



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Mayor Asks for Input on the Future Use of the Old Police Building

By William S. Kaplan, Mayor of Riverwoods

We have a wonderful opportunity to come up with new uses for the old police building now that the police department has moved. The building is adjacent to the Village Hall and can share parking. About half the structure is a three-bay garage, no longer used. I thought it would be a simple step to tear down interior walls, lay down some carpet, paint, add lighting and, presto, a rather nice large meeting room for residents. The first floor alone offers about 1,400 square feet. The second floor can be finished or left as is to be used for storage.

There are about 40 different groups that use the Village Hall for various reasons – Homeowners' Associations, the Riverwoods Preservation Council, Riverwoods Book Club, Seniors, Big Band, etc. In the past there have been occasions when more than one group wants to use the Village Hall at the same time. At some Village meetings, it can be difficult to accommodate a large number of people who wish to attend and hear the speakers while seated in one chamber.

As Mayor, I prefer that we use this newly available space as a meeting place to accommodate our residents and related groups. My concept is for a small community center. I would like to see a kitchen along with a second bathroom added to the space. I have had re-

quests to use the building for birthday parties, music classes, or a day care facility. Some uses could even bring in income to offset expenses, but that doesn't seem primary to me.

As we know, remodeling projects are never simple. At our last meeting, the Trustees raised many interesting questions: What do residents want most? What public uses are most needed? Do we need more video/audio capabilities? What should we do to anticipate long-term needs? Will the cost be justified by the benefits?

All good questions. So, before proceed-



ing with this project, the Village Board and I invite you to tell us what you would like to see created with this space. What activities would you like to see take place there?

Please make your ideas and suggestions known to us. We'll have a suggestion box at the Village Hall. Consider attending a Board meeting and sharing your ideas. If you prefer, e-mail me at Williamskaplan@riverwoods-IL.net or write me at Village of Riverwoods, 300 Portwine Road, Riverwoods, IL 60015.

The Village Board welcomes your participation to help us make the wisest decision.

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

Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm. May 15, June 5, 19, July 3 and 17.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. June 7 and July 15.

GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

Village of Riverwoods Senior Program

Call Cheryl Hadley at 847-945-3990.

Theatre in the Woods

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

Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC)

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

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)

Call Jill Kaplan at 847-945-0062.

Riverwoods Book Club

Contact June Melber at 847-940-7086, or email her at argos501@aol.com. Exercise your brain. The book club is free to all and meets at the Village Hall one Friday a month at 10am.

Plant Sale Committee

Call chairmen Margie Kaul at 847-945-5131 or Sheila Hollander at 847-945-4879.



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VILLAGE VOICE

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SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed preferred. All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. Letters may be printed, space permitting, but may be edited for grammar, clarity and length. If controversial topics are addressed, the editor will seek opposing viewpoints for balance. Deadline for the July/August 2012 issue: June 15, 2012.

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Tree and Brush Pick-Up

2011 was a year of severe storms in Riverwoods. Many residents are still struggling with the removal of fallen and damaged trees. In an effort to assist residents in dealing with the aftermath of these storms, the Village has retained Glenwood Tree Experts to work with us the week prior to our annual spring Clean-Up Day, that will take place on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th.

On Monday, May 14th through Wednesday, May 16th, Glenwood Tree Experts will have crews with trucks and chippers traveling the streets in the Village to pick up and chip the tree trunks and branches. The chippers have a 12" diameter size limit. Residents that have trees and tree limbs that are 12" in diameter or less can place these items along the edge of the roadway in front of their properties or at the end of their driveways. The largest end of the tree or limb must be closest to the street and piles of brush are to be neatly stacked. Roads and ditches cannot be blocked. If there is no room between the edge of the road and the drainage ditch, then the material can be placed at the end of the driveway.

Glenwood Tree Experts will pick up this material as follows:

- 1) Material has to be out at the end of the drive no later than 7:30am.
- 2) Monday, May 14th pick-up will be for all homes North and East of Riverwoods Road.
- 3) Tuesday, May 15th pick-up will be for all homes South and West of Riverwoods Road and North of Deerfield Road.
- 4) Wednesday, May 16th pick-up will be for all homes South of Deerfield Road.

Please be advised that the trucks and chippers will not return to pick up any trees or brush that have not been put out in a timely manner and do not meet with the above instructions.

William S. Kaplan, Mayor
Village of Riverwoods

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of February 21, March 6, 20 and April 3. 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.

April 3

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning provided the Trustees with the well report from the April 2, 2012 well reading. The wells are about 17 feet lower than last year at this time. We are approaching the summer dip for well depth.

Mr. Durning stated that the Village has changed out 850 water meters. There are still about 70 left to change. Some of the transponders needed to be moved, but it has been going as planned. Trustee Svatic asked how the Village is handling vacated homes as far as water meter replacement. He questioned how many vacated homes are in the Village. Mayor Kaplan stated the Village will replace the meter when the property changes ownership. Mr. Durning noted there are currently 25 - 30 vacated homes in the Village.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Glenn is working on two projects that are awaiting permits from Lake County. The first is the Duffy Lane water main project. The second is with respect to the new tornado sirens. Mr. Glenn is hopeful the projects will get started before the next Board of Trustees meeting.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Huvad stated notices will be published for the Public Hearings regarding electric aggregation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tree City USA - This is the ninth year that the Village has received this award.

Lake County Commissions - Mayor Kaplan noted Lake County is looking for submissions from people who may want to serve on County commissions or committees.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Trustee Jamerson moved to waive the First Reading of the Ordinance. Trustee Koomjian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jamerson moved for a Second Reading and adoption. Trustee Haber seconded the motion.

Trustee Svatik asked about the geothermal systems. He did not believe the Plan Commission was in favor of geothermal systems. Mr. Glenn explained there was some initial hesitation. After doing some research, the Plan Commission was willing to allow geothermal systems, after certain requirements are met.

REQUEST FOR DONATION - ORPHANS OF THE STORM

Jackie Borchew appeared before the Board as a representative of Orphans of the Storm and stated that Orphans of the Storm has been in the Village for 85 years. She asked the Village for a donation to Orphans of the Storm. Their annual benefit dinner, which is their largest fundraiser, will be on April 23, 2012. Orphans of the Storm clears approximately \$100,000 during this fundraiser. She asked the Village to buy a table for \$2,500.

Trustee Haber moved to donate \$2,500 to Orphans of the Storm. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

Trustee Norris moved to amend the motion to increase the donation to \$5,000. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the \$5,000 donation.

Trustee Chamberlain believes this amount is appropriate, given what the Village has given to other community organizations.

PART-TIME HIRE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Haber asked if the cost to pay for a part-time police department hire would come out of the police budget. Mayor Kaplan stated it would. Mr. Huvad noted the transfer from the General Fund to the Police Fund may increase slightly. Mayor Kaplan noted there is currently no one at the department during certain hours. Trustee Svatik noted there would be no benefits associated with this position and no holiday pay.

Trustee Haber moved to authorize a part-time hire for the police department. Trustee Svatik seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VILLAGE OF RIVERWOODS - ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Trustee Haber moved to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - DEERFIELD ROAD BIKE PATH

Mr. Glenn explained that, by approving the Memorandum of Understanding in regards to the Deerfield Road Bike Path, this would memorialize the verbal agreement with Lake County stating the Village will pay for Phase I engineering and the county will take over Phase II and Phase III. The County will also pay for any right-of-way acquisition necessary for the path construction. The County will own the path but the Village will perform routine maintenance. Mr. Glenn noted the Village may repurpose some of the funds to help provide screening. The Village will need to hold a public hearing on the bike path.

Mr. Siegel asked about liability insurance. Mr. Glenn believes it would be the County's liability, as it will be on a County right-of-way. Trustee Norris noted that the Village would need to be named on the County insurance or will need to make sure liability is covered on the Village's insurance. Trustee Chamberlain noted that the bike path is designed to support the possible future widening of Deerfield Road.

It was then moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lake County with respect to the Deerfield Road bike path.

DEAD BRUSH & TREE PICKUP

Mayor Kaplan spoke with Jim Seckelman of Glenwood Tree Experts, who has agreed to chip up resident's trees and brush with a diameter of 12" or less. Mr. Seckelman estimated the work would be completed in 3 days. Trustee Haber suggested putting out signage to let residents know. Mayor Kaplan noted it will be in the Village Voice and on the Village website.

Trustee Koomjian moved to authorize up to five days on the chipper for an amount not to exceed \$10,200. This will take place the same week as clean up day. Trustee Haber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Solid Waste – Trustee Norris stated that

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**P L A N T S A L E
P I C K U P**

Plant sale pickup of pre-orders is Friday, May 18th, 1:30-4:30pm and Saturday, May 19th from 10am-noon at Village Hall, 300 Portwine Road. There will be extras available at the Community Day barbecue party.

service under the new waste hauling contract has started. There has been only one incident reported. A truck knocked over an AT&T line. The Village is investigating it. Trustee Norris further noted that LakeShore did not do the hoped-for job regarding getting information out to residents. He noted Waste Management had trucks out today picking up their equipment. He asked residents to put out their Waste Management bins. Trustee Jamerson asked about containers owned by residents that they no longer want. Trustee Norris suggested putting a note on those containers. Trustee Norris noted that on top of the light blue recycling cart, it says "no tubs" with a picture of a #5 plastic tub. The prohibition is really for Styrofoam. Also, no foodstuffs (leftovers) are to go into the recycling bins.

Village resident Mr. Baransky noted that all of his newspapers are in plastic bags. Mayor Kaplan stated LakeShore will take the bags if necessary. Trustee Norris explained they prefer not to have plastic bags.

Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson presented the building report. From 3/1/12 – 3/27/12, there was one single family remodeling, five miscellaneous projects and one commercial remodeling/renovation. There were seven total permits. Construction value \$627,500. Permit fees \$2,322.

From 3/1/11 – 3/27/11, there were four total permits with construction value of \$91,200 and permit fees of \$2,457.

From 1/1/12 – 3/27/12, there were 20 total permits with construction value of \$1,043,145 and permit fees of \$7,732.

From 1/1/11 – 3/27/11, there were four total permits with construction value of \$121,048 and permit fees of \$3,085.

Finance/Soil & Water Conservation – Trustee Svatik stated that the Chamber of Commerce has postponed the monthly meeting by one week due to the holidays.

Roads/Bike Path/Parks Forestry/NSSRA – Trustee Chamberlain noted that the corner by the police and fire departments (Saunders Road and Deerfield Road) has a number of trees that have been removed and residents do not understand what has occurred. She suggested getting a sign stating Village of Riverwoods restoration project.

March 20

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the March 6, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were nine accidents, 10 alarms, one animal bite, four complaints about animals, 11 fire department assists, eight other agency assists, one domestic dispute, one driving complaint, one DUI, two frauds, six lock-outs, six motorist assists, one noise disturbance, one parking complaint, one solicitor, nine suspicious circumstances, two thefts, two crime prevention notices and 12 case reports. There were 119 traffic stops with 94 citations issued to 71 people.

There are currently 15 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated that there was an arrest for burglary since the March 6, 2012 meeting. He noted the disgruntled Discover employee he mentioned in his last report is undergoing treatment for issues and Discover decided not to press charges.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Huvard described a preliminary forecast for the General Fund, Police Fund, and Water and Sewer Funds. He stated that Susie Crohn, Accounting Administrator, prepare a quarterly report showing actual revenues and expenditures. Mr. Huvard filled in the forecast report, which was taken from the police department budget and the Appropriations Ordinance. Trustee Svatik believes that, although this report needs some fine tuning, it extrapolates the actual data for the next year. He stated that the forecast does not make considerations for many things, such as salary increases. Trustee Norris believes the Village should stay with the existing chart of accounts and should not make major changes. He believes this format is a good starting point. Mr. Roseth cautioned the Trustees to be careful when looking at fund transfers.

Mr. Huvard mentioned that he would meet with Mr. Durning and Mayor Kaplan regarding vacant homes in the Village. There are a number of houses in total disrepair that are just sitting. Mr. Haber cautioned the Board about any potential litigation fees. Mr. Huvard explained they would start by sending out letters.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Local Election Results – Mayor Kaplan noted there are 304 votes in favor of electric aggregation and 70 against. He believes the aggregation referendum has passed, unless something unforeseen happens with the unreported precincts.

Old Police Department Renovation – Mayor Kaplan asked an architect to provide preliminary plans for the old police station to bring it up to ADA standards, so the Village could make a community center out of the space. They are talking about clearing out the first floor to make it open, having a lift to the second floor and closing the garage. He will bring estimated costs to the Board for their consideration.

New Web Page – Mayor Kaplan stated the new Village of Riverwoods web page is up. It needs a lot of tweaking. He requested sending suggestions or corrections to Susie Crohn.

Family Day – Mayor Kaplan stated that Heidi Bess contacted him about possibly having a Family Day in Riverwoods. The Village may or may not have a Family Day this year.

Clean-Up Day – Mayor Kaplan has received a number of calls about the excessive dead wood in the Village. He spoke with Mr. Stewart about the possibility of chipping up the dead wood. It will be an expense for the Village, but it would be beneficial. Mayor Kaplan

will get a ballpark cost.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Roseth stated that he moved IPTIP investment money to Chase as approved by the Board. The first investment was made a few weeks ago. The Village purchased an Illinois bond for \$250,000. The yield will be 2.3%. Chase is very aware of the Village's investment policy.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mayor Kaplan proclaimed the week of April 15, 2012 through April 22, 2012 as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators. He further proclaimed that the citizens of Riverwoods should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Trustee Haber made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES ON VILLAGE PROPERTIES AND RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. Stewart stated the Village solicited bids for the removal of diseased elm trees and hazardous trees. The low price is from Glenwood Tree Experts for \$6,708.00

Trustee Chamberlain asked why we are removing the trees. Mr. Stewart explained that the trees are hazardous and will need to be removed. Trustee Haber made a motion to award the contract for hazardous tree removal on Village properties and right of way to Glenwood Tree Experts in an amount not to exceed \$6,708. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREE REMOVAL - SAUNDERS ROAD AND RIVERWOODS ROAD

Mr. Stewart explained that tree removal at the corner of Saunders Road and Deerfield Road is part of the woodland restoration project. The total removal costs will be \$3,821.10. He noted there are two issues. The first is a revised grading plan, which resulted in a removal of additional trees. They also solicited a proposal to distribute topsoil. They would like to proceed with putting together a contract to re-spread the soil in an amount not to exceed \$5,956.

The Board approved the tree removal plan which includes regrading and a distribution of topsoil on Saunders and Riverwoods Roads in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE

Village Forester Chuck Stewart explained that the 2012 Gypsy Moth trapping count was way down, and he is not recommending spraying at this time. Trustee Koomjian noted that the traps changed from one style trap to another. Mr. Stewart stated this is the second year we have used the new traps. The traps are similar but the newer style traps do not collect water. Trustee Koomjian noted that in 2009 we used the old style trap and in 2010 and 2011 we changed to the new style. Mr. Stewart stated that they can reuse the traps this year, but will need to replace the pheromone.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION DISCUSSION

Trustee Jamerson noted that it appears the referendum concerning Village Electric Aggregation has passed. In preparation, the Village has to put some things together, such as the Plan of Operation of Governance, which will need to be submitted to the Illinois Power Agency for their approval. Trustee Jamerson stated that once the Plan of Operation of Governance is completed, the Village needs to hold two public hearings before they could vote on an ordinance. Once the ordinance is passed, the Village could go out for bids and make decisions on what services to offer. Trustee Chamberlain suggested determining who should do what. She stated the Village needs a list from ComEd. Mayor Kaplan stated the Village should receive a list of residents from the waste hauler within the next few weeks. The Public Hearings will be scheduled for April 17 and May 1. Trustee Koomjian asked if the County Clerk needs to certify the election results before voting on the electric aggregation. Mayor Kaplan noted the ordinance could not pass until the vote is certified.

March 6

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Durning stated that March 20, 2012 will be the primary election. One of the voting sites is the Village Hall. The results will be faxed over to the County office after 7:00pm.

Mr. Durning stated that the Police Station is finally complete. All of the punch list items have been completed. The Village should receive one final pay application request.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Huvad stated that the Plan Commission has met and recommended approval of the Renewable Energy Ordinance. There was a lot of discussion on geothermal systems. Aside from staying out of the required setbacks, the Plan Commission believes the building code would be appropriate. He will put together a report for the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the February 21, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. There were two 911 hang-ups, one abandoned automobile, one assault, 11 accidents, 14 alarms, five complaints about animals, 14 fire department assists, one other agency assist, one well-being check, one driving complaint, one DUI, one fingerprinting, five lock-outs, four motorist assists, two open doors, two parking complaints, two public assists, seven suspicious circumstances, two thefts, five crime prevention notices and four case reports. There were 76 traffic stops with 62 citations issued to 55 people.

There are currently 14 houses on the House Watch list that are checked regularly.

Chief Dayno stated there was one arrest for resisting arrest from a DUI and one arrest for burglary. There was a burglary in 2011 on Thornmeadow. One female from Waukegan was arrested and Chief Dayno expects additional arrests in this case. Chief Dayno

stated that the assault was at Discover. A woman was driving in the parking lot and threatened people. The woman threw a bag outside her vehicle. Chief Dayno anticipates charging her with disorderly conduct and assault. He noted that Officer Maciareillo raised \$2,725 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The Fire Department event raised more than \$46,000. Chief Dayno attended a conference for the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System. They discussed the NATO Summit, as there is no longer going to be a G-8 summit in Illinois. They will continue their preparations for the NATO Summit. Officer Maciareillo is in training for NIPAS. Trustee Norris attended a meeting with Chief Dayno to be filled in with the joint efforts of the departments.

Chief Dayno discussed the police department survey results for 2011. He was disappointed with the number of respondents, but was pleased with the overall results. The lowest score was police visibility in the neighborhood, but it was still in the high "good" range. The other scores were in the "excellent" range. Trustee Svatic suggested rewording the question regarding police presence. In order to get a perfect score, a police officer would have to be present at all times.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Duane Christenson from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Department presented the call volume for the LRFDP District including mutual aid to the DBFPD District for the month of February. There were 41 calls including 26 EMS calls, seven fire calls, five auto accident and three other calls. There were 77 calls year to date. He does not have an explanation for the increase in the call volume.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Use of 2640 Chianti Trail Property for a Wedding – Mayor Kaplan received a letter from Kate Goodwille requesting to use the property at 2640 Chianti Trail for a wedding. Trustee Chamberlain suggested requiring a damage deposit and insurance. Mayor Kaplan requested the Village Attorney look at the insurance policy to ensure they have the correct coverage.

Report of Salt Use in Snowplow Bills – Mayor Kaplan explained they had a few meetings with the snowplow contractor. They reduced the bills by more than \$2600. He noted they were often called late at night for salting by dispatch through the police department. Trustee Chamberlain stated they would also be spreading beet juice when the weather is appropriate. Trustee Chamberlain stated beet juice is less expensive than salt and more environmentally friendly.

2012 Aerial Deer Survey – The arial deer survey counted 18 deer in the Village. Trustee Jamerson stated the conditions were not very good. Mayor Kaplan said that the people in the helicopter stated they could see everything clearly. He also explained that the Lake County Forest Preserves had a similar count, according to the pilot. Trustee Chamberlain asked if the RPC's table could be updated to reflect this deer count.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Change from IPTIP to Chase for Village Accounts – Mr. Huvard explained that JP Morgan Chase has a lot of sophistication regarding cash management. They will allow us to scan deposit checks. Right now, the Village has a number of checking accounts. The number of accounts for writing checks can be consolidated into a non-interest bearing checking account. The majority of the funds would be in a public sector savings account, where the rate fluctuates. It will be FDIC insured. The amount over the FDIC limits would be covered by pledges of securities. Karen Haas, Vice President of Chase, was present to answer questions.

Trustee Jamerson asked how this type of account compares with commercial accounts. Ms. Haas stated that the earnings credit rate is 45 basis points versus 20 basis points for a commercial account. Trustee Jamerson stated that his business gets free checking without having a required \$500,000 in a non-interest bearing account. Ms. Haas did a three-month analysis. For the 11 months ending November 2011, the Village earned \$4000. The Village would have earned about \$1300 per month with Chase. Trustee Haber noted that there are other options for the funds. Mayor Kaplan explained the Village is looking at changing the operating funds from one account to another. They are not looking into investing at this time. Trustee Jamerson suggested looking at more than one bank. Trustee Chamberlain believes the Village should do a comparative analysis. She questioned why the accounts are currently divided. Mr. Huvard noted there is no longer a need to separate all the accounts, except the MFT. Trustee Haber noted he is a Chase shareholder. Mr. Huvard explained the Village's investment policy describes the types of investments that can be owned by the Village.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village could go out to get competitive bids from other banks if that is the direction from the Trustees. Mr. Huvard noted the total amount of charges for the checking account is \$187 per month. Trustee Jamerson stated that different banks have different charges for service. The amount of money required to offset the fees varies. Mr. Huvard noted they would also have to look at the yield. Mayor Kaplan stated the Village Treasurer made this recommendation. He does not know if he looked into other banks. Mayor Kaplan would like to get out of the IPTIP program. Mayor Kaplan stated that further discussion will be continued to the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Discussion of the 2012 Appropriations Ordinance – Mr. Siegel stated the Appropriations Ordinance has to be adopted during the first quarter of the fiscal year. The Village cannot spend anything that is not in the Appropriations Ordinance, but not everything in the Appropriations Ordinance needs to be spent. This Ordinance is a standard which sets the outer limits rather than a commitment. It gives the Village a protective cover, along with flexibility to transfer funds from one account to another. Mr. Huvard stated the Village published to hold a hearing during the next meeting.

Trustee Chamberlain believes the Village should consider a fund reserve policy so they know how much money is committed elsewhere. Trustee Haber clarified that it is for the budget, not the Appropriations Ordinance. Attorney Huvad explained the Village keeps their funds unrestricted, so money can be transferred where needed. He noted that some communities set money aside for repairs; other communities borrow money when something breaks. The Village currently has money set aside for two major repairs. Mayor Kaplan noted that all expenditures are authorized by the Board. Mr. Siegel noted that technically municipalities cannot spend any money without Board approval, except the Village President's discretionary fund. The police department has their own budget, and that is the Village's largest expenditure.

Trustee Chamberlain believes the budget and the fund reserve policy are two different things. She would not want the Trustees to have to question whether they can afford a specific project, because they do not know if enough money is available. Trustee Norris noted the Village's expenditures get approved either by a budget or through ad-hoc approval. He stated the Village could plan better and benefit by using the budget as a tool and Trustee Norris stated the Village is currently very conservative with their expenditures. Trustee Svatik believes a budget is a delegated authority to control spending. He believes a formal budget would be unnecessary since we control every expenditure.

Trustee Haber asked how much money the Village takes in each year and how much money the Village spends each year. Trustee Svatik stated that information is available in the Village's annual report. Mr. Huvad stated the Village has a spreadsheet with all the accounts, showing the expenditures for each year. Trustee Haber noted a budget is a planning tool. He suggested reviewing the spreadsheet annually to see if there will be any unusual expenditure that may arise and Trustee Haber believes the Trustees should be proactive to try to estimate expenditures within the next 12 months. It would be more of a forecast than a budget.

Trustee Chamberlain believes that the Village should also look at a fund reserve policy to determine how much money the Village should have on hand for infrastructure replacement. Mr. Glenn explained that large portions of the Village infrastructure were built at the same time. At some point, there will be a spike when that infrastructure will need to be replaced. Mayor Kaplan stated that Country Club Estates is about 50 years old. He noted that the Village will replace portions of the infrastructure when it fails. Trustee Jamerson believes a fund-reserve policy should be put in place so the Village knows how much money they can spend if required. Trustee Chamberlain suggested reissuing a memo from Mr. Glenn and comparing it with the current numbers; the Trustees would then have a plan. Trustee Haber believes the information would be more usable if it were in one spot. Trustee Norris suggested the Trustees present a resolution with proposed changes.

Deerfield Family Days Request for Funds – Mayor Kaplan explained the Village has never donated to the Deerfield Family Days before. There are a lot of Riverwoods residents that attend the parade. He

recommended donating \$1000 for the programs.

Trustee Norris made a motion for a \$1000 donation and consider Village representation. Trustee Svatik seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Sherry Graditor for Plan Commission Appointment – Mayor Kaplan stated that Dr. Lisa Peckler resigned from the Plan Commission. He recommends that Sherry Graditor be appointed to fill Dr. Peckler's unexpired term. Trustee Graditor resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals, as she is unable to be appointed to two commissions. Trustee Haber made a motion to appoint Sherry Graditor to the Plan Commission. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Reimbursement Agreement for 2550 Duffy Lane – Trustee Chamberlain questioned whether the way in which the Village came to the reimbursement amount should be reiterated. Mayor Kaplan stated this is just a reimbursement agreement and Mr. Huvad noted this is the only property owner that is willing to pay a connection fee at this time. Trustee Haber presented some text changes to the proposed agreement. Trustee Haber made a motion to approve the reimbursement agreement. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson presented the Building Department report from February 1, 2012 to February 28, 2012. There were two single-family residential remodelings, one electrical upgrade, one fence/deck, one landscaping/site change and one miscellaneous permit with a total construction value of \$202,615 and permit fees of \$2,985. From February 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012, there was one permit with a construction value of \$7,200 and permit fees of \$100.

From January 1, 2012 to February 28, 2012, there were 12 total permits with a construction value of \$360,645 and permit fees of \$4,410. From January 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011, there were two total permits with a construction value of \$30,048 and permit fees of \$628.

Trustee Jamerson stated he worked with Trustee Chamberlain on a letter for electrical aggregation. It will be sent out shortly. There was also an article in the Village Voice about electrical aggregation. Trustee Haber asked how ComEd's rate increase will affect electrical aggregation prices. Trustee Jamerson explained that ComEd is looking at a rate increase to offset the loss of much of their rate base. He does not believe that their rate increase would affect the Village's rates through electrical aggregation as the Village will be looking at other companies aside from ComEd.

Roads/Bike Path/Parks Forestry/NSSRA – Trustee Chamberlain stated that there will be an article summarizing the Village's forestry programs in the Village Voice. The summary of the forestry programs will also be published on the Village website. Mayor Kaplan stated the Village is in the process of making some website updates.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM (N.I.P.A.S.)

The Village Board unanimously adopted the ordinance approving a Mutual Aid Agreement for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S.).

Mr. Huvard explained that Chief Dayno reported at the last Board of Trustees meeting that this will allow the Village to have available resources if the need develops, and that Chief Dayno believes it is important to renew the membership. Trustee Norris noted this provides mutual support between police departments so nobody needs to have an oversized department with many specialties. The motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE SWALCO RECYCLING RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE REPORT OF ITS 60% RECYCLING TASK FORCE

Trustee Norris reported that the County wants to increase the amount of material diverted from the waste stream into recycling, and to that end appointed the 60% Recycling Task Force. The Task Force issued its report, which is the subject of the proposed resolution. Trustee Norris recommends accepting the proposed resolution, rather than approving it, because if the goals are not met the County will require mandatory recycling, although there are questions about enforcement. Trustee Chamberlain clarified that if the proposed resolution is passed, the Village is striving toward something but is not required to do anything. Trustee Norris noted the Village would strive for implementation, educate the residents, and work cooperatively with other stakeholders. He also applauded the work of the RPC for educating the public.

The Board moved to accept the report.

DUFFY LANE WATER MAIN BID RESULTS

Mr. Glenn referred to the report previously submitted along with his recommendations with respect to the Duffy Lane water main bids. He summarized that the owners of 2550 Duffy Lane came before the Board with significantly poor well water. The Board agreed to extend public water to their home. Mr. Glenn wanted to take advantage of economy of scale and recommended including maintenance work and another residence in the bid. Mr. Glenn explained the Village's participation is being reduced because of the economy of scale. He stated that there would be some costs that will be paid 100% by the homeowner. Resident Mrs. McKnight asked about adding a connection to 2600 Duffy Lane. Mr. Huvard explained the McKnights would initially pay \$53,000 before the recapture agreement. As more properties connect to the system, the McKnights would get reimbursed up to the amount they would normally pay. Trustee Haber stated the Village should only be a transfer agent. He would not want to obligate the Village contractually as the Village is not liable until after they receive the connection fees.

Trustee Haber moved to accept the alternative bid of R.A. Mancini

in the amount of \$92,159, contingent upon first receiving the agreed upon contribution from the McKnights in the amount of \$53,000, subject to the agreed upon conditions of recapture. Trustee Jamerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Glenn stated there are two recapture properties. The proposed improvement also crosses through a portion of 2600 Duffy Lane. He believes the property at 2600 Duffy Lane should also be included in the recapture. Mr. Huvard will incorporate that property before the next meeting.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO MAKE CERTAIN CLOSED-SESSION MINUTES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Mr. Huvard explained that the Board is required to look at their closed-session minutes to determine whether they are appropriate for public release. Mr. Ford, the Village Clerk stated that the Board should first examine the minutes and approve them to the extent that they accurately reflect what was stated at a meeting. After the minutes are approved, the Board should then determine whether they are appropriate for public release.

After an executive session, Trustee Svatik moved to authorize the Village Clerk to make available for public inspection the minutes of the executive session meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 20, 2011, with all other minutes to remain confidential. Trustee Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.



Local Firefighters Host Fundraiser for St. Baldrick's Foundation

Officer Al Maciareillo and his nephew, Aidan, age 5, both had their heads shaved to raise money for conquering kids cancer at the St. Baldrick Foundation's fundraising event put on by the Lincolnshire and Wheeling Professional Firefighters at the Cubby Bear on March 3rd. Al raised \$2725. Aidan raised \$310.

ComEd and the Next Round of Windstorms

By Rob Durning, Director of Community Services

I imagine that last summer's windstorms are still fresh in your mind. Thankfully, our mild winter caused little if any weather-related power disruptions. One of the effects of last year's summer windstorms was to make standby generators our single most popular building permit in the Village. The public backlash from the disruptions in electrical service is apparently not lost on ComEd. They are readying for the next round of storms with a plan to keep our new generator engines exercising as little as possible. Three principal customer service improvements are ready to go into action according to ComEd:

1) Two-way text messaging – This enables customers to text their outage to ComEd and then receive up-to-date information back in return. Customers who sign up for this service can text OUT to 26633 (ComEd) to report an outage.

2) A doubling of phone lines into their call center to improve emergency response times.

3) A State-of-the-art mobile command center – In the event of severe localized damage, ComEd claims to be prepared to deploy its new million dollar, state of the art, regional mobile command center, which can house 25 engineers, dispatchers and other assorted staff. The command center is fully equipped with the latest communications, satellite and video conferencing technology. It can be deployed to the hardest hit areas after a storm.

ComEd is also improving on communicating to municipal officials with twice a day spreadsheet reports while power is being restored.

It still holds true that if you encounter a downed power line, immediately call ComEd at 1-800 Edison1 (1-800-344-7661) or access their website at Comed.com and report the location.

Let's hope for a season of long standby times for our generators and calm nerves.

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 or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

of extra stickers at \$5 each _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Riverwoods Community Day Saturday, May 19th

RRA Plant Sale

10am - noon

Plant Sale orders may be picked up from 10am - noon at 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 will be provided. Get your entire family involved. After the cleanup, we meet at the Village Hall for a barbecue. This is the third year that RPC will be running Cleanup Day. Please call Laurie

Breitkopf 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 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 Village Hall to answer 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 to get their second chance in life. Last year over 3,200 animals came through Orphans on their way to loving adoptive homes. If you can't wait until May 19th, then come by the shelter any day from 11am - 5pm. Visit the website at www.orphansofthestorm.org or follow us on facebook.



Your Garlic Mustard Is Flowering

By The Riverwoods Preservation Council

Your garlic mustard is flowering and soon will be broadcasting seeds. Now is the time to pull it.

Each garlic mustard plant produces thousands of seeds. These seeds are believed to be dispersed by the fur of animals such as deer, horses and squirrels, and by people. The plant grows heartily in Riverwoods, and most vigorously in areas of trampled and disturbed soil. Seeds are produced within days of initial flowering, and the seed pods open about a month later.

Hand pulling before or within a week or so after flowering is the most common way of control. The entire root must be removed. To prevent re-seeding, the pulled plants should be removed from the site.

Cutting the plant immediately after flowering, and before seeds develop, is effective IF the plant is cut at the soil level. Cutting earlier or higher will prompt the plant to regrow. Cutting later will require removal of plants from the site to prevent re-seeding.

Chemical treatment (e.g., Roundup) is frequently ineffective. It also risks injuring or killing nearby vegetation.

Garlic mustard is a biennial, growing over a two-year period. In the first year, it is a low rosette. In the second year, it is



a tall seed-producing flowering plant. Because seeds can be viable for 5 years, control of an infestation requires activity for several successive years.

The plant poses a severe threat to native plants and animals. It crowds out other plants, monopolizes moisture, nutrients and soil space, and reduces the food supply for native animals. Native animals do not eat garlic mustard, and butterflies are not attracted to it. In addition, garlic mustard is believed to contaminate the soil with chemicals exuded from its roots. The chemicals inhibit growth of other species.

Don't forget the Village 50:50 cost-share program. Check out http://www.riverwoods-il.net/Departments/forestry_program.html For details you'll need to apply to the Village to prequalify your contractor and submit a two-year plan for removal. If the Village approves your application, the Village will contribute up to \$2,000 per year for two successive years.

The Most Frequently Unasked Questions About the Riverwoods Book Club

Do you have to be a Riverwoods resident to attend the book club meetings?

No, there are no residency requirements, the book club is free and open to all. The meetings last about one and a half hours, we always have refreshments, and we always meet at the Village Hall.

When does the book club meet?

We always meet on a Friday at 10am. The date for next month's meeting is decided upon by the members at the end of each month's discussion. We try to make it convenient for everyone who wants to attend. If another day and time would be more convenient, we could change the day and time to suit. The date and selection for each meeting can be obtained by calling the Village Hall, it's always on their calendar. Or you can call or email June Melber, the discussion facilitator her number and email are on the front of the Village Voice.

Q. How are books selected?

A. Anyone in the group is free to suggest a book; when that doesn't happen, the discussion leader picks the book. We do ask that the books be available in paperback, as not everyone belongs to a library or has an E-reader.

Q. When's the next meeting, and what's the selection?

A. The next meeting is Friday, May 18 at 10am. We will be discussing Amy Stewart's **The Earth Moved**. This is an environmentally focused book about earthworms. Don't roll your eyes; it's really interesting. Did you know that there are no native earthworm species in the Midwest, and that earthworms are actually a big problem in woodland environments? And you thought all we had to worry about was buckthorn, garlic mustard, and deer!

Our June selection will be **The Tiger's Wife**, by Tea Obreht, on a date to be determined. We will then be on summer break until September. Join us!



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: _____

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Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook, at www.riverwoodsrpc.org, and at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

Theatre in the Woods

Presents

Sabrina Fair

By Donna Lubow, Artistic Director for Theatre in the Woods

Sparks fly when the chauffeur's daughter returns from Paris. A rags to riches story where all's fair in love....

Sabrina Fair is a modern Cinderella story, set on Long Island in the 1950s, and deals with the involvement of a very rich family named Larrabee with the daughter of the family chauffeur.

This is a play by Samuel Taylor, directed by Donna Lubow and produced by Jeri Solomon.

Performance dates will be Fridays & Saturdays - July 20, 21, 27 & 28 at 8:00pm, and Sundays - July 22 and 29 at 3:00pm. All performances are at The Estonian House, which is located at 14700 Estonian Lane in Riverwoods, IL 60015

Tickets are \$18 (24 hours in advance) or \$20 at the door. Group rates are available upon request.

For more information you may call 847-604-1990, email to tiw300@comcast.net or join us on Facebook: - Theatreinthewoods-Riverwoods

Auditions for Sabrina Fair will be held Monday, May 7, at 7:00pm and Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00pm. Callbacks, if needed, will be Thursday, May 10, at 7:00pm. Prepared monologues or cold readings from the script. Auditions are held at the Zion Lutheran Church, 10 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, IL 60015.

We will be casting for the following characters:

Sabrina Fairchild: Looks 20-30; bright and vivacious, well-educated. She "has fallen in love with the world and is having a passionate affair with it." She has reinvented herself through her professional experience in Paris and has come home to find out if she is still in love with the younger Larrabee son, David. Needs to speak some French.

Maude Larrabee: Looks 50 and up; the elegant and regal mother of Linus, Jr. and David. She has wit and perception, though she can be snobby and put on airs. "A reigning beauty all her life...gives no sign of abdicating."

Julia Ward McKinlock: Looks 50 & up; Maude's best friend. A formerly famous magazine editor and bookstore owner in the Paris of the 20's. She is a woman ahead of her time. She plays the interested observer, wise, witty and blunt with a face "that shows intelligence and good humor and awareness." Sings a French song.

Gretchen Larrabee: Looks 20-30; David's ex-wife, who is now dating Linus. "Well-bred, knowing...tough." Could double as Young Woman 1 or 2, partygoers.

Margaret: Looks any age. The family maid, could be like Sabrina's older sister or mother figure, as she is warm and loving to Sabrina. Ability to cry realistically a plus. Depending on age, could double as Young Woman 1 or 2, partygoers.

Young Woman 1 & 2: Looks teens to 30; could double with Gretchen or Margaret, depending on age.

Linus Larrabee, Jr.: Looks 35-50; the elder Larrabee son, a cynical, good-humored tycoon, who has taken control of the family fortune. "Rugged-looking and easy in his movements." He

detects Sabrina's feeling for his brother and for his own amusement lays a trap to bring them together. He knows the price of everything but has no concept of the value of love. He is the real protagonist of the piece, as it is his decisions and personal growth that key the play's action and resolution.

David Larrabee: Looks 30-40; the younger of the two Larrabee sons, a debonair and wanton playboy, who has been previously married. He becomes quickly smitten with Sabrina and wants to marry her. "Easy good humor...sure control."

Linus Larrabee, Sr: Looks 50 & up; the father of Linus, Jr. and David. Courtly, gracious, but showing signs of age. He has become a man of leisure who amuses himself by attending funerals.

Fairchild: Looks 50 & up; the Larrabees' chauffeur. Quiet, humble, but with his own dignity. An avid reader, and surprisingly smart about money. Could be played British.

Paul D'Argenson: Looks 30 & up; a Parisian suitor of Sabrina's. "With his affability, the man has authority." Speaks with a French accent, but with undertones of Oxfordian English. Could double as Young Man 1 or 2, depending on age.

Young Man 1 & 2: Teens & up; Partygoers.

Props and costumes needed for Sabrina Fair include: wicker furniture, 1950's chaise longue with a canopy, a cockatoo in a birdcage, and 1950's clothing, particularly men's white dinner jackets or tuxedos.

THEATRE IN THE WOODS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS -

ADMINISTRATIVE OR ARTISTIC! SEWING, PAINTING, CONSTRUCTION, BACKSTAGE AND BOX OFFICE HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. PLEASE CALL THE THEATRE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.

COMING IN NOVEMBER...

Theatre in the Woods, in collaboration with Shoestring Productions presents - Rodgers & Hammerstein's **A Grand Night for Singing**. Directed by Steve Burke, A Grand Night for Singing is a musical revue showcasing the music of Richard Rodgers and the lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II. Look for our Audition Notice coming soon.



DEERFIELD PARK DISTRICT OFFERS SAVINGS ON POOL PASSES NOW!

Pool Passes - Think summer and save by purchasing 2012 Deerfield Park District Pool Passes early for use at both Mitchell and/or Deerspring outdoor pools. Pool passes are available for residents and nonresidents and for individuals, families, nannies and Seniors over the age of 62. You may stop by Jewett Park Community Center, 836 Jewett Park Drive, in Deerfield now through June 1 and save. For general questions, please call Deerfield Park District at 847-945-0650.



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ADOPT A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Meet Handsome Kopa

By Jackie Borchew

When his family was forced to move and the new apartment would not allow dogs, Kopa was relinquished to animal control, and eventually



landed at Orphans of the Storm. At Orphans he is safe and gets the best possible attention, but he needs more. Kopa needs a new family to love.

Weighing in at over 100 pounds, Kopa is a gentle giant. His size alone does command attention of the shelter visitors, but his age of seven years tends to turn those potential adopters away.

Kopa has become one of the staff and volunteers favorites, and because of that, he gets selected to attend many of the off-site adoption events, where he is calm and mannerly with other dogs as well as children and people of all ages.

Kopa is long finished with his puppy stage and has gained the wisdom of an adult dog now, one that understands the value of companionship and respect for any person who may offer up a heart and home where he may begin the second chapter of his life.

Orphans of the Storm is the final refuge for thousands of stray, abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats each year. If you have the space in your heart and home, won't you consider adopting a friend for life at Orphans of the Storm.

The shelter is open every day from 11am-5pm for adoptions. You may view the available dogs and cats on our website www.orphansofthestorm.org, on our facebook page www.facebook.com/orphansofthetstorm or you may stop in and meet them all in real time. For more information on Kopa, or any of the animals at Orphans, please call 847-945-0235.