



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

The Village Forestry Program Revised

By Village Trustee Cheryl Chamberlain

Thinking of improving your woodland landscape? Now is the time! To better provide for woodland health, the Village of Riverwoods has added new programs and funding. Now there is something to suit every type of residential property in Riverwoods. Funds are available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit us at the Village Hall to receive more information about these programs, choosing the appropriate contractor, and choosing the best plantings for a native woodland landscape. Check the list below to find the program that works best for you. New programs are identified with an asterisk.*

For all of the programs, we recommend a consultation with either our Village Forester or a professional of your choice. These experts can not only help you in creating a plan that is best for your property, but can help you develop the most cost-efficient plan for your budget. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the details of the programs, as some have limitations or special requirements. Note that a resident must pay all contractors and the Village Forester must pre-approve and review all completed work before a resident can receive reimbursement for most Village cost share programs.

The Village Forester will also be available to answer your questions at "Reforestation 101," a program sponsored by the Riverwoods Preservation Council on November 10 beginning 7:30pm at the Village Hall. The Village Forester will have application packets for forestry programs on hand.

For more information, visit us at the Village Hall, telephone at 847-945-3990 or email Trustee Chamberlain at cchamberlain@riverwoods-il.net.

Forester Call Hour* Have a question for a forester? Get answers to all your questions from

what to do with dying and diseased trees to adding to your landscape.

- Call the Village Hall any Tuesday from 8-9am, beginning November 15.

- Note that the Forester will not be available on holidays.

- Cost - Free!

Forester Consultation Want the forester to come to you for a consultation?

- Call Village Hall to schedule a consult on a 2nd or 4th Tuesday of a month, between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

- Consultations conducted from mid-spring through early fall, and will resume April 12, 2011.

- Cost - \$50.

Canopy Thinning* For the heavily wooded lot, optimizing woodland health may require canopy thinning. Some canopy trees are removed in strategic areas to allow light to reach the understory. This program does not apply to dead trees.

- Sign up for a consultation with the Village Forester or professional of your choice.

- The Village Forester will prepare or review a plan for tree removal.

- Get quotes for tree removal per the pre-approved plan.

- Funds available - 50/50 cost share with resident/ Village up to \$2,000 for Village share.

Buckthorn Removal Improve the health of any wooded lot by removing invasive buckthorn. This increases the opportunity for desirable native trees and plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor.

- Prepare a plan with a contractor, identifying density and cost per acre, including two resprout treatments.

- Obtain Village Forester approval.

- Funds available - 50/50 cost share with resident/ Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for removal,

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. 16, Dec. 7, 21 and Jan. 4 and 18.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3.

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 Breikopf, president at 847-945-7034. www.riverwoodsrpc.org

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)

Call Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

Riverwoods Book Club

Contact June Melber at 847-940-7086, or email her at argos501@aol.com. Exercise your brain. The book club is free to all and meets at the Village Hall one Friday a month at 10am.

Plant Sale Committee

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



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 Jan/Feb 2011 Issue: December 15, 2010
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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 17, September 7, 21, and October 5. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com

October 5

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

Village Attorney Bruce Huvad discussed bringing municipal water to South Riverwoods. He reported that there are 131 properties that would make up a Special Service Area (SSA). At a total cost of \$3.3 million dollars (arrived at by 16,600 lineal feet multiplied by \$200 per lineal foot), the cost of bringing municipal water to a household's property line would be \$25,000. Each property owner would be assessed the same amount. Pat Glenn (Village Engineer) added that companies performing underground work are "desperate for work," so they have sharpened their pencils and reduced their prices. The trustees also discussed the idea of also basing residents' cost on their water usage, but it was decided that the project would be simpler, more acceptable to residents and more equitable if every property owner paid the same amount.

Mr. Huvad spoke with a couple of banks about financing the project and forwarded information to them. They showed interest with rates of 3-4% on a 10-year term. The Village would borrow \$3.3 million based on \$25,000 per household and would set up the SSA to have the amounts put on residents' property tax bills for a 10-year period. Mayor Kaplan suggested that residents could also choose to pay upfront and be excluded from the SSA, thereby avoiding interest payments. Bruce Huvad suggested that the Village undertake a survey of interest by the 131 property owners in its forming an SSA. Mr. Haber felt that unless there was a clear majority - in excess of 51% - the Village should not undertake this project. The Mayor said that he would speak with the Vernon Woods Homeowners Association to see if it would contact its members to ascertain interest in the SSA.

The question of whether the Village should

subsidize a portion of this project was raised but not discussed. Trustee Haber asked Pat Glenn if he could quantify improvements to the Village municipal water system should more pipe be added through forming an SSA. Pat responded that he would. Pat requested that the issue of Lake Michigan water allocation be revisited as this project investigation moves forward. Trustee Koomjian suggested that a final fee including hook-up cost to residents' homes be included when information is sent to residents. He said that residents should be aware of all the costs associated with receiving municipal water. Bruce Huvad said that a fact sheet was needed so that the road associations would be able to provide all of the pertinent information to residents.

VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jonathan Schlesinger (Forest Glen), a science teaching assistant at Caruso Middle School in Deerfield is starting up a program called "Riverwoods Ramblers," which is based on the desire to get Riverwoods' residents together once a month for activities such as biking and hiking. Mr. Schlesinger spoke about raising peoples' awareness of our incredible natural resource through these activities. He is advertising his activities through the Village Voice, Chicago Tribune Local and Pioneer Press.

POLICE REPORT

In the absence of Chief Dayno, Village Clerk Michael Ford presented the Police Department activity since the September 20, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated there was one 911 hang up, one abandoned vehicle, five accidents, 17 alarms, four complaints about animals, 20 fire department assists, one burglary, three well-being checks, five crime prevention notices, one criminal damage to property, three disabled vehicles, two driving complaints, two DUI arrests, two vehicular or residential lock-outs, one missing person, one ordinance violation, one parking complaint, two reckless drivers, one solicitor complaint, 11 suspicious circumstances, four thefts, 15 case reports and one warrant arrest. There were 75 traffic stops with 65 citations issued to 50 people. There are currently five houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through September 30, 2010. There were five fire calls, five car

accidents, 15 paramedic calls and seven other calls for a total of 32 calls this month and 308 calls this year to date.

COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES

Cliff Bregstone, Chairman of College Bound Opportunities was present. Mr. Bregstone stated that the Village donated \$6,000 last year, which was much appreciated. He discussed the various programs they have instituted over the past year and stated it takes \$24,000 to send a child to college. Mr. Bregstone asked if they could get a \$12,000 donation this year. The Board voted to donate \$7,500 to College Bound Opportunities.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Trustee Graditor presented the Building Department report. She stated that the total construction value from September 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009 was \$78,950 with fees generated of \$1,206. The projects included driveway, fencing, roofing and other miscellaneous projects. The total construction value from September 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2010 was \$91,355 with fees generated of \$1,989. The projects included commercial renovation, driveway, roofing and other miscellaneous projects.

Trustee Graditor stated the total construction value for the period from January 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009 was \$3,227,603 with fees generated of \$39,012. The total construction value from January 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2010 was \$2,108,530 with fees generated of \$32,281.

September 21

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Russ Kraly explained that the Village advertised for bids for building the proposed Police Department. As of today, 33 packets have been picked up by contractors. Mr. Huvard noted the bids would be opened on October 11, 2010. Mayor Kaplan stated that if the bids come in too high, the project would be abandoned.

Mr. Kraly stated that the Village received an award because more than 75 percent of the residents responded to the 2010 federal census.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the Police Department activity since the September 7, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that there was one 911 hang up, 20 accidents, 27 alarms, one complaint about animals, six fire department assists, one well-being check, one DUI, one domestic dispute, three driving

complaints, three finger printings, two fraudulent activities, two lockouts, five motorist assists, two noise disturbances, six parking complaints, three public assists, one public indecency arrest, 19 suspicious circumstances, one theft, nine case reports and nine crime prevention notices. There were 73 traffic stops with 59 citations issued to 44 people. There are currently five houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated one of the suspicious circumstances was an attempted burglary. They did not break in, but he believes the same crew was in other municipalities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through September 15, 2010. There were three fire calls, two car accidents, six paramedic calls and four other calls for a total of 15 calls this month and 291 calls year-to-date.

On August 26, 2010, the Department was unanimously approved for accreditation. The Department is one of 148 agencies worldwide that have received this honor. Deputy Chief Ugaste was awarded Fire Chief Credentialing and is now one of 44 in the country.

September 7

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented his report of police activity since the August 17, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two 911 hang ups, one abandoned auto, 17 accidents, 27 alarms, six complaints about animals, 22 fire department assists, nine other agency assists, one burglary, one burglary to motor vehicle, one check for well-being, one criminal damage to property, one DUI, one dispute, three domestic disputes, six driving complaints, three finger-printings, one case of fraudulent activity, three vehicular lockouts, eight motorist assists, four complaints with regard to noise disturbance, one parking complaint, three public assists, 11 instances of suspicious circumstances, 11 case reports, and four crime prevention notices. There were 113 traffic stops and 64 people were issued a total of 82 citations. There are currently two houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno also reported that the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) recently

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awarded a grant of \$6,834 to the Riverwoods Police Department for “ruggedized” computers mounted in patrol cars. The funds come from Federal Homeland Security grants.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE FORESTRY PROGRAMS INCLUDE A BUDGET UP TO \$63,000

After taking the proposal off the table, the trustees discussed per-annum allowances for the various programs suggested by the Forestry Department. Current and past revenues, expenses and balances in the program were examined. Trustee Koomjian emphasized that dead trees were not part of the removal program, and that fact should be clearly expressed in any written materials that describe the program. Trustee Chamberlain reported that she had received two suggestions for change from Trustee Koomjian regarding dead tree removal and keeping subsidies for larger properties the same as for smaller ones. After further discussion, the Board voted to approve the proposed revisions to the forestry programs, with a budget of up to \$63,000.

VISITORS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Sheila Hollander, 718 Ringland Road, announced that the Riverwoods Preservation Council has planned an educational program that will be presented on the evening of Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at the Village Hall. Speakers will include Chuck Stewart, who will speak on the new forestry programs which the Board just approved, Cheryl Chamberlain, who will offer thoughts from the viewpoint of the Board of Trustees, and an arborist, who will address canopy thinning and woodland management issues. All are invited.

BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Graditor reported August 1 through August 31, 2009 total construction value of \$371,750, generating fees of \$3,720. There was one single-family remodel, one home addition, and some miscellaneous projects. This compares to August 1 through August 31, 2010 total construction value of \$753,100, generating fees of \$16,310. There was one new home under construction, one commercial remodel, and one single-family remodel.

January 1 through August 31, 2009 construction value of \$3,148,653, generating fees of \$37,806, compared to January 1 through August 31, 2010 construction value of \$2,012,325, generating fees of \$37,142.

August 17

TREASURER’S REPORT

Hal Roseth presented highlights from the Treasurer’s Report. He noted that total funds were down from last year by about \$69,000, while available funds (non SSA) remained at approximately \$14,000,000. The current Illinois Funds rate is .178%, while about \$361,000 was rolled over at 1.1% in the CDARS program. Another \$1,566,000 currently at CDARS will come due in November and the Village will have to decide term, rates, and vehicles for reinvestment of these funds. Of the approximately \$565,000 in the Ameri-

prise funds, \$250,000 has been deposited in the Market Participating CD that was approved earlier, and there remains \$300,000 that will be invested in three separate CDs with expected yields between 1.5 and 2.2%. Fargo accounts currently earning between 3 and 4%, which is a good yield. The fees are a little higher, but the management is good.

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

Chuck Stewart commented that the second Gypsy Moth trap count has been finished. He anticipates having 12,000 fewer insects in traps this year as compared to last year.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented his report of police activity since the August 3, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were four 911 hang ups, seven accidents, 20 alarms, two complaints about animals, 12 fire department assists, four other agency assists, one burglary to motor vehicle, three child safety seat installations, one criminal damage to property, three DUIs, one dispute, one driving complaint, one fingerprinting, one fraudulent activity, two vehicular lockouts, one missing person, nine motorist assists, one noise disturbance, one parking complaint, two public assists, 13 suspicious circumstances, 10 case reports, and one crime prevention notice. There were 87 traffic stops with 94 citations issued to 50 people. There are currently 10 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the fire department report. There was one fire call, one car accident, 10 paramedic calls and five other calls for a total of 18 calls through August 15, 2010. There have been 257 calls year to date.

TIGER II GRANT LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

Mr. Glenn explained he is currently in the process of preparing and submitting an application for a TIGER II Grant local match commitment. This is another potential source of funding for the continuation of the bicycle path along Deerfield Road. As is typical with federal funding, the maximum participation that can be approved is 80%. There is a requirement on the application for a commitment for a local match of 20%, and Mr. Glenn asked the Board to consider this potential grant and provide a resolution if there is Board interest.

Trustee Chamberlain moved that the Board resolve that the Village shall cause to be submitted an application for federal funding for Phase 2 design and/or construction and construction engineering for the Thornmeadow-Saunders-Thorngate Bike Path (the Project), the funds to be disbursed under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant Program administered by the US Department of Transportation and, upon award and Village acceptance of a TIGER II grant for the Project, shall agree to be obligated to fund its local share of the total cost of the Project.

but cannot apply again for five years

Garlic Mustard Removal Improve the health of any lot by removing invasive garlic mustard plants. This increases the opportunity for desirable herbaceous plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor.
- Prepare a two-year plan with contractor, identifying density and cost per acre, with removal only by mechanical means.
- Obtain Village Forester approval.
- Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for each year, but cannot apply again for five years.

Canopy Tree Planting* Appropriate for any residential lot in the Village, whether you have woodlands or not, to add native trees that increase the tree canopy in the Village. This program provides for up to five 1.5 inch caliper native species trees at a special Village price that includes planting, mulching, a deer protection cage for the trees, and a one-year guarantee. This program differs from the plant sale because these extras are included in the price.

- Any resident can apply at the Village Hall.
- The Village Forester will review and approve requests and coordinate the planting.
- Trees will be supplied, planted, and guaranteed by Possibility Place Nursery or any pre-approved nursery.
- Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$625 Village share (five trees or alternative if pre-approved).

Planting Trees, Shrubs, and Herbaceous Plants* Once you have removed the buckthorn and garlic mustard, this program will help you in replanting your woodland landscape with native shrubs and plants.

- Invasive buckthorn and garlic mustard must be removed prior to planting.
- Prepare a landscape plan using native plantings.
- Obtain Village Forester approval.
- Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share.

Rain Gardens* Manage water drainage and reduce flooding by building a rain garden with native plantings, especially designed to collect water.

- Consult with Village Engineer for location, plant species.
- Prepare a rain garden plan.
- Obtain Village Engineer approval of plan and installation.
- Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$4,000 for Village share.

Plant Sale* Purchase native trees, shrubs, and plants at the plant sale for reduced prices. A Village cost share for the purchase of certain native trees and shrubs was added for the first time in 2010. The Riverwoods Plant Committee organizes and runs this sale each year in May. Watch for more information in the Village Voice.

- Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village for trees purchased through the sale.

The amount of funds available for each program will be re-evaluated and approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. Help make our programs a success and apply today!

New Village Water Meters Coming

Swanson Water Treatment will be contacting residents throughout the village to set up group appointments to install new water meters. There will be no charge to residents for these water meters.

After the new meter has been installed, the regular invoice field of the first water bill will show a charge for the first reading of the new water meter and a separate field will show a second charge for the last reading from the old meter.

In the future, meter readers will no longer come into your yard to take readings. The readings will be done remotely.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Notice of Public Hearing Proposed New Police Building

The Village of Riverwoods Mayor and Board of Trustees have scheduled a public hearing to solicit residents opinions on a proposed new Police Department building.

Date: November 16, 2010

Time: 7:30 pm

(The Board of Trustees Meeting will follow.)

Location: Riverwoods Village Hall, 300 Portwine Road

Police Chief Bruce Dayno will outline the plan for the proposed building and the Board will take resident feedback. The current Police Station, located next to the Village Hall, is a two story, less than 800 square foot facility, over half of which is nonfunctional space on the second floor. The building was originally designed to be used as a maintenance storage garage.

The proposed site for the new building is a Village owned lot located at 845 Saunders Rd, across the parking lot from the Riverwoods Fire Station. The project calls for a modest 4000 square foot facility that includes: offices; a multipurpose work, conference, training, and break room; records' storage; reception; prisoner booking and sallyport; garage; weapons' storage; evidence storage and processing; and locker rooms. Dispatch and prisoner lockup will continue to be done at the Lincolnshire Police Department and the Lake County Jail, respectively.

The lowest bid on the project is \$1,130,245, which includes building construction costs of \$819,245 and site costs of \$311,000. Additional furnishing and security system expenses of \$69,755 put the total project at \$1,200,000.

The proposed building will be paid for out of the General Fund. No new taxes will be levied for this purpose.

You are invited to view the current building prior to the hearing beginning at 6:30pm on November 16th or, to tour the building at any other time, contact Chief Dayno at 847-945-1130 ext 30 or bdayno@riverwoods-il.net

Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District is Awarded International Fire Service Accreditation Status

This past week the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District became the fourteenth agency in Illinois to receive International Accreditation status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD is now one of only 148 fire service agencies worldwide that have achieved this recognition. Other CFAI-accredited Illinois fire departments include Highland Park FD, Naperville FD, Glencoe FD, Wilmette FD, Countryside FPD, and Lake Forest FD



A peer assessment team recommended the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD for accreditation in June after the FPD met the criteria set forth in a rigorous self assessment and on site evaluation.

According to Chief Fred Kruger, "Fire service accreditation is comparable to receiving service from an accredited hospital or attending an accredited college. The Fire District's achievement of Accredited Agency status "demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest quality of service to our community."

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International is dedicated to assisting fire service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self assessment and accreditation. The Commission process is voluntary and provides the agency with a continuous improvement model to internally assess its service delivery and performance. The completed Self Assessment Document is reviewed by a team of peers from similar out-of-state agencies prior to conducting a four-day onsite visit.

The International Commission then reviews the peer assessment team's findings and recommendation along with other information including the department's Strategic Plan, District-wide Hazard Risk Analysis, and Standard of Cover Document. The Standard of Cover is a comprehensive analysis of the organization's fixed assets and staffing levels as demonstrated by its documented ability to arrive at emergency incidents within acceptable time frames with appropriate levels of staffing and assets.

The Commission meets twice annually to interview fire service organizations that have been recommended for accredited status by their peer assessor team. This year's Commission Hearings were held in Chicago during the International Fire Chief's Conference. Following a question and answer period to clarify questions from the Commissioners, the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD was unanimously approved for accredited status.

This final approval represents the culmination of a three-year project for Deputy Chief Rob Ugaste. As the Accreditation Manager, Deputy Chief Ugaste was assisted by the organization's Chief of Staff and Division Heads in creating a 300 page Self Assessment Document and a District-Wide Risk Hazard Analysis Report along with the Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover documents.

According to Chief Kruger, the Fire District Trustees, President Barbara LaPiana, Treasurer Tom Karlson, and Secretary Bill Genell, were extremely supportive throughout the process. The Chief summed up the accomplishment by saying, "I couldn't be prouder of the staff and employees of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District. It's nice to be recognized for the dedication and effort of our people. For us, accreditation is more than just an accomplishment; it's a road map for our future as an organization."

Riverwoods Montessori Students Enjoy a Neighborly Visit from Orphans of the Storm Friends.

When students at the Riverwoods Montessori Elementary School wanted to learn more about helping animals in the community they turned to their friends down the street at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter.

Jackie Borchew, Orphans of the Storm Director of Community Relations, came to the school and gave a compelling presentation, answered questions and brought a few of her favorite dog friends – Hoot and Holler – for a visit. The students will be collecting supplies to donate to the shelter and spreading the word about volunteering and adopting animals.



Some students have also joined in the effort to help find good homes for some loveable, furry friends by helping at recent adoption events in the area. *Photo: Anya Caples of Vernon Hills with Holler.*

A Tisket, A Tasket, A Thanksgiving Family Dinner Basket

Earlier this year a small group of local dads self-organized to create a fun, educational and charitable group with their sons. This group's first few outings have included camping in Riverwoods and a Deerfield high school football game. As Thanksgiving approaches, what better time to teach giving.

After applying to Vernon Township, the Dads and Sons were selected to help a less fortunate Vernon Township family of five celebrate Thanksgiving by providing them a holiday dinner basket. Many village officials assisted the group in getting this off the ground and expressed interest to help further. Anyone wishing to help can donate any non-perishable food, small toys, books, games, Thanksgiving table items (tablecloth, plates, napkins, etc) or even a few laundry baskets to store everything. The family consists of two adults, a 16 year old boy and two girls ages 12 and 9.

The Dads plan on taking their sons to the store to collect a list of non-perishable items and a gift card for the turkey and then packing up the baskets, which are scheduled for delivery November 19th.

Donations will be accepted from now until November 18th at the Kaufman home at 2625 Forest Glen Trail, Riverwoods. Donations may be left on the front porch. For more information email Dave Kaufman at donations@dkworldwide.com or call him at 847-220-8811.

The RPC is pleased to provide the following information from local resident Jonathan Schlesinger.

The Riverwoods Ramblers

By Jonathon Schlesinger

“There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot.”

—Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

Rambler (noun): One who takes long walks in the country.

The Riverwoods Ramblers is a group for those who cannot live without wild things. This new community organization aims to bring together Riverwoods residents (and friends) who are interested in developing a greater appreciation for our community’s natural heritage. Each month The Ramblers will gather for a leisurely walk around Riverwoods or the Ryerson Nature Preserve. These walks will provide residents of all ages with the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of each season and to learn more about our community’s wild things. All ages and ability levels are invited. Events are free. Dogs are invited to selected events.

Sunday, November 14th: **The Magic of Late Autumn.** A crunchy leaves hike, 1-2:30pm. Meeting location: Welcome Center at Ryerson. Explore the art exhibit at Brushwood after the hike. Please note: Dogs are not permitted at Ryerson.

Sunday, November 28th: **Ditch the Crowds.** Go for a hike on the Des Plaines River Trail, 1-2:30pm. Meeting location: The east end of the Brentwood Parking lot.

Sunday, December 18th: **Say No to Hibernation Hike!** Want to snowshoe and stargaze? Let’s make it happen! Details forthcoming.

Sunday, January 9th: **Cabin Fever Hike.** Details Forthcoming. Interested? Please RSVP (name and number attending) to Jonathan Schlesinger, JSchlesinger@dps109.org or 847-309-5234. Sign-up for our monthly newsletter, or help plan future events by contacting Jonathan Schlesinger, jschlesinger@dps109.org or 847-309-5234. Please visit our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Riverwoods-Ramblers/122809537774137?ref=ts>

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

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

I have attached my employer’s matching contribution form. Please make your check payable to RPC P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

My Biggest Concern about Riverwoods: _____

Search for Candidates for Village Offices: Riverwoods Caucus Party Nominating Committee

On April 5, 2011, three Trustees and a Village Clerk will be elected to the Village Board. The Village Clerk is paid a nominal stipend.

Persons wishing to be selected as a nominee of the Riverwoods Caucus Party may obtain an application at Village Hall, beginning October 27, 2010. The application contains a questionnaire covering a range of issues facing the Village and is designed to assist the Caucus Nominating Committee in evaluating applicants. Completed applications must be returned no later than November 17, 2010.

The Caucus Nominating Committee will interview candidates on **December 11, 2010**. Any registered voter may request an interview, though no application has been filed. Attendance at these interviews is open to all Riverwoods residents (with special rules for candidates).

On January 10, 2011, at 7:30pm in Village Hall, the Riverwoods Caucus Party will elect its candidates from among the Nominating Committee selections and any other candidates who apply. For further information, contact Laurie Breitkopf at 847-945-7034.

RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

RRA (Riverwoods Residents Association) is made up of volunteer residents who care about making their community the best it can be. Right now there are key positions open. If you are new to Riverwoods, this is a great way to meet other residents and support your community. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Riverwoods, IL 60015. Or to get more information contact Jill Kaplan at jdema1@yahoo.com or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I’d like to thank the mayor, the trustees, and the plant committee for this year’s tree planting and reimbursement program. I’d especially like to thank the Plant Ladies - Sheila Hollander and Margie Kaul - who worked so hard to coordinate ordering, sourcing, delivering and planting of trees and shrubs. (And who also write an excellent column for the Village Voice.) Your reforestation efforts are of great benefit to our community. Thanks!

—Greg Mancuso

A Chance to Volunteer for the Animals

Orphans of the Storm animal shelter is looking for some retired animal loving folks who may be interested in serving as volunteer “greeters” at the local animal shelter. Similar to the role of the Walmart greeters, but this job is all about directing the customers into the shelter to adopt, not shop. Days that greeters are needed are Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Hours are 11am - 5pm but may be divided up into shifts. Hours may be expanded into the evening during the holidays. If this is something that appeals to you, contact Jackie Borchew at Jackie@orphansofthestorm.org or 847-602-8508.

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