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VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

All Riverwoods Board of Trustees and Plan Commission 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 7:30pm. May 17, June 7, 21, July 5, 19 and August 2 and 9.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursday at 7:30pm. June 2, July 7 and August 4.

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Family Arbor Day Fest: A Great Success!

By Michael Clayton, President of the RPC

In spite of cold rainy weather that curtailed some of the planned outdoor activities, attendance exceeded expectations for the premiere of this community event organized by the Riverwoods Preservation Council. Families marveled at the live owls, raptors, turtles, snakes, and frogs as well as the wildlife exhibits from the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD), the Stillman Nature Center, and the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest. In recognition of Arbor Day, Mayor Norris planted two ceremonial oaks in between explaining the Village Hall renovation to residents. Information exhibits by the LCFPD, the Mosquito Abatement District, Steve Zimmerman (our Village Ecologist) and our own residents Nancy and Paul Zgonena on

beekeeping were enlightening and fun.

Volunteers from the LCFPD worked alongside Riverwoods volunteers to remove buckthorn from the Village-owned property around Village Hall. Also, families planted oak saplings and labeled the deer protection cages with their names. These activities will be a model for resident involvement in the future to assist with woodland restoration of community property.

The Riverwoods Sarpino's and Jimmy Johns donated food – please patronize these local businesses that support our events.

The RPC extends a special thank you



to Conserve Lake County, the organization that, among other things, implements the Conservation@Home program in Riverwoods. Their blazing fire pit and hot chocolate were an antidote for the weather while

families were given a free potted swamp white oak to plant at home. The only obligation was a promise to plant the trees by Mother's Day and to plant a kiss goodnight each autumn. A demonstration area illustrated correct and incorrect planting methods to help ensure success.

Arbor Day is the international holiday encouraging planting and care of trees. The Riverwoods Preservation Council along with the Lake County Forest Preserve District and Conserve Lake County have tried to provide a celebration of Arbor Day on our public and private lands. In addition to great memories from the event, we all will have the pleasure of watching our tree planting efforts grow in the future.



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VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Village Voice is published bimonthly by the Village of Riverwoods. The purpose is to provide a communication forum and information for residents. The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Mayor or members of the Board of Trustees.
Editor: Jackie Borchew.
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.



SEND IN THOSE
LETTERS!

Letters from residents and Riverwoods homeowners' associations are invited and encouraged. Preferred length: approximately 250 words or less, typed. 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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MAYOR'S LETTER

The State of the Village

The state of the Village of Riverwoods is excellent. We continue to operate with a modest budget surplus. The budget cuts proposed by Governor Rauner could reduce our revenues by \$200,000 to \$400,000 however, which may necessitate budget cuts and/or tax increases in the future.

Trustees Chamberlain and Jamerson have worked with our village-wide electrical aggregation consultant to negotiate a new contract. While the new rates are higher, they are still lower than what residents would be charged were they to obtain electricity from Commonwealth Edison. Residents also have the choice of opting for 100% renewable energy. Electing to use the renewable energy option would increase the cost of electricity for the average resident by approximately three dollars per month. I strongly urge all residents to take advantage of this program.

The design process is nearly complete for the remodeling and updating of the Village Hall. At this point, the project has been sent out for bids. The Thursday February 26th edition of the Deerfield Review printed an article on the Village Hall remodeling. I recommend anyone wanting more information to read the article.



John W. Norris
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Mayor, Village of Riverwoods



Town Meeting Report

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, we held a town hall meeting concerning the rebuilding of the Village Hall. Over 60 residents were able to attend, overflowing our meeting room and spilling down the hall. The Board and I were very pleased at the size of the turnout.

Trustee Rick Jamerson gave a presentation describing the history of the project; outlining the problems and deficiencies with the existing building; and the options available to us. The floor was then open to residents for questions and comments. The meeting lasted until approximately 9:30pm. The residents were overwhelmingly in favor of moving forward. A link to a video of the meeting can be found on our Facebook page as well as a link to Trustee Jamerson's presentation.

The Board and I were impressed with the consistent high quality of the questions and comments from the residents. They were uniformly well thought out and relevant. In addition, the residents treated each other with respect, even when they had disparate views. Having attended a great number of public meetings involving the spending of large sums of money, this is not always the case. I think we should all be proud of our community.

Finally, we have created a website to report on the status of the project. Here is a link to the site:

<https://sites.google.com/a/riverwoods-il.net/villagehall/>

Please visit the construction website "early and often" as the saying goes.

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of ordinances, resolutions, and non-routine matters considered by the Board of Trustees from the meeting minutes of February 5, 16, March 15, 29 and April 5. Read the entirety of these minutes or view the video of the actual Board of Trustee meetings on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.villageofriverwoods.com.

April 5

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Durning indicated that a permit was issued to demolish the house at 1075 Hiawatha. The new owner of 2045 Riverwoods Road wants to demolish the house and then to rebuild. The Village is in court with 770 Juneberry for code violations. The renovations and inspections have been completed at Ravinia Green. There is a contract pending on the 2701 Daiquiri property for which the current owner had requested and been denied a waiver of the required fire sprinkler system if he were to rebuild.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dayno provided the Board with the Police Department activity since the March 15, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. The Police Report is available in full on the Village of Riverwoods website.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor Norris reported that the Village Easter Egg Hunt was remarkably successful. The kids loved hunting for the eggs. The petting zoo was also very popular. Mayor Norris thanked Jackie Borchew for organizing the event.

PROCLAMATION HONORING CODY GOODMAN

Mayor Norris issued a Proclamation honoring Cody Goodman, a Caruso Middle School student, who earned the title of 2016 Kids Wrestling Federation Boys State Champion in the 215 pound weight class. He proclaimed April 5th to be Cody Goodman Day in the Village of Riverwoods.

PURCHASE OF TASERS FOR POLICE

The Board approved a request in an amount not to exceed \$6,658.37 for the police department to purchase four conductive energy devices. Tasers, which are actually a brand name, are considered non-lethal force whereas firearms are considered deadly force. Police Officer Jeffrey Johnson is a certified Taser instructor and will provide the training for the Village officers. Officer Johnson provided information on Tasers and showed a Taser spark test. He explained that Tasers are designed for low frequency, high risk situations filling the gap between using pepper spray and using a baton which always hurts people.

WHEELING FIREARMS RANGE

The Board approved an indemnity agreement so that the Riverwoods police department can use the Wheeling firearms range.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM BENEFIT DINNER

The Village purchased two tables at the Orphans of the Storm benefit dinner in the amount of \$5,000.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer/Solid Waste/Roads/Bike Path – Trustee O'Donnell recommended keeping the reserves for the sewer fund flat, unless the Board decides otherwise.

Police/Building/Zoning – Trustee Jamerson sent out the Building Report for the month of March 2016. Construction is up this year. The full building report is available on the Village website.

He noted that the bids for the Village Hall will be due on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. W.B. Olson should have a total cost for the May 17th Board meeting based on the bids received. Assuming the total project comes within budget, hopefully the Board will allow the trades to be vetted out piecemeal so that the construction can start. He anticipates that would be the first week of June.

Woodlands/Finance – Trustee Chamberlain explained that the Village ecologist had 14

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consults last month compared to none for the same period last year.

Drainage/IT/Environment/Stormwater – Trustee Baumann noted that the Village Facebook page has approximately 100 “likes”. The intention is to reach the entire Village. Village announcements will be posted on the page. Trustee Baumann is building a Village Hall project website that will be accessed through the Facebook page.

March 29

VILLAGE HALL TOWN MEETING

Mayor Norris explained that this town hall meeting is not mandated. However, the Village of Riverwoods has traditionally informed residents when a significant and costly issue is before the Board. He stated that Trustee Jamerson will give a presentation outlining the problems with the current Village Hall, where the Board currently is in the process of deciding what to do, and the Building Committee’s proposed solutions. Afterward, public questions and comments will be heard. He asked that residents try to honor the three-minute time limit as noted in the posted rules.

The Problems with the Village Hall – Trustee Jamerson is the Village’s Building Trustee and a self-employed electrical contractor. He noted that, in April 2013, Riverwoods was inundated with rain resulting in a flooded boardroom. The Village hired a disaster recovery company to remediate. Upon opening up the walls, they discovered a substantial amount of mold and critters that had taken residence inside the walls.

He explained that the boardroom was built in the 1920’s as a camp building and is 6 inches below the surrounding grade without a true foundation based on current construction standards. Subsequently, additions were added resulting in the current Village Hall standing today.

Where we are and how we got here – The Village hired the architectural firm of Baranski Hammer Moretta and Sheehy to provide recommendations to correct the flooding. They also performed a thorough examination of the structure and exterior of the boardroom. They found several structural issues with the building as well as non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A potential fix for the flooding issue was to raise the floor of the boardroom, but it would then not be level with the adjacent kitchen and bathroom.

Mayor Norris then asked the architectural firm to do a complete assessment of the entire Village Hall. Their analysis, based on the ADA code, National Electrical Code and International Building Code, found the storage rooms do not meet

the requirements for fire containment, fire stops are missing, the corridor walls do not meet the fire and smoke requirements, concealed spaces are not properly fire blocked and the means of egress are not Code-compliant. In addition, the exit stairways do not meet the requirements for egress, the main lobby entrance door does not meet accessibility requirements, the exit stair handrails are not compliant, and the two exit stairs from the second floor do not meet the requirements for separation. Other issues include non-compliant interior stairs and front entry door, no elevator to access the second floor, the foundation at the east end is too low compared to the exterior grade, insufficient working clearance in front of the electrical panels, and issues with the kitchen plumbing. Trustee Jamerson noted there are also energy concerns including the inefficient windows, old and inefficient air conditioning equipment, energy code non-compliance of the light fixtures, and inadequate insulation and front entrance door assembly.

The Board discussed whether they should repair or replace the building. They initially thought that repairing the existing building, along with demolishing and rebuilding the boardroom, would be the most economical solution. The Village had a needs assessment done by meeting with staff, reviewing job functions, services and space usage. In addition, they considered space for various indoor and outdoor community events.

The Building Committee’s Solution

Renovation - Trustee Jamerson showed the original plans for renovation and repair of the existing building and replacement of the boardroom which were put out to bid. The sole bid of \$4.4 million was rejected by the Board, upon determining that reusing the existing building was not the most cost effective. The Board decided to hire a construction manager.

New Building - WB Olson was hired to look for construction savings in the design and provide realistic budgets. They suggested changing the building to one-story, which would reduce the cost of the building by eliminating the need for an elevator and two staircases. The square footage of the building was reduced by approximately 25% - 30%. WB Olson prepared a budget for a new building, which was just over \$3 million.

Trustee Jamerson showed drawings of the proposed new building, which would be just under 10,000 square feet. The building has a small amount of extra space. The boardroom is multi-purpose and has removable furniture so it can be double for an open space use. The storage area has been reduced, seeing that the Village is digitizing documents which will reduce paper storage. The useful life of this building would be approximately 50 years.

Option 3 - Trustee Jamerson noted the Village has to do something about the non-compliance of this building and the susceptibility to flooding. He showed a more minimal plan that would render the second floor unusable, but would cost approximately \$1.95 million and possibly more if additional deficiencies are discovered once the renovation begins. The minimal scope would not include changing the windows, mechanical systems, roofing and siding, which currently waste energy and would have a useful life of 10-15 years.

Trustee Jamerson discussed the other costs which include site work costs that would apply to all options. The site works costs for the one story project would cost about \$700,000, the two story project and the minimal plan site costs would be about \$815,000. The contingencies for these options would be \$160,378. The construction administration would cost between \$440,000 and \$450,000. The design fees would be close to \$125,000 for the redesign necessary for Option 3. The furniture, landscaping and audio visual budgets would be about \$217,000.

To summarize, the costs for the three options would be: A two-story new building would be about \$6.5 million, a new one-story building would be just under \$5 million, and the minimal building would be about \$4.1 million.

Mayor Norris noted that the Village has the money to pay for this project. They will not need to raise taxes or borrow money. However, he explained that it may be prudent for the Village to borrow some or all of the money given the current low interest rates.

Mayor Norris indicated that the property north of this building was purchased for \$380,000. In addition, he stated that the Village spent about \$50,000 to make it habitable for the Village employees during construction. The Village is contemplating selling a portion of the property across the street to offset the purchase of the property to the north of Village Hall.

Comment/Question Period

There were more than 60 residents present at the meeting. Of these, 25 residents addressed the Board and either asked questions or offered comments. Of the 25 residents, 4 had questions, 1 was opposed to spending \$5 million dollars, and 20 residents were in favor of building new.



March 15

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Norris distributed a new report that shows the General Fund month to month in relation to the budget. The cash flow is negative so far, but the committee anticipated that. However, the Village is ahead of budget by approximately \$95,000 thus far.

PLAN COMMISSION

The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of zoning and a special use for a limited restaurant for the property at 780 Saunders Road if the property is annexed into the Village.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REPORT

The fire protection district plans to bring back the newsletter it used to send out. It is purchasing three new ambulances and one new fire truck.

THORNGATE

The Board approved the request for a Thorngate Reservoir Chlorine Residual Analyzer not to exceed \$10,000. This is needed due to new technology.

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCHANGE MIDWEST

At no cost to the Village, the Board moved to authorize Chief Dayno to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Village. This memorandum of understanding includes the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and participating federal, state, county and municipal agencies for the purpose of information sharing.

Chief Dayno explained that the Village would be sharing information including bookings, mug shots, citations issued, traffic stops, incidents and arrest information. He stated that there has never been anything like this in the past where you could access all of this information in one place. The information found cannot be attached to a specific case, but would be a good investigative tool. He further explained that the department had training and policies in place that state that sensitive information of this nature was for Riverwoods Police investigative use only.

DEERFIELD FAMILY DAYS

The Village of Riverwoods will make a donation of \$1,000 for Deerfield Family Days.

DEERFIELD PARENTS NETWORK

The Board voted to authorize a donation of \$1,000 for the Deerfield Parents Network.

There have been some complaints from residents about the Village making any donations in general. Mayor Norris noted these are civic groups providing services for Village residents that our Village is too small to provide. The donation of \$1,000 is appreciably less than what would be spent if Riverwoods were to provide these services.

March 1

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

2016 Operating Budget – Mayor Norris provided the 2016 operating budget including the actual revenues and expenses for the last two years, which indicated that the spending and revenues are down 3% and 5% respectively. He stated that the Village took a conservative approach regarding anticipated money from the State. Mayor Norris anticipates revising the budget around mid-year.

MFT WORK FOR PORTWINE ROAD AND SAFETY PATH ON RIVERWOODS ROAD

The Board voted to approve the appropriation of MFT funds appropriating \$580,000 for improvements to Portwine Road from Lake Cook to Deerfield Road and patching the bike paths on Riverwoods Road and along Deerfield Road, SSA work and drainage work.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drainage/IT/Environment/Stormwater – An invitation has been extended to John Rosberg to fill the position of Volunteer Communications Coordinator for the Village.

February 16

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses for January includes monthly and year-to-date comparison figures for 2015. The Village revenues exceeded expenses in January by approximately \$9,000.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Strategic Planning Sub-Committees – The key goals of the strategic plan are to: provide consistent messaging across all forms of communication; foster governmental transparency and communicate the best they can; and improve community involvement. The Village website will be converted into a reference library fed by the other media. A Facebook page will be set up for regular, non-urgent communication and the committee

is looking into a YouTube channel for informational content. There will be a drive to obtain e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers with the intent of e-mailing or texting residents. Lastly, the committee is looking at cost effective electronic signage to be installed at the entrance to the Village.

Land Use Committee – It was determined that some professional land planning help is needed to look at where the Village needs to be and how to get there. The committee is collecting information about the properties on the Village's borders, specifically the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, and the Village-owned properties. The committee believes that the Village needs to be proactive rather than reactive and that a land planner would be very helpful.

HOME RULE

The Board voted to increase the Home Rule Retailer's Occupation Tax and Municipal Service Occupation Tax from 0.5% to 1%. This would match nearby communities. The increase should net approximately \$95,000 per year to the Village.

Proclamation Honoring Cody Goodman

Riverwoods resident Cody Goodman is a student of Caruso Middle School in Deerfield and a member of the Wrestling Factory Team in nearby Lake Forest. Cody recently earned the 2016 IKWF Boys Wrestling State Championship in the 215 pound weight class.

In honor of this achievement, Mayor Norris has issued a Proclamation honoring Cody Goodman and has proclaimed April 5th to be Cody Goodman Day in the Village of Riverwoods. Congratulations Cody!

Portwine Construction Begins

The Portwine Road project will soon be starting with pavement patching and replacement of failed culverts, followed by milling and resurfacing. There will be intermittent lane closures and impacts to driveway access, but the road will not be closed and all driveways will be open at the end of each day.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



Police Report: Burglary Prevention

By Police Chief Bruce Dayno

Burglar Alarms – The National Crime Prevention Institute recommends installing alarms, and some insurance companies offer discounts for doing so. Although alarms are an effective deterrent, they do have a high rate of false alerts.



Many false alarms can be avoided by keeping equipment in good working order. Having a good knowledge of how your equipment works can help prevent false alarms.

Remember to register your alarm annually to keep your contact and keyholder information up to date with the Police Department

Target Hardening – Target hardening makes getting into houses more difficult for burglars. It includes installing sturdy doors with dead bolts; window locks, rather than latches; double pane, storm or divided light windows, or laminated glass that is forced-entry resistant; pin locks on windows and sliding glass doors; and sliding glass door channel locks or slide bolts.

Give the appearance You Are Home – Most burglars avoid encountering residents, and thus look for indicators of occupancy. Indicators include interior and exterior lights left on (timers are a good option) and leaving a radio or television on. Additionally, avoid leaving clues that you are away. Don't leave an empty garage door open. Before going on vacation, stop your mail and have your grass cut regularly if you are gone for an extended length of time.

Report Suspicious Activity – If you observe suspicious persons or cars, or hear suspicious noises such as glass breaking, call 911. Over the years, I've had many residents tell me they didn't want to bother the police or didn't want to be embarrassed if it turned out to be nothing. Well, that's what we are here for and we are not going to apprehend many burglars without your help. Please don't hesitate to call us.

Vacation Watch – Notify the Riverwoods Police Department when you are leaving town. We will check your house regularly while you are away. Call Police Dispatch at 847-945-1820.

Home or Business Security Survey – For further questions on Burglary Prevention or Crime Prevention in general, contact Crime Prevention Officer Al Maciareillo at 847-945-1130. Also, ask him to conduct a home or business security survey.

You can reach me at 847-945-1130. I can also be contacted by email at bdayno@riverwoods-il.net.

An Update on Riverwoods Recycling

Hello, Residents of Riverwoods! – My name is Bill Kenney. I am the Municipal Manager for Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS). As you know, my company has proudly been the residential waste and recycling hauler for Riverwoods since the spring of 2012. It was in the fall of 2013 that I last had the opportunity to reach out to you, via the Riverwoods Village Voice. I am excited to have this opportunity again.

Let me start off by thanking the Village and its residents for continuing to set such an excellent example of how a community can make a difference by executing recycling best-practices. Few other municipalities that we serve participate with the amount of vigor and enthusiasm of Riverwoods citizens. Everyday our drivers and customer service representatives look forward to rewarding your reliability as good recyclers with the high service standards you expect.

First, a general update of what has been recently happening at LRS - in a word, lots. In June 2014, LRS purchased Heartland Recycling in Forest View, Illinois. By acquiring this facility, LRS was able to increase its intake of solid waste to over 1.5M tons annually. Add to this the ability to reclaim up to 40% of recyclables from the waste stream that comes in, and we are one of the top performing recyclers in Chicagoland.

In March of 2016, LRS opened up a state-of-the-art single-stream recycling facility based out of our Heartland facility. This operation is one of the most advanced in Chicagoland – harvesting and processing nearly 20 tons of recyclable material an hour.

On to matters more specific to the Village of Riverwoods. As pointed out earlier in this update, residents of Riverwoods already do an outstanding job. In general, no wholesale changes or alterations need to be suggested. However, there are always ways to tweak the process. For example: It's always best to try and avoid contamination of recyclables by keeping in mind what is, and what is not considered 'single-stream' recyclable.

An abbreviated list of what is:

Paper Material – Magazines and catalogs, telephone books, kraft brown paper bags, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes (food boxes in general), junk mail that is mixed paper

Metal Material – Aluminum cans, aluminum foil, steel or tin cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum baking trays/pie tins

Plastic – Pop bottles, milk containers (dry, please), water bottles (with caps, please), margarine/butter tubs (no food residue), toiletry/beauty-aid bottles, laundry detergent bottles

Glass Material – Glass bottles (clear, brown, green or blue) glass jars (clear, brown, green or blue)

Milk Carton, Drink Boxes – Gable top milk & juice cartons (dry, please) juice boxes (dry, please)

An abbreviated list of what is not:

Carbon paper, carpet & cloth material, cardboard contaminated w/food, glass (non bottle or jar), glass (windows), food liquids, plastic bags (grocery bags / trash bags), plastic (saran wrap), plates or dishes, styrofoam, waxed cardboard (milk containers), waxed paper



A True Woodland Easter Egg Hunt

By Jackie Borchew

This Easter Riverwoods offered something new for the children when the Village Hall parking lot became a barnyard with real farm animals baying and clucking, and the surrounding woodland became a sea of colored eggs.

A volunteer team filled over 500 plastic eggs with candy and treats and hid them (some well hidden and some more easily found by the younger children), among the trees and groundcover in the woodland area.

Even though the forecast predicted rainfall, over 50 children still arrived to meet the goats, bunnies, ducks, sheep, a potbelly pig, and a young donkey and to search the woodland for treasure to fill their Easter baskets.

The children criss-crossed the forest floor rustling leaves and searching the creases of each big oak's trunk in hopes of discovering one more colored egg. When their baskets were filled, they quickly made their way back to the

farmyard for more interaction with these curious creatures.

A big thank you to all who came out to fill the eggs, hide them, and man the event. This well-attended day will be repeated next year. when once again the parking lot of Village Hall becomes a barnyard! We all hope that you will plan to be a part of it. Watch the Village facebook page for this and other fun events in our Village.



A few of the friends who came together to raise awareness of the good work of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center: Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim with Mitchell, Illinois Senator Julie Morrison, former Illinois Representative Brad Schneider, event organizer Jackie Borchew, and Co-President of the Deerfield Rotary Natalie Kirsch.

A Walk With Mitchell

By Jackie Borchew

Even with rain clouds threatening to open up on our parade, the Walk with Mitchell attracted a very nice turnout and raised some much needed funds: \$3,000+ to support the work of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center. A non-profit division of the Lake County State's Attorney's office, this Center investigates and prosecutes hundreds of cases of child sexual and physical abuse each year. The star of Saturday's walk was no doubt their own Mitchell, the therapy dog who comforts these abused children throughout their interviewing process and now, thanks to recent legislation, can accompany the children into court when needed. Just think about how stressful that situation is for the child victim when they must appear in the same room with their abuser. Thanks to Senator Julie Morrison and State's Attorney Nerheim for working to let Mitchell comfort children in future situations.

The Walk with Mitchell was held Saturday, April 30 at Jaycee Memorial Park in Deerfield. The Deerfield Rotary Club was the main sponsor of the event. Close to 100 people, many with dogs, attended. Local businesses and friends helped support the cause by donating refreshments and raffle items. Sunset Foods even sent over the big popcorn truck offering popcorn free to all!

For more information on Mitchell and the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center go to www.lcsao.org.

To make a donation to help fund Mitchell's important work with the children of Lake County, go to www.deerfieldrotary.org. Donations earmarked for the Walk with Mitchell event may be mailed in care of Deerfield Rotary, P.O. Box 156, Deerfield, IL 60015

Firing Up the Grill with Gale

Grilled Garlic-Orange Shrimp Skewers

Makes 4 servings

You know I love my grill. It just seems to make everything better, whether it's chicken that I've marinated with Asian sauces, a pork loin I've let sit with coarse grain mustard and local maple syrup, or shrimp in garlic and orange. Letting things live with their seasoning ahead of time brings them to a new flavor height. And being as short as I am, I like anything that adds height!

- 4 long bamboo skewers, soaked in water 2 hours
- 16 shrimp, U-10 size (that means 10 to a pound)
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- grated rind only of 1 orange
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1 inch chunks
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained

Peel the shells off the shrimp and run a knife down their edge to open up the vein, then run cold water on the vein to remove any dirt. To make the garlic orange marinade place the olive oil, garlic, chopped parsley, orange rind, salt and pepper in a resealable bag, seal it and then massage the bag with your hands



to combine the ingredients. Add the shrimp and tumble it a bit to coat the shrimp with the marinade. Chill till ready to grill, up to 24 hours. When ready to cook, skewer 4 shrimp per skewer, placing a piece of green pepper and a slice of water chestnut between each shrimp (so it will go

shrimp, pepper, water chestnut, shrimp, pepper, water chestnut, and repeating. Lay them on a plate and drizzle with any of the left over marinade.

Fire up your grill, setting the burners on medium, letting it preheat about five minutes. Grill the skewers on both sides till pink and opaque, about three minutes on each side. Serve hot or chill and serve cold. Yum!

Gale Gand is a pastry chef and is the partner in the Michelin one star restaurant, Tru, in Chicago. She was the host of Food Network's long running show "Sweet Dreams", and author of 8 cook books. She just finished a 2-year pop-up of Spritzburger, a burger and craft soda joint, with The Hearty Boys, also of Food Network fame. Gale teaches cooking classes all over the country and is an artisanal soda pop maker producing Gale's Root Beer which is sold nationally. Gale does Food Innovation with Hyde Park Group in Chicago. She has received two James Beard Awards, has been inducted to the Chicago Chefs Hall of Fame and was schooled in Paris at La Varenne. Gale is the mother of 3.

Discover Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods

Formerly known as Friends of Ryerson Woods, Brushwood Center seeks to contribute to the development of an environmentally literate citizenry that has the skills, knowledge and inclinations to make well-informed decisions that consider future generations. Brushwood Center holds that environmental education reaches beyond childhood and is a lifelong endeavor. Environmental education extends beyond science to embrace human interaction with nature and its expression, including literature, music, photography, film and other fine and performing arts.

Take a guided nature walk in the woods, enjoy an outdoor yoga class, or take in a summer film under the woodland canopy. For more information on Brushwood Center and all it has to offer visit www.brushwoodcenter.org.

THE WORLD OF BIRDS : AN EXHIBIT

Through June 6 there is a wonderful exhibit of artwork of the Great Lake Chapter of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators at the Brushwood Center.



The Guild of Natural Science Illustrators is a non-profit organization of both illustrators and those interested in science illustration. It was founded by illustrators at the Smithsonian Institution in 1968 to

provide opportunities to meet, share ideas, and spread the knowledge of visual science techniques. In The World of Birds, members of the GNSI Great Lakes Chapter focus their talents on a single subject to both celebrate and educate the public about our wondrous feathered friends.

Free. No registration required. Exhibition runs through June 6, 2016. Gallery hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm, Sundays 1 - 3pm or by appointment.



A few more photos from the RPC Family Arbor Day Fest.



Green Corner

Results of the 2016 Shoe and Eyeglasses Drive

Riverwoods' residents came through again! Thanks to the generous response of the Riverwoods' residents, 294 pairs of wearable shoes and 174 pairs of eyeglasses were collected between April 11th and 27th. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) estimates that currently 300,000,000 children worldwide have never owned a pair of shoes. Interestingly per the U.S. Department of the Interior, 300,000,000 is the estimated number of shoes finding their way to American landfills each year. It then takes 30 - 40 years for these shoes to decompose.

What happens to the shoes and eyeglasses which were donated? The shoes collected in Riverwoods were brought to a central gathering site for all of Lake County coordinated by the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO.) SWALCO works with a company called Chicago Textile, which in turn supplies donated shoes to organizations providing the shoes to those in need both domestically and globally.

The eyeglasses were brought to the Deerfield Lions Club which participates in the Recycle for Sight program. From here the eyeglasses will be sent to a Lions Club Eyeglasses Recycling Center where they are cleaned, classified by prescription and inventoried by volunteers. Most of the eyeglasses will be sent to optical missions in developing countries where they will have greatest impact. That pair of eyeglasses found in the back of a drawer no longer being used can change another person's life.

Thanks to our coordinated efforts in Riverwoods, the Reuse Program for shoes and the Recycle for Sight Program for eyeglasses not only benefit the environment, but lend a hand to people in need.

The RPC would like to involve more people throughout the Village in local ecological issues. We have sponsored interesting programs and events, such as a water management panel, shoe and eyeglass recycling, installation of a rain garden at the police station, and a native plant lecture at Red's Garden Center. The RPC, a nongovernmental, resident-run environmental organization, is seeking directors and others interested in Riverwoods' ecological matters. To learn more, please contact the RPC at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

RPC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to support the RPC in its efforts to preserve Riverwoods! Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of :

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

I have attached my employer's matching contribution form.

Join at a level of \$100 or more and receive a 10% discount on most plants sold each spring by the RRA Plant Sale Committee.

Please make your check payable to the Riverwoods Preservation Council, P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015. The RPC is an independent, resident-run, volunteer-run, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Find the Riverwoods Preservation Council on Facebook at www.riverwoodsrpc.org, and at riverwoodsrpc@comcast.net.

RRA - Join and Make a Difference!

Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA) forms a support network within our Village. Membership is \$25 per family and includes two vehicle stickers. Mail your check to RRA, P.O. Box 341, Deerfield, IL 60015. For more information contact Jill Kaplan at jedma1@yahoo.com or call her directly at 847-945-0062.

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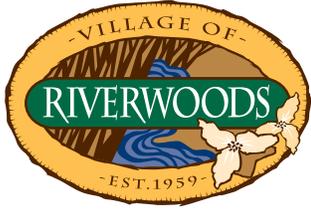
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We Love A Parade!

It's almost Memorial Day and the 4th of July will be here before we know it. Riverwoods will again have an entry in the Deerfield 4th of July Parade. This year the theme of our entry will be **"Building a New Home in the Woods"**, celebrating the start of construction of our new village hall. The exact details are being worked on but plan to attend the parade and cheer us on! Check our Facebook page for ongoing updates and information. And to be part of the fun contact Michelle at Village Hall. 847-945-3990.

*Photo: Award Winning Riverwoods
2015 4th of July Parade Entry.*