



Riverwoods

VILLAGE VOICE

SWALCO Makes Home Composting Easy

Over 14,000 Lake County residents know that “compost happens,” and now it’s even easier to try composting at home thanks to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County’s (SWALCO) compost bin sales program. Residents can choose from two different compost bins at locations and dates all across Lake County.

Both models accept food scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organic wastes. The “Earth Machine” rests in a typical backyard while waiting to be manually stirred by its owner. It holds approximately 1 cubic yard of material and sells for \$20.

The “Tumbler” is a barrel-shaped container that rotates around a metal stand when gently pushed. It holds just over 7 cubic feet of material and sells for \$70. Both models are easy to operate, adequately sized to accommodate a typical families’ organic food waste, and come with a 10-year warranty. The main difference lies in the amount of time it takes to generate usable compost – 3 weeks for the Tumbler versus 6-8 weeks for the Earth Machine.

Composting at home requires a mix of materials high in nitrogen (such as grass clippings and leaves) and materials high in carbon (such as vegetable and fruit peelings). Each composter comes with an educational booklet that describes the process of getting started and producing high quality compost.

Compost bin sale dates and locations are listed below. For more information, check out the SWALCO website (www.swal-

co.org) or contact the SWALCO office at (847) 336-9340.

2006 Compost Bin Sale Dates and Locations
Quantities are limited - first come, first served.

University Of Illinois Extension –
Lake County Office
Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM 4:30 PM

100 South Highway 45, Grayslake
Contact: (847) 223-8627
web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/
Earth Machines only

Mundelein Main Street
Available at Ace Hardware
609 Hawley Street, Mundelein
Contact: (847) 970-9235
www.mundeleinmainstreet.org
Earth Machines only

Saint Peter Church Youth Group
900 Saint Peter Street, Antioch
Corner of Lake Street and Route 173
Contact: (847) 395-0246
Earth Machines and Tumblers

Lake County Forest Preserves
Spring Plant Sale at Independence Grove
May 13-14, 2006
Contact: (847) 367-6640
www.lcfdp.org
Earth Machines and Tumblers

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. May 16, June 6, 20, July 11 and 18.

Riverwoods Plan Commission:
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. June 1, July 6 and August 3.

TO GET INVOLVED IN RIVERWOODS

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

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

RRA (Riverwoods Residents Association) Meetings are held at the Riverwoods Village Hall. Contact RRA president, Richard Small for more information.

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.

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



Changes are happening along Riverwoods Road.

**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 Will Serve Riverwoods Well

By Mayor William Kaplan

I want to thank all those who voted for "Home Rule". We are now a Home Rule community and will better be able to preserve the unique character of our Village.

I recently came across this letter written by Riverwoods' first Village Attorney, Alfred W. Lewis. He was attorney for the Village from 1965-1984, but his words are almost as applicable today as they were then. I think you will enjoy it as much as I have.

An Outsiders Love Affair with Riverwoods

*By Alfred W. Lewis, Village Attorney
From May 1965 through September 1984*

In the beginning, I was like a nanny employed by a young family. As time passed I developed an affection for the family, and at the end when I had to leave, I felt sorrow, but my consolation was my realization that the family would forever remain an important part of my life.

I was employed as the attorney for the Village shortly after its formation.

It was sort of embarrassing to represent Riverwoods because no one knows where it is. When asked what type of law I practiced, I learned to be evasive about the name of the Village, because when I said it people would look totally perplexed or act knowledgeable by saying "Oh yes, that's Deerfield isn't it; or is it Lincolnshire?" Even the Post Office Department didn't know where Riverwoods was, until several years after I joined the family. I doubt that even today 90% of the people in Lake County know where the Village is located. But this closely guarded secret is an asset which should be fostered, because it promotes privacy and peace unique to a metropolitan area.

Well, it promotes peace from invasion from the outside but on the inside, that is something different. Becoming involved in the affairs of the Village was like accidentally stepping into a gang fight. Half of the residents wanted the right to own and keep unlimited numbers of horses and ride wherever they chose. The other half screamed bloody murder about the intrusion of horses on their property and the general thoughtlessness of horse owners. Half of the town wanted sewers, the other half didn't need sewers and didn't want to urbanize the community by their installation; thus making it easier for developers to change the character of the community by building on smaller parcels of land. And God help the developer who sought to "improve" the community by introducing the convenience of commercial building either in town, or even near it.

At first I thought all of this bickering and chaos was caused by people having lived in the woods for too long a time. But after several years of being subjected to packed and acrimonious Board Meetings, contested elections and referendums over various matters, I came to realize that everyone had the same special intense interest in an ever-encroaching-jungle of a commercialized metropolitan area, and all that it implies. People who live in Riverwoods are instinctively individualistic. They are creative and react strongly against the planned development of their community and lives by the agencies of super governments. They find peace and enjoyment in going it alone among the God-given gift of the trees and nature that is uniquely Riverwoods. It is rather symbolic that the Arts and Riverwoods represents the essence of the community.

Best wishes to all. Continue to hold the fort. It is worth while.

Signed,
Alfred W. Lewis
June, 1984

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Village has signed an intergovernmental agreement for cooperative purchasing with suppliers who serve Lake County.

NEW SQUAD CARS

Payment for two new squad cars have been authorized.

THEATRE IN THE WOODS

The Board of Trustees approved funding of \$10,000 for Theatre in the Woods. They did three productions last year, one adult and two children's productions. Their costs have since risen at the Estonian House and therefore, required additional funding for this year's productions.

TREE REMOVAL

Bids from various companies for the removal of diseased Dutch Elm trees and pruning of hazardous trees were approved.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The month of April has been proclaimed Fair Housing Month in the Village of Riverwoods.

Letter to the Editor

Like most of us, I am deluged with reading material, from newspapers to weekly/monthly magazines to professional journals to unsolicited junk mail. Much of it, I cannot wade through. Yet, I always look forward to receiving the Riverwoods Village Voice. Not only do I like the quick update on Village business, but I am struck by the quality of well-balanced articles chock full of information. While I do not always share the author's views (I prefer traditional over "mid-century modern" architecture, for example), I am drawn to learn what they teach. Kudos to the Riverwoods Preservation Committee (whose writings are without byline), Joan Gand, and the other contributors to the Village Voice: your articles are read and efforts appreciated.

- Kenny Ashman

Police Report

By Chief Morris Weinstein

ROAD SAFETY:

Motorists, bicyclists, joggers, and walkers all share our roadways. Please exercise courtesy and care. Bicyclists, joggers and walkers should all wear reflective or at least light color clothing. Many recommend that all bicyclists, regardless of age wear safety helmets. Let's all safely enjoy the outdoors.



SCAMS:

Be careful about letting people on your property. Offenders have been known to offer unsolicited work (driveway sealing, tree cutting, etc) or claimed to represent an organization, in order to gain entry into houses.

The Riverwoods Police Department does issue solicitor/peddler permits. They must be displayed on the outer clothing of any permitted person. The permit is not an endorsement of the organization.

Identity theft is the fastest growing nonviolent crime in America. Most identity theft is through credit cards and 55% of fraud reportedly happened on the internet or E-mails. The following simple precautions may help to prevent you from becoming a victim:

Keep credit cards out of sight until the cashier needs to swipe it.

Thieves may use cell phone or a camera to take a photo of your card.

2. Unless you know a site is a secure site, never give out personal information on the internet.

Secure sites may be identified by use of 'https' in their address or a padlock symbol displayed in your web browser.

3. Do not respond to E-mails asking for bank account or social security numbers. Legitimate businesses will never initiate this request.

4. Shred bills and all financial documents before throwing them away.

Thieves may steal outgoing mail from your home mailbox. Be careful what outgoing mail you put in it.

Potpourri from the Building Department

By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

The end of another winter, spring is here and summer is just around the corner. Make sure your gutters and downspouts are cleaned of all leaves, and in case of flat roofs, that your drainage system is cleared and working. If you have a lawn service, have them clean out the ditch-lines and culverts of any debris, weeds, trees and falling leaves. Please make sure to clean these up, the storm water will take them into the deep recesses of your culverts and then the start of blocking up our storm-water drainage system will began.

Spring rains can sometimes bring flooding. While we do have some flood plains in Riverwoods, they are relatively limited to two areas of the Village. Flood Plain Maps and information are available at the Village Hall. Please come in during regular office hours and see if you are affected. We would like to remind you that flood insurance is mandatory if building in the floodplain and using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Come in and our Building Department Staff will be happy to help you with this information. Our Village Engineers can also help you get Elevation Certificates. They already have information on file for some areas of the Village, and for a nominal fee will be able to help you get one for your property if needed. They are also available to see if they can help you come to some solutions if you have flooding problems. Please call me or the Building Department if you have any questions, at (847) 945-3990.

Don't forget, the summer watering restrictions will take effect on May 15th, 2006. If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered days; same with odd numbered addresses and odd-numbered days. No watering between 10 AM and 5 PM. The Police will be watching out for violators as they patrol the Village. Tickets will be issued!! Please conserve our water, it's supposed to be another hot, dry summer, so let's start out by conserving now, before we get to the emergency stage.

Just a reminder, if you bring in more than 9 yards of material/fill to do work in your yard, you need a permit. If you change the grading of your property at any time, even if you don't bring in any material, you need a permit and a review of your plan by the Village Engineers. If you have a dead tree(s) you'd like to remove, you need a permit. If you are doing a remodeling project or an addition, you cannot remove any trees until the Forester has reviewed your plans and has given you the green light to proceed.



Riverwoods Residents Association

Annual Roadway Cleanup

Saturday, May 20, 9-12:00noon

Thank you in advance to all of you who regularly come out early to pick up debris in front of your own homes, in the woods and on our Village roadways. Our Annual Roadway Cleanup Day is a group effort to tidy up the Village for a beautiful spring. Bring the whole family. After cleanup, meet at the Village Hall to enjoy a delicious barbecue with your woodland neighbors. To volunteer, call Carol Magnuson at 847-945-9455.

Barbecue Party

Saturday, May 20, 11:30am

Chef David Schoenfeld will preside over our free annual barbecue party at the Village Hall for the first time. Let's make his debut a rousing success. Bring your neighbors and meet some new ones as we all gather and enjoy good food on a beautiful spring day. This event is open to all residents.

Perennial Plant Sale Pick-Up

Friday, May 19, 1:30-4:30 or Saturday May 20, 10:30-12:30

Don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered plants at Village Hall. Payment in full by cash or check is required at time of pickup.

RRA Membership

Join the RRA today not only will you receive your village stickers but be a part of the only 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 homeowners and residents against any project or act of any kind that threatens to be injurious to the health, safety and general well-being of the owners and residents. We support and encourage social and cultural activities in Riverwoods. We promote information and communication among residents on common concerns to the area. We also promote ways to support and safeguard the basic principle of a village policy built around maximum voluntary citizen involvement, minimum government control and minimum expenditure of funds for municipal services and capital improvement projects.

For the \$20 membership fee you will receive two (2) automobile stickers. Additional stickers are \$5 each. Send us your name, address, phone and email.

Please mail in your check made out to:

RRA

P.O. Box 341

Deerfield, IL 60015

SWALCO Member Services Bulletin

SWALCO HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE COLLECTIONS CONTINUE IN JUNE IN GRAYSLAKE, LAKE ZURICH AND DEERFIELD

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL (SWALCO) has begun their Household Chemical Waste (HCW) collection program to help residents dispose of their chemical wastes safely and conveniently. Latex paint is no longer accepted at HCW collections. These free events are open to Illinois residents ONLY (but people do not need to reside in the collection community in order to participate). Collections take place from 8:00am to 2:30pm. These June collections have been added to the schedule of events:

June 3 Grayslake – College of Lake County
Parking Lot #6 – Use Brae Loch Road entrance from Highway 45

June 10 Lake Zurich – Annex Building
(formerly old Middle School North)
100 Church Street (north of Hwy. 22 where Midlothian Rd. becomes Church St.)

June 24 Deerfield – High School
1959 N. Waukegan Road (Highway 43)

A variety of common household materials can be brought to a HCW collection day, including:

oil-based paints	used motor oil	mercury
household batteries	paint remover	antifreeze
aerosol products	metal polishes	pesticides
pool chemicals	hobby chemicals	old gasoline
old medications	fluorescent bulbs	solvents
household cleaners and thermostats)	mercury (including thermometers	

Business, institutional and commercial wastes, explosives (such as fireworks and ammunition), propane tanks, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, agricultural chemicals, medical wastes, and Latex paint will not be accepted at any of the agency's HCW events. Tires and lead acid batteries (auto and boat batteries) are also not accepted at these collections. These items can be recycled at any retail outlet that sells them.

To help residents dispose of Latex paint, SWALCO provides bags of crushed corn cobs at various locations around Lake County. Crushed corn cobs are very absorbent, and can dry out a can of paint in as little as 30 minutes. After equal parts of paint and crushed corn cobs

are mixed together and allowed to dry, the cans of paint can be disposed of with the rest of the resident's trash.

There will be collections in other parts of the county throughout the year. Residents can call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at (847) 336-9340 or check the agency's website (www.swalco.org) for further information about the HCW collection events and the availability of crushed corn cobs for Latex paint disposal.

Mundelein Park District, 1401 N. Midlothian Road
Mon-Fri 6:00am – 8:00pm Sat/Sun 8:00am – Noon

Beach Park Middle School, 40667 N. Green Bay Road
Monday-Friday 7:30am – 3:30pm

Centre Club, 1405 Hunt Club Road (Gurnee)
200 W. Golf Road (Libertyville)
Mon – Fri 5:00am – 10:00pm Sat/Sun 7:00am – 7:00pm

Good Neighbor Project

By Jackie Borchew

The Good Neighbor Project at Orphans of the Storm will be complete with the addition of flower beds this spring. The new berms have been filled with trees and flowering bushes. The new walkways guide the visitor through lush yards. The animals now look out onto green vistas rather than a busy Riverwoods Road. New exercise areas are complete. Two large fenced yards have been added where a potential adopter may spend private time getting to know a dog. The Good Neighbor Project will be dedicated to the donors, whose financial contributions made the project possible, with a bronze plaque.

We are your shelter. Please stop by and see what we've done. Also, June is our planting month. Anyone interested in donating flowers or time towards planting, please give us a call. 847-945-0235.



Congregation Beth Or Becomes Reform

By Rabbi David Oler

At a recent meeting, the members of Deerfield's Congregation Beth Or, by a virtually unanimous vote, decided to identify the congregation as Progressive Reform and to return to affiliation with the Reform movement.

Beth Or was founded in 1960 as the first synagogue in Deerfield and affiliated with the Reform movement as a mainstream Reform congregation. It withdrew and participated in founding the Secular Humanistic Judaism movement in the late sixties and dedicated the temple at 2075 Deerfield Road, just west of the toll way in 1968.

In recent years as the congregation evolved, especially following the arrival of Rabbi David Oler in 2000, the congregation is seeing itself in religious rather than secular terms. The newly developed vision statement of the congregation explains religion as: "devotion to Tikkun Atzmi - personal transformation toward wholeness and moral development, and Tikkun Olam - social action to repair the world." It continues in the definition of religion to state that: "We respond to the mystery of existence with awe, reverence, and humility."

While the congregation emphasizes respect for diversity of outlook among the members, the ideology of the congregation is religious yet non-supernatural. The congregation's liturgy is consistent with this religious naturalism ideology and also draws from readings in Reform liturgy that are consistent with it. In fact, the option of a religious naturalism approach has always been part of the Reform movement since its founding in the nineteenth century.

There has also been a growing desire for and active involvement in the larger Jewish community. Rabbi Oler is a member of the Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis and president of the North Shore Fellowship of Rabbis. Beth Or emphasizes its community service activities including monthly feeding of the homeless in Waukegan and in Chicago. It also makes a priority of its educational programs for adults as well as for children. Rabbi Oler said "the purpose and emphasis in our studies is how the Torah and our other Jewish texts help us and our children to become better people."

For further information you may contact the synagogue office at 847-945-0477.

Community Church of Lincolnshire News

1st Entry

Join us for SonTreasure Island - our fun-filled Vacation Bible School this summer at Community Christian Church, located at 1970 Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire. We are now taking reservations for children 4 years old through entering 5th grade. VBS will take place June 19 - 23 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Program fee is \$35.00 and includes all activities, materials, snacks, T-shirt and a music CD. For more information, contact Judy Mankus, 847-945-5835 or by email at judymankus@comcast.net.

2nd Entry

The Community Christian Church Choir presents its second annual Spring Cantata "The Legacy of Faith" on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at 10:00a.m. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. For more details, visit our web site at www.ccclincolnshire.org, or contact us at 847-945-8824.

The Jewish Sandwich Generation

It Isn't Just Lox and Bagels Anymore

June 15, 2006, 8:00- 9:00 p.m at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1558 Wilmot Road in Deerfield.

Caring for an aging parent while simultaneously caring for your children and yourself can be challenging. This program will address issues that sandwich generation members face and examine Jewish texts and traditions for models and concepts regarding the process of aging, the treatment of elders and the meaning of aging. Participants will have the chance to reflect on how the current realities of aging impact the traditional Jewish family. CJE's Rabbi Cary Kozberg will lead this discussion of family responsibilities and obligations to the older person from the Jewish perspective.

Reservations required, call (773) 508.1073. Light refreshments will be served.



Tree City, USA

By Nancy Morten

For the third year, The Village of Riverwoods has been honored with the title of Tree City, USA. This Arbor Day award was celebrated in Riverwoods with the planting of a white oak at Village Hall. Mayor Kaplan, Chief Weinstein, Russ Kraly, Director Of Community Services, Chuck Stewart, our village forester, Trustee Sherry Graditor, Shelia Hollander with A.C.R.E., and Kelsey Shaw from Possibility Place Nursery all attended the planting. The tree was donated by A.C.R.E. with the help of a grant from the village tree planting program. Mulch was donated by The Mulch Center.



Bike Path Becomes A Reality



Senior News

Successful Aging: Making the Most of Your Later Years

August 13, 2006. 2:00 to 3:00pm at The Weinberg Community for Senior Living, Gidwitz Place, 1551 Lake Cook Road in Deerfield.

Learn how to add life to your years instead of just years to your life. Dr. Herb Sier, Vice President of Medical Affairs at Council for Jewish Elderly, and an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief of Geriatric Medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital will review the latest healthy aging findings and offer physical, psychological and social preventative steps you can take to make the most of your later years.

Reservations required, call (773) 508.1073. Light refreshments will be served.

Theatre in the Woods

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By Sandy Sagan

Tickets are now on sale for Theatre in the Woods' summer production, Neil Simon's "California Suite." This contemporary comedy, set in a plush California hotel, tells the stories of four very different sets of guests who occupy a hotel suite in the four seasons of the year. "California Suite" will be performed at the Estonian House 14700 Estonian Lane, off Milwaukee Avenue, just north of Deerfield Road on July 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. and July 23 and 30 at 3:00pm Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens and students. Please call (847) 914-0109 to reserve yours now. You won't want to miss this fabulous show!

Riverwoods residents interested in working on props, set or costumes for the show should contact Sandy Sagan at (847) 945-0592

Children's Theatre

I Think I Can played to an enthusiastic audience of almost 200 who enjoyed the singing and dancing and antics of the characters. The children also enjoyed participating in the play as fire fighters and fish and zoo animals.

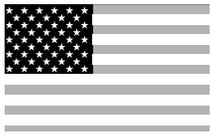
Watch for information on our upcoming summer show which will be held the last two weekends in July at the Estonian House.

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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 July/August Issue:

June 15, 2006

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Barking Up A Storm

Orphans of the Storm's Sixth Annual Dinner, "Barking Up A Storm", was a howling success! On Monday, April 24th, Orphans of the Storm, and Bark! the musical, joined forces to spread their common message about all of the homeless dogs and cats across our country.

The Grand Salon at the Lincolnshire's Marriott Resort was packed with Orphan's supporters. A silent auction full of donated trips and services from our friends brought in over \$18,000. Every penny will go toward the care of the hundreds of orphans at the shelter. The evening was topped off with a performance by the entire cast of Bark!

Bark!, a musical about six shelter dogs, is playing at The Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, and will soon be opening in New York. If you attend the show, be sure to mention the code word "storm" and a portion of your ticket sale will come back to the shelter. Purchase tickets online at www.barkthemusical.com.



Love for Adoption

Cocoa and Channel are twin sisters who arrived at the shelter in September as new born puppies. They are a mixture of several breeds, as are most of our great pets waiting for homes. That mixture is what makes them special. Now, eight months old, we are anxious to get Cocoa and Channel adopted into a forever home, together. Come visit these playful puppies, and 400 other dogs and cats any day of the week from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Orphans of the Storm animal shelter.