

VILLAGE
GOVERNMENT

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 1, 15, October 6, 20 and November 3 and 17.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. October 1, November 5 and December 3.

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**Riverwoods
Halloween Party**

Details in this issue!



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE



MAYOR'S LETTER

Riverwoods Parade Entry Takes Home "Best of Show - Honorable Mention!"

To say that the Village's entry in the Deerfield Family Days Fourth of July Parade was a big success would be an understatement.

Originally, we saw the parade as an opportunity to recognize the significant contribution made by the Riverwoods Resident Association Plant Committee, affectionately known as the "Plant Ladies". The use of two trucks had been donated by Riverwoods resident Tracy Bertog and his company, Bertog Landscaping, and banners recognizing the Plant Committee had been obtained by the Village. The plan was that the members of the Plant Commit-



tee would be able to ride on the trucks and wave to people during the parade. I should've known better.

Recognizing an opportunity to convey their message of working to sustain our woodland ecosystem, the Plant Committee expanded the Village parade entry to include: signs proclaiming "Plant Native;" a beekeeper with hives, a working smoke gun, and full protective regalia; a host of four-to-five foot tall "bees" that looked a lot like some of River-

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



SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the Nov/Dec 2015 issue: Oct 26, 2015. Send to: Editor
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woods' younger residents; and even a six-foot tall viburnum bush that talked and waved to spectators. Our bees passed out butterfly weed seeds and candy to help get our message across.

Our entry in the Deerfield 4th of July Parade was awarded "BEST IN PARADE - Honorable Mention". I think our goal of honoring the Plant Committee was accomplished. We were also able to spread our message to plant native, support butterflies and support the bees.

I would like to thank Trustees Bauman, Chamberlain, and Jamerson, as well as former Trustee Rich Koomjian, for their participation, as well as Laura Tevino and her children Alyssa and Leo, Gale Gand and her daughters Ella, and Ruby, and, of course, the "Plant Ladies" themselves, for their contributions.

John Norris
Mayor of Riverwoods



Our very own Mayor (John Norris) gets some final adjustments to his viburnum costume just prior to greeting the spectators in this year's Deerfield Fourth of July Parade.

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of June 10, 16, July 7 and 21, 2015. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com.

July 21

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Attorney Roseth briefly discussed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses by Fund which Trustee Ford prepared. It is a cash flow statement in an easy-to-follow format. As of the end of June, the Village is \$137,000 negative due to timing differences and specific annual occurrences. Mr. Roseth stated that it is an applicable report because even though the Village is financially sound, there are some major expenditures coming up.

Mr. Roseth indicated that the investment funds from Wells Fargo have been moved to JP Morgan. JP Morgan now controls \$7.5 million. Over time, the Wells Fargo investments will be sold and moved into JP Morgan's advisor's strategy which is quite different from the Wells Fargo advisor's strategy. The Village is proposing changing the investment policy to be more consistent and compliant with the State investment policy. The proposed change to the policy would allow the Village to invest in corporate bonds and mortgage-backed securities.

Trustee Ford noted that the Village's investment advisor wants the Village to be more proactive in letting her know when the Village is going to need funds. The Board agreed that cash projections were important. Mr. Roseth added that most of the Village's investments were fairly short term ones.

Trustee Chamberlain asked at what point or how often should there be an in depth examination when expenses exceed revenues to make sure it's not an early indicator of some issue. Mr. Roseth stated that they could delve into the details of the report but suggested waiting until September considering the third quarter is almost done. Trustee O'Donnell noted that there was a significant bump in the police fund expenditures in the second quarter as well as in the MFT fund. Mr. Roseth stated that this report, on which Trustee Ford has spent many hours, is the first step in doing a financial analysis. Trustee Ford explained this is a point in time cash position. What she and Mr. Roseth are working on is a monthly history of revenues and expenses which the Village does not have. She further stated that the trend lines in the audits from the last several years were very interesting showing where the revenues are coming from.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Durning reported that Clarke is spraying for mosquitos on a weekly basis. There were a number of advertisement signs along Portwine that have now been removed. He will meet with the architect for the Center for Enriched Living regarding the additional parking spaces and remodeling plans. There is a home on Duffy Lane applying for a permit for construction plans that do not conform to the Village's zoning code. They will need a zoning variance if they go further.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 7, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The Police Report is available to read in full on the Village of Riverwoods website.

Chief Dayno reported that they issued a 'notice to appear' for a cannabis violation during a routine traffic stop. Chief Dayno stated that there was an incident that is not on the report because it happened early this morning. He noted that a car crossed the yellow lines into oncoming traffic and took out a number of mailboxes and nearly

missed a child and his babysitter waiting for a bus. The driver did not stop but they got a plate number. The driver was issued a number of tickets and a misdemeanor charge.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Huvad explained they are still working on the Lock Up / Terraco transaction. The Village should have the Phase II boring report this week. Mr. Huvad does not see anything unexpected, but will touch base with the Lock Up.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

IML September – Mayor Norris noted that the IML will meet September 17 – 19. He will send out the registration information.

Governor Signed E-Scrap Bill – Mayor Norris indicated that the governor signed the E-Scrap Bill. The SWALCO pick-ups, including electronics on the first tuesday of each month should continue through the end of the year. Mayor Norris noted Lakeshore is also working on a food scrap recycling program.

IT Contract – Mayor Norris explained that the Village is moving forward with DCS. He is meeting with them tomorrow to discuss the timing of the installation of the new server and the issues occurring on the Village computers.

Panera Bread – Mayor Norris was contacted by representatives from Panera, who may be interested in purchasing the remaining 1.9 acres on Milwaukee and Deerfield Roads.

ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS AND NEXTEL WEST CORP.

Mr. Huvad explained that the Village has three tenants on the water tower at Ravinia: AT&T, Sprint (formerly Nextel) and T-Mobile. After five years, the rent went up about 20 percent. The Village has been contacted by Verizon who is interested in the top of the water tower. Mr. Huvad requested that Verizon prepare a structural report to determine the feasibility. On the Holiday Inn property, which is not a Village property, there is a monopole that has two users. Verizon is looking at that site as well.

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Sprint's initial proposal is lower than what they are now paying as well as what the other tenants are paying. They are asking for a 25 year lease with a 15% increase after 5 years. Trustee Haber noted that the increase should be 3% annually and not 15% after 5 years. Trustee Jamerson agreed. Trustee Haber further noted that 25 years would only be an option and that Sprint could decide not to exercise that option. Mr. Huvarad suggested a 10-year lease; Trustee Haber agreed. Trustee Haber asked if the Village has considered selling the tower. Mr. Glenn noted that there may be an incentive to consider a sale as he is working on scheduling a structural inspection of the tower which hasn't been done in a while. At the very least, the Village may have to paint the tower which could cost a few hundred thousand dollars. Mayor Norris would consider entertaining a good offer, but favors revenue source diversity.

SNOW PLOWING

The Board voted to renew the contract with Midwest Snow Removal.

Trustee Jamerson indicated that Midwest has over salted the parking lots. He would like to see if there is something more environmentally friendly than salt. Mr. Durning will ask them about other options. Mr. Huvarad noted that if the melting material changes, the contract would have to be rebid. Mr. Glenn suggested going to more of a performance standard versus paying them by the ton. Mayor Norris stated that they will explore those other options and asked the Board to authorize him to negotiate a final contract. Trustee Jamerson suggested going forward, the Village should request pricing on both salt and a more environmentally friendly alternative.

NOMINATION OF MARK HIGGINSON TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mark Higginson to the Plan Commission.

July 7

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

4th of July Parade – Mayor Norris stated that the Village received a 'Best of Parade' honorable mention at the 4th of July Parade. He thanked Rich Koomjian, Tracy Bertog, Rob Durning, Mike Corn and the Plant Committee for participating and/or helping with the event.

New Business

AES PROPOSAL: RIVERWOODS NATURAL COMMUNITY INVENTORY

Trustee Chamberlain explained that the Board has had various conversations about why some parcels of land may be preferable for open land, what the Board wants to do for our tree Ordinances, and basically, anything to do with the Village's ecosystem. The

inventory would take the guesswork out of these conversations. The proposal would have Mr. Zimmerman (our new village ecologist) map and rate the parcels in a fact-gathering project.

Mr. Zimmerman explained that there are various types of woodland communities. He would like to inventory the entire Village to help inform decisions to improve the health of the woodlands. AES would inventory and map the various woodland communities and wetlands and rate them for quality. He would do a very detailed inventory of Village-owned properties and a broad inventory for private properties. Trustee Chamberlain noted that the RPC would fund half the cost. Trustee Haber asked if the former Village Forester already has this information readily available. Trustee Jamerson believes there may be data about the forest component, but it may not have all of the rest of the desired information. Mr. Zimmerman indicated the study would also map all of the drainage throughout the Village.

The Board voted to fund \$23,250 for AES to conduct the natural resource study subject to matching funds from the RPC and Mr. Huvarad's review.

WOODLAND PRESERVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Trustee Chamberlain noted that Village Forester Chuck Stewart put together plans for the Woodland Preserve three years ago for the initial planning and maintenance. The contracts have expired. The Woodland Preserve needs maintenance and a few changes. The Village received bids based on the written plan put together by Mr. Zimmerman. AES was the low bid at \$34,599. Trustee Haber noted that the report from AES suggests that the last three years have been less than stellar. Mr. Zimmerman agreed. He noted that he had walked the site with Mr. Stewart. He stated that the formal areas by the police station have not been maintained. He suggested those areas should be maintained by a landscaper. Most of the rain garden plants did not survive because of the salt. The detention basin is mostly filled with non-native weeds. The woodland savannah area looks good. Trustee Haber expressed concern about the amount spent to date and the poor condition of several of the areas and a possible repetition going forward. Trustee Chamberlain explained that she would have liked to have had some things done differently, but that did not happen. Through experience, they now know what plantings work in the different areas and which do not. Mr. Zimmerman clarified that the Woodland Preserve area itself, where most of the money was spent, is doing well. Mr. Zimmerman further explained that the bid documents clearly outlined the areas and the tasks in each area that need to be completed. Trustee Chamberlain indicated that the bid is for a five year contract and that the prices submitted are a lot lower than what was previously spent. Trustee O'Donnell asked if anyone spoke with Tall Grass regarding the current state. He asked if there is any remedy in their contract. Mr. Zimmerman noted Tall Grass only maintained in the restoration area were maintained.

The Board agreed to award the contract for Woodland Preserve maintenance to AES in an amount not to exceed \$34,599.

APPROVAL OF IT SERVICE PROVIDER

Trustee Baumann explained that at the last Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Norris, Chief Dayno and Trustee Baumann received approval to replace the Village server and to engage an IT service provider. They narrowed the choices down to two firms. Of the two, they favored Digital Currency Systems, the lowest bidder for proactive services. He asked DCS to provide an estimate for replacing the server and they came in with a recommendation that the Village did not consider. They suggested replacing the Village server and server at the police department which was replaced last year with a refurbished server. The existing police department server would then be repurposed to handle security and provide remote monitoring of all of the IT systems. DCS's proposal is \$27,062.22 for installation of the two new servers, two new firewalls and upgrading the operating system from Windows 2008 to 2012. The proposal violates the not to exceed limits approved at the last Board of Trustees meeting which was \$10,000 for hardware and \$25,000 for maintenance. Another option would be to purchase one server and upgrade the software on the existing police department server and two firewalls. Trustee O'Donnell noted that the price difference of purchasing just one server would be between \$6,000 and \$8,000 for the hardware and labor. Mr. Huvard asked about what the cost of the annual proactive services would be. Chief Dayno replied that the monitoring cost, which would include performing software upgrades as needed, would be \$9,000. If they needed to come in to install or repair something, it would be \$125 per hour. Chief Dayno understands that once they setup the monitoring system, there should be no need for many service calls.

Trustee Baumann moved to authorize the purchase of two servers per the proposal from Digital Currency Systems in an amount not to exceed \$27,063. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. Trustee Haber questioned the timing of the project based on the upcoming renovation. Mayor Norris stated that all of the vendors agreed that there wouldn't be any issues moving the new server to the temporary quarters and then back again.

June 16

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning explained that Meadowlake's Homeowner's Association improved the appearance of their entrance with flowers and numerous plantings. A home in South Riverwoods had an illegal electrical fence which is now de-energized. A transportation planner from Discover contacted him about a possible long term additional parking plan. Center for Enriched Living is getting ready to submit an application for a permit for a parking lot. 3 Wildflower should be getting a permit soon to build a house on the vacant lot. 2880 Duffy requested a zoning variance application to remove a part of the existing second story and replace it in a different location. The house is a legal, non-conforming structure and the requested change would also be non-conforming. 9 Julie Lane has unauthorized fill on the property which has raised the grade caus-

ing water to spill onto the neighbor's property. The Village had notified the receiver, and to date, nothing has been done.

June 10

ORDINANCE 15-06-09 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS (FROM DEERFIELD/MILWAUKEE)

Attorney Huvard noted that the due diligence period was changed from 30 days to 60 days. Everything else remained the same on the contract.

Trustee Jamerson questioned why the "hazardous/toxic materials" wording was removed in Article V. Mr. Huvard explained that their attorney may have wanted to avoid exposure for his client, but he was not concerned because the contract states that the Village is allowed to do an environmental investigation. Trustee O'Donnell wants to make sure that the Village has the right to have a Phase II study performed. Trustee Chamberlain believes that the wording may sound better to a third party, but that an environmental investigation absolutely encompasses hazardous or toxic materials. Mayor Norris added that if a property has an environmental problem, under Illinois law it's not a clear title.

Trustee Ford asked about the ecologist's report expressing the opinion that the Lockup's portion of the property did not lend itself to native plantings. Mr. Huvard replied that their portion had limited planting areas. Trustee Ford then asked about the Village's portion of the property. Trustee Chamberlain had the same question, but stated that she thought that the landscaping was covered in the redevelopment agreement. Mr. Huvard suggested having these discussions and voting on the redevelopment agreement before voting on the purchase agreement.

Trustee Jamerson moved to table further discussion until after the redevelopment agreement was discussed. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ORDINANCE 15-06-08 AUTHORIZING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS (WITH LOCK UP RIVERWOODS, LLC)

Mr. Huvard explained that the ecologist will evaluate the entire site and will present a plan for Board approval. Mayor Norris stated that the Village wants the area to be attractive and to look natural and well maintained. He also reminded the Board that TIF funds would be used for landscaping of the Village's portion. Trustee Chamberlain asked about the process whereby the Board would get the opportunity to express their opinions and assert that the Lockup will do things agreed upon. Mr. Huvard replied that the Lock Up would go through the Special Use process and present their landscape plan at that time.

Trustee Ford expressed concern about the two acres that would be owned by the Village. She would like to know how much money it will take to improve the property. Mayor Norris noted it would be improved using TIF funds.

Trustee O'Donnell expressed concern about the residents' opinion of what is happening with the property. Mayor Norris indicated that the Meadowlake Board and numerous residents in other parts of the Village appear to be supportive of The Lock Up being at that corner.

The Board resumed discussion of the property acquisition.

Trustee O'Donnell asked for reassurance that there were no concerns about the Village's ability to inspect the property for any environmental issues and that the Village would not proceed with anything other than green flags and would rescind the offer if there were any red flags. Mayor Norris stated that he had no intention of buying any property that has any possibility of a risk.

In light of Trustee O'Donnell's concerns, Trustee Jamerson asked who would make the determination to proceed or not to proceed after the Phase II study and any other due diligence is completed. Mr. Huvad explained that the Village's consultant and environmental attorney would make recommendations based on the discoveries from the Phase II study. He expects that the study will determine the costs that are involved to the Lock Up to make it safe and useable for them. The Lock Up would then determine if the project is feasible. If they deem it to be infeasible, the Village would probably deem it infeasible as well. Mayor Norris reassured the Board that he will seek Board approval on all aspects of the findings and possible recommended remediation as the Village moves forward with their due diligence. Mr. Huvad added that the contract requires an affirmative notice to proceed at the end of the 60 day period. He would not feel comfortable submitting a notice to proceed without the Board's approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Woodlands/Finance – Trustee Chamberlain reported that the Eagle Scout has put up a bat house at the Woodland Preserve and is looking for a second location. The dates for the strategic planning meetings have been confirmed. Trustee Chamberlain will e-mail them to the Board. Mayor Norris added that they have sent out RFPs for a 5-year maintenance plan at the Woodland Preserve. The Village has also made a slight change in their dead tree program. They will most probably have Davey Tree do the dead tree inspections as they are less expensive than the ecologist. If they determine that the tree is not dead or dying, they will refer it back to the Village.

Drainage/IT/Environment/Stormwater – Trustee Baumann noted that he will review the IT proposals and will hopefully have a recommendation for a new IT vendor at the next meeting. He will research the new Windows 10 operating system and suggested that the Trustees not assent to the free upgrade being offered until he completes his research.

Reminders about Open Burning and Residential Outdoor Lighting

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

As summer winds down and the children head back to school, we look forward to a colorful and crisp autumn where we can enjoy a camp fire and leaf burning. In doing so, please keep some important things in mind:

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 (2) 2-A rated extinguishers, or 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'. 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.



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.

And The “Partnerships for Success” Award Goes to . . .

On July 14, 2015, the Village of Riverwoods, Riverwoods Preservation Council, and the Riverwoods’ Residents Association Plant Committee were awarded the **“Partnerships for Success Award”** by Chicago Region Trees Initiative during the CTI Annual Meeting and Celebration at the Morton Arboretum. The award is given to individuals and organizations who, working together, have: identified and overcome problems in urban forestry; achieved meaningful results; and had a long term positive impact on the woodland.



John Norris, Mayor of Riverwoods (left) and Rich Koomjian, Director of the Riverwoods Preservation Council (pictured on the right) accept the “Partnerships for Success” Award from Mike Collins, Co-Chair of the Stewardship and Planning Work Group for the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, and Forester for the Village of Riverside.

The Village of Riverwoods recognizes the value of its diverse set of natural environments, including large areas of upland woodlands, flatwoods and floodplain forest. The Village has adopted a tree ordinance which declared trees to be “an important public resource enhancing the quality of life...” Among other things, the ordinance requires the approval of the Village Forester for any type of tree work, specifies the size and types of trees subject to restrictions and replacement, and imposes strict penalties for violations. The Village has also adopted an ordinance designed to protect at least 70% of the Village’s existing woodlands. Called the Woodland Protection Ordinance, it includes trees, understory shrubs, ground plants, and other vegetation. In addition, the Village has a number of cost sharing (generally 50/50) programs related to woodlands.

The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) is an all-volunteer, resident-run 501c(3) corporation dedicated to preserving the Village’s native woodlands and ecological heritage. The Preservation Council wrote and published a comprehensive guide entitled **“In Our Own Backyard, a Guide to the Pleasures, Possibilities and Responsibilities of Living in Harmony with Nature”**. This guide has been distributed to every resident in Riverwoods.

The Riverwoods Residents Association Plant Committee

also makes a number of valuable contributions to the Village every year. They conduct the annual native plant sale; educate residents about the benefits of planting natives; and work continuously to promote and preserve the natural beauty of Riverwoods.

The Village, the Plant Committee and the RPC make a great team. It’s nice to see that partnership recognized.

Summer Rain May Cause Flooding

By Pat Glenn, Village Engineer

Summer and Fall rains can sometimes bring flooding. While we do have some floodplains in Riverwoods, they are generally limited to two areas of the Village. FEMA Floodplain Maps and information are available at the Village Hall. Please come in during regular office hours and see if you are affected.

We would like to remind you that flood insurance is mandatory if building in the floodplain and using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Come in and our Building Department staff will be happy to help you with this information. The Village Engineer can also help you get Elevation Certificates. They already have information on file for some areas of the Village, and for a nominal fee will be able to help you get one for your property if needed. They are also available to see if they can help you come to some solutions if you have flooding problems. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions at 847-945-3990.

Homeowners Association Launches A New Website

In an effort to enhance communications with residents, the Vernon Woods Owners Association has set up a website that contains helpful information about the Vernon Woods area of Riverwoods: www.vernonwoodsowners.com.

Included are a map of the area, the association’s bylaws, and some information about the history and activities of the association. The website is an attempt to provide convenient access to some basic information about the Vernon Woods area of Riverwoods, to help newer residents acclimate and to remind older residents of the special nature of our little village.



VILLAGE REMINDER

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

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

Partnerships

By Mike Clayton, RPC President

The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) is proud to have shared the “Partnerships for Success” award from the Chicago Region Tree Initiative (Morton Arboretum), recognizing the partnership between the RPC, the Village, and the Plant Committee. Our association has resulted in the sale of over 300 new native trees and 500 new native shrubs to Riverwoods residents during the last three years, innovative ordinances protecting the woodlands, a wide array of cost-sharing property management opportunities, and numerous education programs and publications.

Looking forward, the RPC and the Village have partnered on two current projects that have the potential for a lasting influence on the use of our public resources to enhance the Village’s quality of life. One of the projects, being conducted in conjunction with the renovation of the Village Hall, is looking at the use of the Village Hall site and the public lands immediately adjacent for natural recreation and education. We have jointly hired a



noted landscape architect to help define the possibilities. A portion of this property contains some of the highest quality wetlands in the county.

The second jointly funded project is a “Riverwoods Natural Community Inventory” that

will be conducted by our Village Ecologist. This project involves identifying, mapping, and rating the natural communities that exist within the Village. The information generated by this effort will help in the formulation of policies and programs for property management throughout the Village for years to come.

Of course, the most important and lasting partnership is the one between all Riverwoods residents. We are each stewards of a piece of this special place. Our success in maintaining our property values and ambience is up to each of us in partnership with our neighbors. The sum total of our efforts, our partnership, will make a measurable difference in the quality of life across our community. We have been empowered by the programs and assistance available to us. Your role in the partnership is simple: take just one small step: for example, plant a tree, pull some garlic mustard, reduce landscaping chemical use, or take out some buckthorn. Each of these small steps assists out our neighbors with their efforts and makes a huge difference when added all together. Let the RPC know how we can help.....



Members of the RPC and RRA Plant Committee joined together to promote natural landscaping at the Farmers Market in Deerfield. Left to right: Michael Clayton, Sheila Hollander, Laurie Brietkopf, and Louise Simonson.

No Longer Need Your Bicycle - Donate It!

Bike Drive
Saturday, October 24
9am-12pm
Riverwoods Village Hall



Wanted: Bicycles in any condition, new, gently used, broken, bicycle parts, and training wheels.

The RPC (Riverwoods Preservation Council) is sponsoring a bicycle drive in conjunction with the Lake County Bicycle Project. The Lake County Bicycle Project is a volunteer organization whose focus is to provide refurbished bicycles to underprivileged families living in Lake County.

Since its inception in June 2014, the Lake County Bicycle Project has not only provided refurbished bicycles to families in need, but its members have worked hard to promote safer cycling throughout Lake County. They have also hosted cycling related events and workshops.

The Lake County Bicycling Project volunteer group is held in high regard by SWALCO to the point that SWALCO has helped organize bicycle drives in other communities to collect unused bicycles for this meaningful endeavor.

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!

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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.

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Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods Offers an Art and Nature Connection

Nature has always inspired art, and the inverse is true, too: art draws people into nature.

The following was taken from an article: **Welcoming ART + ARTISTS – 30 Years of Friends of Ryerson Woods.**

Since 1984, the then, Friends of Ryerson Woods [now Brushwood Center] has showcased the intersection of art and nature. Beginning with an exhibit of hand-painted copperplate engravings from a rare set of the first (Elephant Folio) Edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*.

Early on, long-time Friend Jossy Nebenzahl helped to coordinate art exhibits, focusing on work by local artists and from local galleries. Soon, exhibitions such as *Wild Prairies* from the Chicago Academy of the Sciences, were being lent by museums for mounting at Brushwood.

Rare is the artist who becomes part of the woods itself, but such was the case with craftsman Tor Faegre. Commissioned by Friends of Ryerson Woods in 2004, Faegre's three *Watchtower* sculptures – free-form architectural art built from buckthorn and other invasives – still stand, slowly decomposing, yet enjoyed daily by visitors, plus the bluebirds, tree swallows, and goldfinches that use them as perches.

In a profoundly meaningful 2011 installation, artists Sarah Belknap and Joseph Belknap, and Sara Black constructed *Perpetual Motion of a Still Life*, using demolition remnants from the old gardener's cottage that once stood near Brushwood. It took a month for the installation to reach its final form; the artists changed it with every visit. Rather than having an art "opening," the artists staged a "closing."

The art and nature connection continues with a current exhibit titled *Regeneration*.

Regeneration: The Nature of Transformation – Ongoing through November 1

In 1942, the builders of Brushwood (today's Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods) constructed the Ryerson Family's summer home using materials salvaged from demolished buildings. Through this purposeful act of reuse, the builders transformed discarded materials—bricks, floorboards, windows, mantels, and stoves—into something new, a process that reflects reclamation and renewal in nature. This exhibition brings together 13 artists and designers who explore the concept of regeneration in their work. See how their individual acts of transformation connect artwork and designed objects with Brushwood's architecture, grounds, and natural surroundings. Gallery hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm, Sundays 1 - 3pm or by appointment.



It's Apple Picking Time in Lake County – Yum!

Here are three local orchards where you may enjoy picking apples to bake that juicy pie, or just bite into!

Heinz Orchard – apples

1050 Crest Road (corner of Crest & Atkinson), Green Oaks, IL 60048. Phone: 847-770-3449. Email: heinz.orchard@yahoo.com. Open September 11 through October.

This family-run orchard specializes in pure apple picking fun and is the closest to Chicagoland, welcoming individuals and families for over 40 years. There is no charge for admission or parking, and there is no minimum-per-person charge. You are more than welcome to bring strollers and wagons into the orchard.

Krueger's Vegetable Farm – beans, flowers, herbs/spices, tomatoes, apples

28572 W. IL Route 120, Lakemoor, IL 60051. Phone: 815-385-4981. Email: kfstand57@yahoo.com. Open thru October 31st. Daily 9:30am to 6:30pm

This farm also sells other produce not grown on their farm: apples, asparagus, avocado, blueberries, carrots, grapes, lemons, limes, onions, peaches, potatoes, plums, pluots, radish,

strawberries, straw bales, etc.

Ziegler's Orchard – Minimizes chemical and pesticide use, apples, honey from hives on the farm.

32363 North Bacon Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Phone: 847-546-1228. Email: helsep@sbcglobal.net. Open through October, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm. Closed on weekdays. There is also a Country Store/Bakery.



FARMERS MARKETS

Farmer's markets are up and running, offering fresh produce from local farms. This is a great way to eat fresh, natural healthy foods while supporting local business. The following are just a few that offer the finest produce, flowers and misc. home-made items.

Deerfield Farmer's Market – Every Saturday, 7am-12:30pm now through October 10. Downtown train station lot.

Lake Forest Farmer's Market – Every Thursday, 8am-1pm through October 10. 220 Deerpath and Western Ave. downtown Lake Forest.

Libertyville Farmer's Market – Every Thursday, 7am-1pm through October 22. On Cook Avenue just west of Milwaukee Ave.

In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

PUMPKIN MUFFINS

A Recipe from Pastry Chef Gale Gand

3 large eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup canola oil
1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
"Or" you may substitute garden cooked or baked pumpkin pulp for "canned".
1/2 cup mild light molasses
1/2 cup buttermilk or yogurt
2 cups flour
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 pinch cloves
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

In a bowl, whisk the eggs well, then stir in the sugar and the oil. Then add the pumpkin, molasses and the buttermilk and stir well. In a separate bowl stir the dry ingredients together, then add them to the wet ingredients and stir just



till blended. Spoon into paper lined muffin tins. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.

Makes 24 muffins.

Among the many things Gale is doing right now is pastry chef and partner at

Spritzburger in Chicago. She teaches cooking classes at Elawa Farm in Lake Forest and at libraries around the area. Her cinnamon-ginger-vanilla flavored Gale's Root Beer is available at Sunset Foods. Her latest cook book **Gale Gand's Lunch!** came out last year.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

When carving your jack-o'-lantern, don't throw out those pumpkin seeds! Roasted pumpkin seeds are delicious and easy to make. Simply rinse your pumpkin seeds to clean them. Do this right away for the best result. Oil a baking sheet and put the seeds in one layer, then sprinkle with salt. Bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit, stirring halfway through. This makes for a delicious and tasty snack. Enjoy!





Riverwoods Halloween Party Moves to Deerfield Golf Club – Everyone is Invited!

The ever-popular Halloween party is right around the corner and Riverwoods will once again be celebrating in grand fashion. All of Riverwoods is invited, so mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 31, 4:30-7:30pm.

New Venue This Year – Everything you have come to love; the horse-drawn wagon ride with the sing-along, making gooey s'mores, climbing on the fire truck, sitting in the police car, and enjoying pizza and hot dogs with your fellow ghosts and goblins will be in store. The only difference is that this year our Village Hall will be under construction, so we're taking the party to the Deerfield Golf Club.

The Deerfield Golf Club, located in Riverwoods on Saunders Road, just north of the police station, offers a fine venue for our festivities. There will be plenty of space for our usual fun stations, and we may surprise you with a few additional activities. How about a mini driving range for the children to try their skill with a junior golf club? And wouldn't a nature scavenger hunt, put on by our friends from Brushwood/Ryerson be fun?

This Village-wide party continues to grow each year since 2001 when it was founded as a safe, fun event for the children following 9/11. So plan now to be a part of this village-wide event.

Volunteers Needed – Join Our Party Committee – A fun event like this doesn't just happen. We need people with fresh ideas and energy to pull it all together. Volunteers are needed to help plan, decorate, supervise the stations, and assist with clean-up. If you have even a few hours to spare we can use you. Please contact Jackie Borchew at 847-602-8508 or jackie@borchew.com.

Our Halloween party will take place rain or shine, so start working on your costume and come early to be the first on board the horse-drawn wagon. Boo!

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



VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 31

4:30 to 7:30pm

Deerfield Golf Club

1201 Saunders Road

Come in your Halloween costume

Ride the horse-drawn 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.



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Saturday, October 31 / 4:30-7:30pm

- NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR! -

Deerfield Golf Club / 1201 Saunders Road

- HAY RIDE / MAGICIAN / PIZZA / HOTDOGS / S'MORES -

Free for all Riverwoods Residents!