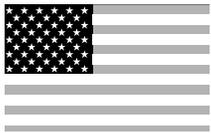


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Amphibians of the Riverwoods Area

Brought to you by the Riverwoods Preservation Committee

Saturday, April 19

10:00a.m.

Village Hall

If it's spring in Riverwoods, then most likely there is a chorus coming from your soggy back woods. Have you ever wondered just who is making all that racket? If so, then join your neighbors at Village Hall, Saturday, April 9th at 10a.m. to uncover the culprits. We'll meet Mike Redmer, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will identify the guilty species and give us a little natural history about them.

His presentation will cover the 14 species of amphibians (eight frogs and toads and six salamanders) historically known to

reside in the Upper Des Plaines River drainage in extreme southern Lake and northern Cook counties. You'll learn what their habitat needs are, and why you may want to attract them to your pond. Then we'll hike to a woodland pond in search of gobs of blue-spotted salamanders, frogs and eggs.

The more we learn about our woodlands, the more special and valuable they become to us. For more information call Joan Becker at (847)374-8122.





Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Village to Spray for Gypsy Moths May '05

By Kirsten Stewart
Urban Forest Management

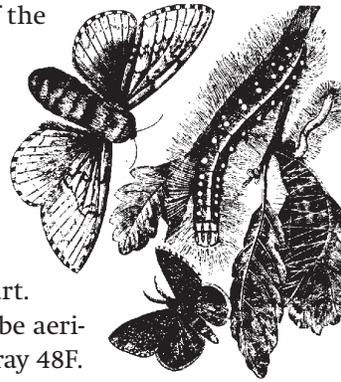
Since the inception of the Village Voice, we have addressed the growing gypsy moth problem in Riverwoods and the greater Lake County area on an annual basis. Last year, the Village received calls from residents concerned about outbreaks on their properties. Because the Illinois Department of Agriculture has suspended gypsy moth control efforts in Lake County, it is up to individual municipalities to address the problem.

Gypsy moth infestations are not only a nuisance to residents, but uncontrolled populations can be detrimental to the health of a woodland. Oaks usually suffer more than other tree species from an attack. Deciduous trees in good condition prior to infestation can withstand one or two consecutive years of defoliation before decline. Evergreens die after one complete defoliation.

The Village has contracted with Hendrickson Flying Service (HFS) from Rochelle, IL to conduct spraying in an effort to curtail the problem in the Village. HFS provides gypsy moth spraying services to several municipalities in Lake County, as well as the State of Illinois. Spraying will take place in May, depending

on the time of the moth hatch and weather conditions. HFS will make two applications, about seven seven days apart.

HFS will be aerial spraying Foray 48F. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki*. *Bt kurstaki* is a naturally occurring bacteria that disrupts the digestive systems of leaf- and needle-feeding caterpillars. It has an extremely low toxicity to humans and domestic animals. A copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for Foray 48F is available at the Village Hall.



The Village has identified 4 areas to be sprayed, all north of Deerfield Road, based on residents reporting of infestations. Area 1 is bordered by Deerfield Road to the south, Riverwoods Road to the east and north, and



In 1889 a campaign to eradicate the gypsy moth was underway. Manual removal of egg masses from an infested tree late 1800's.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Riverwoods Village Board:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8p.m. Mar. 15, April 5, 19, May 3 and 17.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. April 7, May 5 and June 2.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

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

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

RRA (Riverwoods Residents Association) Become a member, it's all about your community.

Meetings will be held at the Riverwoods Village Hall.

Family Programs Call Jodi Kahn at (847)236-1632.

Mark your calendars now for Riverwoods Family Day, June 12 at Tamarak Day Camp.

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

The Riverwoods Preservation Committee Call Mike Karpeles, Chairman at (847)940-1762.

Arts&Riverwoods Call Sherry Kaplan, Chairman, at (847)945-1972.

Vote April 5

Visit your polling place on April 5 and let your vote be counted.

Read the News First on the Village Website All information contained in this newsletter is available on the Village of Riverwoods website prior to the print version arriving in your mailbox. Read it first at: www.villageofriverwoods.com

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

The curfew ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 17, is 11p.m. during the week and 12a.m. Holidays, Friday and Saturday. It conforms to state statute.



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State of The Village Report

February 18, 2005

This "State of the Village" report to the Village Board reports on the affairs of the Village and recommendations for measures to be considered in the future. I believe it is helpful to consider the progress we have made and the tasks remaining to be done by concentrating on several key topics: Environment, Finances, Services and Social/Cultural. During the five years I have had the honor to serve as Mayor, the Board of Trustees has done much to improve the Village in each of these spheres.

Environment

-We have adopted and amended our Tree Preservation Ordinance.

-We have adopted a "Tree Planting Program" that provides 50/50 cost sharing up to \$1,000 to each resident engaged in approved restoration projects to remove buckthorn and garlic mustard.

-We just passed an original Woodland Protection Ordinance to guard against the wholesale elimination of the under story and ground plane elements that are vital to the woodlands.

-We have tightened provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to protect against undesirable intrusions into the protected setbacks on our lots.

-We have become a "certified community" and use our own consultants to enforce the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance, which has meant heightened review of many site plans submitted to the Village and better planning for storm water runoff.

-We gained a better degree of control over cellular telephone antenna placement by closing a deal with the Ravinia Green Country Club allowing for long term use of the water tower, which continues to have available space. Four wireless companies are

located either at the water tower or the new antenna prompted by Village action that was constructed on the hotel site, away from our residential areas.

Environment: Future measures

We should stress education of our residents above all else. Several residents and the plan commission have suggested the preparation of a handbook for residents who wish to learn how to promote our woodlands. Often, mistakes involving the removal of native plants occur when newcomers are unfamiliar with the essence of our woodlands. If the Board continues to work on the educational aspect of environmental protection, I believe we will do more in the long run to protect the nature around us than we can by simply relying on ordinances. We should stress enforcement of existing ordinances that protect neighbors while new construction takes place – such as avoiding damage to adjacent property and streets. Finally, we should adopt an update this year to our comprehensive plan and carefully consider planning topics that will affect life in the Village in the next 10-20 years.

Finances

Unlike most of the State of Illinois, the Village's overall budget continues to maintain an operating surplus, primarily due to the efficient operation of the building department and avoidance of costly projects that the Village cannot afford. The Village has incurred no general obligation debt and maintains excellent balances in its general fund.

We have obtained contributions from corporate/commercial developers to our police fund that keep residential taxes lower, such as the \$2.5 million start-up fee from Morgan Stanley and continuing support payments from Shoppes of Riverwoods and the hotel property.

In funding bike path extensions, manhole replacement projects, water main extensions, and similar projects, we have secured additional non-Village sources of funding, through RRA contributions, 50/50 cost sharing programs with the County or

State grants.

Our water and sewer connection policy for new commercial users has and will significantly contribute to our reserves.

We recently concluded an agreement (after three years of negotiation) with Lake County to divert approximately \$25,000 per year of the 9-1-1 surcharge paid by our residents from Lake County to the dispatch center in Lincolnshire that serves our residents.

Finances: Future Measures

We should pay attention to maintaining up-to-date fee schedules so that new development pays for the costs of review and inspection and is a source of revenue for the Village. We should continue to actively promote the development of the southeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Deerfield Road (the Riverwood Inn restaurant and the 37 acre former landfill sites) for a successful commercial center that will generate another long-term stream of sales tax revenue for the Village so that an increase in property taxes will not be necessary. We should use every effort to conclude a renewal of our agreement with Lake County to provide maintenance of our sewer system – this is a key consideration because Lake County’s arrangement with our Village is unique and has allowed the Village to avoid having to consider the formation of a public works department.

Resident Services

We successfully implemented the start-up from scratch of our outstanding police department. Driving while under the influence and excessive weight load traffic enforcement, coupled with a strong community presence, has paid off providing real safety, security and quality of life enhancements to our residents.

The Village commissioned a Master Bicycle Facility Plan for the Village. The Board is set to authorize construction of part of the recommended path.

We have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods fire Protection district to allow for the construction of the new fire sub-station located at Saunders Road-designed to provide “first response” to Village residents and improve the efficiency of the critical response time in medical emergencies. We recently dealt with a serious situation, which threatened our first response status. We are happy to report that this first response status has been preserved.

Municipal water and sewer service has been expanded throughout the Village. Water mains have been installed on Portwine Road and Deerfield Road allowing Meadowlake and the area including Brentwood, Federal Life, Colonial Court, and the Shoppes of Riverwoods to receive Lake Michigan Water. We have also provided 318 additional homes with Lake Michigan water and 169 additional homes with sewer. The Village only has 26 homes still on septic. We have a new interconnection with the

Village of Lincolnshire that provides a second water supply source in the event of a disruption from the Village of Deerfield.

We have adopted a 10-year maintenance schedule of Village-owned streets to maximize the effectiveness of our Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

Resident Services: Future Measures

We should proceed with taking bids with a single company for village-wide garbage collection and recycling. By using economies of scale, we should reduce our resident’s current bills by as much as 15% to 30%. The current timetable will allow for a new contract to take effect August 1st of this year. We should continue to seek Traffic Enforcement Agreements with private road associations so that our police department can enforce traffic rules on private streets and make our neighborhoods safer for children. We should continue to press Lake County to include bike lanes as part of any future roadway re-surfacing projects along Deerfield Road, Riverwoods Road and Duffy Lane, as recommended by the Village’s Master Bicycle Facility Plan.

Cultural/Social

We strive to make the Village a community. The Village sponsors an annual Halloween Party and Family Day. We have continued to help fund Arts and Riverwoods, Theatre in the Woods, and the Center for Enriched Living.

We established a program for seniors. This program has monthly meetings, which include bingo games, antique road shows, a book club, luncheons, and presentations by interesting speakers. We have a “Riverwoods Rewards Program”, where seniors get discounts from local merchants, a home alone program, and coupons for reduced cab fares.

We initiated a program at the Village Hall to assist seniors in our community to understand the range of services and tax abatement programs that might be helpful to them.

Riverwoods is now a satellite site for the “SHIP” Senior Health Insurance Program run by the State of Illinois. Volunteers provide assistance and counseling in connection with Medicare bills and concerns.

We have abated payments of Village utility taxes for lower income residents that met State income eligibility criteria.

We have formed a Competitive Community Initiative working group and were one of the few communities in Illinois to compete in the 2004 selection process for inclusion in a program that actively seeks to match grants for worthwhile Village projects- we will again participate in the 2005 process.

Cultural/Social: Future Measures

We should consider using the Competitive Community Initiative or other village taskforces to continue to explore ways of fostering community in the Village.

State of the Village Report

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Some residents have asked for consideration of a community center. Other residents stress our "user-pay" low-tax philosophy and ask that we refrain from costly projects. We should carefully explore the uses of the existing municipally owned sites that would best serve the entire community, keeping in mind that the decisions will have consequences for many years to come.

As you can see these last five years have been most productive and much has been accomplished. I am looking forward to finishing the many projects that are still remaining to be completed in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,



William S. Kaplan, Mayor

Senior Rewards Program

Learn "How", "Where" and "Why" You Should Get Your Free Credit Report

Presented by Northside Community Bank

Thursday, March 17, 2005, 10:00a.m.

Village Hall

We Keep On Going Even After 65

Presented by Toni Rey L.C.S.W.

Thursday, April 21, 2005, 10:00a.m.

Village Hall

Join the Riverwoods Book Club

Led By June Melber

Monthly meetings are Fridays at 10:00a.m. at the Village Hall. Learn about the author, participate in lively discussions and share the fun.

March 25th—Book discussion of
"Isaac's Storm" by Eric Larson

April 22nd—Book discussion of
"Waiting" by Ha Jin

May 20th—Book discussion of
"While You Were Gone" by Sue Miller

Update of Current Village Board Topics

Summary of Ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes

December 7, 21, January 4, 18, and February 1, 2005

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

This Tax Levy Ordinance for year ending 12/21/04 includes a Police Tax Levy and additional levies in the SSA areas.

APPROVING TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUNDS

The Village Board voted to approve transferring funds from the General Fund to eliminate the deficits in the Drainage Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund that are not fully covered by the MFT funds.

SALARY INCREASES

Salary increases were approved for the Village of Riverwoods staff, police officers, police staff, and police chief.

911 SURCHARGE

The Village Board voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board and the Lincolnshire Emergency Telephone System Board. The Village will pay a \$25,000 surcharge to cover 911 calls from the Village of Riverwoods.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The Village Board has proclaimed January 17, 2005, celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SPRAYING FOR GYPSY MOTH

In response to the State of Illinois position that McHenry and Lake Counties are beyond help and will not be spraying for Gypsy Moth, the Village Board will take on the task of spraying for our Village. Therefore, the Village Board accepted \$14,400 bid for aerial spraying of gypsy moths.

POLICE CAR

The Village Board approved funds of up to \$20,000 to purchase of one squad car for the Village Police Department.

WOODLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE

After much discussion, the Village Board voted to approve the Woodland Protection Ordinance. To learn more about the Woodland Protection Ordinance please see the Village website at www.riverwoods-il.net.

DOG ORDINANCE

An ordinance prohibiting Domestic Animals Running at Large and Regulating Dangerous or Diseased Animals was approved by the Village Board.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director of Community Services

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays, the Super Bowl, and now I think it's time we started looking forward to the coming of Spring!

The Village Board has been busy this year with numerous projects, but the biggest one by far was the "Woodland Protection Ordinance." They have been working on this ordinance since early last spring; holding discussions at each Board Meeting and getting input from participating citizens; placing articles in this newsletter and holding a public hearing at Discover Card with some very qualified individuals giving us some input as to the benefits of what the Board was proposing. After almost a year of input and comments, an ordinance was written, discussed, and at the February 1st Board Meeting it was passed! This ordinance will preserve the character and the unique charm of the Village for future generations to enjoy! The ordinance basically says you cannot remove trees, the understory or brush just to plant grass. A permit will be required from the Forrester to do this type of work. If you are doing any additions or construction this year outside, please come to the Village Hall and pick up a copy of this ordinance before you start.

We have finished all water projects and will look for new ones to begin this late spring/early summer. If your area would be interested in getting water, please give me a call and let's see what we can do.

I am also looking into the possibility of the Village signing a "Garbage Contract" for services for all the residents at a substantial savings to everyone. I am currently working with SWALCO in putting together bid contracts to hopefully be let out for bid by the end of February. We will let you know what the bid results are and what options you will have.

Please remember to clean any leaves out of the ditches and culverts, and keep your gutters clean. If you take the time to do this now, when the spring rains come we won't be flooded.

Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

As spring approaches, more children and adults will be out and about. Please be careful driving. Sidewalks are almost nonexistent and children on bikes may not always be careful.

Pursuant to federal and state laws, **charitable organizations are permitted to solicit at street corners.** They are not to interfere with traffic. If you wish to contribute, do

so. If you do not want to make a contribution, a simple 'no thank you' should end the conversation. Please immediately report any problems to the police.

Time is of the essence. When responding to emergency calls, Please help the police and fire departments. When an emergency vehicle, displaying lights and or siren is approaching, vehicles must pull to the right and stop.

Please check and ensure that your street address is clearly visible from both directions. Emergency personnel may lose valuable time trying to determine the actual addresses. Turning the front light on or flashing will also help identify your house.

Credit card scams. By understanding how the VISA & Mastercard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself. Thanks to Dr. Pat Cloney for passing this on:

Those con artists get more creative every day. The scam works like this: Person calling says, "this is <name>, and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by <name> bank. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?"

When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues... "I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control #."

The caller then gives you a six digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "he needs to verify you are in possession of your card". He'll ask you to verify you are in possession of the card by asking for the three digit security number on the back of your card. These are the numbers you use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up. The real Visa Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged on our card. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card direct.

We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this

scam is happening. Please pass this on to all your friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.

Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department Receives Life-Saving Tools for Pet Rescue

By Firefighter Scott Vaughn

Pet owners in Riverwoods can breathe a little easier — and so will their pets. Both Lincolnshire-Riverwoods fire stations now have specially-designed oxygen masks for use on dogs and cats — thanks to a donation from Best Friends American Pet Motel in Prairie View.

American Pet Motel will present a donation of six sets of masks to the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department on Thursday, February 17, as the first step in outfitting emergency teams throughout Lake County with the life-saving tools for pets. The masks can provide oxygen to pets who suffer smoke inhalation during a fire. Each set includes three masks — a large canine, a small canine and a feline mask. Human masks don't fit properly over the animal's snout. A community fund drive to purchase masks for other area fire departments begins this week.

"Many families in our community have pets who could suffer from smoke inhalation during a fire, so it is important for local firefighters and rescue teams to be equipped to provide oxygen assistance to pets," says Kim Young, manager of Best Friends American Pet Motel. "We decided to take the initiative by making this donation and getting the community involved."

Community Invited to Help

"We're delighted to be able to offer these masks to the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department," explains Young," but we'd really like to outfit every emergency team in the area." To help realize that goal, Best Friends is also launching a community rescue mask fund drive with the goal of purchasing an additional 200 pet masks to outfit area fire stations.

Contributions can be made by visiting Best Friends American Pet Motel at 22096 North Pet Lane in Prairie View or calling (847)634-9444.

Best Friends will match every dollar contributed by the local community towards the purchase of the masks for fire stations within 15 miles of American Pet Motel. In-person contributors will receive an Emergency Pet Alert decal for their front door or window to let rescue workers know there are pets in the home.

The pet masks program, called "Cause for Paws", is also underway in New Jersey, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Connecticut, Texas and Michigan. In total, more than 875 masks have been donated or earmarked for participating communities so far. "Pet care is more than just our business," explains Young. "We understand the importance of the bond between people and pets and want to support and enhance that bond."

Vote Yes to the April 5 District 109 School Tax Referendum

Information provided by Save Our Schools

As you are probably aware, D109 is running out of money to sustain quality education.

This will undoubtedly have a negative impact on property values! In 2003/04, District 109 spent \$9139 per pupil. This figure is approximately \$1500 less per pupil than Lake Forest or Lincolnshire and \$2700 less per pupil than Highland Park for the same school year. If the referendum does not pass, District 109 projects that it will spend \$8356 per pupil in 2005/06, which is \$456 less than last year's state average.

Expenses are on the rise:

—Operating expenses have increased 6% annually in past 5 years.

—Staff salary & benefits have increased 20% in past 5 years.

—Health insurance costs have increased 65% in past 5 years

—Special education costs have increased nearly 75% in the past 5 years.

Revenue is being squeezed:

—Operating revenue has only increased 3% annually in past 5 years.

—D109 will lose \$500,000 in state rev over next 5 years as ever increasing property values continue to limit the amount of state dollars we get

—We have already tapped far into our cash reserves & they will be depleted in 2005-2006 school year.

—Illinois property tax cap limits our ability to increase property taxes without a referendum.

If the referendum fails, we will need fundamental changes in the school. Some examples of these changes are:

—Reduction in staff and services

—Elimination of transportation

—Elimination of programs such as art, music and computer applications

—Increased class sizes

Can the children and grandchildren of District 109 count on your YES VOTE?

National Montessori Week

By Lisa Kambich

The Riverwoods Montessori School will join with others across the nation in celebrating National Montessori Week, February 27-March 5, with a variety of activities that highlight Montessori education and Dr. Maria Montessori's vision of peace. Making peace poles inscribed with individual messages of peace, listening to stories such as "Our Peaceful Classroom," then drawing or writing about a favorite Montessori activity/experience, or acting out a play based on the life and work of Dr. Montessori are just a few of the activities in which the children will partake. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, parents of students had the opportunity to enjoy a Montessori experience of their own during a special parent's night when their children showed them some of their favorite activities in the classroom.

The Riverwoods Montessori School is fully accredited and recognized at the highest level of excellence by the American Montessori Society. A variety of programs are offered for children ages 2-12 years old during the school year and summer camp. To learn more about Montessori education, Riverwoods residents are invited to visit and tour the school. (Advance reservations are required due to limited parking) Please call Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Gordon at (847) 945-8661 to schedule your visit.

Yoga Here & Now

By Rebecca Nixon

Yoga Here & Now, your local-neighborhood yoga studio, offers a variety of yoga classes from beginning, advanced and evening, to children and meditation classes, located in Congregation Beth Or (no affiliation) at 2075 Deerfield Road. We believe yoga is for everyone. We provide an environment in which all levels and abilities can practice yoga. Our instructors focus on making yoga both accessible and challenging for all students, regardless of age, skill or fitness level, the ultimate goal being the unfolding of one's own yoga practice.

We will be offering a Vinyasa Yoga workshop with Suddha Wexler, Sunday, March 20th from 2-5:00p.m. Experience the art of sequencing and understanding dynamic energy flows in asanas and the synchronization of breathing and meditative awareness which have the potential to optimize any yoga practice. Suddha brings some 20 plus years of expertise in practicing and teaching yoga over the years by his friendships with experienced teachers all around the world. Through proper alignment,

non-harming directions, playfulness, joy, opening of the heart, the integration of mind, body and spirit can be accomplished.

We are excited to offer a 3-week session of Yoga Basics, a step by step approach to the fundamentals of basic yoga on Sundays, starting April 10th, 17th and May 1st from 2:30-4:00p.m. Students will be encouraged to work at their own level of ability and explore their range of movement. Whether or not you are new to yoga, this class will refresh and/or give you a better understanding of yoga! It will include the basics of yoga; Asana (postures), Pranayama (Breath), Meditation and Relaxation. Session fee will be \$50. Pre-registration is required so please call us at (847) 715-9143.

For more information, call us at (847)715-9143 or check out our website at www.yogahereandnow.org.

Connect with Your Neighborhood

Looking for a place to stay connected to the neighborhood news, take advantage of free classified ads, get referrals for goods and services, stay on top of local real estate, read news, financials, home tips, play online games and much more? Go to the website created by Michele Vold, a Riverwoods resident and local realtor! Explore WWW.THORNGATENEWS.COM, today!

Orphans of the Storm Annual Dinner

Plans are in motion for the 5th annual benefit dinner for our local shelter, Orphans of the Storm. Once again the dinner will be held at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort, on Monday, May 16. The silent auction will open at 5:30p.m. Last year animal lovers walked away with round-trip airline tickets to their choice locations, sets of Cubs tickets, get-away weekends, spa and resort packages and much more. For more information visit the website, www.orphansofthestorm.org, or call the shelter at (847)945-0235. All proceed benefit the thousands of stray, abandoned and abused dogs and cats of Lake Coutry which pass through our doors each year on to a second chance at life.

If it's been a while since you've paid a visit to your animal shelter, then consider visiting now. You've probably noticed the Good Neighbor Project is well underway. This spring our grounds will be as beautiful as the good deeds and happy stories that unfold inside.

Greetings Riverwoods Residents

By Art Bess and Rebecca Nixon,
Co-Presidents of the Riverwoods Residents Association

2005 has started off with a bang in our town. January 10th saw over 200 residents (183 registered voters) crowd into the Village Hall to get involved in the Caucus election process. As of this writing, we are expecting the same kind of turnout for the annual Riverwoods Residents Association Meeting held February 23rd. Your continued support and enthusiasm for your RRA is greatly appreciated, but we still NEED YOUR HELP. Here's WAZZUP:

"Finders Keepers" - If the Spring Egg Hunting Event is to be a go, the event needs at the minimum a chairperson and publicity chairperson. The RRA has budgeted for this event, so if any two of you want to run a fun kid oriented event, let us know.

Our concept for an **RRA website** is still on the agenda and waiting for volunteers to step up and get us going. If is the 21st century and our organization really needs to get "plugged in".

The RRA Annual Plant Sale committee is up and running and expecting the sale in May to be a huge success. Anyone who wishes to get involved, please contact the Plant Sale Chairperson, Marge Kaul at (847)945-5131 or Sheila Hollander at (847)945-4879. This is a great opportunity to find the plants that flourish in Riverwoods, in the shade, have abundant color and aroma and are deer resistant. So join in, for when we see green, so will you!

Finally, **"Riverwoods Family Day"** is already heating up and almost on fire. New attractions, expanded menu, organized kid competitions and more are on tap to make this a most memorable occasion. Get involved or more importantly, fire up and get your RRA membership (membership form attached) and get in FREE!

Save the Date for Riverwoods Family Day

By Jodi Kahn

Save the date of June 12, 2005, for RRA's Riverwoods Family Day! New time! Starts 1/2 hour earlier! 10:30a.m. - 3p.m. Same place: Tamarak Day Camp! Great activities planned: Moonwalks, DJ/ dance contests, LEGOs, pie-eating contest, potato sack and three-legged races, yoga, crafts, balloon-animals, guessing games, meeting games, and much more. All contests and races will award kid and adult prizes! Price of admission: Free for Riverwoods resi-

dents and their families. Sponsorship Opportunities: Market your business to a captive audience of 400 people! Sponsor an activity, donate goods/services, buy a table in our Business Tent! Contact Margerite Welter at (847)236-1922 or David Kahn at (847)236-1632.

Safety/Bike Path News

By Cheryl Chamberlain

The Riverwoods Board of Trustees will consider a plan for completing the Safety/Bike Path along Riverwoods Road from Woodland Road to Saunders Road. Anticipated funds from Morgan Stanley (Discover), along with funds from the RRA, would defer costs. Lake County also has plans to reconstruct the path under the tollway on Deerfield Road in 2007. The proposed Riverwoods path would connect to the Lake County reconstructed path.

The Board is currently split as to whether the Riverwoods path should be eight or five feet wide. Proponents of the wider path cite federal guidelines as a safety requirement that a path for bikes should be at least eight feet wide. The wider path might also make it easier to receive some state funding in the future, but would cost much more to build now. Proponents of the narrower path believe that the five foot path would actually encourage users to travel at a slower pace, thus adding to safety. The narrower path would also require the removal of fewer trees.

To voice your opinion, please write or call the Mayor at Village Hall or any member of the Board of Trustees.

News from the Plant Sale Committee

By Margie Kaul

Be your own Woodland Preserver and Forest Renewer
This year the Plant Committee is adding native shrubs for sale. You can help reforest your own property by choosing to plant shrubs which are happy in our unique environment. We are offering a few select shrubs: some that prefer sun, some shade, some wet, some dry. Combining these shrubs with perennials will add a beautiful plant layer beneath your tall trees. Watch for the catalog in your mailbox in March.

And if you want to help out at the plant sale, May 13 and 14, please call Margie Kaul (847)945-5131 or Sheila Hollander (847)945-4879 or email at RMKaul@comcast.net.



46th Annual Arts & Riverwoods...Come Be Inspired

By Sherry Kaplan

Mark your calendars for one of the most beloved events of our community, Arts and Riverwoods.

This year's event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, 2005. The Arts & Riverwoods is a unique art show and house walk, displaying a juried selection of fine artwork. Forty artists selected from throughout the world display their work in homes volunteered by our residents. The Arts & Riverwoods has long been regarded as one of the premier art shows. It is a wonderful tradition in our community that allows us to promote fine arts and artists. Throughout its long, 46-year history, non-profit Arts & Riverwoods has supported the arts and the community, raising close to \$400,000 in scholarships and services for Lake County art students. Proceeds from last year's show funded Arts & Riverwoods Student Art Scholarships for 19 students at three area high schools, funded Art Enrichment Awards at six local elementary schools, and helped fund the non-profit Art Mobile art classroom-on-wheels in Waukegan Township.

There are four ways you can choose to participate:

—Volunteer your home. We need homes to be part of the walk and showcase the artists. For information, please call Sherry Kaplan (847)945-1972.

—Be a volunteer. We need people to work the days of the show. For information, please call Sherry Kaplan (847)945-1972.

—Submit an application as an artist. For an online application, please visit the organization's website or call (847) 945-6119 and request an application

—Come to the show.

For information: www.artsandriverwoods.org
contact: artsandriverwoods@sbcglobal.net or
phone: (847)945-1972.

Show Homes Needed for Arts and Riverwoods 2005

Volunteering your home as a Show Home is a way to get involved, to be a part of Arts and Riverwoods, to support your community and to support the arts. This all volunteer community activity provides art scholarships and awards to young aspiring and disabled artists. Five homes are selected, which will house the approximately 40 fine artists who will exhibit in the art show. Some of the artists will be inside the homes, some will be on the decks/patios and some will be in their own white tents on the driveway.

The Staging Committee headed by Riverwoods resi-

dents, Michael Ford and Tammy Parashos, will have a group of volunteers who will carefully remove furniture from the rooms to be used in the art show. The furniture will be temporarily stored in your garage or in other rooms in your home. Heavy-duty floor/carpet coverings are put down in your home for further protection. In appreciation, participating homeowners receive special recognition during the entire show weekend and are invited to a special breakfast and dinner party as a way of saying thanks.

Please call Sherry Kaplan (847)945-1972, Deborah Goldsholl (847)609-6214 or Honore Frumentino (847)945-8553 to discuss the possibility of having your home as one of the featured homes in Arts and Riverwoods 2005.

Riverwoods Preservation Committee

By Greg Mancuso & Toni Rey

As the Deerfield Review reported last week, at 8:26pm on February 1st the Riverwoods Village Board took a momentous step in the history of the Village. The Board unanimously passed an ordinance to protect the Village's extensive, but diminishing, woodlands.

Earlier this year the Board of Trustees strengthened the Village's tree ordinance, which requires permits before most species of trees may be removed. Mayor Kaplan and the Village trustees recognized, however, that the tree ordinance alone was not enough. Trees are healthiest in a natural woodland environment, with a wide variety of large and small plants, from smaller trees and shrubs to ground covers and native grasses and flowers. That combination of vegetation also provides a habitat for an abundance of wildlife, reduces flooding, and helps replenish the aquifer on which many residents depend for drinking water.

Many communities wait until it's too late. Riverwoods is a hands-on, volunteer community. It did not wait. Still, the Board of Trustees took the time to carefully study the issue, to consult with experts, and to solicit comments from the public. After months of thoughtful deliberation, the Board of Trustees enacted an ordinance that balances the interests of all homeowners and preserves an invaluable, fundamental characteristic of the Village. Both the process and the result are to be applauded.

Riverwoods is now one of the few communities with an ordinance to protect its woodlands. We commend Mayor Kaplan and the Village trustees for their willingness to take this important step toward preserving Riverwoods' natural heritage.

2005 Riverwoods Residents Association Membership Announcement

Join the RRA today not only will you receive your village stickers but be a part of the only Riverwoods Community Association! The mission of the RRA, since 1959, is to encourage the preservation of the unique character of the Riverwoods area and to protect homeowners and residents against any project or act of any kind that threatens to be injurious to the health, safety and general well-being of the owners and residents. We support and encourage social and cultural activities in Riverwoods. We promote information and communication among residents on common concerns to the area. We also promote ways to support and safeguard the basic principle of a village policy built around maximum voluntary citizen involvement, minimum government control and minimum expenditure of funds for municipal services and capital improvement projects.

For the \$15 membership fee you will receive 2 automobile stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please include me as an RRA member.

Name:

email:

Phone:

Address:

Amount enclosed:

Please mail in your check made out to

RRA

P.O. Box 341

Deerfield, IL 60015

My Reflections from the Caucus Nominating Committee's Village Town Hall Meeting

Democracy at it's best and what fun! Where else can one experience such a show of people in a sleepy, quiet little Village as Riverwoods. A large gathering (much to our surprise) of concerned residents, long-term residents, new residents, previous Mayors and Trustees were present the evening of January 10th to enter into Riverwood's interesting election system, the Riverwoods Caucus.

I wish my daughter was there to see it as people checked in as registered voters, their assigned groups to vote on pink ballots between cardboard sections taped with duct tape and then listened eagerly as ballots were tallied publicly of who would officially be on the Riverwood Caucus slate. The counting of the ballots was hypnotic as those in the audience watched, stood in all corners of the Village hall and waited while the tallies were recorded on the dry erase board. No machines whirring and buzzing, just an old-fashioned town meeting where a voting system that works was set in place. It was also amusing to see quite a few copies of the book "Robert's Rules". I realized you can't be at one of these meetings without one!

Interesting how when Americans vote for the President of the United States, you're in and out of the voting place in a short amount of time. But here in Riverwoods, this town meeting encompassed everything right in front of your eyes, with the speeches, heated discussions, voting, public tallying etc...

It was really exciting. The intense love and concern for this little Village is quite amazing. You have to experience it to believe it! I encourage you to get involved in this very unique, little, sleepy and not-so-sometimes-quiet little Village!

*Rebecca Nixon, Co-President of Riverwoods Residents Association
& Past Head Chairperson of the Riverwoods Nominating Caucus
Committee*



Village to Spray for Gypsy Moths

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Forest Glen Trail to the west. Area 2 is bordered by Clendenin Lane on the east, S. Robinwood Lane on the west and north, and the terminus of Woodland Lane on the south. Area 3 includes the residences on Chippewa Pathway, Indian Trail and Shawnee Trail. Area 4 is bordered by Deerfield Road on the south, Portwine Road on the east, Bur Oak Trail on the north and Whigham road on the west.

Residents in the four areas to be sprayed will receive notification letters from the Village on or around April 1.

Methods of Control Homeowners Can Use

While the use of Bt is an effective method of gypsy moth population control once the larvae are hatched, destroying the egg masses before the larvae hatch can help prevent a population from booming since each egg mass can produce up to 2,000 larvae.

The flat, oval-shaped, buff-colored egg masses are approximately 1/2 inch by 1 inch in size and are commonly found on the underside of tree limbs, on lawn furniture and wood piles. They can be seen on taller trees with the use of binoculars. If you find egg masses, they can be peeled off their host substrate and destroyed either by dropping in rubbing alcohol or squishing them. If you use an arborist for tree maintenance, ask them to look for and remove egg masses while climbing. Qualified arborists can also perform spraying from the ground and attach burlap bands to the trunk to trap migrating caterpillars.

Professor Etienne Trouvelot, Perpetrator of Our Gypsy Moth Problem



Frenchman Etienne Leopold Trouvelot was born on December 26, 1827, in Aisne, France. He gathered his family and fled France for America in 1852 during the coup d'état. He settled in Medford, Massachusetts, 27 Myrtle Street, a working-class suburb of Boston.

In America, Trouvelot made a living as an artist, painting mostly portraits, but he had an amateur interest in entomology. His main interest was in identifying native silkworms that might be used for silk production. The exact reasons or circumstances are unknown, but in the late 1860's he returned from a trip to France with some gypsy moth egg masses. He was apparently culturing them on trees in his back yard when some of the larvae escaped. Trouvelot understood the potential magnitude of this accident and notified local entomologists but no action was taken.

After this accident Trouvelot apparently lost interest in entomology and became interested in astronomy. He became famous for his illustrations of astronomical details of the sun and Venus and was eventually given a faculty position at Harvard University in Astronomy. A crater on the moon was named in his honor. He won the French Academy's Valz prize for his astronomical research.

In 1882 Trouvelot returned to live in France; the timing of this move coincided with the appearance of the first gypsy moth outbreak on his street.



As the outbreak on Trouvelot's street continued to grow in size, residents of the Boston area became increasingly alarmed about the gypsy moth problem. In 1889, the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture began a campaign to eradicate the gypsy moth. The methods ranged from manual removal of egg masses, burning infested forests and application of primitive pesticides. Despite the expenditure of considerable money and effort, the gypsy moth infestation continued to expand in size and by 1900 the effort to eradicate this insect was abandoned.

USDA, Forest Service. and L. Trouvelot (1867) *The American Silkworm*. *American Naturalist*, Vol.1, No. 1., pp.30-38.

The gypsy moth is currently spreading south and west at a rate of 21km per year. Since the female is not capable of flight, this spread is attributed to natural movement of wind-borne 1st instar larvae and accidental movement of life stages by humans. The map below shows the movement.

