



# Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

## Gypsy Moth Update

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

**Village Survey** The Village Forester completed an egg mass survey at 24 randomly selected 1-acre sample plots throughout the Village.

The majority of the sites where viable egg masses were observed also retained remnants of egg masses from previous years' outbreaks, however these remnant egg masses were not included in this survey.

Female gypsy moths lay one egg mass each. Egg masses were primarily found on oak, cherry and maple species. Egg masses were also observed on a few structures, such as garages and house eaves.

The USDA Forest Service uses the following management thresholds when considering population densities in urban/suburban areas (urban/suburban areas are defined as having a minimum of 1 household per 10 acres):

- 250 egg masses/acre: 'noticeable caterpillars'
- 500 egg masses/acre: 'noticeable defoliation'
- 1,000 egg masses/acre: 'likely mortality'

The number of egg masses observed at each location were well below the 'noticeable caterpillars' threshold.

### Continuing Population Monitoring

The Village will continue to monitor the gypsy moth population via annual egg mass surveys as well as trapping male moths in order to make management decisions.

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.

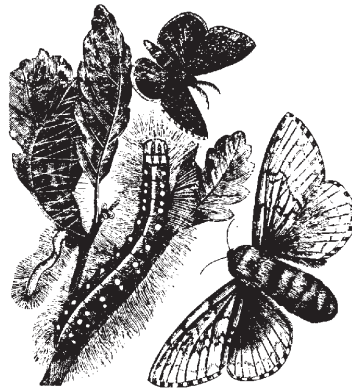
–Inspecting the property in May after the caterpillars emerge from the egg masses and reporting the observations to the Village Hall.

–Spraying from the ground as necessary.

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

–Inspecting the property again in mid to late summer to observe adult insect activity and egg laying activities.

The Village also keeps a list of locations where caterpillars are observed to assist with tracking the population. Please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and report any caterpillar sightings.



*The gypsy moth, *Lymantria dispar*, is one of North America's most devastating forest pests. The species originally evolved in Europe and Asia and has existed there for thousands of years. In either 1868 or 1869, the gypsy moth was accidentally introduced near Boston, MA. About 10 years after this introduction, the first outbreaks began and in 1890 the State and Federal Government began their attempts to eradicate the gypsy moth. These attempts ultimately failed and since that time, the range of gypsy moth has continued to spread. Every year, isolated populations are discovered beyond the contiguous range of the gypsy moth but these populations are eradicated or they disappear without intervention.*

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. May 18, June 1, 15, July 6 and 20.

### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. June 3 and July 1.

GET INVOLVED  
IN RIVERWOODS

### Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

### Theatre in the Woods

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

### Riverwoods Preservation Council

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org)

### Riverwoods Book Club

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

### 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.



RIVERWOODS  
VILLAGE VOICE

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

SEND IN THOSE  
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed preferred. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance.

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## Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

*Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of February 16, March 2, 16 and April 6. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)*

April 6

### URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

Village Forester Chuck Stewart stated that the highest count of gypsy moths was at 2920 Orange Brace. Last year, the highest trap count was more than 2,800, and without significant defoliation. He suggested that the gypsy moth population will continue to be low this year. Mr. Stewart recommended that the Village not spray this year, but requested that the residents continue to report and monitor if there are any sightings.

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented police department activity since the March 17, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated there were two 911 hang ups, 11 accidents, 23 alarms, nine complaints about animals, six fire department assists, one well-being check, three child safety seat installations, one criminal damage to property, three driving complaints, one DUI, two finger printings, three lock outs, one missing person, ten motorist assists, one open burning, two parking complaints, two public assists, eight suspicious circumstances, 16 case reports and 21 crime prevention notices. There were 136 traffic stops resulting in 94 citations being issued to 107 people. Chief Dayno stated there was one arrest for criminal damage to property. There are currently nine houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

In other Police news; Officer Machiarelo raised \$1,650 for St. Baldrics Foundation, which was one of the highest amounts raised.

The Department auctioned the three old squad cars and received more than \$24,000 for the three cars. The Department also received notification from the IRS stating that

the Village will receive more than \$67,000 due to a drug investigation in 2004 which resulted in the forfeiture and sale of certain property.

### FIRE REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods for the month of March 2010. There was one fire call, four car accidents, 13 paramedic calls and six other calls for a total of 24 calls in March and 86 calls year to date.

### REPLACEMENT POLICY FOR BIKE PATH TREES

Mayor Kaplan assured residents that a number of the trees taken down for the Deerfield Road bike path will be replaced if the bike path is built. Mr. Stewart explained they are at the initial stage of the study. The trees in the right-of-way have been tagged, and the trees on private property have blue ribbons on them. If the path moves forward, they will determine what trees need to be moved, replaced, etc. When they start that process, Mr. Stewart will meet with the residents and put together a plan.

### BUILDING/ZONING

Trustee Graditor presented the Building Report. From March 1, 2009 – March 30, 2009, the total construction value was \$281,138, generating fees of \$1,514. The construction consisted of commercial renovation and one single family home addition. From March 1, 2010 – March 30, 2010, there was a remodel and single family addition with a total construction value of \$178,400, generating fees of \$2,350.

March 16

### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Bruce Dayno presented the Police Department activity since the March 2, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated there was one 911 hang up, four alarms, 16 complaints about animals, one other agency assist, two child safety seat installations, three damage to property, four disabled vehicles, two domestic complaints, one driving complaint, two DUI arrests, four fingerprinting, one vehicular or residential lock outs, one noise disturbance, one public assist, nine suspicious circumstances and ten case reports. There were 104 traffic stops with 81 citations issued to 73 people. There are currently 13 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there were seven crime prevention notices, one obstruction of information arrest, one domestic battery arrest and one endangering the life of a child arrest.

Chief Dayno mentioned the Department sent Officer Al Maciareillo to elderly services officer training. Officer Maciareillo received specialized training to handle issues with some senior citizens. Although he is not the Village's senior services officer, he will attend senior meetings.

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#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Fire Chief Rob Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through March 15, 2010. There was one fire call, two car accidents, ten paramedic calls and one other call, totaling 14 calls so far this month and 76 calls to date.

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#### **DISCUSSION ON GENERAL FORESTRY PROGRAMS**

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Mr. Stewart explained an updated Village cost share for the Buckthorn, Garlic Mustard and Planting programs. The current program for sharing costs limits Village exposure to \$1,000 for each activity (up to three). The Village has not had anyone do all three activities. He recommends expanding the program and put together some suggestions. The new program would raise the Village exposure from \$3,000 to \$4,750.

Mr. Stewart explained the garlic mustard program was specifically set up to prevent the use of herbicides. If you apply for the program, we want to have inspections before and after the Garlic Mustard is pulled. He stated a contractor must also be hired.

Mr. Stewart discussed the proposed tree planting program for the Village. He explained the focus on the program is oak trees. He is working with the Plant Committee on updating their recommended planting list.

*March 2*

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#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno listed the Police Department activity since the February 16, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. He stated there were two 911 hang ups, nine accidents, 26 alarms, six complaints about animals, ten fire assists, two other agency assists, one burglary, two child safety seat installations, one damage to property/non-criminal,

seven disabled automobiles, one dispute, one domestic, two driving complaints, one DUI arrest, five vehicle or residential lock outs, four missing persons, eight suspicious circumstances and 11 case reports. There were 103 traffic stops with 83 citations issued to 73 people. There are currently 12 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

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#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Chief Ugaste listed the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods for the month of February. There were five fire calls, four car accidents, 27 paramedic calls and four other calls totaling 40 calls during the month of February and 63 calls year to date.

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#### **ORDINANCE REQUIRING INTERIOR AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

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The proposed Ordinance would not effect existing homes. The Ordinance is proposed for new construction and remodeling projects that constitute more than 50 percent of an existing home.

Jennifer Peterson from Alliance Fire Protection offered some cost estimates with respect to the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems. She stated that for a new home with city water the estimated cost would be between \$1.75 and \$2 per square foot including the square footage of a basement. If a storage tank and pump were required for well water, the estimated cost would be an additional \$2,000. Trustee Koomjian asked what the monitoring costs would be. Ms. Peterson explained that Alliance does not handle monitoring, but stated that if the fire department required monitoring, there would be an additional cost. Trustee Graditor asked how the system works and Mrs. Peterson explained that only the sprinkler head or heads near to the fire would go off. She stated that approximately 90 percent of fires are controlled by one sprinkler head.

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#### **2010 PROPOSAL BY RIVERWOODS PLANT COMMITTEE**

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Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village provided \$5,000 for the Riverwoods Plant Committee last year. Trustee Masterson made a motion to accept the proposal of the Riverwoods Plant Committee in the amount of \$5,000.

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**2010 LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD GRANT**

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Mr. Glenn explained the Vernon Woods Owner's Association received a 50-50 grant for an engineering study of the drainage in Vernon Woods. The purpose of the study is to identify the local drainage features and natural resources (wetlands) and develop conceptual plans for potential drainage improvements. Staff suggested that if the County and Village were going to provide the funding, it would make more sense to do it as a Village project with a scope including the local watersheds (Thorndale Creek and Chianti Creek) rather than just the Vernon Woods area. The estimated project cost would be \$30,000. Due to limited funding, the County only approved a \$9,000 grant with the expectation that the Village would provide the remaining \$21,000.

Trustee Svatik explained that the Intergovernmental Agreement states that the \$9,000 represents 50 percent of the total, which is inaccurate. Mr. Glenn explained it would be \$9,000 or 50 percent, whichever is less. Trustee Masterson made a motion to authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County and authorize expenditure not to exceed \$21,000 for the study. Trustee Haber seconded the motion.

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**DONATION FOR ST. BALDRICK'S CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH**

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Officer Al Maciareillo from the Riverwoods Police Department asked for Village's support for the St. Baldrick's foundation. He will shave his head to benefit children's cancer research. The event will be hosted by Lincolnshire/Riverwoods Fire Department and all proceeds will go to benefit the charity. The event will take place on March 20, 2010 at the Cubby Bear North. The Board voted to donate \$1,000 to the St. Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer Research.

February 16

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**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno reported the activity of the Riverwoods Police Department since the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees. He explained there was one 911 hang up, 14 accidents, 15 alarms, four complaints about animals, 16 fire department assists, one assist to another agency, one child safety seat installation, two domestic disputes, five driving complaints, one DUI arrest, six lock-outs from a vehicle or a home, seven suspicious circumstances, seven case reports, and eight crime prevention notices. There were 96 traffic stops with 71 citations issued to 63 people. There are currently 18 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Assistant Fire Chief Ugaste presented the fire department call volume within the Village of Riverwoods for the period February 1 through February 15, 2010. There were 5 fire calls, two car accidents, 16 paramedic calls and two other calls for a total of 25 calls for the period. Year to date there were 48 calls.



*Cleanup Day 2001 / Can you identify these residents?*

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**CLEAN UP DAY SPONSOR**

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Mayor Kaplan announced that the RRA is not going to sponsor Riverwoods Clean Up Day this year, and that the Village will do so instead, in conjunction with the Riverwoods Preservation Council. Mayor Kaplan estimated the cost to the Village at several thousand dollars. Laurie Breitkopf, on behalf of the RPC announced that the RPC will be happy to work with the Village on this project.

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**2ND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS CONCERNING FENCES**

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Attorney Huvad presented a new draft of the proposed ordinance and explained its terms. The new draft contained several options by which a homeowner who desires to erect a fence in excess of 6 feet in height on his property might do so without violating the proposed ordinance. He also explained that the proposed ordinance would contain provisions which would permit a fence which met the definition of a deer fence to be maintained at the front property line of a resident's property if it was part of, or supported, a driveway gate. Trustee Haber put forth some suggestions and observations with respect to the definitions contained in the proposed ordinance, and then observed that, despite the fact that the Village has tried very hard to craft a workable statute to prescribe regulations concerning fences, the examples and options contained in the current version of the proposed ordinance show that the Village can't make it work. Trustee Haber therefore stated that he is not comfortable with the proposed ordinance in its current form, and believes it should go back to the drawing board. In his opinion the proposed ordinance addresses symptoms and not the real problem, which is the deer.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the issue of deer fences came up in the election, at the Candidates' Forum sponsored by the

Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC), which gave impetus to the current effort to resolve the issue at the Village Board level. No other village has a deer fence ordinance, according to Mayor Kaplan, and if no solution is found by the time that the moratorium expires all the deer fences in the Village will be subject to Village action to have them removed.

A task force will be put together to look at the issue. Mayor Kaplan will appoint the suggested task force, and would make sure that it was comprised of people on both sides of the fence issue, and would make sure in particular that a gardener was included in the appointments.

#### **APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE I DESIGN OF PROPOSED BIKE PATH ALONG DEERFIELD ROAD**

Ms. Lina Hoffman, the North Suburban Coordinator of the Active Transportation Alliance appeared before the Board and voiced support for the proposed project. Ms. Hoffman described the Active Transportation Alliance as the largest bike path organization in North America and talked about how the organization supported bike paths throughout the country. She described many of the benefits of bike paths in general and mentioned several benefits that would accrue to the community if this bike path in particular was constructed, i.e., a connection to the DesPlaines River Trail, which in turn connects to many other bike trails or bike paths in the counties of Lake and Cook, including the Skokie Valley Trail and the Robert McClory Trail (the old Green Bay Trail). She enumerated the many health benefits of biking and also pointed out how biking on bike trails is generally much safer than biking on public streets and roads.

Trustee Masterson pointed out that the proposed bike path does not affect Thorngate, which contains a quarter of the population of Riverwoods. He stated his belief that it would be very desirable to have a means of ingress / egress for people on bicycles from Thorngate onto Deerfield Road so that they might avoid the traffic and attendant dangers of Saunders Road.

Attorney Huvad commented that this might be feasible, that when Thorngate was brought into the Village a five foot outlot totally surrounding Thorngate was conveyed to the Village, which conceivably could be utilized to create a bike path entrance into Thorngate. Mayor Kaplan inquired if the engineering services were approved and carried out, whether the Deerfield Road bike path, the subject of the engineering services, would be "shovel ready" in terms of receiving State or Federal grants or subsidies for its construction. Ms. Hoffman stated that it would be.

The Board moved to approve the proposal to provide funds for the described engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.

## **Potpourri from the Building Department**

*By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services*

As I sit down to write this newsletter article, it's a gorgeous day outside. The sun's out, it's about 70 degrees. Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner.

The Village Board has the new Fence Ordinance in front of them for their approval or revision. The Planning Commission and the Village Board have heard hours of testimony as to what the residents would like to see in the new Ordinance. This was not an easy Ordinance to put together as there were many sides presented, and all with good arguments. The Village Board had many questions, so Mayor Kaplan has appointed a "Fence Task Force" to take another look at the proposed Ordinance and see if any improvements can be made to the proposed legislation.

The 2010 Census is here. Everyone should have received the form to fill-out and mail back in. If you have not done this, please do so. As of right now, 76% of the residents have filled out and returned their form. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state and local governments. The Motor Fuel Tax funds we receive each year are figured on our Village population. Contrary to the myths out there, the Census information cannot be used by law-enforcement, taxing bodies, or the court system for jury duty. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of all respondents and the information they provide. The questionnaire is the shortest in history, only ten (10) questions. It should only take 10 minutes or less to complete. If you don't fill it out and mail it back in, someone will come knocking at your door until they get the information that they need. Do your part and be counted.

To all Homeowners Associations and Road Associations, please turn in a roster of officers to the Village. When the Village Staff or residents have problems or questions, we would like to be able to tell them whom to contact. Please send them to myself or Mike Ford, our Village Clerk, so we can compile a complete listing of all the Associations.

Enjoy the spring and the warm weather, summers just around the corner.



## Take Advantage of These Police Services

By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

The following is a summary police services that have been mentioned in previous articles and are listed on the Village Website. I encourage everyone to take advantage of services relevant to them. Stop by or call our administrative telephone number for more information, 847-945-1130.

### Vehicle Lockouts

I think most of us have had that feeling of dread as we lock our car and immediately realize we left the keys in the car. If it happens to you while you are in the Village, give our dispatch center a call at 847-945-1820. We'll be happy to come by with a lockout tool kit and help you out.

### House Watch

Leaving town for a couple of days or longer? Let the Police Department know. We'll collect some information from you such as contact telephone numbers and a list of cars that will be left in your driveway, then check your home on a regular basis while you are gone.

### Senior Service Officer

Our Senior Service Officer, Al Maciareillo recently attended Elderly Service Officer Training conducted by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The training addressed the unique needs of our rapidly growing senior population and was designed to sensitize and educate law enforcement personnel on senior issues so they can play a more active role in preventing and investigating crimes against older persons. Give Officer Maciareillo a call for more information, 847-945-1130 ext. 42.

### Bicycle Registration

Unfortunately, bicycles are sometimes lost by young children or stolen. Stolen bicycles are often abandoned shortly after being taken. Officers often respond to calls concerning abandoned bicycles or find these bicycles while on patrol, taking them into custody for safekeeping. In most cases, the Police Department does not have a police report on file that has sufficient information to identify the owner of the lost or stolen bicycle. In order to help identify you as the bicycle owner, the Department offers bicycle registration for Village residents. Stop by and give us the make, model, color, style and serial number of your bike. If it is stolen, we will enter the information in a nationwide database allowing another police agency recovering the bike to trace it back to you. We will also give you a Riverwoods sticker to affix to the bike. Anyone who finds it can call, give us the sticker number and we'll know it's yours.

### Fingerprinting

Fingerprinting is offered free for Riverwoods residents who are required to submit prints to obtain certain types of licenses. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred.

RIVERWOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT				
<b>CHILD ID</b>				
Child's Name	JANE DOE			
Sex	Birthdate	Height	Weight	
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Child ID Issue Date	06/18/2009	Hair	BRN	Eyes BRN
Parent/Guardian Name and Address				
JOHN & JANE DOE				
300 PORTWINE ROAD				
RIVERWOODS IL 60015				
				UPDATE ANNUALLY

### Child ID Cards

Every child should have identification information. It's like insurance. It's there if you need it, but you hope you'll never have to use it. When faced with the possibility of a family abduction, or a runaway situation, there is nothing more valuable. The Riverwoods Police Department wants this information to be available to all parents and guardians. To this end, the Department has acquired a Child ID system, which creates a photo ID of your child with a thumbprint and other pertinent information. This program is for child safety only. The ID card will not remain on file with the Police Department. Once completed, the only record is turned over to the parents, who can display the card to the police if ever needed. A new card should be acquired annually. Contact Kim Powitz M-F, 7:30am-1:30pm, 847-945-1130 ext. 34.

### Child Safety Seat Installation

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 2 to 14. Correctly used child safety seats are extremely effective, reducing the risk of death by as much as 71 percent, but nearly 73 percent of child restraints are not installed or used correctly. Child Passenger Safety Technicians can ensure your child's seat is installed correctly. CPS Technicians put their knowledge to work through a variety of activities, including child safety seat checks where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts. Call Detective David Marks for an appointment to have your seat checked or installed by a National Child Passenger Safety Certified Technician, 847-945-1130 ext. 41.

### Emergency Telephone Notification System

The Village of Riverwoods contracts with the NII Group to provide their Connect-CTY service for emergency resident notification. With this service, the Village is able to send personalized voice messages and email alerts to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as boil order alerts, missing persons, and road closures. As a resident or business, you can opt-in to emergency messages, non-emergency messages or both. The information supplied will be sent to the Connect-CTY system. If you have an unlisted telephone number, or if you have not previously signed up to be on the system, you may not be in our database. The system will only be used for emergencies and exigent circumstances. We know

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that your personal information is important; all usage of your personal information will be in compliance with the Village Privacy Policy. To register, or for more information, go to [www.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net) and click on the Village-To-Resident Notification System link. If you don't have internet access or would like assistance, call the Police Department Records Section at 847-945-1130 between 7:30a.m. and 1:30p.m. M-F.

### **Municipal Code on Village Website**

Many people have called asking to see copies of various Village ordinances. We are happy to give them out, but you can also view them on the Village Website at <http://www.riverwoods-il.net>. Click on Government then the Municipal Code link.

### **Contact Us**

- Administrative Telephone: 847-945-1130

This number is not manned 24/7. If we are not in the building, voice messages may be left for individual Department members by following the prompts.

- Dispatch Telephone: 847-945-1820

This number is manned 24/7 by our Communications Center at the Lincolnshire Police Department. Call this number if you need a Riverwoods officer dispatched to a non-emergency incident you are reporting.

- Emergency Telephone: 911
- E-mail: [bdayno@riverwoods-il.net](mailto:bdayno@riverwoods-il.net)

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## **Fire Department Report**

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*By Assistant Fire Chief Rob Ugaste*

Greetings from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District.

At a recent Village Board Meeting, the question was asked whether the fire department offers home fire inspections. The answer is yes! We are willing and ready to provide our citizens with this service but we must first be invited. Unless there is a real or potential emergency, the fire department does not have the right to enter your home without an invitation.

Home fire inspections are available on an appointment basis and can be scheduled on weekends as well as weekdays. The inspection will consist of a Fire Engine or Ambulance stopping by and spending as much time as is needed to walk through your home and identify any fire or general safety concerns. The same crew is available for emergencies while performing this service so please understand if they are delayed or if they have to leave and return.

The inspection will focus on obvious fire hazards such as storage practices, flammable liquids storage, electrical hazards, and testing smoke detectors. The general safety aspect of the inspections focuses on items such as trip hazards, choking hazards for children, a check of carbon monoxide readings in the house, and the location of carbon monoxide detectors. It is important to clarify that your firefighters are not experts at electricity, appliances, or furnaces. Any questions regarding these areas of expertise must be referred to a trained service person.

### **Lifeline Program**

In addition to the home inspection this would be a great opportunity to take advantage of the Lifeline Program. Filling out the forms and attaching a storage pouch to your refrigerator doesn't take a lot of time and it could make a big difference in an emergency when the victim cannot communicate. While this program obviously lends itself to the elderly population it can also be invaluable for children under the care of baby sitters and even for healthy adults who experience unexpected situations.

To make an appointment for a home fire inspection, a Lifeline, or both, please call 847-634-2512.

### **Oven Fire Alert**

Over the past two years your fire department has dealt with three separate significant incidents involving ovens. The unique aspect of these fires was that in each instance the homeowner or occupant was using the oven for storage of food or paper stock. The fire was started when a visitor (grandchild or just someone unfamiliar with the home) turned the oven on to preheat it without checking to see if it was empty first. While ovens are designed to contain heat and should be left closed if a fire occurs, the smoke was so significant in each instance that the occupants evacuated and insurance claims were made. We want you to be aware of this trend and we ask that you not use your oven for storage.

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## **Brentwood Bites**

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*By Lynn Bruch, RN., MSN*

*Director of Clinical Relations, Brentwood North Healthcare*

### **Green Cleaning For Spring Cleaning!**

Microfiber cleaning cloths and mops can reduce and in many cases eliminate the need to use harsh chemicals or other toxic cleaning products. The cloths also reduce trash, since they can be washed and reused.

*Source: Harvard University Office of Sustainability*

### **When Lightning Strikes**

If you're caught in lightning storm, crouch down to the ground, cover your ears, and keep a minimum of 15 feet between yourself and another person. If one of you is hit, the lightning won't travel between you.

Seek cover when you first hear thunder or see lightning in the distance. Go to your vehicle and keep the windows rolled up. Avoid high ground, water, and all metal objects as much as possible. Unsafe places include canopies, rain shelters, or near trees.

*Source: National Lightning Safety Institute*

*Brentwood North Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centre is a JCAHO accredited sub acute facility located on 16 residential acres in Riverwoods, IL. Brentwood has been serving many of the area's surgeon's, specifically neurological, orthopedic and cardiovascular, and are committed to providing the highest level of nursing and rehabilitative care. For more information contact Lynn Bruch at 847-947-9111 or at [lbruch@brentwood-healthcare.net](mailto:lbruch@brentwood-healthcare.net)*



**Riverwoods Cleanup Day and Village Barbecue**

The Riverwoods Preservation Council is sponsoring Roadway Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 22, 9 - 12. We welcome additional volunteers for this project. Enjoy being outdoors while making a positive impact on your environment! If you would like to help, please call Laurie Breikopf at 847-945-7034. You can also make an impact by cleaning up the street in front of your house. The Village Barbecue immediately follows the cleanup at Village Hall.

**Discount at RRA Plant Sale**

Don't forget that you can obtain a 10% discount on most of the plants offered by the Riverwoods Residents Association at its annual Plant Sale, if you have contributed \$100 or more to the Riverwoods Preservation Council in 2009-2010. If you have contributed less than \$100 to the RPC, you may upgrade your membership to the \$100+ level now or at the Plant Sale and take advantage of the discount.

**RIVERWOODS PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

Please make your check payable to Riverwoods Preservation Council  
P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

My Biggest Concern about Riverwoods: \_\_\_\_\_

The RPC is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible. If your employer matches contributions, please provide us with the matching contribution form. Thank you!

**Dear Plant Ladies**

*By Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander*

*Isn't there a plant sale pretty soon?*

So glad you asked. It's Friday and Saturday May 21 and 22. Friday you can pick up plants from 1:30 to 4:30pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00pm, followed by our world famous BBQ.

*Can I still order?*

Oops. You're a little late for pre-order but we do have a lot of extras. I bet we'll have something you'll really like.

*Anything else interesting.*

There will be a forester there Saturday to answer your questions. Her name is Kristen Stewart and she's an expert in our particular micro-environment. There's also a great Barbecue. Also some friends from Orphans of the Storm who will steal your heart.

*Got any suggestions for the deer who are chowing down on my new growth.*

Good question. You're doing great with these questions. We've found a new product which is good for 3 months. It won't wash off in the rain and it actually smells pretty good, like peppermint. We're selling 40 ounce spray bottles for \$24.00.

**Go Native**

Native plants, such as those that will be sold at the annual plant sale, are those that originated and evolved in our area, in some cases before humans, and certainly before Europeans arrived. As a result, they are hardy in our temperature and moisture extremes and, once established (which may take up to 3 years), require minimal care. When adding plants to your property consider including native plant varieties. In doing so you may be re-establishing or re-introducing native plants that are threatened or endangered in Illinois. These native varieties can provide great interest, whether central to your landscape design, growing among showier cultivars, used as transition between formal areas and natural areas, or filling in natural areas that have been damaged and require restoration. Simply put, native plants:

- Provide homes and food for native animals.
- Are adapted to grow in this environment-they are suited to our climate, soil and moisture.
- Require less maintenance than most non-native varieties, needing little or no irrigation or fertilization once they are established.
- Are resistant to many garden pests and diseases.
- Enrich the soil (whereas non-natives may adversely affect the soil.)
- Reduce runoff and erosion.
- Do not harm the ecosystem.
- Belong in a natural environment.
- Are beautiful.

*Taken from "In Our Own Backyard" published by The RPC, 2007.*



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## Vernon Township Community Garage Sale

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Vernon Township will be hosting their 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale in the west parking lot of the Prairie View Train Station located on Main Street just north of Route 22 in Buffalo Grove. All proceeds will benefit our non-perishable food pantry.

**When: Saturday June 5, 2010**  
**Time: 10:00 am until 3:00 pm**

For further information about the sale or to purchase space please contact Vernon Township at 847-634-4600.

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## Sachs Recreation Center Celebration

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Sachs Recreation Center celebrates its 1st Anniversary, Sunday, May 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is a free event that is open to everyone. For more information go to [www.SachsRecCenter.org](http://www.SachsRecCenter.org) or [info@SachsRecCenter.org](mailto:info@SachsRecCenter.org) or call the center at 847-572-2600. The center is located at 455 Lake Cook Road (Deerfield Park Plaza) in Deerfield Park District.

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## Retirement Redefined

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By Greg Mancuso

Although it isn't in Riverwoods, the Lifelong Learning Institute may be of interest to Riverwoods seniors. I believe it is the closest seminar-based continuing education center to our village. Besides an interesting variety of "courses" (I'm taking three), there is a great artistic outlet: they publish an annual book of essays, fiction, poetry, photos, paintings and other artwork, all created, juried and edited by participants.

They advertise themselves as classes with no grades, no exams, no teachers. Stimulating and provocative study groups in science, literature, film, history, philosophy, current events, fine arts and more. The Lifelong Learning Institute at National-Louis University in Skokie provides the perfect educational forum for people 55+.

Peer-led seminars are held for 15 weeks in the spring and fall and in 5-week summer and winter sessions. There are also lunchtime programs and other events that bring together a variety of individual perspectives for an enriching educational and social experience.

Fellow students have backgrounds in art, education, business, finance, law, medicine, science and life. The environment is collegial and supportive. Explore new subjects and exchange ideas with contemporaries who consider learning an integral part of life.

For more information or to visit a class, contact Joan Marks at 224-233-2366 or visit [www.nl.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.nl.edu/lifelonglearning).



Jordan Luhr, left, North Shore Senior Center Executive Director, receives a \$1,500 Million Dollar Round Table Foundation grant from Northbrook's John W. Cruikshank III, CLU.

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## Cruikshank Secures Grant for North Shore Senior Center

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Northfield, Ill.– April 27, 2009 – John W. Cruikshank III, CLU from Northbrook, Ill, secured a \$1,500 million dollar grant from the MDRT Foundation on behalf of North Shore Senior Center.

The MDRT Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Million Dollar Round Table, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®. MDRT is an international, independent association of more than 39,000, or less than 1 percent, of the world's best life insurance and financial services professionals. The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$23 million in 67 countries around the world and all 50 U.S. states.

Cruikshank, of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and a 47-year MDRT member, is an active supporter of North Shore Senior Center and nominated and endorsed the grant application. North Shore Senior Center is a nonprofit organization that supports the independence and well-being of older adults through social services and recreational and educational programs. The MDRT will support senior services of NSSC that carry out community awareness programs to help prevent elder abuse.

### About the North Shore Senior Center

The North Shore Senior Center, founded in 1956, is a non-profit organization of professionals and volunteers enhancing the lives of seniors and families in 23 north suburban Chicago communities. A resource for positive aging, NSSC provides options for health, independence, and well-being and offers more than 90 programs per week. For more information, please visit [www.nssc.org](http://www.nssc.org).

## **It's That Time of Year Again** *Lake County property tax bills to be mailed*

Property tax time is here and that means Lake County property owners will be receiving a bill in the mail by early May. The bills are for 2009 property taxes, which are payable in 2010 in two installments. The first due date is set for June 3, 2010 and the second installment due date is set for September 3, 2010.

Property owners who do not receive a bill by May 10, or those looking for payment options, can obtain this information online at [www.lakecountyl.gov/treasurer](http://www.lakecountyl.gov/treasurer) or by calling the Treasurer's Office at 847-377-2323.

Lake County Treasurer Bob Skidmore said, "Once homeowners receive their tax bills, they frequently ask whether it is too late to appeal their taxes. The answer to that question is: basically yes. Appeals should have been filed 30 days from the date the assessment rolls were published."

It is extremely important for property owners to pay close attention to their total property tax exemptions listed on the bill. These exemptions could lower the current tax bill. For a complete list of exemptions, go to [www.lakecountyl.gov/TREASURER/PROPERTYTAXRELIEF](http://www.lakecountyl.gov/TREASURER/PROPERTYTAXRELIEF).

County residents receive a single tax bill for the full year's taxes. That bill is payable in two equal installments. Taxpayers do not receive a second bill when the second installment is due.

Per Illinois State Statutes, the County is required to add 1.5% interest for taxes paid or post-marked after the due dates. Those homeowners that are unable to pay their property taxes on time should be aware that we will accept partial payments with the understanding that interest will be charged on any outstanding balance.

Payment options include payment by mail, in person at the Lake County Treasurer's Office, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, or at most Lake County banks. Taxpayers may also make payments online by credit card or e-check at [www.lakecountyl.gov/treasurer](http://www.lakecountyl.gov/treasurer). A fee is charged by the processing company for these payments.

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. Read the "Property Tax Overview" and other helpful information at [www.lakecountyl.gov/Assessor](http://www.lakecountyl.gov/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.

## **VILLAGE-WIDE WATERING RESTRICTION**

**May 15 - Sept. 15**  
**Watering will be permitted  
from 5pm-10am only.**

Even addresses may water on even-numbered days.  
Odd addresses may water on odd-numbered days.

## **Don't be a Water Waster**

People may think because of our namesake, we have an endless abundance of water – but think again. Increased population growth is placing demands on our future water supply. Whether your community gets its water from Lake Michigan or if your community uses ground water, planning for your future water supply is becoming increasingly important. Learn more about the State of Lake County's Water Supply and Lake County's Water Resources Planning efforts to ensure Lake County has an adequate, sustainable supply of safe water in the future.

Don't be a water waster! Here are some things you can do:

- Don't over-water your lawn. Lawns only need watering once every 5 to 7 days in the summer. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks. Check with your local municipality or Lake County Public Works to find out about the watering restrictions in your area.
- Avoid over-fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water and is a source of water pollution.
- Use a rain barrel connected to your downspout to cut down your water bill and do something good for the environment. It has few contaminants and is perfect for watering the garden.
- Appliances use as much as 40% of household water and provide the greatest opportunity for water savings. If you have an older dishwasher, water heater, clothes washing machine or other aging appliances, consider purchasing new water efficient appliances. Look for the WaterSense label to choose quality, water-efficient products. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.



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## Money Savings Tips for Spring

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By Mike Corn

Hi neighbors, since I work in the area of heating and cooling, I thought I would pass on a few tips to you for the upcoming spring and summer season. This year, you can save money and stay cool while keeping your energy bills low just by following a few simple tips:

- If your air conditioner is old and inefficient, consider purchasing a new energy-efficient model. You could save up to 50% on your utility bill for cooling. Look for the energy Star label.
- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling will be.
- Keep window coverings closed during the day to prevent solar gain. Close the vents in unused rooms.
- Clean or replace air filters once a month or as needed. Dirty filters restrict air flow, making the unit run longer and waste energy.
- Have your air conditioner maintained once a year to make sure it runs at peak efficiency.
- Use ceiling fans during the summer to create a wind chill effect that will help make your home more comfortable. If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting by 4 degrees Fahrenheit with no reduction in comfort.
- Seal air leaks around your home by caulking, or weather stripping to save 10% or more on your energy bill. Adequate insulation in your attic, a minimum of R-38 can save you up to 30% on home energy bills.
- Leaking ductwork accounts for 25% of cooling costs in an average home. Have your ducts checked and have any leaks repaired.

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### RIVERWOODS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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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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Name

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# of extra stickers at \$5 each

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## You Can Recycle More than Just Plastic Bags

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Many retailers throughout Lake County have collected and recycled plastic bags and film for years in an effort to decrease waste streams and be more eco-friendly. With the enactment of the Plastic Bag Recycling Act (Public Act 095-0268) plastic bag and film recycling programs here in Lake County are being expanded.

The Illinois Plastic Bag Recycling Task Force was created by the Act and is charged with developing and implementing a plastic bag and film at-store recycling program in Lake County. The goal of the pilot campaign is to pull together various stakeholders in order to raise consumer awareness about plastic bag/film recycling and its availability in Lake County in order to increase the recovery of plastic bags and film.

### Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Guidelines

Residents are encouraged to recycle both plastic bags and film. The bag-in-bag system, where plastic bags and film are collected in a larger plastic bag before bringing to a local retailer is recommended.

Items that can be recycled should be empty, clean and dry. They include:

- Grocery Bags
- Newspaper Bags
- Bread Bags
- Produce Bags
- Plastic Retail Bags  
(hard plastic and string handles removed)
- Zip-Lock Bags (remove hard components)
- Other Storage Bags
- Cereal Box Liners
- Toilet Paper, Napkin and Paper Towel Wraps
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Tyvek (no glue, labels or other material)
- Diaper Wrap (packaging)
- Plastic Shipping Envelopes (no labels)
- Case Wrap (e.g. snacks, water bottles)
- Furniture Wrap
- Electronic Wrap
- All empty, clean and dry bags labeled #2 or #4



**Do not include the following:** The following items are considered contaminants and cannot be recycled.

- NO food or cling wrap
- NO prepackaged food bags including frozen foods and prewashed salad bags
- NO plastic packaging that has been painted or has excessive glue
- NO bio-based or compostable plastic bags

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**Everyone Welcome***Annual Village-Wide Roadway Cleanup Day,  
Barbecue and Plant Sale. May 21-22*

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**MAY 21**

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**Plant sale:** Pickup for pre-orders 1:30-4:30pm

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**MAY 22**

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**Village Roadway Cleanup:** 9am-12pm. Grab some gloves and garbage bags and head on out to see what interesting trash waits to be discovered on your village street. Most unusual trash item will be displayed during the barbecue for all to see.

**Plant Sale:** 10-12pm. Even if you didn't pre-order we'll have an interesting selection of perennials for you to choose from.

**Barbecue:** 12-2pm. Everyone welcome to come out and enjoy a burger or chicken with your neighbors.

**Meet some Orphaned dogs.** 11am-2pm. Volunteers will introduce you to a few deserving dogs who are waiting for their second chance in life at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter.

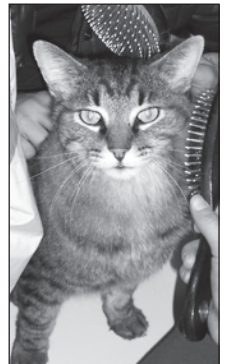
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**Handsome Phimo is Ready to Go Home**

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*By Jackie Borchew*

Today at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter there are well over 350 cats waiting for a second chance in life. Phimo is just one in the crowd. But he is a special one. When his owner became ill and physically unable to care for him any longer, and when there was no family to take him in, he ended up with us. Phimo is 10 years young and a most handsome, large tabby with big green eyes and an easy going personality. He especially loves the attention of being brushed and held. Phimo needs to find a home before the influx of kitten season arrives and the visitors are distracted by tiny playful kittens rather than the dependable nature of an adult cat.



If you are interested in Phimo or any of our other cats available for adoption, you may visit the shelter any day from 11am - 5pm. Adoption fee is \$90 and you have a friend for life. For more information you may visit the website at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org) or call 847-945-0235.