



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

### New Waste Hauler and Recycling Service this Spring

By John Norris, Village of Riverwoods Trustee

For several months, the Village has been investigating the possibility of entering into a franchise agreement with a private waste hauler to provide waste hauling and recycling services to Village residents. Our efforts included discussions with individual haulers and publishing a formal request for proposals (RFP). Four bids responding to the RFP were received on November 30, 2011 prior to the 12 noon deadline. One bid failed to comply with the requirements of the RFP that a check for the bid costs and a check for security be provided and was disqualified. The other three bids were found to be in compliance with the RFP requirements and considered. The cost proposals from the three conforming bids were read aloud and those present were given an opportunity to request any other information from the proposals.

Lakeshore Waste Services, LLC was the low bidder in virtually every category. For example, for limited residential curbside service, Lakeshore would charge \$21 per household per month; Waste Management and Republic, the other two bidders, each would charge in excess of \$28 per month for the same service.

Lakeshore also offers an optional backdoor service at a cost of \$29 a month and all prices include wheeled carts, either 64 or 94 gallon for both solid waste and recycling.

We have contacted the references provided by Lakeshore and they have indicated that Lakeshore has performed well. We have also investigated to ensure the financial ability of Lakeshore to meet the Village's requirements.

The Village is now in the process of finalizing a contract with Lakeshore. It is anticipated that the new service will begin sometime around April 1, 2012.

If you have any questions about the likely change in service, contact Trustee John Norris by email at [jnorris@riverwoods-il.net](mailto:jnorris@riverwoods-il.net) or via Village Hall at 847-945-3990.

### Municipal Electric Aggregation

By Rick Jamerson, Village of Riverwoods Trustee

In 2007, the Illinois Power Agency Act was passed which authorized municipal and county authorities to negotiate electric power supply arrangements for their residential and small business consumers. A local government, such as the Village of Riverwoods, can aggregate the electric loads of the residential and small business users within its boundaries and negotiate terms with a power supplier. There are currently several energy suppliers operating in Illinois. ComEd is one of these suppliers.



The process is similar to a municipality seeking bids for garbage collection contracts for all residents. The municipality entertains bids, selects a winning supplier, and the contract rate is applied to all eligible residents who do not opt out.

Suppliers are willing to offer lower pricing to aggregated groups of residents. Several

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. Jan. 17, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 6 and 20.

#### Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. Feb. 2, Mar. 1, and Apr. 5.

#### GET INVOLVED 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](mailto:dramadonna@aol.com).

#### Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

Laurie Breitkopf, president at 847-945-7034. [www.riverwoodsrpc.comcast.net](http://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](mailto: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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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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## Annual Police Survey

By Bruce Dayno, Chief of Police

Each year the Riverwoods Police Department conducts a Citizen Survey. Information from the survey will not only help us to determine how the department is performing, but it also provides worthwhile suggestions for improving our services to the community and to assist with setting goals for the future.

We understand that your contact with us may be very limited. Even if you have not had any contact with us, your perceptions and opinions are very important.

Please take a few moments to fill out our survey. Help us prioritize our tasks by telling us how important you believe the tasks are to the community. If you wish to make additional comments, observations, recommendations, or suggestions to improve our services, feel free to write them on the survey. You may remain anonymous, but if you would like to be contacted in reference to a specific concern, please include your name and a daytime telephone number. I will personally review all of the responses. Results will be published in the next Village Voice and on the Village website at [www.riverwoods-il.net](http://www.riverwoods-il.net). You may also visit the website to take the survey interactively.

Please return the survey to the Riverwoods Police Department, 845 Saunders Road, at your earliest convenience. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

# 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 October 18, November 1 and 15. 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-il.net](http://www.villageofriverwoods-il.net).

November 15

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the November 1, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 14 accidents, 13 alarms, 12 complaints about animals, five fire department assists, four other agency assists, one child safety seat installation, one domestic dispute, three driving complaints, two DUIs, two fingerprintings, one found property, one fraudulent activity, one residential or vehicular lock out, six motorist assists, two noise complaints, two open doors, 12 suspicious circumstances, one theft, three crime prevention notices, and eight case reports. There were 78 traffic stops with 60 citations issued to 44 people.

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

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Lt. Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFPD including mutual aid to the DBFD for October. There were 24 calls including 15 EMS calls, four fire calls and five auto accidents. There were 391 calls year to date.

### PROPOSED VILLAGE INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Mr. Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy Services, Inc. was present. Mr. Mudge stated that the Village Trustees need to pass an ordinance if they want a referendum on the spring ballot asking residents if they want an aggregate electricity program. The ordinance would need to be passed by December.

Should the Village decide on municipal electric aggregation, there would be an opt-out for residents. Mr. Mudge stated there could be a savings of up to 25% over current ComEd rates. He stated their company would be available to answer ques-

tions through the life of the contract.

Village Attorney Siegel asked whether the smart grid would affect ComEd's rates. Mr. Mudge explained the smart grid only affects the distribution portion of the bill. This would help offset ComEd's rate increase as well.

Trustee Haber asked about aggregate energy rates changing over time. Mr. Huvad explained the variable between the supply company and ComEd will change over time. The Village would go through an RFP and would sign a contract for two years. This process would continue every few years and the Village could change companies should they choose.

Trustee Chamberlain explained that most of the surrounding communities are considering an aggregate electricity program through a consortium. She noted that how a consortium works was explained in the memo that she and Trustee Jamerson provided to the Trustees. Trustee Chamberlain then asked Mr. Mudge to discuss the difference between a consortium and a consultant. Mr. Mudge explained that they have about 60 communities in Illinois that will be working with him. Those communities can work independently or he can help them band together. The money saved by residents will stay in the community.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that an opt-out process takes awhile but generally yields the lowest rates, and that a consultant can help individual users opt in quicker during the interim. She is a higher user of electricity and her estimated savings would be \$591 per year.

Trustee Koomjian asked if the pricing per kilowatt hour is different in a consortium. Mr. Mudge explained the fixed costs are different. The rate structure is complex.

Trustee Chamberlain stated that the Village of Deerfield is likely to be in a consortium but would not use a consultant and would manage the paperwork itself.

Trustee Haber asked if the consultant fees would be transparent. Mr. Mudge explained the fees are paid by the supplier and would be transparent. Trustee Jamerson explained that even a small savings per kilowatt hour would save residents a lot of money.

Mayor Kaplan believes there is enough interest from the Trustees to warrant the consideration of an ordinance to set up a referendum. He asked Trustee Jamerson to write an article for the Village Voice.

## **APPROVAL OF 2012 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Chief Dayno explained that the proposed expenditures for 2012 are \$1,412,315. Last year, the budget was approved for \$1,313,900. There are some differences between this year and last year, including a 4% increase in salaries for union officers. The Village is not looking to spend money on capital improvements, except what has already been discussed and approved. Chief Dayno noted there is a liability account that will have about \$46,000. He proposes using money from the liability account for three mobile data computers.

Trustee Chamberlain noticed the revenues for violations and tow fees have decreased. Chief Dayno noted the goal is to keep accidents down. When the police department started in 2001, the amount of accidents dropped steadily. People are now slowing down when entering Riverwoods. That is a good thing. The police department is here to keep people safe.

Trustee Haber noted that no new police vehicles would be purchased in 2012. He asked if the Village would then be hit harder in 2013 with respect to the purchase of vehicles. Chief Dayno explained the current vehicles are holding up well. Trustee Haber asked about the accuracy of the police department's portion of the Village's legal bills. Mr. Huvad agreed to keep the labor negotiation regarding a new police contract on a separate bill in the future. Mayor Kaplan believes the payment comes from the general fund, but is coded for the police department. He will check with Susie Crohn. Chief Dayno explained that he projected extra legal fees for the police negotiations next year.

Trustee Norris moved to approve the 2012 police budget. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion which was then approved.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCE POLICIES TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NO. 54**

The Board unanimously passed a proposed ordinance establishing fund balance policies to comply with governmental accounting standards.

Mr. Huvad explained that fund balances in governmental funds will be in one of five categories. Mr. Siegel stated this is something wanted by the

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auditors. Mr. Huvard noted this forces the Village to identify the fund balances.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING MANDATORY CONNECTIONS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

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Trustee Koomjian commented that he spoke with Mr. Glenn to get a clearer sense of how residents are affected by a mandate to connect to village-supplied water under certain circumstances. He concluded that the housing environment in 2002 – 2006 was different than now. Housing prices were increasing more than 5% each year and the cost of connecting to public water was relatively inconsequential. Trustee Koomjian noted that residents were affected inadvertently by the Ordinance. He believes one reason for having municipal water is for better water, better protection, or because you think municipal water will increase your property value. Trustee Koomjian does not believe the Village should require residents to install municipal water unless their opinion was solicited. He believes this mistake should be corrected.

The Board adopted the ordinance to repeal certain provisions of the Village code concerning mandatory connections to the Village water supply system.

*November 1*

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**POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the October 18, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two 911 hang ups, nine accidents, 15 alarms, eight complaints about animals, six fire department assists, four other agency assists, one burglary to a motor vehicle, five child safety seat installations, two driving complaints, one DUI, four finger-printings, one fraudulent activity, five vehicular or residential lock-outs, eight motorist assists, two noise complaints, two open doors, 13 suspicious circumstances, two crime prevention notices, and 14 case reports. There were 69 traffic stops with 52 citations issued to 40 people.

There are currently 4 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated the auto burglary was at the Montessori School. Subsequently, he found there was a light gray jeep in the area and the investigation is ongoing. The new sign at the new police station is installed, but not illuminated yet. Chief Dayno stated they are installing seven frosted bulbs with diffusers to assist with the bright lighting issues.

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**DISCUSSION OF VEHICLE LICENSE FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

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Mayor Kaplan had a discussion with Jill Kaplan, treasurer of the RRA. There are 160 families that are currently members of the RRA today, out of 1350 families in the Village. The only current work of the RRA is to support the plant sale committee and the caucus. The Village has supported the plant sale committee, and the caucus receives \$1000-\$2000 per election. Mayor Kaplan noted

the RRA has \$42,000 in the bank. If the Village decides to issue vehicle stickers, he would not want to close up the RRA.

Mayor Kaplan proposes discussing issuing vehicle licenses for 2012. His purpose for issuing vehicle licenses would be to improve the Village database by asking everyone who comes for a vehicle sticker to provide their phone numbers and email address. Mayor Kaplan stated the cost would be minimal; possibly \$25 - \$30 per household.

Mr. Siegel stated there should then be an ordinance requiring a vehicle license. In other communities he has not seen a cost per household; rather, has only seen a cost per vehicle. Trustee Chamberlain questioned what the basis is for the cost. Mayor Kaplan stated the funds could be applied to the police department budget. Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether the personal information provided would be subject to FOIA. Mayor Kaplan stated it would not be subject to FOIA. Trustee Chamberlain noted she does not provide her personal email or cell phone number. Mayor Kaplan stated the information would not be given out for any purpose; rather, it would be kept by the police department.

Trustee Haber asked if there was a way to mandate an information exchange other than through a vehicle tax. He suggested requiring every residence in the Village to have registered contact information. Trustee Norris believes the Village would have difficulty compelling residents to provide the information. Trustee Svatik believes the information the Village has is adequate. Chief Dayno explained the current information is not very accurate and needs to be updated. Trustee Chamberlain noted that she would not be comfortable even requesting email addresses. Mr. Huvard suggested requesting a phone number to be used for emergency contact information. Mayor Kaplan suggested continuing the discussion until the next meeting of the Board, to which there was no objection.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS UNDER AN ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LIVE SCAN DIGITAL FINGER-PRINTING SYSTEM FROM L 1 IDENTITY SOLUTIONS.**

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Chief Dayno noted that most police departments in Cook and Lake Counties have a digital fingerprinting system. When booking prisoners, the Department can use ink, but a digital system will provide instant feedback on a prisoner's identity by connecting to the State system. Chief Dayno did not want to purchase the system without a grant. He found a grant for \$7,000, which covers 75% of the cost of the unit. Chief Dayno identified two Livescan systems that are frequently used in the area. He got quotes on both of them. The L1 Identity System is \$20,089. The total cost to the Village would be \$4,427 plus the printer, for a total of \$6,807. Chief Dayno stated they currently use the Lincolnshire system, which is an older version of the L1 Identity System.

Trustee Svatik asked whether the police department would need a camera. Chief Dayno stated that was an option they chose not

to get because of the cameras in the new station. Trustee Haber noted both quotes include the first year of maintenance.

Trustee Haber moved to approve the expenditure for the purchase of a Livescan Digital Fingerprinting Unit in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion which was then approved.

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### **POLICE/SOLID WASTE**

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Trustee Norris stated that the Solid Waste Task Force recommendations have gone to the executive committee of the County Board for their approval. SWALCO will then come to members asking for approval. Some of the recommendations are rather stringent. Trustee Norris noted that a statewide ban prohibiting waste haulers from taking electronic products will go into effect on January 1, 2012. He will try to get the list out to people. Trustee Norris noted that the waste hauler RFP went out. The Village received its third quarter recycling payment from SWALCO in the amount of \$4,424.65. Trustee Norris noted that the per ton value has decreased.

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### **BUILDING/ZONING**

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Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department Report. From October 1, 2011 to October 25, 2011 there was one commercial miscellaneous, one roofing/siding, six fences/decks/patios and four residential miscellaneous projects. There were 13 total permits with construction values of \$57,335 and permit fees of \$750. From October 1, 2010 to October 25, 2010, there were 11 total permits with construction values of \$142,382 and permit fees of \$2058. From January 1, 2011 to October 25, 2011 there were 104 total permits with construction values of \$2,251,341 and permit fees of \$35,575. From January 1, 2010 to October 25, 2010 there were 107 total permits with construction values of \$3,460,112 and permit fees of \$49,744. He noted the six fence permits were no-cost permits for grandfathered deer fences.

*October 18*

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Treasurer Roseth stated that the overall availability of funds was up more than \$200,000, for a total of approximately \$14.5 million. Of these almost 50% are at IPTIP at .46%, and the Village has approximately \$2,000,000 available in cash outside of IPTIP. He noted that he has counseled patience to the Village with respect to planned investments at both JP Morgan and North Side Community (the CDARS program). The Village has committed to move almost \$2,500,000 to these investment advisors, but due to the current investment climate he has delayed any long term lock-in at current rates. Of total funds, approximately \$520,000 is tied to the SSAs and thus not available to the Village for general or other purposes. He also indicated that he is currently happy with the advice he is receiving from JP Morgan Chase. Also, that the Ameri-prise account is at \$560,000.

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### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

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Director Durning issued a permit for an antenna at the Holiday Inn Express location for Sprint cellular services. The Village went

to court against two property upkeep violations within the Village.

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### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the October 4, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. There was one 911 hang up, 15 accidents, 19 alarms, seven complaints about animals, five fire department assists, three other agency assists, one burglary, one child safety seat installation, one criminal damage to property, one domestic dispute, four driving complaints, one DUI, two fingerprintings, one fraudulent activity, one vehicular or residential lock out, four motorist assists, one noise complaint, one public assist, one solicitor complaint, four suspicious circumstances, one crime prevention notice, and five case reports. There were 64 traffic stops with 51 citations issued to 33 people.

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

Chief Dayno stated there was a "ruse" burglary yesterday and the Police Department used the reverse notification system to inform residents. "Ruse" burglaries are happening in neighboring communities as well.

The Department conducted tobacco compliance checks on October 8, 2011 and neither business sold to the teenage agent.

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### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE DIRECTING A REBATE OF TAXES COLLECTED ON THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS FOR THE 2011 - 2012 HEATING SEASON**

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Mr. Huvad explained this rebate for low-income residents started years ago. The only thing that needs to be updated is the dates. There will be a letter going out for eligible residents. Mayor Pro Tem Svatic stated there are 45 eligible residents in Riverwoods. This is up from last year, but only approximately 2/3rds of eligible residents apply for the rebate. \$742 was rebated in 2010.

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### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 21 FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON FOX TAIL COURT, METAWA LANE, COLUMBINE LANE, BANE BERRY LANE AND CHICORY LANE**

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Mr. Huvad distributed the tally of the petitions; more than 51 percent of the property owners were in favor of establishing the SSA. The Village did not vote on behalf of the Village-owned parcel. There is a mechanism to increase the maximum annual levy in this SSA. This will give their Board the ability to raise the levy amount on an annual basis as long as they are within the guidelines.

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### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING TRAFFIC TURNS AND SPEED LIMITS**

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Mr. Huvad suggested amending the Village Code concerning traffic turns at certain locations, and speed limits within the Village. Trustee Jamerson commented that he looked through the Village

Code and noticed the Village has a prohibition from turning north onto Portwine from Lake Cook Road. Mr. Huvad looked at the Code and found other things that need to be fixed, including incomplete descriptions, fines that were not consistent with the State fines, speed limit inconsistencies, and other things. This proposed ordinance would clean up and correct these old provisions of the Village Code.

The Board voted in favor of amending the Village Code concerning traffic turns and speed limits.

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**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING MANDATORY CONNECTIONS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM (CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM)**

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Ron Trace, resident of Crestwood Lane, commented that he is thinking about selling his home in the spring. He expressed concern about a mandatory connection to the Village water line that passes by his home. He would like to extend the moratorium because his well water is excellent and he does not have any complaints. He installed a new well a few years ago. Mr. Trace expressed concern because of the economic climate because someone buying his home would need to spend an extra \$25,000 - \$30,000 and may have difficulties obtaining a mortgage.

Tim Ettus, also a resident of Crestwood Lane, stated that he is being forced to sell his house due to economic factors and had a buyer back out because he could not agree to the buyer's request for \$25,000 in concessions once the buyer found out about the mandatory connection.

Trustee Koomjian noted the moratorium was for one year, and also noted that the Trustees received two lists from Mr. Glenn, which are mismatched. Mr. Trace's property was not listed on either list, however. Trustee Chamberlain suggested Mr. Trace speak with Mr. Glenn to see if his property is on the list.

Trustee Chamberlain noted there is some confusion with the list and suggested residents speak with Mr. Glenn, the Village Engineer to see if their properties would be affected by the Ordinance. Mr. Ettus noted that one does not have to be on the list to be affected by the Ordinance. Mr. Trace stated that if a water line passes by your house, you would be affected by the Ordinance unless you are part of an SSA. Trustee Norris noted that if you are part of an SSA, you would only have to pay to tap on. Trustee Norris stated that if the water was extended past your home and there was a subsequent sale, the tap on fee would need to be paid because you are not part of the SSA. Trustee Haber noted that some people did not want to be part of the SSA. The Village made certain concessions to exclude some people from the SSA. The economy has changed, but municipal water still adds value to a home that arguably is equal to or exceeds the \$25,000 cost. Trustee Chamberlain offered her opinion that not everyone in the Village would agree with this last statement. Trustee Norris stated this requirement of water connections in certain circumstances

has been standard in a number of suburbs. The economy has changed, however, and the Village now is struggling with how to deal with these issues.

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**Riverwoods Own Center for Enriched Living**

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*By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services*

I recently went on a tour of the Center for Enriched Living, located on Saunders Road. I was immediately greeted by a young lady at the front door who proudly escorted me to the administrative office. After a few minutes of hearing about the history, mission and programs at the Center, from Development Director, Ms. Randi Frank, I set off on the tour.

I had no idea of what to expect having never stepped foot before into a facility for the developmentally disabled. The rooms were buzzing with young adults and advanced middle aged folks like myself, happy to be in each others company. I saw a young man showing off his dead eye jump shot on the basketball court. I saw two girls doing some serious cardio work on treadmills. I saw a room full of budding artists of all ages practicing painting. I saw a book club discussion group.

Each room was attended by an engaged staff member or two who seemed to be having as much fun as everyone else. I saw person after person who was enjoying what he or she was doing for the day and the group he or she was sharing it with. The dedicated and caring staff and volunteers at the center have made this a truly inspiring setting. Folks young and old, male and female, developmentally disabled or not, enjoying each others company, learning and teaching new things. I couldn't help but think at the end of my tour that anybody willing to give just a little of themselves in volunteering will be rewarded many times over.

I am grateful for the members for allowing me to share their lives for an hour, grateful for the staff for their dedication and caring, and grateful to the Village of Riverwoods - my employer - for contributing over the last number of years to this local gem.

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**West Deerfield Township to Host Employment Clinic**

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On Wednesday, January 25, come to Deerfield Village Hall with your resume, your smile, and a winning attitude! Between 9am to 1pm, representatives from Aerotek, a commercial staffing company located in Deerfield, and JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) will be on hand to jumpstart your job search in 2012. JVS has a record of helping clients open doors to employment with one-on-one mentoring and coaching in many fields of employment. Aerotek, located in Parkway North, will come with a listing of current job openings that they are seeking employees for THAT DAY. Postings come from a wide range of employment opportunities: machinists, engineering, sale, quality assurance, and customer service just to name a few.

The morning will be an open house format, no appointments needed. Walk in, talk to some professionals that will point you in the right direction. Its current, its convenient, and its free!

Questions? Call Julie Morrison, Township supervisor at 847-945-0614.

Illinois communities have already locked in power rates that are 20% -25% lower than the current ComEd rates. Savings in these communities are averaging \$150.00 per household per year over the current ComEd rates.

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COMMON QUESTIONS

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**Do all residents have to participate?**

No. Residents will have two opportunities to “Opt Out” of the program. Residents that have already switched to an alternate energy supplier may not be able to participate if they are under a restrictive contract with that supplier.

**Will I be paying the Village of Riverwoods for my electricity?**

No. Depending on the supplier, you may receive one bill from ComEd with a section for ComEd for “Electric Distribution” and a part for an energy supplier for “Energy Charges”, or you may receive one bill from ComEd for “Electric Distribution” and one from the new supplier for “Energy Charges”. This will depend on the supplier that is chosen.

**What do you mean by “Electric Distribution” and “Energy Charges”?**

There are several parts that make up your electric bill. “Electric Distribution” refers to the method of getting the electricity to your home. This includes items like power poles, cables, switches, transformers, and the tools, equipment and manpower to maintain these items. “Energy Charges” refers to the electricity used as well as the costs to generate the electricity.

**Who will I call when my power goes out?**

You will continue to call ComEd for any service related issues.

**Will ComEd put me at the “bottom of the list” when there is an outage because I switched suppliers?**

No. ComEd is indifferent to the aggregation.

**Who will read my meter?**

ComEd will continue to read your meter.

**If we aggregate electricity, will we still have to pay the ComEd increases just granted by Illinois legislators?**

Yes. The ComEd increases are for the Electric Distribution portion of your electric bill. ComEd will continue to be responsible for distribution regardless of the company providing your energy.

**Why is the Village of Riverwoods seeking to aggregate electricity? Can't I do this on my own if I so desire?**

Yes. You can do this on your own. However, energy suppliers are looking to gather customers as easily as possible and at the lowest possible cost. By aggregating the Village electricity, suppliers can pass savings in acquiring customers by aggregation on to the individual customers. Also, the energy suppliers look at the volume of energy to be sold and adjust their pricing accordingly. The Village of Riverwoods is seeking aggregation to lower the cost of electric energy to all of the residents.

**What does the Village government get out of aggregation?**

Nothing. There is no benefit or payment to the Village government due to aggregation.

**What happens next?**

Many nearby towns and villages are looking at electric aggregation. The Village of Riverwoods has decided to work with a consultant and move forward with electric aggregation. In order for Riverwoods to negotiate on behalf of our residents, a referendum must be placed on the March 20, 2012 ballot. The referendum must pass by a majority of the voters casting ballots.

On December 6, 2011, an ordinance was unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees for a Referendum to be placed on the March ballot. The form of the referendum question is mandated by State law. If the referendum passes, a Request For Proposal will be created and bids will be collected from interested energy providers. The referendum does not mandate a change. Staying with ComEd is an option. If the alternate suppliers bids are not sufficiently attractive, Riverwoods can elect to remain with ComEd.

More information will appear in future issues of the Village Voice.

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**Incandescent and Fluorescent Lamps Being Phased Out**

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*By Rick Jamerson, Village of Riverwoods Trustee*

The United States Department of Energy has enacted new energy efficient legislation that impacts the manufacturing and availability of all lamps. Specifically, the legislation will affect certain incandescent A19 lamps as of January 1, 2012 and linear fluorescent, par lamps and U-shaped fluorescent lamps by July 15, 2012. As of press time, this legislation has been temporarily put on hold.



**The Incandescent “A19” Lamp** - The legislation does not ban these types of lamps, but it requires minimum efficiency standards which these lamps cannot meet. Manufacturers may not produce lamps that do not meet the efficiency standards, thereby effectively dooming the incandescent A19 lamp. The standards are phased in based on the wattage of the lamps. The original schedule required the efficiency standards be met as shown in the table.

| Date     | Lamp Wattage   |
|----------|----------------|
| 1/1/2012 | 100 watt       |
| 1/1/2013 | 75 watt        |
| 1/1/2014 | 40 and 60 watt |

Halogen lamps of the A19 type will still be able to be produced. These are direct replacements for the incandescent A19 lamps, but they are typically more expensive. You may also

replace the incandescent A19 lamps with compact fluorescent (the spiral type lamp) or LED lamps. Be aware that fluorescent lamps will most likely not work properly with the dimmers used for incandescent lamps. LED lamps need to be rated "dimmable" in order to be used with a dimmer.



**Linear Fluorescent Lamps** - These tube style lamps as shown here will also be phased out due to this legislation. On July 14, 2012, new efficiency standards will affect four foot long T-8 and T-12 fluorescent lamps. T-8 and T-12 refers to the diameter of the lamps. T-12 lamps are 1.5" in diameter. T-8 lamps are 1" in diameter. T-12 lamps were the standard lamps for many years and if you have 4' fluorescent lamps in your home they are most likely this type. There are no T-12 lamps that will meet the new efficiency standards, so once again, they are effectively banned and manufacturers will quit producing them. Only certain T-8 fluorescent lamps will be affected by the efficiency standards. Replacement of the T-12 lamps is not as easy as just getting a new T-8 and installing it in the existing sockets. While T-8 lamps will fit in a T-12 socket, the ballast for a T-12 lamp differs from the ballast for a T-8 lamp. The ballast must also be replaced. In some cases it may be easier and more economical to replace the entire fixture than to replace the ballast and lamps. Remember that all fluorescent lamps contain mercury and need to be properly recycled. This includes the spiral compact fluorescent lamps. Residential fluorescent lamps may be recycled at the Village Hall. Fluorescent ballasts may also be hazardous waste. If they are newer electronic ballasts, after January 1, 2012, they may not be thrown out with your household refuse. They must be recycled.



**PAR Incandescent Lamp** - This is a PAR incandescent lamp. These lamps are typically used for outdoor floodlights. Effective July 14, 2012, new efficiency standards will go into effect that will basically ban all of these lamps in the 40 watt to 205 watt range. Currently, the replacements available are compact fluorescent lamps and LED lamps. Both are typically more expensive than the incandescent lamps of this type.



**Incandescent Flood Light** - This is a typical incandescent flood light used in residential downlights. These will also be required to meet the efficiency standards by July 14, 2012. They are known by the name BR30 or BR40 reflector floods. There are direct replacements for these types of lamps. They include halogen, compact fluorescent, and LED. Once again, the lamps are more expensive and the compact fluorescent and LED lamps may not

work properly with a dimmer currently being used for incandescent lamps. There is an exemption for 65 watt BR30 and 65 Watt BR40 lamps. This exemption extends the efficiency standards for these two types of lamps only until July of 2014.

For more information, you can check out lamp manufacturer's websites. Three of the easier to understand sites are Philips, <http://applications.nam.lighting.philips.com/cmolegislation/index.php>, GE Lighting, [http://www.salesmanagementplus.com/CustomMarketing/AdvanceElectrical/GELightingLegislation\\_overview.pdf](http://www.salesmanagementplus.com/CustomMarketing/AdvanceElectrical/GELightingLegislation_overview.pdf), and Sylvania, <http://www.sylvania.com/ConsumerProducts/LightBulbLaws/>.

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## Emerald Ash Borer - New State Guidelines

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By Charles Stewart, Urban Forest Management, Inc.

On December 14, 2011 the Village Forester learned from the Emerald Ash Borer Outreach Coordinator for the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture that the Department is "stepping back" from any enforcement of the mandate to remove trees on public or private property that are infested with Emerald Ash Borer.

In response to this very new information, the Riverwoods Village Board voted at their meeting of December 20, 2011 to remove this mandate from Village Ordinances. Since the State of Illinois laws have linked the management of Emerald Ash Borer with the management of Dutch elm disease, the Village Board also voted to eliminate the mandate to remove trees infected with Dutch elm disease as well.

### What does this mean for the residents/property owners?

- You will no longer be required to remove ash trees that are infested with Emerald Ash Borer or elm trees that are infected with Dutch elm disease.

- If you choose to remove these trees now or in the future or if you and /or your arborist determine it would be best management practices for your property and more economical for you to remove ash trees or elm trees that are not infested or infected, then you must complete a Tree Removal Permit Application. This form is available at the Village Hall and on-line; just click on "FORMS" in the upper right corner of the Village home page. The Village Forester will review the application and authorize the issuance of a permit to remove the trees. You will not have to pay a permit fee and you will not be required to replace the trees. Your contractor will have to follow the State laws on the proper transportation and disposal of the tree.

- You should be aware that the trees that are left standing will continue to support the insect populations that will continue to spread the problems to other trees. At some point the trees may become hazardous to you, you neighbors, or roads and streets in the Village. The Village Forester will continue to survey the Village for hazardous trees. If the Village Forester observes hazardous trees on your property you will be required to remove them as specified in Village Ordinances. You will not have to pay a permit fee and you will not be required to replace the trees. Your contractor will have to follow the State laws on the proper transportation and disposal of the tree.



• If you and some of your friends and neighbors would like to go together and solicit bids for the removal of these trees from your individual properties, then the Village can provide some assistance. The Village Forester can provide a simple bid document and some guidance for the bidding process.

The Village will continue to survey Village owned properties and will continue to remove ash trees that are infested with Emerald Ash Borer and elm trees that are infected with Dutch elm disease on these properties.

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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 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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### RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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 each spring by the RRA 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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## Theatre in the Woods

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By Donna Lubow, Artistic Director

Theatre in the Woods announces auditions for award-winning A. R. Gurney, Jr.'s **The Dining Room**. Set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the action is comprised of a mosaic of interrelated scenes - some funny, some touching, some rueful - which taken together create an in-depth portrait of a vanishing species: the upper-middle-class WASP. The actors change roles, personalities, and ages as they portray a wide variety of characters from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. Each of the 18 vignettes introduces a new set of people and events, allowing each actor to portray 9 to 10 different characters.

Auditions for **The Dining Room**, by cold readings and improvisation, will be held January 15th and 16th at 7:00pm at The Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane off Milwaukee Avenue, just north of Deerfield Road in Riverwoods. Performance dates are March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. No audition appointment is necessary.

Director, Brent A. Stringfield, is casting 3 women and 3 men, each to play 9 to 10 characters. All ages and types are encouraged to audition. Headshots and resumes are extremely helpful, but not required to audition.

For more information, contact Theatre in the Woods at 847-604-1990 or [tiw300@comcast.net](mailto:tiw300@comcast.net). Perusal scripts will not be made available from the theatre; however, most area libraries house copies of this play.

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### UPCOMING THEATRE WORKSHOP

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Theatre in the Woods is planning on holding a 10-week Acting Workshop, beginning sometime in February. The workshop will consist of monologue and scene study work and will be open to all levels of experience. For more information, contact [tiw300@comcast.net](mailto:tiw300@comcast.net) or call 847-604-1990.

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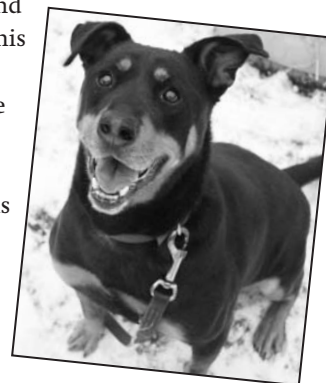
## Orphans of the Storm Would Like You to Meet Lex

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By Jackie Borchew

Lex has called the shelter home since 2006. Seven year old Lex is a favorite of the volunteers and because of that he gets lots of walks and treats, but for some reason no one ever picks him to adopt. He is a super friendly guy towards all people, but he just isn't crazy about other dogs. He's not a vicious dog at all, he just doesn't like other dogs getting in his face. And that's OK. Every dog doesn't need trips to the dog park and a dog friend to run and play with. This dog just needs a family that he can love and call his own. If you have the space in your heart and your home, won't you please consider Lex?

Orphans of the Storm opens its doors for adoption every day from 11am-5pm. Please stop by and visit Lex. You may also follow the dogs and cats on [facebook.com/orphansofthestorm](http://facebook.com/orphansofthestorm).









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## Update - Village Woodland Restoration Project

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By Charles Stewart, Urban Forest Management, Inc.

### *So the buckthorn removal begins.*

On a relatively mild and damp day before Christmas 2011, a small crew from Tallgrass Restoration, LLC ventures into the 3 acres of solid buckthorn on the northeast corner of Deerfield and Saunders Road. Their task is to begin the transformation of this ugly duckling into a sea of native prairie grasses and mighty oaks.

For the details, check out Volume 15, issue 5 of the Village Voice, September/October 2011, available on line via the Village web site.

