



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE



(Pictured from left to right) Riverwoods Village Trustee John Norris; Riverwoods Mayor Bill Kaplan; Northbrook Village President Eugene Marx; State Senator Terry Link; and Teresa Loerch representing State Representative Kathy Ryg.

Riverwoods and Northbrook Break Ground for Water

By John Norris, Riverwoods Trustee

Shovels and hard hats were the uniform on a brisk Thursday morning, November 1, 2007, as a ground breaking ceremony was held to mark the beginning of a joint project involving the Village of Riverwoods and the Village of Northbrook. The project should result in better and more cost effective water service for residents of both villages.

Present at the ground breaking were President Eugene Marx of Northbrook and President William Kaplan of Riverwoods, state Senator Terry Link and Teresa Loerch, representing state Representative Kathy Ryg, and their officials from both villages. Also present were representatives of Discover

Financial Inc., owners of the property on which the ground breaking was held. The northwest corner of the intersection of Lake Cook Road and Saunders Road is the location at which the two villages meet and where the project connects the respective water systems.

The project, which has been in the works for the last 18 months, is scheduled to be completed within six months. Each village is paying the costs of the work done to its own system and, thanks to the efforts of Sen. Link and Rep. Ryg, the State of Illinois is contributing \$400,000 towards completion of the project.

The increasing cost of water, coupled with several unusually dry summers over the last few years, led to an agreement between the two villages to improve the water system in each village. The project involves improvements to the Northbrook water system which in turn will allow Northbrook to both provide better service to residents in the western portions of Northbrook and sell Lake Michigan water to Riverwoods. This will aid Riverwoods in controlling the escalating cost of water for its residents and will provide additional security by giving Riverwoods an additional source of water.

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.

Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 18 and Jan. 8.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Dec. 6, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7.

GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Nancy Morten at 847-945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods

Call Sandy Sagan, producer at 847-945-0585.

The Riverwoods Preservation Council

Call Greg Mancuso, chairman at 847-945-7034.

RRA

Call Sandy Sagan at 847-945-0585.

Plant Sale Committee

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

Arts&Riverwoods

Call Leslie Ames, chairman, at 847-948-9003.

Riverwoods Book Club

Exercise your brain. The book club is free to all and meets at the Village Hall one Friday a month, at 10a.m.





RIVERWOODS VILLAGE VOICE

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SEND IN THOSE LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed preferred. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the Jan/Feb Issue: Dec 15, 2007 Send to: Editor Riverwoods Village Voice 300 Portwine Road Riverwoods, IL 60015 jackie@borchew.com

Riverwoods Loves Halloween

By Sherry Kaplan, The witch with the purple hair

Once again the Riverwoods Halloween Party was a howling success. Amazingly, the sixth annual Riverwoods Halloween Party was bigger and better than ever. Over 500 people attended. The weather cooperated and everyone had fun. There were hot dogs and apple cider as usual, but this year thanks to Carolyn Shapiro, there were pizza and taffy apples as well.

It takes a Village to make such a fabulous party. Bob Gand and Carolin Schaeffer sang songs and provided music on the horse drawn hay wagon. Chad Solomon and Marguerite Welter (who helps with almost every Village Event) supervised the s'mores and the campfire. Laurie Breitkopf was the scary pirate in the haunted house. Al Solomon worked tirelessly to set up and take down the entire party and, along with Mike Corn, provided the candy. Jackie Borchew and Carolyn Shapiro did a great job in decorating Village Hall with spooky spiders and rats and witches everywhere. Our story lady, June Melber read to the children around the campfire. Lisa Moss Bokor, the head of the Riverwoods Play Group, helped stuff the candy bags and helped decorate along with the other members of the play group. Mike Ford, Ellen Mcknight, Bill and Betty Svatik, Cheryl Hadley, the mystery bunny, Russ and Connie Kraly and many many, more all helped make the evening so special.

Finally, thanks to our many sponsors who provided the funds to make it all happen.

- NorthSide Community Bank has been our long-standing sponsor for the past 6 years. They provided the money for the hot dogs, buns, and cider.
- The Village of Riverwoods once again provided the horse-drawn hay wagon
- H.T. Strenger Plumbing, Gewalt-Hamilton and Superior Industrial Supplies paid for the pizza from Rosati's Pizza that Rosati provided at his cost.
- Riverwoods Residents Association provided the new Haunted House.
- Sunset Foods in Northbrook provided 2 huge vegetable trays
- Glenwood tree provided 300 pumpkins
- Hillside Orchards provided apples for the taffy apples made by Carolyn Shapiro.

The children were adorable. It was an outstanding family event for all who attended. We are already recruiting volunteers for next year. Come be part of the fun even if your children are grown.



Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from meeting minutes of August 21 and September 4 and 18. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website: www.villageofriverwoods.com

September 18

ENGINEERS REPORT

Village Engineer, Pat Glen reported that he attended the first water resource planning meeting of the Lake County municipalities working on a county-wide plan for water demands and forecasts through 2030.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Weinstein told the Board that there were 101 traffic citations issued since the last Board Meeting.

September 4, 2007

NORTHBROOK WATER MAIN

Contracts have been executed for the Northbrook water main extension. The project will break ground in a few weeks.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

190 sites with infected Dutch Elm Disease have been identified in the village. Letters will be going out to those residents.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Weinstein reported that 94 traffic citations were issued since the last Board meeting. There have been 280 case reports and 162 traffic accident reports written since the beginning of the year.

A letter of commendation has been written for two Riverwoods police officers. On August 30, Corporal Shor and Officer Maciareillo, responding to a personal injury traffic accident, were able to remove a driver still seated in a burning vehicle. They were then able to extinguish the fire and provide safety and attention to several drivers at the scene. The driver of the burning vehicle was charged with multiple traffic violations including DUI. Chief Weinstein stated that the officers' quick, efficient and effective actions prevented additional injury and property loss.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste reported 48 calls in the month of August. Of that number, 16 were fire calls, 3 were car accident calls, 23 paramedic and 6 were other. The total calls for the year to date are 331.

TRAFFICPAX

The Village is considering an agreement with TrafficPax for automated red light enforcement. An agreement would include installing cameras at high volume intersections to record traffic violations. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING

The Center for Enriched Living requested \$4,000 from the Village. A motion was approved to donate \$5,000. The Center has received \$4,000 from the Village each of the past five years.

SWALCO

SWALCO is now taking private appointments for the drop-off of household hazardous waste. They accept paint, oil and pesticides among other hazardous products. Individuals may sign up on their website.

August 21

NORTHBROOK WATER

The Board moved to approve the Berger Excavating bid for the Northbrook Water Supply Project.

RAFFLE ORDINANCE

The Board voted to adopt an Ordinance Requiring Licenses for the Conduct of Raffles.

RIVERWOODS PLANT COMMITTEE

A \$5,000 yearly budget was approved for the Riverwoods Plant Committee.



Police Report

By Police Chief Morris Weinstein

October 31st marked the six-year anniversary of the Riverwoods Police Department. Our third citizen survey is included in this Village Voice. We strive to provide the highest level of service. Your input is very important.

THIS SCAM HAS BEEN PERPETRATED IN CHICAGO SUBURBS:

***72 billing back to you:** You receive a call from a stranger posing as a telephone technician or telling you that he is in a situation that requires your immediate help, or even that you must call the police, due to a loved one's accident. (The caller ID may display "Prison".) The caller

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gives you instructions to dial *72 and then a phone number. **Do not do this!!**

*72 is a custom feature for call forwarding. When the customer dials *72 followed by a telephone number, it activates the call forwarding feature causing all your incoming calls to ring at another number. At the end of the other line – whether calls have been forwarded to a land line, a cell phone or a payphone – the original caller's partner-in-crime is able to accept all collect and third-party calls, while telling your own legitimate callers that they have the wrong number. You get billed for all calls made because your number is the one from which they are forwarded. This ingenious scam, which even overrides cell phones' inability to get collect calls, may go on for several days before you become aware it has occurred.

*72 is the sequence most commonly used for call forwarding; some phone service providers may use different sequences.

OFFICE STAFF (PART TIME)

Riverwoods Police Department is accepting applications for a part-time Records Administrator. Activities include computer/data entry, reception, filing, and general office work. 6 hours a day: Mon.-Wed; \$14.00 / hour. For information/application, please contact Riverwoods Police Department: (847) 945-1130, 300 Portwine Rd. Riverwoods, IL 60015. police@riverwoods-il.net

Winter Break

The holidays are right around the corner. Riverwoods students who attend district 113, Deerfield High School and Highland Park High School, and district 125, Stevenson High School, will be enjoying winter break from Monday, December 24 through Friday, January 4.

House Watch

Residents planning to leave town for the holidays may call the Police Department and register for the house watch program during their absence. The Department will request some limited information, and will provide extra patrol and physically check the residence while it is vacant.

You may also download a house watch form on the Public Safety page on the Village website under "forms", and mail to or drop it off at the police station. The non-emergency police phone number is 847-945-1130.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

This morning as I am writing this, it was reported that we had temperatures drop last night to 37 degrees. I guess summer has ended and fall has finally shown up.

Last month I attended a seminar with Trustee Svatik and our Engineer Pat Glenn on Water Resource Planning for Lake County. Some of the more interesting statistics are: today's population of Lake County is 713,000, forecast for 2020 is 786,000, forecast for 2030 is 841,000. We use 2.1 billion gallons of water per day from Lake Michigan or 3,200 cubic feet per second! 6.8 million people in Illinois rely upon Lake Michigan water (approx. 65% of our population). Water conservation for all of us will become an important factor on how we run our lives in the near future. In 1980, the State of Illinois signed a Water Allocation Agreement on the amount of water we can take from Lake Michigan, and as the population keeps rising, the need for more water will become critical.

I am a member of the Northwest Code and Building Officials Organization, which is a group of building officials who are licensed by ICC/BOCA and are responsible for issuing of all building permits within their communities. We just received word that a bill in the Senate, which we were pushing for adoption, has been passed and signed by the Governor, and will be effective January 1, 2008. The bill, SB 448 Roofing Bill, tightens the state licensing and insurance requirements and consumer fraud and deceptive practices, increasing penalties and fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per incident. In the past, the Department of Professional Regulations, which is responsible for going after unscrupulous contractors, was slow to act because they didn't have the funds or the teeth in the regulations to do the job. Now they do, so hopefully this will eliminate those contractors who take advantage of the general population. We are also backing a bill in the House that is labeled HB 474 Residential General Contractors Licensing. This bill would have all General Contractors licensed by the State, and make them unable to obtain permits anywhere in the state without this Contractors License. Again, this new law would hopefully eliminate those unscrupulous contractors that take advantage of the general population. I'll let you know when and if this bill passes and is signed by the governor.

This is a reminder. People have been bringing their boats, trailers, horse trailers and RV's home to park for the winter. By Village ordinance, if your vehicle is over 30' long, you cannot park it anywhere except in an enclosed structure (i.e. garage). If under 30', "your vehicle shall be effectively screened with trees or fencing, blocking the view of said vehicle in all seasons from the neighboring residences." The height of the fencing must not exceed the height of the vehicle or ten feet, whichever is smaller. This type of fenc-

ing cannot have any top or be located in any side or rear yard setbacks. A permit will be needed for fencing. If using trees and evergreens for screening, no permits are needed. Blue tarps are not permitted screening material. If you want to use a tarp in conjunction with one of the approved screening methods, please use a green, brown, black or camouflage tarp.

Clean your ditch lines, gutters and culverts now of all leaves and debris, or the spring rains will bring flooding which no one wants! Enjoy the fall colors: they should be great this year.

With E-Pay, Residents Can Pay Bills and Request Records via the Internet

By Suzy Crohn

This is a reminder that Riverwoods residents can pay their water bills and parking tickets online thanks to the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. E-Pay is designed for local governments and state agencies to offer constituents easier, faster payment choices.

To pay online, residents should log onto www.il-linoisepay.com, type "Village of Riverwoods" into the search box, and follow the prompts.

Riverwoods Residents Association Invites You to Get Involved

Riverwoods Residents Association would like to invite you to their annual meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the village hall. This meeting will include the election of a new RRA President and our annual Citizen of the Year award. Following this short meeting we will be offering a wine-tasting and buffet spread. This is a great opportunity to see what the Riverwoods Residents Association is all about as you meet members and get acquainted with the agenda for 2008.

The RRA organizes and supports so many worthwhile community events that you may wish to become involved in; the village Halloween party, the Arts & Riverwoods art show, the annual perennial plant sale and garden walk, annual clean-up day which is followed by the village barbecue and much more. Meet your neighbors and friends while helping build a strong community. You can join the RRA for \$25 and receive two Village of Riverwoods vehicle stickers.

If you are interested in joining, make out your check to RRA and mail with your name, address and email address to: RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015.

To volunteer contact membership director, Sandy Sagan at 847-945-0585. She would love to hear from you.

SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Program

In addition to ongoing mobile events held from spring through fall at locations throughout Lake County, Illinois residents can now drop off their household chemical waste year-round (on selected dates and by appointment only), at the Gurnee facility. Residents can schedule their appointments online at: www.co.lake.il.us/swalco/events/hcw.asp and will receive an email confirmation of the appointment.

Upcoming Public Drop-off dates include Wednesday, November 28, and Saturday, December 8.

A Mobile HCW Collection is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Mundelein train station at 205 N. Archer Avenue.

If you would like to learn more about HCW collections, Electronics Recycling collections, School Education or other SWALCO programs, please visit the website, www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340. Join SWALCO's e-list and receive email announcements about upcoming events, programs, and other news.

A Safe Place

By Melissa Van Dygriff

A Safe Place is a multi-faceted organization committed to becoming a model for the prevention of domestic violence through empowerment and counseling, intervention and education, research and evaluation in collaboration with the community.

A Safe Place provides emergency shelter; affordable transitional housing; a 24-hour help line (847-249-4450; TTY 847-249-6557); court and non-legal advocacy; individual, group, and children's counseling; batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training.

Also, weekly support groups are offered to victims of domestic violence in confidential locations throughout Lake County. There are no fees and no time limits on how often or how long a survivor may attend these groups. Groups are currently being held throughout Lake County and are offered in English and Spanish.

For more information and directions, please phone A Safe Place at 847-249-4450; 800-600-SAFE; TTY 847-249-6557.

If you would like to know more about A Safe Place and domestic violence, please visit our website www.asafe-placeforhelp.org or call (847)731-7165.



Arts & Riverwoods Celebrates 48 Years

By Leslie Ames, Arts & Riverwoods Chairman

The 48th annual Arts & Riverwoods was held the weekend of October 13-14 at Ryerson Conservation Area.

The Preview Gala held the evening before, Friday, October 12th, featured food tastings provided by area restaurants including Big Bowl, China North, Cubby Bear North, Dave's Italian Kitchen, Gale's Coffee Bar, Garden Fresh Market, Marcello's, Panera, Starbucks, Upper Crust Bagels, Wapaghetti's, and The Westin North Shore.

Riverwoods' own Gale Gand, star of Food Network's Sweet Dreams, and Executive Pastry Chef of Cenitare restaurants, gave a fantastic cooking demonstration and did an exclusive book signing. Bob Gand and his Smooth Jazz Band provided wonderful entertainment for the evening.

New for the show this year was an art contest promoted at all area elementary schools sponsored with Deerfield Public Library and Deerfield Park District. All entries to the contest were displayed at the Library prior to judging. The winners, Molly Segall, grade 2 from Wilmot Elementary, and Penelope Danos, grade 5 from Bannockburn Elementary, each received a \$100 gift certificate towards a class at the Park District.

This year's juried art show featured 49 artists representing ceramics, glass, jewelry, mixed media, metal sculpture and wood. Awards were given to the following artists: Debra Dembowski - Best of Fine Craft; John Sewell - Best of 3D; and Smadar Livne - Best of 2D.

The show raised approximately \$25,000.00 which will be used for art scholarships at the high school level and art enrichment grants at the elementary level.

A special thank you to all that volunteered to help make the show a success!



Family Day

Heidi Bess is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's Riverwoods Family Day summer event. You can reach her at thosebesses@comcast.net

Theatre in the Woods

By Sandy Sagan

A good time was had by all who attended the theatre's annual **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** show on Sunday, October 21. The volunteer dwarfs always exceed the required seven which is just fine with the cast of three and the kids love it. Watch for information on our next children's show, "The Jungle Book", which will be held in March 2008.

Riverwoods Book Club

By June Melber

The Riverwoods Book Club will be discussing The Whistling Season, by Ivan Doig on Friday, November 30, 10a.m. at the Village Hall. You are invited to join in our lively discussion and enjoy refreshments. It's a great way to spend an hour on a Friday morning!

Garden of Hope



By Jackie Borchew

A small dedication ceremony was held in the middle of the Orphans of the Storm parking lot. This area, which once was nothing more than a jungle of invasive weeds and buckthorn, has been transformed into the beginning stages of a "Garden of Hope." Now clear of the weeds, this oasis has mulched paths, a freshly planted Redbud tree and a bench to sit and ponder a potential adoption. This beautifully completed Eagle project of scout Shahriyar Haque is a valuable addition to the shelter.

Shahriyar presented Orphans of the Storm with a plaque and a donation check of \$175 to officially dedicate the garden. Shahriyar had been careful to design the project in phases so that future Boy Scouts can continue the Garden of Hope as their Eagle projects.

Orphans of the Storm works with many boys and girls to help further their ambitions in scouting.

In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

It's holiday baking time again and I'll bet you're looking for some easy-to-do recipes, especially ones you can make ahead of time, chill for a while, and then bring to friends' houses. One of my favorites is this peanut butter ball recipe (though I like to call them truffles to make them sound fancier). I did this at a cooking demo at this year's Arts & Riverwoods Gala, but in case you weren't at the event, here it is again. It's fast and easy. My kids do all the mixing and rolling for me, I do the chocolate dipping and then we all enjoy them together. The one big decision you have to make is whether you're part of the creamy peanut butter camp or the crunchy peanut butter camp. Luckily we are not a house divided...crunchy for us, sometimes even super-crunch!

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER TRUFFLES

Makes 36 truffles

- 1/2 cup butter, completely softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups creamy or crunchy peanut butter
- 3 cups Rice Krispies
- 10 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
- 10 ounces milk chocolate
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Combine the butter, powdered sugar, and peanut butter in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix on low speed until well combined. (If you have no mixer, this can be done by hand). Mix in the Rice Krispies. Using your hands, form into 1/2-ounce balls (the size of large marbles) and refrigerate until firm (about 1 hour).

Combine the chocolates in a stainless steel bowl. Set the bowl over a small pot of simmering water and melt, stirring occasionally until smooth. Stir in vegetable oil.

Dip the truffles one at a time into the melted chocolate, using a fork to roll them around so they are entirely coated. Remove from the chocolate and set on a wax paper lined sheet pan. Place back in the refrigerator to set up. Place truffles in individual mini muffin papers to serve or store chilled for up to a week. Serve them at room temperature.

Vernon Township Holiday Giving

While planning your own holiday celebrations, don't forget the less fortunate families in our community. For many Vernon Township families it is a challenge just to afford the bare necessities, let alone gifts and special holiday food. You may choose to give through the Thanksgiving Dinner Basket program, Holiday Gift program or simply donate to the food pantry. Make a difference for a family this holiday season. Call the Vernon Township office at 847-63404600.

Low Back Pain? Three Approaches to Relief

By Barrie Burr, Center for Holistic Medicine

Approach #1 - Chiropractic care

Have you ever experienced severe lower back pain that comes and goes and you don't really know why? Many times the cause is a minor misalignment of a segment of the spine (vertebrae), causing an irritation to a nerve. This is called a subluxation, which is a condition in which one or more vertebrae of the spine are out of alignment. This places pressure on the spinal nerve and affects the normal transmission of nerve impulses. A chiropractic adjustment can return the misaligned vertebrae to its normal position. This will in turn remove pressure from the nerve and restore nerve function to the affected area. This condition responds well to chiropractic care with an excellent chance for a complete and painless recovery.

Approach #3 Naprapathic

Another approach to relief from that nagging low back pain, if it is due to muscle strain and sprain, is treatment by a naprapath who can treat and relieve pain in a gentle, natural way, without drugs or surgery using techniques such as deep tissue manual manipulation, trigger point therapy, electro-stim, and ultrasound.

In a recent study of 409 patients, researchers compared two groups of people with back and neck problems. Following a medical examination to eliminate serious conditions, the patients were randomly assigned to two therapeutic alternatives. Half of the patients were treated by a naprapath and half received advice and support from doctors encouraging patients to move, despite and pain, and to live as normal a life as possible. After 12 weeks, 57% in the naprapathy group stated that they were "very much better" compared with 13% in the control group. Also, 69% in the naprapathy and 42% in the control group had a clinically important decrease in pain, and 19% in the naprapathy group and 7% in the control group had totally recovered twelve weeks after the study had started.

Approach #3 - Acupuncture

Acupuncture has been extremely effective for pain relief. The practice of acupuncture is thought to have begun with the discovery that stimulation of specific areas on the skin affects the functioning of certain organs of the body. It has evolved into a system of medicine that restores and maintains health by the insertion of fine needles into acupuncture points just beneath the body surface. These points are in very specific locations and lie on channels of energy.

Treatment for pain with acupuncture can produce rapid results, but sometimes may require a number of treatments over a period of time. Usually treatments are once or twice a week, but they can be less frequent. Sometimes the effect is quite dramatic and the patient will only need one or two treatments.

If you have questions, or for an appointment with our practitioners, call 847-236-1701.



Protecting the Woodlands

By Bethany N. Schols, Riverwoods Preservation Council

When we moved here 2 years ago, we were awestruck by the wilderness surrounding our home. We had found a sheltered sanctuary from the concrete certainty of city life. Its towering trees, colorful vegetation and diverse wildlife created a serene family home only miles from the urban chaos of my Loop office.

In time, we learned that much of what our urban eyes perceived as lush woodlands was actually a sea of buckthorn, a dangerous non-native invader. The quest to reclaim our corner of the woodlands from this invasive species led us to the Riverwoods Preservation Council.

The RPC, a group of resident volunteers, operates to preserve and protect the Riverwoods' natural habitat via sponsoring educational speakers, writing articles, and organizing conservation workdays. These efforts earned the RPC acceptance into the *Chicago Wilderness*, an alliance of environmental organizations working to study, protect, manage and restore the Chicago Region's natural communities.

To help decision-makers develop policies to protect the health of wooded areas, Chicago Wilderness prepared a document titled Conservation of Wooded Lands in the Chicago Wilderness Region: A Model Policy. It begins by summarizing some of the challenges:

"The Chicago region has a rich and diverse heritage of wooded communities. Over the years, many of these communities have been lost to development, and these losses continue. But the greatest threats to the health and biological diversity of the region's wooded lands concern land already protected for conservation. A large portion of our most threatened wooded community types are gradually being degraded and lost in spite of legal protections. Planning and management practices are needed to restore and maintain the region's wooded communities in a healthy, sustainable condition.

The Chicago region once contained a diverse array of wooded communities...these forested communities have been classified as three types—woodlands, flatwoods and forests—along with thinly timbered areas known as savannas. Historically, these communities have been intermeshed with grasslands and wetlands in a self-sustaining regional landscape. Such forces as fire, drought, flood, grazing, and predation kept the animals and plants in a robust and dynamic balance. Both agriculture and urbanization have disrupted this balance. Most of the region's wooded communities have been degraded, and important resources will be lost if they are not restored and managed in a sustainable way."

The Chicago Wilderness Model Policy can be found at www.chicagowilderness.org. And visit RPC at www.riverwoodsrpc.org.

Good Neighbor Leaf Burning Tips

As the trees begin to display their fall colors, another leaf disposal season is on its way. If leaf burning is allowed in your community and you choose to burn instead of using other disposal methods such as leaf pick-up, composting or mulching, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center recommends the following "Good Neighbor Leaf Burning Tips" to minimize the impact to neighbors and the environment.

- Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors, especially those with breathing problems. Let them know when you plan to burn.
- Do not burn on windy days, especially when the wind is blowing towards your neighbors.
- Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and lingers in people's breathing zone.
- If you must burn, the best time of day to burn is from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The smoke clears faster during this period.
- If you can, burn several small fires instead of one large fire. Leaves will burn faster and release smoke for a shorter time.
- Always attend, manage and control your fire. Always have a hose or water source nearby.
- Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways or within 25 feet of a body of water. The ashes provide fertilizer for algae and nuisance aquatic plants in lakes and streams.
- Open burning of anything other than yard waste, such as garbage, is not permitted.
- Contact your local fire department or village for rules, regulations and/or a permit.

If You See A Pink Paint Mark on Your Tree, You Can Remove the Tree With a Permit

By Nancy Morten

The Village Forester conducts an annual Village-wide Dutch Elm Disease survey. Elms that are identified are marked with pink paint and must be removed. If you have a tree that has been marked by the Forester, you can remove the tree prior to receiving the notification of "immediate removal" letter from the Village: however you must contact the Village to make arrangements to obtain a tree removal permit. There is no fee associated with the permit, but the Village requires any proposed tree removal work to be on file.

You can obtain a permit form online and submit it to the Village, or you can come by the Village Hall and fill it out there.

Ask The Plant Ladies

By Sheila Hollander and Margie Kaul

We plant ladies have been getting some questions about pruning. Since we are a *Tree City*, we thought it would be important to share this information.

Can you damage a healthy tree by excessive pruning and/or improper pruning practices?

Yes, you can. The foliage provides the nutrients for the tree so if excessive pruning removes too much foliage, the tree may not sustain enough nutrients to be healthy in the future. Improper pruning can do far more damage than good. "Stubs" can provide a hosting place for invaders such as insects and wood rotting organisms. If the cuts are too large and flush to the trunk, the trunk can be weakened and could create a long-term safety hazard. These large flush cuts may cause damage to the tree's fragile bark layer (cambium).

When is the best time to prune an oak tree? What about other large trees? Is it different for a maple or ash?

Elms and oaks should be pruned in the winter when they are dormant. Other deciduous trees such as maple, ash and linden can be pruned all year. Evergreens should be trimmed in the summer.

What is the goal of pruning? I've got a big limb that interferes with my sun tan. Is it okay to take it down?

If done correctly, pruning can contribute to the long term good health of trees. As a general rule, trees should be trimmed about every five years. Proper trimming eliminates weak branch unions, removes dead, broken, diseased or hazardous branches and removes conflicting branches where rubbing can cause one or both branches to die. Thinning a tree for more sunlight is also an acceptable pruning practice.

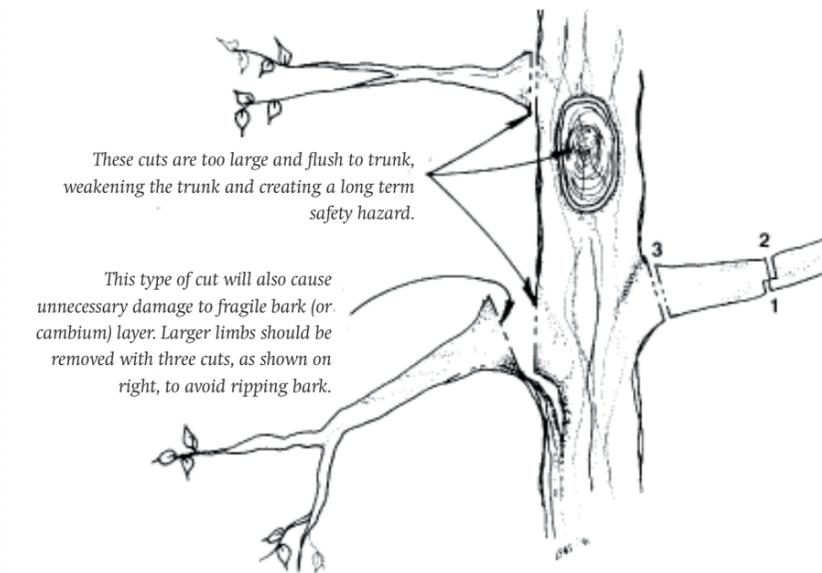
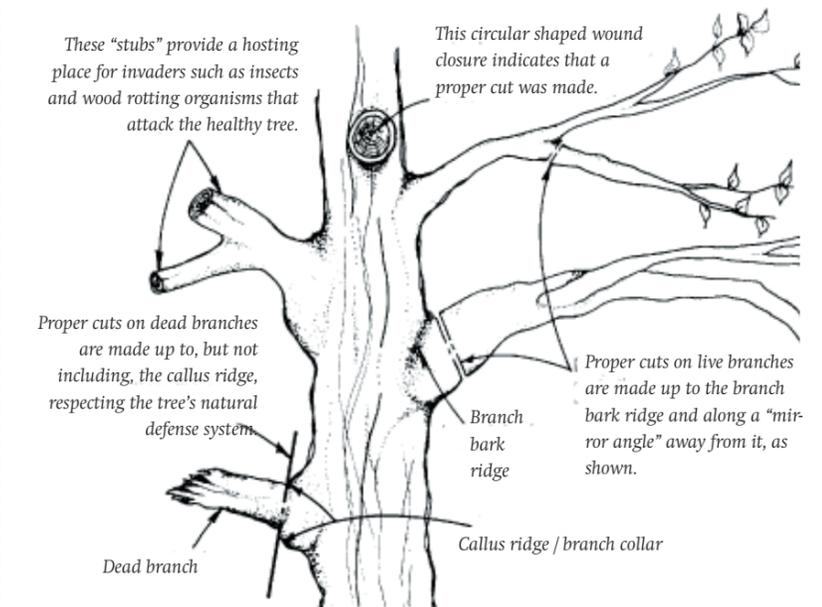
Do I need a permit if I want to prune my trees?

No permit is necessary for pruning. Permits are needed for tree removals regardless of the reason.

Who should I use to prune my trees? Can a local landscaper prune them?

Certified arborists are the best resource to use for pruning. They have been educated about trees and practices that develop the long term strength, health and beauty of a tree. If you want to use a local landscaper for any reason, you should first have a consultation with a certified arborist to see what he or she would recom-

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Do you have any recommendations for finding certified arborists?

You can look in the yellow pages or google them on the web. You can also call the Village Hall and ask them for names of reputable arborists.

Riverwoods Police 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. If you wish to be contacted, reference your survey. Insert your name and phone number: _____

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 the 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.

- | | Low | Moderate | High | No Opinion |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime (i.e. vandalism, theft, damage to property in Riverwoods). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime (i.e. burglary, robbery, sexual assault) in Riverwoods. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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 tasks:

	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. Enforcing Zoning ordinances				
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				
V. Enforcing tree preservation ordinances				

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

- A. Daily Herald B. Deerfield Review C. Chicago Tribune
 D. Village News Letter E. Chicago Sun Times F. 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, if no why? _____

26. Additional Comments (please continue on separate sheet if necessary): _____

Please return completed survey to Riverwoods Police Department, 300 Portwine Road, Thank you.

Riverwoods Village voice

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