



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

The Ghost of the Prairie

By Dan Thompson, District Animal Ecologist,
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

The coyote (*Canis latrans*) has long been intertwined with humans in North America. The word "coyote" comes from the Aztec word "coyotl," which loosely translates to "trickster." The Navajo refer to it as "God's dog." Native American lore respected this animal for its cunning and resourceful behavior. However, the arrival of European settlers brought a new attitude toward the environment. This attitude involved a disdain for coyotes based on the competition they presented for food resources. Although coyotes did affect some livestock, they were credited with much more damage than they actually caused.

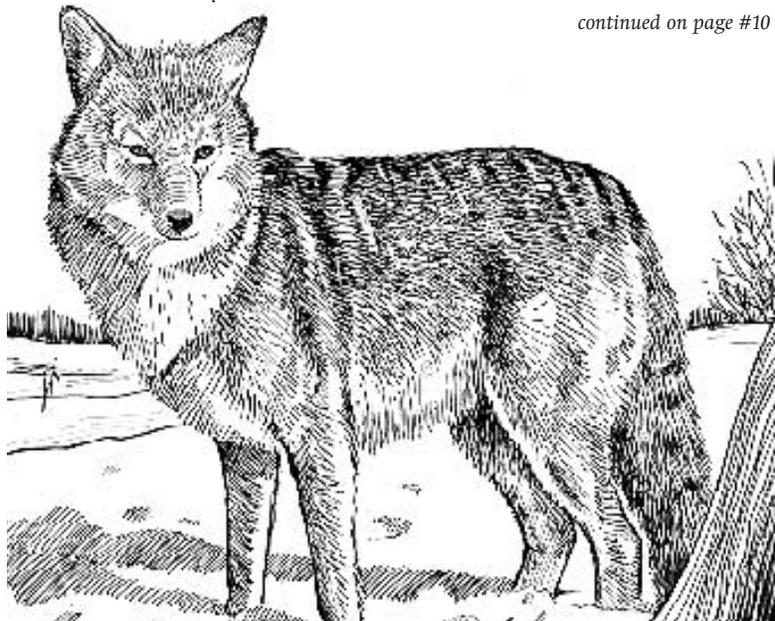
This loathing for coyotes reached a crescendo in the early 1900s when a national extermination program commenced. Even today there are many areas where bounties are offered on coyotes. This relentless pressure forced the coyote to change habits, essentially becoming a "ghost of the prairie." Coyotes avoided humans by hunting more at night, vocalizing less and appearing to vanish when spotted. However, despite years of attempted eradication, coyotes have managed to not only survive but also expand

their range. Today coyotes are found in every state except Hawaii.

This expansion is apparent in DuPage County. Local coyote populations increased dramatically around the late 1980s and have since stabilized, but concerns from the public have not. This is mainly attributed to the encroachment of humans into the coyote's habitat. As urban sprawl continues its expanse, habitat becomes increasingly scarce for wildlife, which must either adapt or perish.

The coyote loosely resembles a German shepherd but is smaller and lighter in color and has yellow eyes, longer legs, a more prominent point to its muzzle and ears, and a bushy black-tipped tail. The coyote's thick fur coat makes it appear to be much bigger than it truly is: the coyote weighs only 20-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Riverwoods Village Board:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8p.m. Nov. 16, Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4 and 18.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3.

Special Town Meeting -
Tuesday, December 7—*The Planning Commission, after public hearings, has recommended to the Board of Trustees to pass an ordinance to protect our woodlands. This evening you will listen to the experts, then voice your own opinion.*

Tuesday, December 7, 2004, 7p.m. At Discover/Morgan Stanley-2500 Lake Cook Road, Lake Cook and Saunders. Regular Board of Trustees meeting to follow.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

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

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

Plant Sale Committee, call Sue Auerbach, chairman at (847)945-7898.

The Building and Development Committee call Mike Karpeles, chairman at (847)940-1762.

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

State of the Birds Just out, the Audubon 'State of the Birds' report states that America's birds are significantly declining. 25% of forest birds, 23% of urban area birds and 13% of wetland species. Factors responsible are loss of native grasslands, overgrazing of grassland and scrubland, development of wetlands, bad forest management, invasive species, pollution and poor land use. Through history, birds have been an indicator of environmental and human health.

What can you do to help the birds? Make your yard a haven for the birds and feed the birds. To read the entire report go to www.audubon.org/bird/stateofthebirds



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Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Town Meeting -

Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 7p.m.

At Discover/Morgan Stanley-2500 Lake Cook Road at Lake Cook and Saunders Road

Regular Board of Trustees meeting to follow.

The Planning Commission, after public hearings, has recommended to the Board of Trustees to pass an ordinance to protect our woodlands. This was first considered as the Woodland Overlay Ordinance but was revised because it was thought to be too restrictive. After many months of discussion by the Board of Trustees and input from residents, the Board of Trustees is considering "An Ordinance Regulating The Removal of Protected Woodland In The Village of Riverwoods." This proposed Ordinance as of October 15, 2004, is in this Village Voice issue (see pages 3-5). This Ordinance is still being discussed and modified and by the time this issue is printed may be changed. Please see the Riverwoods Web Page www.villageofriverwoods.com or come in to the Village Hall to get an update.

Many residents ask why we need another ordinance. Don't we have a Tree Ordinance now? One answer is that the existing Tree Ordinance isn't designed to protect the understory, shrubs and ground plants of the natural woodlands. We do require replanting of trees when that is feasible, but that requirement can be fulfilled by planting saplings in newly installed lawn areas. We presently have no means for avoiding the loss of natural woodlands.

We will have experts to explain and answer questions regarding the cost and benefits of protecting our woodlands.

The Board of Trustees is very concerned about property rights as well as preserving the woodland areas of the village. The Board of Trustees has not yet made a decision on this matter. Individual members are, in fact, undecided, and feel that the proper balancing of interests is still a work in progress. That is why we would very much like to hear what you have to say after we have heard from the experts on this matter.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting on December 7, 2004. For more information, call the Village Hall at (847) 945-3990 or go to the Village Web Site www.villageofriverwoods.com.

See you on December 7, 2004, at Discover.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W S Kaplan".

William S. Kaplan, Mayor



READ IT ON THE WEB FIRST

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An Ordinance Regulating the Removal of Protected Woodland in the Village of Riverwoods

Whereas, the Plan Commission of the Village of Riverwoods on June 3, 2004 conducted a public hearing on the question of establishing a woodland protection district under the Riverwoods Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, the Plan Commission submitted its report to the Board of Trustees and recommended that a woodland overlay protection ordinance be considered to protect woodland areas in the village; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has determined that the principle of protecting the woodland areas of the village is essential to protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the village; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has determined that the preservation of woodland areas in the village, as recommended by the Plan Commission, will provide many benefits to the community as a whole and that the adoption of a long-term policy of preserving woodland areas is necessary to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the current and future inhabitants of the village and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, the existing provisions of Chapter 6, entitled "Commercial Recreation Districts", of Title 9 of the Riverwoods Zoning Ordinance have not been applied to any territory within the village, and certain recreation uses are already regulated under other pertinent sections of the Riverwoods Zoning Ordinance.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverwoods as follows:

Section One: Articles A and B of Title 9, Chapter 6 of the Village Code, are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following provisions:

Chapter 6 Woodland Protection Ordinance

SECTION

- 9-61: Title
- 9-62: Authority
- 9-63: Definitions
- 9-64: Purpose
- 9-65: Regulation Of Removal Of Protected Woodland
- 9-66: Determination of Protected Woodland
- 9-67: Conflict With Other Zoning Provisions
- 9-68: Penalties

9-6-1: Title: This chapter 6 of title 9 shall be known, cited and referred to as the Riverwoods Woodland Protection Ordinance.

9-6-2: Authority: This chapter is adopted under authority vested in the Village under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, including 65 ILCS 5/11-12-4, 65 ILCS 5/11-12-5, 65 ILCS 5/11-12-6, 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1, 65 ILCS 5/11-14-1, 65 ILCS 5/11-20-4, 65 ILCS 5/11-30-2, and 65 ILCS 5/11-125-1.

9-6-3: Definitions: For purposes of this chapter: the terms "tree", "protected tree", "highly desirable tree", and "village forester" shall have the meanings given in the Riverwoods Tree Preservation Ordinance, as amended [Title 12 of this Code]; the terms "building", "structure", "accessory building or structure", "deck", "patio", "playhouse" and "lot" shall have the meanings given in Section 9-2-3 of this Title 9. Other terms used in Woodland Protection Ordinance are defined below. All defined terms used in this chapter include the singular as well as plural forms of such terms.

Effective Date: The original effective date of the Riverwoods Woodland Protection Ordinance (_____, 2004).

Protected Woodland A contiguous area of deciduous trees (extending across one or more lots) covering an area of ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more, in which the upper-story of the village's mixed-hardwood forest and woodland landscape co-exists in an interrelated plant community with the native understory of herbaceous or shrubby layers at climax (i.e., as persistent layers in the potential natural vegetation). In the village's woodland ecosystem, the canopy, understory and ground plain (herbaceous) levels each have characteristic species. Characteristic ground plain plants include trillium, wild geranium, grasses, sedges and native vines such as Virginia creeper. Characteristic species in the understory level include ironwood, blue beech, and smaller trees and shrubs. The canopy level is dominated by the following species and their cultivars: oak, hickory, hackberry and sugar maple. Additional canopy trees include American basswood, ash, locust, linden, northern catalpa, pine, walnut and willow trees.

Remove or Removal The physical detachment or elimination of, or the effective detachment or elimination of, one or more elements of the canopy, understory or ground plain (herbaceous) levels in Protected Woodland, through damage, cutting of major vegetation to the ground, complete extraction, killing by spraying or application of herbicides, root cutting or other material disturbance, or by improving, building upon or covering the Protected Woodland with, for example, any of the following items, so that the Protected Woodland no longer remains in a natural condition suitable for the continued propagation of the Protected Woodland: buildings, accessory buildings or structures, including swimming pools and tennis courts, decks, parking areas, including all paved areas used for parking or access to those areas, drives, aisles, sidewalks and loading areas; patios; any graveled, paved or hard-surfaced area; any turfgrass (such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, perennial ryegrass, bentgrass roughstalk, bluegrass, tall fescue). Without limitation of the foregoing, “remove” or “removal” does not include the pruning of Protected Trees in accordance with National Pruning Standards.

9-6-4: Purpose: The purpose of the Woodland Protection Ordinance is to preserve woodland areas within the village by regulating the Removal of Protected Woodlands. In the village’s woodland ecosystem, the canopy, understory and ground plain plants, shrubs and trees have grown into an interrelated, woodland plant community, each of the species dependent in some part on the continuing existence of large patches of the complete ecosystem. Conservation of the Protected Woodlands will protect the health and welfare of present and future residents, not only of the village, but also of the surrounding areas, and provide a number of benefits. Woodlands control erosion; filter water pollutants from stormwater; reduce stormwater runoff and lessen the severity of floods; recharge aquifers used by residents for drinking water; replenish the groundwater table and maintain flows into wetlands and streams; clean the air of pollutants; mitigate global warming by absorbing greenhouse gases; and promote a biologically diverse community of micro-organisms, plants and animals, protecting some species from extinction while preserving genetic diversity.

9-6-5: Regulation of Removal of Protected Woodland:

A. With respect to any residential lot in the village (other than a lot governed by subsection B below), it shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any Removal of more than thirty percent (30%) of the Protected Woodland existing on such lot as of the Effective Date, except that if such lot has never been improved with a single family dwelling (i.e., such lot exists in a native, undisturbed state), then it shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any Removal of more than forty percent (40%) of the Protected Woodland existing on such lot as of the Effective

Date. For purposes of determining the amount of Protected Woodland on any lot, the woodland areas located in any unpaved portion of any street or street easement shall be counted.

B. If, as of the Effective Date, any residential lot (vacant or improved) exists which may be further subdivided in accordance with the requirements of this Title 9 and which consists of sixty percent (60%) or more of Protected Woodland, then at least sixty percent (60%) of the area of the lot as a whole shall continue to be maintained as Protected Woodland regardless of whether any subsequent subdivision or development of the lot occurs. The allocation of Protected Woodland that must be maintained on each resulting lot shall be specified at the time of subdivision, to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subsection, by means of a restriction in the plat of subdivision or enforceable deed covenant which is approved and enforceable by the village. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit the Removal of Protected Woodland from any lot in violation of this subsection.

9-6-6: Determination of Protected Woodland: When any application for site development permit is made under Title 8, the village forester shall provide to the applicant a delineation of Protected Woodland on such lot, made in conformance with the definitions of this chapter. In making such delineation, the village shall be entitled to review historical information, topographical maps, and aerial photographs pertaining to the lot in question, including all previous permits issued. No site development permit shall be issued to any person if the proposed development would result in a violation of Section 9-6-5 of this chapter. In determining the amount of Protected Woodland on any lot, an owner may document any additions to the woodland areas located on such owner’s lot after the Effective Date if the owner shall submit a reforestation plan with the village. Such plan shall contain such detail with respect to the cessation of turfgrass cultivation, the removal of other material disturbing the natural surface of the area, the minimum area to be impacted and the adoption of natural landscaping management techniques as shall be specified by the village forester. The amount of Protected Woodland on such owner’s lot as of the Effective Date shall not be deemed to include the woodland areas established on such owner’s lot after the Effective Date as a result of the implementation of such reforestation plan.

9-6-7: Conflict with Other Zoning Provisions: Where conflict results between the regulations of this chapter and the provisions of the zoning districts in which any lot is located, the regulations of this chapter shall control.

9-6-8: Penalties: Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of up to \$750 for

each such violation, and a separate and distinct violation shall be deemed to have occurred for each day that such violation exists. In addition to any fine permitted or required to be imposed hereunder, the Village may seek injunctive relief to prevent an actual or threatened violation of this chapter, and may also seek mandatory injunctive relief to require the owner of the lot in question to bring such lot into compliance with this chapter by removing any buildings, structures, landscaping or improvements such owner constructed or installed in violation of this chapter and/or by requiring such owner to prepare and implement a tree reforestation plan to re-establish woodlands on such lot to the extent required in this chapter, the corporate authorities finding that the village and the health, safety and welfare of its residents will be irreparably harmed by the failure to observe the maximum covered area allowances set forth herein, and that the imposition of a fine alone is an inadequate remedy for such violations.

Section Two: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its, passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

Ayes:
Nays:

PASSED & APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Village President
ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Update of Current Village Board Topics

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes Aug. 17, Sept. 7, Sept.21

SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY

The Board of Trustees authorized the sale of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Riverwoods.

REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT

The Board of Trustees has voted to reduce the letters of credit of Morgan Stanley to \$160,000, The Shoppes of Riverwoods to \$98,243.47, and the Denic Subdivision to \$18,124.50.

ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

The NIMS resolution was adopted by the Village Board. According to Chief Weinstein, NIMS is for Homeland Security. By adopting this resolution, the Village is assured continued funding.

MORGAN STANLEY

In lieu of building a multi-use path on its' property, the Board of Trustees voted to accept \$100,000 from Morgan Stanley. This money is earmarked for building a bike path somewhere else in the Village.

NEW TREE ORDINANCE

A new tree ordinance has been approved which requires a permit to remove any tree over two inches in diameter.



Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

October 31st marked the three-year anniversary of the Riverwoods Police Department. Our third citizen survey is included in this Village Voice. We strive to provide the highest level of service. Your input is very important.

Toy Drive

The 13th annual Dick Biondi Toy Drive is being held December 10 -11, 2004. Twenty participating agencies, servicing abused, neglected and disadvantaged youths, (many are wards of the state) are involved in this annual drive. Infants through 21 years old are benefited by the drive. The drive is coordinated by Family Care of Illinois and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network. The majority of youths are in the collar counties.

This year I would like to extend an invitation to all Village residents to be a part of this magnificent endeavor. We will place a collection box for new, unwrapped toys at the Village Hall. We will deliver the toys to the toy drive on December 10th. The charities will then distribute them for this holiday season. Please drop off a toy, more than one would be great. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (847)945-1130.

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Just a friendly reminder that the speed limit on all village roads is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Slow down.

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.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

Fall is here. Outside I see flowers wilting from the freeze, trees losing their leaves and I wonder, where did summer go? Is it just me or does it seem like summer lasted only a few short weeks and then it left us again?

Water Restriction

Along with summer weather ending, our summer-time watering restrictions have also ended.

Clean Your Ditch Lines

Please remember to keep the leaves out of the ditch-lines and culverts, and keep your gutters clean. If you don't take the time to do this now, next spring when the rains come we will be flooded.

Crestwood Road Watermain

The Crestwood watermain project is completed. I've heard from a lot of happy people how good it is to have great tasting water and lots of water pressure when they take showers. I am currently looking to begin the process of extending our watermains to another area. If you and your neighbors are interested, please give me a call or come in and we'll talk about the process you'll have to go through to extend watermains in your area.

Riverwoods Insurance Rating Lowered

The ISO (Insurance Services Office) has lowered our insurance rating for our fire district to a Class 3. The ISO collects data from the fire department every 15 years and from the Building Department every 5 years, they then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 is the highest rating, 10 is the lowest.

The many improvements our fire department has made over the years, including: constant training for their personnel, additional equipment, building a new fire station in our Village; certification and licensing of Building Department Inspectors and improvements to our record keeping and computer programs, has translated into a rating increase from a 4 to a 3!! This should reflect a better insurance rate for your homeowners' policy. Also, for those residences that have new watermains in their neighborhoods, you now have fire hydrants. Tell your insurance agent about these changes and it may result in some better rates for your policy.

R i v e r w o o d s B o o k C l u b W a n t s Y o u

Do You Read? Please join us at the newly formed Riverwoods Book Club. Meet with us Friday mornings at 10:00a.m. at the Village Hall. Free discussions, refreshments and run. Our next two meetings will be 11/19/04 and 1/14/05. At our November meeting we will discuss *The Dogs of Babel*. The January book is *The Kite Runner*. At our November meeting, we will discuss book selections for future meetings.

Riverwoods Honored as An Illinois Arts Friendly Community

On August 31st, Mayor Kaplan and the Village of Riverwoods received word from the Illinois Arts Alliance that once again, our community is special and does stand out as so. The letter read in part:

Dear Mayor Kaplan,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation and the Illinois Municipal League have selected the Village of Riverwoods for Honorable Mention in recognition of the achievement



described in your nomination for the Illinois Arts Friendly Community Awards. We are proud to recognize your community as a model for how mayors and other municipal leaders can work with artists, arts organiza-

tions and volunteers to improve the quality of life for residents. With your award comes the right to use the designation "An Illinois Arts Friendly Community."

Congratulations! And kudos to the Arts & Riverwoods for submitting the nomination on your behalf.

Senior News

Happy Holidays

Please remember to use your RIVERWOODS REWARD card at these participating local businesses. Alley Cleaners, American Speedy Printing, Bagel Bin, Country Inn & Suites, Cubby Bear, Cy's Crab House, Ernie's Service Center, French 4 U, Furniture Show, General Dentistry, Giametta Landscaping, Glenwood Tree Experts, Jimmy's Charhouse, McDonalds, Mr. Handyman, Northside Community Bank, Nouvelle Hair Concepts, Prestige Tan, Pearle Vision Center, Quiznos Subs, Ranalli's, Riverwoods Auto Riverwoods Food & Liquor, Rosati's, Steve's Towing, The Shipping Zone, Storage USA, UPS Store, and Vernon Liquors.

BINGO!—We're starting the Holiday Season Early! Let's play bingo for prizes at Village Hall. Please join us Thursday, November 18, at 11:00a.m. with Pot Luck lunch to follow at 12 Noon.

Bring in your favorite dish. We'll have the prizes. Please call Nancy at 847-945-3990, by November 15, and tell us what you are bringing.

Thank you for your bingo prizes!—America's Car Wash, Bagel Bin, French 4 U, Glenwood Tree Experts, Jimmy's Charhouse, Panera Bread, Quiznos, Ranalli's, Rug Outlet Center, Sarpino's and Vernon Liquors.

Riverwoods Montessori News

By Lisa Kambich

The American Montessori Society recently hosted a gala event, Celebration in the Heartland: 40 Years of History, in Chicago, to recognize the many educators and schools that brought Montessori education to the Midwest.

Hundreds of educators gathered together to celebrate. Among them were local teachers and administrators, including Carolyn and Tony Kambich—one of the original, founding families and current Executive Director and Board President, respectively, of the Riverwoods Montessori School. The Riverwoods Montessori School is part of the Deerfield Montessori Schools, which was established in 1966 and was among the first group of Montessori Schools in the area.

New staff appointments at Riverwoods Montessori Elementary program this year include Mrs. Karis Lee Larson and Miss Jessica Daniels. Mrs. Larson works in the classroom and also serves as a music specialist. She previously worked as a certified pre-primary directress with the schools for several years. Ms. Daniels joins the program as a specialist in poetry, dramatic reading and drama. Welcome new teachers!

Yoga for Children

Yoga for Children is now available at both the Center for Holistic Medicine and Yoga Here and Now.

Yoga Here and Now is proud to bring to you our first Kid Yoga Class, offered to children ages 5-10. Pre-registration is a MUST. The class will be held on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:45pm and will start November 2nd and end December 7th. The cost will be \$48. This class will start to explore yoga poses, breathing and relaxation techniques. The children will learn about self-expression, body-awareness, social skills, positive thinking, and environmental awareness. They can enjoy the flowing sequences, be playful in the balance poses, have fun with the different breathing exercises and find comfort in the relaxation techniques. Partner poses and yoga games will help them with their language development and social interaction which they can carry through into their everyday lives.

Center for Holistic Medicine Starting Wednesday, November 19, The Center for Holistic Medicine will offer yoga classes for children. 4:00-4:30p.m. for 7-9 year olds and 4:45-5:45p.m. for children 10-13 years of age. Yoga is very helpful for children who have a hard time focusing in school. Hatha Yoga is a system which promotes both physical and mental well-being. The postures promote strength,

flexibility, concentration, awareness and balance. Our instructor, Joie Mucha, has studied yoga for 6 years and received her Yoga Alliance certified training at Eight Limbs Yoga Center in Chicago. She teaches in the Hatha Tradition while incorporating flow and balance to each session. Flowing through the postures with the breath helps to increase focus while slowing the constant rumination of the mind in order to lead the mind-body-spirit to a place of peace and balance.

Orphans of the Storm Announces 'The Good Neighbor Project'

By Jackie Borchew

Watch the changes at your local animal shelter over the next few months. Building on an existing Good Neighbor Policy, Orphans of the Storm animal shelter takes responsibility for its place in the community with a detailed plan of ground beautification and sound abatement.

With this project, the shelter's first facilities improvement in 15 years, we endeavor to upgrade our facility significantly to benefit the communities we serve, our Riverwoods neighbors and friends, our adopters and of course our animal community.

The benefits are many. Neighbors will hear less sound coming from the shelter. Orphan's animals will be noticeably calmer as visual contact with busy Riverwoods Road will be blocked. Access to the shelter from the visitor's parking lot will be easier and safer. For our neighbors and friends passing by, we are providing beautiful and pleasant greenery and landscaping in place of gaps in old fencing.

Perhaps the most important aspect will be to dispel the common myth that adopting a shelter animal is a depressing experience. We intend that word of mouth will continue to spread that adopting a shelter animal at Orphans of the Storm is a positive experience in a positive environment and that one is saving a life while improving one's own.

We take in and take full responsibility for each and every stray, abandoned, abused and neglected dog and cat which reaches our door. Orphans of the Storm is open for adoption from 11a.m. to 5p.m. every day. Visit in person or on line at www.orphansofthestorm.org



RRA Annual Meeting Inviting All to Get Involved

By Rebecca Nixon

Happy Fall to all! We hope everyone is enjoying this glorious Fall, certainly much better than our chilly summer. Riverwoods is so beautiful now with all the trees in full color. Driving around my neighborhood makes my heart sing with all the beauty. Riverwoods is special and we need to keep it that way. **THAT'S WHY WE REALLY NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS.**

There will be lots of changes for Riverwoods next year so if you love your community and want to see it improve, stay the same, etc... you need to become involved! There are lots of openings on our committees which include: ACRE (Plant Sale/Cleanup Day), Family Programs, Bike & Safety Path, Arts & Riverwoods, Welcome/Membership and Building/Development!

We invite all residents to our Annual Meeting, November 10th at 7:30p.m. in the Village Hall. We will vote in our slate of Officers for 2005, discuss new business and share what happened during the past year. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, sign up for the committees, ask questions, state your concerns, etc. This meeting is guaranteed to be lively and interesting as we invite all kinds of people who run Riverwoods, support Riverwoods and work in Riverwoods.

Thank you to all our volunteers this year. Without your hard work and fun, this Association couldn't function and we wouldn't be able to bring the various programs and events to Riverwoods that bring our community together. **The Plant Sale** was a great success this year as was the barbeque, cleanup day and garden walk. I know many came to **Family Day** at Tamarak and enjoyed the games, entertainment, food and fun. **Arts and Riverwoods**, as always, has been our most special and unique event which went great this year as well.

We hope many of you will have enjoyed the Halloween party down at the Village Hall! Riverwoods really relies on it's residents to make this community a wonderful place to live, so please **KEEP INVOLVED** if you are already (many, many thanks) or please **SIGNUP**, meet your neighbors, make new friends and support our beautiful community. So please take the time to stop by and see what we are all about!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns or if you'd like to sign up and become involved @ (847)405-9772 or email @ rnixon@maroness.com.

Recap of Arts & Riverwoods 2004

By Connie Kindsvater

Show Results: Final figures are not yet in, but gross art sales were over \$60,000, with approximately \$25,000 Sponsor and Silent Auction support. Later on the 2004 Executive Committee will meet and determine the amount of funding available from show proceeds for student art scholarships, school art enrichment awards and other art education endeavors.

Show Art Awards: At the Saturday Night Celebration Event, the following awards were presented: Best of Show awarded to Thomas Pries, Forest Park, IL (fine clothing); Best of Fine Art awarded to Erie Lee, Lindenhurst, IL (back-painted glass, wall pieces and tables); Best of Fine Craft awarded to Jim Dehne, Newton, WI (outdoor metal sculpture).

Thanks to all who helped continue this 45-year tradition: Begun in 1959, Arts & Riverwoods still serves as a wonderful, community-building tradition for our Village of Riverwoods. Thanks to the many Riverwoods residents who served on the Executive Committee, who opened their homes for the show, who volunteered during the show weekend, who supported the show as financial sponsors, who bought tickets and attended the show, who bought art, who came to the Saturday night Celebration Event and who bid on and bought Silent Auction items. Also, thanks to the artists who applied to be in the show and who exhibited in the show.

Major Supporters: A special thanks to Bruce Schlesinger and JMB Insurance (6 years) and to the Village of Riverwoods (45 years) for again being major sponsors. Thanks to Walgreen Co. (27 years) for graphic design/printing of the show card mailer, window poster and ticket. Thanks to CarrAmerica Realty at 3 Parkway North for being the Show Weekend Headquarters (17 years) for the Student Art Exhibit, the Ticket Booth and the Shuttle Bus pick-up location. And thanks to continuing Platinum Sponsors Discover Financial Services (14 years) and Bartlett Shower Doors (3 years).

Long-Time Supporters: Thanks to other long-time supporters Federal Life Insurance Company-Mutual (23 years), Baxter International (20 years), Koenig & Strey GMAC-Deerfield (14 years), Sunset Food Mart (13 years), TRI L Scrap Service Co. (12 years) and The Mentor Group Inc. (10 years).

Celebration Event Supporters: And, thanks to the Celebration Event supporters: Future Brands LLC (6 years), Flatlander's (6 years) and Bob Gand's Smooth Jazz Combo with Lana Rae, vocalist (2 years). And, thanks to the many artists and businesses that donated items for the Silent Auction.

Other Supporters: Also, thanks to the other 45 supporters that gave financial, product or services support to Arts & Riverwoods 2004. This show continues because the community and business support that it receives. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!!

Arts & Riverwoods 2005: Dates: Sept. 17-18, 2005. Sherry Kaplan will head up the Executive Committee, which will soon start meeting to consider changes and a possible revamping of Arts & Riverwoods 2005. Give her a call if you have ideas or would like to be on the committee: (847)945-1972.



1-Metal artist, Paul Bobrowitz, displayed his sculptures in and among the woodland setting of a show home. 2-A large eagle outdoor sculpture by Arts & Riverwoods 2004 Best of Fine Craft Award-winning outdoor metal sculpture artist Jim Dehne, Newton, Wisconsin, was recently installed in the center natural garden at the Riverwoods Village Hall.

Members of the Arts & Riverwoods Executive Committee and the RRA Plant Sale Committee chose the sculpture, utilizing funds from the proceeds of Arts & Riverwoods 2003 that were set aside for a community art purchase. The garden was planned and is maintained by members of the Plant Sale Committee. 3-What does this photo say to you? 4-This year's sponsorship breakfast was held at the Neidleman's home on Juneberry. Joyce Neidleman and Carol Magnuson look on as student art scholarship awards are presented. 5- Students from Stevenson, Deerfield and Waukegan High Schools will continue their art training with a little help from Arts & Riverwoods scholarships. Also six area elementary schools received art enrichment awards.



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Is Arts & Riverwoods To Be No More?

By Sherry H. Kaplan

This year's art show, although successful financially, was discouraging. On one of the most beautiful weekends of the year less than 1000 people attended the show. Why has this happened?

Some answer that there are too many art shows and people are no longer interested. Some say we can't attract artists of quality since we are not one of the bigger shows. Several people have suggested that this year's show be the last Arts and Riverwoods ever.

I for one feel that after 45 years Arts and Riverwoods is an important tradition. This is the only community in Lake County which holds an art show not for a profit, but to raise money for art scholarships. It brings all of our residents together. People who would otherwise never know each other form friendships which last a lifetime as a result of this show. The fact that not only art but beautiful homes are on display in the show, makes it truly unique and adds to the stature of our community. Let us not let Arts and Riverwoods die.

I will be heading the executive committee for Arts and Riverwoods 2005. If you don't want this year's Art and Riverwoods show to be the last, please call me at (847)945-1972 to volunteer to be on the executive committee and please mark your calendar for September 17th and 18th 2005, the proposed date of next year's show. Unless all of us support and attend next year's show, it will not be a success.

Several of the positions on the executive committee for next year have already been filled, however, we still need people for art selection, marketing, publicity, treasurer, show mailings, traffic & tickets. Most importantly, we need residents to volunteer their beautiful homes for the show.

I believe 2005 can be the best year ever for Arts and Riverwoods. Join us to make it happen.

Call Now!



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Flu Prevention and Treatment

The Natural Way

By Jerry Gore M.D., Director of the Center for Holistic Medicine

Winter is on the way! The flu season is coming. Do not be afraid. Here are some ideas for boosting your immune system and avoiding some common problems associated with winter illness.

1) Diet—Avoid mucous producing foods (sinusitis, asthma, flu, bronchitis, ear infections, etc).

| <u>Eat Less</u> | <u>Eat More</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Milk and cheese | Yogurt |
| Beef and pork | Beans, peas, chicken (dark meat) |
| Wheat | Rye, spelt, buckwheat millet |
| Bananas | Apples, pears, honey, molasses |
| Refined sugar | Olive oil, sesame oil |
| Corn oil | Spices (turmeric, cumin, garlic) |

2) Vitamins—Vitamin C helps stimulate your natural killer cells that mop up viruses. Vitamin A also has “anti viral” activity. Zinc has a reputation for healing “colds.”

3) Supplements—Echinacea—take a dose or two when you feel that cold or flu just coming on. Add goldenseal to it if the mucous turns from clear to yellow. Ginger, taken, as a tea, will warm up your innards. Garlic has anti bacterial properties—add it to your food

4) Remedies—Km-6x (kali-mur) is a common tissue salt and can help prevent what’s “going around.” It is also indicated for conditions with clear mucous such as a drippy nose, or cough with whitish expectoration. Aconite 30c—taken at the first hint of something coming on can sometimes stop it in its tracks. Gelsemium 30c is recommended for the flu characterized by a droopy energy, heavy eyelids, fatigue, etc.

5) Stress Reduction—Chronic stress reduces our ability to fight off viruses and bacteria. Take five minutes for relaxation during the day by breathing, some gentle exercising, or a formal relaxation program. Make a habit of it so it will grow with your expanding life style.

6) Attitude—Winter has the properties of COLD and DARK. Balance this by adding HEAT and LIGHT to your life. These are the elements of transformation and change. Choose a class, lecture, hobby, and a field of study. Work on improving a relationship or changing a habit. Call a loved one. Love is light and warmth.

7) Need Help? Just call me or my staff at (847) 236-1701. Good luck.



The Ghost of the Prairie; *continued from the front cover*

40 pounds. Females are slightly smaller in size and weight than males.

Coyotes are very social animals that communicate through yips, barks and howls. Howling is often a group effort and performs many functions between family members. It is also used to serve notice of territorial claims. At times, coyotes will vocalize for the sheer pleasure of it. Two coyotes singing together can sound like there are several. After hearing a concert of coyotes, it’s easy to understand why they are called “song dogs.”

Coyotes are the largest wild predator in the Chicago region and serve a vital role in the balance of our local



ecosystems. They help maintain the populations of many small mammals including mice, voles and rabbits. They occasionally feed on deer fawns and Canada geese. However, they are quite opportunistic and will also feed on dead animals or “carriion.” While the largest percentage of their diet is meat, coyotes are also fond of berries and fruit. This consumption of both meat and plant matter makes them truly omnivorous.

Coyotes can’t differentiate between pets and natural prey. As a result, they have been known to infrequently prey upon pets, particularly cats and small dogs. (Some studies have actually shown that songbird populations have increased in areas coinciding with the arrival of coyotes due to a reduction in the number of feral and domestic cats preying upon these birds.) However, a recent study conducted in the Chicago area revealed that even when living in an urban setting, coyotes do not alter their diet to include local pets exclusively; they continue to feed upon their natural prey.

In any case, pets should be kept under supervision at all times. This is especially true during the coyote mating and rearing seasons beginning in late winter and early spring. During this time, coyotes may see dogs in their territory as a potential threat. This certainly illustrates why people walking their dogs in the forest preserves must keep them on a leash no longer than 10 feet. In fact, reports of coyotes approaching dogs in the forest preserves usually involve off-leash dogs. Unleashed dogs will also acclimatize the coyotes to people and eventually bring

them in closer proximity. This trend may continue until the coyotes are bold enough to approach leashed dogs and their owners as well. The end result of situations like these is one reason that it is a DuPage County forest preserve ordinance that pets must be leashed unless in a designated off-leash dog area.

Additional wildlife/people conflicts result from the feeding of wild animals whether purposely or inadvertently. Feeding not only brings the animals closer to people but also reduces the animals' natural fear as they begin to associate humans with food.

"Coyotes are shy, so seeing one is a special occasion. Special' doesn't have to mean 'scary' because a normal, healthy coyote is no threat to people. I encourage people to appreciate the animal's beauty, to find interest in it rather than fear."

Regardless of the facts, many people are still concerned about their safety when they see a coyote. Much of this fear is a carry-over from the coyote's misunderstood reputation that has been woven into people's subconscious since childhood through stories where the coyote is portrayed in a villainous manner. Coyotes, like any wild animal, are just that - wild. They should be treated with respect and viewed from a distance. Coyotes can be curious but are usually quite timid and will readily flee when given a chance. In fact, domestic dogs pose a much greater risk of attack than coyotes do.

Since the coyote is not under hunting pressure in DuPage County, it is now more readily seen, and we are fortunate to have this ghost of the prairie among us. Perhaps Carl Strang, a naturalist at the Forest Preserve District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn, put it best when he said, "Coyotes are shy, so seeing one is a special occasion. Special' doesn't have to mean 'scary' because a normal, healthy coyote is no threat to people. I encourage people to appreciate the animal's beauty, to find interest in it rather than fear." It is a rare treat indeed to spot a coyote pouncing on a field mouse or to hear a coyote concerto in the distance. It should serve to remind all that there is still a little wildness left in DuPage County.

Coyotes are described as "perfect steppers." This means that their front and rear paws land in the same spot while the animal is traveling in stride.

Coyotes are generally monogamous and mate once a year around January to March. On average, six pups will be born approximately 60 days later.

One of the best indicators of a coyote's presence is its scat, which generally contains a fair amount of hair from its animal prey. Intentionally left in prominent areas as a territorial marker, scat can be readily found along trails.

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Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs

By Sandy Sagan

The age-old story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, adapted for an audience of three to six year olds, played out to a full Estonian House on Sunday, October 24th. The prince, played by Palatine resident, Geoff Maher, is shown here with the seven dwarfs which were casted from the actual audience members. The evil queen and wicked witch, were played by Kathy Keefe Howski, a Riverwoods resident. Barrington resident, Rachel Mermel took on the role of the fairest in the land, Snow White. Theatre in the Woods' Children's Theatre will now become an annual event. For information about this or other upcoming productions, please contact Producer Sandy Sagan at (847)945-0585 or Director Donna Lubow at (847)419-8927.



Riverwoods Police Survey

Each year the Riverwoods Police Department will ask residents and businesses to complete a survey to assist us in evaluating our performance and to set goals for the future. Your observations and comments have been and continue to be very important to us. It should take approximately 5 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation.

1. How many times have you had contact with Riverwoods Police Department in the past year?

- 0 times
 1-3 times
 4-6 times
 7 or more

2. If you have had contact, what was it for?

- Crime Victim
 Motor Vehicle Crash
 Witness
 House Watch
 Other Service
 Traffic (violation/warning)

Other (please specify) _____

Please circle the number that best describes your rating of the following.

| | Excellent | | | Good | | | Fair | | | Poor | No Opinion |
|---|-----------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|---|------|------------|
| 3. Competence of officer(s) | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 4. Demeanor of officer(s) | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 5. Fairness of officer(s) | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 6. Courtesy of officer(s) | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 7. Traffic Enforcement in the Village | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 8. Police Visibility in the Village | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 9. Police Visibility in your neighborhood | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 10. Overall Services provided by Police | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Please rate the following by checking the appropriate box.

- | | Low | Moderate | High | No Opinion |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime (i.e. vandalism, theft, damage to property in Riverwoods). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime (i.e. burglary, robbery, sexual assault) in Riverwoods. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighborhood at night? | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Safe | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Safe | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Safe | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion |
| 14. How long have you lived in Riverwoods? _____(years) | | | | |
| 15. What type of building do you occupy? | <input type="checkbox"/> Single family | <input type="checkbox"/> Business | | |
| 16. Please indicate whether the person completing the survey is: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | |
| 17. Have you been a victim of a crime in the past 5 years? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| 18. If answer 17 is yes, was it in Riverwoods? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| 19. Did you report the crime to a police department? If no, why? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

20. If you saw a suspicious person in Riverwoods, what number would you call? _____

21. So that we can provide better police service to the entire community, please help us identify your neighborhood. Please list the nearest intersection to your home/business _____

22. Please rate your opinion of the following tasks:

| | High Priority | Medium Priority | Low Priority | No Opinion |
|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| A. Providing 24 hour patrol services to community | | | | |
| B. Discouraging crime in general | | | | |
| C. Notifying citizens of potential for criminal activity | | | | |
| D. Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.) | | | | |
| E. Responding to crimes in progress or that have Just occurred | | | | |
| F. Discouraging gang activity | | | | |
| G. Investigating burglaries | | | | |
| H. Discouraging the sale of tobacco to minors | | | | |
| I. Visible traffic enforcement | | | | |
| J. Enforcing handicap parking violations | | | | |
| K. Reduction of traffic crashes | | | | |
| L. Enforcing Drunk driving laws | | | | |
| M. Enforcing water usage ordinances | | | | |
| N. Enforcing dog and cat ordinances | | | | |
| O. Mediating neighborhood/family disputes | | | | |
| P. Investigating local illegal drug activity | | | | |
| Q. Arresting individuals who use drugs | | | | |
| R. Noise ordinance enforcement | | | | |
| S. Enforcing curfew regulations | | | | |
| T. Enforcing solicitor ordinance | | | | |
| U. Reducing consumption of alcohol by minors and unsupervised parties | | | | |
| V. Enforcing tree preservation ordinances | | | | |

23. Please indicate where you get information about what is taking place in Riverwoods. (Choose all that apply)

- A. Daily Herald B. Deerfield Review C. Chicago Tribune
 D. Village News Letter E. Chicago Sun Times F. Other _____

24. Please list the most significant values or characteristics a Riverwoods Police Officer should possess: _____

25. Do you think completing the survey is worthwhile, if no why? _____

26. Additional Comments (please continue on separate sheet if necessary): _____

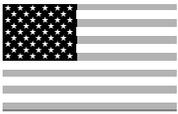
Please return completed surveys to Riverwoods Police Department 300 Portwine Road.

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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 January/February Issue:

December 15, 2004

Send to:

Editor
Riverwoods Village Voice
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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Readers,

I want to thank you all for the letters sent to me regarding the Woodland Protection Overlay Ordinance. Your opinions were heard by the Board of Trustees, and as you read in the Mayor's letter, the Ordinance has been altered considerably and is still under discussion. Since the Ordinance as it stood is no longer current, we will not be publishing those letters sent. We would, however, like to hear your thoughts on the new proposed ordinance which is detailed on pages 3-5. Please feel free to email me at elizsherman@earthlink.net.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Sherman
Editor

Asking for Some Help

As an environmentally concerned Riverwoods resident, I am appalled by what I find people (I hope not Riverwoods residents) throwing away into "OUR" beautiful woods! Seeing all that garbage brings a tear to my eye, like the one that American Indian had in the TV commercial! I happen to live on Thornmeadow Road and often walk my dog east down Orange Brace Road. I always try to walk him on Wednesdays, so I can pick up the bottles and cans, and deposit them in the recycle bins spaced along the way. I am asking, in this letter, for some help! When I see people walking past a bottle or can, and a recycle bin is just a few feet away, I find it disturbing. Could you please just pick it up and drop it in! It's not a hard thing to do, and it WILL make you feel better.

Let's not wait for the clean up day, once a year, to help keep our woods looking beautiful and pristine.

Thank you,

Michael More