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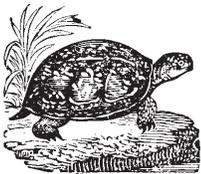
All Riverwoods Board of Trustees and Plan Commission meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise specified and are open to the public; residents are encouraged to attend.

Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. August 4, 18, September 1, 15 and October 6 and 20.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. August 6, September 3 and October 1.



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Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Enjoy Summer While Observing Village Watering Regulations

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

It's summertime, and that means that it's that time of year again when we need to pay attention to conserving water on outdoor uses. The following explains the Village regulations, according to our Municipal Code:

HOURLY PERIODS FOR OUTSIDE USE OF WATER

A. Between May 15 and September 15 of each year it shall be unlawful for any person to draw water, whether from the village's water system or from shallow wells of five hundred feet (500') or less, for filling swimming pools or for the sprinkling, watering or irrigation of lawns, ground cover, or gardens, if such water use occurs between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00am) and five o'clock (5:00pm), except as follows:

1. Handheld sprinkling devices such as garden hoses used to water grass, flowers, vegetables or shrubbery shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. The term "handheld sprinkling devices" shall exclude any automatic irrigation system or any mechanical device designed for dispensing water which is attached to a garden hose or water outlet and set to run continuously or on a timed cycle.

2. Newly sodded or seeded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two (2) week period following the installation of such sod/seed.

3. This section does not apply to water drawn from deep wells of more than five hun-

dred feet (500') or retention ponds located on nonresidential property in the village.

4. This section does not apply to the continuous replenishment of water in a swimming pool to maintain water levels after the pool is filled. (Ord. 10-9-21, 9-21-2010)

B. Any person or property owner violating any provision hereof shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense occurring on residential property and not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense occurring on nonresidential property. (Ord. 96-7-13, 7-16-1996)

REGULATIONS OF WATER USE DURING EMERGENCIES

The village president, with the verbal consent of the chairman of the sewer and water committee of the board of trustees, or if said chairman is not immediately available for consultation, the village president, with the verbal consent of three (3) members of the board of trustees, or if the village president is for any reason unavailable to act, any trustee with the verbal consent of two (2) other members of the board of trustees is authorized to declare an emergency and to issue emergency

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RIVERWOODS
VILLAGE VOICE

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

Editor: Jackie Borchew.

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



SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. 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 Sept/Oct 2015 issue: August 20, 2015.

Send to:
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MAYOR'S LETTER

Village Hall Will Miss
Cheryl and Joyce

Time keeps passing and with its passing comes many changes. For those of us working at the Village Hall, Time and Retirement have taken two long-time members of our family.

Cheryl Hadley, executive assistant to the mayor and village clerk, retired after a quarter century of service to the Village. Her title does not do her justice as Cheryl was responsible for a huge amount of anything that got done in the Village. From arborist's visits to zoning board meetings, Cheryl was the person who kept things moving and the elected village officials on track. Cheryl was the voice on the Village end of the phone when residents called Village Hall and was always the first to say "We need to help these people!" She will be sorely missed.

Joyce Fromm was water billing clerk and later utility billing clerk. Her efforts kept water flowing reliably throughout the village and billing straight. On those occasions where there was a problem with billing, Joyce worked diligently to get to the bottom of the problem, always protecting the individual residents' interests while still ensuring that tax payers of the village were protected as well. Working for both the resident water users and the Village water fund at the same time was seldom easy but somehow Joyce found a way to do it, and always with a smile. After 15 years, her retirement has left an empty spot in our hearts.

As we bid our friends a fond farewell, we also hope they can take time out from grandchildren and the other joys of retirement to visit us at the Village Hall now and then. They will always be welcome.

John Norris
Mayor of Riverwoods

Village Board of Trustees
Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of May 5, 2015. 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.

May 5

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Director of Community Services Rob Durning reported that the Village made progress with code violations at the hoarder/warehouse at 19 Big Oak. A notice was sent to another hoarder house at 2665 Edgewood. No progress has been made on this house as the owner has not responded to a request to inspect the home.

Several homes are either under construction or in for plan review. Mr. Durning is looking at the history of the Shoppes of Riverwoods. He has found a number of violations.

Mr. Durning sent out letters to all of the houses on septic to remind the owners that they need to get their septic systems tested, pass inspection and submit the results to the Village.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Pat Glenn reported that the paving work on Calvin, Farner and Strenger is complete. He has come up with a laundry list for Lake County DOT maintenance issues on Deerfield Road. He has not yet been able to address the wrought iron fencing issue on Deerfield Road near Timber Trail.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Bruce Huvad will prepare some Text Amendments for the Plan Commission meeting in June to deal with group homes. He will look at remapping the 320 Portwine property based on its revised use. Lastly, he is looking at some miscellaneous Text Amendments concerning parking of commercial vehicles in the Village.

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

Mayor Norris reported that Urban Forest Management will be going in a different direction and as of May 15, 2015 they will not be the official forester for the Village. Chuck Stewart will help with the transition plan and will be available for questions concerning Village history.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Ford resent a list of outstanding issues to Village Treasurer Hal Roseth. She drafted a financial report through March. The total revenues were \$1.2 million. The expenses were slightly higher creating a net deficit of about \$16,000 through March. Trustee Ford has not finalized the benchmarks with the advisors nor is she getting reports from them that show returns on investments. She hopes to have more answers in a month. Lastly, she followed up with the auditor who has not had the conversation she needed to have in order to look at what was done in the past with respect to auditing practices.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the April 21, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The Police Report is available in full on the Village of Riverwoods website.

Chief Dayno stated that Officer Joe Peterson returned to work on April 28, 2015 and does not have any lasting effects from the car accident. He indicated that Officer Johnson has been going through the selection process for NIPAS and hopes to have an agreement with them that he will run by Attorney Huvad, for the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Geothermal Report – Mayor Norris noted the Village received the geothermal report. Trustee Jamerson stated that the architect said that the soil has a better than typical ability to work with a geothermal system.

AMS Consulting Recommended for Strategic Plan

– Mayor Norris stated that they went through the investigation and interview stages for a strategic planning facilitator. Trustee Chamberlain

explained that the Planning Committee just decided today which strategic planning facilitator to recommend to the Board. She did not want to announce the name until she had an opportunity to communicate with all of the facilitators that they interviewed. In addition, Mayor Norris noted that some details, including pricing, still had to be finalized.

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Mr. Glenn explained that this maintenance recommendation is for the low pressure sewer system that serves south Riverwoods. The flushing is completed every few years and at that time the air release valves are cleaned. Some of the valves may be past their usable life.

Mr. Jamerson moved to authorize up to \$22,974 for flushing and rebuilding and/or replacement of the air valves. The Board voted in favor.

TERRACO PHASE 2-ESA

Mayor Norris noted that the Village is recommending retaining the services of Bruce White, an environmental attorney. Mr. Huvad explained that Mr. White, with whom he has worked with over the years, is very experienced in environmental law.

The Phase 1 study showed that there could be a need for Phase 2 testing being that the parcel is right next to a landfill. The Village decided to get a proposal for Phase 2 testing. Mr. Huvad felt that the Village needed someone to guide them through this process. Overall, his understanding of the issues noted in the ESA recommendation were mostly how the construction is managed on the site rather than impediments to what the Village wants to accomplish. However, he wanted someone with expertise in this area to explain it to the Board before the Board was asked to vote on the Phase 2 proposal submitted by AEC.

Trustee Ford asked about the Professional Services Selection Act which states that if a public entity does not have a relationship, it is obliged to go through a selection process outlined in the law. Mr. Huvad explained that the Village is a Home Rule community

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and is not required to do that. In addition, he noted that when the Village gets professional services, they want to ensure they are getting advice from trusted professionals. Mr. Huvar believes that the Village will be getting the appropriate expertise with Mr. White. Mr. Huvar then asked Mr. White to address the Board.

Mr. White gave a brief history of his background. Mr. Huvar had contacted him to determine what is necessary to do to protect the Village as a prospective owner of property. The Phase 1 environmental study was done to ensure that certain engineering standards were met. They looked at the history, records and previous uses of the site. The study did not find any problems with the 3.75 acres, per se. However, what they did find was about 15 metals in a well on the property. The concentration was just above regulatory levels, but they didn't understand why they were there at all. In addition, they found that the levels were higher than those found in a well on the landfill site itself. This is the reason the Phase 2 study was recommended. Mr. White explained that depending on the severity of contamination, if any, found in the Phase 2 study, the Village could use several available legal defenses to protect themselves if they take title to the property.

After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the Phase 2 study. However, they also agreed that the expense should be borne by Terraco.

Trustee Haber moved to hire Mr. White. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor.

Mr. Huvar suggested giving the Mayor the authority to sign the contract for the Phase 2 study and execute it at his discretion. Mr. White suggested asking Terraco for permission to go forward with a Phase 2 study and ask that the cost of the study be reimbursed to the Village at closing.

The Board then voted to authorize Mayor Norris to enter into contract with AEC as he deems appropriate.

APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.

Trustee Chamberlain indicated that the committee interviewed six firms as a replacement for Urban Forest Management. AES was clearly the frontrunner. AES has a broad range of knowledge, but also seem to be very good at determining what is not within their scope. The firm also offers a range of services and can fill the Village's needs, especially now that Urban Forest is no longer providing services to the Village. Mayor Norris indicated that their rates were reasonable and that they are giving the Village a 15% discount off of their normal rates.

The Board voted in favor to authorize an engagement letter with AES, Inc.



OLD BUSINESS

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson discussed the building report. Activity seems to be picking up. At the next Board of Trustee meeting, he plans to present a new building permit fee schedule.

Virtual Kidnapping Scams

By Bruce Dayno, Chief of Police

Recently, law enforcement agencies in northern Illinois have taken reports from residents who were victims, or intended victims, of virtual kidnapping scams. Virtual kidnappings consist of a range of telephone schemes aimed at extorting quick ransom payments from victims who are manipulated into believing their loved ones have been kidnapped.

Aggressive scammers contact their intended victims by telephone and convince them they are holding a loved one who will be harmed if money is not wired to them immediately. In some of the cases, the scammer claimed to be a Latin King gang member and spoke in broken English.

Some of the victims reported hearing their loved ones voice in the background. It was later learned that the loved one received a call from a scammer at the same time and that 3-way calling features were applied to fool the victim into thinking they were hearing their loved one with the scammer.

Many of the victims verified their loved ones were safe while on the phone with the scammer and did not send money. Others simply did not believe the caller and did not send money. Unfortunately some victims were tricked into staying on the phone while they sent money.

If you receive a call like this, or any call where the caller is demanding money be wired, hang up and contact the police.

For questions or more information, contact Police Chief Bruce Dayno at 847-945-1130 or bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.

Riverwoods Employment Opportunity Village of Riverwoods Seeks Two Part-Time Receptionist/Clerks

The Village of Riverwoods is seeking bright, customer-service oriented applicants for two part-time receptionist/clerk positions for three days/wk, 8:30am - 1:30pm. Computer skills and excellent communication skills required.

If working with the wonderful people at the Village of Riverwoods interests you, then reply to Susie Crohn at Village Hall. She can be reached at 847-945-3990.

Live from Riverwoods! It's the Board of Trustee Meetings!

By Michael Baumann, Riverwoods Trustee

In the short time I that have been on the Board of Trustees (BOT), there has been one constant for the board meetings - low public attendance. As trustees, we want to make the best informed decisions that we can for the village and often that requires accounting for residents' opinions and comments. We all lead busy lives so it understandable that attending a BOT meeting may not have the highest priority for your limited time, or your personal travels may not permit attending. A contributing factor to low attendance has also been that residents had little or no access to the meeting materials discussed by the board, so rather than participating in the meeting, residents end up being spectators.

In response to this, we are announcing a pilot program to make BOT meetings more accessible to all residents and accommodate your busy schedules. The village has created a new webpage for BOT meetings. What is different about this webpage is that the BOT meeting agenda and the meeting materials will be available to the public before each meeting. With this webpage, you can review the meeting agenda and download the meeting materials to gain a better understanding of the topics being discussed. If you decide to attend the BOT meetings, you now have the same information as the trustees so you can better understand the discussion and offer your own informed opinion on the issues.

If you can't attend a BOT meeting in person but still want to participate in the discussion, the new BOT webpage offers live streaming video for each meeting. Now from anywhere you have an internet connection, you can watch the BOT meetings live through a YouTube™ channel. Because the video is live, you also have the opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinions through email during the meeting. If your schedule doesn't permit you to attend BOT meetings or watch the live video, the video is automatically recorded and becomes available immediately after the BOT meeting has ended. It also means you can review past meetings with one webpage that contains the agenda, meeting materials and video recording of the proceedings.

To access this new webpage enter the following address in your web browser <https://sites.google.com/a/riverwoods-il.net/board-of-trustees-meetings/>. In the upper left corner of the page is a list of dates for BOT meetings. Click on the date for the meeting in question and you will be taken to the webpage for that meeting. The agenda is posted on the meeting page, meeting materials are presented as a list of files that can be viewed online or downloaded (just click on a file name to view the document). To watch the meeting video just click on the video play button. During the meetings, you can email your comments and questions to askthebot@riverwoods-il.net and they will be read to the board.

Please note that the video quality will vary during the meeting because of limitations in the village's current IT

network. This issue will be resolved when the village hall is renovated and the video is transmitted through a wired network connection.

We hope you find this pilot program to be a useful tool to help residents stay informed about village government in a way that adapts to residents' busy and mobile lifestyles.

Watering Regulations; *continued from the front cover*

water conservation regulations under the following terms and conditions:

A. When said village officials deem that because of breakage of any main trunk, branches, service pipes or any part or portion of said system, or because of an inadequate water supply or inadequate facilities for distribution of water, or when the overall demand upon the village water supply system is so great as to endanger the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the village.

B. Under said circumstances said officials are authorized to declare an emergency and to issue emergency water conservation regulations limiting and prohibiting the use of water from the village water mains for use in air conditioning, swimming pools and the sprinkling, watering or irrigation of lawns, ground cover or gardens.

C. All emergency regulations issued by the president of the board of trustees shall be in writing and shall be distributed to each residence affected by the emergency regulation by placing a copy of the emergency regulation in the mailbox of each residence. In the alternative, such emergency regulations may be published once in a newspaper having general circulation in the village. Said emergency regulations shall be effective upon delivery of the notice to residents if such manner of notice is followed and shall be effective otherwise upon publication. (Ord. 80-3-1, 3-17-1980)

C-A. Restrictions on the use of private wells not connected to the village water system, including, but not limited to, a ban on all outside the home water use, when the village president has determined that restrictions are necessary because of drawing down of such wells or other conditions that endanger the public health, safety and welfare of residents of the village. (Ord. 88-6-11,



FARMERS MARKETS

Farmers markets are up and running offering fresh produce from local farms. This is a great way to eat healthy and support local business. Our Deerfield farmers market runs every Saturday, 7am-12:30pm now through October 10.

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods

Formerly known as Friends of Ryerson Woods, Brushwood Center seeks to contribute to the development of an environmentally literate citizenry that has the skills, knowledge and inclinations to make well-formed decisions that consider future generations. Brushwood Center holds that environmental education reaches beyond childhood and is a lifelong endeavor. Environmental education extends beyond science to embrace human interaction with nature and its expression, including literature, music, photography, film and other fine and performing arts.

Through innovative programming set against the backdrop of stately woods where pre-settlement flora and fauna still linger, Brushwood Center seeks to build an environmental ethic in our region by offering multiple points of entry for the public to connect with nature.

Visit the website at www.brushwoodcenter.org to discover a vast selection of creative and informative events and classes. From Shakespeare live in the woods to art exhibitions, hiking tours and art classes, there is something for everyone. A few of the offerings follow:

OUTDOOR THEATER

As You Like It / Shakespeare Outdoors

Four Performances / July 23, 24, 25 & 26
7 - 8:30pm

For the second year, Brushwood Center brings back Shakespeare Outdoors. **As You Like It**, an audience favorite, is presented by The Citadel Theatre Company and Director Frank Farrell. Bring your picnic and blanket and escape to Ryerson Woods where you'll be spirited back in time to a forest in a countryside long ago, with a timeless story, music, and endless laughs. In the play, the Duke's court and followers are banished and flee to the woods. This cast of characters, including the Duke's jester, other courtiers, his daughter Rosalind and her friends, camp out among the country folk and make do with their new situation. While in hiding, Rosalind adopts the disguise of a young man named Ganymede and the unexpected attention from a love-struck country girl leads to a comedy of mistaken identities.

\$15 (\$10 Brushwood Center or Citadel Theatre members). call 847-968-3308 to register by phone.

ART WORKSHOP

Botanical Art Open Workshop

with Heeyoung Kim
Mondays 10am - 4pm
OR
Every 3rd and 4th Saturday 10am - 4pm



This course is designed for botanical art students of all levels who are willing to make a commitment to learn and improve their drawing and painting skills. The most basic but most important techniques will be studied through the course with continuity, so that students can truly absorb the techniques and apply them intuitively. No need to memorize or take notes all the time and forget! 1st & 2nd week of each month: students will focus on honing techniques with instructor's guidance and demonstrations. 3rd & 4th week of each month: students will work on their own projects with the instructor's

personal assistance.

\$85/week. Register for a full year and save (25% off for Monday sessions, 10% off for Saturdays.) Pre-registration required.

OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING

Film Festival in the Woods

Saturday, August 22, 2015
7-9:30pm

It's movie night under the stars at the Brushwood Center! Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chair to enjoy a variety of acclaimed short films inspired by nature. There will be a Brushwood Center Art Gallery tour prior to the screenings.

2015 Film Selections to check out this summer

- **Chasing Water and Delta Dawn** by Peter McBride and Anson Fogel

Follow the Colorado River, source to sea, with photographer Pete McBride who takes an intimate look at the watershed as he attempts to follow the irrigation water that sustains his family's Colorado ranch, down river to the sea.

- **Dreams of the Last Butterflies** by Zina Brown

Award-winning Dreams of the Last Butterflies is a unique vision with a powerful environmental message, full of wonder, dreams, and otherworldly performers. Combining cutting-edge cinematography, fantastical costumes, epic faerie-tale poetry, and a sizzling electronica soundtrack, it will feature stunning performances by tribal bellydancers, ballet stars, fire masters, contortionists, and many more.

- **Bluebird Man** by Neil Paprocki and Matthew Podolsky
A Wild Lens, Inc. production

This film is a half hour documentary film about bluebird conservation and citizen science. The film focuses on the efforts of 91-year-old Alfred Larson, who has been monitoring and maintaining over 300 nestboxes for bluebirds in Idaho for 35 years.

And other shorts – check the website this Summer for a complete list. Free, but suggested donation of \$10. For rain, the event will be held indoors. 7pm gallery tour. 7:30pm film screenings.

For information, visit www.brushwoodcenter.org or call 847-968-3344. Be sure to follow Brushwood Center on Facebook and Instagram!

Riverwoods Book Club

By June Melber

Our book club is on summer break and will return on September 10, 2015, to discuss **The Goldfinch**, by Donna Tartt.

We'll also be discussing our choices for future book club selections, so here is your chance to suggest the book you would like to share with others.

Curious about the book club and have questions about how books are selected? Anyone can suggest a title, but if no one does, I choose. Wondering if you can attend even if you haven't finished (or even started) the book selection? The answer is yes. Sometimes people just can't finish a selection or don't like it, that's ok. Do you have to be a resident to attend? No, anyone from anywhere can join in for free.

Please contact me by phone or email with any comments or questions you have, I'd be happy to hear from you. Hope to see you at our September meeting at the Village Hall, at 10am. Refreshments are provided.

Vernon Township's 7th Annual Community Garage Sale

When: Saturday September 19, 2015 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Where: Prairie View Train Station (located on Main St just north of Route 22 in Buffalo Grove)

If you wish to be a seller, the Township is selling 2 parking spaces for \$25.00. Applications are available at the Township or on their website www.vernontownship.com. All proceeds from the sale of parking spaces benefit the Vernon Township Food Pantry. For additional information please call the Township at (847) 634-4600.

Adopt Late on Thursdays!

Orphans of the Storm animal shelter has extended its summer adoption hours to 11am- 8pm on Thursdays. Regular hours for the rest of the week remain 11am-5pm each day.

Your local animal shelter, located right here in Riverwoods is the best place around to choose to adopt your next best four-legged friend. The selection is not matched anywhere.

Visit the animals on line at www.orphansofthestorm.org and in person. The shelter is located at 2200 Riverwoods Road. For more information call 847-945-0235. Adopt a friend for life.

VILLAGE REMINDER

Village Curfew – The Village Curfew Ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 18, is 11:00pm during the week and 12:00am for Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Overnight Parking – No overnight parking is allowed on any Village street, from 3-6:00am No parking is allowed on Thorngate streets after dark.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE RPC

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

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

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

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

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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

RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

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Address _____

of extra stickers at \$5 each _____

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Don't Let Mosquitoes Steal Your Summer Fun

The Plant Ladies are at it again, this time taking your questions concerning that pesky Riverwoods summer resident, the mosquito. (reprint from Summer 2014)

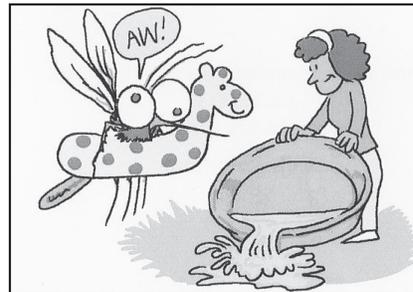
I want to enjoy my yard, but I worry about mosquito-borne diseases. Am I being paranoid?

Besides being annoying, mosquitoes can spread West Nile Virus, which can cause encephalitis or meningitis. In 2012, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported a record number of deaths from West Nile Virus; 286 people died in the contiguous U.S. that year. Mosquitoes also can spread heartworm parasites in our pets. So doing something about mosquitoes is being proactive not paranoid.

How can I prevent mosquito bites?

There are several things that you can do to keep those pesky mosquitoes at bay:

- Wear light-colored clothing, cover up your arms and legs, and wear socks, especially between dusk and dawn. Dark colors, like red, blue and black, are especially attractive to mosquitoes.
- Avoid scented perfumes or lotions.
- Use mosquito repellants. The CDC recommends DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and the plant-based oil of lemon eucalyptus. Some



Here's a tip to stop mosquito breeding in your yard – Empty unused swimming pools. And change the water in wading pools at least weekly.

other repellants that studies show will work to repel mosquitoes include the natural repellants neem oil and citronella oil. Be sure to check Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendations on the use of mosquito repellants and, which ever type of repellant you use, be careful to follow the instructions on the label. A Gardener's Tip: to prevent a chance of skin irritation, spray your clothes and hat with the mosquito repellant, rather than spraying your skin.

- Check the screens on your windows and doors to be sure they fit securely and there are no holes.

Is there anything I can do to protect my guests when I have a party in my yard?

Strategically place fans on your deck or patio to blow away those lightweight mosquitoes. It works like a charm. Also, replace the standard light bulbs by your doors with LEDs, yellow bug lights or sodium lamps.