



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

The Riverwoods Village Board has decided not to pursue gypsy moth spraying this spring in order to assess the extent of the population that hatches this year. The attached article focuses on actions that residents can take to protect their individual properties.

## Gypsy Moth Management Program for Residents

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

Residents can actively control the insect on their property by working with their private tree care company to develop a management plan for their property. This management plan could include:

Completing an early spring egg mass inspection of the property. Egg mass inspections must be done prior to the hatch that is usually mid May depending on spring weather conditions. Inspections should include trees, structures, vehicles, trailers, firewood piles, and patio furniture.

Removing and disposing of egg masses or spraying egg masses that have been identified and burlap banding of trees.

Inspecting the property in May after the caterpillars emerge from the egg masses and reporting the observations to the Village Hall.

Spraying from the ground as necessary.

Monitoring the status of the caterpillars as they develop to adults.

Taking action as necessary such as tree banding with burlap.

Inspecting the property again in mid



Female gypsy moth with egg mass. From the University of Wisconsin's Lakeshore Nature Preserve ([www.lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu](http://www.lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu)) Egg masses on a tree. From The Canadian Forest Service ([www.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca))

to late summer to observe adult insect activity and egg laying activities.

Residents that do not currently have a private tree care company can check these web sites:

Illinois Arborist Association ([www.illinoisarborist.org](http://www.illinoisarborist.org))

International Society of Arboriculture ([www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com))

Residents that hire a private tree care company should be sure that the company has:

- Certified arborists
- Spray applicators that are licensed by the State of Illinois.
- Insurance and References

For more information, check the Village Web Site at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)

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. Mar. 17, April 7, 21, May 5 and 19.

### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Mar. 5, April 2 and May 7.

### GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

### Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Nancy Morten at 847-945-3990.

### Theatre in the Woods

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

### Riverwoods Preservation Council

Rich Koomjian, chairman at 847-374-1786. [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org)

### Riverwoods Book Club

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

### Riverwoods Residents Association

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

### Plant Sale Committee

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

### Arts&Riverwoods

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



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RIVERWOODS  
VILLAGE VOICE

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Debbie Limer

Any resident wishing to become a newsletter staff volunteer please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and leave your name and phone number.

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SEND IN THOSE  
LETTERS!

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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.

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# "The State of the Village"

January 2009

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In 2005, as I neared the completion of my first full term as Mayor, I prepared a report to the Village Board reviewing Village affairs and recommending measures to be considered in the future. I believe it is helpful to review those concerns and recommendations and to consider the progress we have made in implementing them. I divided the report then among several key topics: Environment, Finances, Services, and Social/Cultural. These topics are still useful ways of thinking about our Village.

**Environment:** In 2005, I pointed out that we had just passed The Woodland Protection Ordinance, which was intended to safeguard the three layers of our woodland areas (not just the top canopy of trees, but the lower layers as well). This ordinance was adopted to strengthen our Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Under these programs, the Village has collected funds from tree removal permits and is using the funds for tree planting and buckthorn and garlic mustard removal. The amounts of money collected have been very significant.

We talked in 2005 of educating residents as key to protection of our natural beauty and the Village Board responded by authorizing \$15,000 of Village funds to help publish a beautiful booklet "In Our Own Back Yard" that our volunteers on the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) had conceived. While the pace of new construction and new move-ins has slowed dramatically due to the economy, we have this amazing resource to distribute to newcomers. This book was previously mailed to all existing residents.

I recommended improving our procedures for reviewing new development so that we would close gaps in our permit review process and avoid later problems. We directed our consultants and staff to undertake this effort, and as a result we passed a complete overhaul of our building and site development permit rules-which are now gathered together and updated as a new chapter in the code book.

Additional problems arose and we responded: a need to give some flexibility to our zoning board of appeals, so that variances could be considered in certain carefully controlled instances when the alternative would have been unregulated development and loss of valuable trees. We passed ordinances that responded to these concerns.

The Plan Commission completed its overhaul of the Village's Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in August, 2006. I invite everyone to examine this long range planning document. While resident may stress different aspects of these goals, I believe we are fortunate to have a strong consensus among most residents about what we value in the Village.

Finally, the Village is about to embark on a pilot program to sponsor "rain gardens." Specially designed areas in private yards that are designed to hold storm water flows by relying on natural plantings for this control rather than costly infrastructure projects. We have obtained a \$25,000 grant from Lake County for this program.

**Finances:** In 2005, I reviewed the impact payments which I had negotiated with commercial owners to contribute to our finances. In general, our Village revenues increased faster than overall expenditures, while our total expenditures have remained nearly flat. Our unrestricted general fund had a value as of December 31, 2008 of over \$12,000,000. This makes us one of the most financially sound communities in Illinois. The Village is careful with spending. Its share to your property tax bill still only represents less than 2% of the total tax bill.

I contributed in a major way to controlling Village costs when I initiated a series of meetings with the Mayor of Northbrook. We were fortunate in being able to negotiate a long-term agreement; in our case, for Riverwoods to purchase its water from Northbrook at a substantial savings to the cost of that water when purchased from Deerfield. Northbrook has its own main into Lake Michigan and has a lower rate structure than Highland Park, from whom Deerfield purchases its water. So, we Villagers are saving a minimum of \$150,000 a year, which is going straight into the water fund as a reserve to pay for capital improvements. The savings we experience will only increase with time because Highland Park is building

a new water treatment plant, and all communities using its water are paying rising rates that support its capital bond issue. We are very fortunate to have concluded our arrangement when we did.

We also worked well with the Lake County Department of Public Works and achieved another very good intergovernmental agreement in 2008. Lake County, under a set of odd historical circumstances, has been acting as the Village's de facto public works department since 1972. When a main breaks in the middle of the night, it is a Lake County crew that comes out to fix it. There is no way we could achieve comparable service without forming our own public works department, at a great expense. What we achieved was a new agreement that continues our arrangement for up to another 30 years. Unlike unincorporated areas, we own our mains in the Village, and the County has no obligation to perform this service. Where it does maintain its own lines, it charges a "retail" rate, but agreed to retain less than this charge from Village residents: under our agreement, the Village is remitted part of the sewer fund for capital repairs. We remain responsible for the capital replacements of our mains as they wear out.

**Resident Services:** In 2005, we were early in the start-up process of the police department. We were able to establish our police department for a net lower cost than we would have had to pay Lake County for police protection. I believe, most residents would agree that the Village receives tremendous service and value from our police department. I recently asked Chief Dayno to compile a report of police department activities that gives a break-down of stops, arrests, house calls, domestic matters and house watch services. In these difficult economic times our police department is more important than ever.

With respect to water main extensions, the Village Board and I have been consistent in saying that we do not wish to force water on any current resident. If a firm majority of neighbors petition to form a special service area, the Village Board has said it would listen and consider forming the SSA. For over a year, for example, neighbors in south Riverwoods have been attempting to organize one such SSA, but have failed to obtain the clear majority of contiguous or touching homes that we need to be able to implement the program. Thus, nothing has yet been passed. It is false to suggest that the Village is embarked on a water expansion program that no one wants.

In 2005, we talked of reducing garbage collection costs. We passed an ordinance to impose a franchise fee. We were led to believe that the Lake County Solid Waste Agency (SWALCO) could help us gain competitive bids. In the end, the bids were not competitive, and we were unable to engineer any savings in garbage pick-up. Our lack of leverage resulted from our size and the difficult, narrow streets in the Village; companies were not anxious for our business.

**Cultural /Social:** We continue to sponsor programs and tax credits for low-income seniors. The Village has given funds to support Arts and Riverwoods, the RPC, Theatre in the Woods, The Village Halloween Party, Family Day, The Center for Enriched Living, the Senior program, the Plant Sale Committee, the Riverwoods Book Club, and various local school projects.

We are currently preparing to celebrate the Village's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A committee has been established headed by Marilynne Dorfman. If you have any interesting information about the early days of the Village or would like to volunteer to help with the celebration please contact the Village 847-945-3990.

None of our accomplishments in these 4 years could have been achieved without the hard work of our many Village volunteers. Special thanks to the Village Board of Trustees, The Planning Commission, and all of the other Village volunteers who work so diligently without compensation.

As you can see these last 4 years have been most productive and much has been accomplished. I am looking forward to finishing the many projects that are still remaining to be completed in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,



William S. Kaplan, Mayor

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## Gypsy Moths, The Alien Invaders

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On Earth Day, certified arborists Gil and Lesley Smith will provide information to protect your trees and shrubs from voracious predators like gypsy moth and emerald ash borer. The Village will not be spraying for the gypsy moth in the spring, so you won't want to miss this event! Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall. This event is sponsored by the Riverwoods Preservation Council. For more information [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org)

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## Meet the Candidates

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### RRA Invites Residents to Meet the Candidates

Join your Riverwoods neighbors at the first RRA general meeting of 2009. Wednesday, March 25, 7pm at Village Hall. All of the candidates will be on hand to express their views on the topics that are important to you.

### RPC sponsors a Q&A Session with the Mayoral Candidates

Wednesday, March 18, 7:30pm at Village Hall the RPC will offer a question and answer session with the two mayoral candidates, Bill Kaplan and John Norris.



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# Village Board of Trustees

## Meeting Notes

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Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of November 18, November 4 and October 21. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website: [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)

January 20

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

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Lake County has approved the rain garden grant of 25K. All planting must be done before June.

### POLICE REPORT

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Chief Dayno reported the activity since January 6, 2009. There were 3 911 hang ups, 2 abandoned autos, 20 accidents, 11 alarms, 3 animal complaints, 18 assists with the Fire Department, 29 disabled autos, 1 domestic dispute, 2 fraudulent activity, 9 car lockouts, 1 lost/stolen property, 1 solicitor, 1 suicidal subject, 5 suspicious circumstances, 2 thefts, 17 case reports, 51 traffic citations, and 67 traffic stops. 12 houses are currently on the House Watch List and are checked regularly. During 2008, the Police Department received a total of \$5,678.18 from the Department of Justice for our share of asset forfeiture seizures resulting from a joint narcotics investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Two new part time officers, Benny Martinez and Gilbert Cadrecha, begin working on January 25, 2009.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Assistant Chief Ugaste stated that there were 20 calls so far in the month of January, 6 were fire calls, 1 was a car accident call, 9 were paramedic calls, and 4 were others. The total calls for the year to date are 20. Two firefighters, Lieutenant Tom Krueger and Fireman Paul Schebel, were honored for saving a women's life in a structure fire in Vernon Hills.

### STORM SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

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An Ordinance was passed Prohibiting the Release of Non-Storm Water Discharge Into the Village Storm Sewer System.

### DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK DONATION

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The Village Board voted to make a donation of \$1,000 to the Deerfield High School Parent Network Post Prom Committee.

January 6

### POLICE REPORT

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Chief Dayno reported on the police activity for 2008. Some of the numbers are estimates due to the new records system purchased in August. There were 47 "911" hang ups, 85 arrests, 28 abandoned autos, 249 Accidents, and 399 alarms. Chief Dayno stated that since he started there has only been

one alarm that was not a false alarm. There were 170 animal complaints, 2 assault/battery, 347 assists with the fire department, 10 burglaries, 8 burglaries to vehicles and 15 "well being" checks, and 8 burglary to moving vehicles. There were 322 disabled autos, 14 disputes, 23 domestic disputes, 65 driving complaints, 42 DUI arrests. There were 12 fraudulent activities; which include writing bad checks. There were 14 harassments, 96 car lockouts, 10 lost/stolen property, 8 missing persons, who were all found. There were 20 noise disturbances, 11 open burnings, 68 parking complaints, 30 public assists, 3 stolen vehicles and 7 suicidal subjects. There were 270 suspicious circumstances, 31 thefts, 417 case reports were written, and 2,694 traffic stops were made. Of those traffic stops 1,497 persons were issued citations with a total of 1,874 citations. 211 houses were on the House Watch List during 2008 and were checked regularly.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste reported that there were 525 calls in 2008. 118 were fire calls, 53 were car accident calls, 307 were paramedic calls, and 42 were other.

### ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES

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The board adopted an Ordinance Adding Chapter 3 to Title 7 of the Village Code to Regulate Construction of Facilities on Rights of Way in the Village.

### RPC AERIAL DEER SURVEY

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The Riverwoods Preservation Council asked the board to contribute to their annual aerial deer survey. The deer survey is an ongoing project with the Lake County Forest Preserve District. The proposal would be a 50/50 split between the Village and the RPC for the areas that the Forest Preserve is not doing. The board approved the proposal from the RPC for the aerial deer survey not to exceed \$1,025.

### MONTHLY AUDIT OF VILLAGE ACCOUNTS

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The Board approved a proposal from Kohn, Roseth and Associates to perform a monthly audit on the Village accounts.

### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

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Trustee Graditor reported that in 2007 we had 5 single family home permits issued with a building value of \$5,990,000. We had 4 permits issued for home additions with a building value of \$597,000. We had 9 permits issued for home remodels with a building value of \$733,000. The total fees collected in 2007 were \$97,109.

In 2008 we had 4 single family home permits issued with a building value of \$3,650,000. We had 6 permits issued for home additions with a building value of \$892,000. We had 10 permits issued for home remodels with a building value of \$536,600. The total fees collected in 2008 were 97,077. The

Village is following the same trend of fewer new home building permits seen by other communities.

December 16

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#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno reported that since the last board meeting of December 2nd, there have been 2 911 hang ups, 5 abandoned autos, 33 accidents, 14 alarms, 7 animal complaints, 11 assists with the fire department, 2 well being checks, 14 disabled autos, 1 domestic dispute, 3 driving complaints, 2 DUI arrests, 3 car lockouts, 2 lost/stolen property, 2 missing persons, 2 suicidal subjects, 1 suspicious person, 7 suspicious vehicles, 75 traffic citations, and 101 traffic stops. The Chief explained that there can be more than one citation written per person, so 75 citations probably do not involve 75 individual motorists.

The Police Department has received a \$3,557 grant through the Department of Justice for the purchase of bullet proof vests. Vests cost \$700 to \$800 each.

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#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste reported that there were 21 calls so far in the month of December. 5 were car accident calls, and 12 were paramedic calls.

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#### **NORTHBROOK WATER**

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The Village saved almost \$7K using Northbrook water in the month of November.

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#### **SWALCO**

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The Board voted to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Riverwoods and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois. The agreement will start in January and the Village will receive \$3 per ton for our recycling.

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#### **VILLAGE POOL VEHICLES**

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A Resolution Ratifying the Use of a Village Pool Vehicle by the Village President was passed.

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#### **ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**

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A motion was passed to approve the Agreement between the Village of Riverwoods and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for the years 2009 -2012

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#### **POLICE BUDGET**

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The Police budget for 2009 was approved. This budget includes money for training.

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#### **PLANT COMMITTEE**

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The plant committee asked for and received \$5K from the Board. The committee is planning to remove poison ivy from the Village Hall and the Police Department property.

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#### **VILLAGE SALARY INCREASES**

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Salary increases for all Village personnel was approved. All Village personnel will receive a 4% raise, with the exception of police Chief Dayno who will receive a 10% raise.

December 2

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#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno told the Board that there were 98 traffic citations issued since the last meeting. That is an 8.2 daily average.

Three squad car video cameras have been installed. The video quality is far superior to the old cameras.

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#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste reported that there were 35 calls in the month of November. For all of 2008 there were 110 fire calls, 46 car accident calls, 287 paramedic calls, and 40 other calls. Bringing the total calls for the year to 483.

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#### **TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

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The Board voted to adopt the Riverwoods Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008.

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#### **DUTCH ELM DISEASE**

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A bid to remove trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease from Village property was approved by the Board. Three separate companies will perform the removal. \$8,535 will be going to Sawvell, \$5,357 will go to Trees R Us, and \$550 will go to Care of Trees.

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## **Potholes**

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This time of year, potholes begin to make their unwanted appearance. Refer to the list below to determine the appropriate contact to report a pothole.

**County Highways, Riverwoods Road, Duffy Lane, Deerfield Road and Saunders Road south of Deerfield Road.**

Call 847-377-7400n or [www.lakecountyil.gov](http://www.lakecountyil.gov)

**State Highways, Milwaukee Road**

Call 1-800-452-4368 or [dot.state.il.us](http://dot.state.il.us)

**Illinois Tollway**

Call 999

**Local (private) Roads**

Contact your road association

**Village Roads**

Contact Village Hall



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# April 7 is Election Day

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**Please vote on April 7, 2009 in the consolidated election.** Keep in mind that Election Day is during Spring Break for many with school age children. If you have questions about voting, you may check [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck) or call the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-377-2313.

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## VOTER REGISTRATION

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If you have moved or have not registered to vote, please do so by March 10. You may register at Village Hall or your Township Office. The Lake County Clerk's office in Waukegan will be offering grace period registration until March 24. You may register to vote if you are a United States citizen, 18 years of age by the time of the election and a resident of your precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election. You will need to bring two forms of identification one of which must provide your permanent address.

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## TO VOTE ON APRIL 7

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Your polling places are the same as in the November election and specified below:

- #281 Vernon votes at Chevy Chase
  - #299 Vernon- votes at Laura Sprague
  - #300 Vernon votes at Riverwoods Village Hall
  - #420 West Deerfield votes at Riverwoods Village Hall
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## EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES

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The April 7 Election Day falls during the week that many of our local schools are off for Spring Break. Residents should plan to vote early if they are going to be out of town on April 7. There are three options for those who will be unable to vote on Election Day.

**If you reside in West Deerfield Township, you may vote early at:** West Deerfield Township building 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield

**If you reside in Vernon Township then you may vote early at:** 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

**Option 1) Early Voting (in-person)** March 16-April 2  
M-F: 9:00am - 4:30pm / Sat: 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Any registered voter is eligible to vote during Early Voting, but must bring a government-issued photo ID

**Option 2) Absentee Voting (in-person)** April 3-April 6  
M-F: 9:00am - 4:30pm / Sat: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Only those residents who expect to be absent from their precinct on voting day are eligible to vote during in-person absentee

**Option 3) Absentee Voting (by mail)** Begins March 13 through April 2 Voters who temporarily live outside their precinct may request an absentee ballot by mail by calling the Lake County Absentee Department at 847-377-2406.

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## Potpourri from the Building Department

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*By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services*

Here we are at the start of a new year, a new President, a new Governor, the Congress just approved the President's bail-out and stimulus programs for zillions of dollars! The rest of us are gathering all our receipts for the dreaded income tax deadline. It was sixty plus degrees two days ago which melted all the snow, now they're forecasting two inches of snow tomorrow. It's hard to figure out if you should laugh or cry or just barricade yourself in the house and just wait till May 1st. Hopefully by then all this will have passed and the economic reports will be positive, the sun will be shining and it will be sixty degrees everyday, and life will return to some semblance of stability.

We have a lot of standing water; the sixty degree weather didn't do us any favors. The snow melted, but the culverts are still frozen solid and the water is not able to move along its normal path. You might have to open up some new paths for the water to move along, but it will be a while until the culverts are open and running again. They are forecasting more snow, the bad part is this standing water will freeze and this will cause more pot holes to open up in the roads. This thawing and freezing is devastating on roads and parking lots, even driveways.

Something to think about, if you are going away for long periods of time over the winter months, consider shutting off your water in your house. If you're gone and there's a power outage or a gas line break, or if your heat is not working, your water lines will freeze and break, and in a short period of time a tremendous amount of damage can be done to your home and furnishings. We've had this happen a couple of times now over the past two years and its something to think about.

Stay warm, the ground-hog saw its shadow so we have six more weeks of winter, I hope that's all there is!



# Police Report

By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Riverwoods Police Department is to enhance the quality of life while providing a safe and secure environment for all persons within the Village. Department members are dedicated to acting in partnership with the community to provide professional, high quality service.

## RIVERWOODS POLICE SURVEY RESULTS 2008

### Average Scores

**Competence of Officers 8.82**

**Demeanor of Officers 8.32**

**Fairness of Officers 8.35**

**Courtesy of Officers 8.38**

**Traffic Enforcement in the Village 7.93**

**Police Visibility in the Village 7.71**

**Police Visibility in Your Neighborhood 6.96**

**Overall Services Provided by the Police 8.61**

Excellent			Good			Fair			Poor	No Opinion
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Thank you to those who participated in the Riverwoods Police Survey for 2008. We received 50 responses and have poured through them to not only assess the needs of the community, but also to gain insight into what you think we are doing well and where you think we can improve.

As you can see from the scores, we rated in the "excellent" range in five of the eight categories and in the "good" range in the remaining three. We scored just under "excellent" in "Traffic Enforcement", but persons who rated us lower commented we either spend too much time on traffic enforcement or we need to do more. I can tell you that we intend to continue enforcement in areas that have a higher potential for traffic accidents and, based on your comments, we will be more vigilant in areas the community feels needs more attention. Also based on your comments, we will work on visibility in areas you would like to see more of us.

### Here are some samples of the comments we received.

"Traffic enforcement is excessive in my neighborhood."

"There should be more traffic enforcement in my neighborhood."

"Residents should get more breaks for minor traffic violations."

"Thanks for keeping us safe."

"You are doing an excellent job."

"There should be more red light enforcement. Cameras should be used."

"I'd like to see you more in my neighborhood."

"House watches are a good idea."

"We are proud of our police department."

"The officer I dealt with was wonderful."

**Here are common values and characteristics you feel Riverwoods Police Officers should possess. We are dedicated to being all of these.**

Courteous

Honest

Integrity

Well trained

Dedicated

Professional

Fair

Knowledgeable

Friendly

**Here are areas you ranked as "High Priority" in over 30 of 50 responses. Each of these is also a high priority with us.**

Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred

Investigating burglaries

Discouraging crime in general

Enforcing drunk driving laws

Notifying citizens of potential for criminal activity

Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.)

Providing 24 hour patrol services to community

I have called and spoken to, or left a message for, each responder who indicated they would like to be contacted. Anyone wishing to speak with me further on the survey, or on any other topic, can contact me at 847-945-1130 ext 30 or e-mail me at bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.

## EMERGENCY CHECK UP

The police will check on any senior/disabled person during the inclement weather (really hot or really cold days). Please call Nancy at 847-945-3990 to give your phone number and address for this service.

## HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

Riverwoods Police Officers check vacant houses while our residents are out-of-town. If you wish to utilize this free service, please call the Police Department 847-945-1130 before your departure. We will ask a few pertinent questions and complete a house watch form.

You may also download a house watch form on the Public Safety page on the Village website; www.villageofriverwoods.com, under "forms", and mail or drop it off at the police station.

## Monitoring Your Water Meter

By Joyce Fromm

Water meter monitoring is as simple as finding your water meter. Step 1 would be to find the meter and at that point, you are in complete control over monitoring the amount of water that is used by your household. The place to look for it is right where the water line comes into your home from the water main in the street. They would have been required to mount it there, either in your basement or crawl space, depending on what you do have.

Once you find the meter you can monitor its use. If you don't see any numbers, you may have to lift the lid, much like a toilet seat cover. If you suspect a leak, you should first make sure that no one is running any water anywhere in the house. Such things like washing clothes, showering, washing dishes or running your underground sprinkler would result in that red dial turning clockwise. This is the only reason the dial should be turning as that is how it works. It's a simple device with a wheel inside that turns when water flows through it. It might tend to flutter but should not actually turn unless water is flowing somewhere. If you do see it turning when no one is running water, you have a leak somewhere in the system and should call a plumber to find where the leak is.

To monitor the meter you will simply record the number and then read it again at different intervals. This will tell you how much water has flowed between each reading. An average would be about 150 gallons per day per person. This is not accounting for any underground sprinkler use. Those figures should be obtained from your sprinkler company. They should be able to tell you, based on your system and the number of sprinkler heads, how much water should flow every time you run it for any given time. Ok, you are now in complete control over monitoring your water usage and could very well tell me just how much water has flowed through the system since your last reading. This is also how you can verify the current read on your latest bill. Just walk up to the meter and verify it with the amount listed on the bill. Of course some time will have elapsed since the last read was taken and the bill arrives so allow for that.

If you suspect that you may have a leak, call a plumber and fix it as soon as you can. Every day with the leak is just wasting money and precious water. We can certainly send someone to do a leak check but they will charge you \$80.00 for that service and you can conceivably do the same thing yourself for free. If they determine that there is a leak they will not be able to pinpoint just where the leak is and you'll be required to hire a plumber for that service anyway.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me at the Village Hall, Monday through Thursday during regular business hours of 8:30 to 1:30.

## Health Department Offers Reduced Water Testing Rates

March 8 – 20

Safe drinking water is something that most of us take for granted, but every year there are instances of contaminated drinking water in Lake County. During National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 8 through 14, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center encourages County residents to become more aware of their water resources, especially their drinking water. The Health Department encourages all users of private water wells to take this time to have their drinking water tested to see if it meets drinking water standards.

"We encourage well owners to have their water tested at least annually," said Irene Pierce, Executive Director of the Health Department. "What better time to do it than during National Groundwater Awareness Week?"

As an incentive, from March 8 - 20, the normal \$16.00 analysis fee for testing for bacteria and nitrates will be reduced to \$10.00 for well owners, though no one will be refused due to an inability to pay. People can pick up sterile test bottles to be filled and returned for analysis at specific Health Department offices. Results of water sample analyses are ready for homeowners in approximately three working days. If people are uncomfortable with collecting samples themselves, Health Department staff is available to go out to homes to collect the sample for a \$50.00 fee, which includes an inspection of the well and the lab analysis for bacteria and nitrates. Other tests available are to detect for lead, fluoride, hardness, iron and total dissolved solids.

Test bottles are available at the following Lake County Health Department offices:

3010 Grand Avenue  
Waukegan  
847-377-8020

118 South Main Street  
Wauconda  
847-984-5000

121 East Grand Avenue  
Lake Villa  
847-377-7780

For further information on water testing, please call the Health Department office closest to you. All offices are open from 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. You can also visit the National Groundwater Association Website at: <http://www.ngwa.org/public/awarenessweek/index.aspx>

By Nancy Morten and John Norris

As we enter into the fourth year of the Competitive Communities Initiative, it's time to give you an update on our participation in the program run by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO).

The Village of Riverwoods is now in its third stage of the process, developing an action plan. Don Falls, our DECO representative, presented the Village with a plaque in recognition of this achievement at the board meeting on February 17, 2009. We have completed the "self assessment" phase and are now creating an action plan reflecting what we learned during the self assessment. The timing is good as the federal government's "Stimulus Package" should be making funds available for many community needs.

As you may recall we held a number of community meetings with residents from various areas around the Village. The ideas you gave us, during this self-assessment enabled us to create a set of goals and an action plan we believe reflects what you want. Members of the Steering Committee have tried to synthesize your ideas into concrete. Greg Mancuso and Rich Koomjian are now tackling the hard job of combining these goals and objectives into a step by step action plan.

Before we move into the implementation phase, we will need your help with the action plan. Watch your mail for an update and where you can read the plan. We are working out various ways to get your feedback, from "focus groups" to email. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Strengthening Family Connections In a Time of Crisis

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The Family Institute at Northwestern University will be hosting its annual spring Circle of Knowledge lecture on Friday, April 17.

President William M. Pinsof, PhD, LMFT, will be presenting "**Finding the Silver Lining: Strengthening Family Connections in a Time of Crisis.**" This talk will focus on thinking about the economic crisis as an opportunity for couples and families to get in touch with what is really important in life. Dr. Pinsof will discuss strategies for clarifying values, building connection and sharing ourselves more deeply by communicating more openly. Pitfalls and dangers like anxiety and depression will also be addressed.

The event will be held at a private club in Glen-coe. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 312-609-5300, ext. 480.

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## Take Steps to Prevent Norovirus

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The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is encouraging residents to take steps to prevent norovirus, a group of viruses that cause gastrointestinal illness or "stomach flu." Since late fall of last year, seven norovirus-like outbreaks have been reported to the Health Department, including one in a school, one at a private party, four in long-term care facilities, and one in an assisted-living facility.

"Norovirus is most common during the winter months," said Irene Pierce, the Health Department's Executive Director. "It is highly contagious and can spread easily. Outbreaks occur more often where there are more people in a small area, such as nursing homes, restaurants, catered events, and cruise ships. Good hygiene practices are important to prevent transmission from person to person."

Symptoms usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, body aches, headache, tiredness and a low-grade fever. Symptoms typically last 24 to 60 hours and subside on their own.

Noroviruses are found in the stool or vomit of infected people. People can become infected with the virus in several ways, including eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus, touching contaminated surfaces or objects, or having direct contact with another person who is infected. Following are steps that can help you avoid noroviruses:

- Frequently wash your hands, especially after toileting or changing diapers and before eating or preparing food.

- Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and steam oysters before eating them.

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of diarrhea or vomiting by using a bleach-based household cleaner.

- Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with the virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).

- Flush or discard any vomit and/or stool in the toilet and make sure that the surrounding area is kept clean.

- Persons who are infected with norovirus should refrain from food preparation while they have symptoms and for three days after they recover from their illness.

The Health Department has taken proactive steps to inform residents about the virus by routinely notifying day-care centers, long-term care facilities, physicians and other health care entities about the illness. For more information, visit: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbnorovirus.htm>, or contact the Health Department's Communicable Disease Program at: 847-377-8130.

## Mayoral Candidates Forum

On March 18, the Riverwoods Preservation Council will sponsor a Mayoral Candidates' Forum at which the two Riverwoods mayoral candidates, Bill Kaplan and John Norris, will address local environmental issues. The Forum will be held at the Riverwoods Village Hall at 7:30pm. The Forum's open format will allow each candidate to give a ten-minute introductory speech, and then take questions from attendees. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the Forum. Riverwoods Preservation Council is a non-profit group of resident volunteers dedicated to preserving the unique ecological heritage of the community.

## Progress Report on RPC Woodland Health Study

*By Riverwoods Preservation Council*

In September the RPC collected field data on trees, shrubs, and perennials on fourteen Village sample sites in accordance with Phase 1 of the Riverwoods Woodland Health Study. This study is sponsored by the RPC with matching contributions from the Village. The fourteen sample sites used in the study are on both public and private properties and were selected to be representative of the historically wooded portion of the Village. What are our preliminary findings?

**Shrubs.** Our study found almost a complete absence of shrubs taller than one meter. Those that we did find were considered invasive, such as tartarian honeysuckle, or were a result of active management by the property owner. Absent from the field data were instances of many shrub species known to be native to this area – dogwood, viburnum, choke cherry, and hazelnut – shrubs that provide food and habitat for birds and other animals.

**Bare ground.** Percent bare ground is good way of visualizing the habitat and is an easily understood measure of ecosystem health. Bare ground is the absence of plant growth immediately above the ground layer. Generally, the more bare ground, the more degraded is a site. Of fourteen sample sites, twelve showed a percent bare ground of 60-90% – a clear indication of the scarcity of ground layer plants and shrubs. Significant bare ground and an absence of shrubs is often described as a loss of structure. The study shows that the woods are composed primarily of only one tier, canopy, rather than several tiers of canopy, saplings and small trees, shrubs, and ground-level plants. This loss of understory appears to be a result of the closing of the canopy with consequent loss of ground layer light, and may be compounded by deer browse.

**Oak to Maple.** As observed elsewhere in the Chicagoland area, the oak/hickory woodlands are changing – oaks are not regenerating in the Village's historic oak woodlands while other species are becoming more dominant. This is indicated by an almost complete absence of oak saplings in the eleven oak sample sites. They are being replaced primarily by sugar maple, hop hornbeam, elm, and ash. The causes most often attributed to this common phenomenon are: absence of fire, closing of the woodland canopy and resulting increase in shade, over-abundance of white-tailed deer, and overall cooler and wetter conditions compared to those observed several hundred to several thousand years ago.

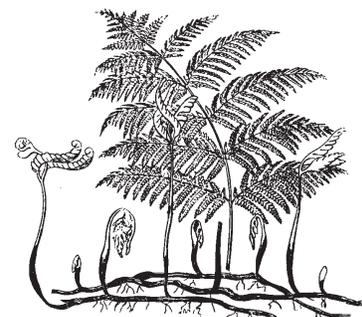
**Floristic Quality.** Floristic Quality is a measure used by ecologists to determine the relative diversity and quality of a natural area such as woodland. Floristic Quality is quantified using the term Floristic Quality Index (FQI), and in this study we applied FQI to the perennial (herbaceous) plants on the woodland floor. Of the fourteen woodland sample sites, three rated an FQI of 'good'. These sites are all located on property adjacent to the Des Plaines River. Another three sites rated an FQI of 'poor'; the remaining eight sites rated 'fair'. This degradation is typical of woodlands throughout the Chicagoland area.

**What's next.** The study is not yet complete. In May we will collect more field data, but this time we will document the diversity and abundance of spring plants, especially spring ephemerals. These plants are less sensitive to canopy closure because they do their active growing before canopy trees leaf out. These plants are also useful in another way – white trillium, in particular, is considered an indicator species for browse habits of white tail deer. Patterns of growth of white trillium may suggest the level of browse.

In addition, we will measure available light on the canopy floor. Preliminary results indicate that loss of light is a major factor in limiting understory plant growth. Light measurements will enable us to compare our observations with other studies.

Of course it isn't possible to include the entire Progress Report here. You can download an electronic copy by logging onto the RPC website: <http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org/> or by requesting a paper copy from:

RPC  
PO Box 122  
Deerfield IL 60015



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## Riverwoods Preservation Council

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The Riverwoods Preservation Council's mission is to preserve a sound balance of plants, animals and development in Riverwoods.

Keep up to date with the RPC and their calendar of events at [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org) or send us your email address and we'll keep you informed. [riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net](mailto:riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net) or P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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I would like to become a member of the RPC.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My Biggest Concern \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to support the RPC. Enclosed is my check for

\$25    \$50    \$75    \$100    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: RPC, P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

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

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## Riverwoods Residents Association

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**The next RRA meeting will be March 25 at 7pm at Village Hall.** All candidates running for Village positions in the next election will be present to share their views.

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

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please include me as an RRA member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## First Illinois Brought you Lincoln, then Obama. Who's Next?

### RRA Brings the Candidates to You

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**Wednesday, March 25, 7pm.** The first general meeting of the Riverwoods Residents Association this year, with a new Board of Directors in place, invites everyone to come out and meet the candidates running for the village clerk, trustee and mayoral positions. The new RRA president, John Hughes, will lead the residents through a question and answer session with each.

Also up for discussion at the general meeting will be the planning of several RRA sponsored events; Family Day, Plant Sale, Clean-up Day, Village Barbecue and the Movie in the Woods evening. Come on out on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm to welcome the new RRA board members and maybe even volunteer to help at one of these fun events.

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## Riverwoods Seniors - A Very Special Group

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By Howard Patterson

A small group of our residents have gathered to bring new life into "Seniors of Riverwoods." Included are residents of age 60 and beyond plus their spouses of any age. In the Riverwoods census of 2000 we had 713 seniors.

Our objectives are two-fold: 1) To provide a basis for our members to meet regularly on a social basis and 2) To partake in programs that are entertaining and of a subject matter that is compatible with our age group.

The first meeting was held on February 4 at the Village Hall with 20 attendees. We heard from trustee candidates Bill Svatik, Carol Chamberlain and Rich Koomjian on what their platforms are. We also heard from Nancy Morten, the candidate for village clerk. We had a report for current trustee Svatik on Riverwoods happenings which was followed by a series of questions and answers. Each of the attending seniors were able to introduce themselves.

The current directors are Howard and Shirley Patterson, Walter Nathan, John Anderson and Sherry Kaplan. Nancy Morten lends a hand.

The next meetings will be:

**March 4 at 9:30am when mayoral candidate John Norris will address the group**

**April 1 at 9:30am when current Mayor Kaplan will address the group.**

All meetings are at the village hall. If you would like to join or would like more information, please contact Howie Patterson at 847-945-9281 or [snhpatterson@comcast.net](mailto:snhpatterson@comcast.net)

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## In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

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By Gale Gand

Have you been to Fresh Farms? That international grocery store in Wheeling on Dundee at Milwaukee? When I walk in there I feel like I'm in a different country, in a good way. I feel like I've stepped off a plane and into a market in India, or Israel, or Russia, or Central America...anywhere besides the northern suburbs of Chicago (and without the hassle of lugging luggage). It starts with the music. It's just different than most grocery store music, in a global sort of way. Your ears pick up multiple languages. And then there's all that produce. Fresh garbanzo beans in the shell (Have you ever seen that before?), elegant Japanese eggplant, ripe sweet strawberries and raspberries at prices low enough that I keep them as standard fare in my house now. Then you get to the back of the store and there's a deli counter the width of the whole place. They have myriad types of ham I've never heard of at half the price of the big chain grocery stores, and old world style wieners and sausages. And then there's the cheeses...from every country plus fresh farmers cheese, like 6 types. I didn't even know there were 6 different types of farmers cheese. I'm not even sure how to use them, but I buy it out of excitement, rationalizing I'll figure out later what to make with it. I brought my son with me once and told him to go find the frozen peas and frozen corn and bring me back a bag of each. After wandering around for 10 minutes he came back confessing he couldn't find it. And I said, "Exactly! There's no giant section of frozen foods here. It's called FRESH Farms, and they mean it." It's for people who like to cook from fresh and eat fresh.

There's a clearance rack with large bundles of "must sell" produce that always inspires me to make things I usually put off till the ingredients are on sale. And I guess that's my real point about this place. It inspires me to cook. And I cook all day long for work, so I'm not an easy target. But I walk in there and I see possibilities and it becomes even more fun to cook for and feed my family. Walk in and see if it hits you the same way. Here's what I made last time I ventured in there.

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### STUFFED RED BELL PEPPERS WITH SPINACH

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*Makes 5-6 peppers*

5 or 6 red bell peppers  
1 cup tomato sauce  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 cups packed spinach leaves  
1 1/2 cups cooked white or brown rice  
1 pound ground sirloin

2 eggs  
cup grated domestic mozzarella cheese  
teaspoon salt  
teaspoon pepper

Wash the peppers and remove any stickers (seems obvious, I know but...) Cut the top inch off the peppers, leaving the stem connected to the top slice (if it has one) and reserve them for later. Using your hands, dig out the seeds and ribs and discard. Find a roasting pan to tightly fit the peppers standing up. Pour the cup of tomato sauce in the bottom of the pan and spread it around.

In a sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat and add the chopped onions to sauté them. Once they are translucent, add the garlic and sauté another minute, then add the spinach and cook it another minute or so, stirring often, to wilt the spinach.

In a large bowl combine the sautéed onions, garlic and spinach with the rice, sirloin, eggs, mozzarella, salt and pepper and mix well with a wooden spoon. Once it's combined, stuff the mixture into each pepper, dividing it evenly. Place the peppers in the roasting pan and pour some tomato sauce over each pepper. Place the lids on them and bake at 375 for 60 to 75 minutes till cooked through to the center. Let rest a few minutes. Serve hot with more warmed tomato sauce to spoon over them if desired. Serve with some crusty Italian bread and a glass of Pinot Noir.

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## Dear Plant Ladies

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*Should I be pruning my trees?*

The simple answer is yes, but pruning is done for different reasons. 1) To promote tree health which includes removing dead or dying branches and branches that rub together. 2) To maintain the intended purpose of a tree such as encouraging flower and fruit development or maintaining a desired form. 3) To improve a tree's appearance such as controlling size and proportions or removing unwanted branches, waterspouts, and suckers. 4) To protect people and property by removing dead or hazardous branches and trees, pruning out branches that overhang homes, parking areas and sidewalks where falling limbs could cause injury or damage and pruning branches that obscure the entry to your home for security purposes.

*I heard that I should prune my Oaks and Elms only in winter. Is that true?*

So glad that you asked. Winter is the best time to prune your Oaks and Elms. Oaks are susceptible to Oak wilt disease and Elms are vulnerable to Dutch Elm disease. By pruning these trees in the dormant season, you reduce the chance of disease spread. Fresh wounds are exposed for only a short time before new growth begins the wound sealing

process. Never prune these trees during April, May and June.

*What about some of my other trees like my Maples?*

As a general rule, when the leaves drop and the trees are dormant, more of the tree can be seen, making it easier to make pruning decisions without the leaves obscuring the structure. Some trees, like Maples, have free-flowing sap that “bleeds” after late winter or early spring pruning. Though this bleeding causes little harm, it may still be a source of concern. To prevent bleeding, if you cannot prune in the winter, prune the Maples after their leaves are fully expanded in late spring or early summer. This also applies to Butternut, Walnut, Birch, Ironwood and Blue Beech.

*I have Crabapple trees. When do I prune them?*

They should be pruned in late winter to decrease the chance for infection and spread of the bacterial disease fireblight.

*What about Evergreens?*

Spruces and Firs can be pruned any time because they have lateral (side) buds that will sprout if the terminal (tip) buds are removed. It is best, though, to prune them in late winter, before growth begins. Pines only put on a single flush of tip growth each spring and stop growing. Prune before these “candles” of new needles become mature. Pines do not have lateral buds, so removing terminal buds will take away new growing points for that branch. Eventually, this will leave dead stubs. To promote more dense growth, remove up to two-thirds of the length of new expanded candles.

*You didn't mention Arborvitae, Junipers, Yews and Hemlocks. When should they be pruned?*

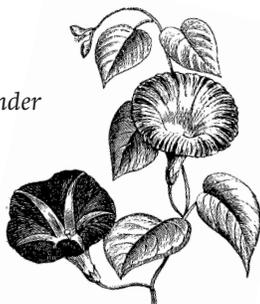
These evergreens grow continuously throughout the growing season. They can be pruned any time through mid-summer.

*Can my landscaper prune my trees?*

If the landscaper is very knowledgeable about trees and correct pruning techniques, then yes. However, a certified arborist is a better choice for your pruning tasks. They are trained specifically to understand tree structure and how to prune to develop the long term strength, health, and beauty of trees.

Happy Pruning,  
The Plant Ladies

Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander



## Household Chemical Waste Recycling

SWALCO's Mobile HCW (Household Chemical Waste) Events which are held at various locations throughout Lake County from April to November will resume again this spring. What some residents may not know, is that they can now take advantage of SWALCO's year-round HCW Collection Events held at the permanent facility located at 1311 N. Estes St. in Gurnee. The year-round program has been operating for just over a year and offers collections multiple times per month, including the second Saturday of each month. Residents from all over Lake County have utilized the program and have found it to be quick and convenient. Appointments are required. Make your appointment online at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340.

These events are open to Illinois residents only and there is no charge for this service. For more information about HCW collections, Electronics Recycling collections, School Education or other SWALCO programs, please visit the website at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340.



## Save the Date for the Animals

Orphans of the Storm animal shelter announces it's 9th annual benefit dinner to raise funds and awareness for the shelter's work with the stray and abandoned dogs and cats of northeastern Illinois. Monday, April 27th the shelter will celebrate these animals at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort with our animal friends and supporters.

Please consider joining us. Individual seats are \$250 or you may purchase a table and seat 10 of your friends. Enjoy cocktails, silent auction, dinner and a message about the animals in our world today.

For more information contact Donna Heggie at 630-567-7240 or to donate a service or item to the silent auction, contact Jackie at 847-602-8508.

Orphans of the Storm is your community's shelter. Visit over 500 animals every day from 11am to 5pm. Or visit on line at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org).



**MIX THESE ITEMS TOGETHER IN YOUR RECYCLING CART OR BIN**

**ACCEPTABLE**

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**

**NEWSPAPERS  
MAGAZINE  
CATALOGS  
BOOKS  
PHONEBOOKS**

Include ads, inserts, postcards, hard cover, soft cover and miscellaneous paper.

Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers.



**CARDBOARD**

Flatten cardboard boxes. Large boxes must be cut into 3' x 3' pieces.

Do not include cardboard that contains food residue or wax-coating.

**SCRAP PAPER  
SHREDDED PAPER**

Scrap paper includes: mail, envelopes, copy paper, office paper, greeting cards, paper egg cartons, paper tubes, wrapping paper and cereal/food boxes. Place shredded paper into paper bags.

Do not include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper, or paper coated with food, wax or foil. Remove plastic bags and plastic wrappers.



**RIGID HOUSEHOLD  
PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

- #1 PET: water and soda bottles
- #2 HDPE: milk, detergent, shampoo containers
- #3 V: chemical, cooking oil containers
- #4 LDPE: lids, caps, rings, six-pack rings
- #5 PP: yogurt, butter, cosmetic containers

Plastic containers numbered 1-5 including caps, rings, lids and labels. Plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and be tied tightly closed and recycled at your nearest grocery or retail store.

Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Plastic numbered 6 and 7 cannot be recycled in Lake County. Do not include utensils, plates, paper milk/juice cartons, toys, plant pots, garden hose or pools.



**METAL CANS**

Includes aluminum, tin, and steel food and spray cans. Caps, lids, pull tabs, labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.

Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Do not include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries or auto parts.



**ALUMINUM FOIL**

Aluminum foil and foil trays

Foil should be free of food residue.

**GLASS CONTAINERS**

Glass bottles and jars. Mix all colors together. Caps, lids, rings and labels may remain on the containers.

Do not include light bulbs, mirror, bakeware, drinking glasses, ceramics, window or auto glass.

**Items on the NOT ACCEPTABLE list many contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in you recycling cart or bin. Please be mindful as you recycle.**

**NO** plastic bags  
**NO** wrappers  
**NO** foam

**NO** food or garbage  
**NO** holiday lights  
**NO** toys

**NO** clothes hangers  
**NO** wire  
**NO** utensils

**NO** paint cans  
**NO** batteries

# A Riverwoods Village Forum



## Identity Theft Prevention

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00pm  
Riverwoods Village Hall

*Stop Thieves from Stealing You!*

Last year, 8.4 million Americans became victims of Identity Theft. We want to offer you *12 crucial steps* you can take to make sure you remain safe.

### Join us Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm.

Learn the risks of Identity Theft and receive important information to avoid becoming a victim. Attendees will also receive a **FREE** Identity Theft Prevention Kit.

#### Find out:

- Warning signs – how can I tell if I'm a victim
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## It is Breeding Season for Coyotes

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**Coyotes are an important part of our native ecosystem and are wild animals.** If you are attracting them to your yard – stop. Ultimately, this will become a problem for you and the coyote. Let them live their life as they should, wild and without our interference.

February and early March are breeding season for coyotes. Pups are born approximately 60 days later in late April or May. Coyotes will be more active in February and early March so you may hear more howling and see more activity.

If you don't want coyotes in your yard do not provide an "attractive nuisance". This would be any food source, i.e., garbage, pet food, food compost, etc.; or a home source, i.e., wood pile, access points under porches or decks, holes in the ground, etc. If you see coyotes regularly in your yard make their visit uncomfortable, bang on pots, sound a horn, etc.

**Coyote Reproduction Facts:** A few females breed at one year of age, but most mature in their second year. Breeding peaks in late February or early March. A female typically mates for two to five days during this period. The gestation (pregnancy) period is 58 to 63 days. Pups are born during late April or May in a den under a hollow tree, log, brush pile, or even an abandoned building. More often, coyotes raise their young in a remodeled burrow dug originally by a fox, badger, or woodchuck. Litters of 2 to 19 pups have been documented, but four to nine is the norm. The pups

*are blind and helpless at birth and are covered with brownish-gray woolly fur. Their eyes open between 8 and 14 days of age. The young first come out of the den when they're about 21 days old but don't remain outside for long periods until they are 5 or 6 weeks of age. Both parents care for the young, especially after they're weaned. Hunting short distances from the den (usually 3 to 5 miles), the parents kill and eat what they catch, then regurgitate it for the pups when they return. The pups begin to learn to hunt for themselves when they are 8 to 12 weeks old. The family usually moves away from the den about this time, and often breaks up in late summer or early fall. After they leave their parents, some young may move up to 120 miles away in search of their own living space.*

