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VILLAGE  
GOVERNMENT

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

**Riverwoods Village Board**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. January 20, February 3, 17, March 3 and 17.

**Riverwoods Plan Commission**

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. February 5, March 5 and April 2.

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# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

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## Helping Make Riverwoods a Little More Green

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*By Jackie Borchew*

We all love nature, that's part of the reason why we find ourselves as neighbors in this beautifully wooded community. Enjoying the wild creatures that scurry across our landscape, the solitude of just contemplating under a tree, or the rare sighting of a migrating bird stopping at our feeders. But one of the best things, each spring, is the emergence of the first green shoots breaking through the dirt and welcoming spring.

Now is the time to think about adding a little more green to your corner of Riverwoods. The RRA plant sale newsletter and order form will be arriving in your mail box soon. This annual plant sale is a wonderful opportunity to choose a native perennial, fern, shrub or tree to purchase and enjoy for years to come. The plant

sale team has carefully selected varieties that are native, and well-suited to our climate. So you just select what appeals to you. It's that easy. Order one or order many, and take advantage of the 50-50 cost-share that the Village offers to help keep Riverwoods green.

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THE VILLAGE COST-SHARING  
TREE AND SHRUB PROGRAM

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The Village is offering this program to assist Riverwoods residents. Native trees and shrubs that grow well in our area can help to replace those lost to disease and pest damage. Any trees and shrubs offered in the plant sale newsletter are part of the cost-share program as well as special order natives. Here's how the program works:

- The Village will contribute to half the cost of your trees. (up to \$600 per household)
- The Village will contribute to half the cost of the shrubs. (up to \$200 per household)

Just fill out your order form and half of the cost will be covered by the Village.

Although there will be plants for sale at the community day/plant sale event on May 16 at Village Hall, you must pre-order to be sure that you go home with your favorites.

A preview of the selected plants offered this year can be viewed on the Village website at: [www.villageofriverwoods.com/plantsale](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com/plantsale)

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OTHER COST SHARING OPTIONS

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The Village also offers other options to help you improve your woodland landscape. Canopy tree planting or thinning, buckthorn removal and garlic mustard removal are but a few of the programs that the Village cost-share program can help you with. Deatils are available at Village Hall and on the village website.



RIVERWOODS  
VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Village Voice is published bimonthly by the Village of Riverwoods. The purpose is to provide a communication forum and information for residents. The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Mayor or members of the Board of Trustees.

Editor: Jackie Borchew.

Any resident wishing to become a newsletter staff volunteer please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and leave your name and phone number.

SEND IN THOSE  
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number.

Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance.

Deadline for the May/June 2015 issue: April 20, 2015.

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A VILLAGE UPDATE  
FROM OUR MAYOR

**The State of the Village of Riverwoods is excellent.** We continue to operate with a modest budget surplus. The budget cuts proposed by Governor Rauner could reduce our revenues by \$200,000 to \$400,000 however, which may necessitate budget cuts and/or tax increases in the future.

**Electrical Aggregation** – Trustees Chamberlain and Jamerson have worked with our village-wide electrical aggregation consultant to negotiate a new contract. While the new rates are higher, they are still lower than what residents would be charged where they to obtain electricity from Commonwealth Edison. Residents also have the choice of opting for 100% renewable energy. Electing to use the renewable energy option would increase the cost of electricity for the average resident by approximately three dollars per month. I strongly urge all residents to take advantage of this program.

**Village Hall Remodel** – The design process is nearly complete for the remodeling and updating of the Village Hall. At this point, we expect to go out for bids sometime in April. The Thursday, February 26th edition of the Deerfield Review included an article on the Village Hall remodeling. I recommend anyone wanting more information to read the article. The following is a link to the article on line:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/deerfield/news/ct-dfr-riverwoods-hall-0226-2-20150223-story.html#page=1>

John Norris  
Mayor of Riverwoods



Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of November 20, 2014 through February 17, 2015. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at [www.villageofriverwoods.com](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com).

February 17

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Ford reported that the general fund cash total is \$4.2 million and that there is \$7.5 million in investment accounts. The revenues are less than expenses as of January 15, 2015, but they are in areas that are to be expected, such as the police and water funds. Trustee Ford, the Village Treasurer, the Village Attorney and the Mayor met and discussed reporting requirements, specifically the monthly report with the goal of making the information more clear with a focus on cash flows and positions. They are also requesting additional information from Chase.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning, Director of Community Services, received a preliminary call inquiring about opening a Mexican restaurant in the Shoppes of Riverwoods. Mayor Norris stated that if the location was other than in one with an existing restaurant, the Village would have to look at permitting an additional restaurant in the Shoppes. He expressed concern about the lack of patronage for some of the restaurants in the center. Trustee Ford suggested putting something in the Village Voice encouraging residents to support businesses in Riverwoods. Trustee Chamberlain suggested highlighting a business of the month.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the February 3, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete Police Report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno reported that there was a theft at Panera in the Shoppes. A pickpocket crew stole a woman's wallet. The department has the video of the theft. In working with other agencies, the department was able to positively identify the

male suspect and warrants have been issued. They have also identified the female suspect and a warrant will also be issued for her arrest.

*New Business*

**JULIE LOCATION FOR THE VILLAGE**

Village Engineer Pat Glenn explained that in December, Trustee Jamerson suggested going out to bid for JULIE locating services. He solicited pricing from G4S, the current provider, as well as USIC, who locates for ComEd and the gas companies. Mr. Glenn noted that USIC has a limitation of liability in their contract, which could potentially cost the Village a considerable amount of money if there was a locating error made by USIC. The Village has worked with G4S for 10 years and has had a good experience with them, but USIC had substantially better pricing. Mr. Glenn recommended hiring USIC subject to attorney review of the contract. Trustee Chamberlain expressed concern that a mismatch could cost more than the \$20,000 the Village would be saving. Mr. Glenn replied that repairs would not likely cost that much. Trustee Ford asked if the Village could go back to G4S for better pricing. Mr. Glenn stated that he had and that G4S could not compete with USIC's rates.

The Board approved the recommendation by Gewalt Hamilton for the JULIE locating by USIC Locating Services LLC subject to contact review and possible adjustment by the Village attorney.

**COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES**

Mayor Norris noted College Bound Opportunities requested a donation of \$6,000. Mayor Norris had to review this request because of a conflict of interest with the other members of the committee. The Village has given donations in the past. A Riverwoods resident is a scholar currently working with the organization.

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve a donation of \$5,000 for College Bound Opportunities. The Board voted in favor.

**FAMILY DAYS DONATION REQUEST**

Mayor Norris spoke with members of the Family Days Committee. They are requesting a donation of \$1,000.

The Board voted in favor of the \$1,000 donation.

**DEERFIELD PARENT NETWORK**

Mayor Norris reported that Deerfield Parent Network requested a donation of \$2,000 this year.

Last year, the Village gave them a \$1,000 donation.

Trustee O'Donnell moved to approve a donation of \$1,000 for Deerfield Parent Network. The Board voted in favor.

**AVI PRO DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

Mayor Norris noted that this proposal is for the audio visual equipment for the new Village Hall meeting room. Trustee Bauman believes this contractor is very knowledgeable and is willing to work with the Village to recommend equipment that will meet the needs of the Village. Trustee Jamerson added that his company has worked with AVI and found them to be good people to work with.

*February 3*

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

**Group Home** – Mr. Durning, Director of Community Services, was approached by a company that wants to put up a group home on Portwine for up to eight people with developmental disabilities. It is very preliminary, but he will look into zoning and building code regulations.

Mr. Huvard explained that in regard to a group home, he looked over some of the Zoning provisions. The Village does not have a definition that governs a number of unrelated people living together as is typical in group homes. He suggested referring this to the Plan Commission to formulate some definitions and terms for group homes.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the January 20, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete Police Report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno provided an update on the Arrowwood dog attack. Lake County Department of Health held an administrative hearing on January 21, 2015. They declared both dogs dangerous. The dogs must be micro-chipped, spayed or neutered and may not leave the premises without a leash or other recognized control method. The dogs also need to be muzzled if on public property or on the owner's premises when business is conducted on the premises.

The department conducted tobacco compli-

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ance checks. The cashier at the Mobil station sold to the underage agent and was cited. There was an attempted burglary on February 1, 2015 on Juneberry Road. Based on footprints found there, the suspects did not enter the premises.

*Information items and Comments from the President*

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### **COMMERCIAL WASTE HAULING**

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Mayor Norris reported that SWALCO has asked that the Village draft a commercial waste hauling ordinance stating that if the commercial properties do not meet the 57% recycling goal, the Village can franchise commercial waste hauling.

*New Business*

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### **REVIEW OF PROPOSALS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MUTUAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

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Trustee Chamberlain gave a brief background of the Village's municipal electric aggregation program which was initiated three years ago. She and Trustee Jamerson had done a lot of research and decided that the best way to go was through a consultant. They chose Rock River Energy and, with their help, selected MC2 as their aggregator. The current three-year contract with MC2 is up for renewal in August. Trustee Chamberlain and Trustee Jamerson met with the Village's consultant, Mike Mudge, and have come up with a recommendation.

Trustee Jamerson stated that the Village residents have saved, to date, more than \$1 million in electricity costs. He and Trustee Chamberlain considered seven proposals. They decided, once again, to go with a three year plan. MC2, the Village's current supplier, is not offering a three year plan. Trustee Jamerson and Trustee Chamberlain recommend selecting Dynegy Energy's green option which is slightly more expensive than their traditional, non-green, option.

Mike Mudge explained that if the Village chooses the green option, residents could not opt for the traditional option. They could only opt out and go back to ComEd or find their own company. However, if the Village chooses the traditional energy option, residents can select the green option and stay with Dynegy Energy.

Trustee Jamerson does not believe the residents understand the difference between the two options and believes this would be a way to encourage green energy. Mayor Norris believes the residents should have a choice. Trustee Haber does not believe the Village should force the green option. Instead, the Village should better publicize the green option choice.

Trustee Jamerson moved to proceed with the 3-year 100% green proposal from Dynegy Energy subject to viewing and approval of the contract by the Village attorney. The Board voted in favor.

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### **GREAT LAKES GEO-THERMAL PROPOSAL**

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Mayor Norris noted that the Board requested information to consider the geo-thermal option for the new Village Hall. In order to move ahead, there needs to be test drillings to establish the

thermal properties of the soil. Trustee Jamerson explained that the test would determine the soil conditions at various levels in order to determine how deep the holes have to be to ensure that the system will work and whether geo-thermal is feasible.

The Board agreed to move forward on drill testings.

*Old Business*

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### **CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING**

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Mayor Norris explained that the Center for Enriched Living requested a \$6,000 donation. The finance committee recommended a \$5,000 donation. The Village has made donations to them for several years. The Village has budgeted \$30,000 for donations for 2015. This would be the first donation of 2015.

The Board approved the request for a donation to the Center for Enriched Living in the amount of \$5,000.

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### **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION OF THE TERRACO PROPERTY**

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Village Attorney Huvad presented the Village's offer to Terraco. They have made a counter offer and want to know soon what Riverwoods wants to do because they have other offers. Mayor Norris has not heard back from either prospective buyer to set up a meeting. Mayor Norris explained that Terraco has stated that they have interest from several gas station operators.

David Niedelman asked the Trustees their opinions on whether the Village should purchase the property. He believes the residents need a better understanding of the Trustee's plan if they were to spend such a large sum of money.

Trustee Baumann believes that if the Village were to finance the property, they would be buying time to put in a plan and control the corner. He stated that the cost would be approximately \$100 - \$200 per household annually to finance the property. He noted that this is a big commitment and he would like the residents to buy into the idea.

Trustee Chamberlain added that the opportunity for control could be lost if they do not act on the property. She feels that a good number of residents are against having a gas station on that property.

Trustee Jamerson believes there is a value in saving the property. There are enough people in the Village that do not want a gas station on the property.

Trustee Ford does not believe this is the right time to make this decision because the Village does not have a plan.

Trustee Haber added that the Village is currently sitting on other property. He questions whether this is the right thing to do at this time because the Village does not have a plan what to do with the property.

Trustee O'Donnell believes there is a price point that would make

it worth purchasing the property. He believes it is a high risk venture as the Village is not a developer. If the Village purchases the property, they should be prepared to sit on it for a long time.

Mr. Huvad explained that if the Village is contacted by a gas station, who states they want to develop the property without asking for TIF assistance, the developer would still have to appear before the Plan Commission.

Trustee Jamerson noted that the Plan Commission has already recommended approval for three gas stations on the property. Two were approved by a previous Board of Trustees.

Mr. Huvad explained that Terraco told the Village that they understand the Village will not support any development with TIF funds. However, if they only came in with plans for a gas station, they would not need to develop the rest of the property as extensively.

Mayor Norris stated that the interested gas station operator, whom he has spoken with, is asking for a liquor license or a 24-hour operation. If they can meet the reasonable conditions of the Special Use, it becomes very difficult to deny the use. If the Village purchases the property, they could then rezone the property if they so choose.

The residents attending the meeting were not in favor of having a gas station on that corner.

*January 20*

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

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Village Treasurer Hal Roseth reported that month to month, the Village is up \$84,000 for December. Year to year, the total assets are down \$400,000, but that the Village portion of the funds are up \$227,000. The Village received a model portfolio from Chase, assuming the Village was to invest more money with them, but Mr. Roseth was not comfortable investing 33% in highly-rated corporate bonds. He will speak with the Chase representative and ask her to revise the model. Trustee Ford noted that the Board will adopt a new investment policy in February which will allow the Village to invest in corporate bonds.

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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

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Mr. Durning has issued two more business licenses to Panera and Jimmy John's. Mr. Durning issued a third bee keeping license. Mr. Durning noted Discover is doing a lot of remodeling.

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#### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the January 6, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete Police Report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno reported that the Village has a radio receiver on top of the Westin Hotel. The department is paying the Village of Deer-

field a fee of \$3,900 per year for the cost of the AT&T line. They are about to replace the AT&T line with microwave technology which will cost the Village nothing.

*Information items from the President*

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#### **DRAFT BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND AND POLICE**

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Mayor Norris explained that he and Trustee Chamberlain are about 99% firm with the 2015 budget numbers. This will be a fairly lengthy process as they continue to find and correct account posting errors. Trustee Chamberlain explained that this is not a finished product, but rather a work in progress. In addition, she and the Mayor are discussing additional reports that will, hopefully, give a better representation of total expenditures per category, such as total Village salaries.

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#### **E-WASTE RECYCLING**

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SWALCO has reestablished its recycling stations for electronic waste. Electronics for recycling can be put out with resident's garbage on the first pickup of the month.

*New Business*

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#### **CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING**

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Attorney Huvad explained that the Center for Enriched Living wants to increase their parking by 40 spaces because they have increased their membership. They have also increased their staff. They are raising capital to upgrade their facility to meet the universal code of access which is more stringent than the ADA. Mr. Huvad explained that when the facility was originally approved, the Village created new zoning for a Social Service Center. He looked at the existing text and believes if the text is amended, the Board can make an amendment to allow the parking. If the Text Amendment is amended, the Special Use will also need to be amended. Trustee O'Donnell asked if the neighbors had any objections. Mr. Huvad explained that the Village did not receive any objections.

The Plan Commission heard the testimony and agreed to the Text Amendment with two conditions: to require the use of permeable pavers in the new parking area and to add landscaping.

*December 16*

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#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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Village Engineer Patrick Glenn had some preliminary talks with the engineering and public works staff from the Village of Buffalo Grove regarding the potential of interconnecting the two Village systems to give a more robust backup on the west side of the river.

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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

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Director of Community Services, Rob Durning had a stop work order issued for a re-roof in West Course due to a lack of permit. The Village doubled the permit fees, which have now been paid.

He also indicated that the new West Course street signs should be available tomorrow.

A new house will be built on Hiawatha.

The Village received two business license applications. One is for Royal Asian Spa and the second is a new Korean restaurant that will replace the previous Pine Garden restaurant. An inspection of each facility will take place soon. Trustee Chamberlain suggested that Mr. Durning inform the Village Clerk when the inspection takes place so that a record can be maintained. All of the remaining commercial tenants who need to apply for a business license as outlined in the new Ordinance have been informed that they need to fill out an application and pay the fee.

Mayor Norris indicated that someone was removing trees without a permit last Sunday. He noted it was also being done outside the approved work hours. Mr. Durning stated that the trees were dead. Trustee Jamerson stated that there is no permit fee for removing a dead tree, and, therefore there is no effective penalty for removing them without a permit. Mayor Norris stated that according to the Ordinance, a tree removed without a permit is presumed to have been a healthy tree and, therefore, mitigation fees would apply. Trustee Chamberlain will verify this with the Forrester.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the December 2, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete Police Report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno reported that Officer Maciareillo will participate in the Cops and Kids program on December 18, 2014. The program is one where officers accompanying children to buy Christmas gifts with gift certificates donated by Walmart.

There were two burglaries to motor vehicles in November. Three suspects have been identified. Two of them are currently in DuPage County jail. Chief Dayno expects to have arrest warrants for all three of them this week.

#### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village attorney Bruce Huvad indicated that the Village prosecutor is prosecuting a violation of the local animal control Ordinance due to a dog biting incident. The dogs have been impounded during the suit. The defendant's attorney presented an argument to the court that the local Ordinance should not be enforceable because it conflicts with the State animal control act. The State act defines the difference between a dangerous dog and a vicious dog. It requires that each County have a procedure where an administrator determines whether a dog is dangerous or vicious. The Village Ordinance was worded such that it is unlawful to keep in the Village a fierce, dangerous or vicious dog. Riverwoods is a home rule community but cannot contradict what the State law says. The judge could not rule in the Village's favor, because the Village does not distinguish between dangerous and vicious. The State law requires this distinction. There is still a charge pending for failure to have the dogs inoculated against rabies. There will also be a fact finding determination by the Lake

County Health Department to determine whether the dogs are dangerous or vicious. If the Health Department finds that the dogs are dangerous, they would have to be neutered and there are other possible restrictions or penalties. They would not require the dogs to be removed from the Village or be euthanized. If the Village updates their Ordinance to follow the animal control act to the letter, they would then have the ability to have a local administrative hearing. However, Mr. Huvad explained that though the Village could be more restrictive, they still could not contradict State law.

#### *Informational Items & Comments from the President*

#### **AGGREGATION UPDATE**

Trustee Chamberlain explained that ComEd has imposed some additional fees. For the continuation of the current electric aggregation contract period, the additional fees may amount to approximately \$8 per month per household. The Village's rate, even with the additional cost, is still about \$0.02 below ComEd's rates. Up to this point of the contract period, the residents have saved more than \$1 million. The contract is up in August 2015 and she and Trustee Jamerson will start working on it right after the 1st of the year.

Trustee Jamerson explained that the contract with MC2 allows them to pass along extraordinary costs to residents. He stated that the Village could have MC2 increase the rate on the bill, but he would prefer that the rate stay the same and, instead, show the increase as a separate line item. A letter from MC2, approved by the Village, will be sent to the residents explaining the new line item.

#### **SWALCO ANNOUNCEMENT**

Effective December 18, 2014, SWALCO will not be able to collect electronics for recycling. The value of recycled electronics has gone down. In addition, the State Statute which bans electronics from landfills has been changed. Mayor Norris will put this information in the Village Voice. He indicated that, at this point, this has not affected the Village's curbside pickup.

#### **DEERFIELD WATER RATE INCREASE**

The Village received notification that the Deerfield water rate would be increasing. Mr. Glenn explained that the Village is being charged \$3.08 by Northbrook and that the Deerfield rate will be \$5.11.

#### *New Business*

#### **RAVINIA GREEN / CLUBCORP**

Mr. Huvad explained that the Text Amendment carefully defines what a country club is. The Plan Commission worked on a number of issues such as how to handle future construction and maximum occupancy. The issues that still need to be resolved are the hours of operation and outdoor activities. The existing language states that the club is closed from midnight to 6 a.m. with exceptions for the weekends and pre-holiday days and allows for liquor to be served whenever the club is open. He stated that the petitioner would like to erect tents in order to have outdoor events. The Village's concern was how to make sure that the level of noise and activities outdoors is not intrusive or bothersome to the adjoining residential areas.

Chairman Niedelman noted that noise was the residents' biggest issue. The Plan Commission's recommendation for the hours of operation were: Outdoors – until 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and until midnight on weekends and holiday eves; Indoors – until midnight on weekdays and until 2:00 am on weekends and holiday eves.

Larry Freedman, the attorney representing ClubCorp, stated that his client would like to be able to hold outdoor events until 11:00 pm on weeknights and until midnight on weekends and pre-holiday days. He clarified that outdoor events meant ones that would have amplified music, a glow ball or large groups of guests and not a few members sitting on the deck having a glass of wine or smoking a cigar. His client would also like to keep the club open indoors until 2:00 am every night of the week. They are also asking for a broader cap on the number of people allowed on the property. They would also like to expand the current liquor license to allow beverage carts on the golf course and in the tent.

Trustee Jamerson's concern was that departing guests would make noise outside, especially if they had had some alcoholic drinks that evening. Trustee Jamerson asked what hours the current liquor license covers. Mr. Huvard replied that the liquor license follows the operating hours. Alcohol is currently being allowed in the clubhouse and at the pool, but cannot be sold when there are more than 400 people on the property. Trustee Jamerson requested the right to have an annual building inspection of the facilities.

Trustee Ford inquired as to whether ClubCorp would ask for a gaming license. Mr. Freedman replied that that was not the model ClubCorp employed at their facilities. His client would like to expand the membership and hold many more events, such as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs. They believe some charity events could take place during the week. Mr. Freedman explained ClubCorp would not rent out the space; rather, their personnel would be present at all events.

Chairman Niedelman and Commissioner Graditor both confirmed Trustee Baumann's assumption that the residents wanted to ensure that the property would remain a golf course and that there was a benefit, both financial and aesthetic, to living adjacent to a golf course.

Trustee O'Donnell asked what would happen to the covenant if ClubCorp sells or goes out of business. Mr. Huvard explained that the covenant would be recorded and would go with the land. It would be binding with any owner of the property for the next 30 years.

Trustee O'Donnell questioned whether the operating hours recommended by the Plan Commission would be a burden for the petitioner. Mr. Freedman replied that ClubCorp believes it would be a burden. Mr. Freedman explained that the petitioner believes the covenant is very restrictive as they cannot change their business use for 30 years. Therefore, they need some latitude to make this venture work. The petitioner feels they need the ability to be open until 2:00 am, although they may never use it. They also want to

see the final action on the liquor license and the covenant. Mayor Norris questioned what would be a deal-breaking hardship. Mr. Freedman will find out from the petitioner.

Trustee Jamerson moved for First Reading of the Ordinance. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

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#### **ORDINANCE ADOPTING A WRITTEN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS**

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Attorney Huvard explained that the current investment policy was adopted in 2001 and was revised in 2005. Trustee Ford looked at it and found some things that were out of date or did not make sense. The Village's investment advisors found the proposed changes acceptable. Mr. Huvard noted that the Village has limitations and can only invest in certain type of investments based on State law. The advisors found there were some investment opportunities outside the existing policy that are allowed by the State. Mr. Huvard explained that the new policy allows the Village to invest in certain corporate securities. Trustee Ford explained that the Village is tightening up on reporting and evaluation standards. She noted that the advisors will have benchmarks and will have to report quarterly and annually using a very specific reporting structure. They also added fiduciary language with respect to delegating authority. She asked that the Board members thoroughly read the new policy to understand what authority the Treasurer has versus what the Board can do. Trustee Chamberlain questioned what would happen if the obligations were not met by the Treasurer. Mr. Huvard explained most of the duties delegated to the Treasurer come from State law. It is a violation of the Illinois Municipal Code for a Treasurer not to do those things. The policy just reminds the Board of the Treasurer's duties and tasks.

Trustee Chamberlain moved for First Reading of the Ordinance. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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#### **INTER-FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND AND SEWER FUND, AND REDUCING THE FUND BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND CLASSIFIED AS "COMMITTED"**

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Mayor Norris noted that the Village traditionally budgets to have a transfer out of the General Fund to the Police Fund. The Village also now has a Sewer fee. He suggested transferring \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. The Ordinance also provides for authorizing monthly transfers which would eliminate transferring a much larger amount at the end of the year, thereby reflecting a more accurate budgeting picture from month to month.

Trustee Jamerson moved to approve the Resolution authorizing fund transfers. Trustee O'Donnell suggested holding the vote to the next meeting, because of the lateness of receiving the Board packet. Mayor Norris noted that some of the material for this Resolution was not available until today. Trustee Jamerson noted that the Board has been long been aware that the Village would need to transfer money from the General Fund to cover the police

expenses. Mr. Huvad noted that the transfer to the Police Fund should be approved tonight in order to zero out the negative balance in the Police Fund before year end.

Trustee Jamerson amended his motion to approve the Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$750,000 from the General Fund to the Police Fund and continue consideration of the other fund transfers to the January 6, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board agreed.

*December 2*

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### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

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Mr. Durning reported that the Village received a few permit applications from Commonwealth Edison to replace nearly 1.5 miles of underground cable. There was an inquiry about the teardown of a home on Orange Brace after the new home is built. The Village received a report on the diversion of waste at 9 Julie Lane showing 92% of the waste was diverted from landfills.

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### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT**

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Mr. Huvad reported that the Village will be in court seeking administrative warrants on two vacant houses. Staff has not been able to enter the houses, but has reason to believe there are issues. Mr. Huvad reported that the Village had attempted to get a response from the owners to no avail. He will now ask the court to allow the Village to enter the homes to inspect them for code violations. Mr. Huvad explained that the Village will be in court this week on some motions and hearings concerning the dog case. There is a trial scheduled for December 10, 2014. The Village is looking to have the dogs removed as menaces.

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### **PLAN COMMISSION REPORT**

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Mr. Huvad indicated that the Plan Commission will meet on December 11, 2014. They will consider a proposed Text Amendment requested by ClubCor concerning the Ravinia Green Golf Club. Mayor Norris indicated that the Village has received a number of inquiries from neighboring residents who are generally in favor of the proposal as long as there is a binding promise to keep it a golf course for the next 30 years.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Trustee Ford met with Mr. Roseth and Mr. Huvad to discuss the meeting with the advisors and agreed to some modest changes to the statement of investment policy for Wells Fargo. They are also looking into moving one of their two accounts from Wells Fargo to Chase. They hope to have the modified investment policy to the Board for the next meeting.

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### **POLICE REPORT**

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Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the November 18, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The complete Police Report is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

Chief Dayno reported Chief Tom Krueger was just appointed as the Chief of the Lincolnshire- Riverwoods Fire Protection District. He

noted that the Lincolnshire Explorer Post helped out at the Caucus meeting last night.

Sgt. Jamie Watson, Lincolnshire Police Department, thanked the Village for the donation to the Explorer Post.

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### **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REPORT**

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Battalion Chief Tom Krueger introduced himself to the Trustees. He has been with the District for 15 years. The Fire Protection District report for November is available on the Village website under Board of Trustees.

*New Business*

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### **TAX LEVY**

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Mr. Huvad noted that this is the Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2014. He explained that the line items came from the Appropriations Ordinance passed earlier in the year. There is no levy for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, MFT Fund or Water Fund. The proposed Police Levy of \$490,000 is \$10,000 higher than last year. The SSA amounts were the actual amounts requested by the various SSAs.

Mr. Huvad explained that the Village has not substantially increased the Police Levy for a number of years based on the hope that when the Village went to Home Rule, they anticipated capturing non-property tax revenue that would be used to mitigate the need to increase the Police Levy. However, the Police Levy is not covering their annual costs. He noted that the Board may have to consider changing the policy decision about what the Police Levy should be.

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### **STATUS OF 2014 BUDGET AND PROSPECTIVE 2015 BUDGET**

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Mayor Norris indicated that based on the projections, the Village should be \$200,000 to the good. He has not received anything from the Municipal League yet, so he and Trustee Chamberlain don't know what the revenues will be for next year. He hopes to have those numbers by the next Board meeting. He encouraged the Trustees to look at the report format and let him know if there are other things they want to see. Trustee Chamberlain noted there are some areas where they do not have a budget amount for 2015 because they are still looking into discrepancies between the budgeted and actual numbers for 2014.



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### **VILLAGE REMINDERS**

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**Village Curfew** – The Village Curfew Ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 18, is 11:00p.m. during the week and 12:00a.m. for Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. This conforms to state statute.

**Overnight Parking** – No overnight parking is allowed on any Village street, from 3-6:00am No parking is allowed on Thorngate streets after dark.

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# Riverwoods Floodplains

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By Patrick Glenn, Village Engineer

Do you reside in a floodplain? While we do have some floodplains in Riverwoods, they are generally limited to two areas of the Village. FEMA floodplain maps and information are available at the Village Hall. Please come in during regular office hours and see if you are affected. We would like to remind you that flood insurance is mandatory if building in the floodplain and using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Come in and our Building Department Staff will be happy to help you with this information. The Village Engineer can also help you get Elevation Certificates. They already have information on file for some areas of the Village, and for a nominal fee will be able to help you get one for your property if needed. They are also available to see if they can help you come to some solutions if you have flooding problems. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions at 847-945-3990.

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## West Deerfield Township

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**Food Pantry** – The West Deerfield Township Food Pantry is serving more individuals and more families than ever before—and we need your help. Please consider donating non-perishable food items, personal care or household cleaning products. A box of pasta, a bottle of glass cleaner, a can of fruit, some shampoo.... Your donations will all go to fellow residents who are struggling to provide some basic items for their household. Contributions of gift cards to local grocery stores and checks payable to the West Deerfield Township Food pantry are also graciously accepted. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contribution is tax-deductible.

The pantry operates five days a week from 8:30am-4:30pm. You are welcome to stop by to drop off your donations anytime. We are located at 601 Deerfield Road, in Deerfield (one block east of Waukegan Road). Your generosity will help someone that will greatly appreciate a neighbor's help.

### **Transportation Service For Mobility Challenged**

**Individuals** – West Deerfield Township has a great transportation service designed to make life easier for many of our residents.

This program is an appointment-based service and requires a registration process which is quick and simple - see the box below for details. Once registered, our modified minivan can transport you to your medical, dental and physical therapy appointments. This program can aid anyone who is mobility challenged whether it be for orthopedic physical therapy, chemotherapy, epilepsy or other conditions making it difficult to drive.

This program provides independence to those who might otherwise find it difficult to get to their appointments. Over and over again, residents and their families have told us they feel safe and secure with our trained, friendly drivers.

Sign up today—we are here to serve you!



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## Tree Tips

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Representatives of Conserve Lake County reported the following information from a recent Urban Tree Conference at the Morton Arboretum:

- Oaks remain the kings of trees, as they should, given that oak species support, for example, over 450 species of butterflies and moths, whereas non-native ginkgoes support just three. With over a dozen native oak species to choose from, they provide diversity, too. Given that Lake County has lost 88% of its historic oak ecosystems, anything that promotes oaks is good.

- The debilitating practice of volcano mulching around a tree is an oddly Midwestern practice. Mulch should be spread evenly 2 - 3 inches deep in a circle that reaches as wide as the outermost branch tips. Mulch should not touch the trunk or it might lead to disease.

- Those guys at ComEd actually don't enjoy carving our trees into misshapen freaks. It's just that whoever planted those trees long ago forgot that little trees grow into big trees and it's not safe to have live electrical wires snapping about here and there.

- Invasive buckthorn is well-documented as harmful to songbirds, frogs and other forms of wildlife - but it's Lake County's most common tree. Forty-one percent of our trees are buckthorn and we have the highest percentage within the Chicago region. Our next most common tree? Ash.

- All 13 million of the region's ash trees are expected to die this decade. About 10% of Lake County's trees are either green or white ash, every one of them vulnerable to the emerald ash borer that is chewing its way across the land.

- To save money and extend the life of a tree, you must prune it correctly when it's young. It's stunning to learn the number of things that, easily fixed on young trees, turn into expensive problems on big trees.

*Conserve Lake County (formerly Liberty Prairie Conservancy), is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1995. Its mission is to preserve open land, restore natural areas and inspire commitment to land conservation for the benefit of people and wildlife in Lake County, Illinois. Check out its website at [conserve.lakecounty.org](http://conserve.lakecounty.org) to use its resources and free on-site advice about native, eco-friendly landscapes, and to participate in the Conservation@Home program.*



# Green Corner



Linda Breuer of Barnswallow Rehabilitation, during a presentation at Riverwoods Village Hall in March of 2006. The humane work continues and you can meet Linda this April.

## RPC Educational Program Raptors

**Saturday April 25th at 1:00pm at the Village Hall!**

Linda Breuer is a wildlife rehabilitator, who operates Barnswallow, which is a not for profit raptor rehabilitation and public education center dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned raptors with the goal of restoring them to freedom in the wild. Linda captivates adults and children with her wildlife stories and about the owls and hawks in her care. The birds Linda brings with her are unable to be released back into the wild either because of their injuries or because they have bonded with humans. These magnificent birds not only act as ambassadors of their species, but back at the center some act as foster parents to orphaned nestlings.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE RPC

The RPC would like to involve more people throughout the Village in local ecological issues. We have sponsored interesting programs and events, such as a water management panel, shoe and eyeglass recycling, installation of a rain garden at the police station, and a native plant lecture at Red's Garden Center. The RPC, a nongovernmental, resident-run environmental organization, is seeking directors and others interested in Riverwoods' ecological matters. To learn more, please contact the RPC at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

## Shoe and Eye Glasses Drive

**Do you have shoes or eye glasses that you no longer use? Stop cluttering your house and give them a second chance!** This April drive will be the 3rd year that the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC), the Village of Riverwoods and SWALCO have combined forces to collect new or gently used athletic shoes and eye glasses. All items will be recycled.

**What types of shoes are accepted?** All types: Athletic shoes – gently used or worn out. Other types of shoes include sandals, dress shoes, boots, crocs, flip-flops - gently used only.

**What types of eye glasses are accepted?** Any prescription lenses with frames.

**When is the drive?** Wednesday, April 1st – Wednesday, April 29th.

**Where is the collection point?** You can drop off your donated items at Riverwoods Village Hall 24 /7.

**What happens to the shoes and eye glasses?** Worn athletic shoes will be changed into “Nike Grind” which in turn will be used to make useful products such as rug padding and sports surfaces. Gently worn shoes will be sent to people in need and eye glasses will be given to the Lions’ Club Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, classified by prescription and sent to optical missions in developing countries.

The last shoe and eye glasses drive in 2013 was a great success. Riverwoods residents donated 423 pairs of wearable shoes in all shapes and sizes, 30 pairs of worn athletic shoes and 153 pairs of eye glasses! This year let's top this previous accomplishment. Your efforts will not only benefit the environment, but will lend a hand to people in need.



### RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to support the RPC in its efforts to preserve Riverwoods! Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of :

\$25    \$50    \$100    \$250    Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

Join at a level of \$100 or more and receive a 10% discount on most plants sold 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-run, volunteer-run, non-profit 501(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 [riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net](mailto:riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net).

## Riverwoods Community Day Saturday, May 16

### RRA Plant Sale

10am - noon

Watch your mailbox for the **2015** plant sale newsletter.

The plant sale ladies have a wonderful selection of plants for you to choose from this year.

Plant Sale Orders may be picked up from 10am-12noon at the Village Hall. Extra plants will be available for purchase.

### Roadway Cleanup

Sponsored by Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

9 - 11:30am

A big "thanks" to all of you who regularly pick up debris on your property and road. The annual Cleanup Day is a group effort to pick up trash along the major Village roadways. Please remember to wear gloves and boots - plastic bags and safety vests will be provided. Get your entire family involved! After the cleanup, all volunteers are invited to the Village Hall for a free barbecue lunch. This is the fifth year that RPC will be running Cleanup Day. Please call Laurie Bretkopf at 847-945-7034 if you'd like to help.

### Barbecue Party

Sponsored by the RRA

12 - 1:30pm

Following the roadway cleanup, stop in for your reward. A Village barbecue featuring burgers, hot dogs, chicken and much more. Free to all, the barbecue party is open to all Riverwoods residents. Meet with neighbors and visit with old friends at this annual event.

### Ask the Forester

10am-1pm

A forestry consultant from Urban Forest Management will be on hand at the Village Hall to answer your questions about trees. Information about all of the Village cost sharing programs will also be available.

### Adopt a Friend for Life

11am-1:30pm

Volunteers from Orphans of the Storm® animal shelter will be on hand to introduce you to a few great dogs that are hoping for their second chance in life. Orphans takes in the stray and abandoned dogs and cats from throughout Lake and northern Cook counties and matches them up to loving adoptive homes. If you can't wait until **May 16th**, then come by the shelter any day from 11am - 5pm or visit our Pet Adoption Showcase at Northbrook Court weekends 11-5. Visit the website at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org) or follow us on facebook.



### RPC

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### RRA

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? Would you like to help organize Riverwoods events like Family Day? The Riverwoods Residents Association is looking for you. We need volunteers to help make these events happen. If you are interested, please contact Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

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

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail your check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. For more information contact Jill Kaplan at [jedma1@yahoo.com](mailto:jedma1@yahoo.com) or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name

Email

Phone

Address

# of extra stickers at \$5 each

Amount Enclosed



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## Visit the Pet Showcase at Northbrook Court

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Since 2008, Orphans of the Storm has partnered with Northbrook Court to showcase adoptable pets and offer a gift wrapping service for shoppers during peak holiday seasons.

During the past few years, the partnership has grown and the shelter has been offered the opportunity to showcase pets on-going in the mall. At this time dogs and cats are being introduced in the pet showcase each weekend 11am-5pm both Saturdays and Sundays.

Bringing the pets to the people has proven to be positive for the shoppers as well as the shelter animals. Not only does the exposure drive interested potential adopters in to the shelter, but individuals who find the shelter environment sad and depressing, are able to meet the dogs and cats in a friendly one-on-one situation.

The pet showcase, as our many other off-site adoption events, are managed and run entirely by volunteers. If you are interested in devoting some



time to this worthwhile cause, then we would love to have you join our team. A volunteer registration form is available on the Orphans of the Storm website at [www.orphansofthestorm.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm.org)

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### ORPHANS OF THE STORM ANNOUNCES BENEFIT DINNER

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Orphans of the Storm announces its 15th annual benefit dinner to be held on Monday, April 20 at Ravinia Green Country Club in Riverwoods. "Who Rescued Whom" will be the theme of the evening which will kick off with a silent auction followed by dinner.

Contributions of items are being accepted for the silent auction. Restaurant certificates and sports items and tickets are especially popular to bring in bids that will benefit the animals. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter at 2200 Riverwoods Road during the hours of 11am-5pm.

Reservations are available at \$250 each. A Sponsor Table is available for \$2,500 and a Patron Table for \$5,000. Each table seats 10. You may call the shelter directly at 847-945-0235 to make your reservation.

*Photo: Two year old yellow lab mix, John Boy hopes to be discovered and adopted by a family soon.*