



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

Barnswallow Event Packs Village Hall



By The Riverwoods Preservation Council
Photos By Roger Simonson

It was quite an event! Cars lined Portwine Road and filled the Village Hall parking lot. The Village Hall was packed. Linda Breuer, a wildlife rehabilitator who operates Barnswallow, captivated both adults and children with her wildlife stories and the owls and hawks in her care. The birds she brought are unable to be released back into the wild, either because of injury or because they have bonded with humans.

Linda's message was simple: wildlife needs undisturbed native habitat in which to live and find food. She noted that owls and hawks can roam over hundreds of acres looking for food, and that one owl can require 40

acres or more of woodlands and prairie to survive. She offered her comments to the crowd at the Village Hall, and the next day to the TV audience on Chicago Tonight.

Preserving habitat is not so simple. As the population in Lake County increases, development pressures increase.

Development damages habitat in three ways: 1) reduces its size; 2) degrades its quality; and 3) fragments it into smaller parcels. The habitat required to support an owl or hawk must also support their food supply. Problems arise if the area is too small, if it is pavement or turf grass instead of native woods and prairie, or if it is not connected to other habitat areas to provide migration corridors.

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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. Mar. 20, Apr. 10, 17, and May 1, 15 and June 5.

Riverwoods Plan Commission
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Apr. 5, May 3 and June 7.

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.

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

RRA Call RRA President Richard Small at (847) 656-8408.

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

Watch your mailbox for this year's Plant Sale Committee mailer to arrive around mid April. All plants are available on a pre-order basis only. Plant pick-up will be May 18 and 19. To volunteer call Paula Pibar at (847) 541-3494 or Tina Ezkov at (847) 945-2935.

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

Join the **Riverwoods Book Club** Exercise your brain. Good Books, Good Conversation, Good Friendships. Meet at the Village Hall once a month, Fridays at 10:00a.m. Provided free to all. March 23 *The Sky Fisherman* by Craig Lesley, April 20 *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason.

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 website. Read it first at: villageofriverwoods.com

Village Curfew

The Village Curfew Ordinance, which affects youths under the age of 17, is 11:00p.m. during the week and 12:00a.m. Holidays, Fridays and Saturdays. This conforms to state statute.

Overnight Parking

No overnight parking is allowed on any Village street, from 3-6:00a.m. No parking is allowed on Thorngate streets after dark.



Riverwoods Village Voice

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

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes of December 5, 19, January 2, 16, February 6, 20 and March 6.

March 6

POLICE REPORT

A seized 1995 Ford Explorer was auctioned at the Lake County Municipal Equipment Auction. It sold for \$3,600. The Village will receive \$3,420. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department has purchased our used ALERTS computer-related items for \$4,250.

RIVERWOODS ESTATES

Village Engineer Pat Glenn reported that earthwork and compensatory stormwater storage has been satisfactorily completed by Riverwoods Estates. At the developer's request, its letter of credit will be reduced from \$372,152.20 to \$183,532.50.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board granted a variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Riverwoods for 1384 Woodland Lane.

SAUNDERS AND WEST COURSE CULVERT REPAIR

A contract with AJM has been approved to replace four culverts at Saunders and West Course for a cost of \$8,892.

THEATRE IN THE WOODS

Theatre member Jeri Solomon appeared before the Board, requesting funding for Theatre In The Woods. The Village will once again support Theatre In The Woods, with \$10,000 for the 2007 season.

February 20

LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

A \$1,000 contribution was made to The Lake County Transportation Alliance.

WATER RATES

Riverwoods received a "heads up" from Deerfield, that our water rates may increase as much as \$8 a year per residence. The Highland Park rate to Deerfield went up \$.05 per 1 thousand gallons. The Deerfield rate to Riverwoods could go up as much as \$.08 per 1 thousand gallons. That could bring our rate to \$6.73 per 1K gallons.

The cost of water for the first eight years with Northbrook will be fixed at \$3.40 per 1 thousand gallons. When that hook-up takes place, we can recalculate the numbers. Our agreement with Northbrook will be an alternative to Deerfield as a municipal water supplier.

February 6

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

There were 480 case reports and 219 traffic accidents written by the Riverwoods Police since the beginning of 2006.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICE

The Village has received \$50,000. from the Emergency Transportation Safety Board. These funds will go directly to Lincolnshire to be applied toward our 2003-2004 dispatch services. We can anticipate receiving \$25,000. in 2007 and each year thereafter from the ETSB.

SWALCO

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) requires an operations and maintenance fee of \$1 per household. The Village pays this fee now. If the Village licenses waste haulers then we can get the fee rebated back to us as a licensing fee. The Board voted to authorize payment to SWALCO.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A resolution was approved requiring that the Village of Riverwoods or firms acting under contract and supervision of the Village, conform to Illinois Department of Transportation permit requirements when working on state highways.

VILLAGE HALL HOURS

The Village Board declined to extend office hours to be open for business a half day on

Saturdays. The Board noted that Russ Kraly is available each day at 6am and Village personnel will try to make Saturday and evening appointments when necessary.

DANGEROUS AND DISEASED ANIMALS

The Village Code concerning dangerous or diseased Animals was amended. The change prohibits anyone other than a police officer from using lethal force if the dangerous or diseased animal is endangering people or property.

PLAN COMMISSION

Plan Commission chair Ron Pankau has resigned. David Niedelman will replace him.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Michael Ford will replace David Niedelman as Chairman of the Zoning Board.

January 16

WEISS SUBDIVISION

The developer of the Weiss Subdivision has completed the required road work and culvert improvements. His request for a reduction in the letter of credit was approved, reducing it from \$246,710 to \$49,000.

CULVERT FAILURE AT SAUNDERS AND WEST COURSE

Village Engineer, Pat Glenn reported to the Board that there is a sink hole resulting from a culvert failure at Saunders and West Course. He requested, and received from the Board, approval to spend up to \$5,000 to do the preliminary engineering needed to determine the cost required for replacement of the culvert.

CONNECT CTY SYSTEM

Chief Weinstein reported that on January 16 he utilized the Connect CTY System to notify residents of two dangerous dogs at large. He added that the system worked perfectly, was easy to use, and contacted 400 phone numbers in less than an hour. This system will serve our community well during any type of crisis situation. It is able to isolate sections of the Village and quickly notify residents of warnings or emergencies.

NEW SQUAD CARS

The Riverwoods Police have added two new Crown Victoria squad cars.

AT&T

The Village has met with AT&T concerning phone, internet and HDTV service in the Village. AT&T does not want to be regulated as a cable company but instead as a telecommunication service provider. That way, they could install facilities in the right of way and not be regulated or taxed. They propose to put in six new utility boxes next to existing

ones. According to AT&T, this proposed service would eventually be able to provide 88% of the Village with high speed internet service, 72% of our residents would be able to get television service using fiber optics, and the rest of the Village could be served with the Dish network that AT&T now owns. As a telecommunications company, AT&T would be in direct competition with Comcast. In other areas, competition has reduced cable rates.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON TEENAGE DRINKING

Representatives from our Village attended a Town Hall Meeting at Deerfield High School where the focus was on teenage drinking. Mayor Kaplan said the real effort is going to be on educating parents on teen drinking. Trustee Graditor commented that the numbers were frightening: 48% of kids surveyed admitted to driving with a drunk driver within the last 90 days, 71% of teens got their alcohol from a friend's house, but 98% of parents said they did not give their kids alcohol. Chief Weinstein reported that Riverwoods' ordinance holds parents responsible even if they are not home.

HIGHLAND PARK WATER

Mayor Kaplan expects that Highland Park will ask us to enter into a long-term contract for the purchase of water. Highland Park has plans for a \$25 million water plant expansion. All of their agreements with other municipalities that purchase water from them are set to expire at the same time. Highland Park would like to renegotiate all of their agreements at the same time so that they know they have the financial support they need for the expansion. Although we are not a direct purchaser (we buy from Deerfield which buys from Highland Park), Highland Park wants to make sure they have our support. With a contract, we can expect yearly increases of between 3% and 5%. Additionally, Highland Park adds 12% for administrative costs.

GYPSY MOTHS

Russ Kraly told the Board that last year's controlled spraying for gypsy moths was very successful. The Board approved the cost of \$19,200 for a two-application spraying in a 235 acre section of the Village this year. The boundaries to be covered are Portwine Road, Deerfield Road, Juneberry Road and the Village's southern border.

DEERFIELD ROAD BIKE PATH

The Lake County Department of Transportation is proposing an addition to our bike path. The proposed 10' wide path would run from Thornmeadow Road, along the south side of Deerfield Road, to the Lake County Forest Preserve District on the other side of the Des Plaines River. Eighty percent of the cost would be funded by a state grant. The Board approved payment of the other 20% of the cost.

January 2

NSSRA

John McGovern of the Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association gave the Village Board an update on NSSRA activities. As of July of this year, the NSSRA will be eligible to provide Medicaid Neutral Services. This means that participants will be able to pay for registration fees with Medicaid funds. The NSSRA provides 31,000 rides a year.

DISCOVER

Morgan Stanley has announced the spin-off of its Discover Financial Services unit. It is unclear at this point how the spin-off will affect the Village.

MILLER COOPER

The Board voted to renew its contract with our auditor, Miller Cooper, for another next year.

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

Trustee Graditor reported that building has been very steady in the Village. In 2005, there were 13 new single-family homes constructed, with a total construction value of \$19,154,000. In 2006, there were 12 single-family homes constructed (all but three of which were teardowns), with a total construction value of \$17,031,966. Permits were also issued for 11 additions and 11 renovations in 2006.

December 19

NORTHBROOK WATER

Pat Glenn reported to the Board that the Village engineers are continuing with the water main design to connect our water system to Northbrook's. The Village signed a water supply agreement with Northbrook, which will be an alternative to Deerfield as a municipal water supplier.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING CULVERT REGULATIONS

An ordinance was adopted to update the Village Code concerning culvert regulations. This ordinance requires that when a home is torn down, new culverts must be constructed of concrete or ductile iron, not corrugated steel. Over the years, manufacturing and materials have changed.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL SALARIES

A salary increase was approved for the Village Hall and Police Department personnel.

WELL WATER

Well water levels are at or above last year's levels.

December 5

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed and passed the Village of Riverwoods Tax Levy Ordinance 06-12-26 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

NATURAL GAS REBATE

The Board moved to adopt an Ordinance directing a rebate of taxes collected on the sale of natural gas for the 2006-2007 heating season. Last year 24 homes qualified for the rebate. Of the 24 which qualified, 13 participated for a rebate of \$76 per household. This year there are 31 homes that qualify. The county determines which residents are eligible based on yearly income.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE SURVEY

The removal of Dutch Elm diseased trees in the Village has been allocated to three companies, based on the lowest bid per tree or trees. Chuck Stewart, our Village Forester, had reviewed the bids and made recommendations to the Board.

Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

The nice weather is here (almost) and more people will be out enjoying it. They will be walking dogs and riding bikes, and there will be more youths on and around the streets. Drivers need to be alert and drive defensively. Please allow safe distances from pedestrians.

Please Call - In order to provide the services the residents want and need, the Riverwoods Police Department seeks your input. If there are police-related problems (traffic, etc.) that you feel need our attention, please call. Many people hear or observe suspicious subjects, vehicles or noises, but don't call the police. Your Police Department is only a phone call away. An easy rule of thumb is: if it seems wrong, no matter how minor, please call immediately. We are here for you.

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.

Identity Theft - Nationally, the incidences of identity theft are becoming more prevalent. Offenders may contact you via e-mail (phishing), or steal your mail (new and discarded), wallets, credit card receipts or other identification and use it to obtain goods, services or new credit cards. Please guard your personal information. It is very valuable. If you are a victim, report it to the police as soon as possible. Credit fraud also should be reported to the following credit bureaus: Transunion (800) 680-7289, Equifax (800) 525-6285, and Experion (888) 397-3742.

Competitive Communities Initiative (CCI) Update

By Nancy Morten and John Norris, Steering Committee Co-Chairs

The last few months have seen the CCI program move from information gathering into a more active stage.

Cheryl Chamberlain, chair of the bicycle path subcommittee, has been working with Pat Glenn, the Village engineer, to submit applications for funding grants to various agencies for assistance in the planning and potential construction of bicycle paths in the Village. Foremost of these applications is one for a CMAQ grant for a path along Deerfield Road west of Sanders to Thornmeadow. This application is being submitted in conjunction with an application being submitted by the Lake County Department of Transportation. Taken together, these applications cover a proposed off-road bicycle path from west of the Des Plaines River within the County road right of way. Should these grants be funded, the first step will be planning the exact location of the path and an investigation of the impact of the path on traffic and nearby homeowners. As the project is in a preliminary stage, there are no specifics on where, when or how in relation to any construction. More definite information will be provided as it becomes available.

Greg Mancuso, as the head of the subcommittee on environment issues, has worked with the Village Forester to develop a job description for an intern to assist the Village on woodland issues. He has also taken the leading role in seeking assistance from the State of Illinois in funding for various projects initiated by the Riverwoods Preservation Council.

Several other projects identified during the community meetings are also under consideration and/or planning stage. These projects are not far enough along to report on at this time, but we will provide updates on these in the future as they progress into more detailed stages as well as on the bike path and other projects. In the interim, if you have questions, please call John Norris or Nancy Morten at (847) 945-3990.

ID Your Pet-Microchip Opportunity

Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 10-1:00p.m., the Riverwoods Police Department will be hosting a microchipping event. All pet owners are invited, and encouraged, to bring their best friend to the Riverwoods Police Department to have them microchipped by Lake County Animal Control. The cost, \$10, is a fraction of the cost a veterinarian would charge. If you have any questions, please call (847) 945-1130 ext. 34.

Water News

By Joyce Fromm

This edition of "Water News" is devoted to procedures that may help you to monitor your city water consumption as well as to check for a possible leak in your system. The first step is to locate your water meter. It should be located at the entry point where the water line enters your home. If you have a basement or a crawl space, it should be in one or the other of these locations where the line comes into the house. You are billed quarterly or roughly every 90 days. If you suspect that you have a leak based on what your water usage should be and what it actually is, there are several possible reasons.

If you have an underground sprinkler system, you should be able to obtain information from your sprinkler company stating how much water should be consumed for each sprinkler head. The best way to gauge just how much water is actually being used is to locate your water meter and take a reading before the system runs. You can then take a reading when the entire cycle completes. This data can be compared to the information that your sprinkler company provides.

Water can leak down the back of a toilet without your knowledge. You will hear water running after the toilet is flushed and water starts to fill the tank. If the water does not stop once the tank is full, but rather just continues to run, the toilet needs repair or replacement. If you have such a toilet, it would be advisable to call a plumber and have it fixed as soon as you are able.

There can be a leak anywhere in the water system from the meter through the pipes in your house.

If you suspect that there may be a leak, you can look at the meter when everything is off and no one is washing clothes, taking a shower, flushing a toilet...etc. The wheel should not be turning. It might fluctuate but should not rotate, which would be an indication that water is going somewhere. You can also take a reading one day and take another reading the following day or two to see what the flow of water is for each day. An average is about 150 gallons per day per person. Of course, this is an average, and your usage will fluctuate depending on how many times you wash clothes and/or shower...etc.

Once you have determined that there is a leak, call a plumber and have the leak fixed ASAP to avoid large water bills in the future. If it's the toilet, there is a good chance that this can be fixed relatively easily by just changing the ballcock inside the toilet tank.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Village Hall (847) 945-3990 Monday through Thursday, 8:30a.m. till 1:30p.m..





2007 Caucus Candidates

Riverwoods Caucus Candidates for Trustee include Bruce Masterson, Sherry Graditor and Michael Haber.

A Village Calendar is the Newest Feature on our Website

By Bruce Masterson and Nancy Morten

The Riverwoods Village Calendar is a new feature of the Village website. It provides a point of reference for events in the community focused around government meetings, such as the Board of Trustee and Plan Commission meetings, along with events submitted by community organizations and residents like the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC), and the Riverwoods Book Club.

If you or your organization would like to submit an event for the Village Calendar, go to <http://www.village-of-riverwoods.com/Calendar/> and click on the text at the top right-hand side of the page ("Click here to create a Calendar event"). Next you will see a new page with a simple form asking you to provide the date and time of the event along with notes about the event, what to bring, etc. When your notes are complete, you may submit it for review by the Village prior to being published on the Calendar. Please allow two business days for review and publishing. Events may be regular meetings or non-recurring events that you would like to publicize.

Village Hours

By Eileen Stanger, Riverwoods Village Clerk

The office of the Village of Riverwoods is open from 8:30a.m. to 1:30p.m., Monday through Friday. It is not cost effective to have a full staff at the Village Hall for longer hours if there is no need. It is a concern of the Board of Trustees, however, that there may be some residents who are unable to come to the office during those hours.

As an experiment, and in an effort to accommodate all our residents, we would like to suggest the following. If

you need to conduct business at the Village Hall, and cannot possibly get there during our established hours, please call the Village Hall at (847) 945-3990 during open hours. We will try to arrange a time for someone to meet you at the office. Such a meeting could be after hours, before hours, or on Saturday.

Are You Home Alone?

Each business day, at your request, we will call you. A friendly scheduled call will be made at a time convenient to you. Residents who live alone, or have health problems, please contact Nancy Morten at (847) 945-3990 to set this up.

RIVERWOODS RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION

Citizen of the Year Awarded

The RRA, Riverwoods Residents Association, held its first meeting since 2004, on March 6, 2007. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Citizen of the Year awards. Three residents introduced an award recipient with a few personal remarks. The Citizen of the Year title went to 2006 recipient, Eileen Stanger, 2005 recipient, Cheryl Chamberlain and 2004 recipient, Sue Auerbach.



RRA President, Richard Small, addressed the members with a desire to revive some past events and add some new ones to this year's program. A wine tasting event is in the works in addition to all of this year's usual activities.

Riverwoods Family Day was always well-attended and anticipated. The invitation is open for anyone who may be interested in planning one for this summer. This project requires that you get creative and think like a kid in the planning. If you are interested in taking on this fun event, call Richard Small at: (847) 940-0444.

The 2007 RRA membership drive has begun, see the back panel of this newsletter for more information.



Dear Plant Ladies

The Cicadas Are Coming, The Cicadas Are Coming

By Margie Kaul and Sheila Hollander

I recently heard that the cicadas will be back this spring. Is it true? What exactly is a cicada?

Yes, you heard correctly. The northern Illinois brood will emerge in mid-to-late May (exact timing is dependent on soil temperature) and last until the beginning of July. A



cicada is a large insect with two pairs of thin, transparent wings. Periodical cicadas sometimes go by the name of “seventeen-year locust,” but they are not locusts. They are grouped into thirty broods, based on the year they emerge. Broods

are numbered using Roman numerals; broods I-XVII are the seventeen year cicadas.

What do cicadas look like?

Periodical cicadas measure about 1-1 1/2 inches. They are black, with red eyes and yellow or orange stripes on the underside. The wings are translucent and have orange veins. They are not beautiful.

Are they harmful to humans?

No, they are harmless; they neither bite or sting. They are not poisonous, and there is no evidence that they transmit diseases. But they sure are noisy little fellows.

Are they harmful to vegetation? Do they really eat anything?

They don't really eat things as such. The damage is done in another way. They do harm to vegetation, but to fully understand how, one needs to first look at the cicadas life cycle. 1) The nymphs of the periodical cicadas live underground feeding on the juices of plant roots. They stay immobile and go through five development stages before constructing an exit tunnel in the spring of their 17th year. These exit tunnels have a diameter of about 1/2 inch. The nymphs emerge when the soil temperature is about 63 degrees F and climb to a suitable place on the nearby vegetation to complete their transformation into an adult cicada. They molt one last time and wait for their exoskeletons to harden completely. Then the nymphs emerge in large numbers at about the same time, sometimes more than 1.5 million per acre. 2) The cicadas life cycle has one sole purpose: reproduction. The males “sing” a mating song; they produce loud sounds using their tymbal. The sounds of a “chorus”—a group of males—can be deafening and reach 100 decibels. After mating, the male weakens and dies.

3) The female lives longer in order to lay eggs: it makes between 6 and 20 v-shaped slits in the bark of young twigs and deposits up to 600 eggs there. Shortly afterwards, the female also dies. After several weeks, the eggs hatch and the newborn nymphs drop to the ground, where they burrow and begin another 17-year cycle.

So, how are the cicadas harmful to vegetation?

When the periodical cicada female uses her ovipositor to make the slits in small twigs of trees and shrubs, these slits may cause the twigs to dry and break off or just die. This damage is not harmful to established trees or shrubs whose branches are larger in diameter than a pencil. However, young trees and shrubs whose twigs are thin or whose trunks are 2 inches or less in diameter are at risk from the cicada's slits. Perennials, annual flowers, grasses, ferns and needled evergreens will suffer little or no damage and do not have to be protected.

How can I protect my existing trees and shrubs at risk?

Most importantly, plants should not be protected (covered) until the cicada emergence is under way. For young trees, the trunks can be wrapped with gauze or other lightweight material. Tree canopies and shrubs can be covered with netting so that the cicadas cannot lay their eggs, but air and light can still penetrate for the health of the plant. Netting is sold at garden centers and other stores that sell gardening merchandise. At the Riverwoods Plant Sale (May 19-20), we will be selling netting, and we will have a demonstration set up showing how the netting is placed around the plant. Also, the healthier the tree or shrub, the better chance of healing or walling off injury. Recommended preventive measures are fertilizing, mulching, and watering.

What should I do about perennials. Will they eat those? What about annuals? I do love my annuals. Will they eat those?

No and no.

Will they eat ferns? Grasses?

No and no.

Are they as noisy as people say they are?

Yes

Should I plan an outdoor wedding in the woods in June?

No.

See you at the plant sale May 19-20 at Village Hall.



Village Plans to Spray for Gypsy Moths in May

By Kirsten Stewart, Urban Forest Management

The Village will be conducting aerial spraying to curb the gypsy moth population in late spring. Spraying last took place in the Village in May 2005. Last year, the Village received calls from residents concerned about outbreaks on their properties. Because the Illinois Department of Agriculture has suspended gypsy moth control efforts in Lake County, it is up to individual municipalities to address the problem.

Gypsy moth infestations are not only a nuisance to residents, but uncontrolled populations can be detrimental to the health of a woodland. Oaks usually suffer from an attack more than other tree species. Deciduous trees in good condition prior to infestation can withstand one or two consecutive years of defoliation before decline. Evergreens die after one complete defoliation.

The Village has contracted with Hendrickson Flying Service (HFS) from Rochelle, IL to conduct spraying in an effort to curtail the problem in the Village. HFS provides gypsy moth spraying services to several municipalities in Lake County, as well as to the State of Illinois, and is the same company that conducted the spraying in 2005. Spraying will take place in May, depending on the time of the moth hatch and weather conditions. HFS will make 2 applications, about seven days apart.

HFS will be aerial spraying Foray 48F. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki*. Bt kurstaki is a naturally occurring bacteria that disrupts the digestive systems of leaf- and needle-feeding caterpillars. It has an extremely low toxicity to humans and domestic animals. A copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for Foray 48F is available at the Village Hall.

All of this year's spraying will take place south of Deerfield Road. The area included is bordered by Deerfield Road to the north, Portwine Road to the east, the Forest Preserve to the south and Juneberry Road to the west.

Residents in the area to be sprayed will receive notification letters from the Village on or around April 1. Notification will also be given to residents in the spray area via the Village's auto-call service. The message will state the window when spraying is expected to take place.

Methods of Control Homeowners Can Use

While the use of Bt is an effective method of gypsy moth population control once the larvae are hatched, destroying the egg masses before the larvae hatch can help prevent a population from booming since each egg mass can produce up to 2,000 larvae.

The flat, oval-shaped, buff-colored egg masses are approximately 1/2 inch by 1 inch in size and are commonly found on the underside of tree limbs, on lawn furniture

and on wood piles. They can be seen on taller trees with the use of binoculars. If you find egg masses, they can be peeled off their host substrate and destroyed either by dropping in rubbing alcohol or squishing them. If you use an arborist for tree maintenance, ask them to look for and remove egg masses while climbing. Qualified arborists can also perform spraying from the ground and attach burlap bands to the trunk to trap migrating caterpillars.

Theatre in the Woods

A New Twist on The Odd Couple

By Sandy Sagan

Remember how you laughed at that "Odd Couple" neatnik Felix Unger and his roommate, Oscar Madison, the messiest man on the planet? Now imagine the same situation - divorced friends sharing an apartment, one immaculate and fussy, the other - shall we say - more casual. Only they're women! And you thought Oscar and Felix had problems! On July 20-22 and 27-29, Theatre in the Woods will present the hilarious female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." Mark your calendar for this summer highlight and prepare to spend an uproarious evening with the mismatched duo. Also watch for upcoming audition announcements. Theatre in the Woods welcomes Riverwoods residents to participate both on and off stage.

DART - Become a First Responder

By Jackie Borchew

DART = Disaster Animal Response Training

If you are an animal lover, as I am, then you may have an interest in DART (Disaster Animal Response Training through the Humane Society of the United States.)

This summer, Orphans of the Storm animal shelter, will be hosting such an event. This will be an excellent opportunity - in fact the first ever for the Chicago area - to learn what it takes, and become a first responder for the HSUS in times of disaster.

Since volunteering with the HSUS animal rescue in Louisiana after Katrina, this is something I put on the top of my "TO DO" list of life. I happened to meet HSUS's local regional director, Diane Weber, as well as its Vice President, Mike Markonian, last summer at an adoption event in The Glen. The timing was right - the organization



was looking at 2007 for a first DART in Chicago. So here we are.

This

DART will take place June 13, 14 and 15 at the Estonian House in Riverwoods on Milwaukee Avenue. Cost will be under \$100 per person. Upon completion of this 3-day seminar, there is an application to fill out with the HSUS. Once accepted, you are well on your way as a first responder! You'll be ready to deploy into a disaster with the HSUS and make a difference.

Soon I will have complete information about this DART training posted on the Orphans website, orphansofthestorm.org as well as the HSUS website (HSUS.org). There are prerequisites for this training. If you are interested and want to learn more call me at (847) 940-8508.

Lincolnshire Church Hosts Community Egg Hunt and Canrival

Community Christian Church will host their fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival on Saturday, April 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The event promises fun for families with children and features games, food, and prizes. The egg hunt and carnival will be held on the church's front lawn along Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire. In addition to the hunt for over 4,500 eggs, this community event will offer two bounce houses for the kids and a balloon clown, CCC's own Brian Wismer. Be sure and check out the bake sale and the raffles as well.

Community Christian Church is a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 1970 Riverwoods Rd. in Lincolnshire, just south of Half Day Road (Rte. 22) directly across from Duffy Lane. For more information visit the web site at www.ccclincolnshire.org or call the church office at (847) 945-8824.

Easter Sunday Service

By Christina James

Community Christian Church invites you to worship on Easter Sunday. There will be an informal 8a.m. service followed by Easter Breakfast at 9a.m. A traditional service at 10a.m. will feature a Children's Sermon and performance by our children's choirs. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. We are located at 1970 Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire. For more details, visit our web site at www.ccclincolnshire.org, or contact us at (847) 945-8824.

Center for Holistic Medicine

Amishi Natani is our new Physician Assistant with a background in Homeopathic Medicine. She has a Masters in Physician Assistant Studies from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago. Amishi has had five years of training, receiving a Bachelors in Homeopathy from one of the top five schools in India.

She has worked with women and children for homeopathic treatment of acute and chronic issues such as respiratory problems, behavior problems, skin conditions etc. She has had success treating ADD/ADHD. Her practice includes General Medicine for adults and children using traditional medicine as well as homeopathy. She is a physician in India and works at the Center in conjunction with Dr. Gore.

Celebrating at the Riverwoods Montessori School

By Lisa Kambich

The Riverwoods Montessori School is celebrating 20 years of providing quality education to area children aged 2 to 12 years. This anniversary coincides with the celebration of the Kambich family's fortieth year overseeing Montessori education on the North Shore with the establishment of its sister school, the Deerfield Montessori School, in Deerfield in 1966. Completing the Deerfield Montessori Schools family, the Glenview Montessori School and the Deerfield Montessori Children's House both welcomed their first group of children fifteen years ago. It's quite fitting that these local milestones are being celebrated simultaneously as Maria Montessori also opened her first school in Italy 100 years ago. A celebration of this event will take place with 5,000 Montessorians in New York in early March, whereas Riverwoods School will quietly celebrate its milestone during Montessori Week beginning February 25.

The Riverwoods School opened in 1986 in two small buildings off of Riverwoods Road, together with a corral for goats and rabbits which helped to enliven the children's school day. In 1986, the school moved into a state of the art facility that respectfully and artfully blends into the beautiful landscape in which it resides across from the Ryerson Nature Preserve. The school prides itself on offering a variety of programs to meet the various needs of growing young families year round, including half day, full day, and extended day classes for 2 to 6 years olds. The Montessori program sets itself apart because each class is truly an extension of each child's family and is centered on sparking the imagination and encouraging the child's own sense of discovery and interest in learning well beyond the classroom walls.

Members of the Riverwoods community have an open invitation to visit our school at any time.

Barnswallow: *continued from the front cover*

People and wildlife are competing for habitat. The challenge is coexistence - to live in nature while minimizing disruption, so it remains available for the benefit of future generations of humans and wildlife.

Injured Animals

Linda Breuer of Barnswallow and other experts advise that if you find an injured animal, avoid touching it. Birds, in particular, have remarkable recuperative powers. If the bird is simply stunned, it may fly away after a few minutes if you leave it undisturbed. Keep pets away. Let the animal rest.

If the animal appears to have a serious injury such as a broken bone or wing, you can contact one of the following for advice:

Barnswallow, in Wauconda (owls, hawks and falcons)
Linda Breuer: (847) 487-3606

Flint Creek Wildlife, in Barrington (birds, deer and other mammals) Dawn Keller: (847) 602-0628

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors hotline: (773) 988-1867

Ryerson Woods: (847) 968-3321

Do not try to rehabilitate any wild animal yourself. They require specific diets and generally do not benefit from inexperienced human contact. It is illegal to keep a raptor or migratory bird without a license.



Oak Trees – Part 2

In a recent issue, we mentioned that there are over 400 species of oaks, and noted that oaks are magnificent, stately trees with delicate root systems. We also offered a few comments about white oaks and pin oaks.

Besides the white oak and pin oak, three other oaks commonly found in Riverwoods are red oaks, bur oaks and swamp white oaks. The **red oak** is a relatively quick-growing oak, which can achieve up to 80 feet in height. It is noted for its spectacular fall leaf color. The leaves are large, and pointed like the pin oak's leaves. Like the pin oak, the red oak has relatively shallow roots. Because of its shallow roots, it is even more susceptible to construction and drought damage than other oaks. Also like the pin oak, the red oak is somewhat more susceptible to oak wilt disease than other oaks in this area. The red oak, like other oaks, grows best in full sun. It is adaptable to most soil types, and prefers well-drained sites.

The **swamp white oak** is another native of Riverwoods. It is a rapidly growing tree that can reach 70 feet in height, and can live several hundred years. Its leaves turn orange-brown or dark red in the fall. It is also known as the bicolor oak, because its leaves are glossy-green on the top surface and silver-gray on the under surface, much like the silver maple. As the name suggests, it does best in areas that periodically collect water.

The **bur oak** is an impressive tree in full maturity, when it tends to be widely spreading with a huge trunk, deeply furrowed bark and gnarled limbs. It is very cold-hardy, drought-tolerant, and adaptable to many soils, including thin soils and heavy clay hardpan. Unlike the swamp white oak, the bur oak prefers well-drained soil and is intolerant of flooding. It is slow-growing, and one of the more difficult oaks to transplant. Its leaves are leathery, up to a foot long, and turn yellow-brown in the fall. The bur oak grows to about 80 feet in height in this area. It has the largest acorns of any native oak. Bur oaks can live to be several hundred years old.

In general, oaks are more difficult to transplant than other trees, and are likely to survive only if their trunk is less than about 3 inches in diameter at chest height. The red oak, like the pin oak, is more tolerant of transplanting than other oaks. Transplanted saplings should be protected from deer.

A fourth oak tree is sometimes found in local nurseries – the **willow oak**. It is easily recognized by its narrow leaves, which resemble willow tree leaves. It grows to about 60 feet in height, and its leaves turn brownish-yellow in the fall. The willow oak is tolerant of heat and drought, and is very popular along the east coast of the U.S. It is not native to the Riverwoods area, however, and cold-tolerance is limited.

“Green” Construction

Part II

“Green” construction – using methods and products that are energy-efficient and environmentally-sensitive – can save money and help preserve the environment.

Isn't being “green” more expensive? Always consider both the up-front cost, and the later replacement costs. More durable items may cost more initially, but can be lower in cost over the long-run. For example, asphalt shingles are relatively inexpensive, but when replaced they frequently end up consuming limited landfill space. A steel or slate or tile roof costs more initially, but can be far more durable than an asphalt shingle roof. Bamboo, a renewable resource (actually, a fast-growing grass), has become popular as an attractive and cost-competitive flooring. New technology has developed low-emission water-based paints that cost the same as, and perform as well as, petroleum-based products that emit toxic fumes.

What about recycled materials in remodeling?

Absolutely. As costs of energy and virgin raw materials increase, and as landfill space decreases, materials with recycled components are becoming more available. Recycled wood and wood-based products for construction are now very common. You can also find many flooring products such as porcelain tile, carpeting, and masonry with large recycled content. And recycled slate is used for roofing. These are just a few of the many recycled products that are available. Ask your architect or contractor.

Part III

Is Riverwoods too shady to take advantage of solar energy? Not in the winter, when you want the sun's heat. Every time sunlight strikes your house, it absorbs solar energy. The trick is to increase absorption in the winter and to decrease it in the summer.

Windows: Even in this part of the country, the winter sun can generate a lot of heat inside a house with south-facing windows. Low-emissivity (“low-e”) coatings reduce winter heat loss through windows. Windows with three and even four panes of glazing are available. Use of an inert gas, such as argon, between the panes, and larger spaces between the panes, improves performance. Windows should be constructed with thermal-break spacers.

Window coverings: The ideal coverings let in light but block the heat in the summer and trap heat inside the house in the winter.

Flooring: Once the sunlight enters the house, masonry flooring is perfect for absorbing heat in the daytime and then slowly releasing it at night.

Active solar: Windows, window coverings and heat-absorbing flooring are examples of “passive” solar con-

struction. “Active” solar includes use of photocells and solar panels with piping to circulate heated water. It's more expensive initially, but energy savings are greater and up-front costs are declining.

Orphans of the Storm Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Orphans of the Storm animal shelter announces its seventh annual benefit dinner for Monday, April 23, 2007. Cocktail reception and silent auction kick off the evening at 5:30p.m., in the grand ballroom of Lincolnshire's Marriott Resort. Dinner and a special presentation will top off the evening. As always, every penny raised will go to benefit the thousands of stray and abandoned dogs and cats that reach the shelter each year.

Reservations for the evening are \$250 per person. You may also choose to fill a sponsor table for \$2,500 (tables seat ten) or a patron table for \$5,000. For more information or to make your reservation, call Donna Heggie at (312) 565-8410.

To donate an item or service for the silent auction call the shelter at (847) 945-0235, or email to jborchew@orphansofthestorm.org

Orphans of the Storm is open everyday from 11a.m.-5:00p.m. for adoptions. Visit orphansofthestorm.org

Village Voice Editor Moves On to New Opportunities

Village Voice editor, Elizabeth Sherman, has turned over the reins of editorship after more than four years, and moved on to a fresh new opportunity. Elizabeth has joined The Association of Legal Administrators as their Senior Marketing Specialist.

The Association of Legal Administrators' mission is to promote and enhance the competence, professionalism and quality of management in law firms and other legal service organizations; and represent professional legal management and managers to the legal community and to the community at large. The ALA has over 10,000 members.

Elizabeth will market and promote the association, its educational conferences, programs, and resource information, develop marketing plans, and manage the production of marketing materials.

Elizabeth, we wish you luck in your new position!

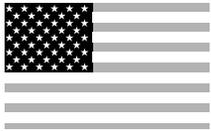
Jackie Borchew will take up where Elizabeth left off. You can contact her at jborchew@bdgi.com. or (847) 940-8508. She looks forward to hearing about and reporting on all that is going on in your community.

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RIVERWOODS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2007 Riverwoods Residents Association Membership Announcement

Join the RRA today not only to receive your village vehicle stickers but to be a part of the Riverwoods community association. The mission of the RRA, since 1959, is to encourage the preservation of the unique character of the Riverwoods area and to protect residents against any project or act of any kind that threatens to be injurious to the health, safety and general well-being of its residents. We support and encourage social and cultural activities in Riverwoods. We promote information and communication among residents on common concerns to the area. We also promote ways to support and safeguard the basic principle of a village policy built around maximum voluntary citizen involvement, minimum government control and minimum expenditure of

funds for municipal services and capital improvement projects.

For the \$20 membership fee you will receive two vehicle stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please include me as an RRA member.

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