



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Advanced Emergency Preparedness Takes Shape for the Village of Riverwoods

Implementation of Communication Service is Part of the Village's Efforts in Emergency Preparedness and Communication Planning

The Village of Riverwoods has selected Connect-CTY to provide Village administrators the ability to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to all residents, businesses, and local officials in just minutes, through a single phone call. Riverwoods' administrators can use the service to periodically and personally communicate with residents about matters involving pressing information, such as unforeseen events, public service, and emergencies.

Village administrators will no longer have to go door-to-door or utilize other inefficient means to make certain that every resident is informed of time-sensitive information, such as a flood warning or water boil order. Administrators can record and send messages from a computer or telephone with the user-friendly, internet-based system, and can also keep track of how many and which numbers were reached.

Now, if a pressing public health or emergency warning needs to be issued, the Village doesn't have to rely on everyone being tuned in to their radios or TVs. They can be reached immediately, in the form in which residents are already accustomed to communicating.

Village administrators can send messages to everyone or only specified groups. The Village also can use a map on the system to contact specific geographical locations, sending messages only to specified areas.

"The implementation of the Connect-CTY service represents another important step forward for emergency preparedness and communication leadership in the Village of Riverwoods," said Mayor William S. Kaplan. "We strongly urge everybody to take note of this service, and after the initial test, to register telephones that are not traditional landlines." More information about registering other lines will be forthcoming.

The Village of Riverwoods will make an announcement before conducting the first system test call so that residents can anticipate the call.

RIVERWOODS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

RRA meeting Monday, January 22 at 7:00p.m. at the Village Hall, followed by the Caucus Party Town Hall Meeting at 7:30, at which caucus candidates will be nominated for three trustee positions. Refreshments will be served. Citizen of the Year to be awarded for the years 2004, 5 and 6. 2007 vehicle stickers available for \$20 membership to the RRA which includes 2 stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each. If unable to attend, mail to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015.

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. 16, Feb. 6, 20 and Mar. 6 and 20.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Feb. 1, Mar. 1 and Apr. 5.

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.

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

The Riverwoods Preservation Council
Call Greg Mancuso, chairman at (847)945-7034.

Arts&Riverwoods Call Leslie Ames, chairman, at (847)948-9003.

RRA (Riverwoods Residents Association) **Mark your calendars.** RRA meeting Monday, Jan. 22, at 7:00pm p.m., followed by the Caucus Party Town Hall meeting at 7:30. Refreshments will be served. 2006 Citizen of the Year will be awarded. 2007 vehicle stickers are available with \$20 membership dues - \$5.00 for each additional sticker. If unable to attend, send check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015.



Read the News First on the Village Website

All information contained in this newsletter as well as other pertinent Village information is available on the Village of Riverwoods website. Read it first at: www.villageofriverwoods.com



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Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes of October 3, November 7 and 21.

CURFEW ORDINANCE PASSED

The Village Board passed an ordinance amending provisions of the Village Code concerning curfew offenses. This ordinance now pertains to minor children under the age of 18, rather than 17 years of age.

CONNECT-CITY AGREEMENT (AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM)

Connect-CITY is an emergency phone system that will notify residents by telephone in the event of an emergency. It will cost the Village \$2 per household per year. The Village Board voted to purchase the system for the community.

RINGLAND ROAD WATER EXTENSION

The Village entered into an agreement with the developer who brought water down Ringland Road. When the other homes tap on, the developer will receive \$14,750 per home up to \$103,250.00, as reimbursement of costs incurred by the developer.

RPC GUIDE

The Village Board approved spending up to \$15,000 to print and distribute the Riverwoods Preservation Council Stewardship Guide to all existing and new residents.

VILLAGE ROAD REPAIR AND PAVING

Chicagoland Paving has been approved by the Village Board to do the 2006 Roadway Maintenance Program. The cost will be \$229,665.00 for patching and repaving.

NORTHBROOK WATER

The Village approved an agreement for water purchase from the Village of Northbrook.

NICOLE JARVIS DAY

The Village Board voted to proclaim October 18, 2006, as Nicole Jarvis Day for her bravery in rescuing two drowning swimmers this past summer. Her grandfather, Howard Patterson, is a resident of Riverwoods.

Thank You for Your Input

By Police Chief Morris Weinstein

Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey. We value your input. As always, feel free to contact Riverwoods Police Department with any concerns. This includes traffic enforcement. We attempt to monitor traffic issues throughout the Village. Residents contacting us aid in directing our efforts.

An important reminder: if you see a suspicious person or need a non-emergency police response in your area, the correct number to call is (847)945-1820. If you are ever in doubt you can always call 911. Please make sure your house address is visible from the street (from both directions). This will assist emergency personnel in helping you.

I noted that some of the residents responded less than "excellent" for the 'Police visibility in your neighborhood' category. Our squads, marked and unmarked, are patrolling the entire Village constantly, 24 hours a day. There are a variety of circumstances that may yield the perception, or even the reality, that an area is not being repetitively patrolled. We continually strive to effectively patrol all areas.

I hope that all of you have a safe and healthy New Year.

Riverwoods To Select Caucus Party Candidates

The Riverwoods Caucus Nominating Committee reminds you to attend the Town Hall meeting to select Caucus Party candidates on **January 22, 2007**, at 7:30p.m.

The consolidated election will be held on **April 17, 2007**, (not on April 5 as previously reported). Please vote! Your vote not only affects the current election, but the number of signatures required for candidates in the next election.

ID Your Pet— Microchip Opportunity

On Saturday, April 21st, 2007, from 10a.m.-1p.m. the Riverwoods Police Department will be hosting a microchipping event. People can bring their dogs or cats to the police department to have them microchipped by Lake County Animal Control. This will be for a fraction of the cost a veterinarian would charge. Call the Village Hall for more information, at 847-945-3990.

Center for Enriched Living presents it's Annual Raffle: "Hit The Road Raffle"

The Center for Enriched Living announces it's annual fundraiser raffle, "Hit the Road Raffle," the grand prize of which is a 2007 BMW 335 Twin Turbo Coupe (or \$32,000 cash). The winner of this raffle will be chosen at The Center's "Great Chefs Night & More" event! This gourmet dining event will take place on April 23, 2007, at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort.

Tickets are \$100 each or three for \$275. Those who enter before Feb. 15 also will be eligible for an additional \$1,000 cash drawing. Proceeds from the raffle benefit The Center, a Riverwoods non-profit agency that serves people of all ages with developmental disabilities.

To purchase tickets, call 847-948-7001, x-216 or visit the Center's Web site at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org.



A New Generation of Animal Lovers

By Jackie Borchew

A young cat spent several days over the holiday trapped high in an old oak tree in Riverwoods. No one will ever know just how he got into his predicament; whether chased by a coyote, or whether he himself, in pursuit of a bird, without realizing the extent of his climb, found himself so high. But once there, paralyzed by the height, his inability to trust the competence of his claws, or too unfamiliar with the territory to want to venture down, he sat patiently meowing for help.

By the third day, local children knew his stay had to end. "The children were sincerely concerned about the cat," commented a neighbor.

The concerned children, Alexis Tortorella, Sam Rohn, Sam Tortorella and Samijo Siedband (*pictured in front of the tree where Bobo was stranded*), worked with a lawn maintenance crew with a very long ladder to save the stranded cat. Hector Rosas and Gavno Martinez became heroes for the day. Young Bobo was brought to safety and his owners were located later that day.

Kris, a staff member at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter, suggests that you keep identification on your pet at all times. If your pet is microchipped, you must register with the microchip company in order for it to be fool-proof. If your pet does become lost, file a report with your police and local animal control agency. Post flyers with a current photo of the pet; even call local animal hospitals and vets because someone may have found your pet injured and brought him in for treatment. But most of all, be proactive: get out and search.

Thanks to these young animal lovers, Bobo and his family were reunited. But thousands of animals each year are not so lucky to be reunited with their owners. Just look at the number of orphans awaiting adoption at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter.



What is The Future of Our Trees?

By Riverwoods Preservation Council

The Riverwoods Preservation Council is examining the cost and feasibility of a survey of the health of our woodlands. Experts believe that without proper management the woods will continue to decline, and could ultimately disappear completely. They believe that because of age, invasive plants and insects, as well as deer and development, the woods are threatened. We need a greater diversity of plants and more oak and hickory saplings to replace the trees that are expected to die.

The study will involve a close examination of the state of the woodlands, in consultation with local experts, and a comparison with protected areas such as Ryerson Nature Preserve.

There are at least three things all of us can do in the short-run: 1) use **certified arborists** who can provide reliable advice on tree preservation and reforestation, 2) take advantage of the Village's generous **reforestation subsidy**, and 3) take advantage of the Village's **cost-sharing program** to remove buckthorn and garlic mustard.

If you would like to help (even if you are uncertain how you can help), please let us know. Contact us at questions@riverwoodsrpc.org, Rich Koomjian at 847-374-1786 or Sue Auerbach at 847-945-7898. Thanks!

Dear Friends and Neighbors

By Riverwoods Preservation Council

As this year comes to a close, many of us take the opportunity to gather with friends and relatives for holiday celebrations. We of the RPC would like to take the time to thank our friends and neighbors. You have supported us with your time or money or kind words. We are grateful to you all!

Looking back. In spite of your hectic schedules, some of you managed to find time this year to attend our educational events such as the enlightening presentation by the Morton Arboretum's Community Tree Advocate, the provocative discussion of deer led by the wildlife biologist from the Lake County Forest Preserve, or the architect's talk and tour of a beautiful, environmentally-sensitive home. We're glad you agreed that the speakers were top-notch. We have tried to supply you only with the BEST.

Looking Forward. In the coming year, with your continued support, we will improve and expand our mission to preserve the woodlands that make Riverwoods a unique community. The issues that confront us have no simple solutions. Balancing the interests of development and

nature, living in harmony with the environment and protecting private property interests, and humanely addressing the "deer issue" are, to say the least, challenging.

Our Woods. The consensus among experts is that the woods are struggling. Are we at a crisis point? If so, what is the cause or causes? To this end we are examining the costs and feasibility of a biodiversity survey, which has never been done formally in Riverwoods. An accurate, scientifically-based examination would help us identify possible solutions.

Intern. Another project on our list involves locating an intern for our overworked forester. We believe that an intern could help interested homeowners understand more about our environment and proper residential woodlands management.

Guide. In the past year, as most of you know, we have been hard at work on our Riverwoods homeowners' guide, called In Our Own Backyard. Thanks to the generosity of your Village Board in agreeing to subsidize printing and distribution costs, we expect that you will each have your own copy early in '07.

In the meantime, we will try to continue to bring you excellent and entertaining educational events, as well as articles in the Village Voice and on the RPC's web site (www.riverwoodsrpc.org).

Mark your calendar now! On January 27 at the Village Hall at noon, Linda Breuer of Barnswallow will bring raptors, hawks and owls just like those in our woods. Linda is a federally licensed rehabilitator and her enthusiasm and breadth of knowledge will amaze you. This is a great event for the whole family. And as usual, free.

BBQ. On June 10th, we will have a barbeque and tree identification walk led by our own June Melber. Some of you may know June from the Riverwoods Book Club and others from her work at Ryerson. The event promises to be loads of fun and another great one for families.

Snakes. And there's more. Watch for an announcement this spring about our event on snakes. We are fortunate to have a longtime Riverwoods resident, Don Wheeler, who is a herpetologist. He is especially knowledgeable about our native rattlesnake, the Massasauga. It may no longer exist in the wild here. We'll fill you in soon.

So these are just some of the things we will bring to the community in the coming year. We hope they will earn your continued support and participation. Without you we cannot succeed. Our woods need each and every one of us.

[The Riverwoods Preservation Council has achieved tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 organization. That means, among other things, that contributions to the RPC are tax-deductible. The RPC's principal goal is to preserve the unique ecological and aesthetic ambiance of the Village.]

Hawks, Owls and Other Raptors!

The Riverwoods Preservation Council is sponsoring a special event on Saturday, January 27th at noon. Linda Breuer, director of Barnswallow, will be at the Village Hall with wild birds of prey she and her staff have rescued.



This is a unique opportunity to see wild raptors up close (but not too close!), and to learn from an expert. Linda's presentations are always fascinating, and her stories are amazing!

The price of admission? Free ... but a bottle of bleach or some paper towels are appreciated. (Barnswallow - a licensed nonprofit wild bird rehabilitation center - always needs supplies.) Don't miss it!

Dear Plant Ladies

Answered by *The Plant Ladies*, Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander

The snow is so deep and my plants are buried. Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

The phrase "blanket of snow" is more than a visual description—it's accurate in terms of warmth. Snow is an excellent insulator for gardens and landscapes by protecting these natural areas and its hibernating animals against low temperatures, battering winds, and lessening the extremes of temperature fluctuation to which the soil is subjected. Snow cover protects buds, foliage branches, stems and roots. The extent to which snow protects depends on its depth. Generally, temperatures beneath a layer of snow increase about 2 degrees F for each inch of accumulation.

Okay, so snow is a good thing. How exactly do the plants benefit?

Needle evergreens such as Yews and broadleaf evergreens like Rhododendrons and Boxwoods are more susceptible to desiccation (loss of water) and winter burn. These plants will often lose water in cold weather through their leaves. Snow cover insulates and provides needed moisture. In April, Forsythia branches that were protected by snow pro-

duce flowers, but those exposed to the elements above the snow line do not bloom as heavily, or at all, when air temperatures are sufficiently cold. Plants with shallow root systems such as perennials, bulbs, and ground covers benefit, too. They can be pushed out of the soil, called soil / frost heaving due to alternate freezing and thawing cycles, exposing them to cold temperatures and drying winds. This results in plants drying out. Snow cover prevents this heaving cycle.

Any other benefits of snow?

So glad that you asked. Snow also enriches the soil with very nutritious elements. During its condensation, it captures in its crystals ozonic, nitric, and ammoniac compounds existing in the air, releasing them directly into the ground. In this way, all the plants are being fed during the winter, by simply absorbing the snow! So, the ground of our landscapes highly benefits from the abundance of snow.

What should I do about my shrubs that are buried under a lot of snow?

Knocking off snow and ice is fine, but it must be done with extreme caution so as not to injure the plants. When the daytime temperature is above freezing, use a brush and gently push off the snow or ice and free buried branches. These branches are brittle and can easily break if one is not careful. It is also advisable to just do nothing, wait for a thaw and let nature do the work.

My sidewalk is an ice rink, and I need to deice it. Any advice about this?

When using deicing salts, it is important to understand that as salts accumulate nearby, plants take up the salt's chloride, which causes problems leading to dieback and decline. In addition, sodium from salts may destroy soil structure impeding soil drainage and root growth. There are four primary deicing salts. All have different characteristics. The most common deicing salt is sodium chloride. It can melt snow and ice until the temperature drops to between 16 and 20 F. It is very damaging to plants. Calcium chloride is another deicing salt. It can continue to melt snow and ice as temperatures fall well below 0 F. Concentrations of calcium chloride can attack concrete. It is less toxic to plants. Potassium chloride is a deicing salt that does not harm vegetation. It only melts when the air temperature is above 15 F. The newest deicing salt is magnesium chloride, which continues to melt snow and ice until the temperature reaches -13 F. This salt releases about 40% less chlorides into the environment than either the sodium chloride or calcium chloride. It is much less toxic to plants and animals because of its lower chloride content.

The Riverwoods Halloween Celebration Just Keeps Growing

By Sherry Kaplan

This year's Halloween Party was better and bigger than ever. Almost 500 people attended. The horse-drawn hay wagon was provided by the Village of Riverwoods. Bob Gand of the Village Music Store and Caroline Schaeffer, his folk partner, graciously volunteered to play the banjo and sing folk songs as the hay wagon rolled along. The roasted marshmallows, graham crackers and Hershey bars made great smores. The blazing campfire warmed all who huddled around. Yummy hot dogs, cider and candy awaited all the adorable costumed children who sat in front of the fireplace in the Village Hall. A fun filled maze and spook walk was there for the more adventurous who dared the out-of-doors. Last but not least, was our wonderful story lady, June Melber, who read scary Halloween stories.

We live in a wonderful community in which many people worked together to make this Halloween celebration such a success. Special thanks to NorthSide Community Bank and The Village of Riverwoods who sponsored the entire event. Thanks also to Panera Bread for donating bread for all the attendees to take home and to Mike Corn and Al Solomon for once again donating the candy. Thanks must also go to all those who helped set up, filled the goodie bags and did the decorations:

Carolyn Shapiro, Marguerite Welter, David and Emma Pigg, Sydnie Smith, Judy Kliebard, Chris and Anna Morozov, Lora-Lee Sadler and Bielski and Caroline Sadler, Karin, Danny and Carolin Nothaft, Alice and Brian Reich, Mary, Abby and Cameron Rich, Jodi Kahn, and Lisa Bokor.

Finally, thanks also to all those wonderful folks who helped cook, served the hot dogs and cider, and passed out the bags of candy and books. They include:

Barbara and Chief Morris Weinstein, Laurie Breitkopf, Bill and Betty Svatik, Judy and Tom Ahto, Lee Martin, Chad and Karlyn Solomon, Mike Ford, Ellen McKnight, and Stacy Kaufman and my special thanks to Al Solomon who spent days setting up, donated candy, and worked unceasingly to help make the party the great success it was.

It takes a Village to make a great party. Halloween was not just a party, it was a happening. I hope to see all of you, your children and your grandchildren there next year.



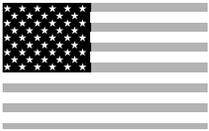


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Send in Those Letters!

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.

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Architectural Preservation Options for Riverwoods

By Joan Gand

On February 6th, Joan Gand and Landmarks Illinois will present a proposal to the Village Board concerning preservation of historic homes in Riverwoods. Landmarks Illinois has placed Riverwoods' mid-century modern housing, including those designed by Edward Humrich, on its watch list. The meeting is at 8pm at the Village Hall, and is open to the public.

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Architectural Preservation Options for Riverwoods

Presentation at the Village Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

By Lisa DiChiera, Landmarks Illinois

Introduction by Joan Gand

Topics will include:

- What the National Register of Historic Places does
- Architectural Preservation Ordinances and Types
- Preservation Easements and Tax Incentives to Homeowners
- What local government should do to qualify
- How other North suburban communities are participating

Q & A and Discussion will follow