



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

### *A Letter from Mayor Kaplan –* **It Has Been an Honor and Privilege to Serve**



It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Village of Riverwoods for the last 18 years, 5 years as a Village Trustee and 13 years as your Mayor. In 1995, when a member of the caucus asked if I would serve as a Trustee, I felt honored and thought my administrative and real estate background would stand me in good stead.

In 2000 when the then serving Mayor, Roy Stanger, died, the Board of Trustees asked me to serve out his unexpired term. At the time I thought I would serve only for 14 months, but instead I found the challenges involved in running our Village very rewarding and as a result I have stayed on to serve as Mayor for the last 13 years.

My first challenge as Mayor was finding a bill from Lake County for police services for \$550,000 a year. I had a meeting with the Lake County Sheriff's Department and they would not reduce the amount or offer additional services. As a result, we went to large corporations in the Village and asked for help, and they responded. Discover Financial Services donated \$2,500,000. This was enough to start our own police department, which officially began patrolling on Halloween

day, October 31, 2000. We also took advantage of COPS grants to staff up. We were off and running and the rest is history.

Another early challenge was finding a means to construct a new fire substation on a Village-owned parcel, the site that is just north of our new police station on Saunders Road. We wanted to improve emergency response, but the site was located in the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, which had already constructed a substation near Route 22. However, the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District was willing to build and staff the new station, but we faced the issue of how to divide service calls between the two fire districts. While mutual aid is common, this particular arrangement was very unusual in that each district agreed to be first responder in part of the other district's territory. We made a deal that satisfied everybody and we now have our new station.

Bringing sewer to the residents south of Deerfield Road was another hard endeavor. The area reeked in the spring because the wet soil was not suitable for septic fields, many of which were nearing the end of their useful life. I have never wanted to antagonize residents over the issue of expanding sewer and water, but I found the public benefit in this instance to be compelling. We were looking at "Wisconsin mounds" having to be installed throughout the woods to replace the failing systems. It just wasn't a sensible long-term answer.

There have been many hearings on special service areas. The Board has repeatedly staked out a position of welcoming efforts by residents but leaving it to them to decide. As a result of our many projects, Lake Michigan water is now available to over 65% of our residents. More of our residents are choosing to connect to Lake Michigan water each year. I felt we needed to secure a better long term source of water, and in 2006 we negotiated a new contract to purchase water from the Village of

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. May 21, June 4, 18 and July 2 and 16.

#### **Riverwoods Plan Commission**

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. June 6, July 4 and August 1.

#### 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. 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.



RIVERWOODS  
VILLAGE VOICE

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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 July/August 2013 issue: June 15, 2013.  
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**It Has Been an Honor**

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Northbrook. Rather than paying for the improvements to the water plant in Highland Park, who sells water to Deerfield who then resold to us, we now get our water directly from Northbrook, eliminating middleman costs. Our agreement with Northbrook was critical and it will provide savings on water purchases for a long time. So far, savings have totaled about \$1 million.

The Woodland Protection Ordinance passed in 2005 and is very unique because we tailored it to our specific circumstances. It recognizes the importance of each layer in the woodland canopy. It was passed to preserve and protect our beautiful woodlands for years to come. Our garlic mustard and buckthorn program, where the Village shares in the cost of removing these invasive species, is another way of preserving the beauty of our Village. Our forester, Chuck Stewart, will tell you that no town works as hard as we do to protect woodlands. I am sure these programs will be continued and expanded by your new Mayor, John Norris, and the new Board of Trustees.

We have so many people who are dedicated to our woodlands – this is why my wife and I first moved here. As the years went by, we realized that maintaining a large home on a large lot is more difficult. What I believe would be best for the Village is to seize an opportunity when it arises to allow empty nester housing. Otherwise, most long-time residents will have nowhere in the Village to live, even as they continue to cherish the community.

We would have loved to have stayed here. My wife and I have sold our home and have bought a home in Tucson, Arizona. The purchaser of our home is a lovely couple who appreciates the beauty and privacy that Riverwoods affords.

It is important to remember that, in order for a community to stay vital and continue to flourish, it must look to the future and not to

the past. Our wonderful Village is changing and growing. Much as we love the way things in the Village were in the past we have to be willing to make changes that will benefit all in the future.

Newcomers in the Village should be encouraged to participate. We need volunteers to continue the tradition of the Halloween Party which my wife, Sherry, started after 9/11. It has been growing bigger and better every year since 2001. We hope it will continue since so many of the residents of Riverwoods look forward to it each year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Village staff, consultants and resident volunteers for all the hard work and dedication that make this Village run smoothly. Without their help none of the improvements and progress of this Village would be possible.

It with great sadness that I am leaving our wonderful community. I have loved the many years I have spent here with you. I am proud to say I am leaving it better than when I came.

William S. Kaplan



# 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 April 2, March 12, 19, and February 19. 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).

April 2

## POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the March 19, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There were four accidents, seven alarms, six complaints about animals, eight fire department assists, two other agency assists, three disputes, two domestic disputes, four driving complaints, one fingerprinting, two lockouts, three motorist assists, one parking complaint, four suspicious circumstances, two unwanted subjects, eight crime prevention notices and three case reports. There were 68 traffic stops with 55 citations issued to 47 people.

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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 March. There were 26 calls including 13 EMS calls, seven fire calls, two auto accidents and four other calls. There were 102 calls year to date.

On Easter, the fire department helped remove a tree on Orange Brace.

## ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN SSA FOR EAST COURSE DRIVE AND BLACKHEATH LANE

Village Attorney Huvad explained the Ordinance would authorize the Village to borrow up to \$275,000 for the purpose of rehabilitating East Course Drive and Blackheath Lane. The residents would like to fix the road and accumulate \$5,000 per year to help with significant repairs. There are 34 single family homes and each property owner would pay the same amount. The matter will be brought back to the Board for a public hearing and consideration of final approval.



## Don't Miss Riverwoods Community Day!

Saturday May 18 from 12:00 to 1:30

This year we're going to have a real Community Day. Representatives from the Riverwoods Police Department and Fire Department will be there. The Village Music School of Deerfield will be there to lead us in song. Ryerson Woods is sending over some friendly reptiles and amphibians.

Orphans of the Storm will be there with cute adoptable dogs. And the village barbecue will be fired up cooking hot dogs and burgers to make sure we are all well fed.

There will be information from the Village Forester and Ryerson Woods with safety tips from the Firemen and Policemen, particularly bicycle safety.

This day is especially targeted to kids, so bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and any favorite kids you know.

Mark your calendars. This is one of the perks of living in a small town. You get to meet your neighbors in a relaxed setting in the wooded village and enjoy good food.

*Thank you Mayor Kaplan for your contribution to our Village. Your time, ideas and devotion to this very special place we call home will not be forgotten. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE

Trustee Haber moved to authorize the purchase of a Panasonic Toughbook 31 Mobile Data Computer and accessories from CDS Technologies using drug seizure funds in the amount of \$5779.95. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. Trustee Norris noted this is financed through funds outside the Village budget. The motion passed.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Police/Solid Waste** – Trustee Norris reported the Village's recycling rebate for the quarter will be down. The market has gone down since last year.

RIVERWOODS  
VILLAGE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES

**John Norris**  
Board President

**Michael Baumann**  
Drainage/Stormwater/  
Environment

**Cheryl Chamberlain**  
Woodlands/Finance

**Chris Ford**  
Information Services/  
Parks/NSSRA

**Michael Haber**  
Legal/Water

**Rick Jamerson**  
Police/Building/Zoning

**Kevin O'Donnell**  
Sewer/Solid Waste/Roads/  
Bike Path

Chief of Police  
**Bruce Dayno**

Fire Chief  
**Fred Krueger**

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**Irene Gagerman**

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Village Secretary  
**Cheryl Hadley**

Building Department  
**Kim Solomon**  
**Helene Brodsky**

Senior Program  
Administrator  
**Cheryl Hadley**

He spoke with LakeShore, and noted that the company will be starting a campaign to swap out the smaller recycling bins with the larger recycling bins.

**Building/Zoning** – Trustee Jamerson presented highlights from the building report. In March there were four permits issued with a construction value of \$8,600 generating fees of \$1,428. In March 2012 there were nine permits with a construction value of \$648,000 generating fees of \$2,622. Year to date, there have been 19 permits with a total construction value of \$378,213 generating fees of \$5,033. Last year at this time there were 22 permits with a total construction value of \$1,063,645 which generated fees of \$8,032.

**Roads/Bike Path/Parks Forestry/NSSRA** – Trustee Chamberlain met with representatives from the RPC to discuss the woodland restoration project. They discussed signage and a name. The signage would be similar to what is at the Ryerson forest preserve, with a wood base, brown background and white lettering. Mayor Kaplan suggested Trustee Chamberlain get a price.

March 19

#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno reported that Officer Maciareillo thanked the Board for their generosity to St. Baldrick's foundation.

#### **VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Keith Van Horne, resident of Thornmeadow Road, discussed outdoor lighting. His neighbor has lights shining into his house. Although in Mr. Van Horne's opinion the neighbor is not in violation of a Village Ordinance, he expressed concern because it violates the atmosphere of living in Riverwoods. Mr. Van Horne asked for the Village's help so it does not happen to other property owners.

Trustee Norris stated there has been some discussion on the lighting issue because a number of the fixtures are non-conforming. They are, however, grandfathered. The Ordinance has provisions about the degree of light-causing distraction. An argument could be made that the neighbor should do something to shield the lights from coming into the Van Horne home. Mr. Huvad stated the non-quantitative measure of lights is that, if the fixture is a source of discomfort, the fixture needs to be brought into code

compliance. Trustee Norris stated that the Village will look at the Ordinance to see what we can do to assist. The intent of the Ordinance is to keep outdoor lighting confined in a downward direction and not spilling onto other properties. Trustee Norris noted the Village wants to let residents do what they want on their own property as long as it does not have an adverse effect on neighboring properties.

#### **THEATRE IN THE WOODS REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Donna Lubow, resident of Baneberry, explained Theater in the Woods requested storage space to be built. Right now they are paying \$6,000 per year at US Storage. They believe it would be possible to save money by building a unit, if they could find space in the Village. They would also like to be considered for part of the space at the former police building. They would need to construct a stage and have room for seating for 100. Theater in the Woods would also like to request \$14,000 for funding, which is the same request as last year. If the Village can supply some storage, the requested amount would be reduced by \$6,000. Mayor Kaplan explained the Board could spend \$4,900 on containers and reduce the request by \$6,000 annually. Trustee Haber questioned the storage container visibility. He does not think the containers would be a good idea. Trustee Koomjian noted this would not be allowed on private property, so the Village would need to think about setting a precedent.

Ms. Lubow stated they cannot track where their guests reside. Trustee Koomjian explained a number of organizations come before the Board asking for funding. The Board is considering where the money needs to go. Last year, \$14,000 seemed like a lot of money, especially when Theater in the Woods is only generating \$18,000 in ticket receipts. He would not want Theater in the Woods to come back next year asking for the same amount. Trustee Koomjian thinks the Village would be better off storing the materials and giving them \$8,000. He expressed concern for ongoing support at this level.

Trustee Jamerson asked why Theater in the Woods is not looking to get subscribers. Ms. Lubow explained they are only three people. Without support from the Village, they would not survive. Trustee Haber believes the organization needs to be incentivized. He suggested assisting Theater in the Woods on a matching basis where the Village would match other donations. He suggested they speak with other Villages as well. Ms. Lubow explained most community theaters are funded by park districts. Trustee Haber explained the Village previously had a hotel tax which was used to support the arts. Now that Riverwoods is a home rule community, they do not have the same restriction and it is more difficult to justify giving a business that type of funding. Ms. Lubow explained Theater in the Woods is not a business; rather, they are a not-for-profit organization. Trustee Chamberlain explained the Village asks the same type of questions of all organizations that come for donations. They ask what service is being provided for Riverwoods residents and want to ensure the business is viable. There are a lot of times where you have to let something go if you cannot find a means of support. There are things that Theater in the Woods needs to try. The Village has to justify the use of tax

dollars to its residents. Ms. Lubow explained that is why they want to use the former police building and asked the Village for storage. Mayor Kaplan explained the purpose of the theater is to have a community theater in the Village of Riverwoods. It is a Village-supported theater. Trustee Norris explained the Village started funding Theater in the Woods with the hotel tax that could not be spent otherwise. The idea of matching helps identify the degree of support that is in the community. If they were able to generate \$4,500, the Village would match the same and they would get their total funding of \$14,000. Trustee Chamberlain believes the Village should allow the temporary storage. Trustee Haber believes it would be difficult to tell them when it is time to go.

Al Solomon, explained the reason for putting the storage units on the west side of the building is that they would not be very visible during the summer. He worked with Theater in the Woods during the first few years. People did not come because of mosquitoes. They are trying to have something indoors. If the former police building were used, it would better identify Theater in the Woods with the Village. The center wall would need to be removed, to allow for enough seating and it would be a cost-effective solution. Trustee Jamerson expressed concerned about not having other donations outside the Village's donation. There needs to be a combination of funding sources. He explained the costs will always increase.

Trustee Haber moved to authorize a donation to Theater in the Woods of \$5,000 and also match donations up to \$4,500, which would give them a total of \$14,000. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. Ms. Lubow believes it will be difficult to raise \$4,500. Trustee Haber withdrew his motion.

Trustee Chamberlain suggested Theater in the Woods come back with a business plan. She is concerned residents will not want the Village to continue funding Theater in the Woods. Trustee Chamberlain understands the value of the theater, but the theater needs to have a business model. Ms. Lubow questioned how many residents have voiced an opinion about funding Theater in the Woods. Trustee Chamberlain explained that many residents have complained about the number of donations given by the Board. They only want their tax money to go toward direct municipal services. Trustee Haber indicated the Village will support Theater in the Woods, but not 100%. Ms. Lubow stated they need to determine what they need in order to keep going.

Trustee Koomjian moved to make garage space available for Theater in the Woods for a period not to exceed 12 months, to ease the transition. Mayor Kaplan explained that building is already being used for the Village plant sale and other uses. If Theater in the Woods uses the garage, it would no longer be available for other uses. Trustee Koomjian withdrew his motion. Trustee Svatik questioned the practicality of the plant sale using the garage, when they only use it for a few days.

Mayor Kaplan suggested Theater in the Woods come to the April 16, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting with a business plan.

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## **NEW COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR THE VILLAGE**

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Irene Gagerman, resident of Orange Brace Road, stated that existing software used by the Village will not be supported after June 30, 2013, and the Village needs new software. She identified the Village's needs and wants and conducted a search for software packages which she has narrowed down to two relatively inexpensive packages. She checked references and recommends the Banyon Software because they have the ability to attach an itemized list to a building permit and has a built-in report writer. The Banyon Software also had a complaint log for the building permit module. The cost of the software is \$9,870.

Training and implementation is \$1,200. Total initial cost would be \$11,070. The cost for updates and support is \$1,830. Ms. Gagerman suggested placing the order and implementing the software in April so the new system and current system could run parallel for a couple months. Ms. Gagerman will volunteer to train as a backup and helper. The Board voted in agreement to authorize the purchase of new computer software from Banyon Software in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

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## **DONATION TO CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING**

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Maureen Doyle, Grant Coordinator for Center for Enriched Living, explained their operating budget of just over \$2 million. They have social enrichment and skill development activities for people with developmental disabilities including three residents from Riverwoods. Ms. Doyle explained 25% of their budget expenses go to youth programs and 28% of their budget expenses go to day programs. Their organization differs from Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) because of funding. Center for Enriched Living is private and smaller. They serve 500 people with developmental disabilities. NSSRA is a special recreation association. Their focus is social development. Center for Enriched Living's closest program to NSSRA is their day programs. Their program is vocational-focused while NSSRA is recreation-focused. Center for Enriched Living programs are member-centered. Their population comes in once a month to vote on programs. 75% of the programs are member-centered. They have an extensive scholarship program. In fiscal year 2012, they provided \$50,000 in financial aid.

Trustee Chamberlain, who is the Village's NSSRA representative, expressed concern because Center for Enriched Living has a program that competes with the NSSRA. Riverwoods residents get priority registration with NSSRA programs because of the park district affiliation. With Center for Enriched Living, however, Riverwoods residents do not get priority. Ms. Doyle explained that they try to accommodate all interested patrons. Trustee Chamberlain expressed concern because the Village would be giving money but Village residents would not get priority. Ms. Doyle explained they do not have geographic boundaries. Mr. Huard noted that if the Village asks Center for Enriched Living to make a distinction based on being a Riverwoods resident, what would be the principal basis on the distinction if there were other donors as well. Ms. Doyle explained this issue has not come up in the past. Trustee Chamberlain noted a Riverwoods resident was turned away from a program because it was full. Trustee Koomjian asked about staff salaries. Ms. Doyle explained they have 21 full-time employees and

21 part-time employees. The salaries are modest with the highest salary being \$100,000.

The Board voted to donate \$5,500 to Center for Enriched Living.

### **WOODLAND RESTORATION SITE BID RECOMMENDATION**

Village Engineer Glenn noted the initial estimated construction budget for the woodland restoration was \$133,000. The low bid came in at \$181,000. Some of the estimates were speculative. Mr. Glenn contacted Team Reil of Union, who submitted the low bid. They made some suggestions to lower the cost of the project, including substituting a prefabricated shelter, eliminating the concrete floor and using the same aggregate surface in the shelter as in the path, relocating the drinking fountain to the northwest corner of the site near the existing water main and eliminating the electric service and substituting a solar light fixture for security lighting. The proposed changes do not materially diminish or change the nature of the project. Based on the aforementioned changes, Team Reil, Inc. submitted a revised bid totaling \$127,200.20. Mr. Glenn recommended the Board authorize the execution of the contract with Team Reil, Inc.

Mayor Kaplan asked about the annual maintenance. Village Forster Stewart explained the proposed changes would not affect the maintenance budget. In addition, the education component of the project would not change. Trustee Norris spoke with LakeShore and they would donate one trash receptacle. Mr. Stewart explained there would be little maintenance for the shelter and the path. They will excavate the path around the shelter and would re-spread that material on the berm. Based on the per-unit cost, the stump removal and small tree removal costs would be about \$2,940. Administrative and soft costs would bring the total project to \$155,000.

Trustee Haber noted the new gazebo would have an integrated conduit system but without an electrical system, it would go to waste. He would like the electricity added back into the proposal. He suggested running electrical service when the paths are trenched. Trustee Jamerson suggested running the electrical service in a straight line. Mr. Glenn noted the cost for power is \$6,000. Trustee Haber suggested generating sponsorships. He suggested selling brick pavers as a fundraising opportunity. Mayor Kaplan questioned how many people would use the facility.

Mr. Stewart explained the philosophy was to develop an educational opportunity. Mayor Kaplan noted the Village has a restoration project at Village Hall, but no one looks at it. Mr. Stewart believes a bicycle path will be built and school kids could walk there.

Trustee Haber questioned if it would be better to defer the gazebo and just put in the paths. Mr. Glenn explained the mobilization costs would be 10%. Trustee Haber noted that, in theory, the Village could gauge the activity on the site and then determine whether a gazebo would help. Mr. Stewart explained the Village received a grant for the educational component and that one reason for the structure is to have a centralized place for the educational components. Mr. Stewart indicated the goals of the educational component could still be accomplished. Mr. Glenn believes the

shelter is a big part of the interest of the project. Trustee Chamberlain believes it is important to have an educational piece for the residents. The Village can play a part in making this an attraction. Trustee Norris noted that, in the last community survey, a woodland educational program has the highest interest.

Trustee Norris moved to award the contract for installation of a gazebo, electricity to the gazebo, and soft costs in an amount not to exceed \$161,000 including awarding the contract for \$127,200 plus \$6,000 for electricity to Team Reil, Inc. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion. Trustee Chamberlain would like knowledge of additional maintenance fees. Trustee Norris would like a mailing about sponsorship opportunities. The Board voted in agreement.

### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

The Appropriations Ordinance was passed unanimously.

*March 12*

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the February 19, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 21 accidents, 18 alarms, seven complaints about animals, 15 fire department assists, two other agency assists, three disputes, two domestic disputes, two driving complaints, two DUIs, one fraudulent activity, five lockouts, 18 motorist assists, three parking complaints, 14 suspicious circumstances, 10 crime prevention notices and 16 case reports. There were 132 traffic stops with 86 citations issued to 75 people.

There are currently 16 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there was a suicidal subject who walked away from their house. The subject was located and transported to a facility.

The department auctioned the old Ford Crown Victoria squad car. The Village's portion of the proceeds was \$5,546.

### **REQUEST FOR \$5,000 DONATION FROM ORPHANS OF THE STORM**

Jackie Borchew, representing Orphans of the Storm, stated that the Board was very generous last year and donated \$5,000 to Orphans of the Storm. All of the money went to benefit the animals. She asked the Board for the same donation this year. Ms. Borchew added that their annual dinner will be on April 22, 2013. The theme is Teamwork and the speaker will be Hub Arkush.

Trustee Jamerson moved to donate \$5,000 to Orphans of the Storm. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **REQUEST FOR \$1,000 DONATION FOR DEERFIELD FAMILY DAYS**

The Board voted to donate \$1,000 to Deerfield Family Days.

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## PLANT COMMITTEE 2013 BUDGET

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Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the 2013 budget for the Plant Committee in the amount of \$5,000. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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## FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE

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Mayor Kaplan noted the annual fee for a deep well was inadvertently deleted from the last fee schedule and was not collected. The Village will start sending out bills this year. Trustee Haber suggested sending out a letter stating the Village has elected to waive their right to collect on prior years as long as payment is received within 10 days. Adoption of the fee schedule, with the aforementioned correction, passed in a vote.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**Police/Solid Waste** – Trustee Norris stated that Deerfield High School has requested money for a school resource officer. The cost of the officer's salary and benefits is \$150,000. Deerfield has offered to put up 25% of the cost. Deerfield would like to get money from Riverwoods and Bannockburn as well. Trustee Norris explained they are asking for about \$20,000, which is too high considering the number of students that live in Riverwoods. The officer would have a presence, foster a more positive relationship between the police and students and be available to talk to students. He hopes to come back with a more realistic amount.

Trustee Norris is speaking with LakeShore regarding the collection facilities for waste and recycling at the woodland restoration project. He is also trying to get residents to increase the size of their recycling bins and decrease the size of their trash bins.

Trustee Norris attended the Deerfield Plan Commission meeting regarding the proposed health food restaurant in the house adjacent to the Mobil station at Saunders and Riverwoods Roads. It could be open from 7 – 10 pm and have seating for 60 people plus carryout. Vehicles would enter and exit onto Saunders Road. Trustee Norris requested the owners come speak with Riverwoods as well. Residents from Thorngate would be concerned about headlights. Trustee Norris noted a restaurant is a permitted use in Deerfield.

Trustees Norris and Jamerson have worked with Clerk-elect Irene Gagerman with respect to integrated municipal software for the entire Village. It will be a significant improvement. Trustee Norris is trying to get it in place before June so it can run parallel with the current system.

**Building/Zoning** – Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department report. In February 2013, the Village issued four building permits for a total construction value of \$44,575, generating fees of \$775. The Village performed eight inspections and issued three stop-work orders/code compliance actions. In February 2012, the Village issued six building permits for a total construction value of \$202,615, generating fees of \$2,985.

Year to date, the Village had issued 14 permits with a total construction value of \$192,213, generating fees of \$2,555. 2012 year to date, the Village has issued six permits with a total construction value of \$318,295, generating fees of \$4,660.

Trustee Jamerson reported that MC Squared estimates the average resident will save \$567 on their electric bill. The total savings for the Village is \$612,000 in 10 months.

**Finance/Soil & Water Conservation** – Trustee Svatik will attend the Traffic Management Association meeting on March 15, 2013. This is their annual construction program plan meeting.

Trustee Svatik wrote step-by-step procedures on how to do the Appropriations Ordinance, the tax levy, and the steps for the budget review.

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## MARCH 12 PUBLIC HEARING

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Village Attorney Huvad explained the Public Hearing is for the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Under the State statute, the Village is required to publish notice, which was done. The purpose of the Hearing is to let the public know what the Village's plans are and to listen to their comments. Mr. Huvad reminded everyone that the Appropriations Ordinance sets forth the maximum amounts the Village can spend on various categories, but does not obligate the Board to spend the money. The Ordinance sets out the framework for the maximum amount the Village can spend, but the actual expenditures are approved through bills and payroll on a monthly basis. The total appropriations are recapped by fund including the general fund, the MFT fund, the police pension fund, etc. The Board is required to pass the Appropriations Ordinance before March 31, 2013.

*February 19*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Village Treasurer Hal Roseth provided a prospective between last year and this year. Overall Village funds are up by \$1.2 million, not including the SSA funds. The Village has \$6.3 million in investments at Chase. The 'safe' money is at .21 - .26%. The Village has \$571,000 at Ameriprise. The experimental investment is up \$715 and comes due in August. The Village has \$1.5 million invested with JP Morgan which is yielding 3 – 4.4%. The Village invests \$500,000 with Wells Fargo and is averaging 2.8 – 3.1%. That money is constantly turned. Mr. Roseth and Mr. Huvad met with Wintrust Bank on Friday. Wintrust is interested in working with the Village on the pending SSA's provided the Village transfers a significant sum to Wintrust. Mr. Roseth will send them a copy of the Village's investment policy and have a conversation. Wintrust wants to be in the community.

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## ENGINEER'S REPORT

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Village Engineer Patrick Glenn stated that the plans for the Thornmeadow water main project have been completed. He is prepared to put the project out to bid even though they are still working to get some easements and getting additional residents to partici-

pate in the project. Mr. Glenn will bring a recommendation for award to the first meeting in April.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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Director of Community Services, Rob Durning, stated that the cell tower antennas have been upgraded and should result in better service for T-Mobile customers.

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## POLICE REPORT

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the February 5, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. There were six 911 hang-ups, 15 accidents, 12 alarms, four complaints about animals, nine fire department assists, two other agency assists, one criminal damage to property, one dispute, three driving complaints, two DUIs, one fraudulent activity, one identity theft, three lockouts, seven motorist assists, three parking complaints, one telephone threat, one theft, one unwanted subject, five crime prevention notices and six case reports. There were 63 traffic stops with 41 citations issued to 35 people.

There are currently 20 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno noted there was one ILEAS mutual aid call out to help Vernon Hills with a barricaded subject. There were 14 suspicious circumstances. Most of those were in response to the telephone alert due to heavy burglary activity in surrounding towns. He was glad to see people are calling the department when they see vehicles that do not seem to belong at a neighboring residence.

Chief Dayno noted that Lincolnshire was considering terminating their dispatch center and utilizing the dispatch at Vernon Hills. Lincolnshire decided to use Vernon Hills and will be transitioning over the next nine months. Vernon Hills offered a similar deal to what we had in Lincolnshire but the department is also being courted by Deerfield and Highland Park. Chief Dayno will bring a recommendation to the Board.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Battalion Chief Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department reminded residents to have their addresses visible from the street. He suggested having the address both on the mailbox and on the house. He also asked residents to help keep the fire hydrants free of snow.

Trustee Svatik stated Sherry Graditor sent a recommendation for training or a refresher course on use of defibrillators. Mayor Kaplan indicated the department was very aggressive on the Lifeline program and asked Battalion Chief Christenson to write an article for the Village Voice.

Battalion Chief Christenson stated the Lifeline program provides a red sticker for medical history information to be put on the refrigerator and a notification sticker for near the door, to alert paramedics of health issues. It makes the process much easier.

Mayor Kaplan noted the fire department previously came to residents homes to take the medical history. Chief Christenson stated they would provide this service if a resident requests it.

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## VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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College Bound Opportunities is a local, not-for-profit organization. They are requesting funding for their programs. In 2010, the Village donated \$5,000 and in 2011 the Village donated \$7,500. The money goes to support 30 students in the class of 2017, one of which is a Riverwoods resident. College Bound Opportunities serves Highland Park High School, Lake Forest High School and Deerfield High School and provides resources for low income, high achieving students for which college is beyond reach of the families. 86% of the students are first generation American. College Bound Opportunities matches students with mentors, helps with college and financial aid applications, provides ACT preparation classes, and provides up to \$4,000 per year during college and a laptop computer. College Bound Opportunities mentors also help ensure a specific college is a good fit for a student. The organization now has a new program called Beyond College, to help college graduates with their success after college. 96% of College Bound Opportunities students graduate college.

Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether the students all receive the same services. Mr. Dolin of College Bound Opportunities explained they all receive the same resources. Trustee Chamberlain questioned the program-personnel versus administrative-personnel budgets. Mr. Dolin stated they have three employees: two full-time and one part-time administrative employee. Part of the funding is going to programming and part of the money is going to salaries. Trustee Svatik questioned where the organization is located. Mr. Dolin explained they have a mailing address in Riverwoods and recently opened a physical office in Highland Park.

The Board voted to approve a donation of \$7,500.

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## Underage Drinking and Social Hosting

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*By Police Chief Bruce Dayno*

It is a well known fact that it is illegal for persons under 21 years of age to consume or possess alcohol. It is also unlawful to sell, give, deliver, dispense, or furnish alcohol to any person under the age of 21. It is a lesser known fact that it is also illegal to allow underage guests to possess or consume alcohol within property under your control. As a parent you may be tempted to allow your son or daughter to have some friends over to drink. You may think you can control it and that they will be safe. Not only is that against the law, it is not safe. There have been many well-documented tragedies that have occurred as a result of underage drinking, many in cases where adults were supervising and thought they had everything under control. These adults, who were often well meaning parents like many of you, were arrested as criminals and sued civilly.

Claiming to not have knowledge of underage drinking occurring in a home, vehicle, or other property controlled by

you is not necessarily a defense in criminal and civil proceedings. Riverwoods ordinances, as well as ordinances in most area communities, include a section referring to a presumption of knowledge by the person controlling the property. If persons under the age of 21 are arrested for consuming or possessing alcohol while in a private residence, the parents may also be arrested under the following portion of the Riverwoods ordinance:

**“Parental Residence:** Every parent or legal guardian of any minor whose residence is used by any occupant, invitee, visitor, guest or other person under the age of twenty one (21) years in a manner that constitutes a violation of this section shall be presumed to have permitted the conduct that constitutes the violation unless the contrary is established by a preponderance of the evidence.”

**Be a Parent Not a Pal**

As a parent, the things you say and do have a tremendous influence on the decisions your child makes, especially when it comes to using alcohol and other drugs. Teens, whose parents set rules about alcohol, are less likely to drink. By talking with your children about not using alcohol and other drugs, you can help them make better choices.

If your child is attending a party outside your home, call ahead to ensure that there will be supervision but do not assume that other parents have the same rules you have. Create a plan with your children about what to do if they find themselves in a risky situation.

Social hosts may be fined up to \$750 for violating Riverwoods ordinance 5-2-5, Offenses Concerning Alcohol and Minors. To view it in its entirety, as well as other Village ordinances, go to: <http://www.riverwoods-il.net>. Choose Government and Municipal Code links.

For questions, contact Bruce Dayno, Chief of Police at 847-945-1130 or at [bdayno@riverwoods-il.net](mailto:bdayno@riverwoods-il.net).

# Theatre in the Woods

Dear Fellow Riverwoods Residents,

We’re all lucky that we live in a community known for its appreciation of the arts.

One expression of this has been your “Theatre in the Woods,” a home-grown success story now celebrating its 14th year of presenting plays in Riverwoods, showcasing local talent and helping to put our community on the cultural map.

We’re writing to you for two reasons.

One is to invite you to participate in the fun, success, excitement, challenge and the applause you can enjoy by becoming part of Theatre in the Woods.

The other is that—to put it plainly—we need a little financial boost, and we hope you’ll be willing to make a tax-free contribution so that our seasons will continue to be rich with interesting, well-produced shows.

So, let us hear from you.

Our first hope is that you’ll become part of the troupe. The smell of the grease paint, the roar of the crowd—well, it’s

closer to home than you might have thought.

Our additional hope is that you’ll support us with a donation—no amount is too small—and every one will be greatly appreciated.

Please use the form below. We look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you either in the footlights this season, or in the audience.

All the best,

Your neighbors at Theatre in the Woods.

PS: (You can buy an ad in our playbill—always a good way to support any theatre, and enhance your own business).

## Theatre in the Woods

### PLAYBILL AD CONTRACT

Please fill out the following information to place an ad in the 2013 program

The size of each page is 4 1/4” wide x 5 1/2” high

- Back Cover \$750.00
- Full Page \$300
- 1/2 Page \$150
- 1/3 Page \$100
- Copy Attached

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

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EMAIL

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PHONE

DATE

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Check enclosed for: \$

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Please make payment to:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Theatre in the Woods

300 Portwine Road  
Riverwoods, IL 60015

Playbill contract, payment and ad copy due by June 15, 2013  
(Electronic version preferred, i.e. pdf file or camera-ready art)

For more information, call 847-604-1990  
or email [TTW300@comcast.net](mailto:TTW300@comcast.net)

## Riverwoods Cleanup Day

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The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) is sponsoring Roadway Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 18, 9 - 11:30 am. We welcome additional volunteers for this project. Enjoy being outdoors while making a positive impact on your environment! If you would like to help, please call Laurie Breittkopf at 847-945-7034. The RPC will supply bags and vests. You can also make an impact by cleaning up the street in front of your house.



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## Discount at RRA Plant Sale

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Don't forget that you can obtain a 10% discount on most of the plants offered by the Riverwoods Residents Association at its annual Plant Sale, if you have contributed \$100 or more to the Riverwoods Preservation Council in 2012 - 2013. If you have contributed less than \$100 to the RPC, you may upgrade your membership to the \$100+ level now or at the Plant Sale and take advantage of the discount.

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## Invasives Clearance Workdays Spring/Summer 2013

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### Cahokia Woods Forest Preserve

Enjoy being outside after the long winter! Join your neighbors and friends in clearing invasives from our local Lake County forest preserve.

**Location:** Cahokia Woods is located on the border of Riverwoods and Wheeling. It is southwest of the Riverwoods Village Hall and adjacent to properties on Greenbriar Lane and Thornmeadow Road.

**Purpose of Workdays:** To remove the invasive herbaceous and woody plants that threaten the highest quality areas in Cahokia Woods.

### Spring/Summer 2013 Workdays:

May 19th

June 15th

July 13th

All workdays will last from 9am - noon. Meetup location is the Riverwoods Village Hall parking lot, 300 Portwine Road. Please wear weather/work-appropriate clothing. Bring a water bottle, bug spray and work gloves, if possible.

Questions? Contact Jonathan Schlesinger, Riverwoods resident and Cahokia steward, jschles2@gmail.com or 847-309-5234.



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## Your Garlic Mustard Is Flowering, and Soon Will be Broadcasting Seeds. Now Is the Time to Pull It

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*By Riverwoods Preservation Council*

Each garlic mustard plant produces thousands of seeds. They are believed to be dispersed by the fur of animals, such as deer, horses and squirrels, and by people. The plant grows heartily in Riverwoods, and most vigorously in areas of trampled and disturbed soil. Seeds are produced within days of initial flowering. The seed pods open about a month later.

Hand pulling before or within a week or so after flowering is the most common method of control. The entire root must be removed. To prevent re-seeding, the pulled plants should be removed from the site.

Cutting the plant immediately after flowering, and before seeds develop, is effective IF the plant is cut at the soil level. Cutting earlier or higher will prompt the plant to regrow. Cutting later will require removal of plants from the site to prevent re-seeding.

Chemical treatment (e.g., Roundup) is frequently ineffective. It also risks injuring or killing nearby vegetation.

Garlic mustard is a biennial, growing over a two-year period. In the first year, it is a low rosette. In the second year, it is a tall seed-producing flowering plant. Because seeds can be viable for 5 years, control of an infestation requires activity for several successive years.

Garlic mustard poses a severe threat to native plants

and animals. It crowds out other plants, monopolizing moisture, nutrients and soil space, and reducing the food supply for native animals. Native animals do not eat garlic mustard, and butterflies are not attracted to it. In addition, garlic mustard is believed to contaminate the soil with chemicals exuded from its roots. The chemicals inhibit growth of other species.



## Water: Too Little? Too Much?

Please join us for "Water: Too Little? Too Much?" a timely program on local water management and water conservation issues affecting Riverwoods residents. Guest panelists include Josh Ellis (Program Director, Metropolitan Planning Council) and a representative from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. Bring your questions and concerns about water management on your property. This free program will be held on June 5, 2013 at the Riverwoods Village Hall, 7:00pm.

## Village 50/50 Cost Share Program

Don't forget the Village 50/50 cost-share program, at [http://www.riverwoods-il.net/Departments/forestry\\_program](http://www.riverwoods-il.net/Departments/forestry_program). You'll need to apply to the Village to prequalify your contractor and submit a two-year plan for removal. If the Village approves your application, the Village will contribute up to \$2,000 per year for two successive years. The program requires a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

### 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).

## North Shore Gardeners Annual Garden Walk

The North Shore Gardeners announce this year's garden walk to be held on July 14, from noon to 5pm. The following homes are on the list that will open their gardens to those interested in viewing them:

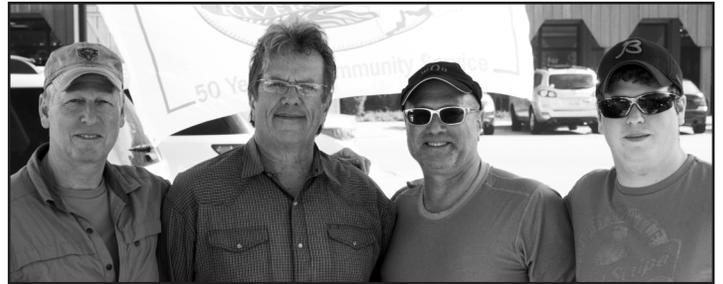
Stefanie Girardi, 1040 Ashland, Wilmette

Rich and Lana Gernady, 6509 Palma Lane, Morton Grove

Sam Solomon, 620 Carriage Way, Deerfield

The garden walk is sponsored by The Gardeners of the North Shore and is free for all. Children are welcome if supervised, but pets are not allowed.

Questions can be emailed to Merilee Novinson, garden walk coordinator, at [merilee.novinson@gmail.com](mailto:merilee.novinson@gmail.com).



## Bannockburn BBQ Challenge Returns!

Riverwoods will once again send a team to compete in Bannockburn's Battle of the BBQ at Bannockburn Green.

Please mark the date of Saturday, August 24th from 1:00 - 5:00pm on your calendars now. More details will be posted in the near future. Come on out, sample some delicious barbecue and support our team once again! We hope you will be able to join us.

## RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

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

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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## Arbor Day Tree Planting at the Woodland Restoration Project

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Children joined in the Arbor Day celebration recently at our Woodland Restoration Project. Our Village Forester Chuck Stewart brought oak tree saplings to plant at the site and plenty of extras for everyone to take home. The children were able to learn proper planting methods by planting along side Chuck.

Planting native oak trees is one important part of restoring our native woodlands. Watch as the nature paths go in and the educational center becomes a reality for all to enjoy.

Special thanks to the Faro, Schaffer, Gopin, Baumann and Falk families for taking part in our special day!

