



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Empty Nester Housing in Riverwoods?

The Village of Riverwoods owns 7.5 acres of land on Chianti Trail, across from Village Hall. There have been a number of ideas for using this land but it remains vacant. I would like to share with you my idea for developing this land. I am also asking for your input before I share it with the Village Board.

A little background may be helpful. The Village acquired the properties gradually from their long-time residents. The Village Board reasoned that the location was valuable and uniquely useful to the Village and therefore proceeded to assemble the parcels.

At the first acquisition, one idea was to sell part of the land when prices recovered so that the Village would own the balance with little invested. Some trustees and residents felt the Village should take the opportunity to preserve these woodlands as open space.

There are many residents in the Village who have no good options for staying in the Village once their children move out and they begin to downsize. They would love to stay in Riverwoods.

So I believe the site should be transformed into a cluster of single family homes designed for empty nesters — an age-restricted community. Homes would be high quality, with each owner holding title to just enough land to contain the house. All the rest of the land would be common areas with covenants to preserve the woodlands.

The appropriate zoning would need to be worked out after hearings and public comment. There are many factors about this

site which can be included as a set of qualifying conditions so that few, if any, other parcels in the Village would ever qualify under the terms of the zoning we would need to approve.

Because the Village owns the land, we can contractually set the terms on which a developer would be allowed to proceed. For example, we can specify that the homes would be offered to current Riverwoods residents prior to the general public. We would look to a developer to accomplish the project as a strictly private undertaking.

In empty nester projects, the homes often have a first floor master bedroom and a smaller second story. I would think these homes should be about 2,500 square feet. All exterior maintenance would be provided by a homeowners' association. This development could be regulated to remain very sensitive to the environment while providing great housing for seniors.

I would appreciate your feedback, pro or con, on whether you believe the Village should explore an empty nester housing development on Chianti Trail. Please also let me know whether you would ever consider this housing option for yourself. I will then share your responses with the Village Board.

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I value you opinion and await your reply.

William S. Kaplan
Mayor of Riverwoods

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. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 18, and Jan. 2 and 15.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

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

GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods

Call Donna Lubow, artistic director at 847-419-8927. dramadonna@aol.com.

Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

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

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.



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VILLAGE VOICE

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SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed preferred. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the January/February 2013 issue: December 15, 2012.
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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 7, 21, September 4, 18 and October 2. 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.

October 2

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief 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 September. There were 24 calls including 12 EMS calls, three fire calls, two auto accidents and seven other calls. There were 343 calls year to date.

LETTER FROM THORNGATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REGARDING PROPOSED BIKE PATH

Mayor Kaplan reported that a letter from the Thorngate Homeowners' Association came in on September 27, 2012. The Village had asked the HOA to comment on the Deerfield Road portion of the proposed bike path. The HOA does not want to see a path on the south side of Deerfield Road or any connection between the proposed bike path and Thorngate Road.

BBQ CHALLENGE EVENT

Mayor Kaplan stated everyone had a good time at the BBQ Challenge. The food was wonderful. The Travelling Trophy went to Lake Bluff. Lake Forest won the Best Overall Award, and Riverwoods won the People's Choice Award.

2012 ROAD MAINTENANCE BID RECOMMENDATION

The Board voted to award the 2012 road maintenance contract to Chicagoland Paving in an amount not to exceed \$134,900.

Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained there would be pot hole patching throughout the Village. They will do some stone work on Chianti Trail, fix the pavement on Saunders Road near the water main break, repair the parking lot in the Deerfield Road golf course, and clean the

driveway culverts on Portwine and Saunders.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MILWAUKEE/DEERFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Village Attorney Huvar explained that, under TIF statute, the Board needs to adopt a Resolution for a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will take place on November 20, 2012. The Board will consider three Ordinances. The first is to approve the redevelopment plan, the second is to designate the project area, and the third is to adopt the tax increment financing. Until there is development, the Village will not see incremental taxes. Because the Village knows that the owners of the five-acre Terraco parcel are faced with expensive offsite street improvements and are hoping that having the TIF in place will help them attract tenants.

Trustee Chamberlain asked who would sit on the Joint Review Board. Mr. Huvar explained the Village will send notice to the taxing districts (two schools, the fire protection district, etc.) and they will send representatives to form the Joint Review Board.

September 18

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the September 4, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one battery arrest that was the result of a phone call from a ComEd worker that was at a house on Oakhurst to turn off the power. The resident pushed the ComEd worker while she was trying to turn off the power.

Chief Dayno put out a resident alert phone call on ruse burglaries.

There were eleven 911 hang ups, four accidents, 11 alarms, three animal bites, three complaints about animals, five fire department assists, seven other agency assists, three well-being checks, one domestic dispute, five driving complaints, three DUIs, one fingerprinting, two harassments, one lockout, one missing person, eight motorist assists, one noise complaint, two parking complaints, two public assists, eight suspicious circumstances, one unwanted subject, one crime prevention notice and seven case reports. There were 68 traffic stops with 66 citations issued to 41 people.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Kaplan reported the Village has approximately \$14,194,000 in the banks, of which approximately \$200,000 is SSA money.

AT&T MOBILITY (FORMER CINGULAR WIRELESS)

Mayor Kaplan noted that Attorney Huvar and Clerk Ford are recovering \$30,000 for the Village from AT&T for cell tower rental payments that are in arrears.

September 4

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the August 21, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were 10 accidents, eight alarms, one animal bite, four complaints about animals, five fire department assists, three other agency assists, one well-being check, one domestic dispute, eight driving complaints, one DUI, one fingerprinting, two harassments, one lock out, one MCAT callout, eight motorist assists, one noise complaint, one open burning, two parking complaints, two public assists, three solicitor complaints, one stolen vehicle, five suspicious circumstances, one unwanted subject, one crime prevention notice and three case reports. There were 81 traffic stops with 81 citations issued to 54 people.

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

Chief Dayno stated the MCAT callout this month was for the major crash assistance team. It was about a fatal accident in Highland Park.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief 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 August. There were 32 calls including 17 EMS calls, six fire calls, five auto accidents and four other calls. There were 315 calls year to date.

CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION FOR FUTURE MAYORS

Bruce Masterson stated Trustee Norris requested the formation of a committee to discuss future mayoral compensation. He explained that most nearby communities use a Village Manager and suggested looking at various options to consider.

Mr. Masterson noted the Village salary has increased by a fixed amount annually. Mr. Huvar explained any change in the Mayor's salary would have to be made at least 180 days before the first meeting in May when the new Mayor takes office, and that a salary increase would take one year to go into effect. He explained they came up with the automatic escalator to avoid annual votes.

A committee was formed to consider compensation for future mayoral salaries. The committee includes; Mr. David Niedelman, Trustee Chamberlain, and Mr. David Ritter. Mayor Kaplan will chair the committee.

2012 LAKE COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

The Board voted to adopt the 2012 Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Village has participated in meetings to plan for responses to natural hazards. Mr. Glenn explained that, by participating in the plan, the Village will be better prepared for a natural hazard. It is also a requirement to receive pre-hazard mitigation funds.

THE LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained that the County reexamined the existing Watershed Development Ordinance and came up with 95 amendments to the Ordinance. Mr. Glenn does not believe these amendments would substantially affect Riverwoods. This is the 12th amendment to the Ordinance and must be adopted before October. The Board voted to adopt the Ordinance.

CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE VILLAGE FROM THE OLD POLICE STATION

Mayor Kaplan introduced Al Solomon and explained that he has worked for the Village for the past 36 years. Mr. Solomon presented a petition that was signed by 96 residents and he explained the proposed community center building would take care of various uses such as Theatre in the Woods. Trustee Haber asked if there was a negative petition as well. Mr. Solomon stated he only received two negative responses, because those residents were not in favor of a park district.

Mr. Solomon explained the proposed addition to the old police building would provide 1,200 feet of open space. The facility would be handicapped accessible. The original building had walls that could be removed, but the ceiling could not be lifted. Mr. Solomon presented a conceptual drawing that

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would extend the building by 30 feet, and would allow that portion to have a higher ceiling. The building would have a log-look, so it would blend in with the existing buildings. The project would present a low-cost alternative for Riverwoods. The building could be used for a various programs such as ballet, play groups, etc. It could also be used as a senior facility. Mr. Solomon believes this will be an all-encompassing building that would not require trees to be taken down.

Mr. Solomon believes the prevailing wage cost would be approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000. Mayor Kaplan noted Theatre in the Woods was also concerned about storage. Mr. Solomon suggested adding a garage at a cost of approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000.

Trustee Norris explained the Village has made an effort to get input from residents. They sent out letters and solicitations for input but only got a few responses. Trustee Haber believes that means there is no major outcry. Trustee Norris stated the Board would need to make a decision. He believes something needs to be done with the facility and would like to come up with a plan. Mayor Kaplan thinks Mr. Solomon's proposal is an excellent plan.

Trustee Norris suggested at least using the existing building for storage for Theater in the Woods, as it would save the expense of the \$14,000 annual contribution to that organization. Trustee Jamerson noted the Village also needs to consider the cost of furniture. Mayor Kaplan suggested Mr. Solomon come up with a formal estimate for the next meeting.

POLICE/SOLID WASTE

Trustee Norris reported that, starting next month, LakeShore's first pick up day of each month, homeowners will get curbside electronic recycling free of charge. Residents are asked to leave electronics at the curb. Information on electronics pick up will be on the Village website. LakeShore will consolidate the electronic recycling and the Village will get two to three cents per pound. Trustee Jamerson noted electronics includes anything with a circuit board.

BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department report for the month of August. There were nine permits issued with a construction value of \$159,760, generating fees of \$3,331. In August 2011, there were 13 permits issued with a construction value of \$322,240, generating fees of \$2,743. Year to date, there have been 92 permits issued with a total construction value of \$3,451,552, generating fees of \$29,869. In 2011, year to date, there were 72 permits issued with a construction value of \$1,827,307, generating fees of \$29,509. There were 22 inspections in August and there were eight stop-work orders or compliance actions.

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL TO FORM A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #24

A Public Hearing was held on the proposal to form a Special Service Area that would be known as SSA #24. The Village Board adopted an ordinance in July, setting the Public Hearing date of September 4, 2012, at which time the Board will listen to comments from residents living in the proposed area. After the Hearing is adjourned, the residents will have 60 days to sign an objection petition and deliver it to the Village. If at least 51% of the owners of record and 51% of the electors sign the objection petition, the SSA cannot be formed and cannot be reconsidered for two years.

If the Village has not received objection petitions that meet requirements, the Village Board would have the option to adopt an ordinance establishing the SSA. The Board cannot take any action until after the 60-day period has run. If the Board passes the ordinance, the Board would establish the SSA, which will have the characteristics described in the proposed ordinance, including the description of services, the maximum amount that can be borrowed (\$611,000), the maximum interest rate (7%), and the way the bonds will be repaid. The Board sent out notices by mail to the residents in the proposed area and published a notice in the Deerfield Review.

Attorney Huvarud explained that the proposed borrowed amount was derived from the estimated cost of \$719,000 received from the Village Engineer. The current water connection fee of \$23,500 x 25 homes in the proposed SSA area is less than the proposed borrowed amount of \$611,000. The Village Board will then commit Village funds of up to about \$100,000 to make up the difference. If the bid comes in too high or the Village does not come up with the difference, the project would not be undertaken unless an increase was proposed and there was a new public hearing. Mr. Huvarud has also spoken with some banks to find private placement for the bond. He has not come up with a real interest rate at this time, but the range may be approximately 3% to 4%. The repayment would be based upon a 10-year bond, and the principle would be reduced by 0.1% per year plus the interest. The annual debt service would be about \$85,000. The Village proposes taking that amount and spreading it out over the 25 properties. The amount assessed would be on the property tax bill.

Much discussion followed which can be read in its entirety on the Village of Riverwoods website.

August 21

SEWER MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATION

Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained the Village has had recurring sewer odor issues on Portwine Road. The Village has received some complaints from residents. Not only does it smell bad, but the built-up hydrogen sulfide also eats away at the manholes. Mr. Glenn stated this will be a recurring maintenance issue until the County does construction work on the Portwine Road

lift station. Mr. Glenn suggested sanitary manhole lining along Portwine Road. He found two companies that do this type of work and received two bids. Kim Construction was the lower bid in the amount of \$11,950. Trustee Jamerson questioned the replacement of the lids. Mr. Glenn explained that is fairly common to keep water out of manholes. The Board voted to accept the Kim Construction bid in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the August 7, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were 10 accidents, 16 alarms, two animal bites, three complaints about animals, 12 fire department assists, one other agency assist, two well-being checks, four criminal sexual assaults, two disputes, two domestic disputes, five driving complaints, four DUIs, one fingerprinting, one fight in progress, four motorist assists, one noise complaint, one open burning, one parking complaint, one solicitor complaint, 12 suspicious circumstances, one theft, one unwanted subject, one crime prevention notice, and 12 case reports. There were 57 traffic stops with 37 citations issued to 33 people.

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

Chief Dayno stated there were four DUI arrests since the last meeting. There was also a theft at Discover and an arrest.

DONATION TO THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST #2403

Chief Dayno stated that Lincolnshire Sergeant Watson and his staff do a fine job with the Explorer Program. Sgt. Watson stated the program is a volunteer program for students that may be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. It gives the volunteers hands-on experience and they perform a lot of community service. They help communities on a regular basis. The volunteers also assist with traffic control. The program is self-supported and they do their fundraising independently. Trustee Jamerson commented that he believes this is a fantastic program.

Trustee Jamerson moved to donate \$1,000 to the Lincolnshire Police Department Explorer Post #2403. Trustee Svatik seconded and the Board voted in favor.

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER #23

Mr. Huvarud stated that the residents of Gemini Lane initially thought they would be able to handle the procedures and finances for road work on their own for about \$25,000. The cost of the recommend repairs would be about \$80,000, however. When they started looking at a smaller project, they found there were very few banks that were interested in financing the program. Mr. Huvarud met with residents and recommended handling the project similar to Hiawatha Woods. The residents would pay for the work through a tax levy utilizing SSA 23, but the Village would be responsible for the scope of the work. The residents believe it makes sense for the Village to supervise the project.

Mr. Huvarud spoke with the Village auditor who suggested doing an interfund loan between the General Fund and SSA 23. The Village would determine the interest rate, and the loan would be repaid by SSA 23 in 10 years. Mr. Huvarud believes it still may be possible for SSA 23 to finance the work through a bank, but he believes this may be a more plausible way to gain financing for the SSA. Mr. Huvarud is still researching the interest rate for a 10-year bond, but believes it will be a better return than the Village is getting from investments. Mr. Siegel believes the Village's Home Rule authority would extend to this.

Trustee Jamerson believes the Village should set a limit on the funds committed to this program. Mayor Kaplan suggested having a total amount of \$100,000. Trustee Norris suggested the Board determine guidelines to establish a policy with respect to the circumstances under which the Village may enter into this type of agreement. Mayor Kaplan suggested establishing an overall cap on this type of project. Trustee Jamerson suggested having both an individual project limit and an aggregate limit. Trustee Norris questioned if this particular project would need to be approved before a policy is established. He would prefer to establish a policy before an approval. Mr. Huvarud explained that, in order to do this, the Village would have to amend the purpose of the SSA. Trustee Norris would like a policy in place before the final approval of the SSA. Mr. Huvarud explained that the proposed ordinance would set up a Public Hearing to propose the SSA be amended. After the Public Hearing, there will be another Ordinance to adopt the amendment.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING "INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY" AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR THE REGISTRY.

Village Attorney Huvarud explained that, under the TIF statute, there are some built-in protections so interested parties can receive notice. The Village needs to have a TIF registry for the proposed TIF project.

This would allow interested parties to send in a request and receive the redevelopment plan once it is on file. Mr. Huvarud recommended that the Village pass this ordinance so the Village can propose a TIF for the 14.5 acres which includes the Terraco property plus eight acres in the Village. The Board voted in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance.

FUND RESERVE POLICY

Village Engineer Pat Glenn provided an enhanced version of the five-year forecast plan regarding sewer, municipal water and roads. He tried to bring together the work that may be done over the next five years with the amount the Village has in reserve for the work and the cost of the work that may need to be completed.

Sewers – Mr. Glenn stated the sanitary sewer projects would not change much, except the Portwine forcemain extension. The average amount for sewer work is projected at \$173,000 per year. Last year, the Village collected \$42,000 in sewer user fees from Lake County. These numbers would create an unfunded balance

of \$131,000 per year, or approximately \$100 annually per user (\$16 per bill). This calculation represents how the anticipated work could be funded through user fees.

The next part of the process would be to have a reserve fund. Mr. Glenn selected the amount of \$2 million. At the end of 2011, the sewer fund had about \$350,000, which would leave the fund \$1,650,000 short. The suggested method would be to make a one-time transfer from the General Fund. Mr. Glenn emphasized this is just an analysis and not being recommended to the Board.

Water – Mr. Glenn discussed the water system, which was computed differently because the water is metered. The water system revenues are \$935,000 and expenses are \$643,667. In 2011 the surplus was \$291,406. The projected five-year surplus would be \$1,457,030. Mr. Glenn believes there could be two water main replacement projects at a cost of \$985,000 leaving a surplus of \$472,030. At the end of 2017, the water fund available balance would be approximately \$2,072,030 and would not require any rate changes. Trustee Jamerson asked if any rate changes were expected from the Village of Northbrook with respect to the water contract. Mr. Huvad stated the rate should remain the same for two more years. It will go up slightly in 2015. He would not recommend a rate change.

Roadway and Drainage – Mr. Glenn would like more time before discussing the roadway and drainage systems. He anticipates the general fund would contribute \$60,000 - \$65,000 in the roadway programs. Mr. Siegel asked if the Village would be coming up with a five-year capital improvement plan. Mr. Glenn believes this would just be a fund reserve policy and would not dictate the projects. Mr. Siegel explained this would be a guide, not a planning document. Mr. Glenn added the Village could make adjustments as necessary. Trustee Norris noted it would be a forecast.

Aging Systems – Trustee Koomjian asked if the gradual aging of the sewer system has been addressed in this forecast. Mr. Glenn explained the analysis is very sensitive to the life of the infrastructure elements. He recognizes that a linear analysis would lead to very high numbers. It is a good exercise, but he would not make decisions on rates or reserves based on that approach. Mr. Huvad believes the proposed cushion is significant, especially compared to other communities.

Disaster Planning – Trustee Koomjian expressed concern over not tracking the fact that the systems will not last forever, and the Village would not be planning for a disaster. Trustee Jamerson believes this should be looked at annually. Trustee Norris asked if a catastrophic failure was likely, or if there would be additional repairs needed which would give warning of a potential major failure. Mr. Glenn explained it would be highly improbable to have a large percentage of the system fail over a five-year period.

Fees – Trustee Haber questioned whether there is any rationale for allocating the taxes differently based on the type of system. Mr. Glenn explained the invoicing would be burdensome. He believes

low-pressure-sewer users are subject to some hardships that gravity-sewer users do not have. There are more expenses in low-pressure sewers due to more repairs.

Trustee Jamerson stated the Village is currently subsidizing the sewer fund by \$100 per resident per year. Mr. Glenn explained the money left in the sewer fund is based on an older excess in user fees. The subsidy just allows the sewer fund to break even.

Trustee Haber asked how the Village's sewer charge compares to other communities. Trustee Jamerson explained the charge in Northbrook is based on the amount of water used. Mr. Glenn will supply additional information for the Board.

August 7

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Village Engineer Glenn stated the 37-acre site at Deerfield and Milwaukee Roads is up and running. The project has been fully permitted through the County to bring in fill and for remediation. There is not a lot the Village can do to coordinate with the County. The EPA reviewed the plan and approved it. The County assured the Village they will monitor the work being done. Mr. Glenn has neither seen the timeline nor a plan on what they will be doing.

DBR (DEERFIELD-BANNOCKBURN-RIVERWOODS) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORT SHARE

Mayor Pro Tem Svatik stated the Village has been a member of the DBR Chamber of Commerce for a number of years. The Chamber is requesting \$3,500 from the Village. They provide a number of useful services to Village residents and companies. The Village Board voted to authorize \$3,500 for a DBR Support Share.

ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TEMPORARY USES AND STRUCTURES IN THE VILLAGE

The Board voted in favor of the proposed Amendment to the Text of the Riverwoods Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Temporary Uses and Structures in the Village. Trustee Haber stated the ordinance appears to be designed for one specific use. He expressed concern over temporary tents. Mr. Huvad explained the current ordinance allows temporary tents up to five days.

Trustee Haber questioned if the restrictive nature of the second paragraph is necessary. Mr. Huvad explained the Village is familiar with the use of the property. If the language was removed, they may be able to have dinner or banquet type events instead of uses consistent with the current business operation. Trustee Haber stated the restrictive language would require monitoring. Trustee Haber questioned the wording regarding the length of time for the permit. He believes it is

too restrictive. Trustee Chamberlain agreed. Plan Commission member Sherry Graditor stated the Plan Commission asked the petitioner who stated the restrictive length of time was acceptable and would give them an impetus to build a permanent structure. Jackie Borchew stated the tent creates a perfect venue for fundraising. Mr. Huvad suggested adding that the tent can be used for non-commercial uses relating to the mission of the business. Trustee Norris suggested also including text restricting housing animals in the tent as well. Mr. Huvad will make adjustments to the language. He suggested that the tent could be used for non-commercial events but not for the housing of animals.

Mr. Huvad summarized the changes. He stated upon expiration of the permit, the owner shall remove the tent whether or not a permanent building has commenced, unless a new permit is authorized by the Village Board. The other change would be that the tent could be used for non-commercial events but would not include the housing of animals.

BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Jamerson provided the building reports for the months of June and July. In June 2012, there were three single-family remodels, one miscellaneous permit, six driveways, two reroofs and one sewer tap-on/repair with a total construction value of \$211,130. There was \$2,250 generated in fees. In June 2011, there were nine permits with a construction value of \$306,915, generating fees of \$5,550. From 1/1/12 to 6/30/12 there were 66 permits with a construction value of \$2,775,715 and generating permit fees of \$24,159. From 1/1/11 to 6/30/11 there were 43 permits with a construction value of \$1,029,181, generating fees of \$21,326.

In July 2012, there was one accessory building, one remodel, three fence/decks/patios, three miscellaneous, three driveways, four reroofing and one irrigation system with a total construction value of \$485,750 and permit fees of \$3,414. In July 2011, there were 14 total permits with a construction value of \$470,240 generating fees of \$5,190. From January 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012 there were 83 permits with a construction value of \$3,266,215, generating fees of 28,073. From January 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011 there were 43 permits with a construction value of \$1,505,067, generating fees of \$26,766.



Floodplains, Garage Sales & Christina Loukas

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

Planning an autumn construction project? Please note that flood insurance is mandatory, and can be purchased if you plan to build in the floodplain with a loan from a federally regulated lender. FEMA's local floodplain map of Riverwoods is available for viewing at the Village Hall. Staff will help you understand the map and work with your contractor. There are areas of Riverwoods that are designated floodplains and FEMA is steadfast in ensuring that its regulations are followed.

Thinking about holding a garage sale? If you're planning to rid your attic or basement of whatever you've been holding on to for all these years, you'll now most likely need a permit to hold a garage sale. The Village Board recently passed an ordinance regulating yard/ garage/ estate sales. Here are the highlights of the ordinance:

1. Two sales per year maximum
2. Each sale cannot exceed three days.
3. The merchandise cannot be brought in from offsite

(with exceptions) and the event must be compatible with the residential character of the neighborhood.

4. Sales cannot start earlier than 8:30am and cannot extend beyond sunset.

5. Signs cannot exceed 4 square feet; must not be placed earlier than 24 hours before the sale; and must be picked up no later than two hours after the end of the sale.

6. Merchandise must be generally confined to the upper driveway.

7. A permit is required before the sale starts. The cost for a garage sale permit is \$5.

The Village Congratulates Christina. Last and certainly not least – On October 14th the Village held a party honoring our very own Olympian- Christina Loukas. Approximately 80 people attended the party at the Deerfield Park District Golf Course. Christina was very gracious to the young and not-so-young among us. It seemed like a camera flash was firing every minute. I hope you came home with an autographed poster and congratulated Christina on her wonderful achievements in London. Christina has made Riverwoods proud and has sparked and nurtured an interest in the next generation of local divers. Christina is blessed with a wonderful and supportive family and coaching staff. I'd like to thank the Village Board, the Loukas family, and the attentive staff at the golf course in honoring Christina on her bright and shining moment in her home town.

Police Report: Burglary Prevention

By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

Burglar Alarms

The National Crime Prevention Institute recommends installing burglar alarms, and some insurance companies offer discounts for doing so. Although alarms are an effective deterrent, they do have a high rate of false alerts. Many false alarms can be avoided by keeping equipment in good working order. Having a good knowledge of how your equipment works can help prevent setting off your alarm accidentally.

Target Hardening

Target Hardening makes getting into houses more difficult for burglars. It includes installing sturdy doors with dead bolts; window locks, rather than latches; double pane, storm or divided light windows, or laminated glass that is forced-entry resistant; pin locks on windows and sliding glass doors; and sliding glass door channel locks or slide bolts.

Give the Appearance You Are Home

Most burglars avoid encountering residents and thus look for indicators of occupancy. Indicators include interior and exterior lights left on (timers are a good option) and leaving a radio or television on. Additionally, avoid leaving clues that you are away. Don't leave an empty garage door open. Before going on vacation, stop your mail and have your grass cut regularly if you are gone for an extended length of time.

Report Suspicious Activity

If you observe suspicious persons or cars, or hear suspicious noises such as glass breaking, call 911. Over the years I've had many residents tell me they didn't want to bother the police or didn't want to be embarrassed if it turned out to be nothing. Well, that's what we are here for and we are not going to apprehend many burglars without your help. Please don't hesitate to call us.

Please use the non-emergency number on matters not involving an immediate threat to public safety or well-being, (847) 945-1820. This number is answered by Dispatch 24/7.

You can reach me or get my voicemail at our administrative telephone number, 847-945-1130. I can also be contacted at bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.



Bannockburn's Battle of The BBQ Challenge Results

The Village of Bannockburn hosted their first ever annual Battle of the BBQ Challenge on September 29th. Riverwoods was among several communities invited to compete.

Congratulations to Lake Forest for winning the following:

Judge's Overall Award (Travelling Trophy)

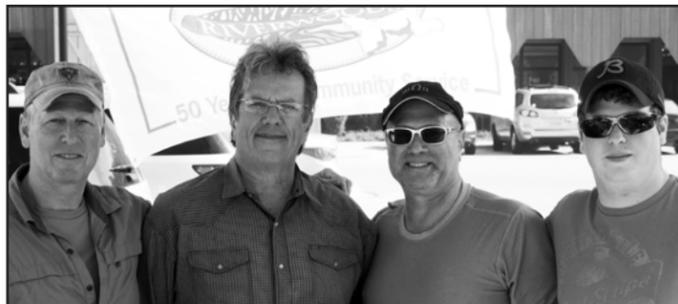
Judge's Award for Best Pulled Pork

Judge's Award for Best Brisket

Congratulations to Lake Bluff for winning the Judge's Awards for Best Ribs and Best Side Dish.

Congratulations to Riverwoods for winning the People's Choice Award (Travelling Trophy).

A few memories from the Battle: Top photo- Our BBQ master Bruce Schlesinger. Second photo- The Riverwoods team: Ken Chaffin of Northbrook, Mike Rosen of Dallas, Texas, Bruce Schlesinger of Riverwoods and Jake Rosen of Chicago. Bottom photo- Mayor Kaplan and Rhonda Schlesinger enjoy the rewards of the battle. Yum!



Update on RPC Rain Garden Demonstration Site

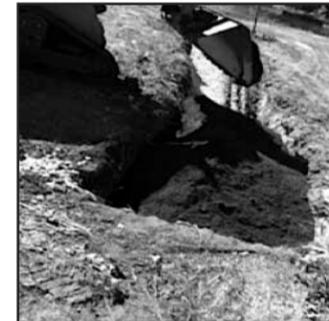
On October 2, the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) completed the first of its two planned rain garden demonstration sites on Village property. Native plants will be added next spring. The completed site, which measures 40' x 4' x 3', is located next to the police station parking lot. The second site will be part of the reforestation area near the corner of Deerfield and Riverwoods Roads.

A rain garden is a part of your home's landscaping but it has a few special qualities. Using a ground depression, layered soil (with readily available materials) and plants, you can reduce potential pollutants in your water and manage stormwater runoff. Importantly, you can help to recharge our aquifer instead of losing some of the water to evaporation.

Once established, rain gardens require almost no ongoing effort. Native plants reduce the need to water and can fight off weeds. Even with the record drought, many native plants are holding their own. During the first year, however, the plants must be watered to help establish their root systems and weeding may be necessary.

In creating a rain garden on your own property, the Village will reimburse 50% of your costs up to a Village contribution of \$2,000. The RPC can assist with the planning and cost-sharing processes.

The images below show site construction. Providing much of the hand labor were RPC directors Mike Clayton, Irene Gagerman and Louise Simonson. Machinery operations were performed by The Mulch Center. Village Forester Chuck Stewart served as one of the RPC's advisors. Materials to construct the layers of the rain garden were donated by The Mulch Center.



GREEN CORNER

It's Not Too Late to Choose the 100% Green Power Option

Riverwoods Residents – Did you know that you can choose the 100% green power option, if you are participating in the Village of Riverwoods Electricity Aggregation Program through MC Squared Energy Services?

Why participate? The Green Power Program supports renewable energy resources such as wind and solar power for generating electricity, thus avoiding the greenhouse gases generated by using conventional fuels such as coal, oil, or gas.

How does the program work? After enrollment in the Green Power Program, MC Squared Energy Services will purchase Renewable Energy Certificates to cover 100% of your electrical supply requirements.

What is the cost? Enrolling in the Green Power Program will add the small charge of 0.075 cent per Kilowatt hour (kwh) to your electric bill.

How do you enroll? Enrollment is easy.

- Have your 10-digit ComEd Account Number handy. (The number can be found on your ComEd bill.)
- Visit www.RiverwoodsElectricityAggregation.com
- Enter the website and then click on the heading "Pricing."
- Scroll down the page to the "Green Power Program" and click on the green "Click Here" button.
- Then follow the directions for completing the information required for : Step 1) Account Information, Step 2) Authorization Box, and Step 3) Submit .

That's it! The website is very informative and answers questions about Renewable Energy Certificates and the Green Power Program. Sign up today.

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-run, volunteer-run, non-profit 501(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, and at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

Our Village Comes Together for a Spooktacular Halloween Party

By Sherry Kaplan

The Village Halloween Party of 2012 was the best ever! Thanks in part to the hard work of our volunteers, Jan Bastian, Barbara Wallace, Betty Dlouhy, Jackie Borchew, and Susan Falk, who worked as a team to decorate Village Hall. Screaming spinning witches, booing ghosts, skeletons with fiery eyes, skulls, mice, spiders and bats were there to greet the children.

There were more party goers than last year. There were vampires dripping blood, darling princesses, iron men and super heroes who gobbled up 400 hot dogs and 30 extra-large pizzas, popcorn, bags of candy, cookies, and 20 gallons of apple cider! The bonfire was the biggest ever and it kept the children warm as they had fun roasting marshmallows and making s'mores under the watchful eyes of Marguerite Welter, Mike Ford, Betty Dlouhy, Chad Solomon and Dan Gelfond. Once again Bob Gand and his singers from the Village Music Store played banjo and led the singing on the horse-drawn hay rides. Trustee Rick Jamerson lent a hand to help people on and off the hay wagon.

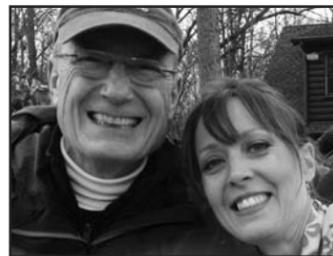
Back at Village Hall, Jody Jinglejam's tunes filled the air as she played guitar and sang along with the dancing children. Al Solomon donated children's books and each child was able to choose two books to take home. It seemed as if the children and their parents enjoyed the books even more than the candy.

Right in the middle of the action were the police and fire department in full force! The police car and fire truck welcomed the children to climb aboard and sound the sirens.

Trustee John Norris, dressed as a recyclable aluminum can, and Roger Simonson, dressed as a computer, accompanied representatives from SWALCO to encourage residents to recycle.

Our sponsors make this party possible. Northside Community Bank was the major sponsor. In addition, thanks go out to Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, Inc. and its representative Pat Glenn who helped cook hot dogs; Urban Forest Management, Inc.; Ray Alyea Landscaping; Highland Solutions, Inc.; Glenwood Tree Experts; and H.T. Strenger, Inc.

It takes a village to make a party. People began calling to volunteer their services months ahead of time. In addition to those who helped to decorate, we also need to mention Marguerite Welter who not only presides over the s'mores each year, but also with her children assembles the bags of candy and buys all of the paper goods. Jan Bastian not only decorated but found many of the new decorations this year. After decorating, Barbara Wallace returned to the party to serve hot dogs. Marla Gelfond and Mary Dayno served the pizza, and Nikki Norris served the cider. Paula Haber oversaw the cookies while her husband, Trustee Mike Haber, assisted in the cooking of the hot dogs. Tammy Parasnos and her cousin



Tasha once again manned the popcorn machine and delighted the children with fresh bags of popcorn to enjoy throughout the party. Ellen McKnight, the candy lady, handed out bags of candy to all of the children.

Finally, special thanks to Al and Chad Solomon and Rob Durning who played a huge role in setting up the entire party. Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention your name. With so many people involved in this wonderful Village event, I may have left someone out. In any event, thank you to all who helped. The fact that we can put on a party of this magnitude every year is a testament to the wonderful people who call Riverwoods home. Thank you to everyone and see you at next year's Halloween celebration!



RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. 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 or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Email _____

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Address _____

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Recycle Electronics on the First Scheduled Pick-Up of Each Month

Riverwoods Trustee John Norris has a message for Riverwoods. And he was out in full gear at the Village Halloween party to remind everyone just how important it is to recycle. The Village of Riverwoods, SWALCO and LakeShore have partnered to make it easier than ever for Riverwoods residents to recycle even more.

At no additional cost you may now set unwanted and broken electronics out at curbside near your recycle bin, and they will be picked up and recycled on the first scheduled pick-up day of each month.

Personal computers, monitors and keyboards, printers, scanners, copiers and fax machines, cable receivers, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, televisions and video consoles are only a few of the items that are banned from landfills but can now be easily recycled. A few items that are not accepted are: dehumidifiers, air conditioners, lead-acid batteries, large appliances and household chemical waste.

Guidelines: Please set electronics for collection near your bin and please tape electrical cords to the item.

Small electronics (cell phones, calculators, etc.) and peripheral items (mice, cords, keyboards, etc.) may be placed in a box no larger than 2' x 2'.

For more information and to view a list of just what is and is not included in the pick-up program, visit the SWALCO website at www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340.

The Village urges you to do the right thing and always recycle when possible.

Trustee Norris says, "First Things First, Recycle and Make a Difference!"

