

VILLAGE
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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. September 16, October 7, 21 and November 4 and 18.

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1st Thursday at 7:30pm. October 2, November 6 and December 4.

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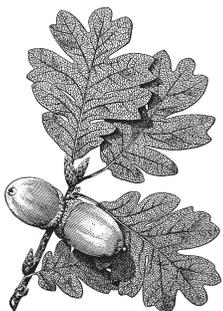
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Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Sanitary Sewer Utility Fee Coming to Riverwoods

By John Norris, Mayor of Riverwoods

Let me get right to the point. The Village of Riverwoods will begin charging a new monthly sanitary sewer utility fee of \$18 per home, starting January 1, 2015. This fee amounts to \$216 per household annually and is necessary to pay for repairs to the Village sanitary sewer system and to accumulate a reasonable reserve in the Sewer Fund.

I. Background

The Village has an agreement with Lake County under which the County performs routine sewer maintenance to the Village system. It is a very unusual relationship that has allowed the Village to forego a public works department, maintain a small Village staff and avoid the problems arising from escalating health care and pension costs.

However, the County doesn't perform capital repairs or replacements for us. The Village has to pay outside contractors to replace a broken Village main out of the Sewer Fund. The Village owns 23 miles of gravity sanitary sewer, four conventional sanitary lift stations, and 4,650 feet of sanitary sewer forcemain. The current system value is approximately \$25 million and 70% of this system was installed prior to 1980.

In 2012, the Village Engineer performed utility reserve studies and the Board adopted a policy to accumulate a reasonable amount of reserves in the Sewer Fund. We have a five-year projection, updated periodically, that estimates future capital repairs based on the age of the system, known

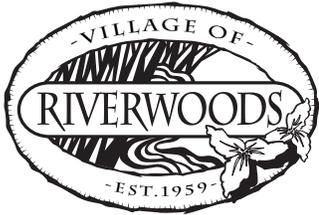
problems, etc. The annual expenditures of the Sewer Fund should average about \$250,000 annually over the next five years. But we have essentially no revenue to pay for that.

For the Sewer Fund to be in equilibrium, we need revenues coming in to replace the outflow. We also need to build the reserve balance in the Sewer Fund to deal with unforeseen expenses that can wreak havoc with a five-year projection. Currently the "rainy day" balance in the Sewer Fund is less than \$100,000 and will be depleted before the end of this year.

II. Revenues

So, how has the Sewer Fund obtained money? In the last 20 years, all but a few Village residents have connected to the sewer system and paid a connection fee into the Fund. These connection fees that once funded the Sewer Fund have come to an end. At present, the County bills each resident - that won't change. Most of the County's charge is retained by the County for maintenance of county mains and treatment plants into which our system discharges. The balance of the monthly charges since 2008, annually about \$40,000 or less, has been remitted to the Village.

In recent years, the amount remitted by the County has been too small to cover the actual maintenance costs incurred by the Village. This deficiency has created negative cash flow for the Sewer Fund. We have tried to adjust the arrangement with Lake County under which it would increase the monthly remittance to the Village, but the formula in place has not proven as flexible as we intended. The County has proposed restructuring of our agreement in a way that the Board and I have found unacceptable for a number of



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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. 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.

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Sanitary Sewer Utility Fee; *continued from the cover*

reasons, including a requirement that we join a multi-agency committee that could require us to establish higher rates. The stated intent is to force communities to make necessary upgrades, but the manner of coercion seemed particularly harsh for a small community such as Riverwoods.

The Board firmly believes that the Village should maintain local control as much as possible. The Village of Riverwoods should decide whether or not to place a surcharge on Riverwoods' residents for repairs and reserves, not a county-appointed multi-agency committee.

III. Going Forward

The Village has delayed charging a fee as long as it could, but the reserve in the Sewer Fund has been virtually exhausted. While we will be able to pay for repairs and maintenance budgeted for this year from the Sewer Fund, I anticipate having to transfer monies from the General Fund to fund next year's maintenance and repairs.

In view of these facts, the Village Board authorized the monthly sewer fee of \$18. I should note that even when this sewer fee is added to the amount charged by Lake County, the total amount Riverwoods residents will be paying for sewer service will still be below the average cost paid in the general area.

The charges we anticipate collecting from the county remittance and Village surcharge fee should cover anticipated repairs and gradually start restoring the reserve balance in the Sewer Fund.

The General Fund has also committed (by accounting designation) a portion of its fund balance to support the Sewer Fund until the Sewer Fund has adequate reserves. The General Fund backstops the costs to repair all other Village infrastructure and supports many other uses. That is why it is important for the Sewer Fund to reach a balance between revenues and expenditures that will support its activities in the long run.



**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 17, July 1 and 15. 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 15

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT**

The Village will go to court in August on a property on Timberwood that has multiple code violations.

Permanent occupancy was issued to 720 Juneberry.

A home on Thornmeadow also has numerous code violations. It is basically being used as a warehouse. Mr. Durning approached the landlord and the tenant will be evicted by the end of the month.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 1, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno stated there were several burglaries including a vehicular burglary, 2 garage burglaries and burglary of a home under construction. The department is actively working with other police departments that have had similar incidents. There was also a residential burglary during the day while the owners were working in their yard. Patrols have been increased in those areas. Chief Dayno put out a residential alert. He stated that the best way to catch burglaries while they are happening is by vigilant neighbors calling the department.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Huvarud noted that there are enforcement actions against both vacant homes and residents having work done without permits. The owner of 3135 Scotch Lane finally appeared in court. The Judge ordered that the owner come in for a permit which have not yet

happened. The next court date is July 31, 2014.

The receiver for 9 Julie Lane filed a report. The bank had previously stated that they were interested in repairing the home, but has not yet contacted the Village.

There are three additional properties Mr. Durning wants to inspect because he feels they may be vacant, which would bring the total of possible vacant homes to four. Mr. Huvad explained that the basic strategy they are developing is that if Mr. Durning can determine, from the outside, that the house is in bad shape, the Village will apply for receivership. However, if it is not obvious from the outside, the Village will send out a notice to the owner stating that the Village believes the house is vacant and will request that the owner come to the Village within 15 days to explain how they are going to secure the house. If the owner does not comply, the next step is to apply for an administrative warrant to inspect the house.

Trustee Haber asked if 1080 Hiawatha was one of the four homes. It was not, but will now be added to the list.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

2013 Audit – Mayor Norris provided the Trustees with copies of the audit. In general, things continue to be good. There are no serious problems. The main issue is inadequate controls that are common to small villages. The report includes the 10-year history of operation cash flows. There was a discussion about changing auditors. The consensus was to put out an RFP to possibly consider new auditors.

4th of July Parade – Mayor Norris indicated that the response to the Village wrestling champions in the Deerfield parade was very nice. Orphans of the Storm also had a nice presence in the parade.

Senate Bill 3507 – Mayor Norris explained that Senate Bill 3507 is on the Governor's desk. The bill would restrict both the sewer and water tap-on charge to no more than 2 months water or sewer bill. There is no preemption for Home Rule, which would exclude Riverwoods. However, he would rather that that language be removed from the Bill. Mr. Huvad believes Special Service Areas may be exempt from this Bill.

July 1

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Rob Durning reported that the Village still has plenty of larvacide available.

He noted that Comed's 2013 annual report, which he had forwarded to the Board, was not much different than that of 2012. Trustee Jamerson commented that the report included a lot of interesting information including the duration and reasons for outages.

A permit for demolition of a house on Hiawatha will be submitted shortly. A new home will be built on the property.

The Village is going to court for some nuisance complaints for a house on Timberland.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that Clarke Mosquito had a booth at the Deerfield Farmer's Market. She found out that residents can get notification of the spraying schedule if they register with Clarke by either calling them or signing up on their website.

Trustee Baumann questioned whether the Village has received safety certifications from the homes on septic. Mr. Durning indicated that the Village has received a few of them but he would be following up with the other residents.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Glenn indicated that the paving project for the Special Service Areas is in full swing. Mr. Glenn thinks that the restoration will be completed in less than a month. The Village road patching should begin next week.

Mr. Glenn met with Lake County staff regarding the phase II design of the bicycle path. The County is getting ready to start negotiations with the property owners along the road regarding the right-of-way they are seeking. Initially, the Village proposed a program wherein they would participate in some landscaping outside of the right-of-way in the form of an easement adjacent to the right-of-way. The County negotiator suggested that they and the Village should work together to obtain the right-of-way and the easement at the same time.

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Mr. Glenn now believes that the Village should set aside their easement plan and let the County move forward with their negotiations and build their project. The Village would then address the impacts on an individual property basis. He suggested that the landscaping could be handled as part of the Village cost-sharing program rather than through an easement. Mr. Huvad noted that the Village came up with the idea of an easement to help with the landscaping before the Village really had cost-sharing programs. Trustee Chamberlain suggested that the Board discuss types of plantings and costs with the Village forester so they can create a budget for the program. Trustee Jamerson believed there was a figure of \$250,000 discussed. Mr. Glenn noted that that would have been the Village's cost if the project had been a federally funded Village local-agency-project. Mayor Norris stated that he will work with the Trustees involved in this particular area and the Village forester to come up with a starting point for further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

RPC Vegetation Assessment of 295 Portwine – Mike Clayton, RPC President noted that 90% of Illinois' original native wetlands and 18% of the native wetland plant species are gone. With that in mind, the RPC conducted a vegetation assessment of the property at 295 Portwine.

Rachael Goad from Habitat 2030 and also the manager of the Plants of Concern program at the Chicago Botanic Garden is one of the authors of the assessment report. She stated that the property has a number of large, mature oak trees. Overall, they found 119 plant species on the seven-acre site; 77% of those were native species. The understory is very diverse. Notably, they found one state-threatened species, which may become extinct.

Ms. Goad indicated that the survey did not comprehensively study other organisms, but they did notice a number of fauna including flycatchers, frogs and dragonflies. Overall, Ms. Goad was very impressed by the quality of the unprotected site. She thinks the area could be a significant natural asset to Riverwoods and represents a wonderful opportunity to restore a slightly degraded remnant site to a beautiful natural area.

Trustee Baumann asked what would be needed to bring the area to a remnant status. Ms. Goad explained the Village could remove the invasive species and possibly do a burn. Trustee Haber questioned whether there is anything unique about that site that is not replicated elsewhere in the Village. Ms. Goad could only speak to the ecological state of the site.

Mr. Huvad questioned whether additional studies would be needed if the Village decided to designate the property as a nature preserve. Ms. Goad explained that a more in-depth inventory and a systematic sampling would need to be taken to understand the abundance of the plantings. In order to be a nature preserve, a number of state-threatened species must be found and there could possibly be a size requirement. With restoration, other

species may be found. Mayor Norris asked if Ms. Goad knew of any state or federal funding programs that could help with restoration. Jonathan Schlessinger, a former Riverwoods resident, indicated he runs volunteer events for the Forest Preserves in Cook County and believes volunteers are a powerful tool in the restoration of land. Mayor Norris noted that the Village will have to determine what they want to do with the property.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING POLICIES FOR PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Dayno gave a brief history of the existing Ordinance. He explained that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB) limits the number of hours part-time officers can work to 1,560 hours annually. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) limit for a part-time employee is 1,000 hours. Chief Dayno explained that if an officer goes over 1,000 hours in a calendar year, the employee needs to be enrolled in the IMRF. Therefore, he chose the lower number of 1000 when the Ordinance was drafted.

Chief Dayno currently has one full-time officer that is on medical leave and has one part-time officer that is willing to work more hours to make up for the officer on leave. The total hours would not exceed the ILETSB's limit of 1,560. The Village would have to enroll the officer into the IMRF and would be responsible for paying 10.75% of those hours over 1,000 hours in a calendar year. He is asking the Board to amend the Ordinance to allow him, with the authorization of the Mayor, to have a part-time officer work up to 1,560 hours in a calendar year to meet staffing requirements.

The Board approved the request unanimously on a voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads/Waste Hauling – Trustee O'Donnell reported that he will follow up with Representative Maine on the status of Deerfield Road.

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson presented highlights from the Building Report for June. A copy of the report is available on the village website under Board of Trustees.

Treasurer Liaison/Parks/NSSRA – Mayor Norris reported that Trustee Ford is still working with the Village Treasurer on investments.

Woodlands/Budget & Operations – Trustee Chamberlain noted that the educational signs are still not installed at the Woodland Preserve. She does not understand the holdup but will follow up with the Village forester. She and the Mayor are still cleaning up and reclassifying expenses in the general ledger.

IT/Drainage/Stormwater/Environment – Trustee Baumann met with Mike Borchew and Ron Ballard from Impact Networking. He found that our website technology is very old and is basically a static document and, therefore, not able to allow us to do our own contact management. He will sit down with Ron Ballard and update the website and correct inaccurate information. He would like to add two pages to the website: one dedicated to the Village Hall renova-

tion and one to add a cross index to facilitate navigation. Trustee Baumann would like to come up with a list of user requirements that could be used to go out for bids.

June 17

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village treasurer Hal Roseth presented highlights from the treasurer's report. The Village has \$13,600,000 invested. The approximate \$600,000 with Wells Fargo is yielding slightly under 3%. The investable JP Morgan Chase funds are also yielding slightly less than 3%. The unmanaged investment funds are yielding substantially less at about 0.5%.

Mr. Roseth and Trustee Ford have held several recent meetings about the function of the Village's financial advisers and what they expect of them, including a better reporting system with benchmarks that apply to the Village's type of investments. Mr. Roseth & Trustee Ford would like to explore some other markets where the Village is not currently investing. Trustee Ford indicated that the advisors are exploring investing a small percentage of the total managed investments in the corporate market. Mr. Roseth indicated that the Village has \$1,500,000 in the operating account. They are looking into reducing that amount by half and investing the other half.

PROCLAMATION HONORING HOLDEN HELLER, KENNY KERSTEIN AND REECE HELLER

Mayor Norris read Proclamations honoring the three State wrestling champions that reside in Riverwoods. Mayor Norris proclaimed that June 17, 18, and 19 be reserved to honor the three respective wrestling champions.

APPROVAL OF DESIGN SCHEME FOR VILLAGE HALL

Trustee Jamerson reviewed the highlights from the Design Committee report which ultimately produced the design scheme presented to and approved by the Board.

The Trustees discussed the projected cost, noting that the initial projection was \$1,800,000. Mr. Hammer stated that there were a number of changes and that the construction estimate is now approximately \$2,400,000 excluding soft costs and furniture. He stated that the increase was due to an increase in the square footage of the project. Mr. Hammer indicated that the proposed buildings would be 12,259 square feet excluding the attic storage. The existing buildings, including the old police station, are 8,600 square feet. Mayor Norris stated that with the additional soft costs, landscaping, furniture and fixtures, the Board should figure on a total cost of approximately \$3,000,000.

Trustee Haber stated that the parking lot was not adequate nor designed to work properly. Mr. Glenn noted that the parking was laid out to preserve the plantings while maximizing the number of parking spaces. Mayor Norris indicated that the parking and landscaping would be discussed at a later date. Tonight, the Trustees should only consider the design scheme, so that staff can get better cost estimates. Trustee Haber and Trustee O'Donnell were

not in favor of voting on a piecemeal design. Trustee Haber is also not comfortable voting on this without having all of the facts, including more accurate costs. Mayor Norris explained that to get firmer costs, they needed to proceed with design development to get bids. Trustee O'Donnell questioned the need for a building that is 50% larger than the current structure. Mayor Norris explained that the increase in square footage is primarily in the larger boardroom and in the public areas and not the office space.

Sherry Graditor, resident of Hoffmann Lane, expressed concern that the proposed Village Hall is not a green building. Mayor Norris explained that the environmental elements of the future building would be considered at a later time.

Both Trustee Ford and Trustee Chamberlain agreed that public comment is essential to this process.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that she could move forward with the proposed design if changes could be made to reduce costs if the Board felt that the costs were getting too high. Mayor Norris stated that if the costs do not meet the Board's expectations, the Trustees could ask Mr. Hammer to implement course corrections. Mr. Hammer explained that the Trustees could get firmer estimates at the design development phase.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR VILLAGE HALL

Mr. Huvad explained that now that the schematic design is done, the next phase is the design development at a cost of \$34,000. The cost could increase if major revisions to the plan were requested well into the design stage. Mr. Hammer will be working with Gewalt Hamilton for their engineering services and Urban Forest Management will oversee the landscape design. The Village could terminate the contract at any time and just pay for services rendered.

Trustee Haber moved to approve the contract for architectural services for the Village Hall in an amount not to exceed \$34,000. The Board voted in favor.

VILLAGE REMINDERS

Village Curfew – The Village Curfew Ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 18, is 11:00p.m. during the week and 12:00a.m. for Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. This conforms to state statute.

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

School is in Session – School is on! The kids are walking, riding their bikes and waiting at bus stops throughout our Village. Take extra care when driving.



Premise Alert program

By Bruce Dayno, Riverwoods Police Chief

The Riverwoods Police Department, along with the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District and the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, provide a Premise Alert Program (PAP) in support of individuals living with disabilities or special needs as well as police and emergency medical personnel responding to calls at a related address. Individuals with disabilities or special needs wishing to participate in the program may supply information to be kept in our computer aided dispatch (CAD) database free of charge. Information may also be supplied by the individual's family members, friends, caregivers, or medical personnel familiar with the individual.

When a 911 operator sends police or emergency medical personnel to an address in the database, the information will be passed on to the emergency responders. The information gathered as part of PAP shall remain strictly confidential and will be used only to provide assistance to the emergency medical and police responders.

Individuals with disabilities are those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities.

Individuals with special needs are those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require mental health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally.

The intent of the Premise Alert Program is to afford people with special needs or disabilities the same access to public safety services provided to all citizens. Provision of the information will not result in preferential treatment, but it will enhance the ability of emergency responders to effectively deal with those individuals.

If you would like to provide information for a person with a disability or special needs for entry into our computer aided dispatch system, please fill out a Premise Alert Enrollment Form below. Forms also are available at the Police Department or on the Police Department website under forms. The form must be filled out every two years. Information not renewed after two years will be removed.

Village of Riverwoods Premise Alert Program Enrollment Form

Information

Please print legibly

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Residential Address: _____ Apt.#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Educational Facility: (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special Needs Information and Precautions:

I understand the information given above is intended to offer guidance and provide assistance to responders in assisting those people with special needs or disabilities in the performance of their duties. Presenting this information will not entitle to or result in any form of preferential treatment. This information will be kept on file for a period not to exceed two (2) years. A notification, whether public or private, will be made prior to that 2 year deadline. If the information is not confirmed at that time, the information will be removed from this database. It shall be the responsibility of the undersigned to submit a new form when there is any change to this information as soon as those changes are known. The information entered into the Premise Alert Program (PAP) database shall remain confidential. This information will be relayed to responding public safety personnel via two-way radio, phone, computer or any means available. The undersigned hereby verifies the above person has a physical or mental impairment, or has or is at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also requires health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally. The undersigned is the above named individual, a family member, friend, caregiver, or medical personnel familiar with the individual. By signing, I certify I have read and understand this form in its entirety and hereby give permission to the Village or Riverwoods Police Department and Fire Districts to enter this information into the Premise Alert Program (PAP) database.

Print Requesters Name _____

Relationship _____

Requesters Signature _____

Date _____

Please return completed form to:
Riverwoods Police Department
Premise Alert Program
845 Saunders Rd.
Riverwoods, IL 60015



A Reminder About Open Burning and Residential Outdoor Lighting

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

As summer winds down, a tranquil and unremarkable autumn would feel about right. As we move toward our traditional time of leaf burning, here are some things to keep in mind:

Open Burning – 1. Open burning is allowed for “landscape waste” between 8:00am and 8:00pm. 2. The fire must be continuously attended 3. At least one fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating, or two 2-A rated extinguishers, or a garden hose must be present 4. If wood is being burned, it must be seasoned (not green) 5. Garbage and other non-landscape waste must not be burned 6. The burn area must be confined to an area no larger than 5’x5’x5’. 7. Fire rings and open fire pits must be located at least 50’ from any structure (at least 15’ of clearance is required for enclosed burning) and not be located under low lying tree branches. 8. Bonfires are not allowed other than by special permit from the Village. For more details, click on our municipal code on our website, in title 5, or feel free to contact me. Don’t forget to take in the beauty of autumn in Riverwoods before you get your rake out.

Outdoor Lighting – Speaking of good neighbors, please be aware of your outdoor lighting and the effect it may have on your neighbors. If you notice your neighbor reading the newspaper at night with the lights off, that’s not a good sign. Here are some things to keep in mind: **1. Tree, facade and security-mounted lights should be aimed down, with no direct line of sight from another property.** 2. Tree mounted lights should shutoff by 10:00pm. 3. Security-mounted lights should be shielded if the center of the beam is closer than 30’ to the property line and higher than 45 degrees horizontal. 4. Light pole fixtures should not be higher than 12’. 5. A maximum of two security lights are allowed per lot. 6. A maximum of 0.1 of what is referred to as “foot candle” illumination is permitted as spillover lighting on your neighbor’s property. If the 0.1 figure is exceeded, you may need to not only aim light fixtures down, but also to reduce the overall amount of illumination on your property. For more details, click on our municipal code on our website in title 5, or feel free to contact me. When the leaves fall and the snows arrive, things will only get brighter.



Hazard Tree Survey

By Chuck Stewart, Village Forester

The Village Forester has completed a survey of trees with the potential to be hazardous to roadways in the Village. Trees marked with pink paint indicate the tree needs to be removed. Trees marked with green paint indicate that pruning is required to mitigate a hazard.

In previous years, hazards primarily constituted large dead trees, hollow trees, and trees with advancing decay or hazardous tree limbs, which could potentially fall into the roadway. However with emerald ash borer approaching peak pest pressure, many ash trees are succumbing to the insect at an increasing rate, causing ash trees to comprise the majority of trees marked for removal during this survey.

Some homeowners have asked why all dead trees were not marked. Generally trees 8” – 10” in diameter and larger were marked for removal, depending on proximity to roadways and general directions in which they may fall; trees whose form leans at a significant angle away from a roadway, and therefore not likely to fall into a roadway were not included. In some cases, dead trees would not likely make it to the roadway in the event that they fall in that direction because there are other healthy trees standing in between them and a roadway, and therefore these trees were not included in the survey. In addition, ash trees which are only partially dead (top half or top third) were not marked.

It is important to note that ash wood dries out more quickly compared to many other tree species after the tree dies, and the ash tree has the potential to begin breaking apart or dropping limbs in a shorter time frame. Generally speaking, after an ash tree dies, there is an 18 – 24 month window before this begins to occur. The sooner an ash tree is removed after it dies or shows significant dieback, the safer the removal process is.

Residents with trees requiring pruning or removal received a notification letter in the mail from the Village. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the trees as noted in the letter. If you believe a tree was mistakenly assigned to your property (property boundaries may be unclear in the field), please notify the Village as soon as possible.

It is a good idea to review your property periodically to identify any changes to tree health. Mature ash trees, for example, can reach 60’ – 80’ in height. So any possible targets of dead or dying trees within that distance (streets, sidewalks, patio areas, etc.) should be reviewed in particular.



Green Corner

Textile Drive Exceeds Expectations

Thanks to Riverwoods residents 1,791 lbs. of unwanted clothes, linens and rags were collected during the RPC/Village of Riverwoods Textile Drive. Even more exciting is the fact that out of the nearly one ton of textiles collected, 99+ % of the donations could be reused or re-purposed! Less than 1% had to be sent to landfill.



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: _____

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Smarter, Safer Lawns and Landscapes

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

7:30pm

**Riverwoods Village Hall
300 Portwine Road**

Join us and our expert speakers to learn about common issues related to commercial fertilizers and pesticides and learn about alternate, eco-friendly methods to fertilize plants/grass and control common plant pests. Our two speakers, who are recognized for their content-rich, science-based, and entertaining lectures, are Jennifer Brennan, a horticulturalist at Chalet Nursery and Lesley Smith, an arborist at Arborsmith. They will share their passion to steward the earth, one small section at a time by doing the right thing.

Jennifer Brennan taught at the Chicago Botanic Garden for seven years prior to founding Chalet Nursery's respected education series, which trains both Master Gardeners acquiring certifiable course work and home gardeners trying to improve their knowledge base. Jennifer's educational efforts reach beyond the lecture room to the media. She has appeared on most area television and radio stations including the Oprah Winfrey Show. She is the ABC-TV horticultural correspondent, appearing monthly with Tracy Butler, the Morning News weather anchor.

Lesley Smith is a well-known arborist who is in great demand as a guest lecturer at the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Morton Arboretum, local garden centers, garden clubs and libraries throughout Northern Illinois. Lesley and her husband, Gil, have built a reputation through their business, Arborsmith, for providing a high level of personalized care when dealing with each client. Lesley and Gil have an understanding of trees and their needs that goes far beyond the typical professional arborist. Being dedicated to educating the public about tree health, Lesley and Gil produce a monthly E-newsletter featuring a "tree of the month" and other timely topics.

The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) is a group of residents dedicated to preserving the ecological heritage of Riverwoods. The RPC often works in conjunction with the Village of Riverwoods on various community projects. To learn more about the RPC or to join, visit our website at www.riverwoodsrpc.org, our Facebook page or contact Mike Clayton at mclayton@marauder.net.



Riverwoods Loves A Halloween Party!

Call for Halloween Party Volunteers!

By Jackie Borchew

Once again this Fall residents throughout our Village will come together for our annual Halloween Party. This party, which grew out of a need to offer a safe gathering for the children of Riverwoods following the 9/11 attacks in 2001, was an idea of the moms who made up the Riverwoods playgroup. Each year since, residents of all ages have come together on the Saturday before Halloween for a Village-wide celebration.

And each year we look forward to a ride on the horse-drawn hay wagon, to sing and dance with Jinglejam Jodi, enjoy the pizza and hot dogs, show off a fun costume, and claim a spot around the campfire to create the most gooey and yummy s'mores.

Saturday, October 25 from 4:30-7:30pm, the grounds of our Village Hall will once again be filled with grandparents, moms and dads escorting action heroes, fairy princesses and the ever-popular witches to enjoy the festivities.

Laughter will fill the air as the children climb onto the fire engine, sound the police alarms and just plain enjoy a good time meeting up with family and friends. This is all that this event is meant to be – a time for the residents of our Village to come together. Please plan to join us.

The planning for this year's party has just begun. There are committees yet to be filled and much to be done to throw the biggest Riverwoods bash of the year. We're adding some very cool decorations this year which may surprise you. But most of all, we want to hear your ideas and get you involved in the planning and on the day of the event! Call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and leave your name. Our planning people will be in contact with you!

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

Happy Halloween



VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 25

4:30 to 7:30pm

Riverwoods Village Hall

300 Portwine Road

Come in your Halloween costume

Ride the horse-drawn hay wagon

Enjoy music and song

Bring your grandchildren

Hot dogs, pizza, cider and candy

Campfire and s'mores

Lots of surprises & fun for all

This party is free to all residents!

Volunteers are needed and very welcome!

Contact Jackie at 847-602-8508 or jackie@borchew.com
or call Village Hall and leave your name and number.

Vernon Area Public Library Encourages visitors in September

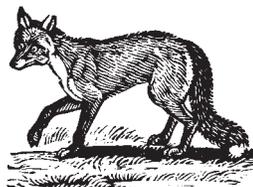
Vernon Area Public Library is pulling out all the stops to welcome library patrons old and new to the library in September.

In celebration of September's National Library Card Sign Up Month, those signing up for a Vernon Area Public Library card between September 2 and September 30 receive a free welcome gift. New cardholders of any age can choose from an insulated coffee mug, a plastic tumbler or a cell phone case. Anyone who lives in or owns a business within the Vernon Area Public Library District boundaries is eligible for a free library card. The Vernon Area Public Library District serves all of Lincolnshire and Prairie View, and significant portions of Buffalo Grove, Long Grove, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, and unincorporated Ela and Vernon townships. Visit <http://bit.ly/myLakeCounty> to confirm eligibility.

Also in September, Vernon Area Public Library patrons who owe fines for overdue materials can clear their obligations with canned goods and other nonperishable food donations. "Food for Fines" runs from September 2 to September 30. During the drive, donors receive a \$1 reduction in their owed fines for each nonperishable food item donated at the library. Donations benefit the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Program partners, Von Sydow's Moving and Storage, Inc. and Move for Hunger, transport the donations. More than 1,600 items were donated during the library's last "Food for Fines" drive in September 2013.

Finally, the library welcomes all friends old and new to the second annual "Fall for Your Library Festival" on Sunday, September 21, from 12 to 3pm. This free afternoon event for all ages features a performance from Big Sadie Bluegrass Band from 12:30 to 1:30pm and a drop-in craft for ages 5 and up from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Attendees can enjoy complimentary apple cider doughnuts from Lincolnshire's Didier Farms while supplies last. Library tours, library card signup, Google Glass demonstrations, and a two-for-one used book sale are ongoing throughout the afternoon. Registration is required for the bluegrass performance attendance only; call 224-543-1485 or register online at <http://calendar.vapld.info>.

About the Vernon Area Public Library District – The Vernon Area Public Library District serves a population of 42,900 within a 29-square-mile area that includes Lincolnshire, Prairie View, and parts of Buffalo Grove, Long Grove, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, and unincorporated Vernon and Ela townships. For more information about the library and its services, visit <http://www.vapld.info>.



Happy Halloween

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

Special Party for Special Kids

Families with children who would enjoy a less stimulating, more relaxed Halloween Party are invited to Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, on Saturday, October 25. Children, especially those with disabilities who may find Halloween frightening or overwhelming, may come in costume, if they like, to participate in fun games and crafts designed just for them.

The Village Hall lobby will be open for this drop-in party from 1-3pm. Tasty snacks, lively, simple games, and plenty of pumpkins will make this fourth annual Halloween party a hit.

Admission is free to this event sponsored by West Deerfield Township. Children of all ages are invited!

Please call Township Clerk Kristen Scott at 847-945-0614 if you have any questions.

DEERFIELD PARK DISTRICT

Moonlight Golf Outing – Our 24th Annual Moonlight Golf outing at Deerfield Golf Club, 1201 Saunders Road, in Riverwoods, takes place on Friday, September 19 for all adults 21 years and up. Event includes five-holes of glow-in-the-dark golf and supplies, a steak dinner, beverages, free contests with prizes and more. Event begins at 5:45pm. Teams of up to six players walk the course, using just three clubs and a putter. Event also includes after-golf desserts, raffles and a silent auction. For more information, visit: www.deerfieldparkfoundation.org, email: info@dfpd.org, or call 847-945-0650."

Halloween Hoopla – Halloween Hoopla is back for another year of exciting haunted houses, inflatable games, face painting and more!

Jewett Park Community Center
836 Jewett Park Drive
Deerfield, IL , 60015
847-945-0650

Friday, October 24, 7-9pm & Saturday, October 25, 7-9pm: – Activities include: Haunted House at JPCC, Disc Jockeys, Bonfire in the Park, Movie in the Park ... and more!

Saturday, October 25, 3-6pm – Activities include: Costumed Characters, Games (indoors & out), Inflatable/other "rides" in the Park, Balloon Twisters, Hayride, and a "Lights-On" Haunted House.

The North Shore Senior Center announces their Annual Benefit evening.

Flashback: Flickers of the Silver Screen

Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 5:30pm
North Shore Senior Center
Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus
161 Northfield Road, Northfield, IL 60093

Relive the glamour of Old Hollywood and support a great cause at "Flashback: Flickers of the Silver Screen!" The elegant evening will feature an 18-piece jazz band, martini bar, photo booths and a movie trivia contest, in addition to the fan-favorite game, "Heads & Tails!"

The evening begins at 5:30pm with the cocktail reception, silent auction and entertainment. Dinner, awards and the grand raffle drawing will follow. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind event! Who knows - you may even see Charlie Chaplin and Mae West in attendance!

Riverwoods Book Club News

By June Melber

Join the RBC on Thursday, September 18, when we start our eleventh year with a discussion of **A Tale For the Time Being**, by Ruth Ozeki. As always, the meeting is free to residents and non-residents, includes refreshments, and takes place at the Village Hall at 10am.

Our selections for the rest of 2014 include: October, **Rin Tin Tin, The Life and Legend**, by Susan Orlean; we may tour Orphans of the Storm afterwards. November, **Mayflower**, by Nathaniel Philbrick. December, **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**, by Maya Angelou.

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

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of extra stickers at \$5 each

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Gale Gand's Lunch

Submitted by Gale Gand

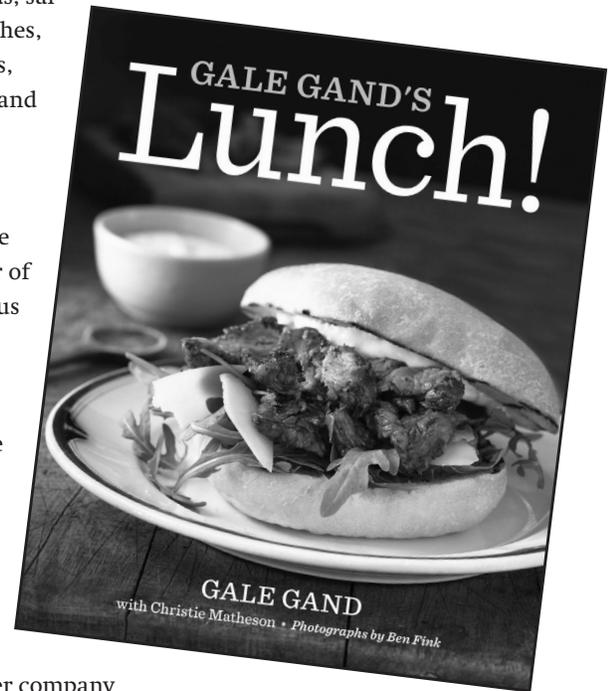
You may never look at lunch the same way again thanks to local award-winning chef Gale Gand's newest book called **Gale Gand's Lunch**. Gand hopes to "make lunch the new dinner" with a collection of fun and creative recipe ideas geared to inspire and encourage delicious and easy home cooked meals. Inspired by her time on Michelle Obama's Chef Move To Schools Initiative mentoring Deerfield High School and her lunchtime gatherings with her musical (and busy at night) family, Gand found entertaining midday was much easier and pleasurable than what she calls the "Daunting Dinner Party"

The former Food Network TV Host and mom of three uses her own expertise as a lunch packer to help transform lunch into something special and nourishing for the heart and the soul. Gand provides readers with ideas for mixing and matching, like "pack it to-go with" and "eat it at home with" helping to easily create meals out of a few simple recipes.

Main course ideas include Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad and Chicken Salad with Dried Cranberries. A chapter on grains details dishes such as Wild Rice with Lentils and Spinach and Wheat Berries with Roasted Brussel Sprouts. And Gand doesn't leave out dessert with mouth-watering recipes for Salted Carmel Brownies and Blueberry Ginger Hand Pies.

Forget about the boring tuna salad sandwich and protein bar. In Gale Gand's Lunch you can learn how easy it can be to make wonderful, nourishing and unforgettable lunchtime snacks, pastas, salads, sandwiches, soups, drinks, condiments and more.

The Riverwood's native is the author of seven previous cookbooks including Gale Gand's Brunch, Gale Gand's Just a Bite, and Chocolate and Vanilla. She also owns her own root beer company and recently opened a new restaurant, Spritz Burger, in Chicago.





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Meet Benny- Just One of the Senior Residents of Orphans of the Storm

At Orphans of the Storm no dog is turned away. No matter the age, breed, physical condition or medical needs, all are taken in and offered the very best chance possible. Thousands of dollars are spent on treating ailments and curing disease, making



them well and ready for their next best chance at life.

A portion of the residents that are available for adoption each day are the senior dogs. These seniors have earned a special place in the hearts of the shelter staff. They live together in the big feed room, just off

the front office. Several times throughout the day they hobble out into the side yard for exercise, the partially blind dogs sometimes bumping into walls along the way, but each enjoying the fresh air and the life they have at the shelter.

Benny is one of these special dogs. At eight years old he is a gentle soul who is great with other dogs. He doesn't ask for much, just two square meals and a soft spot to lay his head each night. Benny will make a loving, calm companion in any home.

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*All Riverwoods Resident Witches,
Ghosts and Goblins Are Invited*

Saturday, October 25th / 4:30-7:30pm

Riverwoods Village Hall / 300 Portwine Road

- HAY RIDE / BON FIRE -

Free for all Riverwoods Residents!



**Riverwoods
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