



Dear Valued Rock River Energy Customer,

Recently some of our customers have been receiving a rash of calls from a company called Realgy. They state that they are from ComEd and want to review your bills. A friend, Mike received a call personally from them also. It took a while before they admitted that they were not ComEd.

They claim they can save 20% on the energy portion and that they can save on the Delivery charges also. Mike had asked about a rate, and they stated their savings was based on the rate he was already paying. They danced all around his questions, and would not take no for an answer. Finally, Mike said "I respectfully decline your offer, but no thanks." They finally hung up after about 10 minutes of arguing with him.

They are very good, they have the customers get the bills out and ask them some questions. They have no idea that many customers already have contracts and that there could be termination fees.

We had a school district that fell for this. We are in the rescission stage with them now. Everything was done over the phone. We have had a few other calls as well.

Customers can be subjected to a termination fee from the present supplier for switching before the end of the contract.

The rate is still unknown until you receive a bill.

The discounted monthly delivery charge is in addition to their energy charge, there is no ComEd delivery charge discount.

Realgy is not the only supplier using misleading tactics. Some call, some come to your door. While not all of them are dishonest there is a high prevalence of misleading tactics, so we need to caution you to beware. If have received or you receive any similar calls or visits, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY ELECTRIC OR GAS ACCOUNT INFORMATION and feel free to call Rock River Energy Services at 815-732-4603 or your agent to discuss. If you end up getting a ComEd switch letter, call us immediately.

Best Regards,

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VILLAGE
GOVERNMENT

All Riverwoods Board of Trustees and Plan Commission meetings are held at Wolters Kluwer, 2700 Lake Cook Road. All are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Sept 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 15.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Oct 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

GET INVOLVED
IN RIVERWOODS

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VILLAGE
HALLOWEEN
PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCT. 29
4:40-7:30 PM



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE



Village of Riverwoods and Supporters / Martin Lopez, representing Bob Dold's office; Irene Gagerman, Village Clerk; Cheryl Chamberlain, Trustee; Rick Jamerson, Trustee; John Norris, Mayor of Riverwoods; Kris Ford, Trustee; Ann Maine, County Board Member and President of Lake County Forest Preserve District; Carol Sente, State Representative; Terry Link, State Senator.

Riverwoods Celebrates Groundbreaking For A New Village Hall

Mayor Norris addressed guests at the recent groundbreaking for construction of a new village hall for the Village of Riverwoods. (The following is his address.)

A few years ago, the Village of Riverwoods celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Riverwoods was founded by a group of about 600 people living in the woods who, like Greta Garbo in "Grand Hotel", wanted to be left alone. Given this genesis, I doubt if anyone is surprised to learn that the village board meetings during the 1960's were held in the

home of the mayor, Robert Clendenin. It was a decade before anyone thought that a building dedicated to use as a village hall was needed. Eventually a small 40-year-old, former camp cabin in the woods was purchased.

It was another decade before the Board authorized the building of offices for staff and space for record storage. Ten years after that additional offices and a second meeting room were built as part of the 1989-90 expansion. The final alterations were completed in the late 1990's by the incumbent mayor in \$5,000 increments.

We all loved the charm and history of our old Village Hall, but sadly, time and technology finally caught up with our little cabin in the woods, not to mention building codes, fire codes, OSHA, the ADA and worst of all, gravity. Everyone agreed we had to do something. The question was what.

The Building Committee and the Board of Trustees spent over two years examining if the best thing to do was to rehabilitate

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RIVERWOODS
VILLAGE VOICE

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

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



SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the November/December 2016 issue: October 20, 2016
Send to:
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Groundbreaking: Continued from the front cover

what we had, or to build new, and if we did build new, where to locate the new building.

Many people had many ideas, and no one was reluctant to express them. As Alfred Lewis, our Village attorney from 1962 to 1983, once said, "Becoming involved in the affairs of the village [of Riverwoods] was like accidentally stepping into a gang fight." Let me just say there was much lively debate. Eventually, economics and fiscal responsibility led us to the conclusion that the best option was a new building built on the existing site.

We are here today to formally break ground for that new building. We will all miss our little cabin in the woods. It served us well for many years.

At the same time, I am excited at the potential of the new village hall and the many advantages it will afford us to better serve and build the Riverwoods community in the future.



Mayor Norris; Carol Sente, State Representative; and Barrett Monie, Rep. Sente's Legislative Director.

**SEWER UTILITY FEE -
FOR SEWER COSTS ONLY**

A recurring question that the Village staff and I get is: "What is the sewer utility fee used for?" The answer is: "Repair and maintenance costs for the Village-owned portion of the sewer system."

The Sewer Fund is a dedicated fund. Legally, any money in, or raised for, a dedicated fund may be spent only for its stated purpose. In this case, that means only sewer costs.

Please feel free to call Village Hall at 847-945-3990 if you have any further questions.

MAYORS LETTER

**Thank You Kevin
and Welcome Steve**

As we all know, change is inevitable. This summer it has come to the Riverwoods Board of Trustees.

We must bid farewell to Trustee Kevin O'Donnell. Kevin's life journey has led him away from Riverwoods and thus forced his departure from the Board of Trustees. For the last three years, Kevin has given dedicated service to the residents of Riverwoods as trustee. Never one to shy away from a "discussion" for any reason or whatever the topic, Kevin could be counted on to ask pertinent questions and endeavor to ensure the interests of the Village were being safeguarded. No one would ever mistake Kevin for a "yes man." If I made a proposal, I knew I'd better do my homework as Kevin would have a host of questions. He will be missed and we all wish him well.

On the brighter side, we welcome Steve Levin to the Board. Steve has agreed to join the Board as the interim trustee for the remainder of Kevin O'Donnell's term. Steve will serve until the election in April. He has served the Village on the Plan Commission for a number of years as well as on a number of other civic groups, such as the Competitive Communities Initiative. He lives in the Meadowlake subdivision and will be the first trustee from that part of the Village.

With the changes that are inevitably coming with the commercial development in Buffalo Grove on our western border across Milwaukee Road, Steve should bring a valuable perspective.

On behalf of the people of Riverwoods: Thank you Kevin and welcome Steve.

John W. Norris
Mayor, Village of Riverwoods

**2017 Village Election
Candidates Sought**

On April 4, 2017, the mayor, village clerk and three trustees will be elected to the Riverwoods Village Board. These positions are for a four-year term.

Persons wishing to be considered for selection as a nominee of the Riverwoods Caucus Party may obtain an application beginning October 7, 2016, at the Village Hall or by email request to RiverwoodsNomCom@gmail.com (include your name and email address). The application includes a questionnaire covering a range of issues facing the Village and is designed to assist the Caucus Nominating Committee in evaluating applicants. Completed applications must be returned no later than October 28, 2016.

The Caucus Nominating Committee will interview candidates on November 12, 2016 at Wolters Kluwer, 2700 Lake Cook Road, Riverwoods. Any registered voter may request an interview even if no application has been filed. Attendance at these interviews is open to all Riverwoods residents.

On December 5, 2016 at 7:30pm at Wolters Kluwer, 2700 Lake Cook road, Riverwoods, the Riverwoods Caucus Party will elect its candidates from among the Nominating Committee selections and any other candidates who apply. All residents registered to vote in Riverwoods are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in the selection process. For further information, contact the Caucus Party at RiverwoodsNomCom@gmail.com.

**Calling All Association
Presidents**

To better communicate with all of our residents, as especially our incoming new residents, we are updating our contact list for all Association Presidents. We are asking all Association Presidents to contact Michelle at the Village Hall (847-945-3990) with your contact information.

**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 21, July 5 and 19 and August 2. 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.

August 2

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 19, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. The Police Report may be read in full on the Village of Riverwoods website.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS
FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Ecologist Consult for New Residents – Because the Village is having problems with people violating the Woodland Protection Ordinance, Mayor Norris suggested that the Village could require new residents to have an ecological consult, possibly imposing a transfer tax of \$200 to pay for it. The new resident would also receive a woodland delineation map and be informed of the Woodland Protection Ordinance.

Discussion followed with the suggestion of recording the ordinance so that it would pop up on title searches on-line. The Mayor noted that the staff would come up with the best solution, and all agreed the key is to educate the residents.

**RESPONSES TO RFP ON SE CORNER OF
MILWAUKEE AND DEERFIELD**

Village Attorney Bruce Huvad reported that the Village publically opened the proposals on Thursday. There were three varying proposals. The Village received feedback that a 4,000 square foot single-use building would be appropriate for the site, which lends itself to a quick casual restaurant with a possible drive-thru. The land use committee will summarize the pros and cons of each proposal.

RIVERWOODS
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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

Mayor Norris reported that the State has passed a law that requires all municipalities to be part of an ETSB (Emergency Telephone Sysytem Board) with at least 25,000 residents. Riverwoods is attempting to withdraw from the Lake County ETSB and to join the Deerfield-Bannockburn ETSB.

CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPING NOISE REGULATIONS

The Board passed the first reading of an ordinance the change the start time for construction and landscaping to no earlier than 7:00am on weekdays and 8:00am on Saturdays to be consistent with other municipalities.

HYDRANT AND SMOKE TESTING RECOMMENDATION

Because of recent discoveries that several hydrants in Meadowlake were inoperable, it was proposed that Riverwoods provide a Village-wide hydrant testing program.

The Board voted in favor to authorize a proposal of M.E. Simpson to flush the hydrants, update the maps, collect flow and pressure data and come up with a thorough report in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.

In addition, smoke testing is the most effective way to determine where significant amounts of storm water are getting into the sanitary system to pinpoint where repairs are needed. The Board authorized M.E. Simpson to perform smoke testing in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

WATER CONNECTION CHARGES

The Board voted in favor of amending the Village Code Concerning Water Connection Charges to make it clear that residents who live in Riverwoods and connect to Lincolnshire water still need to pay connection fees.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson distributed the July building report and it is available to read in full on the Village of Riverwoods website. There is still a little inconsistency on how construction value is being reported. The fees are correct. The Village is ahead on fees compared to this time last year.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

The Lock-Up has poured its foundations at Deerfield and Milwaukee. The house at 1075 Hiawatha was demolished and there are plans to rebuild. The Village received plans for a new house at 1700 Trillium.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Village Engineer Pat Glenn reported that they are working with Peter Baker for bike path patching.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 5, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. The Police Report is available to read in full on the Village of Riverwoods website.

Chief Dayno noted that there was an incident resulting in an arrest for criminal trespassing. There was also a call from a resident on Hiawatha about two men in her driveway trying to open her car door. The subjects were gone when police arrived.

780 SAUNDERS

Mr. Huvarud explained that the Village of Deerfield has agreed to his changes per the Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning 780 Saunders under which Riverwoods would annex the property currently in Deerfield. The business term of the agreement requires that Riverwoods and Deerfield share sales and property tax on the property for ten years after the restaurant is built. The timeline for the completion of the restaurant was moved to 2018 as per Mr. Abbott’s request. Deerfield staff recognizes that the two properties are tied together in a common site plan. If a restaurant is not built by the end of 2018, Deerfield could ask that the property be re-annexed to Deerfield. Mr. Huvarud noted that Deerfield wants to ensure that the use generates sales tax.

MEADOWLAKE WATER HYDRANTS

Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained that there were two water main breaks in Meadowlake as well as some concerns about some of the vintage hydrants. Mr. Glenn stated that there is one hydrant that is inoperable and beyond repair. Canyon Contracting provided a quote for replacing the hydrant and a quote for exercising the remaining water valves in the Village. He expects that the maintenance work will lead to other repair work that will need to be done.

The Board voted approval of the Canyon contract for hydrant replacement and the water valve exercise project including the additional \$1,700 for a live pressure connection to avoid shutting down the water to all of Meadowlake and Federal Life, for a total amount not to exceed \$18,200.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning reported that he red tagged a number of homes which had not responded to letters regarding required septic testing.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Norris indicated that the Village is running about \$300,000 ahead of budget for the first five months of the year. \$10,000 is based on revenue while the rest is due to reduced spending.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Huvarud was approached by Tower Point Capital regarding the purchase of the water tower leases. Its term sheet, based on the two existing tenants, offers a price of \$1,649,000 to be paid in 15 annual installment payments. The Village would receive the existing cash flow and be paid 60% of any additional cash flow generated. Tower Point Capital believes it can get another user or two on the water tower. In addition, Tower would eventually increase the billing to the existing tenants as new technology will entail upgrades to the existing installation. Mr. Huvarud noted that the Village would be responsible for maintaining the premises. He explained that Tower Point Capital would be similar to a construction manager by getting the best value and sharing in the upside. Mayor Norris and the Trustees expressed interest in pursuing this further.

Mr. Huvarud stated that the Village has retained special council to examine the situation at Shoppes of Riverwoods. A complaint was filed against the owner of Shoppes last week to recover the Special Use fees that have not been paid and to request landscaping compliance.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the June 21, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chief Dayno noted that the report shows three thefts, but they were all unfounded. There were two domestic batteries on the report. On one report the husband was arrested for domestic battery and aggravated battery to a child. Several days later, the wife was arrested for domestic battery and aggravated battery to a child. DCFS is now involved and the children are with the grandparents.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

RFP for Development Agreement for the purchase and redevelopment of a vacant lot owned by the Village, located at the southeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Deerfield Road – Since the announcement of the development of property on the southeast and southwest corners of Milwaukee Avenue and Deerfield Road, including construction of a Woodman’s grocery store, there has been a lot of interest in the Village’s parcel at the southeast corner of that intersection since any development there would not need to seek street improvements. The RFP document seeks proposals for a Prepared Food Shop as defined in the document, but the Village would con-

sider a destination or limited restaurant. Mr. Huvarud explained that the Village would like a single user rather than multiple users on the parcel and would consider a drive-thru.

B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT

Mr. Huvarud explained that the original hearings were held some time ago in response to a request from the petitioners for a coffee shop on Deerfield Road and a health restaurant on Saunders Road. The two properties did not conform to the normal site requirements of the B-1 district. The Village studied the types of uses proposed and came up with the definitions for a prepared food shop and limited restaurant. The Text Amendment, if approved, would add these definitions to the Village Code. The Text Amendment also redefines the types of facilities that can have a drive-thru and the number of drive-thrus allowed for each facility.

Trustee Haber questioned the rationale of allowing multiple drive-thrus for some facilities and only a single drive-thru for others. He suggested inserting language that would allow the Board to control the number of drive-thrus on a case by case basis. Mr. Huvarud stated that the Village could set up rational standards and criteria for drive-thrus. The Trustees discussed their concerns, including residents’ preferences, increased traffic and increased traffic accidents. Trustee Chamberlain said that because of resident concerns about multiple drive-thru lanes, she would like to add whatever language would be interpreted most narrowly.

After some further discussion, Trustee Jamerson suggested adding ‘if approved by the Board’ to the section concerning drive-thrus. Mr. Huvarud believes that the Village would more likely be challenged on the definition of a Prepared Food Shop rather than the number of drive-thrus. The Board then discussed the definitions of a Prepared Food Shop and Limited Restaurant.

At the next meeting, Mr. Huvarud will come back with Special Use Ordinances granting the necessary Special Uses for the two types of businesses.

ORANGE THEORY SIGNAGE

Mayor Norris explained that at the last meeting, the Trustees rejected the Plan Commission’s recommendation to amend the Special Use. The petitioner asked to address the Board. Bill Barry from Olympic Sign Company explained that Orange Theory, a national franchise, allows a stacked version of the sign or a linear version of the sign. Based on the double storefront, Mr. Barry believes the linear version would work

better. Mr. Barry explained that Orange Theory's sign is unique because of the large O within a splat with the remainder of the letters being lower case. Most municipalities have criteria for a maximum height. However, Riverwoods has both a maximum and minimum letter height which makes it difficult to create a sign that is legible, uniform and meets the criteria. Trustee Jamerson asked whether Orange Theory needed to attain variances from many municipalities because the sign did not meet their criteria. Mr. Barry responded affirmatively. He explained that most municipalities allow them to measure the "O" with the splat separately from the rest of the sign, so that it then meets their criteria. Mr. Okininski, the franchisee, remarked that other signs in the center do not meet the sign criteria. He noted that most of the comments at the Plan Commission meeting were about the landlord rather than his sign. Trustee Chamberlain explained that the issues with the other signs are a separate issue with the landlord. Trustee Chamberlain was concerned, however, that any more amendments will only add to the center's unattractive appearance

Carlos Santucci with Avalon Realty Associates has been managing the Shoppes of Riverwoods for almost a year. His goal is to fill the shopping center. He believes that the sign is appealing and fills the space nicely. Mr. Santucci explained that Orange Theory has become a popular brand drawing traffic and attention to the center. They are a good use and a good tenant and have created interest from other businesses.

Mr. Huvad believes one point discussed at the Plan Commission hearing was the fact that there are other users in the center that have a logo separate from their sign. He does not believe that the Village's sign criteria addresses that issue. If the logo was added to the height of the lettering, the sign could be more than 36" for some of the other tenants. Mr. Niedelman believes that if the other logos were considered separate from the rest of the letters, the splat should be considered a logo and treated similarly.

After a considerable amount of discussion by the Board, the consensus was that they do not want to punish Orange Theory and would like to have them as a tenant. The Board would like to see an attractive, fully occupied center, but are frustrated with the lack of compliance and non-payment of fees due to the Village. They want this to work and are willing to open this up for First Reading, but want to tie it to some specific compliance from the landlord by the next Board meeting.

June 21

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the June 7, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Dayno noted that officers went to Harwood Heights and served

an arrest warrant on a subject charging him with a residential burglary on Duffy Lane. The subject is in Lake County jail on a \$150,000 bond.

On June 14, 2016, the Department arrested a suspect for theft of an aluminum ladder from a home on Kingswood Court. The Department had obtained a video from a neighbor which helped them make the arrest. The Department sold its 2008 Dodge Durango. After the 5% commission, the Village received \$5,733.00 which included the sale of a Ford back seat.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

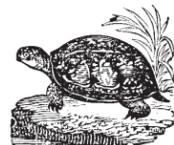
The owner of the 37 acre landfill parcel which is in unincorporated Lake County and is located directly south of the Village-owned property on the southeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Deerfield Road contacted the Village regarding filling in the portion that is within the Village. The Village's permit system requires that work be completed within a specified time frame while the County does not have time limitations. The owner asked if the Village would issue him a permit. Mr. Huvad explained that if he met all of the permit criteria, the permit would be issued. Mr. Niedelman inquired as to who would inspect the site. Mayor Norris replied that the Village, or the Village's appointee, would inspect the site. He added that the County will inspect its portion. Trustee O'Donnell questioned whether the Village has the right to test the soil. Mayor Norris replied that the IEPA requires clean soil certifications and that the Village requested that they be included in the paperwork requested by the Village. Mr. Huvad stated that, in drafting up the agreement, the Village is trying to build in guarantees and assurances to ensure performance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time Capsule – Mayor Norris asked the Board if there was any interest in creating a time capsule for the new Village Hall construction site. The construction consultants would need to know the size of the capsule if the Board decides to create one.

NO SOLICITATION POLICY SIGN ENFORCEMENT

A Homeowner's Association asked if the Village could enforce a 'no solicitation' policy for the entire subdivision. Mayor Norris stated that the case law only allows that for a gated community. Chief Dayno stated that solicitors need to have a license and are provided with a Riverwoods photo ID that has an expiration date on it. Unlicensed solicitors will be ticketed if reported to the Police. The Trustees suggested that the Village print up some "No Solicitors Invited" decals that residents could put on their properties. Decals will soon be available at the Village Hall.



New Business

MESIROW INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

Mr. Huvad and Mayor Norris met with representatives from Mesirow regarding insurance services. They have been helping and advising the Village with the insurance for the Village Hall project at no cost to the Village. Their menu of services to the public sector are provided generally at no additional cost when they place insurance with outside carriers from whom they would receive a commission. The agreement Mr. Huvad drew up provides for compensation to Mesirow if its decided that the Village would best be served by staying in the IRML pool which would mean that Mesirow would not be paid a commission.

The Board voted to engage insurance consulting services with Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. pursuant to the agreement.

Know the Hourly Periods for Outside Water Usage

All residents should be familiar with the Village watering regulations. The following is taken directly from the Riverwoods website.

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

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

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

3. This section does not apply to water drawn from deep wells of more than five hundred feet (500') or retention ponds located on nonresidential property in the village.

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

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



Those Pesky Building Codes

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

With the start of construction of the new Village Hall I thought it would be a good time to talk a bit about one of the primary hats I wear for the Village, which is Building Official. Most folks refer to it as building inspector. I'm surprised on those rare occasions when a contractor calls and asks what time the building official is coming out for inspection. Concrete can't wait you know. The thick and technical and dusty dry building code books you've probably never read or seen, or will ever read or see, all say building official. I'm guessing the American Concrete Institute's Publication #318 on building code requirements for structural concrete will not make it to a Riverwoods book club discussion. Building official sounds more, well, official, and in my day to day work more accurate of what really happens whether I'm on a job site or explaining over the phone the reasons why that concrete batch failed the inspection and maybe should've stayed at the plant until that arctic front passed safely by.

That concrete batch and the codes that regulate it are important to you. It's important to the contractor you've hired too. He wants to frame that batch of concrete into the foundation for your room addition you've been planning and are now starting to build. By the way, your concrete contractor wants to get paid right away and finish work as fast as possible. I'm paid to make sure your contractor complies with those pesky building codes. Nobody is happy when your foundation heaves out of the earth in springtime because that frozen concrete batch wasn't put on hold. The building code governs all this. My job is to make sure that concrete doesn't freeze - it's an ACI #318 publication thing.

Concrete and foundations are one example of where things can go wrong in your home if work isn't done correctly. Codes and safety are important to you for electrical, mechanical, carpentry, fuel gas, and plumbing systems.

I remember not long ago a house fire right here in Riverwoods for which there almost certainly would have been a loss of life if not for a basement escape window. That basement escape window was and still is a code requirement. That house would not have been issued an occupancy permit by my predecessor at the time of its construction without that window.

We have building codes to protect lives and property. It's not glamorous work being a building official but I think it's important. Building permits and inspections are necessary to ensure that codes are being complied with.

I'm happy to report that the concrete foundation for our new Village Hall is being poured now in the dog days of August; not a chill in the air.

Avoid Becoming a Crime Victim

By Bruce Dayno, Riverwoods Chief of Police

Riverwoods residents enjoy living in our unique community that was originally conceived to allow residents to live among the trees. It is a quiet and natural respite from traditional suburban living with its large heavily wooded lots accessible from private roads where some residents are able to house horses. It is a relatively safe area with a low crime rate, but no community is immune to criminal activity. Many residents, having a false sense of security, regularly leave cars unlocked in driveways, doors to garages unlocked, and even doors to their homes unlocked.

Recently, car thieves have been preying on unlocked cars with keys or key fobs left inside throughout the Chicago area. When they cannot start the unlocked cars, they take any valuables left inside. On August 9th, the thieves struck in Riverwoods overnight, stealing two cars and burglarizing 3 others.

All of the cars that were stolen are believed to have been left unlocked, with the key fobs inside the cars.

I am pleased to report that at the time of this writing we have made two arrests related to the thefts and recovered some of the property. Both stolen cars were found unoccupied in Chicago and are believed to have been used in the commission of other crimes.

Riverwoods is a wonderful place to live. We have a low crime rate, but crime does occur here as it does everywhere. The Riverwoods Police Department submits data on a monthly basis to the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program, maintained by the Illinois State Police. Below is what we reported in 2014 and 2015. Always lock your vehicles and garages. Avoid leaving valuables in cars parked on the street or in your driveway. Don't become an easy crime victim.

Feel free to contact me with questions on target hardening or arranging for a security survey with Crime Prevention Officer Al Maciareillo.

RIVERWOODS 2014 REPORTED INDEX CRIMES

Total Index Crimes	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
22	0	0	0	0	8	14	0	0

RIVERWOODS 2015 REPORTED INDEX CRIMES

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22	0	0	0	0	5	21	0	0



VILLAGE REMINDERS

School is in Session – School is open! The kids are walking, riding their bikes, crossing streets, and waiting at bus stops throughout our Village. Obey all crossing guards and remember it is against the law to pass a stopped school bus. Be alert and 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.

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



Fall Book Club Meeting

By June Melber

The Riverwoods Book Club's 13th season will start Wednesday, September 14 at 10am when we'll be discussing **H is for Hawk**, the international award winning best seller by Helen MacDonald.

This meeting will take place at the Welcome Center at Ryerson Woods forest preserve. Following the book discussion, you'll have an opportunity to meet the resident rehabilitated education hawk who resides at Ryerson.

We will have refreshments and, as always, the book club is free and open to residents and non-residents. If you have any questions, or if you plan to attend, please call or email June Melber at 847-940-7086 or argos501@aol.com.

FOOD DRIVE

To Benefit West Deerfield Food Pantry

September 1-30

The Village of Riverwoods is holding a food drive to benefit the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry. Believe it or not, there is hunger right here in our own community. Together we can help by collecting non-perishable food items and dropping off at the collection box at Riverwoods Village Hall throughout the month of September.

Food Pantry Needs:

- Protein:** Canned Chicken, Stew, Beef Stew, Beef Hash
- Canned Fruit:** Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce
- Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee), Manwich**
- Cooking Oil, Coffee and Tea**
- Fruit Juice, and Juice Boxes**
- Jelly, squeezable preferred, low sugar**
- Condiments:** Salad Dressing, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
- Cookies, Crackers and Chips of all kinds**



Drop off at Riverwoods Village Hall



In the Kitchen with Gale

Plum Crostatta

Makes 1 14-inch tart

For the dough:

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup sugar

Finely chopped zest of 1 lemon

2 sticks cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1 large egg plus 1 egg yolk, whisked together

For the filling:

2 tablespoons jam (any flavor that goes with plums)

8 to 10 ripe but firm plums, pitted and cut in quarters

1 tablespoon honey

2 tablespoons whole milk

1 tablespoon coarse turbinado, or "raw" sugar

Make the dough: In the bowl of a mixer, blend the flour, sugar, and lemon zest at low speed. Add the butter and continue mixing at low speed until the mixture is coarse and sandy looking. Add the egg mixture and mix just until it comes together. Form into a ball, wrap with plastic wrap, and refrigerate at least one hour.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. On a floured surface, roll the dough out to a rough circle, about 14 inches in diameter. Transfer it to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Fold in the outer half-inch of the crust to form a rough, "rustic" edge to the tart. Using a rubber spatula, gently spread the jam over the bottom of the tart. Then arrange the plum wedges decoratively in concentric circles over the jam. Drizzle the honey over. With a pastry brush, brush the tart edge with milk. Sprinkle it with coarse sugar. Bake until fruit is tender and the underside of the tart is browned, about 25-30 minutes.

Gale Gand is a pastry chef and is the partner in the Michelin one star restaurant, Tru, in Chicago. She was the host of Food Network's long running show "Sweet Dreams" and author of 8 cook books. She just finished a 2-year pop-up of Spritzburger, a burger and craft soda joint, with The Hearty Boys, also of Food Network fame. Gale teaches cooking classes all over the country and is an artisanal soda pop maker producing Gale's Root Beer which is sold nationally. Gale does Food Innovation with Hyde Park Group in Chicago. She has received two James Beard Awards, has been inducted to the Chicago Chefs Hall of Fame and was schooled in Paris at La Varenne.



Stevenson PREP Community Education Fall/Winter Programs

The Patriot Recreation Education Program (PREP) at Stevenson High School has just released its Fall/Winter 2016 Community Education catalog, filled with fun programs for all ages. Adult classes cover a range of interests including dance & fitness, cooking, arts & photo, home & garden, computer education, and more. Amateur musicians are encouraged to check out the new Stevenson Community Orchestra! Youth programs include a variety of sports, engineering, theater performance, dance, yoga, and a new Computer Science Academy. In addition, affordable music lessons taught by highly qualified instructors are available for all ages and ability levels. Upcoming events include:

Beauty & the Beast

Sunday, October 23, 1:00pm & 3:00pm shows, SHS West Auditorium. All seats just \$5!

Audiences of all ages will love this children's play adaptation of the classic tale. Can the Beast, a prince trapped by a witch's spell, learn to love and be loved in time to break his curse?

Great Lakes Liberty Call Show Band

Sunday, October 30, 2:00pm, SHS West Auditorium. Free!

To ring in Veterans' Day, enjoy a FREE show by the Great Lakes Navy Show Band, Liberty Call. Tickets are first-come, first-serve, so register early at StevensonFoundation.org. This patriotic group features the Navy Band's dazzling musicianship and showmanship as they perform a wide array of hit songs.

The program catalog and online registration are available at www.d125.org/prep. For more information, contact the PREP office at 847-415-4145 or prep@d125.org.

VETERANS INVITED TO SHARE THEIR STORY FOR VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Veterans are invited to come to the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan on November 11 to have their oral histories recorded. The typed transcripts will be archived at the Library of Congress as part of the Veterans History Project. This project aims to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans. The deadline to submit forms to participate in this year's event is October 1. Any veteran interested in being interviewed for this project should contact Carol Cord at ccord@lakecountyil.gov or 847-377-3771.

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods

Brushwood Center is located inside the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area in Riverwoods. Tour the historic Brushwood home. Walk the miles of trails on site. See what nature has inspired in the Brushwood gallery. Listed here are just a few of the many upcoming events.

Art Opening / Sunday, September 11, 1 - 3 p.m. / Free

Invasive Plants in the Natural Landscape: Introduced species and garden escapees have an impact on the natural landscape, affecting the survival of native plants, birds and other wildlife.



The Reed Turner Botanical Artists exhibit depicts some of those plants in watercolor, graphite and colored pencil.

Book Discussion Ryerson Reads / Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. / \$15 (\$10 member)

Join our vibrant group of nature enthusiasts for lively discussions of American environmental literature led by Benjamin Goluboff, professor of English at Lake Forest College and an expert in American literature.

Art Class / Various dates, topics and times / Pre-registration required / Costs vary

This course is designed for botanical art students of all levels who are willing to make a commitment to learn and improve their drawing and painting skills. The most basic but most important techniques will be studied through the course with



continuity, so that students can truly absorb the techniques and apply them intuitively.

Brushwood Bird Photography Club / Thursday, September 15 / 6:30 - 8 p.m. / Free

Emma England presents: "How to Find and Photograph Owls in the Wild." Emma will share details of a close encounter with a Great Grey Owl in Sweden that inspired her passion for bird photography.

Art Class / Adult Coloring with Heeyoung Kim / Third Fridays of each month / September 16 and October 21 / 5:30 - 7:30p.m. / \$25 (\$20 member) / pre-registration required

Join us for this unique take on an adult coloring night! Each class begins with a demonstration of colored pencil techniques and tricks by renowned artist, Heeyoung Kim.

Lecture / Field Museum at Brushwood Center / Sunday, October 16 / 1 - 3 p.m. / \$7 (\$5 member)

Nigel Pitman presents: The Chicago 40: Forty iconic species that every Chicagoan (including you!) should know. Dr. Pitman is an ecologist and conservationist with a special interest in South American forests. His research focuses on Amazonian tree ecology, but he has also worked on the endemic floras of Ecuador and Peru, long-term trends in Amazonian animal abundances, and extinction risks in South American plants.

For more information on these events and others, visit BrushwoodCenter.org or call 847-968-3343.



The Des Plaines River - A Nature Lover's Paradise

Riverwoods residents are fortunate to live close to a significant waterway that is home to a wide variety of plants and animals. Walk along the Des Plaines River Trail and Greenway and you will see evidence of the beaver's handiwork, footprints of deer, raccoons and coyotes in the soft mud at the river's edge, and possibly an American toad or leopard frog as it hops across the path. Irises bloom in the damp floodplain in spring, and owls, ducks, herons, and songbirds can be seen and heard as you walk. Huge burr oaks, swamp oaks, silver maples, and black walnuts are among the many species of trees that flourish in this wet area.

Since 1961, the Lake County Forest Preserve District has been planning for and building a trail along the river, piece by piece. In 2015 the 31.4 miles of trail were completed, and hikers, dog walkers, runners, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, and bikers now are able to travel from south through the Cook County portion of the trail to north all the way to the Wisconsin border.

The Des Plaines River Trail and Greenway protects more than 76% of the Lake County portion of the Des Plaines River. While the trail provides recreational opportunities, the Greenway (i.e. the undeveloped natural area surrounding the river) protects wildlife habitat and native plants, provides flood management, prevents erosion, and acts as a buffer against development along the river and floodplain. In addition, the Greenway is an important flyway for migrating birds. According to Allison Frederick of the Lake County Forest Preserve, "Animals and plants, through their seed and pollen, are not cut off from each other and are less restricted in their movement. For such things as tiny frogs, rare butterflies and delicate wildflowers, which stay strong only through a genetic mix with other groups of their kin, the Greenway is crucial." The remaining 24% of the land bordering the Des Plaines River is private and commercial property.

Residents with canoes or kayaks may use the carry-in boat ramp on Route 60, just east of Milwaukee Avenue, on the west side of the river. Parking is available. There are a few dams along the waterway in Lake County (at Ryerson Woods, Daniel Wright Woods, Route 120, Buckley Road, and the Grainger Complex), including the two cable dams in the northern section built to simulate beaver dams as part of a wetlands restoration. It is a wonderfully scenic trip and worth the effort. However, the dams are not well marked, and the cable dams are not solid and cannot be run - portage is required - so those navigating the water must be vigilant.

For more details about the Des Plaines River Trail and Greenway, check out the Lake County Forest Preserve website at www.lcfdp.org.

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

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

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

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

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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

RRA - Join and Make a Difference!

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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Village Halloween Party

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

**Saturday, October 29 /
4:30-7:30pm**

Deerfield Golf Club / 1201 Saunders Road

- HAY RIDE / BALLOONS / MUSIC -

- PIZZA / HOTDOGS / S'MORES -

It's Halloween - Everyone Is Invited!

Riverwoods' ever-popular Halloween party is right around the corner. All of Riverwoods is invited, so mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 29, 4:30-7:30pm at the Deerfield Golf Club, 1201 Saunders Road in Riverwoods.

Everything you have come to love: the horse-drawn wagon ride with the sing-along, making gooey s'mores, climbing on the fire truck and police car, and enjoying pizza and hot dogs with your fellow ghosts and goblins will be in store.

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. Volunteers are needed to help decorate, supervise the stations, and assist with clean-up. If you have even a few hours to spare we can use you. Also, if you would like to make a donation of candy toward the goodie bags that every child takes home, please do. Or drop off at the Village Hall on Portwine. 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 Hoot-Nanny horse-drawn wagon. Boo!