



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

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

### Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm. Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 5 and 19.

### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4.

### GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

### Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

### Theatre in the Woods

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

### Riverwoods Preservation Council

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. www.riverwoodsrpc.org

### Riverwoods Book Club

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

### Riverwoods Residents Association

Call chairman John Hughes at 847-607-8402 to share your ideas or volunteer.

### Plant Sale Committee

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

Photo key: 1) Proposed 8-foot path, 2) Paved roadway shoulder 3) Concrete curb and gutter 4) Relocated fence and 5) Potential drainage improvements.

## Deerfield Road Bike Path Des Plaines River Trail to Saunders Road

*Some news about the implementation of the Village's master bike plan*

The Village's master bike path plan identifies two major segments: Deerfield Road – between Milwaukee and I-94 is the major east-west segment. Riverwoods Road – between Deerfield Road and Duffy Lane is the major north-south segment. Future extensions on Saunders Road and Portwine Road would complete the network of multi-use, off-road paths.

The Village has recently extended the path on Riverwoods Road – and Lake County recently made path improvements on Deerfield

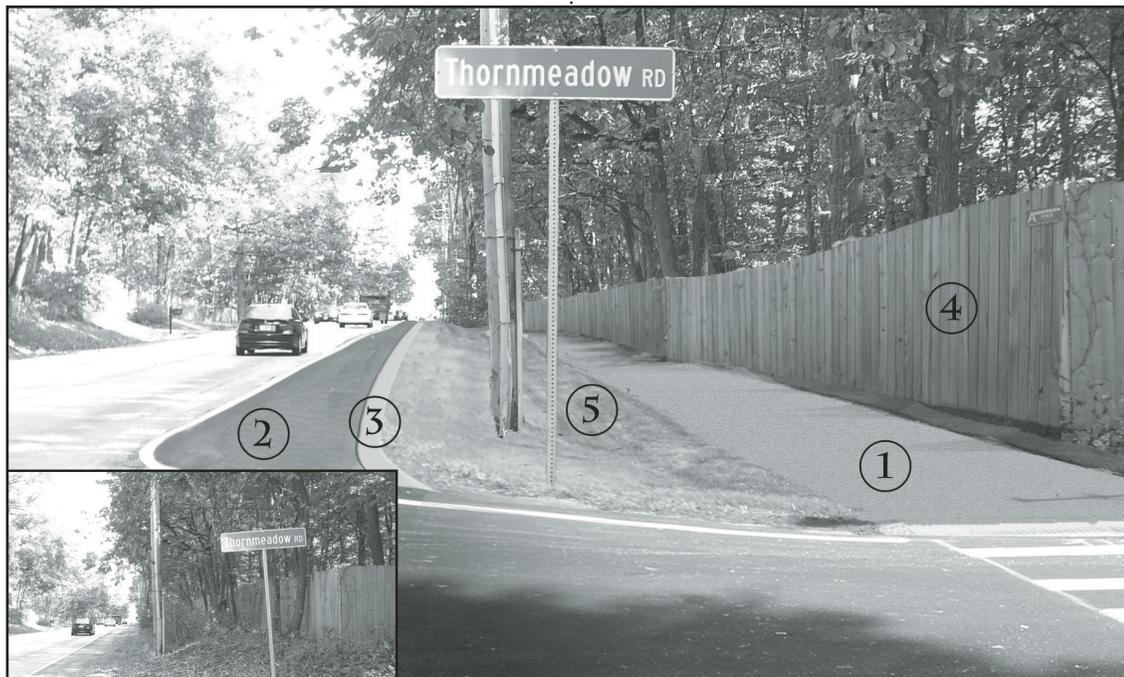
Road, from Saunders Road east to Wilmot Road, including an underpass crossing of the I-94 ramp. These new segments link up, which means we have partly implemented the bike plan.

What's next is for the Village to extend a path on Deerfield Road, from Saunders Road west to Milwaukee Avenue - a very costly and extensive project. This project, especially crossing the Des Plaines River, needs the cooperation and resources of Lake County.

Fortunately, the County has announced its intention to fund and construct an off-road path from the Des Plaines River Trail along the south side of Deerfield Road to Thornmeadow Road in 2010.

Given the County project, the Village Board now feels this is the time to undertake the planning and construction of the path segment between Thornmeadow and Saunders and

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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 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 January/February Issue: December 15, 2009  
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## Letter From the Mayor

### Riverwoods 50th Anniversary

It was a truly golden day when the Village of Riverwoods celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formation as a Village. Village residents gathered at the Village Hall on Sunday, October 4th, 2009 to commemorate the founding of the Village. There were hot dogs, brats and hamburgers provided by the Village and Bruce Schlesinger donated some very delicious ribs. Our police and fire departments were present and youngsters had a chance to climb inside of a police car or a fire truck. Those who attended had a chance to see the photo boards and displays showing people and places of a Riverwoods 50 years in the past. Some of us live in the same homes that were built 50 years ago.

There was also a recently uncovered foundation of the original cabin that had been built on the current Village Hall property. We are hoping to eventually restore the cabin and fill it with artifacts from the Riverwoods of long ago.

Special thanks go to Marilynne Dorfman, chairman of the event who organized the party and prepared and donated all of the historical picture boards with the help of our retired clerk Eileen Stanger. Her efforts made it a great success. Also our thanks go to Pat Walsh and his entire family and Russ and Connie Kraly who did the cooking, prepared the popcorn and fed everyone. Thanks also to guitarist David Kaufman and the "Big Band" for providing great music. Al and Chad Solomon set up the entire event and Chad built one of the best bonfires ever. Our police chief and his lovely wife Mary, handed out goodies to the children and helped feed everyone. A special thanks goes to Helen Brodsky for baking her delicious cookies. Finally, the entire Village of Riverwoods staff helped by setting up and notifying everyone. Thank you to Cheryl Hadley, Helen Brodsky, Joyce Fromm, Kim Powitz, Susie Crohn.

Everyone who attended said that our beautiful Village was blessed with a beautiful day for our celebration and that they had a wonderful time.

Some of the children who were present may even be here to celebrate 50 years from now for the 100th Anniversary of the Village.

Very truly yours,

William S. Kaplan, Mayor

IN MEMORIAM

Our friend and neighbor Nancy Morten passed away Tuesday, October 13th. Nancy, a Riverwoods resident for many years, actively participated in many Village activities. For several years she served as Special Projects Coordinator for the Village, orchestrating a multitude of Village activities. In addition, she sought grant funding for Village improvement projects, worked closely with the Riverwoods seniors, and served the Village in so many other ways. Earlier this year she was elected to the position of

Village Clerk. Nancy attended the University of Oklahoma and received her BA degree from Northwestern University in 1972. Nancy loved and supported Riverwoods, was an outspoken advocate for the woodlands, and worked tirelessly to make our Village a better place. We will miss her.



# Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of August 4, 18, September 1 and 15. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)

September 15

## VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

Village Engineer Pat Glenn contacted the Cook County Highway Department regarding the potential to add bicycle/pedestrian crossings at the Intersection of Portwine and Lake Cook Road. CCHD indicated that a crossing would require push button and pedestrian signals on at least one leg of the intersection. This improvement would require a sufficient path to get bicyclists from the roadway to the signal and back upon crossing Lake Cook Road and this would be a "permit" project which the County would not fund. The County may also ask the Village to participate in the cost of the maintenance of the pedestrian signal and related facilities. Although Mr. Glenn has not prepared any formal drawings, he estimates the cost for design and construction of the bicycle crossing to be \$60,000 - \$90,000.

## VILLAGE WELLS

Russ Kraly, Director of Community Services, mentioned the wells were in good shape. The water level in all of the wells, but one, went up.

## VILLAGE FENCE ORDINANCE

The new draft of the Fence Ordinance suggests that fences over six feet high not be allowed in the required yards in the R-1 District. Mr. Huvad noted that a second regulation states that any fence in a front yard would be required to have a certain amount of openness. A fence that is four feet high or lower could be solid but a fence higher than four feet must be open. He explained that a third regulation is an amortization of non-conforming fences over some period of time.

## POLICE REPORT

Chief Bruce Dayno listed the police activity since the September 15, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. He explained there were two 911 hang ups, 11 accidents, 29 burglar alarm calls, eight complaints about animals, 18 fire department assists, five other agency assists, two burglaries, 11 crime prevention

notices, one criminal damage to property, one dispute, one domestic, nine driving complaints, two fingerprinting, one found property, one harassment complaint, three vehicular or residential lock outs, 14 motorist assists, two parking complaints, 15 suspicious circumstance investigations, two thefts, one threatening phone call and 10 case reports. There were 95 traffic stops resulting in 63 persons being issued 76 citations. There was one sale of alcohol to a minor during a compliance check. There are currently five houses on the house watch list that are checked regularly.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Rob Ugaste listed the Fire Department activity through September 14, 2009. There were eight fire calls, four car accidents, 17 paramedic calls and three other calls for a total of 32 calls so far in the month of September.

Assistant Chief Ugaste met with the Lake Cook Regional Critical Incident Partnership, where more than 110 entities meet on a quarterly basis. They discussed the H1N1 virus and were assured there would be enough vaccine for everyone. The most susceptible people are aged 4 -21. Assistant Chief Ugaste mentioned that the number of deaths is similar to the seasonal flu.

## NORTHBROOK WATER COMPARISON

President Kaplan noted the Village has saved another \$25,000 making the total savings \$357,000 since the inception.

## ORDINANCE PROHIBITING VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS

The Village Board adopted an Ordinance prohibiting video gaming terminals in the Village of Riverwoods.

## ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS AND NEXTEL WEST CORPORATION

The Board voted to adopt Ordinance 09-10-21 approving an amendment to the lease agreement between the Village of Riverwoods and Nextel West Corporation. The amendment will allow Nextel to attach two additional antennas, each with a sub-tenant, so the Village will earn an extra \$500 per month. Trustee Chamberlain asked if the appearance would change. Mr. Huvad explained the antennas would be circular instead of rectangular.

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**BUILDING AND ZONING**

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Trustee Graditor presented highlights from the Building/Zoning report which showed that building and construction were slow. From September 1, 2008 thru September 30, 2008, the total construction value was \$286,217 with \$4525 generated in fees. There was one commercial remodel, one single family remodel and miscellaneous other projects. The yearly total construction value from January thru September 2008 was \$7,847,597 generating \$84,178 in fees to the Village. From September 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009, the total construction value was \$78,950 with \$1,206 in fees generated to the Village. The projects were all small, miscellaneous construction projects. The yearly total construction value from January thru September 2009 was \$3,156,603 generating \$38,362 in fees to the Village.

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**VILLAGE TREE PROGRAM**

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Trustee Graditor presented highlights from the Tree Report and mentioned from November 2008 thru September 2009, 16 trees were removed and nine trees were replaced. The Village collected \$16,022 in mitigation fees. She noted the Village is seeing more remodels. This report does not include the loss of trees due to Dutch Elm disease.

*September 1*

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**DEERFIELD ROAD PHASE I STUDY**

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Village Engineer Pat Glenn along with Mayor Kaplan and Trustee Chamberlain met with Lake County to discuss how the Village could best move forward on a bike path to cover the 'missing link' area between what the county has completed around Saunders and Deerfield and what the county is proposing between the Des Plaines River Trail and Thornmeadow. The county suggested the Village perform a Phase 1 Engineering Study, which is all the preliminary work to determine the design elements, right-of-way requirements and drainage improvements. The Phase I Engineering Study will stop just short of construction documents. It is a necessary first step to positioning the project for federal funding. Mr. Glenn started putting together an engineering scope. He spoke with Bruce Christianson at Lake County Department of Transportation, who stated that a Phase 1 Study would need to be approved by IDOT.

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**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT GETS HIGH RATING**

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Director of Community Services Russ Kraly reported the Village received an A rating in the community rating system for storm water management. This good rating earns the Village a 10% reduction in flood insurance rates.

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**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Bruce Dayno listed the police activity since the August 18, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. He explained there were two 911 hang ups, nine accidents, 20 burglar alarm calls, three complaints about animals, 11 fire department assists, four other agency assists, one dispute, four driving complaints, five DUI arrests, one harassment complaint, six vehicular or residential lockouts, 10 motorist assists, two public assists, four noise disturbances, four

suspicious circumstance investigations and 10 case reports. There were 107 traffic stops resulting in 65 persons being issued 91 citations. There are currently two houses on the house watch list that are checked regularly.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Chief Rob Ugaste listed the Fire Department activity through August 31, 2009. There were five fire calls, one car accident, 27 paramedic calls and four other calls for a total of 37 calls for the month of August.

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**BUILDING/ZONING**

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Trustee Graditor presented her building report. She explained that from August 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2008, there were one single family residence, one addition and one miscellaneous project with a total construction value of \$1,210,680 which generated fees of \$12,850. From August 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2009, there were small miscellaneous construction projects, one addition and one remodel with a total construction value of \$345,750 generating fees of \$2,618. The yearly total construction values from January 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2008 were \$7,561,380 and the Village generated fees of \$79,653. From January 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2009, the total construction value was \$3,077,653 and the generated fees were \$36,404. Trustee Graditor mentioned the Village was not seeing growth this year. Mayor Kaplan noted there were 17 homes sold in Riverwoods with most of those sales being foreclosures, short sales or large homes that have been significantly reduced in price. Trustee Graditor mentioned Riverwoods was not different than other communities.

*August 18*

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Village Treasurer Hal Roseth explained that rates continue to creep down. He mentioned the overall fund balance decreased by \$80,000 and the available funds decreased by \$10,000. The current yield in Illinois funds is 0.174%. The current investment mix has \$544,000 available.

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**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno listed the police activity since the August 4, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. He explained there were three 911 hang ups, two accidents, 18 alarms, 10 complaints about animals, 13 fire department assists, four child safety seat installations, one driving complaint, one DUI arrest, one harassment call, four residential or vehicular lock outs, one missing person, 11 motorist assists, two public assists, three noise disturbances, 10 suspicious circumstances and eight case reports. There were 90 traffic stops with 69 citations issued and 57 persons issued citations. There were 13 arrests for alcohol consumption by a minor, with 12 of those occurring in one incident and one arrest for disorderly assembly. There are currently 11 houses on the house watch list that are checked regularly.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Chief Ugaste listed the activity for the month through August 15, 2009. There was 1 fire call, 1 car accident, 10 paramed-

ic calls and 3 other calls for a total of 15 calls so far this month.

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**SWALCO DROP OFF UPDATE**

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Assistant Chief Ugaste reported they were trying to get the Lincolnshire Fire Station permitted as a drop-off location. They have already trained all of the staff and are waiting for Springfield to issue the permit. They want Lincolnshire to be a model for other fire departments in Lake County and possibly the State. It would be easier to schedule drop-offs in Lincolnshire because it is better staffed than the Riverwoods Fire Station.

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**VILLAGE PURCHASE OF 2640 CHIANTI TRAIL.**

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Mayor Kaplan mentioned the Village purchased a 2.5 acre property adjacent to the Village on Chianti Trail for \$320,000. For the record, he noted that he, or anyone related to him, did not make commission on this transaction.

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**JOHN NORRIS RESIGNATION**

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John Norris has resigned from SWALCO. Mr. Norris mentioned that in order to modify the agreement for membership on the board, unanimous agreement from all municipalities was required. The representative from Highland Park does not want any non-Village Board members on the SWALCO Board. Mr. Norris mentioned that Trustee Koomjian would take over as the primary representative from Riverwoods and a secondary representative would be needed. Mr. Norris reminded the Board that Trustee Koomjian would not be on the Executive or Legislative committees. Mr. Norris would be available to assist wherever possible.

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**SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN NUISANCES IN THE VILLAGE AND PROVIDING REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

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The intention of this ordinance is to prohibit vacant properties from being used as vehicle storage facilities and being an eye sore in the community. Mr. Haber suggested changing the wording to specify principle residential use and the Board passed the Ordinance prohibiting the existence of certain nuisances in the Village and providing remedies for violations.

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**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS**

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Attorney Siegel explained that moratoriums are imposed while studies are being made. A deadline date of September 1, 2010 will be added to allow for the study.

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**PLANT COMMITTEE RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION FOR VILLAGE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS**

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Ms. Sheila Hollander, representing the plant committee spoke on three hardscape projects with installation costs of \$1,310 and explained two other projects that the plant committee would like to work on within the Village with the total amount for all of the projects being \$4482.50. She noted the Plant Committee could contribute \$482.50 and asked for a Village contribution of \$4000. Trustee Svatik made a motion to contribute \$4000 to the Plant

Committee for work on the projects proposed.

August 4

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**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno presented the Police Department activity since the July 21, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. He mentioned there was one 911 hang up, three accidents, ten alarms, three complaints about animals, 13 fire assists, two other agency assists, one burglary, three car seat installations, one criminal damage to property, two domestic disputes, one driving complaint, two DUI arrests, three frauds, one harassment, four lock-outs from vehicle or residence, nine motorist assists, two public assists, nine suspicious circumstances, two thefts and 11 case reports. There were 122 traffic stops with 68 people issued citations and 78 citations issued. Chief Dayno mentioned there were eight houses currently on the house watch list that are checked regularly.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste presented the Fire Department activity for the month of July. He mentioned there were seven fire calls, five car accidents, 23 paramedic calls and one other call making the monthly total 36 calls. The number of calls to date were 276.

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**NORTHBROOK WATER COMPARISON**

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Mayor Kaplan mentioned the Village saved another \$20,000 for a total of \$209,000 so far with Northbrook water. He has received questions about lowering the water bills but explained that the Village paid almost \$1 million for the infrastructure and did not borrow money. They are waiting for the money to be paid back before lowering the water bills. Mayor Kaplan noted there will not be any rate increases from Northbrook for seven years.

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**METROPOLITAN MAYOR'S CAUCUS**

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Mayor Kaplan attended the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus where Mayor Daley spoke about health plans and pensions. He addressed the newly elected officials stating the business they are in is a business of the people. Mayor Daley also spoke about the new video gaming bill. Video gaming licenses will only be given to bars or establishments with liquor licenses. The licenses will also be given to truck stops on three acres or more. Mayor Kaplan noted the license does not only include video poker, rather, it includes all types of video games played for money. Mayor Kaplan mentioned Senator Durbin spoke about a proposed high-speed rail system going from Chicago to other areas. He also mentioned there is \$8 million in grant money available to municipalities in COPS grants for the hiring of new officers which must remain employed for at least three years.



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## Potpourri from the Building Department

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By Russell Kraly, Director of Community Services

As I write this, it's raining again. It's getting colder. The leaves have turned color and begin to fall. We had a frost last week that killed all the flowers and what was left of my vegetable garden. I'm afraid we all know what's around the corner.

The 2010 Census is around the corner. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, and to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state and local governments. The Motor Fuel Tax funds we receive each year are figured on our Village population. Contrary to the myths out there, the Census information cannot be used by law-enforcement, taxing bodies or the court system for jury duty. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of all respondents and the information they provide. The questioner is the shortest in history, only ten (10) questions. It should only take 10 minutes or less to complete. If you don't fill it out and mail it back in, someone will come knocking at your door until they get the information that they need. Do your part, be counted.

The Planning Commission has held a public hearing on deer fencing and has been discussing this issue for many months. People have been discussing and giving input to the Commission so they can draft an Ordinance that will reflect the needs of the Village and address the majority of the concerns of the residence. The next public issue will be the drafting of an Ordinance on Wind Energy. This is new technology, and now we'll have to figure out if it will be incorporated within our Village.

We do have some flood plains in Riverwoods that are relatively limited to two areas of the Village. Maps and information are available at the Village Hall Building Department. Please come in during regular office hours and see if you are affected. We would like to remind you that flood insurance is mandatory if building in the floodplain and using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Come in and the staff will be happy to help you with this information. Our Village Engineers can also help you get Elevation Certificates. They already have information on file for some areas of the Village, and for a nominal fee will be able to help you get one for your property if needed. They are also available to see if they can help you come to some solutions if you have some flooding problems. Please call me or the Building Department if you have any questions at 847-945-3990.

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. If you want to use a tarp in conjunction with one of the approved screening methods, or to hide or cover something for the winter, please use a green, brown, black or camouflage tarp, blue is unacceptable.

Enjoy the fall, that white, fluffy stuff is just around the corner.

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## Police Report

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By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

### Premise Alert Program

The Riverwoods Police Department, along with the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District and the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, have started a Premise Alert Program (PAP) in support of individuals living with disabilities or special needs as well as police and emergency medical personnel responding to calls at a related address. Individuals with disabilities or special needs wishing to participate in the program may supply information to be kept in our computer aided dispatch (CAD) database free of charge. Information may also be supplied by the individual's family members, friends, caregivers, or medical personnel familiar with the individual. When a 911 operator sends police or emergency medical personnel to an address in the database, the information will be passed on to the emergency responders. The information gathered as part of PAP shall remain strictly confidential and will be used only to provide assistance to the emergency medical and police responders.

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

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

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

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



The horse-drawn hay ride is always a hit at the Village Halloween party.

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## Brentwood Bites

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By Lynn Bruch, RN., MSN

Director of Clinical Relations, Brentwood North Healthcare

### Bite One: **Colorectal Cancer**

Get moving to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer, which may be the most preventable type of cancer. Researchers at the American Institute for Cancer Research recommend at least 30 and preferably 60 minutes of brisk daily activity. Diets that include lots of vegetables, whole grains, beans, garlic, and low-fat milk to provide adequate calcium may also offer protection. Carrying excess weight around your waistline, drinking excessive alcohol and diets high in red and processed meat may increase cancer risk.

Source: American Institute for Cancer Research

### Bite Two: **Another Reason to Lose Weight**

Losing weight may help reduce urinary incontinence, a problem that affects millions of women in the U.S. Incontinence episodes dropped by almost half among overweight or obese women who lost 8% of their body weight, or an average of about 17 pounds.

“weight is one of the biggest risk factors for developing incontinence and worsening incontinence, and the reduced pressure from weight loss causes reduced pressure on the bladder.” Explains researcher Dr. Leslee Subak.

Source: New England Journal of Medicine, Vol.360, Pg 481

*Brentwood North Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centre is a JCAHO accredited sub acute facility located on 16 residential acres in Riverwoods, IL. Brentwood has been serving many of the area's surgeon's, specifically neurological, orthopedic and cardiovascular, and are committed to providing the highest level of nursing and rehabilitative care. For more information contact Lynn Bruch at 847-947-9111 or at lbruch@brentwoodhealthcare.net*

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## Practice Healthy Habits This Flu Season

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In addition to getting your seasonal flu shot, help prevent the spread of flu in the workplace, schools and throughout the community:

- **Wash your hands frequently**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Cover your cough and sneeze**

**Lake County Health Department Offers Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics** The seasonal flu vaccine will not offer protection from H1N1 pandemic influenza.

Any Lake County resident over the age of 6 months is eligible to get a seasonal flu shot through the Health Department. For a schedule of seasonal flu clinics, and other related information, contact the Health Department: 847-377-8470 or visit [www.lakecountyflu.com](http://www.lakecountyflu.com).

It is important that persons 65 and over bring their Medicare part B cards to the clinics, which will cover the cost of the flu and pneumonia vaccines. Medicaid and All Kids will also be accepted. Fees are \$35.00 for the flu vaccine and \$52.00

for the pneumonia vaccine, based on the ability to pay.

**H1N1 Update** To address H1N1 flu, the Health Department is working collaboratively with community partners on H1N1 prevention in Lake County. The seasonal flu vaccine will not provide protection against the H1N1 flu. This year, more than ever before, the Health Department encourages people to do everything they can to protect themselves from influenza.

### **The target population groups for the H1N1 vaccine are:**

- 6 months to 24 years of age
- Caretakers of children under 6 months of age
- All pregnant women
- Healthcare and emergency medical services employees
- People 25 to 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions that put them at high risk for flu-related complications (such as asthma or diabetes).

People with flu-like symptoms should stay home until 24 hours after resolution of their fever. People are more contagious when they have a fever, so staying home during this time is especially important to not spread the flu.

**Volunteer** The Health Department is recruiting volunteers for its Lake County Medical Reserve Corps to help with H1N1 flu prevention. Call 847-377-8358 if you have time to volunteer. And for more information on the H1N1 call Health Department H1N1 hotline at 847-377-8350.

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### **Bike Path;** *continued from the front cover*

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the planning and construction of the path segment between Thornmeadow and Saunders and apply for Federal funding to offset the construction costs.

To be eligible for Federal funding, the path will have to be designed to meet Federal guidelines for bicycle facilities - which at a minimum require a path that is at least 8 feet wide, with an additional 2 feet of clearance on either side. This is in contrast to the recently constructed path along Riverwoods Road, which is a narrower path that winds between the trees.

The first step toward qualifying for Federal funding is the preparation of a “Phase 1” engineering study. The Phase 1 study includes preliminary surveys and design work to establish the cross section and alignment of the facility, identify environmental impacts, determine whether additional right-of-way is required, design drainage improvements, analyze intersections, and develop a detailed estimate of construction costs.

Local groups and residents have expressed support for the construction of a bicycle facility along Deerfield Road; however, the Village Board would like to ensure that residents are as informed as possible about the size and likely impacts of the path and resurfacing improvements before committing the resources necessary for the Phase 1 study.

The Village Engineer has prepared a conceptual rendering of the proposed path that uses the same design elements employed by the County for its part of the path. More discussion of the project will take place in upcoming board meetings, the Village Board welcomes hearing your views about the project.

## Woodland Health Study



*The biggest tree in Riverwoods. This Swamp White Oak, is 4 feet 7 inches in diameter and is located near the Des Plaines River on the Patterson Nature Preserve. We estimate that the tree is 166 years old. The ancient tree is shown here with Howie Patterson standing in front for perspective.*

**The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) recently completed a woodland health study of sample sites in Riverwoods, using outside experts. The study is the first step in answering the basic question: What is the condition and future of our woodlands?**

### **What Did the Study Show?**

It's important to keep in mind that a "woodland" is not just trees. A healthy woodland consists of four layers: large trees (the canopy), a lower layer of trees (the subcanopy), shrubs and understory plants. Variety and abundance are keys. Among other findings, the study concluded that most oaks in Riverwoods are mature. Young oaks and oak

saplings are conspicuously absent. If this situation continues, oak trees will disappear from our woodlands. Overall shrub abundance and variety were low in every sample plot. The likely causes are deer browse and shading from the tree canopy. Further, there is a high percentage of bare ground within the understory layer of each plot. Low plant abundance and variety, a high percentage of bare ground and high shade levels all indicate poor woodland health.

### **Nature is Out of Balance**

Our presence has disturbed the natural balance. We've eliminated natural deer predators, imported invasive plants and insects, and prevented the periodic fires that helped regenerate oaks. But the reality is that we all love Riverwoods, and we don't want to leave. So the next best thing is to reduce the adverse impacts of our presence.

### **Isn't the Woodland Protection Ordinance Enough?**

In 2005, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a Woodland Protection Ordinance to reduce the further loss and fragmentation of woodland areas. The Board stated the benefits of a healthy woodland: reduction of stormwater runoff; lessened severity of local flooding; shade and cooling; erosion control; filtering of water pollutants; recharging of aquifers for drinking water; replenishment of the groundwater table; maintenance of water flow; cleansing of the air; mitigation of global warming by absorbing greenhouse gases; promotion of a biologically diverse community of micro-organisms, plants and animals; and promotion of higher property values for woodland areas in the Village.

The Woodland Protection Ordinance is a very sound policy. But it's an incomplete answer, since the Village Board necessarily tried to minimize regulatory interference with residents' use of their properties. Many Riverwoods residents, in managing their own properties, have gone beyond the limited requirements of the Woodland Protection Ordinance. They sought to do more. They see themselves as stewards of the woodlands, and look beyond their own inhabitation of the properties. They feel that they are rehabilitating the woodlands for the benefit of the community and future generations.

### **RPC's Recommendations to the Board**

Based on the Woodland Health Study and review of scientific literature, RPC proposed a number of management practices to the Village Board of Trustees on October 20. Included in RPC's recommendations were control of deer populations to allow shrub and understory plants to mature and to allow oaks to regenerate; manual thinning of shrubs and small trees to allow more light to the understory; use of

a consultant ecologist (in addition to the Village forester) to assist with woodland rehabilitation programs; implementation of carefully prescribed burns to prevent invasive shrubs while maintaining native shrubs, understory plants and oak saplings; and creation of more user-friendly versions of the Village's reforestation and invasives removal programs. RPC has offered to participate actively with the Village to help develop a comprehensive woodland stewardship plan.

### Riverwoods Tree Count

The RPC has created a program to count the larger trees in the Village. The purpose of the program is to determine to what extent a mature forest exists in Riverwoods. Trees with 2 foot or greater diameter will be located, measured and identified, and the ten largest trees will be reported. Acorns and seeds from the largest trees will be collected and planted, to help grow the next generation of oaks.

The tree count is in process. We may already have found one of the largest trees in the Village. The tree, a Swamp White Oak, is 4 feet 7 inches in diameter and is located near the Des Plaines River on the Patterson Nature Preserve. We estimate that the tree is 166 years old.

Beginning in March 2010, RPC will need six additional volunteers to complete the tree count. If you are interested in helping with this program, please call Howie Patterson at 945-9281.

### 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    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Riverwoods Preservation Council, P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

My Biggest Concern about Riverwoods: \_\_\_\_\_

Riverwoods Preservation Council. The RPC is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. All contributions are tax-deductible. (If your employer matches contributions, don't forget to provide us with the matching contribution form.) Thank you.

## Dear Plant Ladies

Your plant questions answered by The Plant Ladies  
(Margie Kaul & Sheila Hollander)

*Should I rake the leaves in my woods?*

Short answer. No.

*Why?*

Leaves provide several benefits if left alone in the woods. First they provide nourishment as they decompose. And they provide warmth and protection for both plant roots and small animal life.

*Okay. So, should I shred the leaves or leave them as they fall?*

If you can shred them, that's really best. If you can't, that's okay too.

*If I shred them, how do I do it.*

Run them over with the lawn mower or get a shredder. Either way works. Then spread them in your garden and around plantings.

*Should I water my young (under 3 years) trees and shrubs?*

Right before

Thanksgiving is the last watering. If it rains, don't bother.

*Should I fertilize my perennials?*

No.

*Is it too late to plant bulbs or other things?*

No. You can plant bulbs, trees and shrubs until the ground freezes. Don't plant perennials or do any transplanting until spring.

*Which bulbs are deer proof?*

Hyacinth, narcissus, daffodils and allium are all good ones. Anything from the onion family will work.

*What about seeds?*

So glad you asked. You can plant wildflower seeds by just throwing them on the snow. The birds are mostly gone and the seeds just sink into the soil as the snow melts.



Remember, gardening is year long.  
So Happy Gardening.

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## Riverwoods Book Club

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By June Melber

The next three meetings of the RBC promises, really, really promises, to be interesting and diverse with topics ranging from women to revolution. Maybe that's not really so diverse, but as with all RBC meetings everyone has her\his own opinion.

November 13 we will be discussing the Pulitzer prize winning novel, **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout. This has been named one of the "best books of the year" by many of the newspapers still in existence.

Our selection for December 11 is the nonfiction adventure **River of Doubt** by Candice Millard. If you stay up late to watch "Survivorman" or "Deadliest Catch" this is for you. If you hate camping and love history, this is for you, too. After you finish this one, you'll want to jump in your luxury SUV and head for REI to buy a canoe, with an extra paddle. (I'll take one in heavy duty, light weight plastic, please.) You'll have to keep checking the cover to make sure this is nonfiction and not a novel, it's that good, and it has photos, too!

We're starting off 2010 with **Persepolis**, The Story of a Childhood, by Marjane Satrapi, on January 15. This is a graphic novel. It may look like a comic book, but it's not for kids. This is the story of the fall of the Shah of Iran, as viewed by a ten year old girl, the author. This book is also the 2010 selection of "One Book-One Zipcode" for our area, so if you read it for RBC, you'll be ready for all of the discussions and events planned for early spring around this book.

All of our meetings are at the Village Hall at 10am, Fridays, and they are free and include refreshments.

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## Riverwoods Residents Association

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Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. RRA is made up of volunteer residents who care about making their community the very best it can be. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail your check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please include me as an RRA member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of extra stickers at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Deerfield Park District, It's a Blast...

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Get on the "E-Blast" mailing list for Deerfield Park District

For residents of Riverwoods with young children, this may be of interest to you to keep up to date with programs and their deadlines for your active children.

Deerfield Park District/Deerfield Park Foundation invite everyone to send us their email address to be added to the Deerfield Park District electronic news update ("E-Blast") mailing list. Subscribers will receive updates (about once per month) with new information about programs, events, services, special announcements, volunteer and seasonal work opportunities, and other news.

Interested individuals may forward their email address by any of the following means: email: [info@dfpd.org](mailto:info@dfpd.org); call: 847-945-0650; Fax: 847-945-0699; mail or drop off to: Deerfield Park District, 836 Jewett Park Drive, Deerfield or simply go online to [www.dfpd.org](http://www.dfpd.org) and click on the link provided (under News and Announcements). *Email addresses provided will not be shared with agencies or companies outside of the Deerfield Park District/Deerfield Park Foundation.*

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## Save the Date A Book Fair Fundraiser for Bannockburn School

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Saturday, November 21st from 9am - 10pm Deerfield Barnes and Noble will hold a book fair with a percentage of the proceeds of every purchase benefiting Bannockburn School. Bannockburn teachers and parents will be on hand to make recommendations. Ask them for a voucher coupon to accompany your purchase in order for the school to receive the donation. This is a great time to not only start your holiday shopping, but help our local school.

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## Featured Pet "Ebbie"

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At Orphans of the Storm animal shelter there are over 100 dogs waiting for a home today. Our featured pet Ebbie is one of the special ones that we wish you would consider. Ebbie has lots of love to give, but she's worried that people will think being 8 years old is too old. We know she would make an excellent pet, especially for an older person because she will fit into a quieter lifestyle. She likes to go for walks, but not long ones. She prefers hanging out and giving and receiving love. No dog park needed; she prefers people to other dogs.



When you adopt a pet from Orphans of the Storm you enter into a commitment and agreement to care emotionally and financially for a feeling, sensitive animal for its lifetime. Read more about Ebbie at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org)

## Riverwoods Halloween Party 2009

By Sherry Kaplan, (the headless horsewoman with the purple hair)

Riverwoods eighth annual Halloween Party was a howling success. As always the best thing about the party were the adorable children who attended and the warm and wonderful community spirit exhibited by all those who made it happen. In addition to the pizza, hot dogs, cookies and candy we had the wonderful bonfire where everyone huddled to keep warm and made yummy s'mores. The decorations were spooky and scary with spiders, ghosts, mice and rats everywhere. Just the ticket for a great Halloween party.

This year we had a new addition to our party, Jody Koplín's Jigglejam played music and had the children dancing and singing. June Melber, our scary story lady sat at the bonfire reading stories. Bob Gand from the Village Music Store with the help of Carolin Schaeffer and Kim his folk partners provided music for those riders on the horse drawn hay wagon. Sadly, one of the team of horses that drew our hay wagon has died and we have a brand new team of Belgium mares pulling the hay wagon this year. They were just as sweet and well behaved as their predecessors.

Our Chief of Police, Bruce Dayno, and Kim Solomon were there with a police car for children to climb into. There was also a fire truck to explore.

It takes a Village to make a great party. My special thanks to Barbara Wallace, Laurie Breitkopf, Karen Schuman, Heidi Bess, Art Bess and all the Bess's teenage children and their friends as well as Suzanne Falk, who helped with putting up and with taking down the decorations. Shelia Wichrowski, Laurie Breitkopf, Karen Schuman, Rosemary Meltzer, Mary Dayno, Terry and Rick Small, Bill and Betty Svatik, Cheryl Hadley, Paula Haber, Russ Kraly, and Pat Walsh prepared and served all the food, candy and popcorn.

Mike Corn, Norbert Klaucens, Al Solomon and Sunset Foods provided all the candy. Panera Bread provided the pastries. Jackie Borchew ordered and put up all the signs. Lisa Moss Bokor, Marguerite Welter, and the Riverwoods Play Group helped stuff all the candy bags and helped coordinate the party. As always Chad and Al Solomon worked tirelessly to set up the bonfire, the tables and clean up after the party.

Last but not least we would like to thank our sponsors who provided the funds to make it all happen:

NorthSide Community Bank has been our long standing main sponsor for the past 8 years along with the Village of Riverwoods.

Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, Inc.  
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It was an outstanding family event and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Hope to see you all there next year. Come be part of the fun.



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## Leaf Burning

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*By Sherry Graditor*

Fall has arrived with much rain and wind, and the majority of trees have suddenly become bare. This is the time that many Riverwoods residents turn to fire to dispose of massive piles of leaves. While burning is permitted in the Village, there are certain rules which must be followed while doing so.

While it is acceptable to burn leaves, the burning of litter or rubbish is prohibited, and only leaves from the property in question can be burned. Leaves should be dry enough so as not to produce excessive smoke or odor as they burn. Open burning is permitted only between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm, and may not occur in front, side or rear setback areas. The area of the fire is to be no more than 5 feet by 5 feet.

The fire must be constantly attended until it is out. It is also required that a garden hose be connected, and not more than 10 feet from the location of the fire, available for use if it becomes necessary.

If the Village declares a fire or air quality alert, in other words if air quality is poor or conditions are not conducive to safe burning, residents will be notified and if you are conducting an open burn at that time, the Village will request that fires be extinguished.

Generally, the best judge of when and where to burn is you, the homeowner. If it is windy, overly hot, excessively dry or air quality is poor, you should decide not to burn. Consider your neighbors when you perform an open burn. Keep fire away from trees which might be damaged as well as away from your home. Avoid burning wet leaves and generating excessive smoke and smell. Be vigilant, don't leave a fire burning unsupervised, even for a couple of minutes. While we do not require that you notify the fire department, letting them know that you are performing an open burn on your property allows them to notify neighbors, who might call in reporting smoke, that there is no house fire on your property.

What we are aiming for is a safe fall season for your home, your tree and yes, for your neighbors as well. Welcome to and enjoy fall in Riverwoods.

