



# Riverwoods

## VILLAGE VOICE

## The Snakes of Riverwoods

By Don Wheeler, Riverwoods resident and author of *Tales From the Golden Age of Rattlesnake Hunting*

We have lived in Riverwoods for over 41 years, throughout this time, and before, our avocation had been herpetology.

Over the years we received many calls from residents and the Lake County Sheriff's Department about snakes. The Riverwoods police department now has our phone number and we have responded to their calls.

There are seven species of snakes in this area, six are harmless, two of these are quite common. The following is a list and brief description of the reptiles found in Riverwoods:

The Plains Garter Snake and the Eastern Garter Snake are very similar. Their average length is two-foot-long and they have a black or brown with a yellow or orange stripe down their back.

The Northern Brown Snake is up to twelve inches long. It is light tan with a double row of small spots on the back.

The Red Bellied Snake is eight to twelve

inches long, gray to black in color with a red belly.

The Eastern Milk Snake has a slender body, two to three feet long. It is gray with dark brown blotches on the back.

The Northern Banded Watersnake is two feet long. It is gray with redish brown bands across the back.

The only other indigenous snake in Riverwoods is the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake. It is stocky in appearance with an average length of two feet. It is gray with dark brown blotches on the back and a rattle on the tail. This snake is venomous and should not be molested! There have been no sightings of this snake for several years. It is quite possibly extirpated from this area. The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake is an endangered species protected here and in several states.

### Other reptiles found in our area.

The Snapping Turtle is ten to twelve inches long with a heavy body. This turtle is dangerous if handled and can bite off a finger.

The Painted Turtle has red edge marks on a black shell and is four to seven inches long. This turtle was recently voted the Illinois State Reptile by school children throughout the state.

If anyone sees a reptile they are unsure of or uneasy about, we welcome all inquiries directly (847) 945-2576 or through the Riverwoods Police Department. We have found some calls to be non-native species, either escaped or released.



Red-Bellied snake



Common Garter snake

## 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. Sept 6 and 20, Oct. 11 and 25 and Nov. 1 and 15.

**Riverwoods Plan Commission:**  
1st Thursday, at 7:30p.m. Sept 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 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) 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 or Co-chair, Toni Rey, at (847)945-5827.

## Arts&Riverwoods September 17-18.

Call Sherry Kaplan, Chairman, at (847)945-1972.

**Annual Village Halloween Party.** Watch for more information on the annual Village Halloween Party. Don't miss this spooky good time at Village Hall Sunday, October 30th. Bring your family in costume, enjoy a hay ride and treats for all.

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## It's 11:00 p.m.– Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

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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

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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](http://www.villageofriverwoods.com)



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# Severe Drought Expected About Every Ten Years

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I would like to personally thank those residents with wells who co-operated in conserving water this summer. As you know, our aquifer was dangerously low during July and August. We, therefore, asked our well owners to limit the use of water to include a complete ban on outside watering. Many of our residents went to the expense of hiring landscape companies to bring in water tankers to water their trees and perennials.

I personally called most of our corporate residents and asked them not to use their shallow wells. Even Baxter International in Deerfield agreed not to use their shallow well. Only the Wheeling Park District, owners of Chevy Chase Country Club did not get back to me to let me know whether or not they would co-operate with us in this matter. As of this writing, I have not heard of one well failure in Riverwoods and I attribute that to the outstanding co-operation of our residents.

In the meantime, we came dangerously close to a real disaster because of this summer's drought. I have been advised that this happens about once every 10 years. As a result, I am encouraging homeowners who do not have access to Lake Michigan water to confer with their homeowner's associations about a special service district for their area.

We are currently pursuing grants for water mains from the State of Illinois, but realize the State of Illinois has no money allocated for these projects at this time. We are also pursuing other alternatives to bring water mains to all the major streets in Riverwoods.

Please read [Potpourri from the Building Department](#) about the licensing of garbage collectors. This new ordinance should result in the elimination of plastic garbage bags strewn all over the street, especially if put out overnight where the raccoons can enjoy a late night dinner. It will also encourage recycling. Seniors (62 years or older) who use curb service will get a senior discount if they apply for it. It will not be automatic.

Finally, Arts & Riverwoods is Saturday, September 17th & Sunday September 18th. Please read my wife Sherry's article in this issue. This worthy community effort needs your support and attendance.

Sincerely,

William S. Kaplan, Mayor



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## Senior News

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### Potluck Luncheon

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Thursday October 20th, 11a.m. at Village Hall.

Please call Nancy at (847) 945-3990 by October 15th and let us know what you will be bringing.

### Think Smart - Be Safe

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Thursday, September 15, 10:00a.m. at Village Hall

Please join Diane Serzon who will provide you with tips on how to be alert, plan ahead, be visible, attract attention and handle situations that occur when leaving the house, walking to and from the car and while driving.

### Coming Soon – Bingo!

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# Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

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*Summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine motions approved by the Board of Directors from meeting minutes May 17, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19*

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## **SPECIAL USE ORDINANCES APPROVED**

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The Village Board granted small parcel office compatible special use and amended the text of the of Riverwoods Zoning Ordinance concerning small office compatible special uses.

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## **SITE PLANS APPROVED**

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The preliminary site plan for the Riverwood Inn has been approved as has the preliminary site plane for Riverwoods Estates subdivision.

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## **MOSQUITO ABATEMENT**

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The Village has agreed to pay \$4500, half of the cost to Mosquito Abatement District, for those residents not yet in the district for 2005.

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## **CHRISTINE LOUKAS RECOGNIZED**

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In honor of Riverwoods' resident, Christine Loukas, a three-time State diving champion, the Village Trustees voted to authorize a street sign posted at two locations indicating "Home of Christine Loukas - State Diving Champion" and a proclamation of Christina Loukas day.

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## **WATER RATE INCREASES**

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The Village Trustees voted to pass on the .11 cent per 1K gallon increase in water charged by Deerfield.

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## **APPROVE APPOINTEES FOR ZBA**

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Mayor Kaplan listed the appointees for the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are David Niedelman as chair, Alan Schencker, Tom Reidy, Alan Hirsch, Joan Sedlacek, and Ken Ashman. They have all been approved by the Board of Trustees.

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## **SPEED BUMPS PROHIBITED**

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The Village Board adopted an ordinance to prohibit speed bumps.

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## **WEIGHT LIMITATIONS**

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An Ordinance Amending Certain Provision of the Riverwoods Village Code Pertaining to Axle and Weight Limitations on Village Streets has been approved. This ordinance no longer allows for the exception of local deliveries.

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## **37 ACRES**

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The Board of Trustees has accepted the Plan Commission report and approval of the text amendment and preliminary site plan for the 37 acres.

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## **LICENSING OF WASTE HAULERS**

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A new ordinance has been adopted that requires garbage haulers to regulate recycling, senior discounts, and provide roll-out containers at no additional charge.

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## **2005 ROADWAY MAINTENANCE**

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Chicagoland Paving has been awarded the contract for the Village for the 2005 Roadway Maintenance.

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# Riverwoods Happenings

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The Riverwoods' Book Club, which began in May 2004, enjoyed a lively year of reading and discussion. The group is free and includes coffee and snacks. New members are always welcome. Reservations are not necessary, just walk in and join the group. The next meeting will be Friday, September 23rd at 10a.m. Our book selection is 1000 White Women by Jim Fergus. Come join us.

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# Lake County Events

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## **Quig's Harvest Fest**

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*Saturday, Sept. 3 - Sunday Oct. 16*

Fun fall weekend activities for the whole family. Orchard hayrides, pony rides, petting zoo, haunted barn, children's pumpkin house, moonwalk, orchard express train, pick-your-own apples, outdoor beer garden and grill. Also visit the Country Store, Bakery, Family Restaurant and Gift Shop. Free admission but a fee for each activity. *Quig's Orchard, 300 S. Rt 60 and 83, Mundelein*

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## **Community Services Day**

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*Saturday Sept. 17*

Free community-wide event to help promote available services. Throughout the day there will be demonstrations, exhibits and activities: Flight for Life helicopter, police dog demonstration, firefighter challenge obstacle course and entertainment. Food will be available for purchase.

*Brickyards Park, 375 Elm St., Deerfield*

*continued on the back cover*

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# Potpourri from the Building Department

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By Russell Kraly, Director, Community Services

I hope everyone has enjoyed this hot summer. In a month or so, we'll be wishing we had this 90-degree plus temperatures. We just need more rain, and it looks like it might finally be raining as I'm writing this article.

I'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation in observing the watering ban. It's really great when everyone pulls together for the good of the community. I know those residence whose wells were at the lowest point they could be at and still function, appreciate everyone's help as well. As of mid August, I don't know of anyone whose well went dry.

On July 19th, The Village Board of Trustees passed the ordinance for the Licensing of Garbage Contractors. The basic highlights of the ordinance are as follows:

- All garbage contractors must obtain a license from the Village within 90 days of the passage of the ordinance, which would be October 19th.
- All garbage contractors must furnish without an additional charge a refuse container and a container for recyclables. Such receptacles shall be offered as a roll-out cart (of heavy duty plastic with an attached lid) and with at least two choices of capacity, one receptacle being approximately 35 gallons, and the second choice ranging between 55 and 90 gallons.

**Senior discounts** from the regular cost of monthly service shall be offered to residential customers aged 62 years or older and shall be disclosed in writing to them when contracts for service are established and annually thereafter (senior discounts apply only to curb service). **Remind your contractor of these new rules if he doesn't offer this to you in the next 30 to 60 days. If there is a problem, please call me and let me know.**

Winter, unfortunately, is around the corner. The last couple of years we've noticed a disturbing trend. People have been bringing their boats, trailers and RV's home to park for the winter. By Village ordinance, this is a violation, which 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.

Another point of observation, it seems that whenever someone covers something up outside, they use these bright blue tarps. This time of year with the leaves and vegetation in bloom, you might not really notice them. Come fall and winter, all you see are bright blue mounds all over the place. Please make an effort to use black, brown or green tarps to cover your outside items. They will blend in with the environment and not be such an eye-sore.

Enjoy the Fall. Don't forget to support the Arts & Riverwoods Show. You'll have a great time!

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# Police Report

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By Chief Morris Weinstein

**ICE:** (In Case of Emergency). A simple way of enabling emergency responders the ability to obtain crucial information and contact your designee should you be involved in an emergency. Standing for In Case of Emergency, ICE will allow ambulance crews and police officers to use your phone to quickly contact a nominated person who can be informed of the incident.

—Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (for example, ICE - mom or ICE - David) into the address book of your cellular phone

—Save the phone number.

—Tell your ICE contact that you have nominated them.

**Please help your Police and Fire Department find you:**

Your street address should be clearly visible from both directions. When responding to emergencies or service calls, personnel may be coming from either direction. At night and even during the day, many houses are hard to identify. Now, before the bad weather is a good time to verify that your address is easy to see.

**School is back in session:** Please watch for children on the roadways. Remember on a two-lane roadway, it is illegal to pass a signaling, stopped school bus from either direction

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## Riverwoods Police Wins Award

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The International Association of Chiefs of Police has awarded the Riverwoods Police Department an "Honorary Mention" for their submission into the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

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## LRFD Donates Tanker Truck to Department in Need

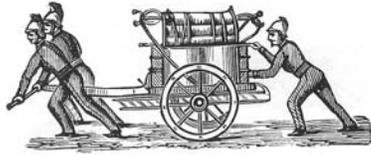
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By Firefighter Scott Vaughn

Representatives from the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFPD) presented their 2,000 gallon tanker truck to members of the Nokomis (IL) Fire Department for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) at the Fire Services Legislative Luncheon in Springfield, IL. on May 4, 2005.

When the Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Protection District was established in 1941 (then named the Vernon Fire Protection District), the area was mostly rural farm land with no incorporated villages and water for fire protection was either brought in by tanker trucks or draft-

ed from ponds or rivers. Today the district is serviced with municipal water in about 85% of land area with the remaining area either very low density residential or forest preserve lessening the need for a large tanker. Over the last year the district rehabbed a reserve engine, converting it to a combination pumper/tanker thus retiring the department's 1987 E-One tanker truck to surplus status. The vehicle was



in excellent condition and could have well brought in top dollar if sold but the staff at LRFDP felt that it might serve a better purpose. Over the past several years LRFDP has been the recipient of several grants from the private sector, the federal government, and primarily the State of Illinois. LRFDP has been fortunate to have Senator William Peterson assist the district with two state grants and he was joined by Senator Terry Link on a third. Another legislator who is relatively new to Springfield but not to public service is Representative Kathy Ryg, who, in the short time she has been in the house, met several times with representatives from the fire service. The fire district staff wanted to show their appreciation to those who have helped the district by passing on the favor and donating our tanker to a less fortunate fire department in Illinois. With approval from the board of trustees, the search for such a fire department began.

Shortly after becoming Fire Marshal, J.T. Somer spoke at one of the Illinois Fire Chief's conferences and pointed out that many of us in the Illinois fire service are blessed with adequate (although never too much) revenue streams and therefore the ability to provide and equip our fire departments. But there are also a good number of fire departments not so blessed and for them every day is a struggle to make ends meet. It was at that chiefs meeting that an LRFDP staff member told Fire Marshal Somer that his words had not fallen on deaf ears and LRFDP might soon have a unit available to help a needy fire organization. The only string attached was that those receiving the vehicle had to be truly in need and that this would be verified by the fire marshal's office. Several months later, the LRFDP staff was notified by the fire marshal's office of a request for assistance in procuring a "new" tanker for the Nokomis Fire Protection District (NFPD). A short time later, NFPD staff visited Lincolnshire and were impressed with the tanker. They then returned home to try to figure a way to get the money to buy it. Unbeknownst to them the LRFDP Board of Trustees wanted only one dollar from them to seal the deal. The tanker now has a new home in Nokomis. This was LRFDP's way of saying thank you to those who have helped them, and to hopefully set an example for others to follow.

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## Theatre in the Woods

By Sandy Sagan

"We had a really big shoo" as our Ed Sullivan imitator and star, Eastman Presser, would say and what fun it was! Close to 600 people enjoyed "Over the Tavern" during its two-weekend run at Estonian House and a capacity crowd delighted the cast with a standing ovation at the closing performance. Although we loved the beautiful set, our industrious crew of staff and volunteers had it torn down for business as usual by the Estonian House on Monday.

Much of the play's success was due to the enthusiasm and unlimited energy of our Riverwoods volunteer staff who put in countless hours collecting props, selecting and buying costumes, painting the set, and performing tasks too numerous to mention. Kudos to Donna Lubow, Mary Emerson, Kathie Howski, Bonnie Boton, Susan LoSavio and Susan Kanar.



Many thanks to the Village of Riverwoods for their ongoing support as well as Discover Financial Services, Big Bowl and L. Woods Restaurants, Riverwoods Montessori School, Jimmy's CharHouse, Northside Community Bank, Bonnie Boton, Herb Paske and Financial Services, Red Star Tavern, Skokie Valley Laundry and Cleaners, Dale Boton, Attorney at Law, Kathie & Glenn Howski, Riverwoods Auto Service, Holiday Inn Express, Brentwood North, The Cubby Bear and Creative AV Concepts Video Services.

Watch for promotion of our annual Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs performances which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 30, with shows at 2:00 and 4:00p.m. as well as an additional children's show (yet to be determined) in early January.



# Arts & Riverwoods Needs You & 10 or 12 of Your Best Friends.

Join us on September 17th & 18th.

By Sherry H. Kaplan, Chairman Arts & Riverwoods 2005

Arts & Riverwoods is here! Sept. 17th & 18th will mark the 46th year of our annual Arts & Riverwoods art show. As in the past, the proceeds from our art show are used to support a variety of youth-oriented programs in our community's schools. Scholarships are granted to deserving students from Deerfield, Stevenson & Waukegan High Schools. Art enrichment programs are supported in local grade and middle schools. Funds are also given to the Art Mobile—a traveling art classroom for Lake County students in schools unable to fund their own art programs.



This year scholarships and awards will also be provided to disabled young artists at the North Shore Academy and the Cove School in Northbrook.

Outstanding artists have been selected from throughout the U.S., Cuba, and Israel to

exhibit their works. One of our artists this year has exhibited at the Smithsonian. We have concentrated on diversity and excellence in the jury process and feel that the artists we have selected are truly exceptional.

This year there will be six beautiful homes in our show. Much of the fun of Arts & Riverwoods is the chance it provides to visit the exceptional homes which typify the beauty of living in Riverwoods. Approximately 250 Village residents have volunteered to help in this year's show. It is a tremendous undertaking.

All the work has been done. The artists and the artwork are in place, but we need you and 10 or 12 or your best friends. Arts & Riverwoods will only succeed if you support it by coming. Unless there are substantial numbers of attendees we will be unable to attract outstanding artists to exhibit. Please make it your priority to attend Arts & Riverwoods 2005. The many wonderful people on the Arts & Riverwoods executive committee have volunteered their time and effort almost unceasingly for the past 9 months to produce this event. Please show them that their time has been well spent so that this will not be the last Arts & Riverwoods, but will be the most successful Arts & Riverwoods ever.

Thank you in advance.

## Coming to Our Plant Sale Next May: *Lonicera prolifera*

**Lonicera prolifera (Yellow Honeysuckle)** A native honeysuckle that cannot make up its mind if it is a shrub or a vine. It grows 4-5' high and 8-10' wide. Yellow blooms are produced at the end of May, and the red fruit in August is great for floral arrangements. *Lonicera* grows in normal garden soil but requires at least 1/2 day of sun to do well.

Dear Plant Lady,

What is mulch? When and why should I mulch? Is this a noun or a verb?

Signed Confused

Dear Confused,

Mulch is both a noun and a verb. As a noun, mulch is any material, organic or inorganic, placed around the base of plants.

As a verb, to mulch is the act of placing the material around the base of the plants. For our purposes and since we don't recommend the use of inorganic mulch (plastic, stones, crushed rock or brick), we will refer to mulch as any organic material such as leaves, peat moss, wood chips, shredded bark, nut shells, mushroom compost, manure and conifer needles. These mulches decompose and improve the soil naturally by earthworm activity that flourishes under the mulch. Mulchings most important benefit is **conserving soil moisture**. Moisture is retained under mulch so that the hot winds can't dry out the soil and parch the plants. The soil, and the nutrients in it, cannot easily be washed away by a hard rain shower. Mulched trees and shrubs survive drought better than unmulched plants.

### Mulching guidelines:

- Choose a mulch that is inexpensive and easily available.
- Mulch newly planted trees, shrubs, and perennial ferns, grasses and flowers under 3 years old. Older plants can better withstand drought.
- Spread the mulch, 2-3 inches thick, around the base of the plants. Around trees, the larger the diameter of mulch, the better.
- Keep the mulch a few inches away from the immediate base or trunk of the plant.
- Mulch any time of the growing season, but it's better to do this before the heat of summer to best protect plants. Keep this in mind for next year.
- Reapply mulch about every 2 years.

# Autumn is Time to Harvest the Lavender

By Gale Gand

Boy, what a year it's been in the garden. The spring brought bushels of ramps (wild onions) all through the woods which my son, Gio, and I picked after school. They ended up on the plate in my restaurant, Tru. The summer brought rhubarb for jam and lemon balm to flavor pink lemonade from our raised garden. Now that fall is here it's time to harvest the lavender and admire the changing leaves. Enjoy the autumn by baking at home with your family and looking out your windows...it's the most beautiful time of the year here in Riverwoods. Here's a recipe from my book Gale Gand's Short and Sweet to help you in the kitchen. If you don't grow your own lavender you can buy it at Whole Foods in Deerfield.

## Lavender Shortbread

### Ingredients:

8 tablespoons (1 stick) cool unsalted butter, cut into pieces  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons dried or fresh lavender flowers

### Method:

Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Cream the butter until soft in a mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the 1/4 cup + 2 TB of sugar and mix until incorporated. Stir together the flour, cornstarch, and salt in a medium bowl. Add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture and mix at low speed just until the ingredients are almost incorporated, then add the lavender and mix until the dough starts to come together. Flour a work surface, turn the dough onto it, and knead it 5 to 10 times, to bring the dough together and smooth it out.

Reflour your work surface. With a rolling pin, roll the dough out to a little less than 1/4 inch thick fit the 8 X 10 inch baking pan lined with parchment. To transfer to the sheet pan, roll the dough up onto the rolling pin, lift it up, and unroll into the pan. Using light strokes of the rolling pin, roll the dough into the corners and edges of the pan, and roll out any bumps. (Or, press the dough thoroughly into the pan with your fingers.) Prick the shortbread all over with a fork, or use a pique-vite (dough docker) if you've got one, to prevent any buckling or shrinking. Sprinkle the surface evenly with 1 tablespoon

of the remaining sugar.

Bake for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, deflate the dough by knocking the pan once against the oven rack then rotate the pan to ensure even cooking and a flat surface. Bake 10 to 15 minutes more, until golden all over and very lightly browned. As soon as it comes out of the oven, sprinkle the surface evenly with the remaining tablespoon of sugar. Let cool about 5 minutes.

Using a very sharp knife, cut into three rows by 5 rows making about 11/2-inch X 3-inch bars. Let cool completely in the pan. Remove from the pan and store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

## Back to School Days

By Lisa Kambich

As much as we'd like the lazy days of summer to linger a little longer, September's "back to school" days brings a reunion of old friends and the anticipation of new friendships to come. New experiences and important discoveries await the children as they explore the specially designed Montessori materials in the prepared environments of our Montessori Community. September is a time of celebration at the Riverwoods Montessori School!

Classroom socials kick off the school year and give families an opportunity to begin to get to know each other. Parents learn more about Montessori philosophy and the details of the daily activities at the parent nights, while the children enjoy the Montessori experience each day as they live it!

For the teachers, there's nothing better than to see the look of joy on the face of a child who has discovered something for himself. In addition to the discoveries made within the indoor environments, we are so fortunate to have the diversity of the natural outdoor environment-woodland, pond and prairie-to call the child as well. Nature, the silent teacher, helps the child to discover who he is and how he fits into the world at large.

Natural beauty, in all its glory and abundance, is certainly one of the things that set the Village of Riverwoods apart from all the others. The annual Arts & Riverwoods tour is another. To see beauty and creativity integrated and reflected in the artists' work, the unique homes, and the natural setting of Riverwoods is truly awe-inspiring. We are thankful for the opportunity for our elementary students to participate in the student art exhibit portion of this important community event.

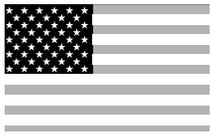


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### Send in Those Letters!!

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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#### Send to:

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### Didier Farms Pumpkinfest

*Saturday Sept. 24 - Monday Oct. 31*

Hayrides to pick your own pumpkin, 5 acre corn maze, pony rides, petting zoo, Halloween shop, cafe with homemade apple cider & pumpkin donuts. Fees for some activities. Daily 9 - 7p.m.  
*Didier Farms, 16678 W. Aptakisic Road, Prairie View*

### Long Grove Apple Fest

*Friday Sept. 30 - Sunday Oct. 2*

Enjoy bushels of fun when this historic village of 80 shops and restaurants celebrates autumn with a bounty of apple-inspired treats, a classic car show, music and entertainment for all ages.  
*Historic Long Grove Village, 1/4 Mile North of Intersection of Routes 53 and 83, Long Grove*

### Pumpkinfest (formerly known as Harvest Fest)

*Saturday, Oct. 8*

Several family activities being held in downtown businesses, pumpkin carving, painting, hayrides and more.  
*Downtown Libertyville*

### Lifestyle Expo for the 50+

*Saturday Oct. 15*

Health and lifestyle resource expo for the 50+ adult. You'll have access to a wealth of information from experts and professionals as you browse exhibits covering health care, wellness, housing, leisure and financial topics.  
*Patty Turner Senior Center, 375 Elm St., Deerfield*

### Halloween Hikes at Ryerson Woods

*Friday Oct. 28 - Saturday Oct. 29*

Enjoy an hour-long guided stroll through the Halloween woods, where you'll encounter some natural and no-so-natural creatures that will teach you about nature. Finish in front of a fireplace in our log cabin with cider and a fresh doughnut. The program isn't scary, so even your preschooler will have fun. Hikes depart every 30 minutes.

*Ryerson Woods, 21950 N. Riverwoods Rd.  
Deerfield, IL 60015*

*Excerpted from the Lake County Bureau of Tourism website.*