



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods to Compete in the Battle of Bannockburn BBQ Challenge

By Bill Kaplan, Mayor of Riverwoods

On Saturday, September 29 the Village of Riverwoods will compete with the Villages of Deerfield, Mettawa, Lake Forest, Bannockburn and possibly even a few others in the first ever Battle of Bannockburn Barbecue Challenge. Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire and Highwood have been invited to compete, but have not yet responded.

The day begins at 8:30am with a 5K Walk/Run run hosted by Midtown Athletic Club

and will raise money for Bears Care. The 5K event will take off from the athletic club and end at the Bannockburn Green Retail Center at Half Day and Waukegan Roads where the day's festivities will take place.

Come there to watch as our own Bruce Schlesinger does his magic representing Riverwoods in the Battle of Bannockburn Barbecue Challenge. If you haven't yet tasted his ribs you are in for a real treat. They are the best ribs I have ever eaten. Everyone who attends will get to sample the challengers' recipes and decide for themselves which ribs are your favorite. The coveted Battle of Bannockburn Barbeque Challenge Trophy will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the winning community. The Battle begins at 9:30am and continues until

4pm. There will be other food available and entertainment, including live bands!

I look forward to seeing all of you there for a day of food and fun.

Village of Bannockburn Presents
BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN BBQ CHALLENGE
SEPT 29, 2012

FOOD. MUSIC. FUN.
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29 8:30AM - 4PM
BANNOCKBURN GREEN AT WAUKEGAN AND HALF DAY ROAD

5K RUN
Midtown Athletic Club | Start time: 8:30am
Ends at Bannockburn Green

MUSIC ACTS
Live on Stage! Déjà vu | April's Reign

BBQ CHALLENGE
Which town boasts the best BBQ?
Local officials judge entries representing each community.

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Bears Care: Bears Care was incorporated in 2005 as a 501(c)3 organization committed to improving the quality of life for people in the Chicagoland community, especially disadvantaged children and their families, through targeted programs supporting

education, youth athletics, and medical research and health awareness programs focusing on breast and ovarian cancer. Since that time Bears Care has issued grants totaling over \$7.5 million to over 70 qualifying agencies.

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. Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 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. www.riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)

Call Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

Riverwoods Book Club

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

Plant Sale Committee

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



RIVERWOODS
VILLAGE VOICE

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

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

SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed preferred. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the November/December 2012 issue: October 15, 2012.

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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 June 19, July 3 and 17. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com.

July 17

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Roseth stated that total Village funds were \$14.3 million which is up more than \$700,000 from last month. He explained the State conducted an audit on the telecommunications tax, which increased the Village funds by \$540,000. Mr. Roseth noted almost all of the funds that are planned to be switched have been moved to Chase.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning reported that he stopped a few residents from watering during restricted hours. Trustee Chamberlain asked about the well report. Mr. Glenn explained they would try to get a well report distributed next week. Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether the Village should have a sprinkling ban. Mayor Pro Tem Svatik explained that some sprinkling by residents on Lake Michigan/municipal water may actually help residents on wells.

Mr. Glenn explained the Village got approval from the County to install permanent, metal signs at the Village entrances for outside watering restrictions. The signs are being produced.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 3, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, two abandoned automobiles, seven accidents, 23 alarms, 11 complaints about animals, 10 fire department assists, four other agency assists, one well-being check, two child safety seat installations, three criminal damage to property, one dispute, one domes-

tic dispute, two driving complaints, one DUI, one fingerprinting, one harassment, one ILEAS callout, five lockouts, four motorist assists, four parking complaints, two solicitor complaints, one suicidal subject, eight suspicious circumstances, nine crime prevention notices, and 11 case reports. There were 76 traffic stops with 69 citations issued to 50 people.

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

Chief Dayno stated there were two arrests for the Hiawatha damage. Two 19-year olds were charged with criminal damage to property.

Chief Dayno discussed the ILEAS callout. Lincolnshire asked for assistance with a four-year-old child that could not be found. They searched the house and finally found the child asleep.

Chief Dayno noted there was a suicidal subject, but the Department talked to the subject and got him checked into a local hospital.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Huvad noted the TIF study has been slightly revised and he will forward it to the Board. The study finds the proposed Milwaukee/Deerfield area is eligible for a TIF and lays out a possible budget for redevelopment. The total increment will be about \$6 million. Mr. Huvad is working with Mr. Glenn on some possible improvements that may be beneficial to the Village. The next step is to come up with a timeline and schedule a Public Hearing. The Village will need to convene a Joint Review Board, which will include the taxing districts, the County, the Village, the public, etc. After the Joint Review Board meets, they will make a recommendation.

MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION

Village Engineer Pat Glenn stated the Village passes this resolution every year. Generally, the scope of the work includes culvert cleaning, patchwork, etc.

Trustee Chamberlain made a motion for the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution in the amount of \$155,000, which the Board passed.

**APPROVAL OF BID TO REPAIR SEWER
IN VILLAGE HALL RESTROOM**

Mr. Durning stated the Village hired a plumber who noticed that the cast iron pipe connection is bowed after he rodded it out. Sewage was coming up from the floor drain. Without the proper hydraulics, there will be additional back-ups at the Village Hall. The Village got three bids ranging from \$2,450 to \$14,740. The scope of the work includes breaking out the floor, repairing a section of pipe, patching the floor and reinstalling the furnace. The low bid is from Biagi Plumbing. Mr. Durning is recommending going with the low bidder with an added contingency in case the scope of work expands. Mayor Pro Tem Svatik stated the low bidder has a great reputation. The other two bidders are of the opinion that the concrete floor will require more breaking apart than the low bidder. He suggested awarding the bid for \$2,450 and to have a cushion in case the scope of work expands. Trustee Haber explained it is not an emergency situation right now. Mr. Durning noted there would be an issue if there is not enough water in the pipe to push solids through. Trustee Jamerson recommended awarding the bid to Biagi but allow him to spend up to the middle bidder amount plus 10%.

Trustee Haber stated that if the Board goes with the low bidder and there is a problem, the President can use his discretion to spend up to \$5,000 additional.

Trustee Haber made a motion and the contract for sewer repair in the Village Hall restroom was awarded to Biagi Plumbing in an amount of \$2,450.

**DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY USES (FOR TENT
STRUCTURE ON ORPHANS OF THE STORM
PROPERTY) BEFORE REFERRAL TO THE PLAN
COMMISSION**

Attorney Huvad explained the Village issued a permit for a tent to Orphans of the Storm in error. Orphans of the Storm already purchased the tent. The Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on garage sales, estate sales and temporary uses of tents on properties of 10 acres or greater. Mr. Huvad noted Orphans of the Storm would eventually like to replace the tent with a permanent structure.

Dick Zwirner, President of Orphans of the Storm, stated Mr. Huvad's suggestion is fine with them. They will try to raise money for a permanent non-tent structure and will take down the tent over winter.

Trustee Haber stated the Village's current Ordinance only allows tents for up to three days. Mr. Huvad explained the Ordinance would be amended to state that temporary uses of tents on properties of 10 acres or greater can have tents over a concrete slab for up to two years with Board approval. Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether there are any private residents that are 10 acres or larger. President Pro Tem Svatik noted there are a couple. Mr. Huvad explained that in this situation, the temporary use must be authorized by the Board. Trustee Norris suggested limiting the time to one year, with a renewal, because the Village should ensure the tent is maintained. Trustee Jamerson added that the tent would need to come down in the winter and the Village would want them to be able to install it again. Trustee Haber asked if there would be building restrictions. Mr. Durning explained there are code items that would be inspected. Trustee Norris believes the temporary structure should be permitted and inspected every year.

Mr. Huvad suggested preparing a draft Ordinance before the Public Hearing.

An Orphans of the Storm representative stated they frequently have events to promote their goal of placing animals with families that will care for them. The tent will enhance their activities. He believes it is important to get the structure up as quickly as possible and does not see a problem if they start now. He stated that the tent would only be visible near the police station.

Mr. Huvad suggested leaving it up to the President Pro Tem's discretion. He suggested the Board not take action until after the Plan Commission considers a Text Amendment to the Ordinance. Trustee Norris noted Orphans of the Storm would bear the risk on whether the Village enforces the issue. The Orphans of the Storm representative stated they relied on the Village.

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Mr. Siegel noted that Orphans of the Storm could not rely upon the issuance of the permit. Under Illinois law, the improper issuance of a permit for an otherwise prohibited activity does not give the party receiving the permit the right to engage in otherwise prohibited activity. The party receiving the permit has no right to rely upon the permit to engage in prohibited activity.

July 3

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning presented the well-reading report which showed the wells are down compared to the 2011 reports, due to the dry late spring. Mr. Glenn will call Jack Schwall to get a response to the well report. David Niedelman stated the average well is down 40 feet since last year. Trustee Koomjian, who has been charting the wells, stated the average well is at 60 feet right now though the figures shown in the report show they are at 48 feet. Trustee Koomjian noted the equipment used to record the well levels changed in January; therefore, the well levels cannot be easily averaged. Trustee Jamerson explained that, if the well levels are averaged, the two reservoir wells should be removed because they are deeper than the residential wells.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Pat Glenn and Mayor Kaplan met with Lake County Permit Staff and Ann Maine regarding the 37-acre landfill site and the activity going on at the location. The County assured the Village that their institutional controls are in place. A permit had been issued to remove contaminated soil. The permit was pulled and is close to being re-issued. The Village noted there has been a great deal of soil added to the location. They asked that no additional soil be added until the contaminated soil is removed. The County was amenable.

POLICE REPORT

The Board was provided with the Police Department activity since the June 19, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were nine 911 hang ups, nine accidents, 19 alarms, seven complaints about animals, 14 fire department assists, one other agency assist, one residential burglary, one burglary to vehicle, one well-being check, one child custody dispute, four driving complaints, two DUIs, one fingerprinting, six lockouts, six motorist assists, one noise disturbance, five parking complaints, 16 suspicious circumstances, two solicitor complaints, one traffic complaint, one trespass, four crime prevention notices, and 10 case reports. There were 85 traffic stops with 67 citations issued to 51 people.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Duane Christenson from the Licolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFPD District including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the months of March and April. In March there were 35 calls including 17 EMS calls, six fire calls, two auto accidents and 10 other calls. In April there were 28 calls including 20 EMS calls, five fire calls, one auto accident and two other calls.

GARAGE & YARD SALE ORDINANCE

Attorney Huvad distributed regulations from four villages regarding garage sales. Garage sales are regulated as a temporary use in residential Zoning Districts. If the Village decides to regulate garage sales, a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code will be required. He asked the Trustees to discuss what they would like in the Text Amendment. Mayor Kaplan believes the Village should require a permit for garage sales. Trustee Koomjian believes the hours of operation should be regulated, the number of sales in a calendar year should be limited, the merchandise sold should be limited to household goods, and the sale should not exceed three consecutive weekends. Trustee Chamberlain would prefer something more restrictive. Mayor Kaplan likes the restriction from Highland Park stating, "The merchandise sold must be limited to household goods and furnishings, which have been in use in the dwelling unit(s) located on the premises."

Trustee Svatik noted tires would be restricted if the Village enacted the restrictions from Highland Park. Trustee Jamerson believes the garage is part of the dwelling. Trustee Haber noted that would preclude salesman samples to be sold. Mayor Kaplan does not believe salesman samples should be sold in a garage sale. He also does not believe something should be brought in to be sold. Trustee Chamberlain believes 7:30am is too early for garage sales to begin, because there are early birds that come to garage sales. She believes the signs should be limited as well. Mayor Kaplan believes house sales, garage sales and estate sales should all be regulated under one ordinance. Mr. Huvad suggested the Trustees email comments to him so they can be forwarded to the Plan Commission. Trustee Haber stated there is currently nothing permitting garage sales, house sales and estate sales until a Text Amendment is passed.

VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Joan Becker, resident of Edgewood Lane, stated there are two properties that are eyesores in her neighborhood. One of the properties has activity but not progress. She asked if the Village could address these properties. Mr. Huvad stated those two properties are not part of the current receiverships. Both of the properties, however, do have local Ordinance violations. Mr. Durning explained that one has a nuisance violation and is in court. The judge gave the property owner until the end

of July to clean up the property. The other property is both a nuisance violation and has structural damage. That house is in court as well and it's in foreclosure. There will be another status hearing later this month.

Ms. Becker noted there was a meeting about having a community center next to the Village Hall. An architect stated there would not be enough parking if a community center were constructed. Ms. Becker shared an article regarding home values and bike paths. She stated that walkable, convenient locations are in demand. She would like the Village to look at making the Village more pedestrian-friendly.

ORDINANCE 12-7-12 PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 24 FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON THORNMEADOW ROAD AND PORTIONS OF ORANGE BRACE ROAD, JUNE BERRY ROAD AND BLACKTHORN ROAD AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER PROCEDURES.

The Board voted in favor of a second reading of the Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Village of Riverwoods SSA 24.

Village Attorney Huvad provided a red-line of the proposed Ordinance. The proposed changes are due to a new State bill regarding SSAs. Hearings cannot be made on proposed SSAs until at least 60 days after an Ordinance is passed. Therefore, Mr. Huvad updated the proposed Ordinance to have a Public Hearing on September 4, 2012. The Hearing can be continued, as necessary. Mr. Huvad stated the new bill also has a requirement to inform residents of the projected levy amount over the first year. He used an amortization calculator and inserted numbers to get a maximum projected levy amount.

Trustee Haber noted the amount would change based on the number of properties that are part of the SSA. Mr. Huvad stated the Village share could go up or the homeowners may need to pay more than the current connection fee to get water. Mr. Glenn stated the \$23,500 fee has been uniform across the Village. Trustee Jamerson asked if the bond issue does not cover the cost of the water main, would the residents that want water have to cover the cost immediately. Mr. Huvad explained the Village would specify the maximum amount they would borrow. Trustee Haber noted the amount would be divided between the homeowners that want water and are included in the SSA. Trustee Jamerson stated residents may not want to pay an additional amount. He thinks it is important that the Village know the amount.

Trustee Chamberlain stated the Village has contributed 15% in the past. Mr. Huvad explained that 15% may not be enough in South Riverwoods due to the larger lots. Trustee Haber stated

that the \$23,500 amount is not written in stone. Mayor Kaplan stated that for SSA's not in South Riverwoods, the Village would come out ahead. Mr. Huvad stated the only reason to consider a larger contribution would be a policy issue. Trustee Svatik explained the consideration is that people that have put in water would be subsidizing Thornmeadow.

Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether the homes in South Riverwoods have a higher market value. Mayor Kaplan explained the homes in South Riverwoods are larger. Mr. Huvad noted that water and sewer projects typically have a water benefit share. There is some benefit to the Village to have water extended throughout the Village. Trustee Chamberlain would like the Village to be consistent going forward so the Village is acting on the same principle. Mr. Glenn explained that it costs more per residence to run water in South Riverwoods than in smaller zoning areas. He would recommend a two-tiered connection fee level unless the Village contributes more. Trustee Haber suggested the Village could provide a Village subsidy based on individual lots. He believes the Village should provide the same subsidy regardless of the lot size. Trustee Jamerson is conflicted because he does not want people that do not want water to have to pay. He questioned the future connection of those residents. Trustee Chamberlain stated that if economic times were different, she would not want to consider a gap-tooth approach. If that is done, she believes the Village needs to be very clear on why this approach was used.

Mr. More, resident of Thornmeadow Lane noted that there were 15 residents interested in connecting; however, a letter did not go out until two days later. The letter that went out was not a neutral letter and advocated water. Trustee Koomjian stated that once an SSA is proposed, it is difficult to gather the opposition. The process is flawed and he would want it to be handled differently and in a more neutral fashion in the future. Trustee Koomjian believes a neutral letter should be distributed.

Trustee Chamberlain does not believe the Board takes a neutral stance; rather, they take a pro-water stance due to public safety concerns. Because of the tough economic times, she would like to see a higher percentage of owners and residents in favor of an SSA.

Mayor Kaplan explained that there were a number of residents attending the last two meetings. He requested only new comments be presented. Mr. More noted that at the June 5, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting, there was nothing mentioned about why they wanted water. At the June 19, 2012 meeting, he felt verbally attacked. Mr. More explained he wants water because his water is not clean. There was a fire in the middle of May. His house is made of cedar and he is concerned about the amount of time it would take to put out a fire at his home. Mr.

More spoke with a number of his neighbors that want water. He was under the impression there would be a Public Hearing to discuss the pros and cons. Mr. More noted that their sewer SSA will be ending shortly and the amount the residents will no longer be paying will just about cover the amount for the water SSA.

Tom O'Brien, also a resident of Thornmeadow, expressed concern about the lack of fairness and consistency. He does not believe the Board should pay a higher percentage for certain properties. Mr. O'Brien is worried about the consequences to long-term residents that will not be able to afford the increased fees.

David Niedelman, of Juneberry, discussed whether a vote should move forward. He stated each side will have a compelling issue. It is important to him that the process is set. Mr. Niedelman believes there will be enough time between today's vote and the September 4, 2012 Board meeting. Mr. Niedelman understands there is a reason to make exceptions, but believes the Board is trying to make exceptions to appease everyone.

Sara Fisher, a resident of Thornmeadow, distributed a petition of residents that do not want water. She stated homeowners do not want water for a variety of reasons. She met with Fire Chief Krueger who stated it is easier to put out fires in areas where there are hydrants; however, the Village has measures to put out fires. Ms. Fisher suggested not making nine residents pay for connection when they do not want it. She asked the Trustees to not move forward because she has not heard from two residents. The additional two residents could mean 50% of the residents are not in favor of the SSA.

Howard Patterson has lived in Riverwoods for 45 years. He would look forward to taking a good shower in his home. Mr. Patterson has to bring water into his home. He believes there is always a way to make things work. Mr. Patterson believes residents need to make improvements in the community or the community will deteriorate. He stated that most of the homes in the area are made of wood. This summer is very dry and he would not want to see a lot of homes catch fire.

Steve Fisher, of Thornmeadow Lane, does not want to pay for water. He believes this will set a dangerous precedent. Mr. Fisher stated the Village is making revenue over the water going through the pipes. He questioned why the Village should make money over water. Mr. Fisher met with Arnie Rapa, the Well Program Coordinator for Lake County. He reported that Mr. Rapa said the wells in Riverwoods are not in danger of running dry. He stated that wells run dry if they are not properly maintained or if they were dug too shallow. Mr. Fisher suggested only making those that want water pay for water.

Carol Lieberman, who lives on Greenbriar, pointed out that there is dissention created in the neighborhood. She is hoping the Village can find a compromise that will work for everyone. Ms. Lieberman stated the initial configuration of the area took people from various, contiguous areas. The area was engineered to favor those that want water. Ms. Lieberman believes there are different ways to configure the area or to pay for the project.

Trustee Jamerson stated he lives on Blackthorn. His property was not in the original configuration but he asked that his property be added. He does not believe he will personally benefit if there is water, but he will abstain from any vote on this item.

Mayor Kaplan stated the Village has a formal procedure to follow. Mr. Huvad believes the amounts need to be more accurate. Mayor Kaplan noted the Board does not have a bid. Trustee Haber believes the amount should be changed to \$611,000 instead of \$575,000. Trustee Chamberlain stated there are two properties with Juneberry addresses. She asked if adding additional properties on Juneberry would make it better. Mr. Glenn stated the boundaries were dictated by the properties that can be served by the water main.

Trustee Haber amended his motion to change the amount from \$587,000 to be \$611,000. Trustee Svatik seconded the motion. The motion passed with Trustee Koomjian voting no and Trustee Jamerson abstaining.

Mayor Kaplan stated there would be a Public Hearing on September 4, 2012. Mr. Huvad explained that, if the hearing is adjourned at the meeting, there would be a 60-day period where the residents would officially come forward in favor or not in favor of the SSA. The Village would send a notice announcing the Public Hearing to those residents, along with the maximum amount that can be borrowed. Residents can make suggestions about a possible remapping or other options. Trustee Chamberlain encouraged all the neighbors to discuss the possibilities together. After the Public Hearing, the Village will provide a formal procedure to vote for or against the SSA.

Sherry Graditor, of Hoffman Lane, suggested the Village send out a letter with all of the dates and information the residents can use as a reference.

June 19

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the June 5, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting.

There were three 911 hang ups, 11 accidents, 17 alarms, five complaint about animals, 22 fire department assists, one burglary to auto, two well-being checks, one domestic dispute, one driving complaint, two DUIs, one fingerprinting, two lock-outs, four motorist assists, two noise disturbances, one open burning, two parking complaints, 10 suspicious circumstances, two solicitor complaints, one traffic complaints, one trespass, six crime prevention notices, and five case reports. There were 94 traffic stops with 66 citations issued to 52 people.

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

Chief Dayno stated there was a burglary to an auto on Interlochen. Items were taken from two unlocked vehicles.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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 May. There were 32 calls including 18 EMS calls, seven fire calls, one auto accident and six other calls.

New Business

ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #24 FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON THORNMEADOW ROAD AND PORTIONS OF ORANGE BRACE ROAD, JUNE BERRY ROAD AND BLACKTHORN ROAD AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER PROCEDURES

Trustee Norris made a motion for First Reading. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. Mr. Huvad explained the Board does not take sides when forming an SSA. The Board would set the process in motion where an SSA can be considered. There are various findings that the Board can make. An SSA needs to be a contiguous area and specific information is required by statute. Mr. Huvad explained the Village would borrow money for a connection fee of \$23,500 for 25 water connections. The maximum interest rate must be stated in the Ordinance. Mr. Huvad suggested a 7% cap, but expects the interest rate to be much lower. The maximum term of the bonds will be 12 years from the date of issuance. The Village's experience with other SSAs showed there is a gap of up to one year. Some of the bonds have been updating for 11 years instead of 10 years, although most banks prefer a 10-year obligation. Mr. Huvad stated they would want to get bids on a fixed rate. The Village would borrow the money over 10 years with a level of reduction over 10 years. The amount borrowed would be approximately \$600,000. The \$63,000 (sample number assuming 5% interest) would be divided by the 25 houses and would show on those residents' tax bills.



To go forward, the Village must propose a hearing, send out notices to every home in the area and publish in advance of the hearing. After the hearing is adjourned, the matter rests for 60 days. Anyone in the area that is opposed to the formation of the SSA can make an objection. If the objections were not sufficient, the Board could then vote to form the SSA after the 60-day waiting period. If the SSA is formed, the Board would then attempt to pass a bond ordinance. The bonds would not be general obligation bonds; rather, they would be payable solely from the taxes collected in the area.

If the residents want to object, they can defeat it and keep the Board from passing the SSA. The required vote would be 51% of the owners of property in the proposed SSA and 51% of the electors from the proposed SSA. If the Village gets at least 51% objectors in both votes, the SSA would not be formed. The proposed hearing would be August 21, 2012. If the hearing is adjourned that night, the 60 days would begin. Therefore, the earliest time the SSA could go forward would be November. Mr. Huvad stated the Board would only be facilitating the discussion.

Trustee Haber suggested sending out a letter to the 25 households between the two readings. Trustee Norris explained that the residents need to vote. There is a great amount of time to marshal support for or against the SSA.

MOBIL STATION LAND ACQUISITION DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaplan explained the Mobil station came to the Village and stated they wanted to add a convenience store and a car wash. They then came back and stated they wanted a car wash and a coffee shop. The Village recommended they speak with the Thorngate Homeowner's Association prior to coming to the Board.

Mark Finch stated the Thorngate Association was not aware of this. Mr. Glenn noted the property they purchased is in Deerfield. Trustee Haber stated they could go to Deerfield and get approval. Mr. Glenn noted Deerfield's current Zoning Ordinance has the property zoned as office. There would be public hearings in Deerfield to get it rezoned, along with notice on the property if a Public Hearing is scheduled.

REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM WILLOW HOUSE

Kitty Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Willow House, thanked the Board for the grant they provided last year. Willow House is located in Riverwoods. Ms. Hoffman stated they

provide programs for grieving children and families. She stated they receive referrals from local school districts, social workers, first responders, etc. They provide peer support services and allow parents and children to meet once a month.

Mayor Kaplan stated the Village donated \$7,500 to Willow House last year. Willow House is requesting a \$10,000 donation this year. The Board approved a donation of \$7,500 to Willow House.

Police Report: **Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs**

All children riding in a motor vehicle should be protected in restraint systems appropriate for their size and development. However, some children have certain medical or behavioral conditions that require the use of specialized child safety restraints.

Regardless of whether or not a child's medical condition presents short-term or long-term challenges, a child should travel in a restraint system that provides optimum protection. Oftentimes, a conventional child safety seat will meet the safety and positioning needs of a child with special health care needs. Other times, an adaptive or specialized restraint will be necessary.

Car beds may be used by newborns with:

- Low-birth weight (born weighing less than 5 pounds)
- Respiratory complications
- Spina Bifida
- Conditions that require them to lay flat

Snug Seat Hippo Seats and Modified E-Z-On vests may be used by children with:

- Hip-spica casts
- Halo traction
- Certain orthopedic conditions
- Conditions that require them to lay flat

Larger medical seats may be used by older or larger children with:

- Cerebral palsy
- Hydrocephalus
- Severe behavioral disorders requiring specialized restraints
- Complex medical issues

The Riverwoods Police Department can assist in the proper selection, installation, and fitting of special needs restraints for children and their parents. Our National Child Passenger Safety certified technician has completed additional training in "Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs."

For additional information, or to make an installation appointment for special needs or conventional restraints, contact Detective David Marks at 847-945-1130 ext. 41.

Riverwoods Library Membership

By William Svatik, Village Trustee

Occasionally Riverwoods residents inquire about membership at our local libraries. They would like to know if it is possible to obtain a library card and if so, what would that cost be?

The answer is yes, Riverwoods residents can take advantage of the local libraries. That cost of library usage is factored the same for Riverwoods residents as it is for Deerfield or Vernon residents. (i.e. regular library members). The Deerfield Public Library explains it this way:

There are two ways to become a cardholder of the Deerfield Public Library. If a person lives in Deerfield, he or she is taxed for library services on their real estate tax bill. Residents of Riverwoods, Bannockburn or unincorporated Deerfield are not taxed and may choose to purchase the service.

State law uses the resident's high school district (District 113 for these areas) to determine the public library he or she must use (Deerfield Public Library).

Procedure to obtain a Deerfield Public Library Card

Residents must present a current real estate tax bill to the Circulation Department. The cost of library service is determined by the equalized assessed value (EAV) on the tax bill multiplied by the current tax rate for library service for Deerfield taxpayers. The EAV of the resident's home and property is approximately one-third of the real estate value. A chart with calculations of the cost for library service is available at the Circulation Desk.

Cardholder privileges

By law, library service must be purchased or renewed annually. Purchased cards expire each year and may be reissued in subsequent years. The expiration date appears on the back of the library card. Full privileges are given to all members in a cardholders household who are five years of age and older. Deerfield Public Library cards may be used at any area library (except Warren Newport in Gurnee.)

Forms of payment

Deerfield Public Library accepts payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card. Library cards may be paid in full at the time of purchase. Additional cards are available for any family members at the same address for no additional charge.

Further information is available by contacting the Deerfield Public Library at 847-945-3311 or the Vernon Area Library at 847-634-3650.



Riverwoods welcomes its own Olympian Christina Loukas back home. We are proud of you!

Our Water and Rain Gardens

What if you could have a beautiful garden while recharging the aquifer and making our well water safer? What if you could help reduce what it costs to treat stormwater and then return it as municipal water? Well, you can – with a few simple steps. With our water being such a looming concern right now, a rain garden is something you should seriously consider.

A rain garden is a part of your home’s landscaping but it has a few special qualities. By using a ground depression, layered soil (with readily available materials) and plants, you can reduce potential pollutants in your water and manage stormwater runoff. Importantly, you can help to recharge our aquifer instead of losing some of the water to evaporation.

Did you know that lawn chemicals, garden fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, road salt, motor oil, and auto cleansers are finding their way into drinking water? What if layers of pebbles, sand and compost and the uptake in plant roots could remove 50 to 90% of these pollutants?

With a financial match from the Village and the assistance of a local business – the Mulch Center – the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) is developing two rain garden demonstration sites. On a scale of what is affordable and manageable by a homeowner, these sites will have education placards that will show you exactly what to do. Construction of the first site is underway next to the Police Station parking lot. We hope to be done in the fall depending on weather conditions. The second site will be part of the Reforestation Area near the corner of Deerfield and Riverwoods Roads.

Is a rain garden a mosquito breeding ground? No. A wild mess of plants? No (unless you want that, of course). A beautiful addition of native plants on your property? Yes.

Once established, rain gardens require almost no ongoing effort. Native plants reduce the need to water and can fight off weeds. Even with the record drought, many native plants are holding their own. During the first year, however, the plants do need watering to help get their root systems in place and pesky weeds will need some attention.

The Village will help with your costs: 50% of your expenditure, up to a Village outlay of \$2000. The RPC can help with your approach and the cost sharing process. Of course, you don’t have to wait for the RPC demonstration sites to be finished if you want to get started now!



THE GREEN CORNER

Spring Shoe Drive a Great Success; Thank You Riverwoods Residents!

The first shoe drive sponsored by the RPC and the Village of Riverwoods exceeded all expectations.

Results:

- New and “like new” shoes - 465 pairs collected.
- Worn athletic shoes - 190 pairs collected

What Happened to the Shoes?

All the shoes were brought to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and from there:

- The new and “like new” shoes were sent to Share Your Soles, a local Illinois shoe charity that donates new or gently worn shoes to people in need around the world.
- The worn athletic shoes were turned into “Nike Grind” and will be used to manufacture a variety of other products, such as rug padding, athletic courts, running tracks and playgrounds.

Our coordinated efforts in Riverwoods made participation in this recycle-and-reuse program possible and has resulted in benefiting the environment and lending a hand to people in need.



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.

Fall Picks for the Riverwoods Book Club

By June Melber

The next meeting of the Riverwoods Book Club will be Friday, September 14, at 10am at the Village Hall. We will be discussing **Under the Banner of Heaven**, by Jon Krakauer.

Our picks for fall and winter:

October—**Suite Francaise**, by Irene Nimirovsky

November—**People of the Book**, by Geraldine Brooks

December—**Lost in Shangri-La**, by Mitchell Zuckoff

January—**A Gate at the Stairs**, by Lorrie Moore

Meetings are free and open to all residents and non-residents of Riverwoods. Refreshments are provided. All of our listed book picks are available in paperback, and most can be purchased very reasonably from betterworldbooks.com. Hope to see you in September.

Apple Picking Season

There's no better way to enjoy the fall season than to get outdoors and go apple picking! Here are a few locations where you can take the family and make a day of it.

Heinz Orchard

1050 Crest Road in Green Oaks

847-770-3449 / www.heinzorchard.com

Open for picking 10am-4pm Fridays through Sundays

Ziegler's Apple Orchard

32363 N. Bacon Road in Grayslake / 847-546-1228

Saturday 9am-5pm

More Than Delicious Orchard

9905 Thompson Road in Woodstock

815-338-2309 / www.morethandelicious.com

Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm

FOR PUMPKIN PICKING

Didier Farm

16678 W. Aptakisic Road in Prarie View / 847-634-3298

Daily 9am-6pm

www.didierfarms@didierfarms.com

The Pumpkinfest begins September 22 and goes until October 31st.



Riverwoods couple Ted and Judy Roseman take First Place in their age groups in the Lincolnshire 5K Run on July 4, 2012. There were a total of 600 participants. It was a fun morning.

Home Alone Is Back Again

The Village of Riverwoods is reinstating the Home Alone Program. Anyone interested in being called each morning for a well-being check please contact Sherry Kaplan at 847-945-1972 or e-mail at Sherryhkaplan@comcast.net.

Sherry Kaplan and June Melber have volunteered to call all those who sign up for this Village service.

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 _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

of extra stickers at \$5 each _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Riverwoods
Outdoor Movie Night
Under the Stars
 benefitting the
Leukemia Research Foundation

Grease, an American movie classic, is looking like a great choice for Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars.

"We are so excited," exclaimed event co-chair Marla Gelfond. "Being nearly sold out already means it will be a great night." All proceeds for the evening benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation. "Our neighbors Stacy and Dave Kaufman have been raising money in memory of Stacy's sister Jessica Shayne Magid and we are happy to help."

When Marla and Dan Gelfond approached Mayor Kaplan and the Village, it was a great fit. The opportunity to have another community event, and one as unique as an outdoor movie had a great appeal. In addition to the featured movie, there will be an auction of many exciting items, food and movie treat concessions and kids' games.

"We have been putting the plans together and have some unique surprises in store," said Dan Gelfond.

What: Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars

Where: Riverwoods Village Hall

When: September 14, 2012, 6:30pm

Advance Tickets: www.jsmcure.org \$10/ Adults, \$5/Kids 12 and under

Leukemia and lymphoma are blood cancers affecting all backgrounds and ages. Through the efforts of many people and organizations, leukemia and lymphoma research has helped thousands of people suffering from these cancers reach remission. Events such as Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars are a way to share this mission. 100% of the proceeds of this 100% volunteer event are donated to the Leukemia Research Foundation.

Registration is ongoing at www.jsmcure.org. The event will sell out. Invite friends and family to join you for a wonderful community and charitable event and sign up today! A big thank you to Whitehall Healthcare of Deerfield and Mesirow Financial for their sponsorships as well as to Cookers for the delicious hot dogs!

ABOUT THE LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Leukemia Research Foundation, headquartered in Wilmette, IL., is dedicated to funding research and providing support to people affected by blood cancers. The Foundation's mission is to conquer leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndromes by funding research into their causes and cures, and to enrich the quality of life of those touched by these diseases. For 65 years, the Foundation has raised more than \$50 million to help fund research specifically targeting aspiring, eager, and innovative scientists and physicians around the world, provide patient financial assistance, and offer educational and emotional support for patients and their families. Leukemia Research Foundation information is available at www.leukemia-research.org, or by calling 847-424-0600.

**It's the Village Halloween Party
 and Everyone Is Invited!**

Happy Halloween



VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 27th

4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

**Riverwoods Village Hall
 300 Portwine Road**

**Ride the horse drawn hay wagon
 Enjoy music and song**

Bring your children and grandchildren

Free hot dogs, pizza, cider, candy

Campfire and s'mores

Lots of surprises & fun for all

Volunteers are needed and very welcome!

Contact Sherry Kaplan 847-945-1972



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