



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

The Cure for the Winter Blah's

By Gale Gand, Pastry Chef/Partner at Tru

As the pastry chef/partner at Tru, chocolate is my solution to the winter blahs. It lifts your spirits at some of the toughest times so treat yourself to a hot chocolate pick me up. Here are two recipes from my book, **Gale Gand's Just A Bite**, for soothing delicious hot cups of cocoa, one white, one dark.

White-Hot Chocolate

This rich and fragrant brew is scented with vanilla and star anise. It makes an elegant, warming dessert drink that looks beautiful in your best china teacups.

Makes 2 cups:

- 4 ounces white chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 3 pieces star anise

Combine the chopped chocolate and vanilla extract in a medium bowl.

Combine the milk, cream and star anise in a sauce pan and heat over medium-high heat until boiling, stirring occasionally. Pour over the chocolate and whisk well to melt. Strain into mugs to smooth and to remove the star anise (or just fish them out) and serve immediately.

Hot Cocoa Shots with Mini Marshmallows

It's fun to sip these tiny cups of dark, cinnamon hot chocolate from espresso cups. They are great with cookies, and almost any other dessert you can think of!

Makes 4 cups:

- 4 cups whole milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- mini marshmallows for serving

Combine the milk and vanilla in a sauce pan and heat to a simmer over medium heat.

Meanwhile, stir together the cocoa powder, sugar, and cinnamon. A few teaspoons at a time, stir the hot milk into the cocoa mixture to make a smooth paste. Scrape the cocoa mixture into the saucepan with the milk and simmer 2 minutes; do not let it boil.

Pour into small serving cups and place 4 mini marshmallows on each serving. Serve immediately.



Tru Continues Annual Great Chefs Dinner Series with Benefit for Common Threads

Executive Chef Rick Tramonto and Executive Pastry Chef Gale Gand welcome Chef Alan Wong, Chef Art Smith and Chef Brooke Vosika on Monday, January 17, 2005. Reservations can be made by contacting Tru special event director Julie Drengberg at (312) 202-0001 ext. 230.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Riverwoods Village Board:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8p.m. Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and 15, Mar. 1 and 15.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Feb. 3 and Mar. 3.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

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

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

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

Upcoming RRA meeting:
General RRA Meeting
February 9, 2005, at 7:30p.m.

Meetings will be held at the Riverwoods Village Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

It's 11:00 p.m. – Do You Know Where Your Children Are? The curfew ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 17, is 11p.m. during the week and 12a.m. Holidays, Friday and Saturday. It conforms to state statute.



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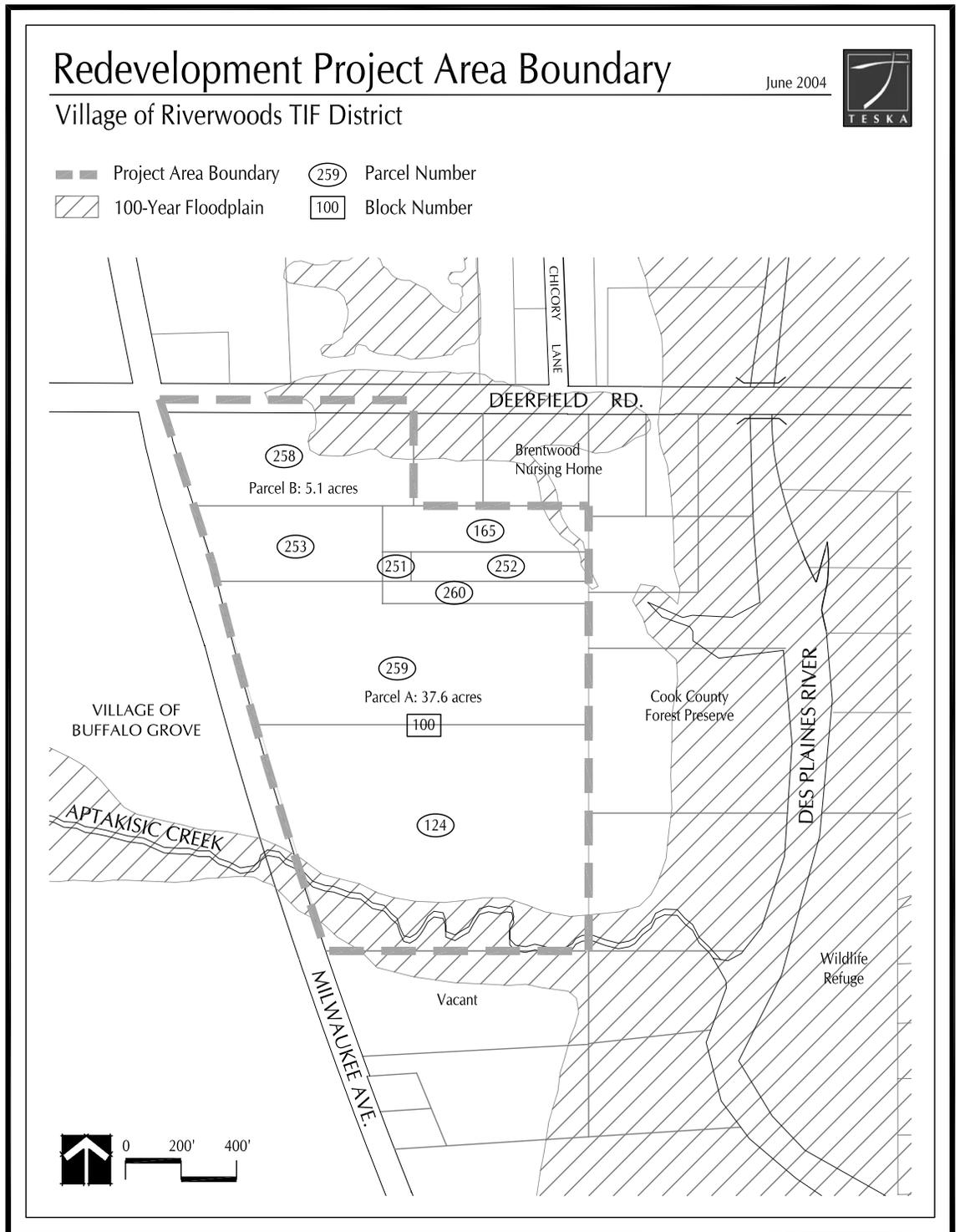
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Village Board Meeting
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Any resident wishing to become a newsletter staff volunteer please call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and leave your name and phone number.

Update on the Redevelopment of 42 Acres on Milwaukee and Deerfield Road

Since last summer, the Village has been involved in the process of establishing a tax increment financing district (TIF) to facilitate the development of an area that includes the site of the Riverwood Inn restaurant, which is 5 acres, and the adjoining parcel to the south that encompasses about 37 acres. The total area of the proposed TIF is 42 acres as



shown in the map of the “redevelopment project area.”

Most of the area includes land that was formerly a landfill. Obstacles to development include overcoming floodplain concerns and making improvements to Deerfield Road near the Milwaukee intersection as well as to Milwaukee Avenue. The empty site has been undeveloped for many years, but the use of TIF financing will hopefully allow for the improvement of the property. The Village Plan Commission has been reviewing the proposed site plans of the two owners of the property in the TIF. The intended development is for a commercial mixed-use shopping center with smaller uses such as banks, restaurants, pharmacies and offices sharing the site with perhaps one or two larger anchor retailers (perhaps a home improvement store, a grocery or gourmet goods store) as well as smaller shops.

In considering the proposed development, the Village has provided some guidelines to the developers: (1) the uses must be primarily retail oriented to provide a sales tax base to secure the Village’s future financial base; (2) only property tax increment generated by the future construction of the buildings on the site should be used to pay for any improvements, and in no event will the Village be liable for payment of any TIF obligations from any source except the project’s own TIF revenues; (3) the project should be designed to meet the standard of excellence in architecture and site planning, including maintaining generous landscape buffers along the periphery and otherwise remaining consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Village collected, for the special police levy, approximately \$322,000 in property taxes in 2004, at a rate of about \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (remember assessed value in Lake County is one-third of fair market value). Riverwoods has one of the lowest property tax rates of any of the communities in our area. The police department brings in some other revenue from fines and presently still receives a COPS grant, but the grant expires in a year or two. The cost to operate the police department in 2004 has been approximately \$800,000. In the long run, the general fund will have to start subsidizing the police fund.

This cost together with the costs to maintain and repair the Village’s infrastructure (sewers, water mains and streets) are the reasons why the Village seeks to convert a non-productive asset into one that will provide on-going sales tax revenue. A well-designed and successful commercial center is projected to provide from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually to the Village in sales taxes! This source of income would be extremely beneficial to the Village and would potentially cover many funding needs in the Village without having to resort to other taxes. The Village is fortunate that we have the opportunity to

engage in forward-planning of the center in its design and function. We invite all of our residents to attend Plan Commission meetings at which the discussion of the development plans has been underway. Additionally, the Village Board has been holding a public hearing on the creation of the TIF District. We cannot complete these hearings until the unincorporated part of the area is annexed to the Village, and we cannot complete annexation until the zoning and design for the projects are fully presented to and voted upon by the Plan Commission. As we have encountered the need for re-design and coordination of extensive off-site street improvements, these hearings have been continued from time to time, but we hope that the conclusion of the hearings and formation of the TIF can occur in the first quarter of this year.



William S. Kaplan, Mayor

Update of Current Village Board Topics

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes Oct. 5, 28, Nov. 2, and 16.

Board of Trustee meetings during this time period have centered on discussion regarding the proposed TIF district on the 42 acres on Milwaukee and Deerfield Roads, the Woodland Protection Ordinance, Gypsy Moth infestation concerns, development of the land near the Country Inn and Suites, and questions from residents regarding specific issues pertaining to their properties. The following are an ordinance and two non-routine motions that have passed.

WATER SERVICE MATERIAL APPROVED

The Board of Trustees approved the use of Polyethylene PE) tubing for use as a water service material.

TREES REMOVED FROM VILLAGE HALL

The Village Board voted to grant Glenwood Tree the contract to remove dead trees from Village Hall property for \$4,680.

COUNTRY INN AND SUITES

The Village Board voted to send the Country Inn and Suites proposal to the Plan Commission for consideration.

Plan Commission Report

By Linda Dunn

The Plan Commission continues to hold public hearings on the 37 acre parcel and the five acre parcel on Milwaukee Avenue. The Commissioners are continuing to discuss and develop an Affordable Housing Plan to present to the Board. Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan is ongoing. The next Plan Commission meeting will be January 13, 2005, 7:30p.m. at the Village Hall.

Police Report

By Morris Weinstein, Chief of Police

Resident Survey We wish to thank everyone that has already returned their surveys and urge all to do so. Question 20 asks what number would you call if you saw a suspicious person in Riverwoods? You should call (847)945-1820. This will reach the dispatchers. However, if you are ever in doubt about what number to call for police service, you can always dial 911. Help us to help you. Please call the Police if you see anything or anyone suspicious. Call immediately.

Internet Scams People in foreign countries are answering Internet sales listings and sending large dollar amount counterfeit checks for payment. The intent is to have the seller send the items and the balance to a shipping carrier. If the seller follows the instructions, they will be out not only the item, but additional money. If you place any type of ad, be careful.

Phishing is becoming more prevalent. Phishing are e-mails that purport to come from a reputable company and ask you to confirm your account details, but which actually have no affiliation with that company and are in fact distributed by criminals looking for gullible victims. Your identity is one of your most valuable assets, protect it.

Toy Drive I wish to thank all who participated in our toy drive. Special thanks are extended to CCH Inc. and Northside Community Bank for their exceptional efforts. 120 gifts were collected in the Village. My wife contributed an additional 162 gifts. The grand total for the entire drive was over 24,000 items.

Do Not Call List for Cell Phone Users

In a few weeks, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you may start to

receive sales calls on your cell phone. If you do not want these sales cell phone calls, you can call (888)382-1222 from your cell phone or logon to donotcall.gov on line to put your name and number on the national Do Not Call list. It blocks your number for five years.

Lincolnshire/Riverwoods Fire Department Files

By Scott Vaughn, Firefighter

Carbon Monoxide Carbon monoxide (CO) is commonly known as "The Silent Killer." An odorless, colorless gas with no taste, carbon monoxide is responsible for over 2,000 deaths annually in the United States. Although CO poisoning can occur any time of the year, the winter months are a major concern due to the increased use of heating equipment in our homes.

Carbon monoxide is produced whenever fossil fuels are burned. Natural gas, propane, charcoal, fire logs and vehicle exhaust are just some of the more common sources of CO. Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when high concentrations of CO enter the bloodstream after being inhaled. The absorption rate of CO in the blood is 250 times that of oxygen and this high absorption rate results in inadequate oxygen to the brain. If a victim is not removed to fresh air and treated, CO poisoning will progress to coma and eventually death.

To keep your home as safe as possible, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in addition to your smoke detectors. It's important to remember that one will not do the job of the other. A CO detector that includes a digital readout is a good idea since this type of sensor can indicate how high the CO concentration in an area is in the event of an alarm.

The symptoms of CO exposure are sometimes similar to the flu and can include headache, nausea, dizziness or blurred vision. If more than one person in your home presents with these symptoms at the same time, CO poisoning should be suspected. Leaving the premises and seeking emergency medical treatment is essential.

If your CO detector activates and there are no symptoms, you may call 911 and request assistance from the fire department in locating the source. As long as no one is exhibiting symptoms, do not ventilate your home - this will make it easier to pinpoint the leak if there is one.

Residents with questions about carbon monoxide or CO detectors can call the fire department at (847) 634-2512.

Riverwoods Book Club

The Riverwoods Book Club welcomes you. It meets every Friday morning at 10:00a.m. and is free to all residents. You don't have to be a Senior to belong. Enjoy good books, good conversation and more. Led by June Melber, the next meeting will be Friday, January 14, 2005, and the book being discussed is the Kite Runner. Please join us.

Caucus Elections

The upcoming caucus elections will take place in April. Trustees John Norris, William Svatik, and Paul Tully, Clerk Eileen Stanger, and Mayor William Kaplan are all up for reelection. For more information, please contact Village Hall.

Senior News

Please come for breakfast. Let's plan what programs you want for the new year.

Thursday, January 20, 2005

10:00a.m. at Village Hall.

Please respond and call Nancy at (847) 945-3990 by January 17.

All Invited

Catch Your Money Find out if you are missing money! The Illinois State Treasurer is holding millions of dollars of unclaimed property. Come and see if your name is on the State Treasurer's Cash Dash computer.

Learn a Smart Way to Save for College with the Bright Start College Savings Program.

Thursday, February 17, 2005

9:00a.m. to Noon

Village Hall

Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's office.

Yoga Here and Now

Childrens Yoga Classes offered on a pre-registration basis starting Tuesday, January 4th and ending Tuesday, February 8th, ages 4-6 from 3:30-4:15p.m.; ages 7-10 from 4:30-5:30p.m. and ages 11-14 from 5:45-6:45p.m.

Teen Yoga Class offered on a pre-registration basis starting Thursday, January 6th and ending Thursday, February 10th from 4:30-5:45p.m.

Marala Goldberg's Inner Wisdom Workshops offered Monday, January 3rd thru March 14th from 12:30-2:00p.m. and Thursdays, January 13th thru March 10th from 11:30-12:45 and 7:30-9:00p.m. Experience Marla's multisensory Guided Imagery Meditation and the approach she takes to teaching how to tap into the heart's wisdom and develop your intuitive 6th sense for everyday use.

Introduction to Thai Massage Workshop with Moira O'Keefe offered Saturday, February 5th from 3-5:00p.m. You will learn to apply basic Thai Massage techniques intended to open and energize the body.

Vinyasa Yoga with Buddha Wexler offered Sunday, March 20th from 2-5:00p.m. Come experience the art of sequencing and understanding dynamic energy flows in asanas and the synchronization of breathing and meditative awareness which have the potential to optimize any yoga practice.

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



Ryerson Woods

Winter Woodsie Chats

Stop by Ryerson Woods on a snowy afternoon for a cup of cocoa, a cozy fire and a "Woodsie Chat" with an artist, author or storyteller. Sponsored by the Friends of Ryerson.

Storytelling

Join storytellers Jim Pfitzer and Megan Wells to celebrate the mysterious world of birds of prey. Through story, music and craft, children and adults will experience more deeply the beauty and wonder of these magnificent creatures with which we share the planet.

Individual parents not wanting to participate in the group activity at the beginning may arrive at 2:30p.m., when the children will break out into a separate group for a mask making craft while the adults share more sophisticated stories.

Sunday, January 23 at 1:30p.m.

For registration and fee information, please contact (847)968-3321. Information taken from the Lake County Forest Preserve Quarterly Newsletter.

Riverwoods Family Day 2005

By Jodi Kahn

Plans will be underway in January for the 5th annual Riverwoods Family Day! For those who don't know, Family Day is a picnic/carnival -type event held in June of each year for Riverwoods residents and their families. It is a great opportunity for Riverwoods families to meet each other, make new friends in the community, or just have a fun day with your family and old friends. It is also an excellent way to learn what Riverwoods has to offer.

Local businesses who help sponsor Family Day can be found in our Business Sponsors Tent, or providing activities during the day. Members of the Riverwoods police and fire departments are there with their cars, trucks and ambulance for the kids to explore. They also provide valuable safety information for you, and goodies of all kinds for the kids!



Members of the Riverwoods Resident Association (RRA), Theatre in the Woods, and the Village Board are there too with information. But information isn't the only thing that Family Day has to offer.

The event is held at Tamarak Day Camp, and a variety of activities are always planned. Swimming, Moonwalk/Slide, Arts and Crafts, Yoga, Relay Races and Field Games are some examples. We also have entertainment such as a clown, magician, DJ, and food of course! So mark your calendars now! This year's event is on Sunday, June 12th, 11-3pm. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in being on the FUN Family Day committee, or if you want to be a business sponsor, please call or email Jodi Kahn at 847.236.1632 or jodikahn@comcast.net.

Village People Needed

By Art Bess, RRA President

How great it would be if the Riverwoods Residents Association could contact you via email and you could respond to a dedicated web site. Think of the possibilities: the only limit being your imagination. Weekly postings such as Senior Events and Meetings, Babysitters Bulletin Board, RRA Events and more! Truly, Riverwoods at your fingertips. A preliminary feasibility meeting will be occurring in January with the new RRA Board and you volun-

teers. To become part of this happening, contact Art Bess at 948-5288, Richard Small at 940-0444, or Jill Kaplan at 945-0062.

Also, new events on the horizon that will need experienced (or not) coordinators; *Winter Wines of the Woods*, a tasting event; *Midsummer Night's Dream*, outdoor movie and camp out; *Calling all Kids*, Police and Fire open house; and *Finders Keepers*, a spring egg hunt and Village Hall open house. Of course, helping on the new events would not preclude your service on the "old" ones; Arts & Riverwoods, Clean Up Day, Plant Sale, Family Day, and The Village Halloween Party. And you all thought there would be no opportunity to get out of the house. Along with all these events, your RRA board will be investigating discounts to be extended to RRA members. So join NOW, Volunteer NOW and get a chance to add your 2 cents to the event planning process."

All my Best for a great 2005 -

2005 RRA Membership Announcement

Join the RRA today. Not only will you receive your village stickers, but be a part of the only Riverwoods community association! We are not associated with your road associations!

The mission of the RRA is to encourage the preservation of the unique character of the Riverwoods area and to protect homeowners and residents against any project or act of any kind that threatens to be injurious to the health, safety and general well-being of the owners and residents. We support and encourage social and cultural activities in Riverwoods. We promote information and communication among residents on common concerns to the area. We also promote ways to support and safeguard the basic principle of a village policy built around maximum voluntary citizen involvement, minimum government control and minimum expenditure of funds for municipal services and capital improvement projects.

For the \$15 membership fee you will receive two automobile stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each. Please mail in your check made out to the RRA to P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. Include your name, address, Phone, and Email so that we may keep in contact with you more easily.



Welcome to the 2005 Riverwoods Plant Sale

By Margie Kaul

We wanted everyone to know that the proceeds from the plant sale will go to create a wildflower and native plant garden at the Village Hall. The plant sale specializes in finding beautiful and healthy plants for you that are happy in our particular and unique environment.



If anyone is interested in volunteering to help at the sale this spring, we would be delighted to have you. Please contact Margie Kaul at (847)945-5131 rmkaul@comcast.net or Sheila Hollander at (847)945-4879 sheilahh@comcast.net.

Arts and Riverwoods

By Sherry H. Kaplan, Arts & Riverwoods Chairman

As many of you know Arts and Riverwoods is the major fund raising event undertaken by our Village. The proceeds are used to provide art scholarships for Lake County grade and High School students. This year we will also be providing scholarships for young disabled artists. At a time when government funding of the arts is at a low point these scholarships are sorely needed as a source of encouragement for our young people.

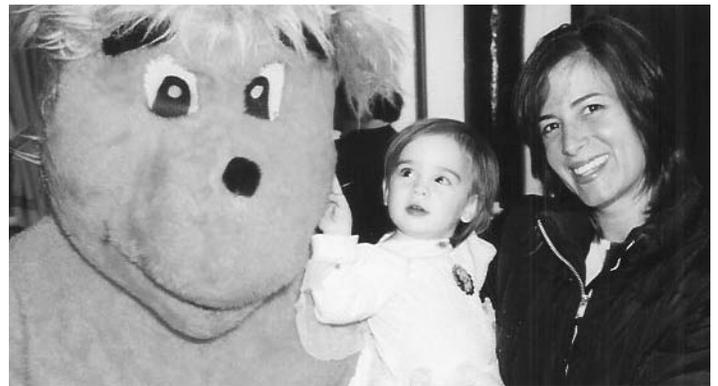
This 46th year of the show will hopefully be the best show ever. We already have many volunteers for the executive committee. The first meeting of the executive committee will be on January 5, 2005. We also greatly need homes for the show. Without the commitment and support of all of our Village residents we can not succeed. Mark your calendars for September 17th & 18th, 2005 the dates of the show.

Please contact me at (847)945-1972 if you would be interested in having your home in the show or would like to be on the executive committee.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming RRA Meetings:

General RRA Meeting, February 9, 2005 at 7:30p.m.
Annual RRA Meeting, November 9, 2005 at 7:30p.m.
Both meetings will be held at the Riverwoods Village Hall

Good Times from the Village Halloween Party



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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 March/April Issue:

February 15, 2004

Send to:

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A r o u n d L a k e C o u n t y

Information provided by the Lake County Tourism Bureau website.

Camp and Summer Adventure Fair

Sunday, January 23, 2005

Visit one-on-one with more than 80 exhibitors, ranging from local to international, day camps to sleepaways, extreme adventure to self-esteem development. The Radio Disney Fun Patrol, games, giveaways, lessons and presentations bring the excitement and fun of camp to life to beat the winter blahs. Pre-register at 708-613-3366. Call for hours.

Location: Lincolnshire Marriot Resort
10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Directions from nearest highway: I-94 to Route 22 (Half Day Road) west and south on Route 21 (Milwaukee Ave.)

Winter Fest

Sunday, January 23, 2005

Cross-country skiing, sledding, ice skating, dog sled and ice sculpting demos, food and fun for all!

Location: Centennial Ice Arena
3100 Trail Way, Highland Park, IL 60035

Directions from nearest highway: Northeast of

Hwy. 41 north and Route 22 east.
Miscellaneous Information
Motorcoach Parking: Not available
Services for equal accessibility: Limited
Accessibility

Swing!

Thursday, February 17, 2005 - Sunday, April 24, 2005
You'll swing to over thirty fabulous songs from the Big Band era of Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. From jumps, jives, taps and claps to lindy hops, trucking, pecking and Suzi Q; this show really sings with the sensational sounds of Swing!

Location: Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire
10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire, IL 60069
Directions from nearest highway: I-94 to Route 22 (Half Day Road) west and south on Route 21 (Milwaukee Ave.) to Marriott Drive. Weds. - Sun. performances, call or see website for prices.

Miscellaneous Information
Motorcoach Parking: On-site, Free
Services for equal accessibility: Wheelchair
Accessible

For more information, visit:
www.MarriottTheatre.com