



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Making the Holidays Stress Free

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I was moved to write an article on the challenges of holiday time, the stress that often accompanies this time, and how to perhaps cope with greater skill and less angst. As I was pondering this subject it became clear to me that I would like to focus on our ability to create joy and options in our life, even when we feel stressed.

As a psychotherapist, I have the opportunity and honor to hear people's life issues on a daily basis. I listen as my clients express many challenges, hurts, joys, and stresses that are a part of their lives. The reality is that there are many people unable to spend this time with their loved ones. Some fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters are away in foreign countries risking their lives, for others

their loved ones are out of town, or have passed on. As human beings in this complex world we will always face new issues, and what I am learning more each day is how clearly our attitudes, thoughts, and beliefs affect us and impact how we experience and cope with life each day.

This is a time when many feelings are aroused, and as we honor those feelings, it is also an opportunity to create a meaningful and loving experience for ourselves and whomever we choose to share this time with. How do we do this you ask? Close your eyes and imagine the kind of holiday that you dream about. Who is there? Where is it taking place? And, how do you feel? Ask yourself if I could wave a magic wand what would this time of year be like? What would my dream look and feel like? Listen to your

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All Riverwoods Seniors . . . Riverwoods Rewards Offers Panera 'Bread for A Year'

The Riverwoods Rewards Program is now teaming up with Panera Bread for a delicious opportunity. All seniors in the Rewards Program are eligible for a free loaf of freshly baked, award-winning Panera bread each month for twelve months. Members may pick up their Panera Bread card at Village Hall. If you are not a member yet, what's holding you back? Contact Nancy Morten at Village Hall to find out how easy it is to join Riverwoods Rewards and take advantage of this and many other offers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Visit the Village of Riverwoods web site, www.villageofriverwoods.com to keep up to date on village information as well as important links.

Riverwoods Village Board:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8p.m. Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and 16 and Jan. 6 and 20.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:

1st Thursday at 7:30p.m. Dec. 4 and Jan. 8.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Theatre in the Woods call Sandy Sagan, producer at 847-945-0585.

RRA, call Rebecca Nixon, RRA president at 847-405-9772.

Family Day, call Jodi Kahn at 847-236-1632.

Plant Sale Committee, call Sue Auerbach, chairman at 847-945-7898.

The Building and Development Committee call Mike Karpeles, chairman at 847-940-1762.

Arts&Riverwoods call Leslie Ames, chairman at 847-948-9003.

It's 11:00 pm— Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

The curfew ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 17, is 11pm during the week and 12am Holidays, Friday and Saturday. It conforms to state statute.



Now You Can Visit Riverwoods online!

The Village has a great new website, www.village-of-riverwoods.com. Some of the features of the website are:

- **Board of Trustees Agenda**
- **Plan Commission Agenda**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**
- **Municipal Code**
- **Hot News**
- **Community Events** such as the Halloween Party
- **Senior Department Activities** Pot Luck

Luncheons, Flu Shots, Assistance with household chores.

- **Building Department** is found under Services. It will provide downloadable forms.

- **Police Department** is found under Public Safety. It will give you the non-emergency number, information about scams you should watch for, as well as forms you will be able to download for alarm registration and house watch.

- **Community** will give you information about the Riverwoods Residents Association, other community groups, and links to other communities, organizations, colleges and other web sites. A special feature is our link to Orphans of the Storm. Here you can meet the featured dog of the month. At the time of this writing the featured dog is Curly. Keep watching to find a wonderful dog that can be a welcome addition to your home.

- **News** will try to keep up with current events and will include back copies of the Village Voice.

Please check out our exciting new website yourself. It is a great new source of information and a wonderful asset to our community.

At our first Village Senior meeting the Riverwoods/Lincolnshire Fire Department spoke about the need for Knox Boxes and the Lifeline Program. Knox Boxes are boxes placed outside your home. These boxes are only accessible by the fire department. Each box contains the key to your home. The fire department explained that currently there is a no break-in policy in place, so that if you call 911 for help and are unable to open the door, the fire department is very reluctant to break the door down to get to you. They are highly recommending that all of our residents get Knox Boxes. The current cost of a box is about \$150.00. Please contact Nancy at the Village to let her know if you are interested. We would like to place a large order at one time to see if we can get a reduced price for our residents.

My wife, Sherry, and I also signed up for the Lifeline Program. It is a wonderful free program provided by our fire department. Two firemen came to our home and took our complete medical history. They asked us which of our three local hospitals we would prefer and got our primary physician's name and phone number. They also made a list of our current medications and any medications to which we were allergic. After gathering the information it was placed in a packet in our home and a sticker was placed on the window near our door. This will notify a paramedic that the information is available inside. This program could truly be a life saver. I strongly urge every family in Riverwoods to take advantage of this wonderful free service. Please contact the non-emergency number of the Riverwoods/Lincolnshire Fire Department (847) 634-2512 to make an appointment.

As I am sure you are all aware, the Shoppes of Riverwoods are now opening. Currently Panera Bread and Baja Fresh are open. Watch for new shops opening in the near future.

Finally, on Thursday, October 16, 2003, I attended the senior potluck luncheon at the Village Hall. I found it to be a delightful experience both the company and the food was good. I urge our senior residents to attend the monthly programs being offered on the third Thursday of each month at the Village Hall. See the accompanying article in the Village Voice and/or call Nancy Morten at the Village for details.

My best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season. May we all look forward to 2004 being a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



William S. Kaplan, Mayor



In an attempt to simplify monthly Village Board meeting notes, items are presented as "updates" of major topics, rather than chronological listings of all issues presented to and/or discussed by the Board.

Update of Current Village Board Topics

August 5, August 19, September 5

PROPOSAL ESTABLISHING OF WHIGHAM-BURR OAK SSA #20

The Village Board adopted an Ordinance Proposing the Establishment in the Village of Riverwoods of Whigham-Burr Oak Special Use Service Area #20 for Water System Improvements benefiting Certain properties on portions of Whigham Road, Burr Oak, Hoffman Lane, Portwine Road, and Riverwoods Road; and providing for a public hearing and other procedures.

AMENDING CODE RE SOLICITORS

Based on the results of a Supreme Court case, religious and charitable solicitation is permitted without a fee. According to Trustee Haber, this is a First Amendment issue. Residents can post "No Solicitators" signs in response. Signs are available at the Village Hall.

ALLOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL TO BE USED AT ARTS AND RIVERWOODS

The Village Board voted to allow the Riverwoods Montessori School to be used as one of the show homes during Arts & Riverwoods. At that time, the Arts & Riverwoods committee was having difficulty finding homes for the show.

APPROVE DONATION OF \$5000 TO DBR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Village Board approved a \$5000 donation to the DBR Chamber of Commerce to promote area businesses.

APPROVE S.B. FRIEDMAN & CO. AS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

The Village Board approved hiring S.B. Friedman as a consultant to the Village of Riverwoods with the development of 37 acres.

REDUCE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR SHOPPES OF RIVERWOODS TO \$689,942

The Village Board granted Gewalt Hamilton's request for a reduction in the letter of credit to \$689,942 for the Shoppes of Riverwoods.

MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Village Board authorized spending up to \$40,000 for the rehabilitation of manholes within Village in conjunction with Lake County on 50/50 basis.

VILLAGE WEB SITE

The Village Board accepted the Borchew Design Group's proposal to host and update the Village web site for \$400 per month. The design group spent 75 hours setting up the website at no cost to the Village.

TREE REMOVAL ORDINANCE PASSED

The Village Board agreed to pass an ordinance giving the Village permission to remove trees that create an imminent danger or obstruct public or private ways.

MFT ROADWAY PROJECT UNDERWAY

Peter Baker and Son's bid of \$330,214.51 was accepted for 2003 MFT Roadway Maintenance Project.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

NOW AVAILABLE

The Village Board authorized the Village Clerk to make Closed Session minutes, from January 2003 through July 2003, available for public inspection.



Send in Those Letters!!

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

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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.

Police Annual Survey

Each year the Riverwoods Police Department will ask residents and businesses to complete a survey to assist us in evaluating our performance and to set goals for the future. Your observations and comments have been and continue to be very important to us. It should take approximately 5 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation.

1. How many times have you had contact with Riverwoods Police Department in the past year?

- 0 times 1-3 times 4-6 times 7 or more

2. If you have had contact, what was it for?

- Crime Victim Motor Vehicle Crash Witness House Watch Other Service
 Traffic (violation/warning) Other (please specify)

Please circle the number that best describes your rating of the following.

	Excellent			Good			Fair			Poor	No Opinion
3. Competence of officer(s)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Demeanor of officer(s)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Fairness of officer(s)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Courtesy of officer(s)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Traffic Enforcement in the Village	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Police Visibility in Village	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
9. Police Visibility in your neighborhood	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
10. Overall services provided by Police	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Please rate the following by checking the appropriate box.

11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime (i.e. vandalism, theft, damage to property in Riverwoods. Low Moderate High No Opinion

12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime (i.e. burglary, robbery, sexual assault) in Riverwoods Low Moderate High No Opinion

13. How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighborhood at night?

- Very safe Somewhat safe Not safe No opinion

14. How long have you lived in Riverwoods? _____ (years)

15. What type of building do you occupy?

- Single family Business

16. Please indicate whether the person completing the survey is:

- Male Female

17. Have you been a victim of a crime in the past 5 years?

- Yes No

18. If answer 17 is yes, was it in Riverwoods?

- Yes No

19. Did you report the crime to a police department?

- Yes No

If no, why?

20. If you saw a suspicious person in Riverwoods, what number would you call?

21. So that we can provide better police service to the entire community, please help us identify your neighborhood.

Please list the nearest intersection to your home/business

22. Please rate your opinion of the following:

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	No Opinion
A. Providing 24 hour patrol services to community				
B. Discouraging crime in general				
C. Notifying citizens of potential for criminal activity				
D. Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.)				
E. Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred				
F. Discouraging gang activity				
G. Investigating burglaries				
H. Discouraging the sale of tobacco to minors				
I. Visible traffic enforcement				
J. Enforcing handicap parking violations				
K. Reduction of traffic crashes				
L. Enforcing Drunk driving laws				
M. Enforcing water usage ordinances				
N. Enforcing dog and cat ordinances				
O. Mediating neighborhood/family disputes				
P. Investigating local illegal drug activity				
Q. Arresting individuals who use drugs				
R. Noise ordinance enforcement				
S. Enforcing curfew regulations				
T. Enforcing solicitor ordinance				
U. Reducing consumption of alcohol by minors and unsupervised parties				

23. Please indicate where you get information about what is taking place in Riverwoods. (Choose all that apply)

- Daily Herald Deerfield Review Chicago Tribune Village Voice Chicago Sun Times
 Other

24. Please list the most significant values or characteristics a Riverwoods Police Officer should possess:

25. Do you think completing the survey is worthwhile? yes no If no why?

26. Additional Comments

Fire News – Beware of fraud

By Firefighter Scott Vaughn

The LRFD, Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Department, would like to remind residents of the ever present efforts of some groups to solicit funds in the name of fire service organizations when, in reality, an extremely small percentage of funds collected ever make it to the assumed beneficiary. Although there are numerous groups that engage in this practice, we have recently discovered a phone solicitation followed by a mailed “pledge card” from the Association for Disabled Firefighters (ADF). According to the Better Business Bureau, since 2001 the ADF has been charged with deceptive practices by the Attorney General offices in Arizona, Oregon, and North Dakota. Among the specific charges were “falsely representing that contributions would go to a charitable purpose, when in fact only 0.7% of the total collected funds went for charitable purposes”.

The LRFD does not solicit money from its residents, either by telephone or mailers. In the past, off-duty firefighters have collected funds for charitable organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the New York Firefighters Widows and Children’s Fund but these solicitations have always been in person (fill the boot drives) and in uniform so as to be easily recognized. The LRFD cannot always confirm the validity of groups soliciting funds related to the fire service. It is recommended that for information on such groups residents contact the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org or 703-276-0100.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice for giving to charities:

Most charities are honest and ethical, but questionable solicitors are counting on the fact you won’t check out the charity before giving. Here is some basic wise giving advice:

1. Watch out for similar names. Some charity names sound the same. Be sure to look at the name carefully because it may not be the one you have in mind.
2. Do not be pressured into an immediate gift. Charities should welcome your gift whenever you want to send it.
3. Question vague appeals. They should clearly identify the charity’s programs.
4. Do not give out personal information to phone solicitors. Don’t give out credit card numbers, checking account numbers or any other personal information to unknown telephone solicitors.
5. Do not give cash. Write a check out to the charity’s full official name, not to an individual or 3rd party that

may be collecting the donation.

6. Don’t hesitate to ask the charity for written information on its programs and finances. This can be particularly helpful in responding to phone appeals from charities that interest you.

7. Report bad practices. Contact your Better Business Bureau and your state’s Attorney General Office about solicitation problems.

Furthermore, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office offers the following:

1. Ask the caller the name, address and phone number of the company or charity they are calling on behalf of.
2. Ask whether the solicitor is a professional fund raiser, and if so, how much of the donation actually goes to the charity.
3. Ask for this information in writing. Additional advice on giving to police and fire organizations can be found at www.give.org/tips/policefire.asp

House Watch Program

By Chief Morris Weinstein

The Police Officers check vacant houses while our residents are out-of-town. If you wish to utilize this free service, please call the Police Department 847-945-1130 before your departure. We will ask a few pertinent questions and complete a house watch form. This form is also available on the Village website. Numerous suburbs have experienced residential burglaries. While house watches do not guarantee total crime prevention they can be a significant safety measure.

Village Signs

Please be sure to check out the new Riverwoods Community Information Sign on the corner of Riverwoods Road and Deerfield Road. Government meeting dates and times as well as community events will be posted. Please refrain from stapling or posting anything on the outside of the new village sign. If you would like to have a community-wide event posted, simply call the Village Hall for more information.

We would also like to remind everyone to remove posted signs on your association street signs (birthday, holiday, balloons, etc.) by the next morning. We all need to work together to keep our village clean and free from debris.

Tree Removal Permits Required in the Village of Riverwoods

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

The Village Board, in response to concerns regarding tree preservation and woodland management in the Village, has recently modified and updated the Village's Tree Preservation Ordinance (no. 03-6-7) for the preservation of Protected Trees.

There are two types of tree-related permits that the Village issues under the Tree Preservation Ordinance: Tree Removal permits and Forestry permits.

Tree Removal permits are issued when an applicant wants to remove trees that are dead, diseased, dying, or when trees need to be removed for construction purposes.

Tree Removal applications are reviewed by the Village Forester. Based on the review, the Forester may require trees to be planted to replace protected trees being removed. Tree replacements are calculated based on the number of inches of trunk diameter removed, i.e. when a protected tree with a trunk diameter of 20" is removed, 20" of replacements are required. In some cases, more replacements are required than there is space for on the applicant's property. When this occurs, the Forester determines the number of trees which can be replanted at the site and the remaining number of inches are applied to a 'Fee in Lieu of' calculation (\$20/ diameter inch). The 'Fee in Lieu of' payment is then placed into a Village fund for the Tree Planting program.

The fee for a Tree Removal permit is \$75.00. However, there is no permit fee for dead, diseased or dying trees.

Forestry permits are issued to residents participating in the Tree Planting program (Village's Ordinance Providing for the Preservation of Protected Trees (no. 03-6-7, sec.5-5-9). This program uses matching funds generated from the 'Fee in Lieu of' payments to aid residents with woodland restoration projects including tree planting and/or the removal of invasive, noxious or non-indigenous trees, plants and weeds, such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, that interfere with the health, conservation and expansion of the oak-hickory hardwood forest and other Protected Trees that constitute the indigenous and desirable woodland habitat for the Village.

Applications for Forestry permits follow a similar process as Tree Removal permits. But because residents apply for matching funds as part of the program, they must include a copy of a signed work contract and a copy the contractor's valid State of Illinois Applicator's License, as specified in the Village's Guidelines for the Removal and Control of Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard, if herbicides will be used. When the work is completed, the

Forester performs a site inspection to determine if the work was done in accordance with the application. When all work is completed and approved, the Village issues a reimbursement check to the resident. The program is a 50/50 cost-share, with a maximum of a \$1,000 reimbursement. The fee for a Tree Removal permit is \$75.00.

The Village policy requires all tree and brush removal work to be documented, regardless of whether or not the trees being removed are 'protected' trees under the Village's Tree Ordinance. This means that residents are asked to fill out an application so the Village has a record of the work to be performed. This is intended to save time for the police department, as they are the ones who most often have to respond when residents call the Village to report tree removal work in progress. Having a properly completed copy of a permit application on file will assist them in identifying tree removals taking place without a tree removal permit. There is no permit fee associated with the removal of brush or 'unprotected' trees.

The Senior Section

By Nancy Morten

The Village of Riverwoods is seeking to find senior citizens and persons with disabilities who would be interested in receiving assistance with leaf raking, snow shoveling and other miscellaneous chores. If you are looking to find high school students to work a few hours with you, please call Nancy Morten at 847-945-3990.

SENIOR THURSDAYS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Please join us the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Village Hall at 10:00am for activities and events geared towards our senior residents.

Upcoming topics are:

- Gizmos and Gadgets- Household helpers to make your life easier
- Making a Scrapbook- Your Life in Pictures
- Tax Time- How to Reduce Stress
- Scams Targeting Seniors
- Famous Artists and You

STRETCH YOUR LUNCHTIME

Come join us at the Village Hall for our first senior exercise class. Dr. Jerry Gore and his staff from the Center for Holistic Medicine will show the participants ways to stay fit and limber.

Thursday, November 20, 2003, 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Please wear comfortable clothes.

TAXI VOUCHERS

Don't forget to come to the Village Hall for your taxi Vouchers. You can receive eight coupons, each for \$3.00 off any ride, every month.

SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collections Confirmed for November 2003

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL (SWALCO) is continuing this year's Household Chemical Waste (HCW) collection program to help residents dispose of their chemical wastes safely and conveniently. Latex paint is no longer accepted at HCW collections. These free events are open to Illinois residents ONLY from 8:00am to 2:30pm:

November 22
Highland Park - Wolter's Field
1080 W. Park Avenue

A variety of common household materials can be brought to a HCW collection day, including:

<i>oil-based paints</i>	<i>used motor oil</i>
<i>mercury</i>	<i>solvents</i>
<i>paint remover</i>	<i>antifreeze</i>
<i>aerosol products</i>	<i>metal polishes</i>
<i>insecticides</i>	<i>old gasoline</i>
<i>hobby chemicals</i>	<i>pool chemicals</i>
<i>weed killer</i>	<i>fluorescent bulbs</i>
<i>household cleaners</i>	<i>household batteries</i>

Business, institutional and commercial wastes, explosives (such as fireworks and ammunition), propane tanks, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, agricultural chemicals, medical wastes, and Latex paint will not be accepted at any of the agency's HCW events. Tires and lead acid batteries (auto and boat batteries) are also not accepted at these collections. These items can be recycled at any retail outlet that sells them.

To help residents dispose of Latex paint, SWALCO provides bags of crushed corn cobs at various locations around Lake County. Crushed corn cobs are very absorbent, and can dry out a can of paint in as little as 30 minutes. After equal parts of paint and crushed corn cobs are mixed together and allowed to dry, the cans of paint can be disposed of with the rest of the resident's trash.

SWALCO provides this free service to residents so that harmful chemicals do not end up contaminating our land, water and air resources. Residents can call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340 or check the agency's website (www.swalco.org) for further information about the HCW collection events and the availability of crushed corn cobs for Latex paint disposal.

Water News

By Joyce Fromm

Connections

Please be sure to contact Swanson Water Treatment to have a water meter installed once the plumber has finished his connections and you are ready to have the water turned on. Their number is (847) 680-1113. In the event of a water emergency please call Lake County at (847) 680-1600.

High Water Bills

There have been several calls from residents that their water bills have been quite high. Please keep in mind that summertime is the high time of the year with lawn and garden sprinkling, kids home from school, and in some cases, pools being filled...etc. Also, Meadowlake residents should realize that because you are on city water as opposed to the community well, bills will be twice as high. The rate for the city water is \$5.00 per thousand gallons, not \$2.50 per thousand gallons for the community well water. If you think that your read is way higher then it should be, there is always the possibility that you may have a water leak somewhere. If you have an underground sprinkling system, you should be aware of where the sprinkler heads are. Sometimes one can get knocked to the side by a lawn mower and water will leak out at an astronomical rate. Your sprinkler company can check for leaks in your system. Also be aware of a toilet running. A huge amount of water can leak down the back of the toilet without anyone being aware. Both of those issues should be addressed as soon as possible. A leak check can be scheduled if you think there is water that is unaccounted.

Water Readings

Water reads are taken every three months and the payment is always due by the last working day of that month. If you don't receive a bill by at least the 10th day of any month that a read is scheduled for your residence, it would be a good idea to call the Village Hall to find out what the balance is. There is a 10% penalty assessed on any outstanding balance every month.

Regarding Closings

In the event that you should decide to sell your home, please call the Village Hall so that we can obtain information about your closing date and where to send the final bill.



To the right: Carol Magnuson always throws a great Arts & Riverwoods Sponsorship Breakfast. This year it was staged at the home of Jane and Bill Pontikes'. Carol's co-hostesses from left to right are: Beth Hirsch, Bonnie Bates, Paula Haber, Jane Pontikes, Jan Miller and Carol Magnuson. Not pictured are Lorraine Jette and Jean Habinak.

Thanks Riverwoods Residents, for Your Support of Arts & Riverwoods 2003!

Leslie Ames

Chairman of Arts & Riverwoods

It's you, the Riverwoods residents, that make this unique, community tradition happen. You volunteer your time and talent to serve on the Arts & Riverwoods committee and to help out during the show weekend. You volunteer your home as a show home or sponsor breakfast at your home. You support the show by being sponsors, by attending the Saturday night Artists' and Show Homeowners' party and by buying artwork. And, once again, it's the Riverwoods residents—new and old—who topped the list of art buyers (one couple are building their home in Riverwoods and haven't even moved in yet.) Thanks for being such great art show supporters!

The bottom line is that art sales were up 42% over the previous year's earnings. That is significant!

The Art Awards given out at the Saturday night event were as follows: Best of Show: Amitai Kav, the jeweler from Jerusalem, Israel (House #1). Best of Fine Art: John Karl, the scratchboard and watercolor artist from Glenview, IL who specializes in endangered animals (House #3). Best of Fine Craft: Tomiko, the ceramic artist from Hainesville, IL (House #5)—Tomiko was also featured in the Deerfield Review feature story on the show.

Looking ahead to next year, the tentative date for next year's show is September 11-12, 2004. Let's hope we have the same "picture perfect" weather as this year!

If you're interested in being a part of the Arts & Riverwoods Executive Committee or having your home in the 2004 show, please give me a call, Leslie Ames at 847-774-4574.



A Fond Farewell as RRA Leadership Changes

Rebecca Nixon

Riverwoods Residents Association President

Riverwoods used to be such a quiet community. Years ago, I remember rollerblading around in the day where no one was in sight; no construction trucks, delivery trucks, landscapers, etc... It was pleasant however as Riverwoods is growing and changing, so must we and the RRA. We have to have more patience waiting for all the different trucks to pass by, biking and/or rollerblading on all the rocks and loose gravel on the streets and walking our kids home amongst the "traffic." Riverwoods is still a unique and wonderful community with lots of opportunities. We need lots of volunteers to uphold what Riverwoods has been and is now becoming. So please keep involved some way or the other. If you love this community as much as I do, you'll volunteer in some manner!

Thank you, thank you to all the fabulous, hardworking volunteers during Arts & Riverwoods! We would not have had such a successful show without all the help. It's so great to see all the neighbors coming together to put on this show. The Arts & Riverwoods committee has done such an outstanding job. Truly all your efforts are most appreciated.

For those of you newer residents, we look to you to volunteer as there are many activities and events currently offered in Riverwoods. We need your help and it's a fantastic way to get involved and meet your neighbors. The Perennial Plant Sale will be our next event to take place in the spring. We hope you come to participate. It's such a great and clever way to learn about what you can grow here in Riverwoods and what the deer most likely won't eat! It'll save you money and heartache when it comes to your gardens. Plus, it's become a lovely social event with the Barbeque and Road Way Clean Up Day as well.

This is my last term as RRA President. It's definitely bittersweet. I do plan to stay somewhat involved but am looking forward to turning the reins over to a terrific, energetic, very capable resident, Bill Campbell. I hope you all come out to welcome him at our next Annual Meeting to be held this November 19th, Wednesday, 7:30pm at the Village Hall. I know he'll appreciate any ideas or comments you may have for him. We will be approving the new slate of the Riverwoods Residents Association Executive Officers at this meeting. We hope to see you. If you would like to get more involved, please contact me at 847-405-9772.

Family Programs

By Jodi Kahn

Whether or not you are a new family in Riverwoods, Family Programs has events for you! We coordinate Family Day (June), Halloween Party (did you go?), and we also have a Playgroup. We are always brainstorming new events and are totally open to new ideas. So if you want to join a great group of friendly, outgoing, resourceful, FUN and interesting residents, call or email Jodi Kahn at 236-1632 / jodikahn@comcast.net.

Bike Path/Safety Committee Report

By Cheryl Chamberlain

The Lake County Department of Transportaion still plans to construct a pedestrian walkway over the tollway at Deerfield Road. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2006 and be completed by 2007. We received information from the Department of Natural Resources that grant funds will not be disbursed this year. Our grant application has not been rejected, however, and we remain hopeful that some funds may be available in the future. The Safety/Bike Path Committee will continue to work with the Village for construction of paths in our village using the funds we have available.

RRA Annual Meeting Wed., November 19 at 7:30pm

The next RRA annual meeting will take place November 19th, 7:30pm at Riverwoods Village Hall. The Slate of Proposed RRA Executive Board for 2004 is as follows:

President: Bill Campbell

Vice President: Michelle Williams

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Jill Kaplan

VP of Acre: Sue Auerbach

VP of Family Programs: Jodi Kahn

VP of Bike & Safety Path: Cheryl Chamberlain

VP of Arts & Riverwoods: Leslie Ames

VP of Welcome/Membership: Marguerite Welter

VP of Building & Development: Mike Karpeles

Advisory Committee for 2004: Sue Bartha, Rebecca Nixon, Ellen

McKnight, Kay Sweeney, Connie Kindsvater,

Sandy Sagan, Linda Dunn, Leslie Reichenbach

Join the RRA: The mission of the RRA is to encourage the preservation of the unique character of the Riverwoods area and to protect homeowners and residents against any project or act of any kind that threatens to be injurious to

the health, safety and general well-being of the owners and residents. We support and encourage social and cultural activities in Riverwoods. We promote information and communication among residents on concerns common to the area. We also promote ways to support and safeguard the basic principle of a village policy built around maximum voluntary citizen involvement, minimum government control and minimum expenditure of funds for municipal services and capital improvement projects.

For the \$15 membership fee (which entitles you to 2 village auto stickers, additional stickers are \$5/each), you can be part of the following this year (mail to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, Il 60015):

RRA Perennial Plant Sale & Roadway Clean up Day in May

Riverwoods Mom & Kid Playgroup

Family Day in June

Bike Path Committee

Arts & Riverwoods at the end of September

Building & Development Committee

Halloween Party at Village Hall - free treats, hayrides, spookwalk...

Riverwoods Business Association

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Email: _____

Voting Proxy

If you are unable to attend the RRA November 19th Annual Meeting, please fill out this form and send it to: RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015 or drop it off to an Executive Officer in your area. Your proxy will help us to have a quorum to vote on important issues.

Name(s) _____

Do hereby submit my/our proxy vote to the RRA for any matters on the Agenda of November 19, 2003.

Dated _____, 2003

Address _____

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Village Halloween Party—

A Community Wide Effort

By Sherry Kaplan

Once again the Village Halloween Party was a howling success. Glowing skeletons and scary noises made the Spook Walk even better than it was last year. Special thanks goes to Marguerite Welter, Rebecca Nixon, Jodi Kahn, Amy Birtman, Judy Wheatly, Kim Norwesh, Heidi Smithson, Lisa Moss, and Janine Gray, who stuffed the goodie bags, set up the Spook Walk and set up the entire party. The children enjoyed hot dogs, apple cider, cookies, and cup cakes. Each child received bags of candy, books and a tiny flashlight. Everyone enjoyed the horse drawn

hay wagon, the life size Bunny and Clifford the dog. Al Solomon not only donated, books, candy, hot dogs, cake, and cookies, but he worked all evening handing out hot dogs. Thanks also to Lorraine Lang, Betty and Bill Svatik, Linda Dunn, Sherry Graditor, Sue Auerbach, and my husband, Mayor

Bill Kaplan for their hard work in preparing and handing out the food and goodies. Last but not least thanks to Mike Corn who donated candy, Sherry Graditor and Linda Dunn for the flashlights, Pepperidge Farms, for hot dog buns, Whole Foods for Apple Cider, Panera Bread for loaves of bread, Baha Fresh for mugs containing gift certificates, Walgreens for decorations, and Jewel and Dominicks. Once again our entire community has come together to provide a safe and happy way to celebrate. We hope to see your children and grandchildren at the party next year.

A few of the Halloween guests at this year's party were: top: the Campbell family, M.T., Bill, Mary Frances and Willie. right: Mayor Kaplan's grandchildren, Alexis Zoretich (Minnie Mouse) and Zachary Zoretich (cowboy).



Montessori Activities Update

By Lisa Kambich

Autumn activities are beautiful at the Riverwoods Montessori School! The elementary school students were delighted to be invited to display some of their artwork in the local school's student art section of the Arts & Riverwoods this Fall. The Arts in Illinois week followed shortly thereafter with more fine arts experience.

In addition to an onsite exhibit of elementary artwork, during the week the students enjoyed participating in a special workshop on Mosaic design. This workshop was made possible in thanks to a gift from Arts & Riverwoods. Many thanks to Arts & Riverwoods.

Another highlight was a performance by the Yellow River Performing Arts group, which included instrumental music featuring traditional Chinese instruments (such as Zheng and the Erhu) as well as a variety of traditional Chinese dances. We are honored to receive this distinguished group of performers and all of the children enjoyed the interactive performance!

Other Fall activities included a parent education series, which addresses a variety of topics from Montessori Philosophy and methodology to practical parenting ideas.

With the holiday season approaching, along with our seasonal celebrations and activities we will continue to focus on sharing our gifts with others. Again this year, we will be collecting food and personal items to give to the local food pantry.

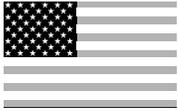
After the holidays the school will begin preparing their activities for National Montessori Week, beginning February 23, 2004.

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inner voice and notice what answers you receive. As Oscar Hammerstein said, "A dream cannot come true unless you dream that dream.

Take time this year to think about what special meaning you would like to convey to your loved ones, or in general. What does this holiday time represent to you and how can you act in a manner that honor this deeper purpose? If running around spending too much money on presents has always given you a stomachache, stop and think how you can change this pattern. What do the presents mean, and how can you shop with love knowing this love is conveyed without anxiety to you. Are you a perfectionist, the table must look like Martha Stewart, and the menu must meet the standards of a master Chef? Then maybe it's time to make more reasonable expectations for yourself, and take a look at who and why you need to be so perfect.

Family relationships can also be difficult. As they

say you can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family. Old hurts, expectations, and unfinished business can also cause stress and create anxiety. We can be a light in the forest for others and ourselves. Take this time now to start working on yourself. Take a good hard kind look and decide how do I want to be, what kind of relationships do I want to have and how can I help to create them through awareness, self

responsibility and love. The holiday time brings excitement, increased work, feelings often shelved in a safe place, intense interaction with others, and an increase in our daily level of activity. This is the truth, and it is also true that we can use our imaginations, will, and the way we think to create a new experience this year.



Dare to be courageous by acting in a new way, make this time meaningful through your thoughtful dreams of what you want. Be grateful for what you have, follow your heart, listen to your inner voice and have a wonderful holiday season.
