of burglaries in other, nearby communities.

The department conducted compliance checks for tobacco and neither of the establishments that sell tobacco were cited.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Battalion Chief Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the month of January. There were 31 calls including 18 EMS calls, five fire calls, seven auto accidents and one other call. There were 36 calls year to date.

Christenson stated there was a carbon monoxide leak that was detected by ADT. The monitoring service called both the department and woke the resident and the department found there was an

elevated level of carbon monoxide. The department will get a \$5,000 donation because of the call.

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## REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PARTY

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Mayor Kaplan stated the Village donated \$1,000 for the Deerfield High School after party last year. The Board approved the donation of \$1,000 for this year's Deerfield High School after party.

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## APPROVAL OF NEW SQUAD CAR PURCHASE FROM HIGHLAND PARK FORD FOR \$25,355

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Mayor Kaplan noted the Village budgeted for this purchase in 2013. Trustee Haber made a motion and the Board voted to authorize the purchase of a new squad car from Highland Park Ford in an amount not to exceed \$25,355.

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## REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM AL MACIAREILLO FOR ST. BALDRICKS

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Mayor Kaplan noted the Village donated \$1,500 last year. Trustee Chamberlain said that she would support the donation this year, but would like to include this donation in a discussion setting parameters for donations. The request was approved.

*Old Business*

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## PROPOSED ORDINANCE 13-02-02 ADOPTING AND APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS, ILLINOIS

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Village Attorney Huvad stated that this Ordinance would approve the redevelopment plan. Trustee Svatik made a motion for Second Reading and adoption of the Ordinance. The Board voted in favor.

Trustee Jamerson noted the Village could approve or not approve the development plan using TIF dollars. Trustee Jamerson questioned whether a previous application approved for a gas station on the TIF site by the Village would set a precedent for future applicants to gain approval for a similar use. Trustee Norris noted that a gas station is a special use. Each use or owner would have to get special use approval. Mr. Siegel explained the purpose of the TIF is to provide financing. A TIF is not a land-use decision. Trustee Chamberlain stated some developers or businesses would not be interested in using the land without a TIF. She asked if having a TIF available might give the Village greater flexibility determining what might be developed at that corner and Mr. Huvad stated he believes it would.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 13-02-03 DESIGNATING THE MILWAUKEE/DEERFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT**

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The Board voted in favor.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 13-02-04 ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING RESPECTING THE MILWAUKEE/DEERFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS, ILLINOIS**

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Trustee Jamerson made a motion for Second Reading and adoption. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Building/Zoning** – Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department report. In January 2013, the Village issued 10 building permits for a total construction value of \$239,912, generating fees of \$2,830. The Village performed 15 inspections. In January 2012, the Village issued six building permits for a total construction value of \$158,030, generating fees of \$1425.

**Roads/Bike Path/Parks Forestry/NSSRA** – Trustee Chamberlain stated that Village Forester Stewart is looking into a name for the woodland restoration project. He is also working with RPC to potentially get contributions to defray the cost. He is thinking of possibly listing the contributors or benefactors on the back of one of the educational panels. Mr. Stewart is open to any suggestions for the signage.

January 15

**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the January 2, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There were one 911 hang up, 15 accidents, 15 alarms, three complaints about animals, 15 fire department assists, six other agency assists, one domestic dispute, five driving complaints, three DUIs, one fraudulent activity, one identity theft, two lockouts, three motorist assists, one solicitor complaint, six suspicious circumstances, 12 crime prevention notices and six case reports. There were 77 traffic stops with 82 citations issued to 55 people.

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

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFPD District including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the month of December 2012. There were 26 calls including 18 EMS calls, one fire call, three auto accidents and four other calls. There were 450 calls year to date.

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**WOODLAND RESTORATION PROJECT PLAN AND BUDGET**

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Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained there have been a number of presentations and discussions about the woodland restoration project. At a prior meeting, the Trustees asked for a more formal budget and schedule for the project. The cost would be \$159,485.70 including a contingency. The information is not much different than the last schematic plan. On the northeast portion of the property, there is a screening alternatives demonstration which shows how other plantings can be used to screen a property. The path was slightly adjusted. The open air shelter will be 36' in diameter, which appears to be the right size for the types of uses. Included in the budget is utility work for a drinking fountain, electricity for the structure and the path construction. Mr. Glenn noted that the Board is not being asked at this time to approve the \$160,000 expenditure; rather the project is at the end of the design development portion and would need to move forward with construction and bid documents and put it out to bid. Mr. Huvad questioned how much more design would be needed before going out to bid. Mr. Glenn stated there would be a few thousand dollars more.

Mr. Glenn noted the Village Forester secured some grant money, which runs through June 2013. There is not a lot of time to complete the project within the requirements of the grant. Mr. Glenn put together a preliminary schedule with a bid opening on 2/11/13. The site restoration is on schedule to be completed by the June deadline.

Trustee Svatik questioned whether June 30, 2013 is a start date or an end date. Mr. Glenn stated it is the end date. Mr. Glenn noted the estimate does not include possible contributions from business partners. He suggested approving the Village's contribution, which may be lower if corporate sponsors contribute to the project.

Mr. Stewart discussed the site plan. Mr. Baranski asked if there would be a trail leading to the police station. Mr. Stewart explained people could use the facilities at the gas station or walk on their own to the police station. Trustee Koomjian noted the prices are coming in piecemeal. He would like to

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know the cost of the overall project. Mr. Stewart explained that the maintenance of the open air shelter would include re-staining the wood to seal it up. They may also have some litter pick up needed as well.

Bob Hammer with Baranski Hammer Architects explained that the shelter would be made from laminated lumber with prefinished steel connectors. The roof would be a prefinished standing seam roof metal which has a 50-year warranty. The information boards would be double sided corrugated plastic in a t-shaped stainless steel frame. He suggested possibly putting a sponsor name on the outside. There will be an octagonal-shaped table in the middle of the structure. Mr. Baranski asked about the cost of the structure. Mayor Pro Tem Norris noted the canopy would be approximately \$67,000. Mr. Baranski questioned what the savings would be for a 30' structure instead of a 36" structure. Mr. Stewart explained this structure has a 4x12 pitched roof. The cost of the steel roof is \$2,250. He noted the overall cost includes shipping.

Stuart Wein, resident of Oakhurst Lane, expressed concern about the screening. He questioned the location of the path, because it comes close to his street. Trustee Chamberlain noted they are trying to make the path more accessible. Otherwise, people would make their own paths.

Mr. Wein questioned the lack of parking. Trustee Chamberlain stated that they do not anticipate an issue because this is meant to be a walking destination. There are parking spaces at the police department. Mayor Pro Tem Norris does not believe there will be an issue. He also expressed concern about screening, noting Oakhurst residents would like as much privacy as possible.

He noted there would be lighting in the shelter that could be set to go off at 10:00pm. Trustee Jamerson moved to direct the Village staff and consultants to complete the plans and budget for the Woodlands Restoration Project at the corner of Deerfield and Saunders Roads and the open air shelter that is to be built there, and to put the project out to bid.

January 2

### **PROMOTION CEREMONY**

Chief Dayno stated that Corporal Ron Shor was promoted to Sergeant, effective January 1, 2013. Sergeant Shor started with the Riverwoods Police Department in 2001 as a part-time officer. Once there was an opening for a full-time officer, he promptly applied. He was promoted to corporal and has done a great job as a corporal and filled in while the commander was out on injury leave. Village Clerk Ford then swore in Sergeant Shor. Sergeant Shor thanked the Board and Chief Dayno for the promotion. He sincerely appreciates it and will continue to work hard for the Village.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 18, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were one 911 hang up, six accidents, 18 alarms, five complaints about animals, 15 fire department assists, six other agency assists, one death investigation, three driving complaints, four DUIs, three fingerprintings, one identity theft, two lockouts, four motorist assists, one noise complaint, five suspicious circumstances, five crime prevention notices and nine case reports. There were 41 traffic stops with 36 citations issued to 30 people.

There are currently 26 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL, 2013 TO 2016**

Village Attorney Huvad stated that the negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police went well. He highlighted the significant changes between this contract and the last contract. From the Village's perspective, the issues they compromised are items that have already been granted in other agencies. Mr. Huvad noted that this four-year contract was ratified quickly by the union members.

Chief Dayno explained the department's same day off key policy. He noted two officers may not be on vacation at the same time. Chief Dayno explained that each officer works a 12-hour shift. If two officers that do not work the same shift want the same day off, he would allow it.

Trustee Chamberlain asked about the step system. Chief Dayno explained that an entry-level police officer starts at the low end of the pay schedule. Each year, on an officer's anniversary, they move up a step until they reach the maximum step, which is step seven.

The Board then approved the agreement between the Village and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Zoning** – Trustee Jamerson presented highlights from the building report for the month of December, 2012. In December 2012, there were four permits issued with a total construction value of \$22,738 generating fees of \$600. In December 2011, there were 10 permits issued with a total construction value of \$101,384 generating fees of \$1225. In 2012, there were 136 permits issued with a total construction value of \$4,394,618 generating fees of \$41,654. In 2011, there were 132 permits issued with a total construction value of \$2,532,315 generating fees of \$40,033.

**Finance/Soil & Water Conservation** – Trustee Svatik is working on the Appropriations Ordinance for 2013, which is due at the end of March. He will attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday.

**Roads/Bike Path/Parks Forestry/NSSRA** – Trustee Chamberlain will be meeting with the RPC to discuss the new forestry program.

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She wanted to ensure there is a good plan.

December 18

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### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 4, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were three 911 hang up, six accidents, nine alarms, two complaints about animals, 10 fire department assists, six other agency assists, one well-being check, one dispute, two driving complaints, three DUIs, three fingerprintings, one identity theft, one fraudulent activity, four lockouts, three motorist assists, one parking complaint, seven suspicious circumstances, two crime prevention notices and seven case reports. There were 95 traffic stops with 80 citations issued to 66 people.

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

Chief Dayno reported his officers are all trained in rapid response to active shooters. It is the same training given to officers throughout the country. Prior to the Connecticut shooting, there were plans to do additional training. Chief Dayno has contacted the Montessori School to do training at their location.

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### **RIVERWOODS COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT**

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Resident Marguerite Welter has spoken with a number of Trustees concerning a proposed community center. She suggests the Village develop a clear charter of what the community wants. She believes a task force should be formed to look at both current and long term needs. Based on the Village's demographics, a survey could then be taken and focus groups formed in order to determine what is feasible. Ms. Welter noted that a needs assessment typically looks at what is needed for the entire community, not just one building. She believes the Village needs to have a clear direction to determine the scope of what needs to be done. Trustee Koomjian questioned who Ms. Welter would recommend to provide the leadership. Ms. Welter would agree to take it on, but noted there are a number of other resources as well. There are also a number of not-for-profit organizations that can assist with a smaller project.

Mr. Huvad stated the police department site does not have build-out potential. The main land parcels in the Village that are available include the former police building and the seven acres. Mr. Huvad questioned what firm would be most appropriate for only those sites. Ms. Welter suggested developing a list of questions to ask residents about their needs, wants and desires. Mr. Ford questioned the transportation to the location of the former police building, and suggested looking into the feasibility of connecting a bike path on Portwine Road with the bike path that will be constructed on Deerfield Road. Mr. Glenn does not believe a bike path on Portwine Road would be viable, due to cost. Trustee Chamberlain believes the Board should gather demographics on the residents prior to getting their needs. She believes the Village should then look to the community and find what needs and services they would like. Mayor Kaplan noted the Village has census data from 2010.

Mr. Huvad stated that if you ask people about their needs, in general, they would mention things like roads. Trustee Norris believes the Board needs to determine what question they want answered first. Trustee Koomjian believes the focus should be on activities rather than a building.

Trustee Norris summarized that the Board will determine what questions they need answered. Ms. Welter suggested putting together a sub-group to identify the process, and then bring recommendations to the Board. Trustee Jamerson asked about the length of time for the process. Ms. Welter explained the hardest part will be to determine the charter. She believes the process could be completed within six months. Trustee Chamberlain believes the Board needs to be realistic because the Board is going to change in a few months. This Board may go in one direction but the new Board may want to go in another direction. Ms. Welter suggested including the new members in the task force.

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE ASSETS OF LAKESHORE WASTE SERVICES, INC. TO LAKESHORE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, LLC.**

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The Board moved to consent to the sale and transfer and agree to the merger.

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### **AUTHORIZATION FOR A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND**

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The Board voted to transfer up to \$800,000 to the Police Fund to alleviate any deficit in 2012 due to operating deficits.

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### **JULIE LOCATING CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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G4S does this economically for the Village because they do the locating for the toll way. They are requesting a 2% increase. Since 2003, no one has hit any Village utilities. The Board voted in favor of a ninth amendment to the locating services contract.

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### **GEWALT HAMILTON RATE INCREASE REQUEST FOR 2013**

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Village Engineer Glenn stated the last rate adjustment was in 2008. The adjustment requested is less than the CPI over the past four years. The proposed adjustment shows a 20% discount to the Village over the standard rates. Mr. Glenn represented that his rates are comparable with competing engineering firms. The Board voted to approve the rate adjustment.

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### **FORESTRY PROGRAM - DISCUSSION**

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Village Forester Chuck Stewart updated the Board on the status of the woodlands restoration project at Deerfield and Saunders Roads. Mr. Stewart stated the goal is to create an educational tool so residents can understand how to manage their woodlands. They received a grant from Illinois Department of Natural Resources to plant various species of oak trees, a rain garden, a bio swale and a seasonal pond. The proposed shelter will have eight educational boards. Mr. Stewart noted there will be an opportunity for self-guided tours. The grant includes time for management and administration of that portion of the project. The construction items include the educational shelter, the path system through the site, an accessible drinking fountain, bicycle racks and an electric line.

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These are not included in the grant.

Mr. Stewart noted there would be two access points, one off the county walkway and one south of the police station property. The path system will go either into the shelter or around it. The facility will have a gutter system that will create a rain garden similar to a residence. The shelter will be open.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that to maintain the character of Riverwoods, the woodlands need to be managed. Most of the lots within the village are 1-2 acres, so people need to know how to manage their woodlands. This would be a demonstration on how people can do that. This would also be an entrance to the Village. Trustee Chamberlain believes it is important to communicate to the residents why the Village is doing this. The more the Village can communicate, the more residents will understand and welcome the program. Once the Village gets a budget together, she suggested staking out the area and informing residents about it.

Mr. Stewart noted that he has ordered 200 types of oak seedlings for the Arbor Day event. He wants to make them available to kids to plant a seedling at the location. The seedlings will also be available for kids to take one home if they plant one. Mr. Stewart would be donating the seedlings, so it would be at no cost to the Village.

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## Building Department Report

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*By Rob Durning, Community Services*

**Planning a Construction Project?** If you are planning to build in the floodplain, please note that flood insurance is mandatory and can be purchased with a loan from a federally regulated lender. FEMA's local floodplain map of Riverwoods is available for viewing at the Village Hall. Staff will help you to understand the map and will work with your contractor. There are areas of Riverwoods that are designated floodplains and FEMA is steadfast in ensuring that its regulations are followed.

If you are experiencing any flooding or drainage problems on your property, Village Staff is available to meet you on-site to provide advice on how your situation can be corrected. Please contact Rob Durning at the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 or by email at [rdurning@riverwoods-il.net](mailto:rdurning@riverwoods-il.net).

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## Fire Department Offers Free Lifeline Packets

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*By Battalion Chief Duane Christensen – Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FD*

The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department wants to remind all residents in the Village of Riverwoods that the Lifeline Program is still available at no cost. A Lifeline is a form that we use to record your medical information before it is needed. The Lifeline form is then stored in a small plastic pouch that is affixed to your refrigerator so that it is easy to locate in an emergency. We also provide a Lifeline Alert sticker for your front door.

The real value of the Lifeline program is that when

our paramedics arrive at a home where a patient is unconscious or unable to communicate for any reason, a medical history is already waiting. It is useful for residents of any age and can be extremely valuable for children with in-home childcare (baby sitters, Au Pairs etc.). The Lifeline Packet is also a good place to store important healthcare documents like DNRs (Do Not Resuscitate orders from Doctors) for residents who have terminal illnesses and have decided they do not wish to be resuscitated in specific situations.

If you are interested in participating it is quite easy. Just call us at 847-634-2512 and request an appointment for a Lifeline packet. Our staff will be happy to work with you to find a convenient time when one of our Engine or Ambulance Companies can stop by. Please Note that we always try to keep our appointments but this same crew must stay available for emergencies which at times can delay our arrival. Please do not hesitate to call for an update if this occurs.



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## Keep Your Fire Hydrant and Address Visible

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*By Battalion Chief Duane Christensen – Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FD*

As the fire district liaison to the Village of Riverwoods for the past two years, I have come to genuinely appreciate how important woodlands preservation is to the community and its residents. Although the many narrow and winding streets with trees and boulders at every turn make our job more difficult, we understand and respect that this is the nature of Riverwoods. As a result, we have learned to cope with these factors.

Still, there are times when prioritizing woodland growth over safety is not a good idea. Our fire apparatus are tall and the low hanging branches can cause damage. Bushes sometimes overgrow addresses so they are not easily seen. And more recently we have begun to note that fire hydrants are becoming harder to find in the warm months as they are becoming obscured by the new growth where they were installed.

As a result, I am writing this article to request your help. Locating fire hydrants quickly when they are most needed is vitally important to our fire fighting operations. When a home is on fire, we cannot afford to waste valuable time and resources looking for the nearest hydrant. Please prioritize the safety of your family and home by making sure the fire hydrants as well as your addresses are easily visible at all times of the year.

Thanks for helping us to help you!

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## Another Election Day – April 9th

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By Kristen Scott, West Deerfield Town Clerk

It hardly seems possible, but we are fast approaching another election in Deerfield!

The General Consolidated Election will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Here is voting information from West Deerfield Township.

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

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**Are you registered to vote?** If you are new to Deerfield, have moved within the Village – even just across the street – or have changed your name, you must re-register to vote. It takes just a few minutes at the Township office, 601 Deerfield Road (one block east of Waukegan Road). Bring two forms of identification, one of which has your current address. No appointment is necessary to register to vote at the Township Office. March 12 is the deadline to register to vote for the April, 2013 election. Grace period registration takes place at the Lake County Clerk's Office March 13 – April 6. If you register during the grace period and want to vote in the Consolidated Election, you must vote at the time of registration.

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### VOTING OPTIONS

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Go to [LakeVotePower.info](http://LakeVotePower.info) to find your site for Early Voting or Election Day voting.

**Early in-person voting** – early voting begins March 25 and goes until April 6. To cast your vote you must present a valid, government-issued ID containing photograph and name. Weekday early voting hours are 9:00am – 4:30pm. On Saturdays, early voting ends at 2:00pm. There is no voting on Sundays.

**Request a Ballot by Mail**– To request a ballot by mail, contact the Lake County Clerk by email at [VotingByMail@lake-countyil.us](mailto:VotingByMail@lake-countyil.us), or call 847-377-2406. Voting by mail begins March 15th. Remember, if you request a ballot by mail, you may not vote on Election Day.

**Election Day Voting**– Election day voting takes place Tuesday, April 9th. Polls will be open from 6:00am – 7:00pm. All voting sites are handicap accessible.

You may confirm your voting site, check your voter registration status, get a list of acceptable forms of identification and view a sample ballot by calling 847-377-2410 or visit [www.lakecountyil.gov/countyclerk](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/countyclerk).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your Town Clerk Kristen Scott at 847-945-0614.



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## Village of Riverwoods Celebrates Arbor Day with a Tree Planting – April 20, 2013

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By Chuck Stewart, Village Forester

**Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013**

**Time: 9am - 12noon**

**Where: The Woodland Restoration Project area**  
(Corner of Deerfield Road and Riverwoods Road–  
Next door to the Police Station)

The Village of Riverwoods is planning an Arbor Day celebration with a tree planting event for the children at the Woodland Restoration Project. (Corner of Deerfield Road and Riverwoods Road next door to the Police Station.) Families are encouraged to ride their bikes or walk over to participate in this fun and educational family outing. Each child who plants an oak tree seedling to help restore the woodland will receive a tree seedling to take home and plant.

Planting tools and planting instructions will be provided. A rain date of April 27th is reserved just in case.

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## Riverwoods Book Club News

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By June Melber

A big change has come to the 2013 Riverwoods Book Club! Our meeting day has switched from Friday to Thursday. So, mark your calendar with Thursday, April 11 as the next book club meeting of 2013. Our selection is **In the Garden of Beasts**, by Erik Larson. We keep the same time, 10am, and location, Village Hall; and of course, there will be refreshments.

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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. 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](mailto:jedma1@yahoo.com) or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of extra stickers at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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# Orphans of the Storm Announces its 13th Annual Benefit Dinner

Orphans of the Storm invites you to come out and support your local animal shelter however you are able. Many residents drop off their weekly collection of newspapers, others mail in regular contributions. Still others come by to walk the dogs or just spend time in the cat room. All community support is appreciated. But this time of the year we invite all of our supporters who possibly can, to join us at our benefit dinner. This year we focus on the teamwork that it takes to continue our life-saving mission.



## Orphans of the Storm 13th Annual Benefit Dinner Teaming Up for a Life-Saving Mission

**Monday, April 22**  
**5:30pm**  
**Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort**  
*Cocktails, Dinner and Silent Auction*

Keynote Speaker  
**Hub Arkush**

*Orphans Adopter, Sports Commentator and Publisher and Editor of Pro Football Weekly*  
Mr. Arkush will speak on teamwork and his most recent adoption.

*As Orphans of the Storm enters into its 85th year, our life-saving mission is stronger than ever.*

*To further our mission and enhance the adoptions of these animals to move seamlessly into happy permanent homes, we team up with the best resources and partners throughout our community. Teamwork is an invaluable tool as we triumph over the stray and abandoned pet population of Lake and northern Cook Counties, one animal at a time.*

Reservations are available at \$250 per person.  
A Sponsor Table is \$2,500 and a Patron Table is \$5,000.  
Each table seats ten.

For more information or to make your reservation contact Donna Heggie at 630-567-7240. To make a donation to the evenings silent or live auction contact Jackie Borchew at 847-602-8508.

*Orphans of the Storm is located at 2200 Riverwoods Road in Riverwoods (Deerfield), Illinois. Orphans of the Storm is a not-for-profit, non-government subsidized, section 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.*

# Deerfield Montessori Schools Students Help Children in Africa

*By Carolyn Kambich, Executive Director, Deerfield Montessori Schools*  
Montessori elementary students from Riverwoods Montessori School toured the Deerfield Bank and Trust as part of their project in which they collected money for children in Africa.

The bank's Vice President Janice Becker conducted the tour. The children brought buckets of coins which they had collected in their "Coins of Compassion" jars this winter. Their international project was to support the purchase of advanced Montessori materials for the Kampala Montessori School in Uganda. Director Lanam Kijange was recently a Montessori intern at the Deerfield Montessori Schools and returned home to Uganda to start his own Montessori school in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda, in 2012. Mr. Kijange hoped to continue to provide Montessori education for the children as they approached first grade age, but he had no advanced materials. The Deerfield Montessori Schools children sponsored their "Coins for Compassion" project to help purchase advanced materials for the Ugandan students.

The Montessori children were very interested in seeing their coins being sorted and counted in the bank's coin counting machine and were delighted to learn they had collected nearly \$300. With the help of Vice President, Janice Becker and the bank's contribution, the children collected an even \$300. Together with the student collection and the contributions from the parents, teachers, friends and community organizations the schools met their goal of \$2,500. Everyone was grateful to all who assisted in helping with the educational needs of the children of Uganda. The Deerfield Bank and Trust is a wonderful community friend, and the visiting children enjoyed learning about banking and community service.

The nationally accredited Deerfield Montessori Schools were founded in 1966 and have four beautiful, spacious, natural sites conveniently located in: Deerfield (2), Riverwoods and Glenview/Northfield. The schools are accredited at the highest level of excellence by the American Montessori Society and serve children from age three months to 12 years of age.



Full day, school day and half day programs are provided year around. For school tours and information call Mrs. Gordon at 847-945-8661 and see us on the web at [www.montessori-schools.com](http://www.montessori-schools.com).

*Pictured in photo from left to right, front row: Illia Levit of Vernon Hills, Miles Parker of Deerfield, Angelika Wardzala of Glenview, Samantha Gass of Deerfield, Anna Marie Wardzala of Glenview. Back row Deerfield Bank & Trust Vice President Janice Becker and Riverwoods Montessori Elementary School teacher Missy Becker.*

# Riverwoods Community Day

## Saturday, May 18th

**Our own Riverwoods Residents Association's Plant Sale Committee is putting together a fantastic day full of surprises for all ages! Begin the day pitching in to clean up your neighborhood roadways at the RPC sponsored Roadway Clean Up and from there the RRA party begins!**

Children are invited to climb aboard the fire truck and sound the siren in a police car, learn about bike safety, sing along with Bob Gand, plant a flower in our Village Garden, and even meet a reptile face to face.

Let's keep the 'small town feeling' in our small town. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18.

### RRA Plant Sale

10am

Plant Sale orders may be picked up from 10am - noon at Village Hall. Extra plants will be available for purchase. Watch for the plant sale newsletter order form in your mailbox in early April!

### Roadway Clean Up

Sponsored by Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

9-11:30am

A big "thanks" to all of you who regularly pick up debris on your property and road. The annual cleanup day is a group effort to pick up trash along the major Village roadways. Please remember to wear gloves and boots -plastic bags will be provided. Get your entire family involved. After the cleanup, we meet at the Village Hall for a barbecue. This is the 4th year that RPC will be running Cleanup Day. Please call Laurie Breitkopf at 847-945-7034 if you'd like to help.

### Village Barbecue Party

Sponsored by the RRA

11:30am-1:30pm

Following the roadway cleanup, stop in for your reward. A village barbecue featuring burgers, hot dogs, chicken and much more. Free to all, the party is open to all Riverwoods residents. Meet with neighbors and visit with old friends at this annual event.

### Deerfield Village Singers

The day will be highlighted by the Deerfield Village Singers with a sing along program run by Bob Gand and Lana Rae with participation by our own Gail Gand.

### Amphibians and Reptiles

Ryerson woods is contributing amphibians and reptiles. The choice will be made when they see who is feeling perky on the day of the sale.

### Ask the Forester

A forestry consultant from Urban Forest Management will be on hand at Village Hall to answer questions about trees. Information about all of the Village cost sharing programs will also be available.

### Adopt a Friend for Life

Volunteers from Orphans of the Storm® animal shelter will be on hand to introduce you to a few great dogs that are hoping to get their second chance in life.



## The Need for Canopy Thinning

As the glaciers receded from our region over 12,000 years ago, Native Americans moved into the landscape and began shaping it with fire. They burned the woodlands, savannas, wetlands and prairies regularly to promote the growth of food plants and to attract game species. These fires ensured that fire-tolerant oaks and hickories dominated the landscape. The open canopy of these habitats allowed sufficient sunlight to reach the ground so that a diversity of fire-tolerant wildflowers, grasses and shrubs could thrive. These plants in turn supported a diverse array of wildlife including beneficial insects, songbirds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.



Fire suppression during the past 170 years, deer over-browse and human-created disturbances have caused many changes in these woodlands. Without fire, the woodlands have been invaded by aggressive, shade tolerant understory trees such as maple, ash, cherry, elm, basswood and box elder. These trees closed the canopy, creating a darker, more forest-like environment. Little light remained for oak seedlings and diverse ground layer plants. In addition, a growing deer population browsed the oak seedlings and native plants. These unbalanced ecosystems were ripe for invasion by non-native species such as buckthorn, honeysuckle and garlic mustard, which are not controlled by our native pests.

Our oak-hickory woodlands are now at a critical point. Deer browse and dense shade combine to create a situation in which oak seedlings have a difficult time sprouting and surviving; once the old trees die, the oak woodland will expire. In order to save our oak woodlands we must take an active role, including the removal of invasive species, thinning out aggressive native tree species, initiating a regular fire regime and reestablishing and promoting native woodland plants. This article will briefly discuss tree canopy thinning and the Village's innovative canopy thinning cost sharing program.

### CANOPY THINNING

Thinning operations should be included in a woodland management plan and overseen by an arborist. The timing of thinning will depend on the species and rate of growth. Canopy coverage over an area should range from 30% to 80%,

depending on the soil type, slope and aspect (compass direction) of the woodland being restored.

### VISUAL ASSESSMENT

Each property requires individual assessment. A visual check will show where tree crowns are overlapping and thinning is needed. The aim should be to create a "ring of sky" around each tree that is retained, and into which it will spread. The woodland edge should normally be left unthinned, to create dense, branching growth which shelters the woodland from the wind. Trees can be selected to give a variety of form and structure, and to break up planting lines.

### SELECTIVE THINNING

This technique involves individually selecting trees for thinning, normally removing those that are weak, diseased, forked or dead, and retaining the strongest, straightest and healthiest trees. Where growth is good throughout a property, the removal of viable trees may be necessary. Selection of trees should be made in winter, when the crown and upper stem can easily be seen.

### VILLAGE COST SHARING PROGRAM FOR CANOPY THINNING

Our Village has established an innovative cost-sharing program for residential property canopy thinning. The Village will reimburse property owners 50% of the cost of canopy thinning, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$2,000 per lot. There is a \$100 nonrefundable application fee. The intent of the Canopy Thinning Program is to provide for the removal of selected trees in order to reduce shade levels and competition for the desirable species that are present on a property or that will be planted on a property.

This program requires an assessment of the existing conditions on the property and the preparation of a plan that includes marking the trees to be removed. The resident must hire a qualified contractor to remove the specified trees. Village approval and a permit must be obtained prior to scheduling the work. Please see details and the application form on the Village's website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com) under "Forestry Cost Share."





# Green Corner

## Shoe and Eye Glass Drive

**Do you have shoes or eye glasses you are no longer using? Stop cluttering your house and give them a second chance!**

This marks the second year the RPC and the Village of Riverwoods will be working with SWALCO to collect new or gently used athletic shoes and other types of shoes for recycling and reuse, and the first time to collect eye glasses.

**What types of shoes are accepted?** All types of athletic shoes in all conditions, gently used or worn out will be accepted. Other types of shoes accepted include sandals, dress shoes, boots, crocs, flip-flops, but gently used condition only.

**What types of eye glasses are accepted?** Any prescription lenses with frames are accepted.

**When is the drive?** Monday, April 1st through Tuesday, April 30th.

**Where is the collection point?** You may drop off any donations to the Riverwoods Village Hall. A collection bin will be located outside near the front entrance.

**What happens to the shoes and eye glasses?** Worn athletic shoes will be changed into "Nike Grind" which in turn will be used to make useful products. Gently worn shoes will be sent to people in need and eye glasses will be given to the Lions' Club who will distribute them.

Last year, thanks to the generous response by Riverwoods' residents 465 pairs of wearable shoes in all shapes and sizes and 190 pairs of worn athletic shoes were collected for the SWALCO recycle-and-reuse program.

### RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

\$25    \$50    \$100    \$250    Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook, at [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org), and at [riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net](mailto:riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net).

## 10 Simple Green Ideas, *continued from the front cover*

garden, while keeping food waste that would normally end up in the landfill, out of it. Composting and captured rain water provide numerous other benefits as well.

**9) Learn about and purchase ocean-friendly and sustainable seafood.** Download a pocket guide or app from the Seafood Watch program on the Monterey Bay Aquarium's website at [montereybayaquarium.org](http://montereybayaquarium.org) for a list to take with you at the grocers or when dining out.

**10) Minimize the use of chemicals in your home and on your lawn.** There are so many natural and affordable cleaning products now available. You can also do a little research and investigate minimizing or eliminating the use of herbicides and pesticides on your lawn. Good for you and for wildlife. Search online for easy organic lawncare and check it out. For chemical items you do have at home, including cleaning supplies, pesticides, old prescription medications (pet or people) and other household chemical waste products, bring them to one of SWALCO's HCW collections to be disposed of safely.

Visit [SWALCO.org](http://SWALCO.org) for more information on any of the ten green ideas to make a difference in 2013 and beyond!

## Take Advantage of Your Forest Preserves

In addition to the award winning facilities and preserves, the Lake County Forest Preserve District offers many programs and events throughout the year. Here are a few ideas to get you moving and help you to shake off the winter blues.

### Forest Fitness

Fast-paced group fitness hikes provide one hour of heart-pumping exercise in a friendly group atmosphere. Features a new preserve each week. Adults are welcome to join in. \$1 residents, \$2 nonresidents. No registration required.

**March 16, 2013** / 8:00 - 9:00am / Middlefork Savanna (Lake Forest)

**March 23, 2013** / 8:00 - 9:00am / Greenbelt (North Chicago)

**March 30, 2013** / 8:00 - 9:00am / Sun Lake (Lake Villa)

**April 6, 2013** / 8:00 - 9:00am / Cuba Marsh (Barrington)

### 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.

**March 16, 2013** / 9:00am / Almond Marsh (Grayslake), Grant Woods (Lake Villa), Lake Bluff site (Lake Bluff) and Wadsworth Savanna (Wadsworth)

All ages are invited. New volunteers and groups of four or more, please RSVP to Tom Smith, Stewardship Coordinator, so we can be sure to bring enough equipment for everyone.

For complete details go to [lcfpd.org](http://lcfpd.org). Also Sign up for free e-newsletters to learn about activities, events, programs and offers at the Lake County Forest Preserves.



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## Warm Up to A Feline Friend at Orphans of the Storm

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*By Jackie Borchew*

At Orphans of the Storm visitors love to spend time in the cat room. Whether you are ready to adopt or not, just your visiting helps to keep the adult cat population happy and well-socialized until their big adoption day does arrive.

If you and your family have made the decision that now is the time to add a feline companion to your life, then look no further than the cat room at Orphans of the Storm. Because whatever size, age, breed or personality you have in mind, you will most likely be able to find it here. With 150-200 cats living freely together and available for adoption each day, why not save a life when adding a furry companion?

The cat room is open and you are invited to visit each day from 11am-5pm. With kitten season right around the corner, now is the time to get these adult cats into loving homes. So please spread the word and tell your friends about all of the adoptable cats (and dogs) waiting at the local animal shelter for their second chance in life.

For more information on the shelter visit [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org) or follow the shelter's facebook page.