



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Arts & Riverwoods Moves to Ryerson

Please join us for the Preview Gala Event for Arts and Riverwoods Friday evening, October 13th from 7-10:00pm. at Ryerson Woods. The evening promises to be exciting and fun and will include food donated by premier North Shore restaurants including Big Bowl, Lovell's, Bluegrass, Cubby Bear North, Pear Tree, The Culinary Experience, China North, Jimmy's Charhouse, Dave's Italian Kitchen, Upper Crust Bagels, Whole Foods, and Ross Nut Company. The evening will also feature the extremely popular Silent Auction featuring items donated by area businesses, restaurants and hotels, along with art donated by many of the show's artists, live entertainment, cocktails, and the opportunity for attendees to be the first to view and purchase the show's art. Tickets to the Preview Gala Event can be purchased for \$50/person in advance, \$75/person after October 6th. Invitations will be arriving in your mailbox after Labor Day. Call Leslie Ames at 847-948-9003 to purchase tickets.

Now in our 47th year, Arts & Riverwoods is one of our community's favorite events.

This year, Arts & Riverwoods is embarking on a new endeavor. The entire show will be completely held under an enormous tent, at Ryerson Woods located on Riverwoods Road between Deerfield and Half Day Roads. In our increasingly time-strapped weekends, this new venue will afford the opportunity to enjoy the show in one location, and if time permits you can take advantage of all that Ryerson has to offer, including hiking trails,

nature exhibits and the Fall Colors. The show is open to the public Saturday & Sunday, October 14th and 15th from 10am - 5pm and will feature 50 juried artists in such media as jewelry, fiber, painting, 2D, wood, ceramics, quilts, sculpture and more, a Student Art Exhibit, Kids Activity Area provided by The ABL Group, Entertainment provided by Music Center of Deerfield, and food. Admission to the art show is free.

Arts & Riverwoods is a not-for-profit corporation. Proceeds from last year's show provided scholarships to almost 50 high school students from Deerfield, Stevenson and Waukegan High Schools; funds for art enrichment programs at area elementary and middle schools; and partial funding for the Waukegan Township Art Mobile, a non-profit, volunteer-run art program for disadvantaged Lake County youth.

Arts & Riverwoods needs the on-going support of our community. There are many ways to contribute to Arts & Riverwoods in addition to attending the show. If you would like to be a donor, a sponsor or to contribute to the Silent Auction, please call one of the show Co-Chairs.

Another way to contribute is to volunteer to help with the Show. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the show. For more information on how you can contribute to this charitable community event, please call any Show Co-Chair:

Leslie Ames - 847-948-9003
Linda Dunn - 847-945-4666

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Riverwoods Board and Committee meetings are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise specified and are open to the public; residents are encouraged to attend.

Riverwoods Village Board:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8p.m. Sept. 5, 19, Oct. 3, 17, Nov. 7 and 21.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Sept. 7, Oct.5 and Nov. 2.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program Call Nancy Morten at (847)945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods
Call Sandy Sagan, producer at (847)945-0585.

RRA (Riverwoods Residents Association) Meetings are held at the Riverwoods Village Hall. Contact RRA president, Richard Small for more information.

Plant Sale Committee. Call chairmen Margie Kaul, at (847)945-5131 or Sheila Hollander at (847)945-4879.

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

Arts&Riverwoods Call Leslie Ames, chairman, at (847)948-9003.

The 47th Arts&Riverwoods show will take place October 14 and 15th at Ryerson Forest Preserve. Admission is free. The Gala preview and silent auction will be Friday evening, Oct 13, at the same location. Tickets for the Gala are \$50 in advance.



Read the News First on the Village Website

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



**School is
in session.
Drive careful.**

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.

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Village Board Meeting
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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.

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes of July 11 and 18.

APPROVE LAKE COUNTY MAJOR TASK FORCE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This agreement is an insurance policy for the Village should a murder, non family kidnapping, officer shooting, or other major crime occurs here. Necessary personal and costs required for such an investigation would be covered under this agreement. The Board of Trustees approved this agreement.

RIVERWOODS POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDED

Officers Ernst and Salmen were awarded certificates of appreciation by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for their "commendable DUI Enforcement."

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees moved to pass the 2006 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution and to take \$250,000 out of the Fund.

RRA Membership

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 \$20 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, Illinois 60015

Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

October 31st marks the five year anniversary of the Riverwoods Police Department. Look for our next citizen survey with the next Village Voice.

In order to provide the services the residents want and need, the Riverwoods Police Department seeks your input. If there are police related problems (traffic, etc.) that you feel need our attention, please call. Many people hear or observe suspicious subjects, vehicles or noises, but don't call the police. Your Police Department is only a phone call away. An easy rule of thumb is: if it seems wrong, no matter how minor, please call immediately. That is one of the primary reasons we are here.

School is back in session, please watch for children on the roadways. Be careful when exiting driveways. Remember on a two-lane roadway, it is illegal to pass a signaling, stopped school bus from either direction.

Please help your Police and Fire Department find you: Your street address should be clearly visible from both directions. When responding to emergencies or service calls, personnel may be coming from either direction. At night and even during the day, many houses are hard to identify. If possible/practical when you call, turn a front light on, to further identify your location.

Village Halloween Party

Come Join The Fun



Ride the horse drawn hay wagon
4:30 to 6:30pm
Bring your children or grandchildren
Hot dogs, cider, candy
Lots of surprises & fun for all.



Riverwoods Architecture Tour Sunday, Sept. 17

By Joan Gand

In the past few issues of the Village Voice, I have written about our important mid-century architecture here in Riverwoods. When our village was first created by Edward Ryerson, the concept was to preserve the woods as much as possible. Architect Edward Humrich was chosen to design houses that would sit lightly among the trees and not spoil the views of the untouched forestland. The area of South Riverwoods still retains much of the feel today as it did then, which is why many of us choose to live here.

I have had so many fun and interesting responses to my previous article. One of the houses that will be on our tour is a beautifully restored Humrich house whose owners persevered after a fire destroyed much of the house, to rebuild it as Humrich might have done it today. Another said to me, "I live in an environment, not just a house." In my research, I found that in 1979 there was a Chicago Architectural Foundation tour of seven Humrich homes in Riverwoods. I have met a wonderful architect and historian who knew Humrich and has collected much information about him. I continue to learn more everyday about early Riverwoods and the people who made it a special and



"A building should fit into the scheme of things so as to achieve the tranquillity of a forest or a river flowing through the scene."
—Edward Humrich

unique place to live.

Please join us on our upcoming architecture tour that will celebrate the architecture of Edward Humrich "Plus." Our tour will include several beautiful Humrich houses, plus the newly renovated home featured in the Chicago Tribune's "Ranch Dressing" article designed by Burton

Frank, which will be the location of the cocktail party at the end of the tour. A round-table discussion and slide show about Humrich held at Riverwoods Village Hall and featuring architects and homeowners who knew him well, will kick off the event. We will also have a Q&A with Lisa DiChiera, Director of Advocacy, Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, who will speak about the how-to's of preservation for homeowners. Of the 40 Humrich projects done in Riverwoods, I have been able to document that 28 are still standing, and 22 that are good examples and not radically altered. That is still a great collection of Humrich's work, but I can see that it is dwindling down to almost half of what we originally had here.

Tickets are \$35 per member and \$40 per guest, including talks, tour, hand-out, and cocktail party at the last house. Attendees must pre-register and tickets will be limited. We will meet at the Riverwoods Village Hall for registration and talks, and then tour the houses in groups. For those who like to bike - this tour will be perfect. You will be able to leave your car at the Village Hall and take your bike from there.

Order tickets on line at: www.chicagobauhausbeyond.org/calendar, or call me to pay by check.

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Community Christian Church Announces Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, September 10, is the Kickoff Sunday at Community Christian Church, located at 1970 Riverwoods Road, in Lincolnshire. A hymn sing will be held during their 10a.m. worship service with picnic to follow. Their new fall Sunday school program will also begin for all children ages 3 and up through 9th grade. Childcare is available during the 10a.m. service for infants and toddlers. For more information, contact the church office by phone at 847-945-8824 or by email at ccclincolnshire@comcast.net. In addition, the Community Christian Church will hold their annual Garage Sale on Saturday, September 30 from 8 - 3p.m. There will be children's clothing and toys, household items, furniture, sporting goods and a Boutique Room stocked with more valuable items. For more details about the church functions, visit their web site at www.ccclincolnshire.org, or call the church office at 847-945-8824.

Riverwoods Preservation Council

By Riverwoods Preservation Committee

A group of resident volunteers dedicated to preserving the ecological heritage of the community

The Riverwoods Preservation Committee is in the midst of big change. Members of the RPC have formed the Riverwoods Preservation Council, a non-profit Illinois corporation. The Council has applied for tax-exempt status, and hopes to receive confirmation by the end of the year. Your contributions to the RPC will be tax-deductible!

The new RPC will continue and expand the Committee's work. The group has been very active, working on projects such as:

Stewardship Guide: The RPC has been preparing a written, illustrated guide for flora and fauna of our community. The guide has been a fantastic learning experience for its authors, who hope it will serve as a resource for residents in all areas of Riverwoods.

Public Events: The RPC has coordinated a variety of public events relating to our unique environment. A specialist on amphibians led a group of adults and kids on a hike through the woods, to a nearby pond in search of frogs, salamanders and other water inhabitants. It was a beautiful day for an outing. We even learned a few frog calls. A Riverwoods resident whose property is a gorgeous collection of native plants led us on a tour and explained the many, many varieties we saw. The large property is covered with a multitude of beautiful plants of many different sizes, shapes, colors and textures. It certainly broadened our appreciation of the term "garden". A wildlife biologist gave us many insights into the lives of the deer which share our community with us. We even ventured into the hot topic of deer management – which prompted a lively and enlightening debate. It is clear that people have strong feeling on the issue, and aren't hesitant to voice them. The health of our woodlands is another big issue in Riverwoods. We had several speakers give us insights into the significant threats to our woodlands – by nature and by us – with suggestions of what we can do to restore and preserve the health of our woodland community. The threats are real, but there are things each of us can do now that will ensure that the woodlands are available for future generations. We have been very fortunate to have had some outstanding speakers volunteer their time and expertise for our benefit. We look forward to more such events.

Articles in the Village Voice: The RPC has been providing articles to the Village Voice on topics as diverse as the types and use of mulch, on various woodland animals, suggestions for use of salt and other de-icers, and garlic mustard identification and control.

Web site: The RPC's web site, <http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org>, contains a wealth of information for local residents, as well as links to a variety of helpful sites. The RPC web site also contains copies of the RPC articles that appeared in the *Village Voice*. And it has an answer box (questions@riverwoodsrpc.org), by which you can pose questions and offer suggestions.

We want to thank all of you who have provided your expert guidance and assistance to the RPC and our community, especially during this transition to the new RPC.

We would also like to thank those of you took the time to respond to our telephone survey, in which you provided ideas for future action. If you were not contacted but have thoughts you would like to share, please contact Joan Becker at 847-374-8122 or at Beck2750@yahoo.com.

It's Fall. What Do I Do with All Those Leaves?

Our beautiful trees provide many advantages, including shade and glorious autumn color. But autumn is called "fall" for good reason. What do we do when all those leaves fall to the ground? Here are some alternatives:

Leave them where they fall. This approach is ideal in the woods. It's the natural process to which trees and other native vegetation have become accustomed over many, many years. The leaves provide necessary organic matter for the soil and serve as an insulating blanket. Leaves also provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

Use them as mulch. Mulch is a protective blanket that provides nutrients to the soil. Mulching involves cutting or shredding leaves into small pieces, so they fall into the turf grass or other areas instead of resting on top. Leaves are rich in essential nutrients needed for plants, including turf grass. The small, cut leaves in mulch are easier for insects and microbes to consume, hastening fertilization (the transformation of mulch into compost). In addition, as mulch lies on the surface of the soil it conserve moisture in your lawn or planting area, insulates the ground from heat and cold, and retards weed growth.

Mulching mowers can be very effective, especially when mulching takes place during dry weather. Even a non-mulching mower will work; it just requires more passes over the leaves. Leave your mower set on its normal height. Mow when the leaves are dry. Use a sharp blade. Several passes with the lawn mower may be required.

Studies show that mulching does not adversely affect turf density or increase thatch. In fact, recent studies have shown that turf that receives mulch greens faster in the spring and requires less fertilizer.

If you have too many leaves to mulch them all for your

turf grass, mulching your garden is a great way to prepare it for winter. Or store the mulch for later use. Or consider composting or spreading the leaves into the woods.

Don't pile them too deeply. Don't make the protective blanket too deep. Mimic nature, and use a depth of up to 2 - 3 inches. A greater depth risks smothering vegetation. It also may deplete nitrogen in the soil as it decomposes. Trees can be at risk, too. Since tree roots are shallow, and extend at least to the drip line, deep piling leaves (or wood chips or just about anything else) on top of the roots can smother even a healthy tree.

It is best to cut or shred (i.e., mulch) the leaves first, so they don't mat and prevent penetration of air and rainwater.

Compost them. This is an excellent approach, if you have the space. Leaf compost consists of leaves that have decomposed. It's an excellent fertilizer.

You can pile the leaves somewhere to let them magically turn into the perfect soil. But that magic takes a long time to work. A much faster approach is to first mulch the leaves, and then mix them with grass clippings or other green plant material. The green material provides nitrogen and generates heat to accelerate decomposition. (Don't use garlic mustard or weeds containing weed seed that could sprout when you spread the compost.) If you don't have green plant material, spreading a cup of high-nitrogen fertilizer into the pile will work. Wet the pile, and let it sit undisturbed for several months. For faster compost, turn the pile every few weeks to aerate it. You can purchase convenient compost containers that allow you to easily turn the compost by simply rotating the container.

Burn them. This is not the best approach. First, read the Village burning ordinance, which restricts the manner and hours of landscape waste burning. There are penalties for violating the ordinance. Second, contact the fire department. Third, always make sure the fire is attended by someone with a ready source of sufficient water.

Bear in mind that the tiny smoke particles and toxic chemicals generated by burning leaves have been implicated in various serious respiratory problems, especially with children. It is very difficult for the body to expel tiny smoke particles, so they may remain in the lungs indefinitely.

Bag them and toss into the garbage.

This is another less-than-ideal approach. In general, the law does not allow landfilling of yard waste, because landfill space is so scarce. Your waste hauler may charge extra to take the leaves away, because of the expense of disposal.

Most importantly, leaves are a free and valuable natural resource that you can use on your property to make it healthier and more attractive.



Architecture Month in Riverwoods - Houses in Harmony with Nature

Saturday, September 9

1pm to about 3pm, starting at the Village Hall.

The Riverwoods Preservation Committee presents:

"Green from the Ground Up"

Noted architect Nathan Kipnis will discuss building and remodeling that looks traditional yet conserves energy, reduces household exposure to toxic fumes and preserves the natural environment.

He will also conduct a tour of a wonderful home here in Riverwoods that he designed (interior design by Doug Nickless Inc.). This home is an example of 'transparent green', in which the design is seamlessly and invisibly integrated into the architecture.

Mr. Kipnis has been called "one of Chicago's new breed of up and coming architects who blends excellence in architecture with a social conscience."

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge.



Your New Best Friend is Waiting

At Orphans of the Storm animal shelter there are hundreds of dogs and cats patiently waiting for a forever home of their own. The shelter is open for adoptions seven days a week, 11a.m.-5:00p.m. Adoption fee is \$60. Preview your choices at www.orphansofthestorm.org

"Meal Planning for One or Two"



Tuesday
November 14, 2006
Noon—1:00 pm
Everyone welcome
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847-945-3990

This program will provide ideas and suggestions on how to make healthy meals for smaller families. Learn how to plan for efficient economical super-market shopping. You will receive hints on meal preparation and food storage.

Presented by
Lynnette Mensah
Nutrition & Wellness Educator



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In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

By Gale Gand

While on a business trip to Costa Rica this summer, we visited an organic sugar plantation, a macadamia nut farm and Sonora Estate to see how they grow, harvest and roast coffee beans. Don Alberto, the owner, was our host and it was inspiring to see where the coffee I'm serving in Gale's Coffee Bar (opening on October 11 in the Westin Chicago North Shore at 601 North Milwaukee Avenue) is from. Who knows, I may have even picked some of the cherries (that's what they call the red ripe fruit of the coffee tree, though they looked like bushes to me) that I'll be brewing this fall.

Here's a recipe of my mother, Myrna's, for date nut bread you bake in a tin can. It goes great with coffee, whether yours is from Costa Rica or somewhere else.

CANNED ORANGE DATE NUT BREAD

Recipe courtesy Gale Gand

8 ounces pitted dates, cut into small pieces

? cup chopped pecans

zest from 1 orange

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons cake flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup sugar

? cup butter, softened

1 egg

1 cup orange juice

Method:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl mix together the cut up dates, pecans, and orange zest then toss with the 2 tablespoons of flour to coat them.

Stir together the remaining flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a mixer with a whisk attachment, cream the butter till light and fluffy then add the sugar and continue mixing. Add the egg and mix in. In 3 batches add the dry ingredients alternated with the orange juice and mix well. Stir in the flour coated nut mixture.

Spoon the batter into greased and floured 14 ounce tin cans, filling them ? of the way full. Place the on a sheet pan and baked till puffed and golden brown and firm, about 50 minutes. Let cool in the cans 5 minutes then turn them out, or let them cool completely in the cans and wrap as a gift.



Theatre in the Woods Has Another Hit This Summer with California Suite

By Mary Emerson

Theatre in the Woods ended its eighth season run Sunday, July 30, with a matinee performance of Neil Simon's California Suite. The play, which ran for two weekends, three performances a weekend, was seen by almost 600 people. Director Donna Lubow and Producer Sandy Sagan oversaw the production, aided by Assistant Director and Technical Director, Jeri Solomon. The cast included Riverwoods resident Kathie Keefe Howski, other TIW veterans and newcomers to the TIW ensemble. TIW's initial performances were outdoors next to the Village Hall (where the Police Department building now stands). The 2006 season was the third performed in our new home, Estonian House off Milwaukee Avenue. The building, in a beautiful wooded location, provides the perfect setting in which to enjoy productions on a summer evening.

Theatre in the Woods wishes to thank all of its patrons, new and long-standing, for their support. A special thank you to the Village of Riverwoods and to all our supporters who through advertisements and donations helped to make this production possible.

The company returns Sunday, October 29th at 3:00pm with its popular children's production of "Snow White. For more information, please call 847-914-0109.

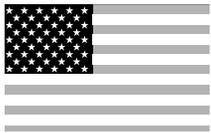


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Send in Those Letters!

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 Nov/Dec Issue:

Oct. 15, 2006

Send to:

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Dear Plant Lady,

I drove by the Village Hall a couple of weeks ago and it looked like the jungle in "Suddenly Last Summer." What happened? Then I went by last week and it looked like a million dollars and change. What's going on?

Our wonderful irrigation system has not only kept the newly planted trees and understory plants alive and well, but the weeds are thriving, too. Hence, the jungle look. Recently, we contracted with Larry Mc Cotter of Native Restoration Services to begin restoring the Village Garden area. In this process, the first step was to apply a systemic herbicide to the undesirable perennial weeds and then to mow the remaining annual weeds to prevent them from going to seed. Proper restoration of this area will require persistence, patience, and vigilance in an effort to establish a healthy plant community that can hold its own against weed species.

What are the plans for the future?

In September, the process will be repeated whereby there will be an herbicide application followed by mowing. In November, there may be wildflower seed distribution pending discussion on the "look" and direction that we want the restoration

to take. We are hoping to implement a three-year schedule, after this fall, of regular maintenance by trained technicians to insure success of the Village Hall restoration.

Will there be more planting in the fall?

We want to install more native understory plants and shrubs, but we're not sure if that will occur in the fall or next spring.

Speaking of fall, is there anything special I should be doing with all those wonderful plants I bought from you last spring? They look terrific by the way.

For all new plantings, it is beneficial for them to be watered regularly through November either by rainfall or manual watering. Also, a 2-3 inch layer of mulch is a great way to insure that the plants are well insulated for the winter season.

Specifically, I bought some hydrangeas at the plant sale and I don't know if I should cut them back, and if so, how far? Is there anything else that should be cut back?

Hydrangeas can be cut down, and it is best to do this in early spring. The same goes for perennials and grasses. The foliage on plants act as an insulator of sorts during the winter so it is beneficial to leave the plants uncut until spring.

Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander