



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

### Village Woodland Restoration Project

By Charles Stewart

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As you drive by the northeast corner of Deerfield Road and Saunders Road you may not have thought much about the "woods" that have occupied that corner for years. You may not know that it contains the densest stand of buckthorn in the Village. Well, at least the densest stand of buckthorn that I have walked through in the Village. You probably have noticed a few large old oak trees, but did you notice that most of the trees in this "woods" are cottonwoods.

If you have been around town for 35+ years you may remember when this highly visible corner of the Village was a pretty good example of an oak / hickory woodland. You may have known that this corner and the land to the north were subdivided into lots. Perhaps you even saw the bulldozers clearing the "brush" so the lots could be marketed.

Well, it will soon be time to take another look at this corner. The Village has begun the

process that will restore the remaining 3+ acres of this "wooded" corner and transform it into a prominent Village amenity. This amenity will include a rest stop complete with a shelter and water fountain for bicycle riders and walkers going to and from school or other destinations. For residents and others that are interested in woodland restoration it will also be an educational resource.

The shelter and an associated path through the site will include displays and signage that will describe the process of restoring and maintaining degraded sites. Understanding these two important steps is essential if the end result is to have a site that will become a valuable asset instead of a liability.

The site includes four zones - A, B, C, and D. Zone A is adjacent to Oakhurst Lane on the east and Zone D is adjacent to Saunders Road on the west. The work will begin this winter in Zone D with the removal of the buckthorn and any dead and dangerous trees. The cottonwood trees and other trees such as black locust will be thinned out to create open areas and areas where some of the trees will remain, but at a stand density that will allow sunlight to reach the ground. The open areas and thinned tree stands will be seeded with a mix of native grasses, forbs (prairie flowering plants), and annuals. Seedlings from the acorns and nuts of the remnant oak and hickory trees should begin to establish in the open areas. Supplemental seedlings and larger trees will be planted as need and budgets allow.

The restoration work will continue to the east into central Zones C and B as budgets allow. It is intended that this project will take several years to complete. As the new seedlings and planted trees become established, the thinning of the cottonwoods and other trees will

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. 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 15.

#### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

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IN RIVERWOODS

#### Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

#### Theatre in the Woods

Call Donna Lubow, artistic director at 847-419-8927. dramadonna@aol.com

#### Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. www.riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net

#### Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)

Call Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

#### 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

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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 November/December 2011 issue: October 15, 2011 Send to: Editor Riverwoods Village Voice 300 Portwine Road Riverwoods, IL 60015 Jackie@borchew.com



# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Our New Police Station

An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony were held on Saturday, August 27th to officially mark the opening of the new Riverwoods Police Department. Residents were invited to tour the building and meet the police force and support staff. The new police station, located at 845 Saunders Road, adjacent to the existing fire station 52, now forms the Riverwoods Public Safety facility.

Pictured in the photos from top to bottom are:

The Riverwoods Police force and support staff from left to right: Officer Al Maciareillo, Kim Powitz, Officer Tim Durkin, Commander Sheri Tyler, Officer Joe Petersen, Chief Bruce Dayno, Officer Bob Salmen, Officer Gary Dembek, Officer Bill Kirby, Officer Brian Ernst, Helene Brodsky.

Mayor Bill Kaplan has the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

Police Chiefs Paul Shafer, Highland Park PD; John Slioczis, Deefield PD; Bruce Dayno, Riverwoods PD; Ron Price, Banockburn PD; Pete Kinsey, Lincolnshire PD.

The original police sign has been relocated from 300 Portwine and will identify the police department until the new public safety sign is completed and installed.

If you missed the open house, you can still stop by any day, say hi and meet our men-in-blue!



# 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 21, July 5 and 19. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)

July 19

## POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the July 5, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were four 911 hang ups, 10 accidents, 24 alarms, six complaints about animals, 14 fire department assists, three other agency assists, one burglary, one well-being check, one child seat installation, one death investigation, one dispute, two driving complaints, four fingerprintings, one fraudulent activity, five vehicular or residential lock outs, two missing persons, three motorist assists, one noise disturbance, two public assists, seven suspicious circumstances, one theft, eight crime prevention notices, and three case reports. There were 91 traffic stops with 61 citations issued to 50 people.

There are currently six houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Battalion Chief Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District, including mutual aid to the DBFD District for the months of June. There were 50 calls including 25 EMS calls, nine fire calls, two auto accidents, and 14 other calls. There were 232 calls year to date.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

### BBQ Battle of Bannockburn – October 1, 2011

The Village of Riverwoods has been challenged to a barbecue event by the Village of Bannockburn, to raise money to support the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and in honor of Ron Santo. They hope to make this an annual event. Mayor Kaplan will send out more information when it is available.

## ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS OF TIMBERS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #22 FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITTING PROPERTIES ON TIMBERWOOD, TIMBERLEAF AND TIMBERLINE, AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER PROCEDURES.

Mr. Huvard explained there were 17 properties with a benefit factor of one and there were 18 pin numbers. The maximum annual assessment set forth in the proposed ordinance is \$8,000. There will be no escalation. The salting would be changed to ice control, as suggested by Trustee Haber.

The Public Hearing for both SSAs took place on August 16, 2011.

## PURCHASE OF A CANON C1030IF COPY MACHINE FROM OCE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR \$1,946 AND A MONTHLY MAINTENANCE OF \$20

Trustee Jamerson moved to purchase a Canon C1030if Copy Machine for the Police Department from OCE for \$1,946 and a monthly maintenance fee of \$20. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Chief Dayno stated he received three quotes and this was the lowest quote.

## ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS OF MEADOWLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #21, FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITTING PROPERTIES ON FOX TAIL COURT, METAWA LANE, BANE BERRY LANE AND CHICORY LANE AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER PROCEDURES.

Trustee Norris moved for second reading and adoption. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. Mr. Huvard explained the changes he made to the proposed Ordinance since the last meeting. Trustee Haber suggested changing salting to ice control in the proposed ordinance, which was done.

The public hearing for the SSA took place on August 16, 2011.

## DISCUSSION OF DEER IN RIVERWOODS

Trustee Koomjian stated that Wayne Schennum, Ph.D., the Natural Resource Manager of McHenry County, is prepared with a presentation on forest ecology and deer populations.

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Dr. Schennum commented to those present. He stated that in the 1820s, forests were multi-layered, had diverse ground layers, shrubbery, widely spaced canopy trees and shade tolerant species. Factors impacting forests include past logging, past livestock grazing, exotic species invasion (i. e. garlic mustard), lack of fire which leads to dense shading, and deer over-browsing. Grazing deer have a negative effect on a number of desirable plant species and cause the loss of shrubs, reduction of spring wildflower populations, lack of canopy tree reproduction and an increase of thorny species. Altered hydrology also has had an effect.

Trustee Chamberlain asked what factors would best help improve the woodland health in Riverwoods and what factors would be most detrimental to the woodland health in Riverwoods.

Mr. Tim Preuss of the Lake County Forest Preserve District commented that the forest preserves have noted that the invasion of species such as garlic mustard and buckthorn have caused a reduction in understory and native shrubs. The lack of fires and urban development also have had a negative impact on woodland health. He stated that overabundant deer can have a strong negative impact on woodland health and other native wildlife that may nest in the lower shrubs and trees. To improve the overall woodland health, he suggests addressing the issues that have negative impacts on woodland health. Mr. Huvad questioned how the canopy can be improved. Mr. Preuss stated some larger canopy trees could be removed.

Trustee Svatik asked about the range of deer herds. Mr. Preuss explained that in suburban and urban areas, the average range is about 1/4 mile. In rural areas, the average range is one to two miles. The difference is due to small, wooded areas in suburban and urban areas versus large, wooded areas in rural areas where deer are less restricted.

Trustee Jamerson noted that there have been deer counts in Riverwoods. He asked if the deer should be counted in smaller pockets rather than a four-mile range. Mr. Preuss explained that it would depend on the purpose of the deer count.

Trustee Svatik asked if the Riverwoods deer herd was the same as the Ryerson deer herd, to which Mr. Preuss answered in the affirmative. Trustee Koomjian then asked about how the effect of deer is measured at Ryerson and the Ryerson management policy. Mr. Preuss explained that the program involves several components including documenting the impact of deer on the vegetation. They conduct browse transects, where they count individual plants that were browsed by deer. They also speak with neighboring property owners about deer grazing on their properties and IDOT on deer accidents. Natural predators, such

as grey wolves and mountain lions, are no longer present. The primary source of deer mortality is vehicular accidents. Mr. Preuss explained they also conduct population surveys, both aerial and pellet counts. Their deer management is based on the negative impacts they see on the woodlands.

Trustee Svatik then asked whether the deer in Lincolnshire are part of the same herd that is seen in Ryerson and Riverwoods. Mr. Preuss explained that some deer live on the border and live both in Lincolnshire and Ryerson. Trustee Chamberlain asked about the long-term effectiveness of deer removal. Mr. Preuss explained that the deer will reproduce until the area cannot support them. He explained that deer succumb to stress very easily and trapping and relocating deer frequently leads to their mortality. Mr. Preuss stated that other municipalities and states have researched other methods, such as spraying plants with chemical deterrents, but found it ineffective for a forest preserve. It could be effective in a smaller situation, however.

Mr. Preuss stated that fences could be an effective deterrent for deer. Trustee Chamberlain asked if there are any effective alternatives. Trustee Koomjian asked about deer sterilization. Mr. Preuss stated there is no effective sterilization or contraception for deer in a large area. There is currently only one drug that has been approved by the FDA, but the issues with that drug are that each deer must be captured individually and 70 – 80 percent of the deer population must be injected, which must be done by hand. Mr. Preuss also noted that deer sometimes die during any program which requires capture; also, that to be effective as a deer management tool, the contraceptive must be effective for 5 – 10 years, while the FDA-approved drug is only effective for up to three years. In some cases, it is effective for less than one year. He noted the drug has not been approved in Illinois. Mr. Preuss also noted that, even if sterilization works, other deer will enter the area.

Mr. Huvad asked about the degree to which Ryerson is satisfied with the results of their deer control efforts. Mr. Preuss responded that the population is healthier than what they had previously seen. They have seen substantial improvements in their programs. They are seeing much lower browse rates since the inception of their programs, and believe that if they stopped their programs the deer population would grow a lot.

David Shimberg, asked about the density trends over the past three years. Mr. Preuss explained that in upland forest situations, they set certain density goals of 10 – 15 deer per square mile. The overall trends have leveled out at about 15 deer per square mile due to deer management. He stated the degree of the severity of winter weather can also have an impact on deer.

Paula Goldman, asked about the amount of money spent by Ryerson on restoration work. She does not believe the deer should be culled without also doing a lot of restoration work to restore the flora. Getting rid of deer will not solve all of the problems. She believes that would eliminate one factor, but it would still be costly to get rid of the buckthorn and restore the woodlands.

Tim Black, sponsor of the Animal Rights Club at Deerfield High School, introduced several students. Colin Klein, a senior at Deerfield High School, stated that he has completed a lot of research on this issue. He then stated his opinion that deer culling would need to be done every year and killing some of the deer will cause the numbers to increase because the deer will thrive and reproduce more. He also stated his belief that a more effective way would be to coexist and ensure the health of the entire ecosystem. Mr. Klein also stated his belief that acid rain and lack of light have a negative impact on the woodlands, but do not affect deer. Lauren Lonsky, a senior at Deerfield High School, stated her belief that an increased food supply caused by culling deer create a situation where there are multiple births within the deer herd. She also stated her belief that deer have a positive effect on biodiversity because deer droppings enhance the soil. Ashley Babcock, a junior at Deerfield High School, stated her belief that mice, not deer, transfer ticks to humans. Another Deerfield High School student expressed a belief that culling deer would be emotionally disturbing to residents, and that stray bullets can also hit people and vehicles.

Sherry Graditor, 880 Hoffman Lane, stated that the number of deer culled at Ryerson were very high this year. She believes the culling program sounded anticipatory instead of responsive. Mr. Preuss stated they reduce deer numbers in response to the negative impacts they document. Ms. Graditor cited a resource study on migratory deer that bucks move approximately 10 miles and does move approximately five miles. Mr. Preuss stated that Texas and Maine are different than Illinois. Research that has been done in the Chicago area shows that does move about 1/4 square mile.

Another resident, Mr. Nathan, noted that Ryerson has good control over the deer and the plant life. He asked Mr. Preuss to recommend steps that would be beneficial in aiding the Village. Mr. Preuss explained that the ecosystem in the Village is different than the ecosystem in Ryerson. He stated that other communities look at the impact that deer have on private properties, deer-vehicle accidents, etc. Although there are some comparisons that can be made, it is a matter of what residents can tolerate. There are other things, besides woodland health, to consider.

Another resident, Karen Rappaport, asked what negative impacts are being seen in Riverwoods. Trustee Haber explained that the reason the Village is looking at deer is because of the issue of deer fences. People are asking to install deer fences so the deer do not destroy their plantings and native flora, and the question came up whether fences are the problem or deer are the problem. Trustee Haber stated that he believes that deer need to be addressed in conjunction with fences.

Another resident, Linda Dunn, asked how many deer-vehicle accidents have there been in Riverwoods. Chief Dayno believes there were approximately 10 – 13 accidents in 2010. Trustee Koomjian noted that each year there have been about one dozen accidents. Ms. Dunn asked about wireless deer fences. Trustee Chamberlain would like to hear more about it.

Another resident, Mike Corn, asked what would happen if some neighbors installed fences and others did not. Mr. Preuss explained that it would depend on deer density numbers, what plants are in the non-fenced areas, etc. If there is nothing to eat in the non-fenced areas, they will move on.

Mr. Herb Schwab, asked if the local deer population is healthy and thriving. Mr. Preuss explained that when deer become overabundant, their overall health declines. The health of the deer in Ryerson has improved with their woodland programs.

Another resident, Howard Patterson, stated that there are deer trails in the Village. If a fence is put across a trail, the movement of the deer is broken. He believes the Village should be careful with respect to legislation regarding fences even though they would allow regrowth of flora.

Another resident, Carol Lieberman, asked if the number of deer being culled escalates year over year. Mr. Preuss explained the deer population fluctuates annually and they see differences in their counts. Ms. Lieberman asked if there is a viable method of marking deer in Riverwoods, to see the effectiveness of controlling the deer population should the Village chose to control the population. Mr. Preuss explained the State of Illinois has a permit process for controlling deer.

Village Forester Chuck Stewart explained that the Village is focused on educating residents. He characterizes the deer population as a subjective matter, because it is affected by other issues such as the weather. Mr. Stewart asked about the criteria for Ryerson Woods and how it affects Riverwoods. He believes sharing information would be helpful. Mr. Preuss stated he is not here to promote deer management. He is just a resource for the Village, which must make its own decisions. Mr. Huvad asked which methods used by Ryerson are the most effective and how choices are made. Mr. Preuss explained that the Forest Preserve District has cut back on its budget in many areas, and

now directs its focus on particular sites, to address them as a whole, while not doing the same amount of management at other sites. Ryerson is considered to be a high quality site, and the District plans to continue to invest available funds to preserve and protect Ryerson. Efforts at Ryerson include the removal of buckthorn and other invasive species, prescribed fires, and deer management. All are important management techniques

Trustee Svatik asked how the effectiveness of culling the deer is evaluated. Mr. Preuss explained they have a 1/4 mile buffer around the Forest Preserve property. Deer in that buffer are counted as moving to other locations.

Trustee Norris asked if the quality of flora is considered by the Forest Preserve District to be more important than the number of deer in deciding if deer management is needed. Mr. Preuss agreed that it was. Trustee Norris then asked how to measure the impact of deer in the Village. He would like to separate that from the other factors. Mr. Preuss explained that tree canopy can reduce sunlight penetration, and that the Forest Preserve District uses trillium as an indicator species. Trillium stem heights vary according to deer browse, but do not show negative effects due to canopy closure.

Trustee Jamerson asked about the quality of the Riverwoods woodland areas. Mr. Stewart explained that it would depend on the individual property. Making a generalization would be nearly impossible; for example there is a 40-foot elevation change within the Village.

Another resident stated that Ryerson is a nature preserve. He asked if Ryerson acts as a buffer zone to Riverwoods. Mr. Preuss explained that south of Deerfield Road, down to Lake Cook Road, the actions of Ryerson in controlling deer have a minimal impact.

Kay Confeit, from Highland Park, explained that deer were an issue in Highland Park 11 years ago. They now live peacefully with deer because there is a trap, neuter and return policy. Deer have not been a problem in the past 10 years.

Trustee Koomjian noted the distinction between a deer fence and a permitted fence six feet high or less. He asked if a six foot fence would deter deer. Mr. Preuss explained that some shorter fences are effective, especially in smaller areas. However, if there is something deer want to get in a fenced area, they will find a way.

Sherry Graditor then presented her citizen report, entitled "To the Mayor, Riverwoods Village Board, and Interested Citizens: Information with regard to deer, and their effect on our woodlands". The Board ordered this report to be incorporated in the

minutes, along with the 2007 publication of The Riverwoods Preservation Council entitled "In Our Own Backyard". Copies of these reports are available at the Village Hall. Next, Trustee Haber asked Ms. Confeit how she would feel if her neighbors all had deer fences. Ms. Confeit said she would not like it, but would accept it as a better alternative to killing deer. Mayor Kaplan explained that the RPC is asking the Board to consider both culling deer and deer fences.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that a former trustee suggested installing a fence along the entire west side of Riverwoods (forest preserve property). Mr. Preuss explained that fences will not reduce deer or control the reproduction of deer in Riverwoods. Trustee Koomjian asked if a fence, along with a trap, neuter and release program would produce results. Mr. Preuss explained that sterilization is ineffective in controlling the deer population, because it may take 10 – 15 years to see a reasonable decrease in deer numbers.

July 5

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the June 21, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chief Dayno stated there were 30 alarms; most of them were storm related. He provided an update on the storm damage. There were several streets blocked by trees. Village crews cleared all possible streets, but there were a number of trees on electrical wires. There were a number of traffic lights affected by the power outage as well. The Police Department directed traffic on the main, affected streets. They communicated with ComEd, and all the stop lights were in working order by Friday, except the light at Lake Cook and Portwine. By Saturday, all of the power in the Village was restored. The Village used the resident notification system to communicate with residents. Chief Dayno received a lot of positive feedback about the communication.

The Department assisted Vernon Hills police in the investigation of an after-hour robbery.

Mike Corn, suggested a public commendation to all of the residents that assisted their neighbors with problems caused by the recent storm.

#### **TRIBUNE ARTICLE - FUNDING MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICTS**

Mayor Kaplan referred to a Tribune article about funding mosquito control districts. The article advocated getting rid of mosquito abatement districts. Mayor Kaplan believes getting rid of the mosquito abatement district would put the Village back 10 years and suggested each Trustee send a letter. Trustee Chamberlain believes sending one letter from the Village and

having all the Trustees sign it would be better. Mayor Kaplan indicated that either approach would meet with his approval.

#### **DISCUSSION OF DEERFIELD ROAD LANDSCAPING**

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village has a verbal agreement to Lake County stating the Village would pay for landscaping if the County paid for the entire bicycle path. Some confusion arose because the County may be “taking” some property, to which objections were voiced. Mr. Glenn explained that, if the County purchases additional right-of-way to accommodate the bike path, they would be required, through the appraisal system, to compensate the homeowner for the value of the property and devaluation of the property. The Village’s participation would consist of the devaluation of the property because of the removal of the trees in the existing County right-of-way.

Mr. Glenn met with the County to finalize the plans. The County believes the additional landscaping outside the right-of-way could also be a participating cost where the Federal government would pay 70 - 80 percent and the Village would be responsible for the local share. Mr. Glenn noted the Village is already taking precautions to ensure the Village is considering these expenses in Phase I of the project. The property owner would be responsible for ongoing maintenance, even though the Federal government would require an easement for at least 20 years.

Mayor Kaplan noted the Village would control the sight lines for vehicles exiting a driveway. Trustee Chamberlain added that, if the Village helps, it would be on private property. If residents make improvements now, the plantings would have enough time to mature before the potential widening of Deerfield Road. Therefore, the screening would have already been addressed. Trustee Chamberlain asked if additional compensation or larger caps could be provided under the existing forestry programs. She noted that, if the Village provides funding for screening, the plantings should be native plantings. Trustee Chamberlain suggested the Village provide a stipend upfront. Mayor Kaplan stated he would not want to use a stipend method. Mr. Huvad believes many of the homeowners may want to supplement what is done by the Village. He noted this would not be done through a regular Village program. Trustee Chamberlain suggested providing some upfront funding. Mr. Glenn added that the Village could let homeowners know of an area behind which it is safe to plant. Trustee Haber expressed concern about the continued maintenance of the landscape area, especially with the Village wanting to control the sight lines. Mr. Huvad suggested reserving the right to provide maintenance. Trustee Haber believes that should be part of the easement agreement. The Village would provide the buffer/screening and the homeowner would provide the maintenance. Mr. Glenn noted the Village may need to pick up

a minimal amount of maintenance.

Resident Michael Corn voiced his opinion that the Village would be paying to subsidize homeowners for plantings. He questioned the difference between that and spraying the trees on the six properties for gypsy moths and subsidizing those residents. Trustee Chamberlain does not believe these two issues are the same. She spoke with the Village Forester and he does not consider the areas with elevated gypsy moth egg masses to have any trees in danger due to gypsy moths. He also did not believe spraying this year would make a difference on whether the Village sprayed next year.

#### **ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS OF MEADOWLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 21, FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITING PROPERTIES ON FOX TAIL COURT, METAWA LANE, COLUMBINE LANE, BANE BERRY LANE AND CHICORY LANE AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER PROCEDURES**

Trustee Chamberlain moved to waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Trustee Jameson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Norris moved for a second reading and adoption. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion.

Mr. Huvad made a small correction to a map included in the packet, as Estonian Lane is not included in the SSA. Mr. Huvad explained that he tried to define the types of work that could be done. He clarified that the definition of snow plowing and removal services could include snow plowing, salting and snow removal. Trustee Haber suggested replacing salting with ice control.

Mr. Huvad explained the broad categories were deliberately inclusive because Brian Meltzer met with the Meadowlake Board members and that is what they want. If the Ordinance is passed, notification will be published and mailed to everyone in the SSA, and there will be a Public Hearing at the August 2, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Huvad explained that the parcel numbers and benefit factors would be submitted to the Lake County Clerk’s Office as a special tax roll to determine the taxes to be levied. The Village suggested to the Road Association that they could have an annual cap on the taxes. Meadowlake suggested a five percent cap. Trustee Haber suggested that the Village have a right to set-off the administrative fees when collecting a tax levy instead of being paid the fee. The Village administrative fee would then be set up so the Village gets paid up-front for administering the SSA. After the Public Hearing, those homeowners who are in favor of the Road SSA will be asked to send the petition form into the Village.

Trustee Haber asked if there would be an administrative fee for all Road SSAs, and was answered in the affirmative.

Discussion followed about the use of the Meadowlake SSA as a template for other SSAs in the Village, in order to avoid undue administrative complexity and expense. Concerns were voiced about the size of the administrative fees and the promptness with which contractor invoices will be paid. Mayor Kaplan observed that most if not all of administrative fees would be for engineering, legal and insurance services. He noted that about five to six other road associations in the Village are interested in forming a Road SSA.

After further discussion Trustee Norris moved to withdraw his motion for a second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance. Trustee Haber seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously on a voice vote. The matter was then continued for further consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

#### **APPROVAL OF 2011 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Trustee Chamberlain raised the issue of the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, asking whether it was intended to set out the direction in which the Village was headed or to describe where the Village is now and what does the Village want to do next? Mayor Kaplan referred her to the draft plan itself, and stated that the draft itself should demonstrate the answer to that question. He added that the Trustees now had the opportunity to voice their opinions about the Plan while it was in draft form. Trustee Haber stated that the draft plan to him gave historical insight to the Village and a picture of where the Village is now and an idea of where the Village might go in the future. He considered the draft to be a good job, to which Trustee Norris voiced his agreement.

The Trustees then made a number of detailed comments about the draft plan. After a number of them were received, Attorney Huvad suggested that the Trustees e-mail him their comments and suggested revisions so that he could gather them together for future consideration by the Trustees. This suggestion was accepted by the Trustees and the matter was then continued for further consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

#### **APPROVAL OF SUBSCRIPTION TO BLACKBOARD CONNECT WEATHER ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AT \$2,500 PER YEAR**

Chief Dayno presented a proposal to subscribe to this service, which can provide residents with alerts of pending tornados, severe thunderstorms, and flash flooding, at a cost of \$2,500 per year. The Village currently pays \$3,000 per year for a service from this company which provides residential alerts for other Village-wide concerns. Chief Dayno recommended subscribing to the service for tornados only. The system can give alerts by email, text, and voice (telephone). Discussion followed about

the completeness of the Village's directory of email addresses of residents, and the difficulties of creating and maintaining it. Board consensus was to ask the Village Voice to publish an article in the near future asking residents to supply their email addresses so that the alert system can function in an efficient manner. Attorney Huvad is of the opinion that email addresses collected for this purpose are probably immune from FOIA requests.

Trustee Haber moved to approve the subscription and Trustee Svatik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR THE VILLAGE HALL**

Mayor Kaplan secured two bids for an emergency generator for the Village Hall, one from GenX Generator of Highland Park, IL in the amount of \$16,840 plus pad and gas connection line, the other from Deerfield Electric in the amount of \$77,489. Trustee Jamerson examined the bids and explained that the two companies had quoted two very different generators, which undoubtedly accounted for the great discrepancy between the bids. The generator bid by GenX is a smaller unit, and will carry only one-half of the loads necessary to fully power the Village Hall.

The smaller generator would be sufficient for emergency use: to power heat, light, telephones and computers. It would not provide sufficient power for air conditioning, which is not considered essential. Trustee Jamerson pointed out the necessity for electronic governors on the generator, to avoid power swings that will destroy computers or their programs and software. After further discussion Trustee Norris moved to approve the purchase of the generator and related equipment and services as bid by GenX, in an amount of \$16,840 plus an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the pad and gas connection line and any related items or services. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion.

#### **BUILDING/ZONING**

Trustee Jamerson presented the building department report for May and June. From May 1, 2011 to May 28, 2011, there was one commercial remodel/renovation, one demolition, four driveways, four fence/deck/patio projects, two roofing/siding projects, one irrigation project, and two single-family remodeling projects. 15 total permits equaled a construction value of \$183,850 with permit fees of \$4,308. The same period in 2010 saw 10 total permits with a construction value of \$150,100 with permit fees of \$1,350. From 01/01/2011 to 05/31/2011 there were 33 total permits with a construction value of \$719,532 with permit fees of \$15,676. The same period in 2010 saw 37

total permits with a construction value of \$701,026 with permit fees of \$10,258.

From June 1, 2011 to June 28, 2011, there was one driveway, two roofing/siding projects, two signs, and one miscellaneous/other project. Eight total permits equaled a construction value of \$300,800 with permit fees of \$5,450. The same period in 2010 saw 14 total permits with a construction value of \$427,550 with permit fees of \$7,674.

From 01/01/2011 to 06/28/2011 there were 42 total permits with a construction value of \$1,023,612 with permit fees of \$21,226. The same period in 2010 saw 51 total permits with a construction value of \$1,128,576 with permit fees of \$17,932.

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#### **POLICE/SOLID WASTE**

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Trustee Norris presented a report on solid waste. As a result of the increase in the market value of recycled material in the first quarter of 2011, the Village will receive a payment of \$2,220.96 for recycled material diverted from the household waste stream during the first quarter of 2011.

The Village should also receive a 50% increase in the payment for the next quarter due to an increase in the blended index value of recycled material. Trustee Norris is also working to reduce the cost of garbage collection costs in the Village and to obtain improved services.

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#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Village Treasurer Hal Roseth stated there was a slight decrease in available funds from April to May. The available funds were \$13.9 million. Yields were down in May to 0.036% from .045% in April. The privately managed securities coming due from Wachovia in the amount of \$435,000 have yields between 0.75% and 4%. Mr. Roseth was contacted by a new investment advisor through Chase. She is very familiar with municipalities and nothing he mentioned was unique or new to her. They have a comparable public fund to IPTIP, in the 0.3 - 0.4% range. They also offer CDs at 0.5% for 3 years. They also put together portfolios that are federally backed or collateralized. Mr. Roseth stated the Village currently has \$7 million in IPTIP that could be available for investment.

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#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the June 7, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 17 accidents, 13 alarms, four complaints about animals, two crime prevention notices, 12 fire department assists, four other agency assists, one well-being check, one child safety seat installation, four domestic disputes, one driving complaint, one DUI arrest, three fingerprintings, five residential or vehicular lock outs, one missing person, 11 motorist assists, two noise disturbances, two solicitor complaints, five suspicious circumstances, one theft, and 10 case reports. There were 91 traffic stops with 57 citations issued to 43 people.

There are currently four houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated they performed alcohol compliance checks in the Village. Pine Garden Restaurant was cited for serving alcohol to an under-aged agent. He noted the one aggravated domestic battery was against a senior citizen, making it a felony. The one theft was the Village's radar speed sign. Chief Dayno is speaking with the insurance company and has an idea on how to avoid future theft issues.

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#### **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT DURNING AS DEPUTY CLERK**

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Trustee Svatik moved to appoint Robert Durning as Deputy Clerk. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Village Clerk Mike Ford then swore in Robert Durning as Deputy Clerk of Riverwoods.

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#### **ESTONIAN LANE SEWER CONSTRUCTION BID RECOMMENDATION**

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Mr. Glenn explained that one of the requirements of the annexation agreements was that the Village would extend the sewer system. The low bid of \$77,845 was from Liftco Construction. The estimate was \$83,500. Liftco Construction has completed work in the Village previously.

Trustee Jamerson moved to award the sewer construction project to Liftco Construction in an amount not to exceed \$77,845. Trustee Svatik seconded the motion.

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#### **Village Woodland Restoration;** *continued from the front cover*

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continue until the tree canopy is dominated by desirable species. As the tree canopy becomes established with the desired species and at the desired density, suitable understory trees and shrubs will become established naturally or they will be introduced as necessary.



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# Open Burning and Residential Outdoor Lighting

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By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

I hope everyone got through the windstorms and power outages over the summer. A tranquil and unremarkable autumn would feel about right. As we move toward our traditional time of leaf burning, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Open burning is allowed for "landscape waste" between 8:00am and 8:00pm 2. The fire must be continuously attended 3. At least one fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating, or (2) 2-A rated extinguishers, or garden hose must be present 4. If wood is being burned, it must be seasoned (not green) 5. Garbage and other non-landscape waste must not be burned 6. The burn area must be confined to an area no larger than 5' x5'x5'. Fire rings and open fire pits must be located at least 50' from any structure (at least 15' of clearance is required for enclosed burning) and not be located under low lying tree branches 8. Bonfires are not allowed other than by special permit from the Village. For more details, click on our municipal code on our website, in title 5, or feel free to contact me. Don't forget to take in the beauty of autumn in Riverwoods before you get your rake out.

Speaking of good neighbors, please be aware of your outdoor lighting and the effect it may have on your neighbors. If you notice your neighbor reading the newspaper at night with the lights off, that's not a good sign. Here are some things to keep in mind: **1. Tree, facade and security mounted lights should be aimed down, with no direct line of sight from another property.** 2. Tree mounted lights should shutoff by 10:00pm 3. Security mounted lights should be shielded if the center of the beam is closer than 30' to the property line and higher than 45 degrees horizontal 4. Light pole fixtures should not be higher than 12' 5. A maximum of two security lights are allowed per lot 6. A maximum of 0.1 of what is referred to as "foot candle" illumination, is permitted as spillover lighting on your neighbor's property. If the 0.1 figure is exceeded, you may need to not only aim light fixtures down, but also to reduce the overall amount of illumination on your property. For more details, click on our municipal code on our website in title 5, or feel free to contact me. When the leaves fall and the snows arrives, things will only get brighter.

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## Emergency Resident Notification System

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By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

During the recent power failures, the Emergency Resident Notification System was used extensively to keep residents up to date as much as possible. If you did not receive these messages and would like to in the future, please supply us with your contact information or update your existing information.

Once the Village has your updated information, we can send you personalized voice messages and email alerts within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as boil order alerts, missing persons, and road closures. If you have an unlisted telephone number, or if you have not previously signed up to be on the system, you may not be

in our database. The system will only be used for emergencies and exigent circumstances. We know that your personal information is important; all usage of your personal information will be in compliance with the Village Privacy Policy. To register, or for more information, go to [www.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net) and click on the Village-To-Resident Notification System link. If you don't have internet access or would like assistance, call the Police Department Records Section at 847-945-1130 between 8:30am and 1:30pm M-F.

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### EMERGENCY PREPARATION

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Be prepared for emergencies such as the extensive power failures the area recently experienced. Residents should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. The following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include:

- Water. One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days.
- Food. At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).

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## After the Storms

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By Charles Stewart, Urban Forest Management, Inc.

Many residents lost trees and parts of trees during the recent series of severe storms that blew through the Village. In severe storms it is usually not the dead trees that fail. The trees that appear to be healthy, but that have undetected defects, are the ones that usually fail. Common tree defects that often go undetected include root rot, decay in the trunk, decay in large limbs, included bark between opposing branches, and decay or water pockets in branch crotches. These types of defects can occur in any tree, but they are more common in certain species than in others. Red oak, ash, and silver maple are species that commonly have these types of defects.

In some instances, healthy trees with no defects will fail because the high winds will twist the trees to the point where large limbs and even tree trunks will shatter. In areas where the soils are saturated for several days, healthy evergreen trees and deciduous trees can be more readily uprooted.

The recent storms could have damaged trees and created new potential hazards. Residents should review the trees on their property with their tree care arborist to look for new hazards and old defects. When your arborist comes to prune your trees, ask that they look for these potential problems.

Trees that are properly pruned on a regular basis are less likely to be damaged or cause damage to property when storms come through.

## Tree and Shrub Facts

### Here are a few things a lot of people don't know about trees.

**Root Caps.** Tree roots have a cap at the end that protects the root. As the roots grow and push through the soil, the tree must constantly replace the cap.

**Planting.** The depth of the hole should be the same as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the ball, less four inches. In the Chicago area, the majority of newly planted trees die from being planted too deeply.

**Volcanoes.** Tree roots are very decay resistant, and can also tolerate some exposure to air. Tree bark has little decay resistance, and can't tolerate being covered with soil or mulch. For that reason, a tree suffers more from being planted too deep than too shallow. Don't risk bark decay by creating a "volcano" of soil or mulch around the base of a tree.

**Fertilizer.** Woodland trees don't need fertilizer. Lawn trees may need fertilizer because shallow tree roots have to compete with turf grass for nutrients. The best time to apply fertilizer is in late September through December, when the soil is cool but not frozen. The next best time is March or April, before new plant growth begins.

**Growth.** Various parts of trees grow at different times of the year. Height is added primarily in the spring, girth is added primarily in the spring and summer, and roots grow primarily in the summer and fall.

**Succession.** Some trees are more successful than others in the competition for light, water and growing space (e.g., trees that can grow more quickly, tolerate shade until they are tall enough to reach sunlight, and withstand large variations in moisture content and soil type). These trees include sugar maples, elms and basswood. Other trees, such as oaks and hickories, can tolerate periodic wildfires more effectively, giving them a competitive edge. But without periodic fires to level the playing field, the maples, elms and basswood are slowly replacing the oaks and hickories around us.

**Diversity.** If maple, ash and elm predominate the woodlands, and if (as many expect) Emerald Ash Borer destroys most of the area's ash trees and Dutch Elm Disease destroys more of the area's elm trees, we will be left with primarily a maple, low-diversity woodlands.

**Pruning Oaks and Elms.** Pruning is best in late winter, just before spring growth starts, when trees are still dormant. A fresh wound is left for only a short time before new growth seals the wound. Also, it's easier to see what you're doing without leaves in the way. An oak trimmed in April, May or June is susceptible to oak wilt disease. An elm trimmed during the growing season is susceptible to Dutch Elm disease.

**Pruning Maple, Birch and Blue Beech.** These trees have free-flowing sap in late winter and early spring. The bleeding from a pruning wound usually doesn't cause harm. To avoid bleeding, prune in late spring after leaves are out.

**Branch Collar Pruning.** Always cut only the branch and never cut the branch collar. The branch collar is the living, swollen trunk tissue that surrounds the base of a branch. When

pruning a large branch, ensure that there is no tearing bark on the branch underside. Never leave a stub.

**Wound Dressing.** It isn't usually required. However, if a limb on an oak or elm must be removed during the growing season, it is advisable to "paint" the cut using a latex-based paint.

### The following are shrub facts:

**Pruning Early-Blooming Shrubs.** Shrubs that bloom on last year's growth – for example, Chokecherry, Juneberry, Lilac – should be pruned immediately after they bloom.

**Pruning New-Growth Shrubs.** Shrubs that bloom on new growth – for example, smooth hydrangea – should be pruned to the first pair of buds above the ground.

**Pruning Shrubs Grown for Foliage.** Alpine Currant, Dogwood, Ninebark and Smokebush, for example, should be pruned in early spring before growth appears.

Sources: Jim Hyland, Alabama Forestry Commission; University of Wisconsin Extension Service; University of Minnesota Extension Service; ArboSmith Abstracts, Vernon Hills, IL; The Care of Trees Arbor Topics, Wheeling, IL.

## 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.

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

Please make your check payable to the Riverwoods Preservation Council, P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015. The RPC is an independent, resident volunteer-run non-profit (c)(3) corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook, at [www.riverwoodsrpc.org](http://www.riverwoodsrpc.org), and at [riverwoods@riverwoodsrpc.org](mailto:riverwoods@riverwoodsrpc.org).



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## Riverwoods Movie Night Under the Stars to Benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation

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Back to the Future, an American movie classic, is looking like a great choice for Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars. Advance ticket sales ([www.jsmcure.org](http://www.jsmcure.org)) have the event near sellout.

"We are so excited," exclaimed event co-chair Marla Gelfond. "Being nearly sold out already means it will be a great night." All proceeds for the evening benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation. "Our neighbors, Stacy and Dave Kaufman, have been raising money in memory of Stacy's sister Jessica Shayne Magid and we are happy to help."

When Marla and Dan Gelfond approached Mayor Kaplan and the Village, it turned out to be a great fit. The opportunity to have another community event, and one as unique as an outdoor movie had a great appeal. In addition to the featured movie, there will be an auction of many exciting items, food and movie treat concessions, and kids games.

"It has been great to see the community response to Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night," said Dan Gelfond. "We have been putting the plans together and have some unique surprises planned."

**What: Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars**

**Where: Riverwoods Village Hall**

**When: September 23, 2011, 6:30pm**

**Advance Tickets: [www.jsmcure.org](http://www.jsmcure.org)**

**\$10/Adults, \$5/Kids 12 and under** (only 170 tickets available)

Leukemia and lymphoma are blood cancers affecting all backgrounds and ages. Through the efforts of many people and organizations, research of leukemia and lymphoma has helped thousands of people suffering from these cancers reach remission. Events such as Riverwoods Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars are a way to share this mission. 100% of the proceeds of this 100% volunteer event are donated to the Leukemia Research Foundation Registration is ongoing at [www.jsmcure.org](http://www.jsmcure.org). The event WILL sell out. Invite friends and family to join you for a wonderful community and charitable event and sign up today! A big thank you to Whitehall Healthcare of Deerfield, Mesirov Financial, and Stefani's Children's Foundation for their sponsorships!

### About The Leukemia Research Foundation.

The Leukemia Research Foundation, headquartered in Wilmette, IL., is dedicated to funding research and providing support to people affected by blood cancers. The Foundation's mission is to conquer leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndromes by funding research into their causes and cures, and to enrich the quality of life of those touched by these diseases. For 65 years, thousands of volunteers and 23 chapters have helped the Foundation raise more than \$50 million to help fund research specifically targeting aspiring, eager, and innovative scientists and physicians around the world, provide patient financial assistance, and offer educational and emotional support for patients and their families.

Leukemia Research Foundation information is available at [www.leukemia-research.org](http://www.leukemia-research.org), or by calling 847-424-0600.

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## Theatre in the Woods

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### Best Attended Production in Thirteen Years!

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By Donna Lubow, Artistic Director for Theatre in the Woods

Theatre in the Woods would like to thank all the audience members who attended our summer production of "Dearly Departed." It was our best attended show in the 13 years we have been producing shows. We had a large cast and some new volunteers, but we're always looking for Riverwoods residents who would like to be involved, whether on stage or behind the scenes. We specifically need assistance in our costumes and props department. And if anyone knows of inexpensive storage options, please let us know.

We are also considering a mid-winter play or musical and would love to hear some suggestions from Riverwoods residents. Please contact Donna Lubow, Artistic Director, at 847-419-8927 or email Theatre in the Woods at [tiw300@comcast.net](mailto:tiw300@comcast.net).



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### RRA - Join and Make a Difference in Riverwoods

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Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. RRA is made up of residents who care about making their community the very best it can be. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail your check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. For more information contact Jill Kaplan at [jedma1@yahoo.com](mailto:jedma1@yahoo.com) or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

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#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please include me as an RRA member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of extra stickers at \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Riverwoods Ramblers

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By Jonathan Schlesinger

The Riverwoods Ramblers is a community organization that aims to bring together Riverwoods residents (and friends) who enjoy spending time outside. Bring a friend & join us at one of our upcoming hikes:

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### SEPTEMBER 2011:

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#### **Last Hike of Summer/Memorial Hike**

Sunday, September 11th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at Brushwood at Ryerson NP

#### **First Hike of Autumn**

Sunday, September 25th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at Brushwood at Ryerson NP

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### OCTOBER 2011:

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#### **Four-Legged Hike** (dogs welcome!)

Sunday, October 16th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at the east end of the Brentwood Parking lot.

#### **Halloween Hike** (costumes encouraged, not req'd.)

Sunday, October 30th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at Brushwood at Ryerson NP

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### NOVEMBER 2011:

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#### **Fall Colors Hike**

Sun., November 6th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at Brushwood at Ryerson NP

#### **Des Plaines River Trail Hike** (dogs welcome)

Sun., November 20th, 1-2:30pm  
Meet at the east end of the Brentwood Parking lot.

Hikes are relaxed; all ages and abilities are welcome.

Please note: dogs are not allowed at Ryerson. To RSVP or learn more, please contact Jonathan Schlesinger, [jschlesinger@dps109](mailto:jschlesinger@dps109).

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## Riverwoods Book Club

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The Riverwoods Book Club discussions start this fall season with the following picks:

**Empire of the Summer Moon**, by S.C. Gwynne,

on Friday, September 23rd at 10am

**The Space Between Us**, by Thrity Umrigar,

on Friday, October 21st at 10am

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**, by Rebecca Skloot,

on Friday, November 18th at 10am

All meetings are at the Village Hall, include refreshments, and are free. The meetings are open to all interested readers, and you do not have to be a Riverwoods resident. Join us for a discussion of these interesting books by acclaimed authors, and bring a friend!

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

Happy Halloween



# VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 29th

4:30 to 7:30pm

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

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## Pick Your Own This Fall

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HEINZ APPLE ORCHARD

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### Apples, apples and more apples.

#### Heinz Orchards

1050 Crest Road, Green Oaks, IL 60048

Phone: 847-770-3449

Open Friday-Sunday, 9:30am-5:30pm

Our no-frills Lake County orchard has been a favorite in Northern Illinois for over 50 years. You are more than welcome to bring strollers and wagons into the orchard. Please note that as a small, family-run orchard we do not offer hayrides, food/drink, corn mazes, etc. We specialize in pure apple-picking fun in a beautiful surrounding!

#### Varieties & Ripening Schedule:

McIntosh-September 9

Jonathan-September 16

Empire-September 23

Golden Delicious-September 30 (very limited crop)

Red Delicious-September 30

We accept cash (sorry no credit cards). When you arrive at the orchard you can purchase either 1/2 peck bags (approx. 6 lbs of apples) for \$8, or one peck bags (approx. 12 lbs of apples) price \$15. There is no admission or parking fee.

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KRUEGER'S VEGETABLES

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### Beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, pumpkin patch-pick in the field, pumpkin patch- already gathered from the field.

#### Krueger's Vegetable Farm

28572 West Route 120, Lakemoor, IL 60051

Phone: 815-385-4981.

Open daily from 9am to 6pm.

Our pumpkins patch hayrides start in October every weekend from noon till 5pm. Payment: Cash, Check.

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DIDIER FARMS

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### Beans, eggplant, peppers, pumpkins, tomatoes, other vegetables.

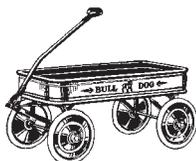
#### Didier Farms

16678 West Aptakisic Road, Prairie View, IL 60069

Phone: 847-634-3291 or 847-634-3295

Open daily from 9am to 7pm.

Pick your own begins in August and runs (weather permitting) until frost;. Payment: Cash, Check, Debit cards, Visa/ MasterCard, Discover.



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## In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

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PUMPKIN MUFFINS

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*A Recipe from Pastry Chef Gale Gand of Tru*

3 large eggs

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup canola oil

1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree

“Or” you may substitute garden cooked or baked pumpkin pulp for “canned”.

1/2 cup mild light molasses

1/2 cup buttermilk

2 cups flour

3/4 cup whole wheat flour

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ginger

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 pinch cloves

1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

In a bowl, whisk the eggs well, then stir in the sugar and the oil. Then add the pumpkin, molasses and the buttermilk and stir well. In a separate bowl stir the dry ingredients together, then add them to the wet ingredients and stir just till blended. Spoon into paper lined muffin tins. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.

Makes 24 muffins.

*Among the many things Gale is doing right now is acting as Chef-in-Residence at Elawa Farm in Lake Forest. Gale bakes and cooks for their farmers market which runs Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm. Stop by and say “hi.”*



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ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

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When carving your jack-o'-lantern, don't throw out those pumpkin seeds! Roasted pumpkin seeds are delicious and easy to make. Simply rinse your pumpkin seeds to clean them. Do this right away for the best result. Oil a baking sheet and put the seeds in one layer, then sprinkle with salt. Bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit, stirring halfway through. This makes for a delicious and tasty snack. Enjoy!

## Take the "Hike Lake County" Challenge

### Get fit, earn rewards.

Join fellow walkers for the Lake County Forest Preserves' annual Hike Lake County (HLC) challenge and improve your well-being in the great outdoors. This popular program, sponsored by Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, encourages participants to get outside and hike trails they may not have visited before. Those who complete the challenge earn a free commemorative shield for their hiking stick. Each year features new trails and a colorful new shield.

To complete the challenge, you must hike seven out of 12 designated trails between August 15 and November 30. One of the seven trails can be a wild card trail of your choice. To keep track of your hikes on "Hike Lake County" trails, download a Travel Log and record each hike with the date and your initials. Submit your Travel Log by January 31, 2012 to receive your free shield.

### Hike Lake County goes mobile!

New this year, you can also complete the HLC challenge on your iPhone or Android smartphone. Check-in to seven of the 12 HLC sites via our new smartphone app, available for free in the Apple App Store or Android Market (search for "Lake County Forest Preserves"). A Facebook, Twitter or Foursquare account is required to enable check-in. Spot a rare bird or notice any plants in bloom? Share your hiking photos and nature observations on our wall. Show us your check-ins on your smartphone by January 31, 2012 to receive your free shield.

### Let your dog join in the fun

Take your dog along with you on the seven trails. Record your dog's name on the Travel Log or on our wall if using your smartphone. When you turn in your Log or show us your check-ins, your canine friend will receive their own free commemorative dog tag (up to three dogs). You can also buy an optional HLC dog collar to hang it on. Dog collars are \$5 each.

### Details, trail maps

Visit the Hike Lake County website for program details and trail maps for this year's designated hikes.

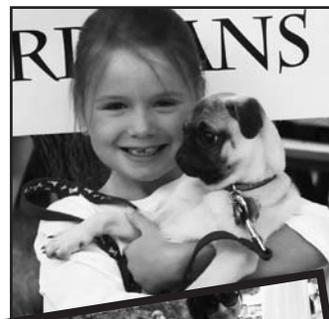
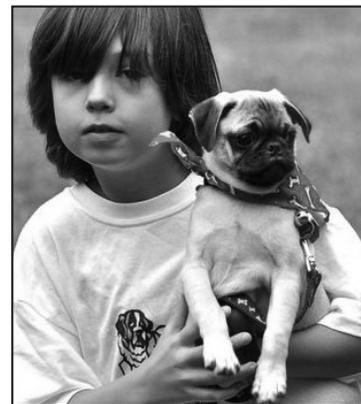
## Catmania Returns to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter

The ultimate cat adoption weekend returns for three days, September 30-October 2, 11am-5pm each day. Mark your calendar now for this cat celebration. Cats, cats and more cats (and of course dogs available too). Hot dogs, bake sale, music and fun for all at the local animal shelter. Kitten season will still be going strong and our selection of adult cats is always the best to be found anywhere.

To volunteer to help at, or bake for this event email Jackie at [jackie@orphansofthestorm.org](mailto:jackie@orphansofthestorm.org) or call the shelter directly at 847-945-0235.



## A Few Shots from Orphans of the Storm's Pooch Parade



### The Pooch Parade

Orphans of the Storm's Pooch Parade brought out nearly 100 dogs and their people to Jaycee Memorial Park in Deerfield for the 5th annual dog walk the morning of August 20th. \$6,500

was raised that will go toward the care of the animals at the local shelter while they wait for their second chance in life. Orphans thanks the community for their continued support!

Orphans of the Storm is open for adoptions every day 11am-5pm. View the animals and learn more at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org) and follow us on facebook.



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

**VILLAGE  
HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**



**Saturday, October 29th**

**4:30 to 7:30pm**

**Riverwoods Village Hall**

**300 Portwine Road**