



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

### Diverting 60% of All Household Waste Into Recycling by 2020: *The Goal, the Challenge, and the Reward for Riverwoods*

By Louise Simonson, Riverwoods Preservation Council

**Current dilemma** - Lake County is facing a dilemma. Current landfills within the County are reaching capacity and no new landfills are available. Some estimate that we may have as few as 10-12 years of capacity left. Every five years the Solid Waste Management Agency for Lake County (SWALCO) updates the waste management plan for Lake County, IL. Within the most recent 2009 Plan SWALCO included a range of disposal options, including alternative technologies, incineration, landfills, and transfer stations. Although some of these possibilities were not accepted by the Lake County Board, it was decided by all parties to divert waste from the waste stream with a goal of increasing the recycling rate in Lake County to 60% by 2020. Currently, only 39% of the waste stream is being diverted into recycling in Lake County. Together, the Lake County Board and SWALCO created a special task force to develop a plan to help reach this goal.

**Plan to meet the county goal** - A twenty-seven member Recycling Task Force of stakeholders was formed to ensure that collaborative planning efforts took place to achieve the targeted recycling rate of 60%. The plan the task force developed includes working with the residential sector, the commercial sector, and the construction/demolition-debris sector. Among the actions suggested to reach the 60% goal in the residential sector are increased educa-

tion of residents and making it as easy as possible for residents to recycle.

**The Challenge for Riverwoods - Improving our recycling rate** - The goal for Lake County residential waste disposal has been set at 1.6 pounds per capita per day (PCD) by 2015, and 1.35 PCD by 2020. In 2010, the residential waste disposal rate for Riverwoods was 2.2 PCD. The top table on page #10 in this newsletter compares Riverwoods to similar communities in Lake County.

What can we do to make this even better? A good place to start is education. In this time of heightened awareness of environmental responsibility, most residents understand the importance of recycling. However, many people are confused regarding what items can be recycled and where and how to recycle them.

**Implementing the 60% diversion plan in Riverwoods - curbside recycling made easy** - Thanks to the coordinating efforts of SWALCO, all contracted waste haulers who serve Lake County have agreed to accept the same items for curbside recycling and the items do not have to be separated. Residents can place all curbside recyclable items in totes or in a large garbage container which has been identified as a recycling container. SWALCO has developed an easy-to-follow chart called Lake County Curbside Recycling Guides (see insert),

which explains the items that can and cannot be included in curbside recycling. Curbside recycled items are separated later by mechanical processing and work crews at centralized recycling locations.

There is a growing market for many of the recycled materials collected. These can be used to manufacture a wide range of useful items. For instance, recycled paper finds a new life as paper toweling, printer



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. 15, Dec. 6, 20, and Jan. 3 and 17.

#### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Feb. 2.

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IN RIVERWOODS

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Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

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Call Donna Lubow, artistic director at 847-419-8927. [dramadonna@aol.com](mailto:dramadonna@aol.com)

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#### 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](mailto: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.



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VILLAGE VOICE

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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 2 and 16, September 6 and 20, and October 4. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)

October 4

### DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Durning stated that, effective January 1, 2012, no electronics can go into the garbage, including cell phones and computers.

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the September 20, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 13 accidents, 16 alarms, two complaints about animals, seven fire department assists, six other agency assists, four driving complaints, three DUIs, eight fingerprintings, two fraudulent activities, two vehicular or residential lock outs, eight motorist assists, two open burnings, one public assist, six suspicious circumstances, one theft, one unwanted subject, and five case reports. There were 95 traffic stops with 89 citations issued to 61 people.

There are currently three houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District, including mutual aid to the LRFDP District for the month of September. There were 29 calls, including 15 EMS calls, four fire calls, two auto accidents and eight other calls. There were 364 calls year to date including mutual aid to the DBFD District. Battalion Chief Christenson stated that the new truck should be in service within the next few weeks.

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS, TIMBERS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 22 FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON TIMBERWOOD LANE, TIMBERLEAF LANE AND TIMBERLINE LANE

Village Attorney Huvad commented that the Village has received signed petitions from the property own-

ers in favor of the SSA. This ordinance establishes the SSA for the purposes stated.

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS GEMINI-DUBONET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 23 FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON GEMINI LANE AND DUBONET DRIVE

Mr. Huvad noted that nine out of the 10 property owners sent in petitions in favor of the SSA.

### PROPOSED RFP FOR A WASTE HAULER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE

Trustee Norris asked the Board to review the types of services that are being requested in the RFP (request for proposal). Mr. Huvad summarized that the Village is looking to get bids on two options with regular refuse, the first of which would be for unlimited service and the second for limited service, which would be 99 gallons. A resident who goes over 99 gallons would have to purchase an additional sticker. Trustee Norris noted that Trustee Svatik recommended an optional reduced service of every four weeks. Mr. Huvad noted that the RFP will request a service stop for vacations, which is different than what Trustee Svatik requested. Trustee Jamerson expressed concern about animals being attracted to garbage cans sitting for four weeks.

Mr. Huvad also noted that the RFP will ask for a quotation on weekly recycling, unlimited and limited service, streetside and/or backdoor service, collection from the Village Hall, Police Station and Fire Department, landscape-waste collection on a subscription service, a senior discount of 15% for residents who are 65 or older, special pick-up rates, weekly bulk-item pick-up, an annual bulk clean-up day, and service on three special event days in the Village (Halloween, litter pick up day, etc.)

Trustee Haber questioned the senior discount, stating that non-senior residents would be subsidizing the senior residents. He noted that other senior programs in the Village are income-based. Mr. Huvad suggested providing the senior discount as an alternate program.

Mayor Kaplan suggested requiring some single axle trucks, because larger trucks would be difficult in some areas of Riverwoods. Mr. Glenn noted that some tandem-axle trucks would work, but it is dependent on driver skill. Mayor Kaplan noted that even large limousines cannot turn on some streets. Trustee Haber asked about environmentally friendly trucks. Trustee Norris noted they

currently do not have smaller trucks that are environmentally friendly, but suggested listing such trucks as part of the criteria for evaluation, but not requiring it. Trustee Haber asked if a performance bond amount had been determined. Mr. Huvad explained that a \$200,000 service bond and a \$25,000 bid bond are being considered.

Mr. Huvad asked how the Board wants to proceed. Mayor Kaplan suggested completing the RFP and bringing it back to the Board before sending it out. Trustee Norris noted that every company will be required to identify its large private and/or municipal customers in order to gauge its experience. Mr. Huvad stated that once the RFP goes out, the proposals would be received within 30 days. Trustee Norris noted they would have a pre-bid meeting during the first week of the proposal. Trustee Chamberlain asked if any type of trash container could be used and questioned whether it would be less expensive if the containers were standardized. Trustee Norris noted that standardized containers would be less expensive. He noted that many residents do not have the totes. Trustee Chamberlain suggested allowing Village residents to purchase containers. Mr. Huvad noted that residents could pay \$2 per month to rent a tote. Trustee Norris said that he will speak with the bidders to determine if there would be a price differential if the totes were standardized.

### BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Jamerson presented the building department report. From September 1, 2011 to September 29, 2011, there were 17 total permits with a construction value of \$340,699 and permit fees of \$4,666. From September 1, 2010 to September 28, 2010, there were 89 total permits with a construction value of \$1,261,355 and permit fees of \$9,894. From January 1, 2011 to September 28, 2011, there were 82 total permits with a construction value of \$2,163,006 and permit fees of \$34,175. From January 1, 2010 to September 28, 2010 there were 89 total permits with a construction value of \$3,317,730 and permit fees of \$47,686. The construction value is down 35 percent and permit fees are down 32 percent.

### SOLID WASTE

Trustee Norris noted that the Village should receive a check for more than \$12,000 for the recycling during the last quarter.

### ROADS/BIKE PATH/PARKS FORESTRY/NSSRA

Trustee Chamberlain stated it has been about a year since the forestry programs were enhanced. She looked at the numbers and believes people are taking advantage of the programs. Trustee Chamberlain

highlighted the economic development session of the Illinois Municipal League conference. She noted that Oak Park started a program where awards are given in the categories for landscaping and building appearance. The program was very successful in Oak Park and improved the gateway areas leading into the community and established a sense of pride in the Village.

September 20

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the September 6, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were three 911 hang ups, one abandoned vehicle, seven accidents, 23 alarms, one animal bite, two complaints about animals, six fire department assists, five other agency assists, one child-seat installation, one dispute, four domestic disputes, two driving complaints, two DUIs, three fingerprintings, three vehicular or residential lock outs, five motorist assists, two open burnings, one public assist, seven suspicious circumstances, one theft, and eight case reports. There were 94 traffic stops with 63 citations issued to 44 people.

There are currently three houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

### MUNICIPAL WATER REQUEST FOR 2550 DUFFY

Ellen McKnight and Chuck Schumacher, of Duffy Lane, explained that they have had issues with their water for a long time, including iron particles in the water. Mrs. McKnight worked with Schwall and found the particles were above the limits for livestock. The sulfate levels are also very high and could cause illness. Mrs. McKnight stated they cannot drink the water from the faucet and find it very discouraging. She noted that last year's water report showed the increased levels, but the other Duffy Lane residents were too concerned about costs to do anything about it. Mrs. McKnight spoke with Mayor Kaplan who asked Mr. Glenn to write up a proposal. She hopes the Village would assist with 15% of the cost and she and her husband will advance the remaining 85%. With the advance to be recovered from the tap-on fees paid as neighbors hook up to the system.

Trustee Haber moved to direct the Village engineer to prepare documents and get bids with the Village participating at 15%.

Mr. Huvad stated that, from a legal perspective, the Village has done recapture agreements where

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the Village remits up to the amount that is advanced. In this case, it would be \$38,000. Trustee Norris noted this would allow the Village to get a fire hydrant at a reduced cost, which will also help the Village. Trustee Haber noted the resident is paying a majority of the cost.

Trustee Jamerson asked if the Village should also get prices for an extension of the system to Lyngby Court, with the Village picking up the difference. Mr. Glenn will apply for an IEPA permit for the entire piece and the alternate option.

#### **APPROVAL OF POLICE STATION PLAT OF EASEMENT**

Mr. Huvard explained the Village had to grant easements to AT&T, Comcast, and ComEd to build the police station. They are abdicating an easement under the parking lot. Trustee Chamberlain moved to approve the police station plat of easement. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. Trustee Haber asked if the piece on the southwest corner of lot 2 is owned by the Village. Mr. Glenn explained lot 1 has an existing easement. They are only granting an easement over the portion of the property that does not have an existing easement.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR DES PLAINES RIVER GAUGE MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Glenn explained the Village participated in the cost to install the gauge for the Des Plaines River which has been a valuable tool for the Village as it helps them decide what steps to take for flooding along the river. It was a three-year agreement which ends this year. The SMC went back to the USGS to extend the agreement. USGS is willing to do it but wants to update the model used for the bike path over the river. They adjusted the numbers for the ongoing maintenance as well. It is a one-time cost of \$2,000 for Riverwoods to update the model. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, Riverwoods share of maintenance is \$2,600 for a three-year outlay of \$9,800.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS CONCERNING FENCES**

An Ordinance regarding fence regulations was passed. This is the culmination of an 18-month effort by the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees. Electrified fence posts were deleted as an exception in the ordinance and are therefore prohibited. Whether fences now attached to trees should be detached was discussed and the Village Forester indicated that it is generally prudent to do so. The new Ordinance prohibits all fences that are attached to or wrapped around trees.

New Fences; New fences require a permit. An exception is cages installed to encircle and protect gardens, ground layer plants, shrubs or young or newly planted trees, as long as the cages do not enclose more than 60% of the area of the lot.

Existing fences. Existing deer fences require a permit in order to be grandfathered. In some cases, existing fences must be modified to obtain a permit: The fence (1) must be non-reflective, (2) must not impede or alter natural surface water drainage, (3) must not be attached to or wrapped around trees, and (4) must not interfere

with the clear view of traffic or pedestrians by drivers.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING CONNECTION TO THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

The Board discussed certain provisions of the Village Code concerning connection to the municipal water supply system. These provisions are not applicable to municipal water systems installed under Special Service Areas, but to Village-installed water systems. Village Engineer Pat Glenn summarized the capital costs of installation and the amount covered by grants and connection fees already collected. The underlying issue is whether an additional 120 homes would be mandated to connect to the water system when they are sold. There was considerable discussion surrounding the original intent of the ordinance, which homes were initially covered by the ordinance, how many homes have paid so far, what is fair given the small amount of Village financial exposure from installation of the water system, and whether to be consistent with the Village policy of not forcing residents in other areas of the Village to connect to the system. The Trustees passed a one-year moratorium on enforcement of the ordinance so that the issue can be further investigated and analyzed. Trustee Haber asked that the issue be discussed regularly at Board meetings, versus waiting until the moratorium was about to expire.

#### **APPROVAL OF POLICE STATION LANDSCAPE PLAN AND MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The proposed plan includes site preparation, seeding and planting totaling at a cost of \$31,738. Village Forester Mr. Stewart explained they also want to get approval for a three-year contract on a per occurrence basis. The contract could be written for one year with the option to renew. Trustee Jamerson moved to award the police station landscaping plan and maintenance plan to Tallgrass Restoration LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,245 per year over the next three years for scheduled maintenance. The Board voted in agreement.

#### **APPROVAL OF VILLAGE RESTORATION PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN**

Mr. Stewart explained he created three options. He would recommend the Board approve the Tallgrass proposal based on unit prices for option 1, including the removal of buckthorn for \$13,450. He created a model assuming that 700 diameter-inches of trees would be removed. He wants to remove the buckthorn and inventory the trees to get a hard number. The tree-thinning number is based on an estimate. Mr. Huvard explained this is a demonstration project on how to improve the woodlands in the Village. Trustee Jamerson explained that buckthorn removal is the first step. The tree-thinning cost is based on the buckthorn removal and is a guess. The seeding and maintenance will be determined after the buckthorn is removed. The Village buckthorn removal project was approved and awarded to Tallgrass Restoration LLC in an amount not to exceed \$13,450 and to accept the unit price proposal.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF SSA NO. 23 (GEMINI & DUBONNET)**

Mr. Huvard explained the Ordinance has a map of the proposed SSA area, which includes 10 properties. They had preliminary meetings with the residents and they informally voted 9-1 in favor of forming an SSA. The special services would include taking care of the street and performing snow removal and periodic maintenance. A road committee would request the Village to levy taxes on a flat basis. The Ordinance sets a maximum of \$10,000 per year for the levy. There is also an ability to levy taxes to repay a loan made to the association at a maximum of 6%. The association would ask the Village to have a multi-year levy. The Village suggested the association go to a bank for the loan. The Village can reimburse themselves up to 1% of the levy charges for costs incurred. Those in favor of forming the SSA can come to the Village to let the Village Board know they are in favor of forming the SSA. Trustee Koomjian noted the president of the Gemini Lane Association was present.

September 6

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the August 16, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated there were two domestic battery reports, of which both injuries were minor. The police also made an arrest for two accounts of burglary. There was a rouse burglary and Chief Dayno issued a telephone notification to residents. An elderly resident was burglarized after being lured out of her house by someone wanting to show her an issue with her roof. The department is actively investigating that burglary and has some leads. Chief Dayno confirmed that the odd-even sprinkler restriction has been removed.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Battalion Chief Christenson provided the Board with the Fire Department call report for the month of August. He noted that the new ladder truck will be delivered next week and would be painted black over red instead of white over red. Trustee Jamerson commended the fire department on their efficiency and professionalism.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUEST OF TIMBERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS ON PRIVATE STREETS**

The Board adopted an Ordinance that follows the same format the Village has used with other private road associations. The Village must have an agreement with the Association to enforce traffic laws on the streets. Timbers Residents' Association came to the Board with such a request.

#### **BIDS FOR NEW SIGN PACKAGE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Durning stated he received three bids for the brick base and foundation work for the sign. The lowest bidder was from Howard Barge and Associates in the amount of \$1,630. The total cost of the sign, including the brick base and foundation work, the sign itself, and the cost of the designer, is \$11,493.98. The sign will be made from composite material.

The Board agreed to accept the bids for the sign, the base and the designer fee in the total amount of \$11,493.98.

August 16

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Roseth stated the current status of the overall funds is down \$275,000 to a balance of \$14.2 million. There are roughly \$7 million in IPTIP funds with an average rate of return for the last 30 days of .21%. Mr. Roseth met with a number of advisors about different options available to the Village. He spoke with Ameriprise, Northside Community Bank and JP Morgan Chase. Mr. Roseth stated that, with the Ameriprise fee structure, the Village seems to be paying too much for what they are getting. The Village benefitted through the CDARS program at Northside Community Bank, but CDARS was advised not to reinstate that investment because the fees were too high and not supported by Northside Community Bank. The Bank has now reconsidered its fee structure and now offers more competitive rates. This will allow the Village to stay within FDIC limits through one operating entity. The Village would get one statement and one rate of return and can pick the durations from 180 days to 2 years, and the rate of return is .6%. This offers the Village flexibility in determining the duration of time, which makes this an option to be considered. Mr. Roseth also met with JP Morgan Chase. They seem to understand municipal parameters and have a fund comparable to the Illinois Municipal Fund called Public Sector Savings. When IPTIP was at .2%, they were at .35%. They have the same risk tolerance and the same ability for short term and flexibility. JP Morgan Chase is very well versed and has great access to other investments. They are as safe as the Village can get, with a better return. Mr. Roseth also likes that they have access to newer issues. He suggested the Board consider expanding their banking relationship with JP Morgan Chase. He suggested taking \$1 - \$2 million from IPTIP and investing it with JP Morgan Chase and CDARS

Trustee Haber asked why the Village would want to keep \$5 million in IPTIP at such a low rate. Mr. Roseth explained that the money would be tied up in CDARS, with a one year maturity. The question was asked whether, even with a penalty for early withdrawal, the CDARS investment would still bring a greater return. Mr. Roseth did not know the penalty rate but could look into it if the Board desired. Mr. Roseth also verified that the contemplated investment would be in compliance with the investment policy of the Village and all applicable laws of the State of Illinois.

Trustee Svatik then moved to withdraw \$2.5 million from the IPTIP funds and transfer \$1.5 million of it into a JP Morgan Chase investment program, and \$1 million of it into a CDARS investment program, as recommended by Mr. Roseth. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 19, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were seven 911 hang up, 20 accidents, 15 alarms, six complaints about animals, 21 fire department assists, 11 other agency assists, one

burglary to auto, one child-seat installation, two disputes, three domestic disputes, six driving complaints, one DUI, three finger-printings, one fraudulent activity, six residential or vehicular lock-outs, 11 motorist assists, two noise disturbances, two parking complaints, two public assists, 13 suspicious circumstances, one theft, 10 crime-prevention notices and 11 case reports. There were 166 traffic stops with 100 citations issued to 82 people.

There are currently nine houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

#### **MASS WARNING SIREN SYSTEM FOR RIVERWOODS**

Chief Dayno explained that Trustee Svatik approached him about a warning system for the Village. He discovered that the surrounding communities use Braniff Communications for their warning system. Chief Dayno met with a Braniff representative. He is recommending two sirens for complete coverage of the Village. Chief Dayno identified two possible locations; one at Ravinia Green Country Club and one near Federal Life on Deerfield Road east of Milwaukee. The owners of both sites were very receptive. The cost of both sirens would be \$37,001.20 and the annual maintenance would be \$1081.50. The cost would be \$28.08 per household for the first year.

The sirens would be 50 feet high and would tie nicely into Lincolnshire's system.

Trustee Svatik explained that Riverwoods is the only community in this area without a tornado siren. The sirens would be controlled by Deerfield or Lincolnshire. Deerfield controls the one in Bannockburn and could handle Lincolnshire as well. The proposed design would allow Lincolnshire to turn the siren on during tornado warnings. In the Chicago area, there have been a number of tornados. The number of homes in the Village not covered by existing sirens is high. Braniff recommended filling in with two units.

The Board voted to purchase a mass warning system for the Village in an amount not to exceed \$37,001.04, subject to an agreement with the two property owners of two potential locations. Trustee Haber seconded the motion.

#### **DEERFIELD LIBRARY - REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR THE ONE BOOK, ONE ZIP CODE PROGRAM**

Trustee Haber explained the Riverwoods Library Corporation has approximately \$630 in its account. He moved to donate all the money in that account to the Deerfield Library District.

Resident Mike Corn, of Blackthorn Road, asked if residents would still have to purchase library cards if the Village donates money. Mayor Kaplan said residents would still have to purchase library cards.

The Village has donated to this program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, for the past three years. The Trustees agreed to donate all the funds in the account of the Riverwoods

Library Corporation to the Deerfield Library District for the One Book, One Zip Code program.

*August 2*

#### **2011 ROAD MAINTENANCE BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Glenn stated the 2011 MFT project will include ditching, culvert repairs and the Village Hall parking lot. They received five bids. The lowest bid was from Landmark Construction. The Board voted to award the 2011 MFT project to Landmark Construction in the amount of \$304,723.94. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District, including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the month of July. There were 50 calls, including 17 EMS calls, nine fire calls and 17 other calls. There were 278 calls year to date.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING CONNECTION TO THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

Mayor Kaplan explained that the Ordinance attempting to repeal certain provisions of the Village Code concerning connection to the water supply system passed in 2006 was never recorded with the County. The Village sent out letters in May 2011 to inform residents of the \$3,500 savings in tapping on to public water mains before November 3, 2011, and to remind them that buyers have 90 days to connect upon sale of non-SSA properties. Residents were not aware of the 2006 ordinance - it was the fault of the Village.

Mayor Kaplan does not believe this is the right time to implement this Ordinance because of the downturn in the economy. The Village received complaints from five residents after they received the letter. Trustee Chamberlain explained she just connected to municipal water because of the 2006 Ordinance. She would like consistency but feels the original Ordinance was a bad idea because the Village is treating some people differently by requiring some properties to connect to municipal water.

Trustee Svatik questioned how the error happened and what would prevent an error from happening again. Mr. Huvad explained the former Village Clerk made the error.

Trustee Haber recalled that the Ordinance was put into place because the previous Board determined they were prepared to do certain water extensions if they could regain the cost back. They felt it could affect future residents that may or may not buy a house. It does not affect existing residents. Anyone who bought a home while the Ordinance was not put in place should be grandfathered. Going forward, he feels it would defeat the prior Board's viewpoint because of a technical error. Trustee Chamberlain believes sellers lose money because the connection fees are put into the offer. Trustee Norris explained that current owners would have water available for fire hydrants. He does not believe the Ordinance should be repealed. It should stay in place, going forward.

Trustee Koomjian believes people should have an option. Trustee Norris noted people would know before purchasing in Riverwoods. He believes it made sense for the entire Village because it created better water pressure throughout the Village. Trustee Koomjian asked why residents should be impacted by \$30,000 when their voice is not heard.

Trustee Norris does not believe there is one simple answer that would be fair to everyone. The Ordinance has been in place and people have paid. Just because the Ordinance was not recorded, he does not believe it should be changed.

Mr. Glenn explained the Village installed water mains as an improvement in a number of locations. The Village needed easements and residents granted the easements, whether or not they wanted the service. These same residents are now being told that the next owner of their home must connect at a fee of \$30,000. This could be seen as a reason not to grant an easement for a system improvement. Mayor Kaplan believes that is a valid point.

Trustee Haber noted that the Board may not have passed the project if they could not recapture the money. Mayor Kaplan noted the water main was installed in 2004 while the Ordinance went into effect in 2006. He explained that during better times, most people would tap into water in front of their house. Trustee Haber explained residents would not have to tap in. The Village used general revenue of the Village based on the assumption the money would be recaptured over a particular time frame.

Mayor Kaplan explained the Village received a \$500,000 grant. Mr. Glenn will get some background information about when various projects were built, based on the timing of the Ordinance. Mayor Kaplan explained that most of the money received is due to grants and Discover Financial Services. Trustee Norris explained that the Duffy and Deerfield Road projects were funded with DCO grants. Portwine was funded with a Discover grant. The Village spent about \$300,000. Mr. Glenn explained the Ordinance was passed several years after the projects were completed. Trustee Chamberlain remembered writing a letter to the Board. She received a response stating that house sales were very high and the connection fee could be recovered. Former Board member Sherry Graditor suggested pulling minutes from previous Board meetings to review the discussion. She recalls that Lake County was concerned about the number of residents on wells in Riverwoods. Trustee Haber moved to table further discussion until the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Resident Bob Berenson, of Timber Trail, believes residents should have an option. He does not believe it is fair in this bad economic climate to require connecting. Trustee Haber explained the Board cannot always protect individual rights. Sometimes there is a greater public good. Trustee Chamberlain believes there are times you have to go with the greater good philosophy, but believes the Village needs to be consistent. Trustee Norris seconded the motion to table further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **BUILDING/ZONING**

Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department report. From July 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011, there was one driveway, four roofing/siding, two fence/deck, one sewer tap on, one SFR addition, one sign, and five miscellaneous permits. The total construction value was \$530,240 with \$5,365 generated in fees. From July 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010, there were 19 total permits with a total construction value of \$163,849. The permit fees generated were \$3,300.

From January 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011, there were 42 total permits with a construction value of \$1,560,067 and fees generated of \$26,941. From January 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010 there were 72 total permits with a construction value of \$1,298,425 and fees generated of \$21,332.

#### **FORESTRY**

Trustee Jamerson presented the tree report from June 16, 2011. 13 trees were removed, six trees were replaced. The Village collected \$6,669 in removal fees. The tree report from June 30, 2011: two trees were removed, six trees were replaced, and the Village collected \$1,800 in removal fees.

### **Water News**

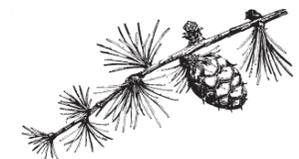
*By Joyce Fromm*

Our new water system installation is in full swing. Many of the water meters have been upgraded so that they now transmit the water reading right to my computer here at the Village Hall. The reads come in every hour on the hour, transmitting from two different cell towers in the village.

There are several different groups yet to be upgraded. Residents in each group will be sent a letter informing them when it is time to call Swanson Water Treatment for an appointment to have their water meter modified. This appointment should not take much more than perhaps 10 or 15 minutes. Once the water meter is located, a new transponder head will be added.

As soon as you receive that letter, please do call and make an appointment as soon as possible in order to make this transition as smooth as possible. Please feel free to call me, Joyce Fromm, here at the Village Hall with any questions or concerns that you may have about this upgrade. The number here is 847-945-3990. There is no fee to you to have your meter upgraded.

If you are planning on going out of town for an extended period of time, please do call and make an appointment to have this modification made even before you receive your letter. Swanson will make every effort to accommodate your schedule. They can be reached at 847-680-1113 weekdays between 8am and 4pm.



## Buttoning Down Your Home for Cold Weather

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

As the Indian summer days give way to chilly autumn and winter weather, consider buttoning down your home. Setting aside a little extra time now to improve your home's energy efficiency can pay off on your heating bills.

One of the most important steps is to make sure your home is properly insulated to minimize heat loss in winter. Although all home building materials slow the movement of heat through walls, ceilings, and floors to some extent, insulation products, available in several different forms, provide an especially effective barrier that retards heat transfer. Just how well a particular insulation does depends upon the material. Some of the insulation favorites are fiberglass in blankets and batts (easiest for do-it-yourselfers to install), loose-fill and blown-in cellulose and pellet materials, and foam.

The effectiveness of insulation is rated by R-value. The higher the R-value, the greater the material's ability to insulate. Each inch of fiberglass blanket insulation, for example, provides an R-value of about 3.27. Loose-fill insulation can vary from about 2.2 to 4.0 depending on how effectively it is installed. Sprayed polyurethane foam can be rated as high as 6.0 to 7.3. New homes are required to have minimum amounts of insulation, but homes built more than 40 years ago may have little or none. To check insulation in an exterior wall, remove an electrical outlet cover and look next to the electrical box with a flashlight. In the attic, make sure that insulation is tight around all pipe and fixture penetrations in the ceiling. If all of this sounds like more work than you want to take on, call ComEd and request an energy audit of your home. If you were to have a new home or room addition built today the required R-values for walls and ceilings/attics would be R-13 and R-38 respectively.

If you do insulate, it's also smart to make sure that doors and windows are properly weatherstripped to cut down on air infiltration and heat loss. You might want to check out some of the newer window glazing materials on the market, too. If you replace windows, our model energy code requires that they be energy efficient with what's called a "U" factor no higher than a .035, which is based on our climate zone. A building permit is not required to upgrade your home's insulation or replace windows in kind.

Stay warm and try not to send the heat from your furnace into the attic or out the windows and walls.



## Police Report: Area Ruse Burglaries

By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

There have been several ruse burglaries occurring in north suburban communities recently, including one that took place on Chicory Lane in Riverwoods.

Ruse burglaries are not new, but have been occurring more frequently as of late. Typically, a lone suspect knocks on the door and tells the potential victim he is a worker or new neighbor doing construction in the area. He walks the homeowner through the house to a back window or into the yard and points out where the construction work will take place, or he may show them where their home needs a repair. While the victim is distracted, other unseen suspects enter the home and steal items. Most of the victims are senior citizens.

In other versions, the suspects identify themselves as village or utility workers and distract the victims by showing them false plumbing or electrical problems in or outside their homes. The common theme is that they show up without an appointment and distract would-be victims while their unseen partners burglarize the home.

Never let people into your home whom you don't know. Keep your doors locked. Dial 911 immediately if anyone tries to talk you into letting them in or showing you something on the outside. Village employees and contractors carry Village ID's. Police should be called if you are not certain of their identity.

The groups that commit these crimes usually prey on the elderly. Please share this with elderly neighbors, friends and relatives.

If you have any questions about these types of scams, call Chief Bruce Dayno at 847-945-1130.

## Fire Department News

By Battalion Chief Duane Christensen

**9/11 Memorial** - The Lincolnshire - Riverwoods Fire Protection District would like to thank the members of the Riverwoods Village Board that attended our 9/11 Memorial where we dedicated a piece of steel from the twin towers. That piece of steel is permanently displayed outside on the visitor's patio of the Fire Department Headquarters, Station 51, at 115 Schelster Road in Lincolnshire.

**Fire Department Sign** - The old fire department street sign that sat along Saunders Road in front of our Station 52 since the opening day of that fire station is being donated to the family whose child was delivered by fire department personnel in the parking lot of the fire station. The family intends to use that sign as the headboard for the child's bed. That sign is soon to be replaced with a new one reflecting both the police and fire stations being centrally located.

**Use Caution with Turkey Fryers** - The LRFDP would like to remind everyone as the holiday season approaches to please be careful with the use of turkey fryers. Please read and follow all the instructions to prevent any injuries or fires.

**Always Be Safe** - As always please remember to check

your smoke detectors. Do not store anything near your furnaces or water heaters in order to prevent fires. Also, please make sure your address numbers are visible from the street, to help us find your house in the event of an emergency.

Your Fire Protection District is here for you. Please contact us at 847-634-2512 with any questions or concerns.

## West Deerfield Township Offers Two New Services to Eco-conscious Residents

**Community Composting and Textile Recycling** - A community composting bin and a textile recycling depository are recent additions to the grounds of the township office, located at 601 Deerfield Road in Deerfield.

"We are fortunate to serve very generous and eco-responsible people in our township," said Julie Morrison, West Deerfield Township Supervisor. "These new services are a natural response to our residents' social responsibility and kindness."

The community compost bin, recently installed at the south end of the township building parking lot, is the Girl Scout Gold Award project of Deerfield High student Christina Looby. She and the Township partnered to build the bin which residents can use by both donating their compost material and later using it in their own gardens.

Lawn trimmings, leaves, kitchen waste, like egg shells, pasta, or fruit and vegetable peelings, are all welcome. Residents can deposit their materials any time during the spring, summer and autumn months.

Additionally, Township residents now have a convenient place to donate old clothes, shoes or other textiles. USAgain, an eco-friendly company in North Chicago, installed the recycling bin in late August, and it is already in frequent use, says Morrison.

"People often wonder where they can donate their old clothes," Morrison explains. "Now they just have to drop them off in the bin in the Township parking lot." All types of clothing or shoes, bedding, or even old fabric remnants are appropriate. USAgain will donate useable items to relief agencies around the world, and recycle older goods into new, usable material. West Deerfield Township will receive two cents for every pound of clothing collected. These funds will help support the West Deerfield Township food pantry, also housed in the Township building.

**Accessibility Grant Program** - West Deerfield Township has a grant program to assist individual residents improve and expand their lives. State funding has lagged behind the growing needs of our residents with physical impairments, developmental delays, and mental illness. To help address some of these funding gaps for necessary services, equipment, home modifications, and therapies, the Township offers funding up to \$1,000 per person per year. Applications, available at [www.westdeerfieldtownship.org](http://www.westdeerfieldtownship.org) or at the Township office, should be sent to Supervisor Julie Morrison at 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, 60015.

A committee will review applications; names and ad-

resses will be deleted to ensure privacy. If additional information or documentation is requested, applicants will be notified.

Applications will be reviewed quarterly in order to meet needs in a timely manner. The next application deadline is December 31, 2011. This grant program is open to township residents of any age and is needs-based.

Please contact Supervisor Morrison at 847-945-0614.

## Recycling Is Not Just for Pop Cans and Bottles

By Jackie Borchew

While we're on the subject of recycling, how about recycling something else of considerable value - a life. When you choose to adopt a pet from an animal shelter, that's exactly what you are doing. In Lake County, any dog or cat that is thrown out, dumped, or relinquished doesn't go into the landfill, it is delivered to Orphans of the Storm® animal shelter and put up for adoption.

The life of each dog or cat that arrives would be a terrible thing to waste. Each is so full of love and offers a lifetime of comfort and companionship. When you adopt a pet from Orphans of the Storm you are recycling something more special than you would ever find in any recycle bin.

So as you commit to help save the environment by recycling those pop cans and bottles, returning your Jewel bags to the grocery store, dropping off your used printer cartridges to Village Hall, and following all the suggested ways that SWALCO offers, please also remember the lives waiting to be recycled into loving families right here in your community. And when you visit or drive by the shelter, be sure to bring along your newspapers - we've come up with a great way to recycle them!

## RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. RRA is made up of 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. For more information contact Jill Kaplan at [jedma1@yahoo.com](mailto:jedma1@yahoo.com) or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please include me as an RRA member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Recycling by 2020;**

*Continued from the front cover*

paper, stationary and cards. Glass can be used to make tiles for attractive kitchen countertops and backsplashes, and recycled plastics can be used to make landscaping timbers and outdoor furniture. Recycled plastic bottles can also be broken down and the fibers used to create durable stain resistant carpet yarns as well as soft, fleece-like blankets, reusable bags, and other products.

**Implementing the 60% Diversion Plan in Riverwoods - Where to dispose of chemical waste -** Disposing of chemical waste has become easier than ever before. SWALCO opened its first satellite center for the collection of household chemical waste in cooperation with the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District. Household chemical waste includes many of the hazardous or toxic items you might find around your home, including: household cleaners, gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, drain cleaners, pesticides, lawn and garden chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs and CFLs, prescription and over-the counter medicines and supplements for people and pets (no DEA controlled substances), oil-based paints, thinners, varnishes, aerosols, household batteries (lithium and rechargeable only), and other products. Chemical waste items can be dropped off at Fire Station 51, 115 Schelter Road, Lincolnshire. Call 847-634-2512 for an appointment before dropping off chemical wastes. (See insert)

**Recycling - A Win for the environment, Riverwoods and its residents, recycling makes good economic sense -** The Village of Riverwoods receives money from Waste Management/Recycle America LLC based on the amount of materials which have been recycled in Riverwoods and the market value of recyclables during the previous quarter. In the first two quarters of 2011, the Village of Riverwoods received over \$13,000 for recycled materials sent to Recycle America.

Not only does the Village benefit from recycling, but residents do as well. Recycling decreases the volume of materials going into landfills. With increased recycling, most residents will be able to opt for a "limited pick-up" option from their contracted waste hauler, thus saving money. For example, Waste Management defines "limited pick-up" as three standard garbage cans, not including recycled materials.

In summary, there are many incentives to recycle. We

Community	'05-'09 Persons /home	'05-'09 Census	2010 PCD Disposal rate	Implemented Recycling carts	Collect or publicize E-scrap collection
Deerfield	2.94	16,185	2.1	Yes	Yes
Highland Park	2.64	24,563	1.7	Yes	Yes
Lake Bluff	2.98	6,318	1.6*	Yes	Yes
Lincolnshire	2.69	6,722	1.6*	Yes	Yes
Long Grove	3.29	7,962	1.8	NO	Yes
Riverwoods	2.88	3,260	2.2	NO	NO

Data from SWALCO

\*Currently at or below the target of 1.6 PCD by 2015

Item	Location Accepting Items
<b>Plastic bags</b> (clear and opaque) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dry cleaners' bags,</li> <li>grocery bags,</li> <li>sandwich bags (<i>remove sliders</i>),</li> <li>newspaper sleeves</li> <li>packaging around bulk items (<i>such as paper towels and toilet paper</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Grocery Stores including</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dominick's</li> <li>Jewel</li> <li>Sunset Foods</li> </ul>
<b>Packing materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>packing peanuts</li> <li>clean bubble wrap</li> </ul>	<b>Most UPS Stores</b>
<b>Packing Materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>packing materials</li> <li>Styrofoam containers</li> </ul>	<b>SWALCO located at</b> Highland Park ( Firearms Training Center) 1180 Half Day Road (Route 22 just East Route 41) Tuesday and Fridays 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
<b>Athletic shoes</b>	<b>SWALCO collections sites in Vernon Hills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Works Department 490 Greenleaf Dr</li> <li>Park District 635 Aspen Dr.</li> </ul> <b>Running Away Sports Store - Deerfield</b>
<b>Fluorescent bulbs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>traditional</li> <li>compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLS)</li> </ul>	<b>RIVERWOODS VILLAGE HALL</b>
<b>Printer Cartridges</b>	<b>RIVERWOODS VILLAGE HALL</b>

**RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook, at [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org), and at [riverwoods@riverwoodsrpc.org](mailto:riverwoods@riverwoodsrpc.org).

**Electronics are no longer accepted into landfills.**

They may be turned in to SWALCO. Located at City of Highland Park, 1180 Half Day Road. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7am-1pm.

- Personal computers and monitors
- Keyboards, scanners and printers
- PDA organizers
- Telephones
- Televisions
- Stereos
- MP3, CD and DVD players
- VCRs
- Cameras
- Video games
- Fax machines, shredders
- Alkaline and rechargeable batteries
- Household appliances
- Microwave ovens

are an important part of the solution. The next time you are getting ready to throw something into the trash, ask yourself, "Is this something which I can recycle?"

Contributions to this article were made by John Norris, Trustee, and Merleanne Rampale, Public Information and Education Director, SWALCO.

**A Village Joins Together to Celebrate Halloween!**

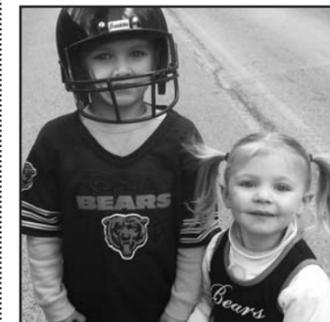
By Sherry Kaplan

Once again, as over the past nine years, most of the Village of Riverwoods turned out to celebrate Halloween. Not only children, but many adults wore their Halloween finery as they paraded down Portwine Road to join the festivities around the bonfire at Village Hall. This 10th annual celebration has now become a Riverwoods' tradition.

It takes a village to make a party like this! Scary creatures, spiders, ghosts, mice, skulls, skeletons, witches and all kinds of other spooky images decorated Village Hall. The race car drivers, brides, princesses, robots, and ghosts devoured 37 pizzas, 500 hot dogs, popcorn, candy, and cider. Making s'mores around the campfire was once again a favorite! Bob Gand and his singers from the Village Music Store sang and played the banjo on the horse drawn hay wagon. Jody Jigglejam played the guitar and sang songs for the little ones. There was an art contest for the scariest drawing with each participant winning a pumpkin. The fire and police departments were not to be left out. Children explored the fire truck and turned the police car lights on and off.

It is with the support of our sponsors who year after year make the fun possible. NorthSide Community Bank continues to be our major party sponsor. In addition, thanks go out to Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, Inc., Urban Forest Management, Inc., Ray Alyea Landscaping, Highland Solutions, Inc., Glenwood Tree Experts, Swanson Water Treatment, Inc., H.T. Strenger, Inc., The Village Music Store, and Jody Jigglejam. Thanks must also go out to Norbert Klaucens, Mike Corn and Al Solomon for all the yummy candy, and Sam's Club for the apple cider. The delicious pizza was from PJ's on Milwaukee. The Village of Riverwoods provides the horse drawn hay wagon.

What a great community we live in. People call months in advance to volunteer to help. Special thanks go to Jan Bastian, who donated so many wonderful new decorations for the party, and to Barbara Wallace, Andrea Angelini and her cousin from Hungary, Suzanne Falk, Karen Rappaport, Jackie Borchew, and



Laurie Breitkopf who helped put up and take down all the wonderful decorations. Many people commented that they thought this year's decorations were the best ever.

We can't forget to thank the cook and servers who arrived early and ready for action. Mike Ford cooked up the yummy hot dogs. Barbara Wallace, Betty Dlouhy, Marge Kaul, Paula and Mike Haber, Ellen McKnight, Bill and Betty Svatic, Tammy Parashos and her cousin Tasia, Mary Dayno, Rob and Robin Durning, and last but not least Marguerite Welter who so ably handles not only the s'mores, but filling the candy bags, and many other party needs.

Finally, a very special thanks to Al Solomon's son Chad Solomon. Al was hospitalized just before the party, but was so worried that the party be a success that he called from the hospital while awaiting surgery. He even sent people to help set up and deliver candy and hot dogs. He asked Chad to step in for him and Chad did more than that. Without Al and Chad the party could not have taken place. Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention your name, but so many people have been involved in this wonderful Village event that I may have left someone out. In any event thanks to all who have helped. What a great place to live with so many wonderful people.

Go to the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com) to see these and many more Halloween photos in full-color.



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