



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE



Celebrating Arbor Day

On Friday, April 30, representatives of the Village government observed Arbor Day with a celebration and tree dedication. Mayor Kaplan read the Arbor Day Proclamation, and three trees were dedicated in the memory of residents who were devoted public servants of our Village. A Swamp White Oak was dedicated to Chuck Smith, Mayor of the Village from 1985 -1993. A Red Maple was dedicated to Nancy Morten, Village Clerk and Special Projects Administrator who passed away earlier this year. And a Swamp White Oak was dedicated to Lorraine Lang, Building Department employee and long-time friend to many. The memory of these friends of Riverwoods will live on in the changing colors of the seasons.

The history of Arbor Day. Among the pioneers moving into Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they

Gathered in front of the Swamp White Oak is Trustee Bill Svatik, Tom Reynolds (a nephew of Chuck Smith), Trustee Sherry Graditor, Bill Novello (a nephew of Chuck Smith), Marley Crane (Chuck Smith's daughter), Village Forester Chuck Stewart and Mayor Bill Kaplan.

established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Morton was also a journalist and soon became editor of the Nebraska City News. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience. His fellow pioneers in the Nebraska prairie missed their trees, but more importantly, trees were needed as windbreaks to keep soil in place, for fuel and building materials, and for shade from the hot prairie sun.

Morton not only advocated tree planting by individuals in his articles and editorials, but he also encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in. His prominence in the area

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. July 20, Aug. 3, 17 and Sept. 7 and 21.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Aug. 5, Sept. 2 and Oct. 7.

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

Riverwoods Book Club

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

Plant Sale Committee

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





RIVERWOODS
VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Village Voice is published bimonthly by the Village of Riverwoods. The purpose is to provide a communication forum and information for residents. The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Mayor or members of the Board of Trustees.

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. Deadline for the Sept/Oct Issue: August 15, 2010
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A Call to Serve in Your Local Government

The Riverwoods Caucus Advisory Council is asking for volunteers to serve on the new Nominating Committee. It is an excellent educational opportunity to see how Village politics work. The more residents who are willing to get involved in Village politics and government, the healthier our Village will be. I encourage you to consider volunteering for the nominating committee and if you don't get chosen, please make sure you come to the Caucus Interviews and Caucus Meeting in January which in essence could constitute the election. (If no one else opposes the Caucus, which has actually happened in the past history of the Village). It looks like at this time there will be more than three people running for the three Trustee positions. Therefore, being a member of the Nominating Committee and/or attending the Caucus Meeting should be very interesting.

The following is a copy of a summary entitled "The Caucus System In Riverwoods" dated 10/98. The only change that I know of is that the Mayor now gets a salary instead of a minor stipend.

Bill Kaplan
Mayor of Riverwoods



The Caucus System in Riverwoods

By Jack McArdle, Mike Haber, and Larry Roskin.

What Is It? Why Is It? How Does It Work?

The Caucus System in Riverwoods is a state-authorized and regulated candidate selection process designed to seek out, select and support individuals who will agree to run for and, if elected, serve in positions on the village government.

Why is It?

Elected offices in the Village – Mayor, Trustees and Clerk – have traditionally been volunteer (no pay) positions. The Mayor is now paid a modest stipend to offset the extensive number of hours and travel costs the position requires.

Because of the time involved in these public service positions and because conflict resolution is often a large part of these jobs, experience shows that we don't have a large number of people clamoring to offer their free time. As a result, the typical two party or multiple party political system tends not to be viable here. Therefore, the Caucus System was instituted for small communities to seek out, encourage and allow qualified residents to run for village office.

Who Governs the Caucus System?

The Caucus System is governed under the election laws of the State of Illinois (Illinois revised statutes, Chapter 46, Sections 7-1 and 10-1), supervised by the Lake County Clerk.

At one time, the Caucus was a function of the Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA). However, the Internal Revenue Service determined that the not-for-profit status of the RRA could not be continued if the RRA was to be involved in political activities.

Before discussing how the Caucus works, here are some terms/concepts.

Caucus Advisory Council. The Council is made up of six residents who have served on a previous Caucus Nominating Committee, and who were elected by their peers on the Committee to serve overlapping six-year terms. The Advisory Council is the ongoing element within the Caucus System that provides continuity over time. It is charged with:

- Forming the Nominating Committee for every election year.

- Instructing the Nominating Committee on its assignment (number of candidates, what offices, terms, etc.).

- Explaining the procedures under which the Nominating Committee must function, and being available to provide advice.

- Retaining all records and Treasurers' reports.

The Caucus Nominating Committee. A committee of Riverwoods residents appointed by the Advisory Council (per its bylaws) from the following groups of areas:

- One member from each of the 12 geographic areas as defined by the Riverwoods Caucus Party map.

- 3 members representing a combination of the key committees in the village;

- 1) A retired or retiring member of the Village Board who is not standing for re-election.

- 2) A member representing either the Plan Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals.

- 3) A member representing the RRA (traditionally, but not necessarily, the most recently retired President of the RRA).

- Three "At-large" members, selected from individuals who petition to serve "at-large." (If a sufficient number of "at-large" petitions are not submitted, the Caucus Advisory Council appoints individuals to serve).

The Caucus. (More properly called the Caucus Town Meeting). This is a term set out in state statutes to describe a specific date established by the State Election Committee (the 2nd Monday in January – though this date may be changed in future years) when the Caucus (Town Meeting) is held. By this date, the Caucus Nominating Committee must submit its candidates to the full membership of the Caucus Party. Under State Statute, any voting-age resident of Riverwoods can claim membership in the Caucus Party by merely signing an affidavit to that effect. All those who sign the required affidavit may vote or nominate at the Caucus (Town Meeting).

How Does the Caucus System Work?

1. The Caucus Advisory Council forms the Caucus Nominating Committee and charges it with its tasks.

2. The Nominating Committee:

- Publicizes its formation and candidate search.

- Recruits residents to offer their candidacy for village office.

- Prepares a series of "Issues and Posi-

tion" questions to which each candidate is asked to respond.

- Interviews all prospective candidates on the issues and positions. (Note: All the above functions are conducted in open public meetings).

- Selects (via secret ballot, in a closed meeting) one candidate for each office that needs to be filled.

- Calls for, publishes and runs the Caucus (Town Meeting) to officially slate candidates.

- Finally, after candidates have been slated, it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to support the candidates they selected in either a contested or uncontested election.

Funding. The Caucus Advisory Council is responsible for assisting in the procurement of funds for all Caucus administrative expenses. Traditionally, the RRA has been asked to provide funds for use in each election year. (In most recent years, the Caucus asked for, and received, \$1,000 from the RRA.)

These funds are used for publicity, postage, citizen mailings and to provide refreshments, as needed, for interview meetings. These funds may also be used for associated administrative expenses. Funds not spent are returned to the RRA.

If a contested election arises, RRA funds may not be used to support a political campaign. In this unusual circumstance, the Nominating Committee and candidates must raise funds to pay for campaign expenses.

We hope you find this explanation helpful. By serving on the Caucus Nominating Committee, you have the unique opportunity for an education in local government!



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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 April 20, May 4, 18 and June 1. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com

June 1

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the Police Department activity since May 18, 2010. He stated there were 11 accidents, 21 alarms, ten complaints about animals, 13 Fire Department assists, four other agency assists, one criminal damage to property, three disturbances, one domestic trouble, two driving complaints, one fingerprinting, one harassment by telephone, two lockouts, five motorist assists, three parking complaints, seven suspicious circumstances, 14 case reports and one crime prevention notice. There were 84 traffic stops with 75 citations issued to 58 people. There was one DUI arrest, one unlawful possession of cannabis, two minors under the influence of alcohol and one arrest for permitting minors to possess alcohol on premise. There is currently one house on the House Watch list that is checked regularly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through May 31, 2010. There were four fire calls, four car accidents, 29 paramedic calls and five other calls for 42 calls in May and 164 calls year to date.

THE VILLAGE APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADESTA CONTRACT WITH RESPECT TO J.U.L.I.E. WORK DONE WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Board authorized the award and execution of contracts with Schroeder Asphalt of Huntley, IL in the amount of \$128,855.80 for the 2010 Roadway Maintenance project (patching and resurfacing Woodland Lane North, patching in the Calvin-Farner-Strenger area, and limited ditch and culvert work).

Mr. Glenn stated that seven bids were opened on May 18, 2010 for patching and resurfacing of Woodland Lane North and patching in the Calvin-Farner-Strenger area and limited ditch and culvert work. The low bid came from Schroeder Asphalt in the amount of \$128,855.80 and would be paid for with MFT funds.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Trustee Graditor presented the Building Department report. She summarized that building activity is down 75 percent from last year and last year was down from the year before. She explained that during the month of May 2009, the total value of construction was \$271,446, which generated fees of \$3,320. There was some commercial renovation, one single family home remodeling job and some miscellaneous projects. In the month of May 2010, there were miscellaneous projects with a total construction value of \$94,000 generating fees of \$1,250.

The total construction value from January through May, 2009 was \$2,380,464, generating fees of \$26,964. The total construction value from January through May, 2010 was \$621,826, generating fees of \$9,908.

May 18

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hal Roseth stated there was very little change in the Village's financial picture. The Village has \$11.9 million in the General Fund. Mr. Roseth received a proposal for an HSBC (HSBC Bank USA, National Association)-sponsored investment, which is a CD with FDIC backing up to \$250,000. The investment is tied to a basket of stocks and has a three-year maturity. After the three-year duration, if the basket of stocks is up, it would yield between five and eight percent. If the basket of stocks goes down, the Village would not lose the principal. Mr. Roseth suggested that the Village consider this proposal.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the Police Department activity since the May 4, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 11 accidents, ten alarms, four complaints about animals, 13 fire department assists, three burglaries to motor vehicles, one death investigation, one domestic violence, seven driving complaints, one DUI, one fingerprinting, five lockouts, seven motorist assists, three parking complaints, seven suspicious circumstances, 11 case reports and five crime prevention notices. There were 79 traffic stops with 59 traffic citations issued to 52 people. There are currently five houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated the death investigation was a senior citizen with a cardiac history who passed away from a cardiac episode.

NORTHBROOK WATER COMPARISON

Mayor Kaplan commented that the Village's agreement with Northbrook provides that Northbrook can only raise the water rate one time this year. Assuming this increase is implemented, in an eight year period, the Village will save \$1.9 million compared to water purchased from Highland Park and Deerfield.

ORDINANCE ADDING A CLASS J LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATION IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS

Assuming the Village goes forward with the annexation of the Estonian House, the Village must have a Class J liquor license classification. Scott Puma, attorney for the Estonian House, requested that the Village allow the sale of pre-packaged, Estonian beer and liquor for off-premise consumption. The pre-packaged alcohol would be limited to Estonian beer and alcohol and would only be sold to members.

Mr. Puma noted the Ordinance would now read, "The Estonian House may also sell packaged goods of Estonian origin to its members."

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT OF THE ESTONIAN HOUSE

The passage of this ordinance by the Board approves the yet unexecuted annexation agreement between the Estonian House and the Village of Riverwoods. Mr. Huvad noted that all of the owners would be depositing money for sanitary sewer improvements and the money would be held in escrow. The Estonian House will be issued a liquor license, but the liquor commission has the right to suspend or revoke their license if deemed necessary. There is also a provision in the draft annexation agreement for the owners to request the Village to rebid the sanitary sewer improvements. A provision was also added to the effect that if the site work is not completed or if the deposit is not made for the improvements, the Village can walk away from the agreement and the annexation.

ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT OF THE HOCKMAN PROPERTY

Mr. Huvad noted the Ordinance would reflect the change in the length of time required to deposit the money for the sanitary sewers from 90 days to 120 days. The termination agreement in section 13-A will also state that the Village or property owner may terminate the agreement.

ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT OF THE MULCH CENTER

Mr. Huvad noted that the Ordinance would reflect the same changes as stated above regarding the length of time required to deposit the money for sanitary sewers and the rights of termination,

ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT OF THE PANTLE PROPERTY

Mr. Huvad noted the Ordinance would reflect the same changes as stated above regarding the length of time required to deposit the money for sanitary sewers and the rights of termination.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH HKM ARCHITECTS + PLANNERS, INC. OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED POLICE STATION.

Mr. Huvad reported that he had negotiated an agreement with HKM Architects stating the Village could terminate the agreement at any time and pay for the services rendered to date, without penalty. A Public Hearing will be held once the schematics and the design development work are completed. He noted the budget would be reviewed three times during the project. Mr. Kraly would act as the project coordinator.

May 4 - Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FOUR PROPERTIES - PANTLE, MULCH CENTER, HOCKMAN AND ESTONIAN HOUSE

The Village had published notices for four Public Hearings with respect to the proposed annexation of the subject properties. The owners are Kenneth and Patricia Pantle, Jim Seckelmann from the Mulch Center, John Hockman, and Mehish Vahtra from Estonian House. Each of these owners has separately petitioned the Village to annex. If annexation is pursued, the Village will re-zone these properties and grant Special Use permits to the Pantles, the Mulch Center and Estonian House.

Mr. Huvad explained that there are two conditions in the annexation agreements that apply to two of the properties and one condition that applies to all four. The Pantles and the Mulch Center must take certain steps to bring their properties into compliance with floodway regulations, and they must perform the work before being annexed into the Village. The second condition, which applies to all four properties, requires the deposit of funds necessary to extend sanitary sewer services to the properties. The cost is estimated at approximately \$400,000. The money must be deposited before the properties are annexed. The Village has expressed its willingness to then adopt Ordinances to establish new zoning districts, change the land use map of the Village, annex the properties into the Village, classify them into the underlying zoning district, and grant special uses to the Pantle property, Mulch Center and Estonian House.

May 4

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the police activity since the April 20, 2010. There was one 911 hang-up, two abandoned vehicles, 13 accidents, 15 alarms, five complaints about animals, 11 fire assists, one motor vehicle burglary, four child seat installations, one non-criminal damage to property, one dispute, one domestic violence complaint, one driving complaint, one DUI, one fraudulent activity complaint, four lockouts, one lost property, one missing person, one motorist assist, seven suspicious circumstances, nine case reports and six

crime prevention notices. There were 99 traffic stops with 79 persons being issued 89 citations. There are currently five houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly. Tobacco compliance checks were conducted on April 29, 2010 with 100 percent compliance.

Chief Dayno noted the missing person was a three-year-old that was found asleep behind a couch in the home.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste presented the report on call volume within the Village of Riverwoods for the month of April. There were four fire calls, one car accident, 23 paramedic calls and eight other calls for a total of 36 calls in April and 122 calls year to date.

Assistant Chief Ugaste on his own behalf and on behalf of Chief Kruger and Commission Chair Barbara LaPiana of Lincolnshire thanked the Village for their support and actions regarding the interior residential sprinkler ordinance.

DEER FENCE SURVEY

Mayor Kaplan presented the results from the deer fence surveys. There were 171 surveys sent out and six were returned as undeliverable resulting in a net of 165 surveys. The Village received 93 responses which represents a 56 percent return. The results are in the hands of the task force and the Board should have a report at the next meeting. Mayor Kaplan noted the surveys were only sent out to residents of south Riverwoods.

REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR "WILLOW HOUSE"

Willow House is an organization that provides support services to grieving youth. Studies have found that children who have a sudden death of a parent or sibling are more likely to have mental health issues. Willow House provides group therapy for both adolescents and adults. They do not charge any fees for their services, they have found that so many grieving families are already under an enormous amount of financial stress. They rely on donations from foundations and corporations. Willow House has special activities including crisis intervention and also go into schools and do training and education. Willow House would like to establish a relationship with the Village and asked for support in the range of \$5,000 - \$10,000 as general operating support, although it would be grateful for any consideration.

Mayor Kaplan stated Willow House has a 4,000 square foot facility in Saunders Woods Corporate. They need that amount of space because of their group sessions. They have more than 100 volunteer facilitators. He noted Willow House uses various churches in other communities including Chicago, Arlington Heights and Libertyville.

Trustee Haber expressed his belief that Willow House is a worth-while organization and moved that the Village donate \$7,500. Trustee Koomjian seconded. The motion passed.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kaplan read the Arbor Day Proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in the Village. Trustee Chamberlain mentioned the Village will have a tree dedication ceremony next Tuesday at 10:30am at the Village Hall and suggested inviting families and the press.

April 20

POLICE REPORT

In the absence of Chief Dayno, Mr. Kraly presented the police activity since the April 6, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were three 911 hang ups, one abandoned automobile, 14 accidents, 25 alarms, two complaints about animals, 12 fire department assists, three child safety seat installations, one non-criminal damage to property, four driving complaints, two fingerprintings, three lock outs, 10 motorist assists, one open door, 11 suspicious circumstances, one theft, four case reports and three crime prevention notices. There were 88 traffic stops with 65 citations issued to 59 people. There are currently nine houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through April 15, 2010. There were two fire calls, 11 paramedic calls and five other calls for a total of 19 calls this month and 105 calls year to date.

Assistant Chief Ugaste further stated that he has submitted an article to the Village Voice regarding property inspections.

FUNDING FOR THEATER IN THE WOODS 2010 SEASON

Theater in the woods is a not-for-profit organization in Riverwoods. They produce one adult show in the summer and try to have interactive children's programs in spring and fall. Ms. Jeri Solomon has been part of Theater in the Woods since 1999. She stated that the Theatre would be grateful for any help the Board can give.

Ms. Solomon explained that Theater in the Woods plans to produce a single-set comedy this year, on two week-ends. This year's production will be "Goodbye Charlie" and auditions will be held in May.

The Board approved a \$10,000 donation to Theatre in the Woods.

APPROVAL OF BID TO DEMOLISH 2640 CHIANTI

The police department completed training exercises at 2640 Chianti and all utility services have been disconnected. The Village received two bids for demolition. SKS Construction would leave the foundation and would fill in the crawl space area with dirt.

The Board voted to award the bid to demolish 2640 Chianti to SKS Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$6,225.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

As I sit down to write this article it's supposed to hit 90 today with high humidity. Remember, although it may be uncomfortable, at least we don't have to shovel it! We'd be glad to have this weather in January.

The Village Board is still discussing the new Fence Ordinance, specifically the "Deer Fence Section". It's taking some time, over a year since the process started, but I am confident we will have one of the best "Fence Ordinances" in Lake County when the proposed legislation is completed.

The Village Board also approved the upgrading of our "water meter reading system". The present system is old and parts are not available anymore. The new system will eliminate the need for someone to come and take meter readings at your house. The new heads and sending units we will be installing will automatically send your meter information to the Village Hall, so Joyce, our Village Water Billing Administrator, will have up-to-date readings on your meter at her fingertips. The people from "Swanson's Water Treatment" (this is the company that maintains our water system and installs and services the water meters) will be getting in touch with each resident to upgrade your meter. The upgrade will only take 15 to 20 minutes, but a representative from Swanson will need to get inside your home to replace the meter head and the electronics that go with it. I, and the personnel from Swanson's, thank everyone in advance for your cooperation.

The 2010 Census is almost complete. Everyone should have received the form to fill-out and mail back in. If you have not done this, please do it. As of right now, 83% of the residence have filled out and returned their form. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The Census Bureau enumerators are now visiting households who have not returned their Census questioners. Some reasons you might receive a knock on the door are: you never mailed in your form, they received your form too late, there was missing or conflicting information, they can't match the address you provided with the master address list. The Census data is used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state and local governments. We thank everyone who has participated, and we hope everyone else does their part to be counted.

Enjoy the warm weather and these summer months.

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.

Time for Politics in Riverwoods. Again?

By The Riverwoods Caucus Advisory Council

YES! A little over a year ago, we elected a Mayor, a Clerk, and three members of the six-member Village Board of Trustees, but in about nine months it will be time to go to the polls and elect a Clerk and three Trustees to fill Board positions expiring in 2011.

The voter turn-out in the 2009 election was robust, but the process was not without some challenges. The impartial Caucus election process is not well-understood by many residents, and some people are not familiar with what our Board of Trustees does and how it may differ from other Boards in this area. If you are one of these, now is the perfect time to learn more!

The Trustees and the Clerk we elect next spring, together with the Mayor and the continuing Trustees, will guide our Village through the issues of the coming years. But first, the Caucus Advisory Council will have to find people to serve on a new Nominating Committee, and the members of the Nominating Committee will have to find and evaluate candidates interested in standing for election.

Finding citizens to make our system work is sometimes difficult. People think they don't know enough, or that they are too busy, or that someone else can do it.

Is democracy alive and well in Riverwoods? Only if YOU are willing to help with this process!

To learn more call the Riverwoods Village Hall at 847-945-3990 between 8:30a.m.-1:30 p.m., and leave your contact information. Either Linda Dunn, Kris Ford, Larry Kanar, Jill Kaplan, Carol Lieberman, or Diane Rapaport from the Caucus Advisory Council will get back to you.

Gypsy Moth Update

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

The Village Forester is continuing to monitor the gypsy moth population in and around the Village. If you have gypsy moths on your property, please report it to the Village Hall at 945-3990. The Village Forester will include your property in the annual egg mass survey, which helps determine the areas to be sprayed the following spring, if spraying is necessary to help control the population.



Police Report

School Season Means School Buses

By Police Officer Robert Salmen

The school season will begin in August with children heading off to school. Most children go to school and return home on school buses.

Last school year, the Riverwoods Police Department, in cooperation with the school bus companies, began intensive enforcement of the school bus laws designed to provide for the safety of our children. The Department is committed to protecting these children and will continue this intensive effort in the coming year.

From February 10, 2010 through June 9, 2010 the Department issued over 30 citations for unlawfully passing school buses loading or unloading children. We thought it might be helpful if we took the time to review the school bus regulations with you.

The following requirements apply to **all** two-lane roads such as Deerfield and Riverwoods roads.

School bus drivers are required to signal their intent to stop by activating the amber overhead lights not less than 100 feet before they come to a stop. This is your first warning that the bus is about to stop and you should begin preparing for the stop.

Once the bus stops, the bus driver is required to place the bus into neutral and then activate the emergency/parking brake. All the while the amber lights continue to flash, warning drivers that there are children present and extra caution is necessary around the bus.

The driver then opens the door. The moment the door begins to open, the system switches the lights from Amber flashing to Red flashing.

You may not pass the bus from either direction while the red lights are activated. Once the red lights start flashing, a mechanical stop sign begins to deploy and is fully deployed within two seconds. **While the red lights are flashing,** you may not pass the bus even if the stop arm has not fully deployed.

Once the children are on or off of the bus, the driver will close the doors. Once the doors are fully closed the red lights will cease to flash.

You may not pass the bus until the bus begins to move.

If you are stopped and/or cited for passing a stopped school bus, Illinois law provides that if you are found guilty at trial you will be fined a minimum of \$150.00 plus court costs, and your driver's license will be suspended for a minimum of 3 months. Judges are NOT permitted, under Illinois law, to give supervision or reduce the fine for this violation. Some violators have paid fines and court cost in excess of \$500.00.

Please take extra care around a school bus. You may save an extra minute or two by passing it, but you are also

compromising the safety of our children. If caught, you not only lose any time you may have gained, but you may pay a considerable price for the attempt.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Officer Robert Salmen at 847-945-1130.



Celebrating Arbor Day

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increased, and he was appointed Secretary of the Nebraska Territory by President James Buchanan, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees. He eventually went on to become U.S.

"Each generation takes the earth as trustees."

-J. Sterling Morton

Secretary of Agriculture under President Cleveland. He is credited with helping change that department into a coordinated service to farmers, and he supported Cleveland in setting up national forest reservations.

On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day." Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for properly planting the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by the young state's governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance.

As a side note, Sterling Morton's son Joy Morton founded the Morton Salt Company in Chicago and also created the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. Who knew Arbor Day could be so interesting.

Information is from The Arbor Day Foundation website: arborday.org and the Morton Arboretum website mortonarboretum.com



Dear Plant Ladies

By Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander

How did the plant sale go?

I'm so glad you asked. It was a big success. The food was great. Many thanks to our cooks, Henry Hollander, David Shoenfeld and Roger Simonson.

The Orphans of the Storm were adorable. That goes for children and dogs. Many thanks to Jackie Borchew for bringing them to join in the fun.

The plants were healthy and beautiful as always. Many thanks to our nurseries and our committee and our wonderful volunteers.

What about the Village tree-sharing program? I missed getting in on that.

That worked out beautifully, but don't worry about missing it. You'll have a chance to take advantage of it next spring.

I heard that the new Deer Out product is working. Can I get some of that?

Yes. Call or email Margie at 945-5131 or rmkaul@comcast.net.

We saw some pictures being taken at the plant sale. Any chance of seeing those?

Yes again. Go to the link below and click on Plant Sale 2010 event photos and see yourself, your kids and your friends.

<http://www.riverwoods-il.net/>

Walk your Best Friend in the Orphans of the Storm Pooch Parade

August 21st will be "Dog Day" in Deerfield as the pooches come out to walk for the orphans. The two-mile charity dog walk fund-raiser to benefit Orphans of the Storm animal shelter begins at Jaycee Memorial Park on Wilmot Road. For a \$20 entrance fee you and your best friend can be a part of the fun which includes raffles, refreshments and free stuff. Last year 80 dogs accompanied their people for the walk.

Your children can help the orphans even more when they print out a pledge sheet from the orphans website at www.orphansofthestorm.org. Raise \$100 in pledges and you earn a limited edition Pooch Parade t-shirt and walk for free. For more information go on line or call Jackie at 847-602-8508 or the shelter at 847-945-0235.

Orphans of the Storm animal shelter takes in the stray and abandoned dogs and cats from throughout northeastern Illinois and adopts them into loving homes for a second chance in life. Please consider coming out to walk for the orphans this year. Adopt a friend for life.



Free Family Events Through Deerfield Park District:

Deerfield Park District's annual **Family Campout** is set for Saturday, July 17, 5pm - Sunday, July 18, at Maplewood Park, in Deerfield. This free event offers families an opportunity to pitch their tents, bring their flashlights and enjoy a family-friendly overnight. There will be sports equipment to use, grills for cooking and a movie in the park. Tents may be set up, starting at 5:00pm; participants may sleep until 8:30am on Sunday; and campers may enjoy bagels and doughnuts for breakfast. No registration is required.

Dive-in Theater is Saturday, August 7, from 7:00 - 10:00pm, at Mitchell Pool, in Deerfield. Families are invited to bring a raft, inner tubes or noodles and watch a movie on a 10-foot screen from the water in Mitchell Pool. Swimming and floating begin at 7:00pm. The movie will be shown at approximately 8:00pm. Dive-in Theater is a free event, courtesy of Deerfield Park District. The concession stand will be open - popcorn is free!

For more information, visit www.dfpd.org; email: info@dfpd.org; or call 847-945-0650.

North Shore Senior Center Happenings

July 20 - **The Dixie Highway in Illinois** - Author James R. Wright's new book has been called a "Love Letter to an Illinois Highway." His book addresses this road planned in 1914 to link Northern states such as Illinois and Michigan directly with Florida, but that today exists only in bits and pieces, snapshots and fond memories.

July 27 - **Chicago - The Makin' of a Toddlin' Town.** Chicago native and retired marketing executive Don Demski will offer his take on why Chicago became known as a "toddlin' town." The reasons were many and varied: entertainment, amusements, jazz, sports and a generous dollop of crime, vice and politics. As the song said, you could have the time of your life in slightly wicked, wide open Chicago.

All events are held at the Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield unless otherwise noted. Call 847-784-6030 for information and to make reservations. or visit the website: www.nssc.org.

Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

In cooperation with Lake County Animal Control, the Deerfield Park District and West Deerfield Township are hosting a reduced-cost vaccination and microchip clinic for dogs and cats. The clinic will be held on Saturday, September 11, from 9am until noon, at Brickyards Park (adjacent to the Patty Turner Senior Center). Open to all Lake County residents.

In addition, the "Pooch Pantry" will be collecting dog and cat food, pet toys, litter etc. to help people facing hard economic times to keep their pets. For further information, please contact Renee at Lake County Animal Control, 847-949-9925.

Cleanup Day a Success!

The Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) gratefully thanks the many volunteers who made the Village Roadway Cleanup Day a success. Numerous biodegradable bags of roadside garbage were collected. The RPC also thanks Al Solomon and the Village for arranging for a large dumpster to be housed on the Village Hall grounds. Prizes of woodland plants were donated by the RRA's Plant Sale Committee for the most interesting garbage collected during the cleanup. The prizes were awarded for a muddy whisky bottle/and empty condom box combination entry, and for a weathered note advising the recipient about the proper recycling of used batteries.



Riverwoods Tree Count

The RPC is continuing its program to count the larger trees in the Village. The program will determine to what extent a mature forest exists in Riverwoods. Trees with a diameter of two feet or greater will be located, measured and identified, and the 10 largest trees will be reported to the community. Acorns and seeds from the largest trees will be collected and planted, to help grow the next generation of oaks.

The RPC seeks your permission for our counters to enter your property. We also welcome additional resident-volunteer counters. Please call Howie Patterson at 847-945-9281 to provide access and to volunteer.

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form. Please make your check payable to RPC 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!

The Village Comes Together for Clean-Up Day, Barbecue and a Big Plant Sale





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Clean-Up Day 2001 Mystery

We have names for a few faces in our mystery photo from Cleanup Day 2001. The question was "Can you identify these men?" And we can thank Jack McArdle who wrote in to say-

"The fellow in suspenders at the back of the pick up truck is Jack McArdle, Sr. He is past chairman of the Plan Commission and still lives at 2570 Riverwoods Road.

The fellow standing in the truck was Chuck Smith, past Plan Commissioner, Trustee, then Mayor. Chuck passed away last year.

The black haired young man behind and to the right of Jack Sr. is Jack Jr. who by the way, initiated the idea of Riverwoods Roadway Clean-up Day and organized the first clean up.

Sorry, I can't identify the plaid shirted volunteer or the fourth worker."

Maybe you can.

If you can identify the two still unnamed men in the photo, let us know. And if you have an old Riverwoods photo that is a mystery to you, send it in and we'll put it out there for the residents to take a shot at.

