



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Is to Mid-Century Architecture what Oak Park Is to Prairie Style

The Rizzoli Publishing Company has recently published a collection of over 100 color photographs of 14 Mid-Century homes around Chicago, including four in Riverwoods, by legendary California architecture photographer Julius Shulman. The book titled “**Julius Shulman: Chicago Mid-Century Modernism**” was written and edited by Riverwoods residents Gary and Joan Gand. The project started in September of 2006 when Shulman (who passed away last July) was 96 years old. The preservation group Chicago Bauhaus and Beyond, headed by the Gands, and local Baird and Warner real estate agent Joe Kunkel funded the project and recruited members of the preservation group to showcase their vintage historic homes.

Co-creator Joan Gand said, “Riverwoods is to Mid-Century architecture what Oak Park is to Prairie Style (Frank Lloyd Wright). Ed Humrich, George Keck and Wil-

liam Keck, Burton Frank, and Robert Hausner designed homes for clients and themselves that took advantage of nature, passive solar

Julius Shulman during the photographing of the Riverwoods homes.



The home of Joan and Gary Gand is an example of Mid-Century architecture in Riverwoods.

design and low cost materials over 50 years before the term “green” was ever thought of.”

Features such as: floor to ceiling south facing windows for solar heat gain, Thermopane glass, radiant heated floors, flat roofs with no wasted attic space, slab construction with no musty basement, and the use of natural materials such as stone, Chicago common brick and stained wood planking are now the rage. They have been popular in and around Riverwoods since Ludwig Mies van der Rohe came to Chicago from Germany, to re-start the Bauhaus in 1937, which later became the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT).

Riverwoods was created by steel magnate Edward Ryerson, and has the largest concentration of Edward Humrich homes in the Midwest numbering over thirty, including Mayor Kaplan’s home built for Andy Frain. Diane Aschman’s Humrich home in Riverwoods is featured on the cover of the book. At 208 pages, the book contains archival photos, a history of Chicago architecture and a brief his-

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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 8pm. Sept. 21, Oct. 5, 19 and Nov. 2 and 16.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Oct.7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

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

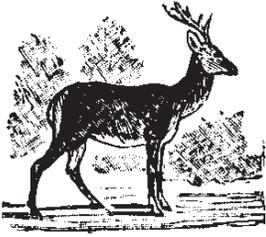
Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. www.riverwoodsrpc.org

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.

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October 15, 2010

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Deer and Deer Fencing

For some time, the Village has received complaints from residents that there were too many deer fences which they claimed were forcing deer onto their property and were unsightly. Deer fences, by definition, are illegal in the Village as they exceed the legal six foot fence height. There are a number of deer fences that were put up years ago to protect gardens, but lately some have been put up around the entire perimeter of properties without gardens.

The Village has been trying to address this problem. We have discussed this at a number of plan commission meetings that made recommendations to the Village Board. At the suggestion of the Village Board, I appointed a task force to study this issue. The task force, consisting of property owners who had deer fences and those who were opposed to them, came up with a compromise solution to the deer fence issue.

A New Fence Ordinance was considered based on the task force's recommendations. This ordinance was a compromise grandfathering existing deer fences and allowing new deer fences to be constructed with certain setback stipulations. This New Fence Ordinance was voted down by a 4 to 2 vote of the Board of Trustees. Instead, an ordinance was voted in place allowing existing deer fences to stand, with certain stipulations regarding the impact of these fences on trees and drainage, while allowing no new deer fences to be erected. This ordinance will expire in one year at which time the Village Board hopes to agree on an updated New Fence Ordinance.

Discussion of deer fencing has led to discussion of deer management within the Village. The vote against the New Fence Ordinance was based in part on the opinion of some that the issue of deer management should be considered before adopting a New Fence Ordinance. The Board is inviting experts in the areas of forestry, restoration and wildlife management to testify to enable the Village to make a more educated decision as to how the Village should address the issue. At present, we expect testimony will occur sometime in October and November.

Even if you live in an area of Riverwoods where your homeowners' association does not allow fences of any kind, we urge you to attend these meetings. Your opinion on deer fences and on (culling) deer is important to the Village. I urge you, whether you support deer management or reject it, to come to these meetings. We welcome your input and value your suggestions.

After all the meetings take place, a survey will be sent out to all the residents in Riverwoods to get their opinions regarding both deer management and deer fences. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey on these important issues.

Very truly yours,

William S. Kaplan, Mayor



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 June 15, July 6, 20 and August 3. Read the entirety of these minutes on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com

August 3

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the police department report for the activity since the July 20, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were 12 accidents, 14 alarms, eight complaints about animals, 12 fire department assists, three other agency assists, three child safety seat installations, two criminal damage to property, one dispute, six driving complaints, one fingerprinting, two fraudulent activities, one harassment, one ILEAS call out, two lockouts, two missing persons, ten motorist assists, one noise disturbance, one parking complaint, two public assists, three solicitor complaints, three suspicious circumstances, eight case reports and nine crime prevention notices. There were 58 traffic stops with 34 citations issued to 30 people. There are currently ten houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno distributed an article from the Illinois Department of Transportation Caution Magazine with photos of Riverwoods Police Officer Al Maciarillo presenting "Saved by the Belt" awards to Mark Hollander of Highland Park and Benjamin Weis of Deerfield. The two were involved in a roll over crash in Riverwoods, but both escaped injury because they were wearing seat belts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the fire department report. There were eight fire calls, two car accidents, 24 paramedic calls and five other calls for a total of 39 calls through July 31, 2010. There have been 239 calls year to date.

UPDATE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANS

Architect Mark Hopkins with HKM Architects was present. Mr. Huvad explained they were nearly finished with the design and could provide working drawings quickly so that the Board could get a better grasp on costs. He suggested that the Village could ask for comments from residents at that point. Mr. Hopkins then presented the proposed site plan. The



Mayor Kaplan congratulates Assistant Fire Chief Rich Ugaste on his promotion to Deputy Chief.

subject site is adjacent to the new fire station at Riverwoods and Saunders Roads. The site is heavily wooded and circulation within the site would be developed off the fire station driveways. The plan proposes two buildings: the larger is the police station and the smaller is a stand alone garage between the fire and police stations. The curb cut on Riverwoods would be expanded and there would be new access drives and parking areas. The circulation would loop and the main entrance would be on Saunders Road. The day-to-day entrance will be located on the north portion of the site.

Mr. Hopkins presented the proposed floor plan of the 4,200 square foot, framed building with slab on grade. The building would be made from wood with some concrete block partitions. The roof would be pitched to make use of some of the attic volume for records storage. Mr. Hopkins noted the exterior of the building was designed to allow for a walk-in attic. There would also be a sally port of about 400 square feet.

Mr. Hopkins discussed the two proposed exterior elevations. The first option matches the fire station while the second option is slightly stripped down. Mr. Hopkins believes both are nice schemes. Mr. Huvad noted the Village could bid out both options and make their choice after the bids are received.

Chief Dayno, Mr. Kraly and Mr. Glenn worked together to get an estimate of the costs. Chief Dayno presented a ballpark cost for the second elevation of \$1,006,000. The first elevation would

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add about \$15,000 to the price. With insurance, furnishings, fixtures, rain gardens, security systems, etc., Chief Dayno believes the first option would be approximately \$1.5 million. Mr. Kraly believes the Village could save a few dollars with the current state of the market.

Mr. Hopkins stated the building area would include 4,237 square feet in finished floor area, 1,362 square feet of finished attic space and a 478 square foot sally port. Chief Dayno noted there would also be a four-car detached garage. Mr. Huvad noted that garage has not been designed and there were be an additional cost of approximately \$7,000 to design the garage.

PROPOSED DEER FENCE ORDINANCE:

There was a second reading of the proposed deer fence ordinance which provides for a one-year moratorium on enforcement against existing deer fences higher than six feet located in a "front yard," "side yard" or "rear yard."

The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Board to further study deer fences. During the moratorium, a deer fence that was in existence on August 3, 2010 will not be deemed in violation of the Village Code if it:

1. Is not located within 2 feet of any public sidewalk, bicycle or multi-use path;
2. Does not impede or alter the natural surface water drainage;
3. Is not attached to or wrapped around trees; and
4. Is not further extended within any front, side or rear yard.

If a deer fence does not satisfy these requirements, it must be relocated or otherwise brought into compliance within 60 days after August 3, 2010 or it will be subject to a Village enforcement action for its removal. No new deer fences higher than 6 feet may be installed after August 3, 2010 in any front, side or rear yard.

A deer fence is defined in the ordinance as "any fence designed or used to prevent entry by deer onto property and erected to a height exceeding 6 feet. Posts or other vertical supports extending up to 3 inches above the fence shall not be counted when measuring height.

Trustee Koomjian had proposed deleting the requirement to relocate a deer fence that is attached to or wrapped around a tree. He was the only trustee who voted in favor of the proposed deletion. The ordinance was unanimously approved with the four requirements listed above.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Trustee Graditor presented the Building Department Report. From July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009 the total construction value was \$134,089, generating fees of \$3,800. There was one single family remodel and some miscellaneous construction. From July 1, 2010

to July 31, 2010 the total construction value was \$163,849, generating fees of \$3,300. From January 1, 2009 thru July 31, 2009, the total construction value was \$2,776,903, generating fees of \$34,086. From January 1, 2010 thru July 31, 2010, the total construction value was \$1,259,225, generating fees of \$20,832.

Mayor Kaplan then noted that in the Village there are 34 or 35 homes in pre-foreclosure and seven or eight homes in foreclosure.

July 20

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the police report for the activity since the July 6, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There were six accidents, 12 alarms, five complaints about animals, eight fire department assists, five other agency assists, one burglary to a motor vehicle, two well being checks, one criminal damage to property, four driving complaints, one fingerprinting, one fraudulent activity, two harassments, two lockouts, four motorist assists, five noise disturbances, two open burning complaints, three solicitor complaints, 18 suspicious circumstances, nine case reports, six crime prevention notices. There were 68 traffic stops with 40 citations issued to 35 people. There are currently eight houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Chief Ugaste presented the fire department report. There were five fire calls, one car accident, 16 paramedic calls and four other calls for a total of 26 calls through July 20, 2010. There have been 226 calls year to date.

NORTHBROOK WATER COMPARISON

Mayor Kaplan stated the Village has saved more than \$500,000 so far, and has avoided two rate increases that have been passed along to Deerfield residents but not to Riverwoods residents.

The Board approved a motion to extend sewer services to the three properties on Duffy Lane at 2870, 2880, and 2890 Duffy Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

DBR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Trustee Svatik requested the approval of a donation in the amount of \$650 to sponsor the Half-way House and one hole at the 2010 DBR Chamber of Commerce annual golf outing.

July 6

GEWALT HAMILTON

Village Engineer Pat Glenn stated that the Saunders Road resurfacing construction was complete. The contract was awarded at \$362,489.33. His estimate for the completed work, pending change orders under review by the State, is \$333,000. The Federal funding level is fixed at \$270,177, making the estimated Village share approximately \$63,000, to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the police activity since the June 15, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 16 accidents, 31 alarms, 11 complaints about animals, 27 fire department assists, three other agency assists, three well being checks, five disturbances, one dispute, one domestic disturbance, four driving complaints, two DUIs, two fingerprintings, one harassment, three lockouts, 12 motorist assists, three parking complaints, six solicitor complaints, ten suspicious circumstances, one theft, 13 case reports and six crime prevention notices. There were 137 traffic stops with 94 citations issued to 81 people. There are currently four 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 for the month of June, 2010. There were five fire calls, four car accidents, 20 paramedic calls and seven other calls for a total of 36 calls in June and 200 calls year to date.

Assistant Chief Ugaste noted the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District has been recommended to appear before the Commission on Fire Service Accreditation in Chicago this August. Approval by this Commission will finalize accredited status for LRFPD. The Fire Service Accreditation process is based on a grueling review of both documentation and exhibits that prove the organization deserves a credible rating both as an emergency services provider and as a business. Included in the process is the creation of a Self Assessment Document which addresses ten categories containing 277 criteria. In addition, the LRFPD was required to create a Standard of Cover document that proves station location and staffing are appropriate. As part of this document, response objectives for different types of emergencies were identified and documented as being met at least 90 percent of the time. The most recent component of the process involved a five-day visit by a team of Accreditation Peer Assessors. The team's finding resulted in their recommendation for LRFPD to receive Accreditation Status. This is the culmination of a two-plus year project for Assistant Chief Ugaste as Accreditation Manager and his Accreditation Team. Currently there are only 135 fire service organizations worldwide who have achieved accreditation status. Locally, Highland Park, Wilmette, Glencoe, Naperville and Countryside are accredited and Lake Forest has also been approved to go before the Commission in August.

Assistant Chief Ugaste stated that Deputy Chief Eric Nolan would be retiring after 31.5 years of service. Lt. Tom Kruger will be promoted to Battalion Chief and Assistant Chief Ugaste will be promoted to Deputy Chief.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGN FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dayno reminded the Board that the old traffic trailer was totaled by a drunk driver. The Police Department received a check from the insurance company in the amount of \$12,550. Chief Dayno researched other options and suggested purchasing a radar speed sign that is portable and could be installed on trees. The cost of two signs would be no more than \$12,000.

Trustee Graditor noted that some streets only have enough room for speed limit signs at the beginning or end of the street. Chief Dayno explained the signs could be put up on a post in those situations. He noted some of the signs would also require tree trimming.

Trustee Haber made a motion to purchase two radar speed signs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Trustee Graditor presented the building department report. From June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, the total construction value was \$259,800 generating fees of \$3,202. The construction included one single family home addition and some miscellaneous construction. From June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010, the total construction value was \$427,500 generating fees of \$7,524. The total construction value from January thru June 2009 was \$2,640,624 generating fees of \$30,165. The total construction value from January thru June 2010 was \$1,089,376 generating fees of \$17,432.

Trustee Graditor noted that one new construction resulted in the removal of 51 trees, including 15 oak trees and 14 hawthorns. Of those trees, 16 were dead and nine were in poor condition. There are 15 new trees to be planted, including five swamp white oak trees, five ironwood trees and five hackberry trees. The mitigation fees are \$14,466.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT/DRAINAGE/STORM WATER

- Trustee Koomjian presented a SWALCO report. The Village received \$777 for fourth quarter recyclables at a rate of \$5 per ton and will receive \$1,024 for the first quarter of 2010 at a rate of \$10 per ton. He noted the volume of recycled materials is diminishing.

June 15

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Hal Roseth addressed the safety of the HSBC investment, stating it is a CD with an up-side potential of 8-10% and a down-side potential of zero, but it is fully FDIC insured. He then asked if the Village would want to risk having a zero percent return. Mayor Kaplan noted that Wachovia is yielding three to four percent. Mr. Roseth explained that the Village has \$250,000 in the HSBC investment, and if the Village invested more, it would not be FDIC insured. Trustee Koomjian suggested opening a second account. Mr. Roseth will check into that possibility. Mayor Kaplan stated that the consensus of the Board is to continue with that investment, in the amount of \$250,000, and also to roll over the 2 year CD at the North Side Bank at the rate of 1.8%.

Mr. Roseth also explained the rate of return on the IPTIP funds is about \$11,000 annually. Also, that the CDARS program will expire at the end of this year and the Village should not stay in that program because of changes to the program. Mr. Roseth also stated that he thinks it is too early to put out feelers on replacing the CDARS program because the rates or proposals would at this time be speculations.

Mr. Roseth then summarized the current investment and account balances. Total Village assets at the end of May, 2010 were \$14.6 million, of which \$12.1 million were non-SSA assets, and therefore liquid.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno presented the Police Department activity for the month of May, 2010. There were three 911 hang ups, 13 accidents, 14 alarms, five complaints about animals, 15 fire department assists, four other agency assists, three well being checks, one child safety seat installation, three disturbances, one complaint about driving, one DUI, one fraudulent activity, two lockouts, 11 motorist assists, three parking complaints, three public assists, two solicitor complaints, 14 suspicious circumstances, seven case reports and eight crime prevention notices. There were 73 traffic stops with 68 citations issued to 52 people. There are currently seven houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly. Chief Dayno noted the DUI arrest was the result of an accident.

Chief Dayno updated the Board on the traffic trailer that was destroyed by a drunk driver. The Village's insurance agent negotiated a \$12,500 settlement, which is the replacement cost. Chief Dayno is considering a replacement trailer with additional features and would present a report at the next meeting.

Chief Dayno presented a progress report on the proposed police station. He provided a preliminary drawing of the proposed new building and discussed the layout. Trustee Masterson questioned why the building would be built on a slab. Mr. Kraly explained that the soil conditions were not favorable for a basement. Trustee Svatik was under the impression that the reason they were not digging a basement was cost. Mr. Kraly explained that building a second floor would be a better option because it will not be musty and would not flood. Chief Dayno explained that he did not need a basement and the second floor would allow for future expansion.

Chief Dayno presented the site plans. He mentioned they have three potential elevations with good, better, best options. Chief Dayno noted the "A" elevation closely matches the fire station. Mr. Kraly believes that the "B" option would look very similar as well. Trustee Chamberlain believes the public entrance should look good. Mayor Kaplan stated the Village would get three bids.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Ugaste presented the call volume within the Village of Riverwoods through June 15, 2010. He stated there were four fire calls, two car accidents and ten paramedic calls for a total of 16 calls and 180 calls year to date. Assistant Chief Ugaste noted their call volume has picked up dramatically over the past month and are now getting about ten calls a day.

Police Report: **Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs**

All children riding in a motor vehicle should be protected in restraint systems appropriate for their size and development. However, some children have certain medical or behavioral conditions that require the use of specialized child safety restraints.

Regardless of whether or not a child's medical condition presents short-term or long-term challenges, a child should travel in a restraint system that provides optimum protection. Oftentimes, a conventional child safety seat will meet the safety and positioning needs of a child with special health care needs. Other times, an adaptive or specialized restraint will be necessary.

Car beds may be used by newborns with:

- Low-birth weight (born weighing less than 5 pounds)
- Respiratory complications
- Spina Bifida
- Conditions that require them to lay flat

Snug Seat Hippo Seats and Modified E-Z-On vests may be used by children with:

- Hip-spica casts
- Halo traction
- Certain orthopedic conditions
- Conditions that require them to lay flat

Larger Medical Seats may be used by older or larger children with:

- Cerebral palsy
- Hydrocephalus
- Severe behavioral disorders requiring specialized restraints
- Complex medical issues

The Riverwoods Police Department can assist in the **proper selection, installation, and fitting** of special needs restraints for children and their parents. Our National Child Passenger Safety certified technician has completed additional training in "Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs."

For additional information, or to make an installation appointment for special needs or conventional restraints, contact Detective David Marks at 847-945-1130 ext. 41.

PIONEER PRESS MISINFORMATION ABOUT HOME VALUES IN RIVERWOODS

For a number of weeks the Pioneer Press reported the median home prices in Riverwoods as \$215,000. Thanks to Natalia San Jose, a Riverwoods resident, the Pioneer Press has promised to correct this misinformation. The Pioneer Press stated that this low median price was based on the low condo prices in Riverwoods. The Pioneer Press admitted that it was mistakenly averaging in the home sale prices of the Inverrary Condos which are part of unincorporated Deerfield with Riverwoods home sale prices. So much for the accuracy of the press.



An Artist in Our Midst

Did you know that our Director of Community Services, Russ Kraly, is a prize-winning artist? At the recent art competition at the 2010 Lake County Fair Russ won the 1st place blue ribbon in watercolor, the 1st place blue ribbon in mixed media, and his work was named the over-all best in the show. Congratulations Russ!

His prize-winning work is on display in his office in the Village Hall. Stop by to view the paintings and say "Hi."

Book Club News

By June Melber

The last four selections for the 2010 Riverwoods Book Club are as follows:

9/24 **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**

By Jamie Ford

An engaging novel about the relationship between a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl in WWII Seattle.

10/8 **Water for Elephants**

By Sara Gruen

Mystery, love and adventure traveling with a circus in depression era America. Best selling book by a local author.

11/19 **Appetite for America-Fred Harvey**

Civilizing the West—One Meal at a Time

By Stephen Fried

The story of the first restaurant chain started when the railroad was built and became an American institution.

12/10 **The Zookeeper's Wife**

By Diane Ackerman

The true story of the Warsaw Zoo during WWII and the family that tried to save it, along with Jewish refugees.

Try to join us on these Fridays at 10am, at the Village Hall for a lively discussion of these great books, and refreshments too! If you want more information, call June Melber at 847-940-7086.

**It's the Village Halloween Party
and Everyone Is Invited!**

Happy Halloween



VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 30th

4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Riverwoods Village Hall

300 Portwine Road

**Ride the horse drawn hay wagon
Enjoy music and song**

Bring your children and grandchildren

Free hot dogs, pizza, cider, candy

Campfire and s'mores

Lots of surprises & fun for all

Volunteers are needed and very welcome!

Contact Sherry Kaplan 847-945-1972

Reforestation 101: Canopy Thinning

As the glaciers receded from our region over 12,000 years ago, Native Americans moved into the landscape and began shaping it with fire. They burned the woodlands, savannas, wetlands and prairies regularly to promote the growth of food plants and to attract game species. These fires ensured that fire-tolerant oaks and hickories dominated the landscape. The open canopy of these habitats allowed sufficient sunlight to reach the ground so that a diversity of fire-tolerant wildflowers, grasses and shrubs could thrive. These plants in turn supported a diverse array of wildlife including beneficial insects, song-birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Fire suppression during the past 170 years, deer overbrowse and human-created disturbances have caused many changes in these woodlands. Without fire, the woodlands have been invaded by aggressive, shade tolerant understory trees such as maple, ash, cherry, elm, basswood and box elder. These trees closed the canopy, creating a darker, more forest-like environment. Little light remained for oak seedlings and diverse ground layer plants. In addition, a growing deer population browsed the oak seedlings and native plants. These unbalanced ecosystems were ripe for invasion by non-native species such as buckthorn, honeysuckle and garlic mustard, which are not controlled by our native pests.

Our oak-hickory woodlands are now nearing a breaking point. Deer browse and dense shade combine to create a situation in which oak seedlings have a difficult time sprouting and surviving; once the old trees die, the oak woodland will expire. In order to save our woodlands we must take an active role, including the removal of invasive species, thinning out aggressive native tree species, initiating a regular fire regime and reestablishing and promoting native woodland plants. This article will briefly discuss tree canopy thinning.

Canopy Thinning

Thinning operations should be included in a woodland management plan and overseen by an arborist. The timing of thinning will depend on the species and rate of growth. Canopy coverage over an area should range from 30% to 80%, depending on the soil type, slope and aspect (compass direction) of the woodland being restored.

Visual Assessment

Each property requires individual assessment. A visual check will show where tree crowns are overlapping and thinning is needed. The aim should be to create a “ring



of sky” around each tree that is retained, and into which it will spread. The woodland edge should normally be left unthinned, to create dense, branching growth which shelters the woodland from the wind. Trees can be selected to give a variety of form and structure, and to break up planting lines.

Selective Thinning

This technique involves individually selecting trees for thinning, normally removing those that are weak, diseased, forked or dead, and retaining the strongest, straightest and healthiest trees. Where growth is good throughout a property, the removal of viable trees may be necessary. Selection of trees should be made in winter, when the crown and upper stem can easily be seen.

To learn more about canopy thinning, native species planting and the Village’s revised tree planting and invasives removal programs, please attend the RPC’s fall program “Reforestation 101: Techniques for Stewardship of our Amazing Riverwoods Woodland Asset and New Ways to Get Support from Our Village” on November 10, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Riverwoods Village Hall. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

References: Morton Arboretum website, NRCS Missouri Open Woodland Information Sheet, Conservation Practice Information Sheet (IS-MO643w), April 2008, Good Oak Ecological Services website

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 _____

Join at a level of \$100 or more and receive a 10% discount on most plants sold next spring by the Plant Sale Committee.

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: _____

Mid-Century Homes; continued from the front cover

tory of each home with an interview with the current owner. The book is available at local book stores and online from Amazon.com

Author Gary Gand said, “The book contains a treasure trove of custom homes that are threatened with extinction from the developers, who would rather tear them down to build McMansions, than fix them up. We salute the owners who saved these historic homes, from the wrecking ball and from misguided city officials who just want to raise taxes.”

For more info visit <http://www.chicagobauhausbeyond.org/>

Dear Plant Ladies

By the Plant Ladies, Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander

I've been hearing about an interesting forestry program. How is that going to benefit me and save me money? And how do I take advantage of it in the first place?

Excellent questions because this is the best, most under-used program that the Village offers.

What is the first thing I should do? And how much will it cost me?

First you call or see Cheryl at the Village Hall, 847-945-3990. She can make an appointment for you. The consultation with the Village Forester is \$100. It will cost you \$50 which you pay to the Village and the Village pays the other \$50.

What do I get for this?

You get one hour of a forester's undivided attention on your property. He will point out what needs to be done to maintain woodland health such as thinning tree canopies or removing diseased, invasive or hazardous trees. If he advises adding trees or shrubs, he can suggest which ones would thrive in your particular location. Basically, he will answer your questions and make recommendations.

How does this save me money?

In oh so many ways. Let's talk about a few.

1. If you have a tree that's diseased or damaged, taking that tree down before it falls on your garage, or your house, or another tree is a lot cheaper than waiting for disaster.
2. If you have a tree with a disease like Dutch Elm, removing that tree before it infects other elms makes a lot of sense. Dutch Elm disease is spread through their roots so this is one situation that needs to be carefully monitored each year.
3. If you have ever had a tree fall across your road and block access to your house, you know how inconvenient that can be. Especially in the middle of the night in the middle of a snow storm.
4. If you have an invasive species such as Buckthorn moving across your property, he can identify it and tell you how to get rid of it.
5. If you just want a healthier woodland, he can point out where you need to thin the canopy by pruning to allow more sunlight for understory, shrubs and ground level plants to flourish.

Anything else I should know about the Village Forestry Programs?

Yes, and this is the best news of all. The Village has a lot of programs in place in which they help, monetarily, to improve your property. The forester can tell you what programs you may be eligible for and how to get access to these programs and the funds that come with them.

From the Riverwoods "Hit List" of Invasive Plants

When you do decide to take advantage of the village's Woodland Management Program, you can be sure that the forester will point out any Buckthorn on your property.

Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica* and *R. frangula*) Buckthorn is a tree-like shrub first brought from Europe in the mid-1800's as a popular hedging plant. Shortly after its introduction here, it was found to be quite invasive in natural areas. Growing to heights of 15-25 feet, it is one of the earliest to leaf in spring and the last to lose its leaves in Fall. It bears small purplish-black or red berry-like fruit.

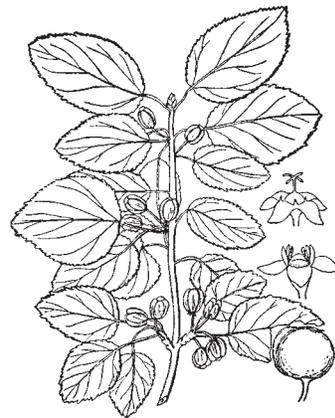
Buckthorn out-competes native plants for nutrients, light, and moisture, and also changes the nitrogen content of

the soil. As a result, it is not conducive to woodland health. Although some residents appreciate its density as a landscape screen, there are other quick-growing shrubs that are without the buckthorn's troublesome characteristics. Here, and in the many states where it proliferates, it degrades wildlife habitats, and contributes to erosion by creating an impermeable layer of vegetation that limits water infiltration. Our oak/hickory woodlands require a thick understory of native plants and various shrubs, but buckthorn severely inhibits the growth of such beneficial vegetation.

Buckthorn fruit is one of the few invasive berries eaten by birds. They then distribute the seeds widely, making the shrub particularly difficult to control. Buckthorn is probably the most widespread invasive shrub in Lake County, and is common throughout Riverwoods. Fast growing, hardy, and inexpensive, some varieties are sold by landscapers, as "Tallhedge".

As an incentive to residents to remove buckthorn, the village partially matches the funds spent by a homeowner to have buckthorn removed. To qualify, residents must apply to the Village, receive approval prior to performing any work, and then submit proof that the work has been completed and paid for. Effective control requires removal of the plant root or painting the cut stump with a woody plant herbicide such as Ortho Brush-B-Gone® or commercial strength Round Up (glyphosate). Note, however, that these are dangerous chemicals that must be handled and disposed of in strict accordance with directions. Even the amount of humidity in the air must be taken into account when using them.

From **In Our Own Backyard**, By the Riverwoods Preservation Council



The North Shore Senior Center (NSSC), founded in 1956, is a not-for-profit organization of professionals and volunteers enhancing the lives of seniors and families in the northern suburbs of Chicago. NSSC provides options for health, independence, and well-being and offers more than 90 programs per week. North Shore Senior Center, Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield. Here is just a sample of the types of classes offered. For more information, please visit www.nssc.org.

September 15, 10 to 11:30 am.— **Lebanon and the Mideast Conflict.** You'll get caught up with world traveler and storyteller Bill Helmuth in a vortex of centuries-old Middle Eastern intrigue! Lebanon has long been a pawn of the Romans, Byzantines and Ottomans. Descendants of the ancient Phoenicians, today's Lebanese struggle to keep peace with Israel, stay clear of Syrian influence, and manage their tiny country independently. Bill will take you on an enchanting virtual journey of historic towns and villages, and on to Beirut, which is today called the Paris of the eastern Mediterranean. Fee: \$8/NSSC members; \$10/others.

September 21 – **The Current Economic Outlook in the U.S.** Diane Swonk, Chief Economist of Mesirow Financial, returns for her yearly outlook on the state of the U.S. economy and to share her insights into where it's heading. Arrive early to secure a seat, and bring your questions.

September 28 – **Courtroom 302 Murder Case.** Dr. John Hillebrand served as jury foreman on a case in front of Judge Dan Locallo, central figure of Court Room 302, an award-winning book about jury duty written by Steve Bogira, a courtroom beat Chicago journalist. Dr. Hillebrand will share information about his experience with us. The book, bought by HBO, will be in a mini-series airing soon.

October 12, 8 pm.— **The 14th Annual Joan Golder Distinguished Senior Lecture Presents Ramsey Lewis.** Join us for a special evening with Mr. Lewis as he speaks about his personal "Observations on Life." A native Chicagoan and three-time Grammy award winner, Mr. Lewis will also share his musical talent! Lecture location is at the Christian Heritage Academy, 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield. Call for tickets: 847.784.6030. Fee: \$5/NSSC members; \$8/others.

THE FAMILY INSTITUTE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The Circle of Knowledge of the Family Institute provides the knowledge and care families count on to live healthy lives. Through luncheon lectures and evening programs, we bring information on timely issues to an audience of Family Institute friends and supporters. Our staff experts present on topics focusing on relationships, children and family life that incorporate and highlight cutting-edge research findings in the field of family therapy. For more information visit www.family-institute.org

October 22 and 29, \$45 per person **The Dubious Value of 'Constructive' Criticism in our Intimate Relationships.** Human beings are always trying to influence each other in their close and intimate relationships, and as the leading research indicates, feeling influential correlates very positively to couples' satisfaction with their relationship. However, feeling accepted by your partner is also a positive correlate of couples' satisfaction. How do successful couples navigate this seeming paradox between wanting to influence one another and needing acceptance? How best should we mix critique, feedback and support? Dr. Rampage will address these and other questions about the habits of mind, heart and behavior that are most likely to lead to couples' long term happiness and partnership.

Stop in at the Riverwoods Police Station anytime to register your bicycle. We'll need the make, model, color, style, size and serial number. Why not pedal over?

OVERNIGHT PARKING

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

CURFEW

It's 11:00 p.m. – Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

The curfew ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 18, is 11p.m. during the week and 12a.m. on Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. It conforms to state statute.

Clean-Up Day 2001 Mystery Solved!

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."

We have now identified the man in the plaid shirt. Carol Mueller wrote in to say –

"The answer to the "unidentified" man in the plaid shirt in back of the truck is my husband, Rod Mueller,

of 540 Juneberry Road. His parents built the house in 1957 and was one of the original "Arts & Riverwoods" homes. We have lived here for 23 years. Many old-timers will remember Rod's mother, Marge, for her beautiful gardens and horticulture knowledge. Rod worked a lot of clean-up days (he had a pick-up truck that came in handy) and helped with the barbeque."

Thank you Carol!

If anyone has a photo from an old Riverwoods event with a mystery to it, please drop it off at Village Hall in the Village Voice mail box. We'll post it in the next Voice and hopefully get the answer. Thank you.





Riverwoods Police Investigator Tim Durkin delivers a stray dog to Orphans of the Storm.

When Pets Go Missing

If Fido goes missing in Riverwoods, call the non-emergency police number first (847-945-1820) to make a "lost pet" report and find out if anyone has called in a "found pet." Then you might call Orphans of the Storm animal shelter (847-945-0235). Chances are if your pet wandered from home someone may have picked him up and delivered him to the local shelter.

Any stray, whether cat or dog, that is found wandering the streets of Riverwoods and is picked up by the police with no identification is chaperoned in a squad car straight over to Orphans of the Storm. As the holding facility for Riverwoods, any stray is taken in and kenneled safe and secure until the owner is found. The staff does everything possible to locate the owner but if the owner has not claimed their pet in 7 days the animal is put up for adoption.

The shelter staff strongly advises to keep your pet micro-chipped and tagged in case of any emergency to insure that your pet can be identified and the owner contacted. They also warn that if the situation does happen where you need to retrieve your pet from the shelter you will be responsible for the boarding cost of \$25 per day.

So keep your pets safe:

- Keep identification on your pet at all times. A tag can include the pet's name, your name, address and phone. The phone number being most important.

- Do not let your pet run freely. Besides becoming lost, they may encounter predators or cross into dangerous traffic.

- If your pet is lost and does not turn up with the police or at Orphans of the Storm, post flyers at the shelter and around the village to alert neighbors.

Interestingly enough, not too many Riverwoods strays end up at the shelter, but the ones that do seem to be repeat visitors.



The Pooch Parade

Orphans of the Storm's Pooch Parade brought out 100 dogs and their people to Jaycee Memorial Park in Deerfield for the 4th annual dog walk. \$9,000 was raised

that will go towards the care of

the animals at the local shelter while they wait for their second chance in life. Orphans thanks the community for such great support!

Clockwise: A happy golden joins the parade; Claire Silberman and Mickey; Christopher found a forever family at the parade; Jackie Borchew and Anna Pamula pose with Oleg, a paraplegic chihuahua; This big guy rests after the walk; Leo was hoping to find a home, but is still waiting at the shelter; Emily Cole with her friend Cow came out for the walk.

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