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VILLAGE VOICE

Getting To Know Our Fire District



By Assistant Fire Chief Rob Ugaste

Here at the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District we understand the need to have a familiar face available when you have a question or concern. In an effort to address this need, Chief Kruger has assigned three members of his management team to act as liaisons with the Villages we protect. My name is Rob Ugaste, I am an Assistant Chief, and I will be the Fire District representative for the Village of Riverwoods.

Starting April 17th, I will begin attending the Board of Trustee meetings in an effort to provide the Village of Riverwoods (leaders, business owners, and residents) with a consistent and knowledgeable fire

department contact person. I can also be reached at the Fire Department by calling 847-634-2512.

What's a Fire District? Fire districts were originally created by residents who needed fire protection and wanted to share the cost of funding the services. The district concept typically results in a larger and more diverse fire department than a smaller individual community could afford on its own. Because village boundaries have changed over the years, the fire district boundaries don't always match those of the Villages they were created to protect. In Northern Illinois alone there are 64 Fire Districts including; the Long Grove FPD, the Deerfield - Bannockburn FPD, and the Countryside FPD locally.

Fast Facts - In 1941, the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (originally known as Vernon FPD) was created as a volunteer organization. The District owned one fire engine and was notified of calls by a siren mounted on the roof of the old fire station. The department continued to function on a volunteer basis for 30 years until a tragic accident resulted in a dramatic change. A fire engine rolled over on Weiland Road while responding to a call for help and an Assistant Chief died that day. This tragedy caused our Trustees to make the decision that it was time to move in the direction of a full-time, career oriented fire department.

The following year (1972), our first full time Chief was hired and the next year the

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All Riverwoods Board and Committee 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 8p.m. May 15, June 5 and 19.

Riverwoods Plan Commission
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2.

TO 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.

The Riverwoods Preservation Council
Call Greg Mancuso, chairman at (847) 945-7034.

RRA Call RRA President Richard Small at (847) 656-8408.

Plant Sale Committee of the RRA 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.

Join the **Riverwoods Book Club** Exercise your brain. Meet at the Village Hall once a month, Fridays at 10:00a.m. Free to all.

The last book club meeting before our summer break is on Fri., June 1, at 10a.m. Our selection is *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan.

May 19 is Roadway Cleanup (9a.m.-12noon), **Village Barbecue** (11:30a.m.), **and Plant Sale pick up.**

(Plant sale pick up begins Friday, May 18 and runs through Saturday, May 19.) Come out to Village Hall and reconnect with your neighbors on a beautiful spring day.

Read the News First on the Village Website

All information contained in this newsletter as well as other pertinent Village information is available on the Village website. Read it first at: villageofriverwoods.com

Village Curfew

The Village Curfew Ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 17, is 11:00p.m. during the week and 12:00a.m. Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. This conforms to state statute.

Overnight Parking

No overnight parking is allowed on any Village street, from 3-6:00a.m. No parking is allowed on Thorngate streets after dark.



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Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes of March 20.

REDUCTION IN FLOOD INSURANCE

Village Engineer, Pat Glenn, reported that as of May 1st residents will be entitled to a 10% reduction in their flood insurance. FEMA will notify the insurance carriers. Residents should verify the reduction with their individual insurance carriers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED IDOT GRANT

The Village Police department has received an IDOT Commercial Vehicle Safety Belt Enforcement Grant. The grant amount of \$8,534 will be used toward overtime and vehicle expenditures.

THE ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

A motion to support the Illinois Liquor Control Act pending in Springfield was proposed and approved.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 was unanimously approved.

VILLAGE PRIVACY POLICY

According to the approved Village Privacy Policy, email addresses that the Village is currently collecting on its website will be used only for official Village business and may occasionally be shared with active non-profit organizations within the community.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

A motion to approve the sale of surplus property by the Village was passed.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

A proclamation was passed declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Riverwoods Named Tree City USA

(Content of letter received from the National Arbor Day Foundation)

Riverwoods has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the fourth year Riverwoods has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Riverwoods has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“Trees in our cities and towns help clean air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives,” said John Rosenow, President of the National Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest.”

“Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economic benefits,” Arbor Day Foundation President Rosenow added. “A community and its citizens that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserve recognition and thanks.”



Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

Road Safety - Motorists, bicyclists, joggers, and walkers all share our roadways. Please exercise courtesy and care. Bicyclists, joggers and walkers should all wear reflective or at least light color clothing. Many recommend that all bicyclists, regardless of age wear safety helmets. Let's all safely enjoy the outdoors.

Telephone/E-mail notifications - The Village of Riverwoods has launched an automated Village-to-resident notification system. With this service, Village officials can send personalized voice messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local community matters. We will test our current data base by sending a test message to all residents and businesses on May 24, 2007. If you do not receive this message, please log onto the Village of Riverwoods website <http://www.villageofriverwoods.com/> and follow the links.

The "Nigerian" Internet Scam: Costly Compassion - Nigerian advance-fee fraud has been around for decades, but now seems to have reached epidemic proportions. Some consumers have told the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) they are receiving dozens of offers a day from supposed Nigerians politely promising big profits in exchange for help moving large sums of money out of their country. And apparently, many compassionate consumers are continuing to fall for the convincing sob stories, the unfailingly polite language, and the unequivocal promises of money. These advance-fee solicitations are scams. And according to the FTC, the scam artists are playing each and every consumer for a fool. Here's the playbook:

Claiming to be Nigerian officials, business people or the surviving spouses of former government honchos, con artists offer to transfer millions of dollars into your bank account in exchange for a small fee. If you respond to the initial offer, you may receive "official looking" documents. Typically, you're then asked to provide blank letterhead and your bank account numbers, as well as some money to cover transaction, transfer costs and attorney's fees.

You may even be encouraged to travel to Nigeria or a border country to complete the transaction. Sometimes, the fraudsters will produce trunks of dyed or stamped money to verify their claims. Inevitably, though, emergencies come up, requiring more of your money and delaying the "transfer" of funds to your account. In the end, there aren't any profits for you to share, and the scam artist has vanished with your money.

If You Receive an Offer - The FTC suggests you stop and ask yourself two important questions: Why would a perfect stranger pick you — also a perfect stranger — to share a fortune with, and why would you share your personal or business information, including your bank account numbers,



Arbor Day 2007

By Nancy Morten

The Village of Riverwoods planted a Kentucky Coffeetree in the garden in front of Village Hall. The tree was not only to celebrate Arbor Day but as a memorial for former Mayor Vern Rutter and his wife Marilyn. An accompanying plaque with both of their names inscribed with "in appreciation for many years of service" will be at the base of the tree.

Shown in the picture (from the left) are Chuck Stewart, Trustee Sherry Graditor, Russ Kraly, Trustee John Norris, Mayor Kaplan and Bruce Huvad.

Highway Construction - Update

By: W.D. Svatik, Trustee - T.M.A. Village Representative

Newly updated Highway/Tollway Construction Maps and Schedules for 2007 have been posted on the glass bulletin board inside the Village Hall entrance foyer located at 300 Portwine Road.

Data includes marked maps for Lake and Northern Cook Counties as well as detailed descriptions of projects and completion timetable estimates.

or your company letterhead, with someone you don't know? The U.S. Department of State cautions against traveling to the destination mentioned in the letters.

According to State Department reports, people who have responded to these "advance-fee" solicitations have been beaten, subjected to threats and extortion, and in some cases, murdered.

If you receive an offer via email from someone claiming to need your help getting money out of Nigeria – or any other country, for that matter – forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov.

“Taxing Times”

The Lake County Treasurer will mail out the 2006 property tax bills in early May. County residents receive a single tax bill for the full year's taxes. That bill is payable in two equal installments. The first due date is June 6 and the second installment deadline is September 6. Please note, Lake County taxpayers DO NOT receive a second bill when the second installment is due. Don't be late - as required by State law, the county will tack on 1.5 % interest for taxes paid or post-marked after the due dates.

Keep in mind, tax bills are based on the assessment of your property that took place last year, and the appeal process has already passed. An assessment is the process of appraising real property and giving it a value, which is the basis for determining what portion of the total tax burden each property owner will bear. It's a complex cycle, but it's important for taxpayers to be aware of how this process works - because it's your money! Read the "Property Tax Overview" and other helpful information at www.co.lake.il.us/assessor.

If you think there is an error on your tax bill, you can talk to your local township assessor to be sure that a factual error has not occurred. By law, only factual errors can be corrected once the bills go out.

If you do not receive your bill by May 10, please call the Chief County Assessment Office at (847) 377-2323 or visit the county website at www.co.lake.il.us/treasurer. You can also view their payment status and make payments on-line.



Our Caucus System – How It Works

By Cheryl Chamberlain, Chair 2006-2007 Riverwoods Caucus Nominating Committee

The caucus process is a part of the election system used by smaller towns as an alternative to conducting a primary election for local offices. While the process itself is run locally, much of the basic structure and timing is governed by state law.

How does the caucus begin?

In Riverwoods, the process begins when the Caucus Advisory Council selects a nominating committee. The Council selects one member from each of the geographic areas in Riverwoods: one member who is retired or retiring from office as an elected official, one member of either the Plan Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals, one member of the RRA, and three members at large. Once the committee is formed, the committee then selects its own officers.

What does the Nominating Committee do?

The Nominating Committee has two major functions. First, it identifies issues that are relevant to Riverwoods residents for the upcoming election. Those issues become part of a questionnaire given to prospective candidates for office. Second, the committee seeks qualified candidates for the open positions, and then interviews them to determine the best applicants for those positions. At all times, the committee members are encouraged to seek input and ideas from their Riverwoods neighbors.

How does the Nominating Committee work?

The Nominating Committee begins its work (within the constraints of state law and caucus party bylaws) by establishing a schedule and then notifying residents of important dates. In past years, the committee has mailed a postcard to all residents listing the election date, candidate application deadline date, candidate interview date, and town meeting date. The Nominating Committee also holds several meetings to prepare a questionnaire of important Riverwoods issues which is made available to prospective candidates. After giving the candidates time to complete the questionnaire, the Nominating Committee holds interviews for prospective candidates. This interview process is open to the public, and anyone may ask to be interviewed. While generally sparsely attended, this is actually the best opportunity for residents to learn about prospective candidates. At the close of the interviews, the Nominating Committee meets to make their selections for nomination to the offices open for election.

How does the Caucus Town Meeting work?

Candidates are actually selected at the Caucus Town Meeting. This is an open meeting of the Riverwoods Caucus Party which is held on a particular Monday in

January as specified by state law. Riverwoods residents who are registered voters may declare themselves members of the party. However, only those who make this declaration by signing an affidavit are allowed to vote. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of setting procedures for the meeting, presiding over the meeting, and nominating the persons selected from the interview process.

At this meeting, the Nominating Committee nominates the prospective candidates selected through the interview process. Any eligible Caucus Party members may also make a nomination from the floor. For this reason, the Nominating Committee does not know in advance of the meeting the actual identity or number of nominated candidates for election. This inability to identify nominated candidates in advance makes proxy and absentee voting impractical. In recent years, the Nominating Committee has allowed speeches, but no rule requires them. These speeches are often limited to a few minutes in an effort to keep the meeting within manageable time limits. At the conclusion of the meeting, Caucus Party members vote and candidates for election are declared. After candidates have been selected, the candidates' names are placed on the ballot.

Can a defeated candidate still run in the election?

Candidates who participated in the caucus process and were defeated are not eligible to have their names placed on the ballot. However, persons who did not participate can seek election by petitioning to have his/her name put on the ballot and running as a part of another political party. The number of signatures required on the petition is determined by a percentage of those who voted in the previous election.

The caucus system, although imperfect, has generally served Riverwoods well. It provides a means for selecting qualified and knowledgeable candidates, without the expense of a primary.

Getting To Know Our Fire District

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first career firefighters were brought on board. In 1974 our first Paramedics graduated and our services were expanded to include emergency medicine. In 1994 our headquarters moved to its present location in the Lincolnshire Corporate Center and in 1997 our name was changed to Lincolnshire-Riverwoods to better reflect the communities we serve.

Keeping Promises - Our headquarters station in Lincolnshire (Station 51) protected the entire District until 2001 when Station 52 opened in Riverwoods. As expected our average response times to the Riverwoods area were dramatically reduced. A cooperative agreement with the Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Protection District was then created to allow our Station 52 to respond to all areas of

the Village. In the near future we will break ground on our 3rd station in Vernon Hills, which will complete our 1998 Referendum promise to reduce response times to both the south and north extremes of our District.

Today, the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District protects a 16 square miles area (from Lake Cook Road on the south to Route 60 on the north) which includes the majority of the Villages of Riverwoods, Lincolnshire, and the southern corporate - residential areas of Vernon Hills. Our Fire District population of 16,000 grows to approximately 60,000 on weekdays due to corporate centers and schools. Last year we responded to over 2700 emergencies (including 66 structure fires and 1448 ambulance calls).

Chief Kruger oversees a staff of 42 Firefighters (37 are state certified Paramedics), 2 civilian Fire Inspectors and 2 civilian Administrative Assistants. Our daytime staff is comprised of the Chief, 2 Deputy Chiefs, a Training Officer, and a full time Fire Prevention Bureau, while our Firefighters are split into three 24 hour shifts (13 per shift). We also have a Public Education Division and our own Maintenance Division.

We are members of the Lake and McHenry County Specialized Response Teams and have personnel trained as rescue technicians in High Angle, Below Grade, Trench Collapse, Confined Space, Dive, and Hazardous Materials. We are also members of the Combined Area Fire Training group (Wheeling FD, Buffalo Grove FD, and Long Grove FPD) which allows us to utilize the training facility on Deerfield Parkway. Our apparatus include 3 Fire Engines, a 100' Aerial Ladder, a Heavy Rescue Squad, 3 Paramedic Ambulances and 2 Command Cars.

Paramedics Who Really Care - Our most recent EMS equipment upgrade to 12-lead EKG Defibrillators (from the traditional 2-or 3-lead), provides our Paramedics with a hospital quality EKG recording that can be interpreted in the field. The resulting information is then used to determine what area of the heart is damaged, what medications will work best, and allows the Emergency Room Physician earlier insight as to whether a Cath Lab is needed.

Our Paramedics are supervised by the Northwest Community EMS System, which is well known as a leader in the emergency medical services field. We currently transport to Highland Park, Condell, and Lake Forest Hospitals, and unless your condition is life threatening we give you the choice. In the near future we are looking into adding Glenbrook Hospital as an option.

Closing Thoughts - The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District stands ready to serve and protect. Whether we are dealing with the massive Dean Witter Headquarters complex, one of the largest high schools in the state (Stevenson High School), or someone's home and loved ones, we are on duty 24 hours a day.

Poison Ivy

Poison ivy, which thrives in Riverwoods, may be seen as an individual plant or shrub growing close to the ground, or as a vine climbing high into trees and onto walls and fences. It often has reddish stems. When vine-like, stems can be up to an inch in diameter, though when that large, they appear as woody, hairy, brown vines.

Identifying the plant - Poison ivy has three leaves. Two leaves are immediately opposite one another while the third, center leaf, is on a slightly longer stalk. In the Riverwoods area, the most distinguishing characteristic is that the two leaves opposite one another usually are each shaped roughly like a mitten, with a large lobe and an adjacent smaller lobe. The size of the leaf, its glossiness, and the color of the leaf underside and stem, are not reliable identifying features.

Contact with plant - As anyone who has had a major encounter with this plant can attest, it is a most unwelcome inhabitant of our area, producing an annoying and at times painful (occasionally dangerous) blistering rash. The oily toxin urushiol causes this reaction and the severity (which sometimes requires medical attention) varies with individuals, and from year to year in the same individual. In most cases, sensitivity is developed only after one or more prior exposures to the toxin.



Because reaction to the toxin occurs when the toxin penetrates the skin, quick action - generally within about 5 minutes of exposure - will often avert a problem. Otherwise, redness and swelling typically appear within 12 to 48 hours after contact, followed by blisters.

- What to do if you touch it** - If exposed to poison ivy, follow these steps:
1. To avoid contaminating your home, remove contaminated clothing and, if possible, wash or rinse affected areas before entering the house.
 2. Cleanse your skin immediately with generous amounts of rubbing alcohol (isopropanol). If rubbing alcohol is not available, use soapy (or even plain) water. Be careful to clean only the contact area, to avoid spreading the toxin to other parts of your body.
 3. Take a shower. Don't reuse a soap bar used for the initial cleaning, as it may be contaminated.
 4. Wearing disposable gloves and using rubbing alcohol, wipe off shoes, clothing, tools and anything else that

contacted the toxin. Immediately and carefully discard the gloves after decontamination is complete.

Contrary to popular myth, no toxin is contained in the rash and blisters, so they are not contagious and will not spread. The rash and blisters appear only on the body parts that came in contact with the oily toxin, and typically disappear within two to three weeks. Mild cases may be relieved with wet compresses or soaking in cool water. Itching can be reduced by oral antihistamines, baking soda, calamine lotion, zinc oxide, kaolin, and over-the-counter corticosteroid medications.

If large areas of the body have been contacted, or if the affected area has any scratches or wounds, seek the prompt advice of a physician, as treatment must begin within a few hours after exposure to be most effective. In severe cases, a prescription corticosteroid may be appropriate. Because topical corticosteroid is not considered effective once blistering has begun, an oral version of the medication may be indicated.

Beware - the whole plant is poisonous. Remember that all parts of the poison ivy plant, including leaves, stems and roots, are poisonous at all times of the year. Any oil remaining on clothing and footwear can remain toxic for a year or longer. And while dogs, cats and other pets are not sensitive to poison ivy, they can transmit the oily toxin on their hair. Other potential carriers are garden tools and anything else that comes into contact with the plant. Even smoke can contain the toxin, and inhalation of toxin-bearing smoke can cause a medical emergency. For this reason, poison ivy plants should never be burned.

Control - Poison ivy is hard to control. It spreads by roots which are difficult to remove. Birds eat the berries, spreading the seeds.

The best time to attempt to control poison ivy is from May through July, when the plants are flowering and most dangerous. Manual eradication is possible, so long as all parts of the plant - leaves, vines and roots - are removed. Alternatively, foliage can be sprayed with a general herbicide, such as glyphosate (often sold under the brand name Roundup). Again, be careful to avoid desirable plants, as this non-selective herbicide kills any vegetation it contacts. Cut large vines a few inches above the ground, and immediately apply glyphosate to both freshly cut ends, so that the chemical travels to all parts of the plant, including the roots. Since the dead vine and leaves will continue to contain the toxin, they should be left in place or removed and disposed of carefully. Poison ivy is quite persistent, so multiple applications of glyphosate may be required.

The Riverwoods Preservation Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the ecological heritage of the community. Please visit our web site: www.riverwoodsrpc.org, or email us at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

Plants to Attract Butterflies

Approximately 150 species of butterflies can be found in Illinois. Unfortunately, they are declining in numbers, mainly due to the loss of wetlands and prairies. Planting butterfly gardens will help support their populations and, as a bonus, give us the pleasure of their beauty in our yards.

Plants for caterpillars. When planning a butterfly garden, we always think about the showy flowers that attract the butterflies. But remember that butterflies start out as caterpillars, the butterfly larvae. And caterpillars require specific (generally native) woody plants (trees or shrubs) to feed upon. You won't get the butterflies if you don't have the plants necessary for their larvae.

Here are some examples of woody plants needed for specific butterfly larvae. They are all native to the Riverwoods area. Many are very common here and can be easily found throughout the village.

Scientific Name - Common Name - Color - Bloom - Season - Height - Sunlight

- Rudbeckia hirta* - Black-Eyed Susan - Yellow - July - 1-2' - Part-full sun
- Liatis* spp. - Blazing Star - Rose-purple - Aug-Oct - 18-48" - Sun
- Eupatorium perfoliatum* - Boneset - White - July-Oct - 2-4' - Sun
- Asclepias tuberosa* - Butterfly Weed - Orange - June-Sept - 1-2.5' - Sun
- Echinacea* spp. - Coneflowers - Pale Purple or White - June-Sept - 2-4' - Part-full sun
- Aruncus dioicus* - Goat's Beard - White - June-July - 3-5' - Part shade
- Solidago* spp. - Goldenrod - Yellow - Aug-Oct - 2-7' - Some part shade; most sun
- Veronia baldwinii* or *fasciculata* - Ironweed - Magenta - Aug-Oct - 3-6' - Part sun
- Eupatorium purpureum* - Joe Pye Weed - Lavender - Aug-Sept - 2-5' - Part-full sun
- sunor maculatum*
- Asclepias* spp. - Milkweed - Pink - July-Aug - 1-5' - Part-full sun
- Aster novae-angliae* - New England Aster - Violet-purple - Aug-Oct - 3-6' - Part-full sun
- Phlox* spp. - Phlox - Pink - July-Sept - 2-4' - Sun
- Monarda fistulosa* - Wild Bergamot - Lavender - July-Sept - 2-4' - Sun

Plants for butterflies. Most flowering plants that attract butterflies require sun. Plant these at the woodland edge, in an open meadow, a prairie or in a sunny garden. The butterflies require sun, too. They warm their flight muscles in the sunlight and will rest on a warm stone or board when they aren't feeding.

Aside from their beauty, butterflies are excellent pollinators and the larvae are an important part of the food chain. The larvae may munch away at some of your garden plants as well as their host trees, but consider that a good sign...not a problem.

Insecticides will harm the larvae and butterflies, along with whatever other insects you may target, so refrain from using insecticides in your butterfly garden, (if you feel you must use them at all).

Butterflies usually like flowers with a 'landing pad' like coneflowers, asters or the clustered flower heads of

milkweed or phlox. In general, the butterflies are not as picky about their food as the caterpillars. Large masses of nectar-producing flowers will attract many different species.

Scientific Name - Type of Plant - Common Name - Butterfly

- Amelanchier* spp. - Shrub - Shadbush Serviceberry - Striped Hairstreak
- Amorpha canescens* - Prairie plant/shrub - Leadplant - Dog Face
- Asimina triloba* - Understory tree - Paw Paw - Zebra Swallowtail
- Betula* spp. - Tree - Birch - Compton Tortoiseshell, Mourning Cloak, Tiger Swallowtail
- Celtis* spp. - Tree - Hackberry - Hackberry Butterfly, Snout Butterfly, Question Mark, Mourning Cloak
- Cornus* spp. - Shrub - Dogwood - Spring/Summer Azure
- Crataegus* spp. - Understory tree - Hawthorn - Striped Hairstreak
- Prunus serotina* - Tree - Black Cherry - Tiger Swallowtail, Red-spotted Purple
- Salix* spp. - Willow - Striped Hairstreak, Acadian Hairstreak, Viceroy, Compton Tortoiseshell, Mourning Cloak, Red-spotted Purple
- Tilia americana* - Tree - Linden (also called Basswood) - Question Mark

RPC Announcements

The RPC was admitted to membership in the Chicago Wilderness coalition. Chicago Wilderness is an alliance of over 200 public and private organizations working together to study, restore, protect and manage the natural ecosystems of the Chicago area.

The RPC's application for a state grant to conduct a biodiversity inventory in Riverwoods was awarded a score of 48 out of 50 by local authorities. The application will now be reviewed by authorities in Springfield. To all of you who volunteered properties for the study - Thanks!



Springtime in Riverwoods! Saturday May 19th!

On May 19th from 1 to 3p.m., right after the Village BBQ, you'll have the opportunity to tour several beautiful gardens in Riverwoods. Learn how Riverwoods gardeners incorporate native plants into their landscaping. Get ideas for your own gardens. Find out how to transition your plantings from cultivated gardens to the woods. And see some of our native flowers showing off their spring colors! White trillium will be turning pink. Don't miss the show.

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Butterflies Grow In Trees!

Sunday June 10

It's true. Oaks, cottonwoods, viburnums and dogwoods serve as hosts for butterfly larvae.

On Sunday, June 10th, at 1p.m. the Riverwoods Preservation Council will be sponsoring "Trees and Butterflies" – a talk ... a walk ... and more.

Starting at 1p.m., we'll have an entertaining slide show about butterflies and trees by Dr. Rex Bastian, a well-known expert. We'll learn how to select trees and entice butterflies to our gardens. Then at 2p.m., we'll have a walk through the woods, led by our own June Melber, a Ryerson volunteer. June will tell us some of the secrets of the trees in our woods.

You'll also have a chance to take a peek at the Village garden, with its new saplings, to see how they are being protected.



Look Who's Coming To Breakfast

By Olive Oh-Lim

Photo by Ho Min Lim; Wilsons warbler

Spring in Riverwoods is an exciting time for nature enthusiasts, especially bird watchers. Under still leaden skies with a threat of snow, you hear him, "Kon Kree....Kon Kree." Overnight he has arrived! Snow cover and cold has not deterred the male red-winged blackbird. He is here to stake his territory. And there he is, sitting on the cottonwood, flashing his red and yellow epaulets. The female will tarry a while longer in the warmer south before joining him.

The robins, ubiquitous harbingers of spring, are busy scratching through the leaf mulch and building nests. Many mornings you are awakened by their incessant "Cheree...cherio" song. Along Duffy Road by an open field you can hear the song sparrow, chest puffed up belting out his "tea kettle..." call.

At Ryerson Woods, bluebirds have been sighted at the nesting boxes. What a joy to watch them flying in and out

and alighting on the branches of an ironwood tree, their sky-blue wings catching the morning light. Bell-like trills greet you in the morning, at your patio, and you feel a restless edge to the juncos. These small-slate grey birds have white bellies and appear to have been swimming in a pool of white paint. Soon they will leave for their summer home in Alaska, as it will become too warm here for them.

Cardinals, nuthatches and woodpeckers are busy at the feeders. These stalwarts stay through the bitter cold, riding out the elements and keeping us all company through the dreary winter. The male cardinal in his red plumage, crest raised, sitting on a snow-covered pine tree, is always a welcome sight. Remember to set out a table when the snow cover makes it particularly hard on them. In the meantime, the goldfinches have spruced up their yellow robes and the black-capped chickadees are busy excavating a nest in an old cottonwood stump.

By April the backyard activity is really heating up. Wild geraniums, trilliums and cut-leaf ferns are all emerging from their long winter nap. Rosy prairie smoke buds and white hepatica blooms provide much needed color to the landscape. Soon the may apples will be unfurling their parasols. One can almost imagine woodland fairies picnicking beneath the green canopy.

And ...MAY!...It is pure magic here in Lake County. Each morning brings new sights and sounds. Baltimore orioles, those blackbirds with impossibly orange breasts, arrive during the first week, some all the way from Costa Rica! They are whistlers without equal in the avian world (personal opinion), and each male sings his own distinct tune. Just leave out some cut oranges and they may come, filling your yard with music and color.

May also signals the arrival of warblers and the bane of all bird watchers...Warbler neck...as we crane to see these tiny jewels foraging in the oak canopy. Yellow rumped, nashville, blackburnian...some are in transit, refueling on their way farther north, but others will remain through the summer, hopefully to raise a new brood. Sitting by the kitchen window in mid-May just as the sun is coming up, there is a sudden flash of green....and there he is, the male ruby-throated hummingbird, drinking voraciously from the feeder. He has returned safely from his long journey. Likely he has flown across the Gulf of Mexico, to return to his nesting grounds. What a remarkable feat by such a tiny creature. Now he will entertain you with his aerial displays all summer long. Just seeing him again and knowing that he survived the winter and the journey back makes your day.

There is no end of entertainment in the yards and preserves of this unique neighborhood. So put on your shoes, grab your coat and binoculars and go for a walk. Many of the preserves have bird and wildflower walks starting in April and continuing through the fall (www.lcfdp.org). Better yet, put out the welcome mat and set the 'table' because you never know which 'Guests are going to show up for Breakfast and stay for Dinner.'

Gale's Springtime Starts with Lemon

By Gale Gand

When spring comes I look for 3 things to help encourage me back outside after a cold, long winter. I check to see if the rhubarb is popping up in my garden, I look for the ramps – those wild onions that Chicago was named for – starting to blanket the woods here, and I look for a satisfying lemon dessert. Spring always makes me think of lemon and here's one of my favorite lemon dessert recipes that I always get raves about. This makes a delicate sponge which separates in the oven so there's a layer of lemon pudding in the bottom of the dish. I like raspberry sorbet on top for color and brightness.

Lemon Vanilla Sponge Pudding

Makes 8-10 servings

- 2 1/2 ounces soft butter
- 1/3 cup plus 3/4 cup sugar
- 5 eggs, separated
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tablespoon flour
- 1 1/4 cup whole milk
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- zest of 2 lemons
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Raspberry Sorbet

Butter 8-10 8-12 ounce capacity oven proof baking dishes or bowls.

In a mixer with a whisk attachment cream the butter with 1/3 cup of the sugar. Mix in the egg yolks then mix in the flour-it may look curdled. Mix in the milk, lemon juice, lemon zest and vanilla. In another mixing bowl with a whisk attachment, whip the egg whites till foamy then gradually add the 3/4 cup sugar and continue whipping on medium speed till glossy. Whisk 1/3 of the whites into the lemon mixture, then fold the rest in. Portion the batter immediately into the buttered dishes filling 3/4 of the way full and bake immediately in the oven at 325 in a water bath (roasting pan with 1 inch of water in it) covered with foil for 30 minutes. Serve warm topped with a quenelle raspberry sorbet.

Gale Gand is executive pastry chef of Cenitare Restaurants, which recently opened Gale's Coffee Bar, Osteria di Tramonto, RT Lounge and Tramonto's Steak & Seafood at The Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling. She is also executive pastry chef and partner of four-star Tru in Chicago. Named Outstanding Pastry Chef by The James Beard Foundation, Gand is host of Food Network's "Sweet Dreams" and has six cookbook titles to her credit, including her most recent "Chocolate & Vanilla". Gand is married, has a son Gio, twins Ella Nora and Ruby Grace, and resides in Riverwoods.

A Reminder to Pick Up Your Plant Order, May 18-19 at Village Hall



West Deerfield Township and Fire Department Team-Up to Provide Carbon Monoxide Detectors

By Julie Morrison, West Deerfield Township Supervisor

West Deerfield Township and the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District are partnering to help provide First Alert Carbon Monoxide detectors to everyone in the Township. On January 1, 2007, state law changed to require that all residences have the monitors properly installed. The Township will be providing these free to residents who qualify, and charging just \$22 for a plug-in unit with a battery back-up. Fire department personnel will be available to help with installation, as needed.

You can stop by the Township office to pick up your CO monitor, or if you have questions you may call the Township office at (847) 945-0614. Income guidelines to receive the free monitor are:

# of person household	Gross 30 Day income
1	\$1196
2	\$1604
3	\$2012
4	\$2402
5	\$2828

School District. #103 Daniel Wright Press Release



Zachery Blumenfeld Wins State Geographic Bee - 8th grade student, Zachary Blumenfeld, recently won the Illinois State Geographic Bee. This was Zachary's fourth trip to the state contest. Zachary will represent Illinois at the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. in late May.

Daniel Wright Student Tops In Math Contest - Paul Yuan, also an eighth grade student at Daniel Wright recently received top honors in the 2006-07 Illinois Math League. Paul scored a perfect 40/40 and tied for first place in the state.

Grant to Establish After School Science and Math Club
Daniel Wright Junior High School will establish a new math and science after-school club geared toward students in middle school grades, thanks to a grant awarded by The Actuarial Foundation®. Sixth grade teacher Kirsten Frantom applied for the grant to establish the club, named SMART for Science, Math and Robot Technology.

Christian Community Church Offers Vacation Bible School

Join us for SonForce Kids – Vacation Bible School this summer at Community Christian Church. We are now taking reservations for children 4 years old through entering 5th grade. VBS will take place June 18 – 22 from 1:00 to 3:30p.m. Program fee is \$35.00 and includes all activities, materials, snacks, T-shirt and a music CD. For more information, contact Judy Mankus at (847)945-5835 or by email at judymankus@comcast.net.

Deerfield Farmer's Market

The Deerfield Farmers Market begins its 13th season on June 16th and will operate each Saturday morning until October 13th, from 7:00a.m. to 12:30p.m., rain or shine. The market offers the finest locally grown fruits, vegetables, and specialty items such as freshly baked breads and cookies, fabulous flowers, tasty maple syrup and honey, salsas, and a variety of hand-crafted cheeses. Check our website at www.deerfield-il.org/farmmkt/farmersmarket.html. for details!



Orphans of the Storm Benefit Dinner Supports Our Troops

By Jackie Borchew

The guest speaker at this year's Orphans's benefit dinner was Pam Constable, founder of the Afghan Stray Animal League and Tigger House animal shelter in Kabul, Afghanistan. Also, Army Major Jeff Ritsick and his afghan rescue, Shep, flew in from Washington D.C. for the evening event which raised nearly \$85,000 for Orphans of the Storm. Through the "Bring Bear Home" fund recently, Orphans raised nearly \$10,000 to help our soldiers cover the cost of transporting their rescued pets back to the states.

Three Guys and a Truck Food Drive

By Julie Morrison, West Deerfield Township Supervisor

The Sixth Annual **Three Guys and A Truck Food Drive** to benefit the West Deerfield Township Food pantry will be held on Sunday, June 3, at the DHS track from 6a.m. until 6p.m. Our goal is to fill a moving truck with non-perishable items for the pantry, which serves over 125 individuals every month from the Deerfield area. Again this year, the community is invited to join the fun at the track by walking/running/pushing a stroller/walking a dog around the track on a beautiful summer day. Each lap completed will earn \$1 for the food pantry from a host of local sponsors, AND a free raffle ticket for their participation—win Cubs, Bulls, and Blackhawk tickets, dinners, manicures, etc. Bring your family and be a part of the community event that shows how much we care. If you have questions or would like to volunteer call (847) 945-0614.

A Few Shots from Last Year's Village Barbecue, Cleanup and Plant Sale Day

Photos: Sheila Hollander watering the small garden outside of the Village Hall. Margie Kaul at the order table. David Schoenfeld and Bart Ames grilling up the burgers and chicken. The Schoenfeld's grandsons are hungry for hot dogs. Sheila Hollander collecting a plant order. And Sue Auerbach's trillium-filled woods were a sight on the garden walk.



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Join RRA On-line

Now you can sign up on-line to become a member of the Riverwoods Residents Association. Just follow these three steps: 1) Go to: <http://riverwoodsresidents.org>, 2) Click on: Member Sign up, 3) You will be able to sign up and pay the \$20 fee on-line.

Join the RRA today and receive two Village of Riverwoods vehicle stickers. Extra vehicle stickers are \$5 each. Join today and get involved in your community. The RRA organizes and supports so many worthwhile community events that you may wish to become involved with. Arts & Riverwoods, the annual perennial plant sale and garden walk and much more. Meet your neighbors and friends while helping build a strong community.

If you are interested in volunteering, membership director, Sandy Sagan would love to hear from you. You may contact her at (847) 945-0585.

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