



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Family Day is Back, Big Time!



By Jackie Borchew

Many faces of Riverwoods showed up for the revival of Riverwoods Family Day this past June 1st. The faces of the young clearly showed the success of the day! After a three-year hiatus, Riverwoods Family Day is back thanks to the efforts of our new RRA president Art Bess and his side kick, Heidi Bess, who went all out to make every detail of the day great for Riverwoods residents.

Our most gracious host, the Tennaqua Swim and Tennis Club in Deerfield, offered up full use of the club for Riverwoods residents to enjoy to their fullest. Tennaqua members were even invited to join in the fun, which included moonwalks, a dunk tank, face painting, tat-

toos, relay races, swimming, a police and fire truck to explore, and great Cubby Bear food, all with the background music of Bruce Chudacoff's "Dance All Night." Children ran from the pool to the moon walk only stopping in between for cotton candy and popcorn. The popular tattoo station and the face painting table had constant lines forming throughout the day. The dunk tank was a hit, especially when a dad was the target to be dunked, and everyone kept the Cubby Bear staff busy at the grill as the aroma of burgers and chicken filled the air.

What a great way to bring back Family Day. Thank you Art and Heidi Bess, you did good!

A huge thank you is due to the many sponsors who contributed to Riverwoods Family Day. **Thank you** to the Village of Riverwoods, Riverwoods Residents Association (Nancy Morten, Cheryl Hadley and Sandy Sagan for staffing the welcome table), Tennaqua Swim and Tennis Club (for offering up the beautiful grounds, pool and tennis courts), Riverwoods Police (especially Commander Sheri Tyler), and Deerfield Fire Department. Local business sponsors who also deserve a hand include; Centrust Bank, The Mulch Center, Bess Hardware, Cubby Bear, Riverwoods Holiday



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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 8p.m. July 15, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 2, 16 and Oct. 7 and 21.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30p.m. Aug. 7, Sept. 4 and Oct. 2.

GET INVOLVED
IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Nancy Morten at 847-945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods

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

Riverwoods Preservation Council

Call Rich Koomijan, chairman at 847-374-1786.
www.riverwoodsrpc.org

Riverwoods Book Club

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

Riverwoods Residents Association

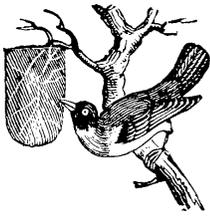
Call chairman Art Bess at 847-948-5288 to share your ideas or volunteer.

Plant Sale Committee

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

Arts&Riverwoods

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



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VILLAGE VOICE

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Village Board Meeting

Minutes taken by:

Debbie Limer

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

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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A New Police Chief for Riverwoods

After an impressive 28 years with the Highland Park Police Department, Bruce M. Dayno will now be leaving his position as Commander, Administrative Services, to come to Riverwoods to become our new Police Chief.

From our long list of highly qualified applicants, mostly from Illinois but some from as far as Florida, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan and Colorado, we selected the top six candidates. The Board of Trustees and I interviewed these six candidates and chose the best two applicants. After further interviews on July 1st, the Board recommended Bruce M. Dayno, who accepted the job, subject to final Board approval.

I will formally nominate Chief Dayno at the next meeting of the Village Board on July 15th, at which time I am confident that his nomination will be approved.

Bruce lives in Deerfield and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Community Relations. He has been with the Highland Park Police Department since 1980. He has risen through the ranks starting as a patrol officer, to detective, then sergeant, to commander.

Please join me in welcoming our new "Chief".

Very truly yours,

William S. Kaplan

Mayor of Riverwoods

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 April 15, May 6, 20 and June 3. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website: www.villageofriverwoods.com

June 3

POLICE REPORT

100 traffic citations were issued since the last board meeting of May 20. There were 152 case reports and 98 traffic accidents written since the beginning of the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste stated that there were 40 calls in the month of May: 2 were fire calls, 2 were car accident calls, 33 were paramedic calls, and 3 were other. Total calls for the year to date were 209. The paramedic calls were unusually high in May.

WATER COSTS

In February we paid Northbrook \$27,977 for water. It would have cost us \$37,000 if it came from Deerfield. In March we paid Northbrook \$29,342 for water. That same amount of water would have cost us \$39,000 from Deerfield. We have already saved over \$20,000. The change to Northbrook water will be very good for the Village. We will recapture our investment in 12-14 years.

RRA FAMILY DAY

Riverwoods Family Day was held Sunday, June 1st at Tennaqua Swim and Tennis Club in Deerfield. It was a success. The board approved \$2,500 for the RRA to cover the costs of the event.

PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE

The board adopted an Ordinance Establishing the General Prevailing Rate of Wages in the Village.

BUILDING AND ZONING

The year to date construction figure for 2007 was \$5,253,856. The year to date for 2008 is \$3,717,397.

May 20

POLICE REPORT

70 traffic citations were issued since the last meeting. There were 142 case reports and 94 traffic accidents written since the beginning of the year.

Four of our police personnel participated in the North Suburban Police Pistol League. Commander Tyler received a plaque for Third Marksman, Duty Weapon Class, Combat.

RIVERWOODS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

The RPC is requesting \$10K in funds to help with a "Riverwoods Woodland Health Study" that is estimated to cost \$22K. The study would provide information on effective woodland management and be an educational tool. The Board would like to see a list of the proposed sites where the study would focus. The discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

VILLAGE HALL REMODEL

The bid from SKS Construction for \$28,875 for the remodel of the Village Hall kitchen was accepted. The kitchen has a problem with ants and mold. The inside wall is rotten and must be replaced, the outside of the wall is fine. The bid includes removing and replacing the floor and using Kilz to kill mold spores.

May 6

SAUNDERS ROAD AND WEST COURSE DRIVE CULVERT AND WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

The Board voted to approve Elmwood Enterprises as the contractor for the Saunders Road/West Course Drive culvert and watermain replacement project for the amount of \$111,113.

POLICE REPORT

116 traffic citations were issued since the last meeting. There were 182 case reports and 82 traffic accidents written since the beginning of the year.

The department auctioned off three cars - two old squad cars and one seized car - for a net to the Village of \$11,374.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 36 calls so far in the month of May: 9 were fire calls, 2 were car accident calls, 24 were paramedic calls, and 1 was other.

SEWER FUND RESERVE

The Board adopted an Ordinance Establishing a Replacement Reserve Account within the Sewer Fund and Authorizing Forgiveness of Interfund Loans Previously Made to the Sewer Fund.

BUILDING AND ZONING

There were three permits issued for single family homes in April 2007, one addition and three remodels. In April of 2008 there were two permits issued for single family homes, two additions, and three remodels.

April 15

POLICE REPORT

102 traffic citations were issued since the last meeting. There were 100 case reports and 69 accidents written since the beginning of the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were 15 calls so far in the month of April: 3 were fire calls, 7 were paramedic calls, and 2 were other. The total calls for the year to date was 148.

THEATRE IN THE WOODS

The Theatre in the woods requested and the Board approved a \$10,000 donation to the theatre. This is the 10th year for Theatre in the Woods. The children's shows especially get a great response. The Theatre will be renting the Estonian House again this year. A new director from California will be joining the group.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

Summer arrived, somewhere between the rain drops and mosquitoes. The rain, along with the high winds, has some potential dangerous situations for our trees. The ground is very saturated at this point, and any high winds can blow over a tree no matter how big or old it may be. Keep an eye on them, especially the ones close to your house, and contact us so we can get the forester to assess the problem and suggest a solution.

The other thing I noticed while driving around is water is everywhere! The wells are being re-charged and no one needs to tax them by watering their property. Some residents are calling to say that they have water where they never had water before. After some investigation, we have found numerous culverts that are blocked for one reason or another. I have written in the past that cleaning and maintaining of ditch lines and culverts are the homeowners' responsibility. Some areas do have a homeowners association that maintains roads and ditch lines; most do not. I suggest to all homeowners or road associations, or just a group of neighbors, that you hire someone with a jet-rodger and go around and clean-out all the culverts in your area. If you do this on a regular basis, maybe every-other year, the storm water will be able to keep moving and not flood you

or your neighbors' yards. During a storm, you will notice that the ditch lines fill-up pretty quickly, as they are designed to do, but within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after the rain stops we are pretty much back to normal; that's if the water can move along the system without any blockages! Try to keep the leaves, branches and debris out of the ditch lines; this is what blocks ninety-five percent of the culverts.

Summer is here, projects are being planned; if you're not sure you need a permit, please call the building department and ask. New roofs, decks, patios, fences, driveways, sheds, sidewalks, removing dead trees, all need permits.

The Shell project at the corner of Deerfield and Milwaukee should be starting soon. The grading permits were picked up last week so beware of the construction activity that will be going on at that corner for the next couple of months.

Have an enjoyable, safe summer!

Police Report

By Police Chief Morris Weinstein

Emergency Responses: As emergency vehicles respond, having your street address visible during the day and night can assist them in their rapid response. Often times, persons only have the address on one side of their mailbox. The vehicle may be responding from either direction. The address should be clearly visible from both directions. There are still many residents who do not have their addresses properly marked.

Curfew: Curfew applies to anyone under the age of 18. Curfew is enforced from 11p.m. until 6a.m. Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday night it is from 12:01a.m. until 6a.m. Persons under the age of 18, not accompanied by a parent or guardian, are prohibited from being in public or in an establishment (business, restaurant, etc.) during these hours. The parent and youth may be charged with the offense. There are very few exceptions to this ordinance.

Unsolicited Workers: Be careful about letting people on your property. Offenders have been known to offer unsolicited work (driveway sealing, tree cutting, etc) or claim to represent an organization, in order to gain entry into houses. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the Riverwoods Police Department. Peddlers and solicitors for funds generally must have a valid Village of Riverwoods permit displayed.

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.

Farewell: It is anticipated that this will be my last Village Voice article. Please welcome the new Chief. Please be safe. Thank you for everything.

Learn to Identify Gypsy Moths and Help Protect Your Woodland Assets

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

Many residents have expressed concern about the presence of gypsy moths in the Village. The moths have existed in Lake County for several years, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture deemed Lake, Cook, McHenry and DuPage Counties quarantine areas in an effort to restrict the movement of nursery material, household items, firewood, etc., which can carry egg masses and facilitate the spread of the Gypsy moths. This issue has been addressed in past issues of the Village Voice, but it is one which merits annual attention.

The gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) is native to Europe and was accidentally introduced in Boston in 1869. Each year, the area affected by the moths has grown. The Gypsy Moth population in Illinois is increasing and continual reinfestation is likely since neighboring states have large moth populations. It is considered a nuisance pest as it defoliates trees in both forested and urban areas.

IDENTIFYING THE MOTHS

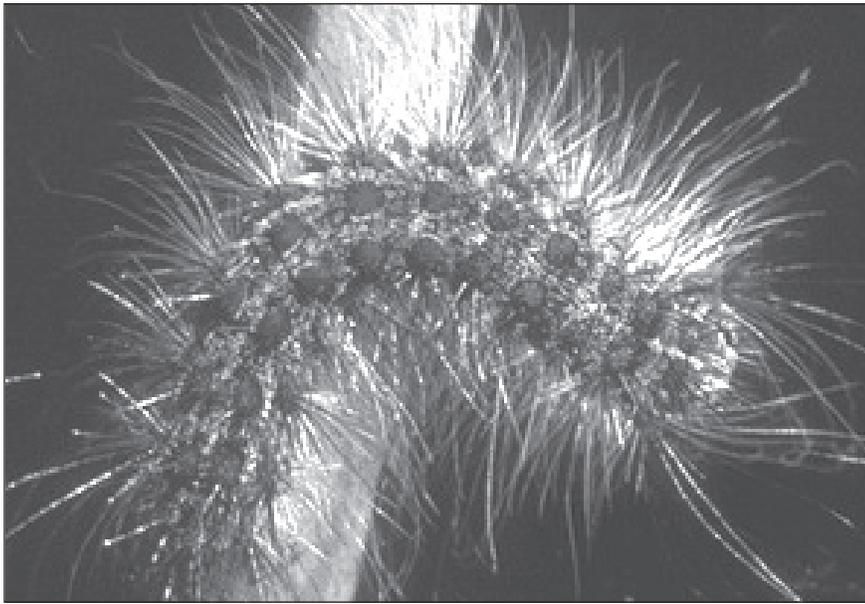
Female moths are white to cream colored with brownish to black inverted V wing markings. They have a 2" wing span, but are too heavy to fly. Males are brown with wavy black markings and have a 1.5" wingspan and distinctive antennae.

Female moths lay buff or yellow colored egg masses (about 1.5" long and .75" wide) containing 100-1,000 eggs each on tree trunks, under loose bark, in woodpiles, on outdoor furniture, fences or any other concealed location during July and August.

Fully grown caterpillars (larvae) are brown and hairy with 5 rows of blue and 6 rows of red dots on their backs. They generally feed in groups of 100 or more, preferring the leaves of apples, alder, basswood, hawthorn, oaks, some poplars and willows, although high populations will feed on many other plants. Oaks usually suffer more than other tree species from an attack. Deciduous trees in good condition prior to infestation can withstand one or two consecutive years of defoliation before decline; however evergreens die after one complete defoliation.

LIFE CYCLE

Gypsy moths overwinter as eggs that hatch in the spring. The caterpillars climb to the tree tops to feed at night on foliage throughout May and early June. On windy days, larvae often become airborne and can travel several miles in open areas. In early July, adult moths emerge.



BIOLOGICAL FACTORS

Small mammals such as deer mice and shrews commonly feed on gypsy moth larvae and pupae. And insects such as ants and ground beetles feed on the larvae.

There are also viral diseases, commonly referred to as “wilt”, that are found in almost all gypsy moth populations, but generally cause the greatest mortality when gypsy moth populations are very high density.

CONTROL

Humans often spread gypsy moth eggs and larvae unknowingly. To help prevent the spread of the Gypsy Moth, regularly inspect outdoor furniture, woodpiles, campers and vehicles for egg masses. People moving from or vacationing in infected areas, particularly the east coast, should thoroughly inspect outdoor furniture or other outdoor items for egg masses and larvae. The best way to destroy an egg mass, if you encounter one, is to scrape it from the surface it is on and either squish it or drop it into a container of rubbing alcohol.

Gypsy moth larvae can be sprayed by a licensed applicator with either Bt (a naturally occurring soil bacteria) or with an insecticide. It is important to note that Bt is lethal to all species of Lepidoptera (caterpillar), so it should be applied sparingly and timed accordingly so the least amount of Lepidoptera species are impacted.

If you think Gypsy Moths are affecting your trees, contact a Certified Arborist to correctly identify and treat the problem.

The Village conducts a semi-annual aerial spraying program, depending on the density of the Village’s gypsy moth population, to help control the gypsy moth population.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you have gypsy moths on your property you should call Nancy Morten at the Village Hall at 945-3990 and provide an address so the map of infected areas can be updated to determine next year’s spraying limits.

There will be two sprayings beginning in May 2009.

Take the time to walk around your property and identify any gypsy moths and/or egg masses. Examine all types of trees, because the caterpillars are being found on species that they have not been generally known to inhabit. Especially look for egg sacks which will appear like a brown smudge. Peel off the smudge with a plastic fork or knife and drop them into alcohol to kill the eggs. Any caterpillars should be destroyed.

The most we can do this year is destroy the egg sacks and kill as many caterpillars as we can. And yes, do call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 to report the quantity and location of what you have found.

To learn more about gypsy moths visit: www.fs.fed.us/ne/morgantown/4557/gmoth/ or just search the internet.



VILLAGE-WIDE

WATERING RESTRICTION

May 15 - Sept. 15

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

Even addressed may water on
even-numbered days.

Odd addresses may water on
odd-numbered days.

The Serious Issue of Elder Abuse

You may not be a victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation, but you may know someone who is and needs help. Many older people who live at home are at risk of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation by family members and others close to them. Victims of abuse are often isolated, and they may be afraid or unable to seek help for themselves.

If you suspect elder abuse occurring to an individual who is at least 60 years old, we encourage you to call the police at (847) 945-1820 or the Illinois Department on Aging Senior HelpLine 1-866-800-1409. The names of all reporters are kept confidential and people are also allowed to make anonymous reports.

The Elder Abuse and Neglect Act provides that people who, in good faith, report suspected abuse or cooperate with an investigation shall be immune from criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action. It further provides that the identity of the reporter shall not be disclosed except with written permission of the reporter or by order of a court. Anonymous reports are also accepted.

Illinois Department on Aging Elder Abuse and Neglect Act 01/99

Riverwoods Book Club

The next meeting of the Riverwoods Book Club is Friday, August 22, at 10a.m. We will be discussing **“Loving Frank.”**

The Riverwoods Book Club, which began in May 2004, enjoys a lively year of reading and discussion. The meetings are free and include coffee and snacks. New members are always welcome and reservations are not required.

Voting Information

Our country’s next General Election will take place November 4, 2008. Make sure that you are registered to vote now so that your voice can be heard then.

Last Day to Register to Vote **Oct. 7, 2008**
Early Voting for General Election **Oct. 14-30, 2008**

The following polls are open 6:00a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#281 Vernon - Chevy Chase

#299 Vernon - Laura Sprague

#300 Vernon - Riverwoods Village Hall

Did you know that a voter may bring reference materials, including voter guides or other sample ballots, into the voting booth. However, these articles are considered private resources and must be taken with the voter and not left in the voting booth or room.

Waste Management Offers Discount for Seniors

Overview of Senior Discount: Waste Management now offers a senior citizen discount to assist seniors who may very well be on a limited budget. There is an assumption seniors create less trash than single family homes, and therefore will be given a discount for using a lesser amount of service. The Senior Citizen Discount is only available to seniors who live alone, not with their extended family.

Customer must provide proof of age, minimum of age 62, to Waste Management. Once the proof is received the account will be adjusted and the credit given for future months if appropriate. The discount will go into effect the month following the receipt of proof of age and address.

Acceptable Proof of Age: The senior should send in a copy of his or her Driver’s License, State ID card, Firearms Permit, or another form of identification that includes the resident’s birth date and the current address. The address must match the service address on the account. Please do send birth certificates, christening documents, etc. Only the above items are acceptable.

Send Proof To: Senior Citizen Discount Waste Management, 1411 Opus Place, Suite 400, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Customers may also fax the request to 866-863-4834. It should be sent to the attention of “Senior Discount.”

For further information contact Sergio Garcia, CSR WM Waste Management, Inc. Phone: (630) 515-3752 Fax: (866) 863-4834 Email: sgarcia6@wm.com



Back to School

All good things come to an end, and so summer will also. Following is a list of the area schools websites and back to school dates.

Bannockburn www.bannockburnschool.org

First full day of school August 28.

Laura Sprague www.sprague.district103.k12.il.us

First full day of school August 28.

Deerfield Public Schools www.dps109.org

Kipling, South Park, Wilmot, Caruso, Sheperd and Walden

First day of school is August 26.

Township High School District #113 www.dist113.org

Deerfield High School and Highland Park High School

First full day of school is August 27.

Stevenson High School www.district125.k12.il.us

First full day of school is August 23.

Summer Community of Suburban Writers

By Laura Schlesinger

I am a college student originally from Riverwoods, and the “Summer Community of Suburban Writers” is my dream. By bringing together community members of all ages, levels of experience, and backgrounds, we can generate a summer forum for writing of any genre. This “Summer Community of Suburban Writers” is a program that aims to generate a support network for local emerging and continuing writers.

From June thru September we will meet at the Village Hall to share pieces of written work, engage in writing exercises and discuss the process of writing. Group excursions are planned to generate writing on specific themes around the day’s experience.

For more information call Lauren at 847-732-1634.

Alternative Medical Health Tips

By Jerry Gore, M.D., Staff Physician at the Center for Holistic Medicine

Did you know...Tree nuts Studies show that in addition to fiber and monounsaturated fatty acids, tree nuts have been shown to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and heart disease events including decreased risk of heart attack, and ischemic heart disease (lack of oxygen).

Did you know...Tai Chi After five weeks of Tai Chi instruction, teenagers diagnosed with ADHD had marked improvement in behavioral issues. Further studies have shown that ADHD behavior was also improved with yoga and meditation instruction.

Tai Chi has also been shown to prevent falls in the elderly by helping create improved balance. In addition, studies show that Tai Chi may increase our immune response.

Did you know...Natural remedies for insect bites/stings/mosquito bites! Try the homeopathic remedy Ledum 30c taken internally or applied topically as a cream to ease the itch and reduce the inflammation. Also, Apis is another natural remedy to help ease the redness, swelling and inflammation associated with bee and other insect stings.

Did you know...Natural flu remedies American Ginseng is recommended, safe and well tolerated and may reduce the frequency of colds and the duration of their symptoms in healthy adults.

The Center for Holistic Medicine located in Riverwoods, is a comprehensive, free-standing medical facility devoted to holistic medical care and education for our community. For additional information, class registration and/or to schedule a consultation with any of our practitioners, please contact the Center at 847-239-1701 or visit our web site at www.holistic-medicine.com.



Kitten Season

By Jackie Borchew

At Orphans of the Storm animal shelter it is always cat season. Our cat wing is home to as many as 400 or more cats at any time. Our adult cat room alone can accommodate up to 160 cats comfortably. With cat trees to the ceiling, a quiet room for napping, an open air screened porch for watching the world go by, our cats play and sleep and stretch to their hearts’ content while they wait to be adopted.

Kitten season. Today, we are in the midst of kitten season. The population in the cat hall and clinic continues to swell with the continuous stream of kitten arrivals from now into October. A sure sign of kitten season: A Lake County animal control warden cautiously delivers 4 precious, motherless newborn kittens. Rescued from a sure death out in the elements, their eyes barely open, their new muscles and tiny limbs stretching out into a new life, they are now safe. Their well-being will be watched over and health monitored daily, and when they are determined to be big enough and strong enough they will join the ranks in the cat hall and be available for adoption.

Facts about kitten season. Kitten season is the direct result of pet owners not taking responsibility to spay and neuter their pets. Cats breed in the warmer weather. Female cats are capable of producing several litters from May thru October. One unaltered female cat that is free to wander can mate continuously thru one season and be directly responsible for thousands of new lives. (Most of which will be born unwanted and end up as stray and possibly feral, and add to the endless overpopulation of unwanted pets.

What can you do to help. Spaying and neutering your pets today will start to make a difference in the kitten season population for next year. Taking responsibility for the stray and abandoned cats in your neighborhood is an important step. Call your local authorities to report these animals so that they can be delivered to a caring shelter to be spayed, neutered and put up for adoption. Our shelter administrator, Gail Donahue, urges cat owners to go further and keep their cats indoors. When cats are let outside they are subject to predators, cars, cruelty and all types of diseases.

Thinking about a kitten? If you or anyone you know are thinking about adding a kitten to your life, this is the time to adopt. The selection will never be better. If so, we ask that you consider adopting a pair of kittens. As newborns they will acclimate to each other much easier than bringing in a second cat later in life. And you will enjoy twice the companionship and cuteness of two kittens growing up before your eyes.

Orphans of the Storm is open for adoptions every day 11a.m.-5p.m. www.orphansofthestorm.org

Riverwoods Will Be Represented at Beijing

By a Former Swim Team Mom

Christina Loukas of Riverwoods earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic team by winning the 3-meter springboard diving final at the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis. She had an astonishing lead of 90 points over the second place diver. Loukas began the competition with 25 bonus points as a result of having placed fourth in February's World Cup at the Olympic Aquatics Center in Beijing. She currently is ranked 29th in the world in the 3-meter event. Loukas already had enough points to win before her last dive, but she hit it for a string of 9s and 9.5s. On the deck, she blew a kiss to the crowd and hugged coach Jeff Huber. No one came close to her overall score of 1092.10.

Friends and supporters gathered around the pool and their televisions to cheer for the diver many of us remember watching during meets at Deerfield High School. As surprising as her lead was to the sportscasters, it wasn't unfamiliar to her fans from Deerfield and Riverwoods. Christina won the Illinois High School state diving championship three straight years (2001-03) and she was second as a freshman in 2000.

As a student at Indiana University, Christina went on to capture three Big Ten Diver of the Year awards (2005, 2006, 2007), and won the Big Ten Championship on three events in 2007 and the one-meter title in 2006.

22-year old Christina is the daughter of our neighbors, George and Patty Loukas.

Riverwoods residents all wish her lots of luck in August. We'll be cheering for her!

(A Letter) To the Village...

I have never stopped my day, but yesterday when I heard the news mention "Riverwoods" I stopped. I was filled with pride when I learned that a fellow citizen had done something as great as make the Olympic Team. While there are local heroes, it is not often you think of Riverwoods making global news. But sure enough, a search for "Riverwoods Olympics" had quite a few results.

I think it is a great opportunity for us to get behind Christina Loukas (someone I have never met) and show our town's support for her efforts. You might be already planning something or a series of events for all I know, but it seems this is a great opportunity for our community to come together to support a young woman representing our village, our state and our country.

I have small children who enjoy Riverwood's Family Day, Halloween, Cleaning up in the Spring and other various activities but it will be a great source of excitement to root

for our fellow neighbor and follow her progress. Please let me know how I can help as I think we have a great chance to make the entire community come together to support her.

As the town is set to enter its 50th year it is a great way to celebrate.

Some ideas... Parades, BBQ, Viewing Events, Adopt-a-City (we exchange ideas with a city in China), Signage (I have seen the signs for her excellence that exist on Portwine and Lake-Cook for example), Charitable Fundraising.

Thanks for listening,
Dave Kaufman

Family Day is Back - Continued from the front cover

Inn, Strenger Plumbing, Riverwoods Montessori, High Tea with Geri, Flash Digital, Rust - Clothing and Home Elements, Tranel Financial, McDonald's, Rhapsody Cafe, Kevin's Place, Panera, Tips-to-Toe, Bobbi Brown and Orphans of the Storm animal shelter.

And thanks for the fun: Bruce Chudacoff's "Dance All Night", Beth Weis - The Lego Lady, Wiz the Clown, Wink Productions - Face Painting, Tattoos by Ross, Jodi Kopin's Jiggle Jam, and Moonjumps for You.

And finally, a special thanks to you, our residents, who always come out to support their Village. Whether it's community day, clean-up day, plant sale or the Village barbecue, your participation keeps our community going strong.



Riverwoods Preservation Council to Begin Woodland Health Study

Please join members of the RPC at the Village Hall on Sunday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m. for a planning meeting to launch our new Woodland Health and Management Study!

We all want to learn more about how one of our most precious natural resources is doing here in Riverwoods. Now's your chance to get in on the action! Questions or comments, please call Rich Koomjian at 374-1786 or Joan Becker at 374-8122, or email riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net

"Our woods are sick!" / "Not so - they're fine!"
"Few saplings grow!" / "That's no real sign!"
"The trees look stressed!" / "The leaves are green!"
"You've got no facts!" / "You're just plain mean!"

It's not exactly buddy-buddy,
Which is why we need a study!
To distinguish fact from fiction,
And we hope to calm the friction.

We'll identify some lots,
On which we'll draw a few large plots.
(Not exactly draw, you see.
Invisible, each plot will be.)

In the plots we'll measure trees.
We'll also work on hands and knees
To count and inventory plants.
(We'll certainly wear gloves and pants.)

The project, it is big not small.
We hope to start in early fall.
We'll work 'till winter; then next spring.
And experts we do hope to bring.

When not outside with them we'll meet
To try to shed more light than heat
On what is what and how and why
And what it is that we should try.

Then we hope to offer you
Suggestions on which you can chew,
To make your lot a better place;
To put a smile upon your face.

If this sounds good, we'd love your aid.
You'd work for free; we don't get paid.
(We'd also welcome dollars, see,
The experts, they don't come for free.)

-Riverwoods Preservation Council

Theatre in the Woods- Steel Magnolias

Celebrating its tenth season, Theatre in the Woods in Riverwoods will perform Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" July 18-20 and 25-27. Since the play's initial performances in the 1980's, the laugh-filled story of the lives and friendships of six Southern women has been an audience favorite. Wherever they live, people identify with these warm, lively friends in the small beauty shop in a little Louisiana town.

The play, directed by Brent A. Stringfield, centers around six very different women who meet weekly in the beauty shop of Truvy Jones (Elizabeth Tannehill of Round Lake) and her young assistant Annelle (Therin Miller of Evanston). Clients include the mother-daughter team, in real life as well, M'Lynn (Holly Schaefer of Deerfield) and Shelby (Aimee Schaefer of Deerfield), the refined businesswoman Clairee (Mary Rawson of Northbrook) and the wise-cracking Ouiser (Nancy Pollack of Chicago).

Come join these charming Southern women as they invite you to share their lives for an evening. Performances are held at Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods (1/4 mile north of Deerfield Rd., off Milwaukee Avenue) at 8:00 on July 18, 19, 25, and 26 and 3:00 on July 20 and 27. Admission is \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Phone 847-914-0109.

Riverwoods Residents Association

If you would like to get more involved in your community, the Riverwoods Residents Association is for you. Whether you want to volunteer for Arts & Riverwoods, the plant sale, or to fire up the grill at the annual Village barbeque, joining RRA and supporting your community is a good thing!

RRA Membership is \$25 per family. Your membership includes two vehicle stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each. Just mail your check made out to RRA to:

RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Dear Plant Ladies

By Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander, *The Plant Ladies*

I know we had the annual Plant Sale/Riverwoods Day in May. How did it go?

So glad you asked. We had a great plant sale. The plants were beautiful. The kids loved the fire truck and ambulance. The band sounded terrific, and the dogs from Orphans of the Storm provided entertainment just by being there. The food was outstanding. Our special thanks to Pat Walsh for donating the burgers, chicken and hot dogs and to both Pat and Henry Hollander for manning the barbecue. Another big thank you to Bill Johns and Mike Morgan from Glenwood Tree Experts for the good gardening advice and wonderful mulch that they spread in our raised garden bed. Thanks also to Marty Marshack and his band.

Speaking of gardens, what's going on with the Village garden?

We hope that you noticed our three new concrete pots, artfully planted by Ilene Schoenfeld, that are on the brick patio outside the Village Hall. The pots can be left outside in the winter, and the plantings will be changed according to the season. We also purchased a lovely granite bench with funds graciously donated from the Arts and Riverwoods Beautification Fund. In addition, we are continuing to have crews remove undesirable weeds and add mulch in order to plant more trees, shrubs and native perennials. Our next installation should be in a few months. Stay tuned. By the way, the rain and garden have bonded in a gorgeous way. Come take a look.

One more question. Now that I've planted all those lovely things I purchased at the plant sale, which are growing like crazy, what advice do you have? About fertilizer? About mulch? About watering?

Anything that was planted in May has most likely flourished because of all the rain we've had. Our best advice for successfully growing trees, shrubs, grasses, ferns, perennials and wildflowers is:

Right plant, right place. Make sure that your plant's location suits the plant's requirements as to sun or shade, dry, moist or wet.

Mulch your plants (about 2 inches deep) with organic material like wood chips, shredded hardwoods, etc. and replenish the mulch when necessary.

Water with the goal of 1 inch per week for the first 2 years. Purchase a rain gauge to check rainfall amounts.

Fertilization is not necessary if your plant is a native.

Don't forget to ask us questions. We love questions.

The Plant Ladies (Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander)

p.s. Please enjoy a few photos from Community Day, which included the plant sale, clean-up day and village barbecue.



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The Village of Riverwoods is Turning 50!

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**The Village would like to put together a “50th” committee
to plan a Village Celebration.**

If you have any ideas, history or stories to share, or would like to get more involved with your community’s 50th birthday, call Nancy at the Village of Riverwoods to volunteer: 847-945-3990.

