



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Mayor's Message: Village Should Consider Becoming a Home Rule Community

It is time for the Village to consider becoming a home rule community. We are being left behind by events and old objections to this issue ought to be reconsidered. Lake Bluff and Winnetka recently became home rule by referendum. Lincolnshire already is. They are acting partly to have greater control over their destinies: to avoid unfunded state mandates and loss of control of local zoning decisions.

As a home rule community, we will have greater taxing authority – true – but these other communities have realized that the home rule status can translate into less dependence on property taxes.

As a home rule community, we could employ the following tax strategies:

- Hotel taxes can be used in the general fund (to help pay for police services), whereas currently these funds have to be spent on advertising to promote overnight tourism because of our non-home rule status.
- The Village's non-home rule sales tax is capped at half a percent (.5%) but our sales tax rate, even with approval of last year's non-home rule sales tax, is below the rate in Buffalo Grove, but we cannot raise our rate as a non-home rule village.
- We could impose a fine for impounded vehicles seized in drunk driving arrests, as Buffalo Grove has recently done quite successfully, but we cannot do this as a non-home rule village.

Hotel taxes are capable of generating \$100,000 per year or more. With the current level of business in the Village, just bringing the rate into line with Buffalo Grove would bring in another \$100,000. Based on the incidence of drunk driving arrests, we can project about \$30,000-40,000 a year in impoundment fines. All of these revenues are less burdensome to residents because non-residents passing through our community pay them.

A modern strategy for diversifying revenue sources would look at these possibilities.

The problem is that if we can't tap desirable revenues for the general fund, we are left with property taxes to cover shortfalls – and all of the members of the Board of Trustees want to lessen dependence on property taxes.

The Village, in fact, does not have a general property tax – what we have is a specific levy that can be used only for funding the police department. It brings in about \$325,000 for the Village although the cost of the police department is more than twice that amount.

We have bridged the gap through the aggressive use of grants, impact fees to businesses and transfers from the general fund. A typical resident pays about 1/10th of 1% of assessed value to support our police depart

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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. 15, Dec. 6, 20 and Jan. 3, 17.

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

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

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 Greg Mancuso, chairman at (847)945-7034.

Nov. 9 at 7:30p.m. at Village Hall; Your Trees - How to be The Best Steward. Speakers will be Lesley and Gil Smith of the Arboresmiths.

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



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.

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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Home Rule Community; *continued from the front cover*

ment. In other words, if a home has an equalized assessed value (EAV) of \$300,000, the owner paid about \$300 to support the police department.

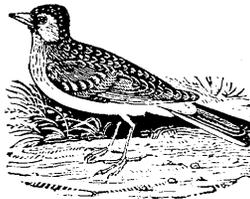
Our Village tax rate (just the portion that comes back to the Village) in 2004 is lower than other Lake County communities as the chart below shows:

.101	Riverwoods
.448	Deerfield
.439	Grayslake
.624	Highland Park
.554	Lake Bluff
.963	Lake Forest
.477	Libertyville
.173	Lincolnshire
.200	Mettawa

The general fund is very healthy and has benefited from sound financial planning. But, revenue sources for the general fund are fully tapped and there is no assurance they will adequately grow to cover our future needs. One-time infusions of money from large construction projects and impact fees won't be repeated. As we dip into the general fund to support village services, we must remain aware of how we can replenish our funds.

The Board of Trustees will be setting up special town meetings to explore this issue in depth. If a decision is made to go forward, the Board of Trustees would adopt a resolution calling for a referendum, and the decision would rest with the voters for approval next April. We look forward to hearing your views.

William S. Kaplan
Mayor of Riverwoods



Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes August 2, 16 and September 6.

BIKE PATH PAVING

The bid for paving the Riverwoods Road bike/safety path submitted by Best Paving has been accepted by the Village Board. The contract is not to exceed \$230,000.

SEND ONE OFFICER AND PATROL CAR TO NEW ORLEANS IF REQUESTED

The Village Board authorized sending one officer and one vehicle for hurricane relief for a two-week period, if it is needed.

KEEP STOP SIGN AT PORTWINE AND ORANGE BRACE

After receiving between 80 and 100 residents signatures requesting that the stop sign at Portwine and Orange Brace Roads remain, and listening to the residents who came before the Board of Trustees stating their reasons for keeping the stop sign, the Village Board voted to reinstate the stop sign for the health and safety of the residents and follow the overwhelming will of the people.

MOVE \$1,000,000 FROM IPTIP TO UBS

The Village Board voted to invest \$1 million dollars with UBS Paine Weber from the IPTIP account in order to reduce their fees from .51 to .4.

GRANT TO CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING

A \$4000 grant to Center for Enriched Living has been approved.

SIGNAGE

Signs will now be posted in front of properties when there are proposal zoning changes and special uses.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

Fall is here, and winter is just around the corner. I heard that North Dakota had 20 inches of snow in mid-October; hopefully we won't have that happen to us on our first snowfall!

Every once-in-a-while, we have a power outage. If this happens to you, please call ComEd immediately. The number to call is 1-800-334-7661. When only one person calls to report an outage, ComEd thinks it is just that person's service. It takes numerous people to call in order for them to understand that it is an outage in an area and not just one residence.

Snow shoveling time is upon us again. If you have a service, make sure they understand they cannot take the snow from your driveways or sidewalks and spread it in the street. Also, the Village has only a few streets that we are responsible for snow plowing. Up until this time, we have not cleaned the bike path on Riverwoods Road (and I know last year a few people called asking if we could do this.) Our present contractor does not have the equipment to plow the path and I've been trying to find someone to provide this service, but so far no luck!

In the September/October Village Voice I discussed the disturbing trend of residents bringing their boats, trailers and RV's home to park for the winter. By Village ordinance, this is a violation, and you can be ticketed and fined. We will be enforcing it this year. Start making plans now to store your boats, trailers and RV's off-site.

Enjoy the Fall weather, as snow and cold temperatures are just around the corner!

Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

House Watch Program The Police Officers check vacant houses while our residents are out-of-town. If you wish to utilize this free service, please call the Police Department (847) 945-1130 before your departure. We will ask a few pertinent questions and complete a house watch form. This form is also available on the Village website. Numerous suburbs have experienced residential burglaries. While house watches do not guarantee total crime prevention, they can be a significant safety measure.

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

Village Selected by State for CCI Program

The Village of Riverwoods has been selected by the State of Illinois to participate in the Competitive Communities Initiative program.

The Competitive Communities Initiative (CCI) is a program established by the State of Illinois to assist local communities in identifying local needs and then finding the resources to meet those needs. The CCI program itself is not a direct grant of any money but is designed to help locate various sources of funding such as the federal or state programs, private grants, or other funding sources. The program will also provide assistance in communicating with local residents through various means, such as community meetings, to learn what concerns are most important to our citizens.

This was the second time that the Village has applied for selection to the CCI program. We would like to thank our local state representatives - Senator Terry Link and Senator Susan Garrett of the Illinois Senate; and Representative Kathy Ryg and Representative Karen May from the Illinois House of Representatives - for their support for our application this year. Their help was instrumental in our selection and we look forward to working with them as part of the CCI program in the future.

Riverwoods Senior Program News

It's Time To Play Bingo

Thursday, November 17, 10:00a.m. at Village Hall

Please RSVP to Nancy at (847)945-3990 by November 10th. A minimum of 20 game players is needed to avoid cancellation.

Thank You To Our Bingo Sponsors

We want to thank you so much for donating prizes for our bingo games. Your generosity was appreciated by all who played the game, especially the winners.

Bagel Bin	Manu Graditor
Big League Barbers	Mary Byard
French 4 U	Panera Bread
Glenwood Tree	Rug Outlet Center
Experts	Sarpino's
Jimmy's Charhouse	Vernon Liquors

Also a special thank you to Rosati's for catering our Pot Luck Lunch.

Greetings Riverwoods Residents:

By Art Bess and Rebecca Nixon

Happy Fall to all! Thank you to all our volunteers this year. Without your hard work, 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 as was the **Barbeque, Cleanup Day** and **Garden Walk**. Many attended **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 super 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. We plan to hold our Annual Meeting Wednesday, November 9th, 2005, at the Village Hall at 7:30p.m. Come and see what we're all about.

Voting Proxy: If you are unable to attend this meeting, please fill out this form and sent to: RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. Your proxy will help us to have a quorum to vote on important issues. Thank you!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do hereby submit my/our proxy vote to the RRA for any matters on the Agenda of November 9, 2005. Dated 2005.

Signature: _____

Membership Announcement: Join the RRA today to receive your Village stickers. The mission of the RRA, since 1959, 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 their health, safety and general well-being. 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 your check made out to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015.

Arts & Riverwoods

By Sherry H. Kaplan, A&R Chairman 2005

The weather was beautiful, the homes grand and the Art Show was very successful. Although the attendance was

less than we had hoped for, those who came bought. It was a wonderful community effort. Where else could you get 250 volunteers to give of themselves, their homes and their time to raise money for art scholarships for all our children? We are a unique and wonderful community.

My sincere thanks to my outstanding executive committee, who worked long hard hours to make the show a success. Thanks to each and every one of the home and traffic volunteers as well. We also had the Deerfield High School Hockey Team help move furniture and help with traffic. Finally, we could not have achieved this excellent result without the many generous sponsors who supported the event. Thank you all.

It takes a Village to make an art show. We really did it this time. The gross income from this year's show was \$100,316.29. From this amount, the artists received \$38,816.95 and Arts & Riverwoods after all expenses, received \$31,802.96. This will enable us to be even more generous than we have been in past years in bestowing scholarships and awards.

Ask the Plant Ladies

Dear Plant Ladies,

I'm discouraged, distraught and disgusted. I was a good little homeowner with a well and barely watered the beautiful perennials I bought at the plant sale last May. They sure look dead. How can I tell if they'll come back next spring? Is there anything I can do to help them along now? What other Fall tips should I know?

Sincerely, Disgruntled

Dear Disgruntled,

It certainly was a rough summer for plants, but you did the right thing by conserving your well water. Please don't assume that your newly planted perennials are dead, even if they look dry and brown. What counts is below the soil, the root zone, where you can't see. Continue to water deeply once a week until Thanksgiving. Ditto for your young shrubs and trees. Remember that a measurable 1-inch rainfall counts as a watering which means that you then water a week later. You should not cut down your perennials or grasses until next April as the foliage is protective for the plants during winter. Also, do not fertilize until spring. By May, you should know which plants survived the '05 drought.

Other Fall tips:

—Mulch young (under 3 years) perennials, shrubs and trees before winter. Mulch retains moisture which is beneficial in light of the ongoing drought. Use shredded leaves, shredded hardwood, woodchips, etc.

—Don't be a neatnik. Retain fallen leaves on the "woodland floor". They conserve moisture, decompose and improve the soil for all your plants.

—If rabbits or deer have gnawed on tree bark, consider wrapping trunks of vulnerable trees with tree wrap or construct a chicken wire cage around trunks.

Sincerely, The Plant Ladies
(Margie Kaul & Sheila Hollander)

Katrina-Pet Rescue Mission

By Jackie Borchew

September 28, 2005—I just returned from Louisiana. One month after Hurricane Katrina slammed the gulf coast unknown numbers of animals are still desperate for rescue. Now, weeks later, beloved pets and countless other species are having to wait it out. In most cases without food, water or shelter, until rescue teams can get to them.

I had gone on line to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS.org) just after Hurricane Katrina hit and taken the time to fill out a lengthy volunteer form. Anxious to help, but not really sure of what I could possibly do. Three weeks after Katrina hit I got a call. I packed up, headed south, picked up my sister in southern Illinois, and we were on a mission. The



animals needed help and we were on our way. Could the two of us really make a difference? What could we offer? It wouldn't be long before we discovered we could offer quite a lot.

The final 30 miles from Baton Rouge south to Gonzales was slow going as the highway was filled with convoys of military, national guard, red cross, and utility trucks from various states. Vehicles with white washed windows simply reading 'animal rescue' and others advertising all imaginable animals organizations. License plates from the most remote states traveling along side Louisiana plates. Were these people just now returning? We repeatedly ran into a couple, a gas station, a Cracker Barrel, a rest area. They were returning for a peak at what, if anything, was left of their life. Their little white groomed dog rode between them. One of the lucky pets.

Actually finding the Lamar Dixon Expo Center was a bit of a challenge, but pulling into the gate there was no mistaking we had arrived. Straight to the volunteer check in confirmed that help was short. "Dogs need to be made ready for export this evening. Help is desperately needed in export. Don't bother to change into boots just now. Head out to barn #2 and find Patrick." This was 3:00p.m. I worked side by side with Patrick til late into the evening. (Patrick held the position of director of the ASPCA emergency hospital in New York City). 90 dogs were identified by color ribbons on their kennels, vaccinated, microchipped, introduced into clean cages with fresh food and water and loaded into two air conditioned semi trucks to be delivered to a shelter 200 miles north that evening. There they would be held until the evacuated owners could return and claim them.

At sun up, volunteers were busy preparing for another day of search and rescue. Evenings we would hear brief reports of PETA's travels into specific neighborhoods where they

knocked in doors, or broke windows to claim the little lives left behind. One grown man, completely committed to rescue, no matter how greusome, toxic or dangerous it became, continued day after day, but said he couldn't handle caring for the poor creatures once he delivered them. That tore at his heart. One evening he was extra emotional. The day had been full of puppy



rescues. Puppies without food or water for three



weeks. He couldn't talk about it.

Lamar Dixon is a massive complex where the Humane Society of the United States coordinated search and rescue into New Orleans as well as receiving, medicating and sheltering the forgotten victims of Hurricane Katrina. This is the main triage center for all animals coming out of New Orleans. Each, upon arrival, was photographed and documented for placement on Petfinder.org.

Six huge open air barns housed the animals. I counted 120 stalls in my barn, each stall holding 4 or more dog kennels. Barns #2 and #5 were sheltering dogs. Barn #4 was filled with rescued farm animals, Barn #3 was a jungle of exotics, and barn #1 was home to VMAT, the Veterinary Medical Assistance Team. Doctors performing life-saving procedures around the clock.

Mid-September in Chicago begins to get a little break from the heat, but Louisiana is still baking. The heat index on our second day was 117 degrees. Our main concern was water, getting water to every animal. I soon realized that each team of four volunteers could only do so much. It took the volunteer teams in my barn until 5:30pm that second day to get the 372 dogs fed, cleaned, walked and usually rewatered several times. Each day we beat our time by several hours as we got our system down.

I can't say enough about the volunteers. All working side by side. First concern of each was the animals, but everyone took time to remind others to drink fluids and take a break when appearing too red in the face or lagging behind. These people are truly special.

October 18, 2005—Today I'm keeping in touch with fellow volunteers through emails and posting stories on a few home-made websites. We all wish we could have done more. We all visit animal welfare websites daily to keep our experience alive and stay connected. The rescue center at Lamar Dixon closed October 15. The final 80 unclaimed dogs were flown to California. The Louisiana ASPCA (It's main shelter was completely destroyed by Katrina) has opened a temporary shelter in New Orleans and taken back the reigns of animal rescue for now.

Over a span of six weeks, 6,063 animals were processed through Lamar Dixon. Referring to the massive rescue effort taking place, Wayne Pacelle, the CEO and President of the Humane

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In the Kitchen with Gale Gand

By Gale Gand

I never know if or when inspiration will come but I try to patiently wait and assume the best. So with an open mind it came in mid-October as my husband Jimmy, son Gio and I were taking a Friday afternoon bike ride to Ryerson Nature Preserve.

Parking our bikes and starting off on one of the foot trails, we discovered a cabin beside the river and wild physalis, or as some call them, ground cherries, growing along the riverbank. And then it hit—my muse.

Mushrooms and fungi everywhere! At least 15 varieties! The most impressive was the pristine white puff ball mushroom, popping up overnight as marshmallow-like soft balls and then within the next day or two turning into volleyballs or bigger. They're so unusual it's like discovering an animal from another planet.

Of course, on this walk, I was doing what I'm always doing, which is wondering what I should cook for dinner (kind of like how Winnie the Pooh is always thinking about where he might find his next meal of honey). Hmm... what to cook for dinner... then it hit me—I'll make soothing mushroom soup to warm our chilled knuckles. It will make the house smell glorious and we'll have a family tradition in the making.

So go on, get on your bikes for a family ride and then get in the kitchen and make a family tradition...make some mushroom soup.

Gale Gand's Mushroom Soup

4 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium onions, diced
2 ribs celery, diced
2 carrots, diced
1 pound white mushrooms or combination other types of wild mushrooms like chanterelle, cremini, etc. sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup white wine or dry sherry
8 cups good quality chicken or vegetable stock
6 leaves sage, chopped or 2 teaspoons dry sage
3/4 cup pearl barley
salt and plenty of fresh cracked black pepper to taste

In a large pot add the olive oil and heat. Add the onions, celery and carrots and sauté till they begin to caramelize and get a little brown. Add the mushrooms and cook 4 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté another minute. Add the wine to deglaze the pan and reduce it to

half its original amount (this takes about 5 minutes). Add the chicken stock, sage, and barley and simmer 1 hour or until the barley is tender and plump. Add water if too much stock cooks away. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crusty whole wheat bread and an arugula and pinenut salad.

Gale Gand is executive pastry chef/partner of Tru in Chicago, host of Food Network's Sweet Dreams (Thursday's at 10:30a.m.) and an author, as well as a Riverwoods resident.



Riverwoods Montessori Opens Their Doors to a New Orleans Family

By Lisa Kambich

With the hurricanes hitting about the same time as school started all of our thoughts and prayers went out to our fellow countrymen. At our Deerfield school we took in a family from New Orleans who found themselves in desperate circumstances. Friendship, a happy school experience and the opportunity to celebrate his birthday with us, helped one child and family as they coped with a difficult situation. As our Riverwoods Montessori elementary students learned more about this natural disaster, they formulated their own plan of assistance; offering to do odd jobs and asking for donations to send to those in need.

The children continue to learn more about the world as they use the magnificent Montessori materials and enjoy "hands on" experiences both inside the classrooms and outside on the land. The elementary students will be following up on some of their science research at the nearby Heller Nature Center. The Autumn fest and Thanksgiving Day celebrations are two upcoming events that give the children an opportunity to enjoy celebrating together.

On an international note, Carolyn Kambich, executive director, Lisa Kambich, assistant director and Tony Kambich, president of the Board of Directors) recently addressed the first Montessori Teacher Trainees in Ljubljana, Slovenia. They offered their example, practical advice and encouragement to the trainees as they set out to do their work as pioneers in the world of Montessori education in this small European country. Previously the Kambichs had extended their assistance when the first Montessori school in Slovenia was established five years ago.

RYERSON READS

Benjamin Goluboff

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00p.m.

A professor of English at Lake Forest College, will lead lively discussions on the classics of American nature literature.

Field Notes

By Barry Lopez

November 16, 2005

Enigmatic short stories about living outdoors, written by one of today's great voices for the reservation of local habitats and the local knowledge they sustain.

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

By Annie Dillard

January 18, 2006

A Pulitzer Prize-winning book, this series of interconnected essays challenges the reader to contemplate God in nature and the legacy of Emerson.

LONG GROVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday November 18 - Saturday December 24, 2005

An old-fashioned celebration comes alive in the picture perfect holiday setting. Victorian buildings trimmed in lights, a covered bridge and cobblestone walkways. Costumed carolers, strolling musicians and Santa & Mrs. Claus on weekends.

Extended hours (until 8p.m.) on Fridays. Visit website or call for schedule of additional, holiday events and entertainment.

Location: Historic Business District of Long Grove
Rt.83/53, Long Grove, IL

SANTA'S ENCHANTED CASTLE

Friday November 25 - Friday December 23, 2005

Open daily for visits 5:30 - 8:00p.m. and weekends 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Photos for a minimal fee.

Location: Toft Street, Antioch, IL

A CUNEO CHRISTMAS

Friday November 25 - Saturday December 31, 2005

Festive colors of the season accent the bountiful blooms of poinsettias and holiday greenery filling the majestic halls of the museum. Experience the grandeur and lavish decor of a bygone era in this stately Italianate mansion. Mansion tours at 11:00a.m., 1:00p.m. & 3:00p.m. and self-guided on Sunday.

Closed Mondays.

Location: Cuneo Museum and Gardens
1350 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL

WINTER WONDERLAND LIGHT SHOW

Friday November 25, 2005 - Sunday January 1, 2006

Lake County's largest light show display. Enjoy the animated scenes and beautiful grounds of the historic Cuneo Museum & Gardens. Entry price is per car. \$5 Monday thru Thursday and \$10 Friday thru Sunday. Closed on Christmas Eve and Day however the display will be open New Year's Eve and Day. Vehicles longer than 22 feet are not allowed through the light show due to the turns on the route. Tours of the Cuneo Mansion holiday decorations available on Mondays & Tuesday

during the light show.

Location: Cuneo Museum and Gardens
Lakeview Parkway north of Route 60, Vernon Hills, IL

CUNEO CHRISTMAS NIGHTS

Tuesday November 29 - Friday December 16, 2005

Enjoy an evening self-guided tour of the museum after experiencing the Winter Wonderland Light show. Mantles adorned with garlands, ribbons and colorful ornaments create charming scenes, festive greenery filling the majestic halls and bountiful blooms of poinsettias!

Location: Cuneo Museum and Gardens
1350 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL

OLIVER!

Thursday December 1, 2005 - Sunday February 12, 2006

Since Charles Dickens' masterpiece "Oliver Twist" was first penned in 1838, this musical adaptation has become one of the most beloved family musicals of all time, brought to life with a wonderful score. This is a very Dickens of a show for the holidays. Wed.- Sun. performances. Call or visit website for times and prices.

Location: Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire
10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire, IL

KRINGLE'S KINGDOM

Friday December 2 - Friday December 23, 2005

Holiday outdoor walk-thru. Meander along the path stopping to peak inside the display boxes and view the ground displays nestled among groupings of 385 freshly cut lighted evergreen trees! More than 70 displays, many of which are animated, are uniquely arranged throughout the kingdom.

Location: Port Shiloh Outdoor Pool
25th and Emmaus Avenue, Zion, IL
Mailing Information: 2828 Sheridan Road, Zion, IL 60099

Katrina - Pet Rescue Mission

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Society said, "We're big, but we're not near this big. We are in the midst of the largest animal rescue operation ever." On average 100 animals arrived daily.

Back home in Riverwoods, a little survivor dog from Gulf Port, Mississippi has arrived. Little 'Muddy' hitched a ride with Bassett Rescue of Peoria where I picked him up. Muddy was left tied to a tree in a back yard to ride out Hurricane Katrina when his family evacuated. No one has since inquired about him.

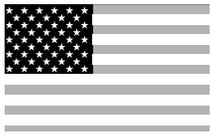
My message out of all of this. No one needs to sit through graphic images and tragic news reports feeling helpless. No one needs to travel 1,000 miles to make a difference. There are endless opportunities in your own community where your heart can feel really good. An animal shelter is one place where it doesn't take a lot to make a difference. Walk a dog once a week. Foster an injured animal. Get involved in a fundraiser. Or, do whatever type of volunteering in your community makes you feel good. Pick your cause and just do it.

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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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Preserving Riverwoods

The next meeting of the Riverwoods Preservation Committee is November 9th, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The topic will be Your Trees - How To Be The Best Steward. The speakers will be Lesley and Gil Smith of Arborsmith. Both Lesley and Gil are certified arborists with many years of experience. They will provide residents with insights about trees in Riverwoods, including identification of trees, which trees are more desirable than others, mulching, pruning, planting techniques, preserving the health of trees, and identifying problems before they become serious.

The RPC is a group of Riverwoods residents who are interested in preserving the natural character of the Village. The RPC has been active in bringing in experts to help residents understand the unique qualities of our community. Among the speakers this year have been a biologist from the US Department of Fish and Wildlife, a lawyer whose expertise is urban planning, Illinois State Representative Kathy Ryg, well expert Jack Schwall, and most recently a landscape designer who offered suggestions for control of invasive plants, the use

herbicides, and appropriate substitutes for buckthorn to provide screening. The RPC was active in encouraging the Village Board to adopt a more comprehensive tree protection ordinance and a woodlands protection ordinance. The RPC also sponsored a booth at the Village's annual BBQ, at which it distributed literature and oak saplings.

The RPC is currently investigating possible topics and speakers for next year. The RPC is also working on a detailed stewardship manual intended to provide residents, both new and old, with information about the Village's flora and fauna, historic trends, and suggestions for plant selection and landscape maintenance.

The RPC is open to any interested resident of the Village. There are no dues. Meetings are held monthly at the Village Hall. Meetings are scheduled for Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 15, Mar. 14, April 11, May 10 and June 14, at 7:30p.m. If you would like to participate in the RPC, simply show up at a meeting. If you would like to be on the RPC's email distribution, please send an email to: gmancuso@itw.com, beck2750@yahoo.com, or tonirey@comcast.net.