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Fall Yard Care Practices to Provide Winter Habitat for Wildlife

By Riverwoods Preservation Council

If you have pale purple coneflower in your yard, you may have already seen the goldfinches snacking away on their seeds. Once our perennial plants begin to decline in the fall, it is tempting to cut back and remove the dead flower stalks and foliage to give our yards a neat, manicured appearance. This year, consider leaving your leaves on the ground and your plants standing until spring; this provides habitat for many species of our valued wildlife.

Butterflies and Moths

Although some species of butterflies and moths migrate to warmer climates for the

winter, many do not. Fallen leaves provide insulation for overwintering butterflies and moths. The chrysalis of some species closely resembles an old fallen leaf, making it difficult to distinguish from plant material. If a small percentage of your lawn is covered in leaves, no harm will come to your turf by leaving them in place for the winter; in fact, it can be beneficial to your turfgrass to use a mulching mower on a leaf-littered lawn. If leaf cover is heavy and your grass is not visible, rake or blow the leaves into garden beds, woods, and other more rustic areas where they can stay in place to provide habitat.

In addition to overwintering in fallen leaves, some butterflies and moths pupate and spend the winter on or inside the stems of perennial forbs and shrubs. You can prevent the accidental destruction of caterpillars and chrysalises by keeping plant stalks standing until spring.

Bees and Other Beneficial Insects

Like butterflies, carpenter and other bees nest in the pith of old stems. Some insects even lay their eggs on these plants during winter. If you strongly prefer to cut back your plant material for aesthetic purposes, keep it in your landscape instead of getting rid of it. If you remove flower stalks, bundle them up and put them in an out-of-the-way area. Some native bee species like small carpenter, mason, and leaf-cutter bees may utilize these hollow stems as nesting habitat. Leaving dead limbs, tree snags and brush piles in place as sources of food and shelter provides additional winter habitat for bees and other insects.

Birds

Leaving flower stalks in your landscape can also benefit birds. The seed heads of

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VILLAGE
GOVERNMENT

Riverwoods Village Board

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm.
September 20, and October 4, 18
and November 1 and 15.

Riverwoods Plan Commission

1st Thursdays at 7:30pm.
October 6, November 3 and
December 1.

Meetings are generally held at Village
Hall, 300 Portwine Road.

Meetings are open to the public and
residents are encouraged to attend.

During COVID meetings may be
virtual. Please check the website.

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Riverwoods Celebrates Halloween October 22!

Our woodlands are starting to tell us
that fall is coming. Just a small hint
here and there of the colors to come,
but the hints are there.

Our summer community event, the
Garage Sale, was the first of its kind
here in Riverwoods, and it was a huge
success. We hope to continue the event,
and even make it bigger next year.
Thanks to our great staff and to the RPC
for all of their help.

We are now planning a Halloween
event for Saturday afternoon, October
22. Watch for more information on the
website and in your mailbox. Popcorn,
ponies and plenty of fun!

There are congratulations due to
members of our Police Department.
Sergeant George Pfitzenreuter has been
promoted to Commander, and Officer
William Kirby has been promoted to
Sergeant. We also extend a sincere
welcome to Officer Michael Stack who
has recently joined our Department.
Congratulations and Welcome!

Fall is also a good time to think about
fire safety – outside as well as inside
your home. Chief Tom Krueger and
his team are available to inspect your
home for fire hazards as part of their
smoke detector program to make our
community as safe as possible.

Our community continues to grow and
change. The Plan Commission and
the Board are studying the impact
of population growth both through
intentional development, that is, by

actively adding units to the housing
stock, as well as organic growth. Organic
growth refers to the natural increase
in our current population through
welcoming new families or increases to
the families already here. The Federal
Life property and the 38 acre parcel on
Milwaukee Avenue have been the focus
of our development discussions recently.
You can stay informed by visiting our
website or by attending Board and Plan
Commission meetings.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons as
our woodlands put on their color show.
Be thoughtful of your neighbors and
grateful for our Public Safety staff.

Respectfully,

Kris Ford
Mayor of Riverwoods

*Popcorn, Ponies,
and Plenty
of Fun!*

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

1-4PM AT VILLAGE HALL

Riverwoods Village Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

The following is a summary of topics and actions by the Board of Trustees from the July and August Board of Trustees meetings. Read the entirety of these minutes, including the current Police Reports and Plan Commission Reports on the Village of Riverwoods website at www.riverwoods.gov.

The July meeting opened with a moment of silence for victims of the Highland Park attack.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Water Mains – The Board approved the repair and replacement of a section of the water main serving businesses and residents in west Riverwoods. The process requires permitting from Lake County as well as the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and then going through a bidding process. The Board is also reviewing the capital plan for all water mains within the Village.

Thornton’s – The Village closed on the sale of the property.

Development – Discussions have been held regarding the 38 acre parcel on Milwaukee Avenue as well as the Sales Barn property also located on Milwaukee Avenue. Lexington Homes made a request to make a presentation to the Plan Commission in October regarding the Federal Life property.

Paths – Bidding was completed and the rehabilitation of the paths surrounding Village Hall will begin. Bids for the Deerfield path have gone out. The Riverwoods Road path will most likely wait until spring.

Sewer Fund – The Sewer Fund is being reviewed to determine the appropriate level of funding.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND BOARD ACTIONS OF INTEREST

Audit – The Board received and accepted the 2021 Audit. Our financial position is stable with an increase in revenues and a decrease in expenses. There were no exceptions and the Village received a clean audit.

Village Clerk – The Board passed a Resolution moving the position of Village Clerk to an appointed position from an elected position.

General Fund – The Board passed a Resolution releasing committed funds held in the General Fund for sewer system improvements available for General Fund purposes.

CIVIC ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Board held a workshop prior to the July 19 Board meeting for the purpose of discussing several topics; management of the operations of the Village, and population growth were among them. Issues discussed regarding the management of Village operations included a need for better documentation, reliance upon consultants and alternative staffing options.

The Trustees also discussed the potential impact of an increase in the population of the Village. Population growth is expected to occur due to household turnover (organic growth) and could occur through the addition of multi-family developments within the Village boundaries (intentional growth).

A review of the regulations related to short-term property rental has been referred to the Plan Commission.

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Director of Community Services

Prepare for Fall

By Russell Kraly, Director of Community Services

Hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is just around the corner. It seems that summer gets shorter and shorter every year as I get older and older. Oh well!

A couple of items to mention since fall is almost here; pools, outdoor lights, open burning and ditch lines/culverts.

Do not empty your swimming pool into your yard, you end up flooding your neighbors and the chemicals will kill the vegetation. They should be emptied into a storm sewer line or a ditch line. Make sure you have enough hose to get the water to the right place and be respectful of your neighbors.

As the leaves fall, the natural barrier they provide for privacy goes also. If you have outdoor lighting, our code says ALL outdoor lighting must be shielded to reflect the light source downward. Your neighbors don't want to see your light(s) glaring into their homes, please be respectful of their space and the surrounding area.

As the leaves fall, people want to burn them. Per our code, it is permissible within the following parameters; all landscape waste (tree limbs, leaves, other brush) comes from your property, an area no larger than 5' X 5' X 5', located at least 50" from any structure, no overhead trees and not on windy days. You also need a fire extinguisher or a charged water hose within 10" of the area, and hours of burning are from 8AM to 8PM. NO garbage, building materials or any other debris of any kind shall be burned. Do not leave the area until the fire is completely out, if you're unsure then water the area down before leaving.

The leaves get into the ditch lines and culverts, and block the flow of water. Please keep the leaves out of these areas, if they get wet and freeze we have blockages that impede the flow of water, and in the spring when the snow starts to thaw or early rains come, we will have major flooding conditions.

Last, but not least, rental and Airbnb renewals are coming up. Get your paperwork into Vivian Hofeld please.

Hope everyone had a great summer! Enjoy the fall colors and the Halloween season.

RIVERWOODS VILLAGE VOICE

Riverwoods Village Voice is published bimonthly by the Village of Riverwoods. It's 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.

Deadline for the
November/December issue:
October 20, 2022
Send to:
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Police Report



Officer Michael Stack Sworn In as Newest Riverwoods Police Officer

By Bruce Dayno, Chief of Police

Officer Michael Stack was sworn in as the newest full-time addition to the Riverwoods Police Department on August 2nd, 2022, at the Riverwoods Board of Trustee Meeting. Michael grew up in Chicago and served as a Chicago Police officer from 1994 to 2021, retiring at the rank of sergeant. Prior to that, he served

From Left: Chief Bruce Dayno, Officer Michael Stack, Mayor Kristine Ford.

Below: Michael Stack is sworn in by Deputy Village Clerk Katie Bowne as Police Chief Bruce Dayno and Mayor Kristine Ford watch

in the U.S. Airforce Air National Guard until honorably discharged as a Senior Airman in 1995. He most recently was employed as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer with the Federal Reserve in Chicago. Michael has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a Master's Degree in Public Safety Management from Calumet College of St. Joseph.

Welcome to the Village of Riverwoods Officer Stack!



Fire Protection Report

Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Program

By Tom Krueger, Fire Chief

The Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Protection District, in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, is part of the "Be Alarmed" smoke alarm program. "Be Alarmed!" is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The Fire Districts then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities while recording data for reporting purposes. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided to Fire Districts at no cost as a result of funding from both the IFSA and OSFM.

The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of fire in the home and how to prevent fires from occurring in the home, as well as to ensure there are working smoke alarms properly installed in homes. By providing 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

If you are unsure as to which type of smoke alarm you have, you can contact Battalion Chief Steve McCaughey at smccaughey@lrfpd.org and we will set up an appointment to inspect your smoke alarms and advise what your options.

Fall Yard Care; CONTINUED FROM THE COVER

plants like black-eyed Susan, purple coneflowers, Joe-Pye weed, and even marigolds can be an important food source for seed eating birds, like finches, during the winter. Additionally, insects that overwinter on these plants will provide food for these birds' babies in the spring. By leaving plant material in our landscape, we can support birds and preserve insects for next year.

In addition to providing habitat, leaving perennial stalks, fallen leaves and grasses standing can add dimension and visual interest to your landscape in the winter months. In spring, when temperatures are consistently in the 50s, wildlife will vacate the plant matter and they can be safely cut back if desired. When you do so, cut back the dried plant matter to a minimum height of twelve inches and spread the snipped foliage around the garden to prevent tossing any remaining nesting insects into the compost pile. Email RiverwoodsPreservation@gmail.com for any questions on this or related topics.

Sources:

Fall garden clean up with pollinators and other wildlife in mind, Illinois Extension
Breaking the fall garden clean-up habit, Illinois Extension

In Our Own Backyard, Riverwoods Preservation Council

Allison Thielen, Botanist/Writer/Artist/
Bookkeeper/Riverwoods Resident

The Green Corner

Residents: Rather than use stock photos, we want to feature YOUR photos! Send local wildlife, landscape, or plant photos to Riverwoods Preservation Council at RiverwoodsRPC@gmail.com for a chance to have them featured in an issue of Riverwoods Village Voice or on the RPC website. Please include your name for photo credit.

Ask RPC! Do you have questions about living in the unique woodlands of Riverwoods? Send them to us! We will answer them in the next issue of Riverwoods Village Voice. Email your inquiries to RiverwoodsPreservation@gmail.com.

Northern Suburbs, Morton Arboretum Banding Together to Battle Spread of Oak-Attacking Beetle

Reprint from Sep 06, 2022 / Lake County News Sun

A collaborative effort of Deerfield, Lake Forest, Northbrook and the Morton Arboretum is aimed at trying to assure the current attack of oak trees by the two-lined chestnut borer beetle will not be as severe as devastation to ash trees by the emerald ash borer a few years ago.

"We can very easily treat it," said Corey Wierema, the head forester for the city of Lake Forest. "It's always been here, but this year the infestation has been severe."

Deerfield, Lake Forest and Northbrook are currently working with the Morton Arboretum to gather information about the impact of the chestnut borer on oak trees in their towns so other Lake and Cook County communities can learn the best treatment when it spreads.

Wierema said weather conditions the past seven years made the environment ripe for the chestnut borer this summer. He and colleagues in other communities started noticing the bug in June. High rainfall for five years, followed by dry conditions the past two, caused the outbreak.

"We started to put the pieces together," he said. "When you have these conditions, it really puts a lot of stress on trees like the oak. Oaks can be really temperamental and susceptible to the chestnut beetle. It can be very destructive. The infestation was higher than normal."

Bob Phillips, Deerfield's director of public works and engineering, said the three communities started noticing a greater infestation of the chestnut borer leading to the partnership with the Morton Arboretum.

Phillips said the three towns all have strong populations of oak trees and noticed similar conditions, like the crown of the trees starting to lose color in the leaves. They are working with the Morton Arboretum to track data to find solutions when the borer spreads elsewhere.

"They only attack trees in a weakened condition," Phillips said. "The arboretum is gathering data over two years to learn as much as they can about the impact on the trees. It's not going away. The beetle is able to travel."

Along with working with the Morton Arboretum, Wierema said all three communities are putting information on their websites to educate their residents. Discoloration of the leaves is a potential sign.

"You should use supplemental water in dry periods if it hasn't rained for a few days," he said. "The roots need a pretty deep watering, or a deep soaking."

Kelly Hamill, the public works director for Northbrook, said there are things homeowners can do to protect oak trees on their property from infestation. Like Wierema, Hamill said people should let the hose or sprinkler soak the tree for a few hours.

If the tree is surrounded by grass with no ring of soil around it, Hamill said homeowners can remove a circle of grass and put mulch there to allow water to reach the root system more easily. Such treatment makes the trees less susceptible to beetle infestation.

"If you see a dying branch, remove it so the tree won't be in stress anymore," Hamill said. "You should separate it completely. Look for (other) signs of stress."

Wierema said with the emerald ash borer beetle, when the signs of stress appear there is little to be done to help the tree. With the twolined chestnut borer, trimming, watering and the help of a certified arborist can make a difference.

MATH IN NATURE:

5 Stunning Ways We See Math in the World

Have you ever stopped to look around and notice all the amazing shapes and patterns we see in the world around us? Mathematics forms the building blocks of the natural world and can be seen in stunning ways. Here are a few of my favorite examples of math in nature, but there are many other examples as well.

The Fibonacci Sequence

Named for the famous mathematician, Leonardo Fibonacci, this number sequence is a simple, yet profound pattern.

Based on Fibonacci's 'rabbit problem,' this sequence begins with the numbers 1 and 1, and then each subsequent number is found by adding the two previous numbers. Therefore, after 1 and 1, the next number is 2 (1+1). The next number is 3 (1+2) and then 5 (2+3) and so on.

What's remarkable is that the numbers in the sequence are often seen in nature.

A few examples include the number of spirals in a pine cone, pineapple or seeds in a sunflower, or the number of petals on a flower.

The numbers in this sequence also form a unique shape known as a Fibonacci spiral, which again, we see in nature in the form of shells and the shape of hurricanes.

Fractals in Nature

Fractals are another intriguing mathematical shape that we see in nature. A fractal is a self-similar, repeating shape, meaning the same basic shape is seen again and again in the shape itself.

In other words, if you were to zoom way in or zoom way out, the same shape is seen throughout.

Fractals make up many aspects of our world, included the leaves of ferns, tree branches, the branching of neurons in our brain, and coastlines.

Hexagons in Nature

Another of nature's geometric wonders is the hexagon. A regular hexagon has 6 sides of equal length, and this shape is seen again and again in the world around us.

The most common example of nature using hexagons is in a bee hive. Bees build their hive using a tessellation of hexagons. But did you know that every snowflake is also in the shape of a hexagon?

We also see hexagons in the bubbles that make up a raft bubble. Although we usually think of bubbles as round, when many bubbles get pushed together on the surface of water, they take the shape of hexagons.

Concentric Circles in Nature

Another common shape in nature is a set of concentric circles. Concentric means the circles all share the same

center, but have different radii. This means the circles are all different sizes, one inside the other. A common example is in the ripples of a pond when something hits the surface of the water. But we also see concentric circles in the layers of an onion and the rings of trees that form as it grows and ages.

If you live near woods, you might go looking for a fallen tree to count the rings, or look for an orb spider web, which is built with nearly perfect concentric circles.



Math in Outer Space

Moving away from planet earth, we can also see many of these same mathematical features in outer space. For instance, the shape of our galaxy is a Fibonacci spiral. The planets orbit the sun on paths that are concentric. We also see concentric circles in the rings of Saturn. But we also see a unique symmetry in outer space that is unique (as far as scientists can tell) and that is the symmetry between the earth, moon and sun that makes a solar eclipse possible.

Every two years, the moon passes between the sun and the earth in such a way that it appears to completely cover the sun. But how is this possible when the moon is so much smaller than the sun? Because of math.

You see, the moon is approximately 400 times smaller than the sun, but it is also approximately 400 times further away. This symmetry allows for a total solar eclipse that doesn't seem to happen on any other planet.

Isn't nature amazing?

RECYCLE-O-RAMA

With Confidential Document Shredding
October 1, 2022

9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at

Riverwoods Village Hall/300 Portwine Rd.

Collected items will be reused, recycled, & donated

Have like items marked in bags in trunk,
pop trunk open & stay inside your car.



FREE EVENT—HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ONLY

NO Businesses. **ONLY ITEMS listed ACCEPTED.**

For list of accepted (and not accepted)

clothing and textiles, visit swalco.org.

DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE

Remember to recycle mail, envelopes, coupons, magazines, and other paper in your home Curbside Recycling Bin/Program.
99%+ of the paper from your home is recyclable curbside.

- **Shoes**—all types of Footwear. Please tie pairs together w/laces; if no laces, rubber band or zip-tie.
- **Stuffed/Plush Toys & Animals**
No other toys.
- **Clothing**—New, Gently Used or Worn (all sizes, fabrics, types). Your donations of new and gently used will be reused & allow us to recycle worn items received. Includes pet clothing. Bring Bagged.
- **Belts, Scarves, Hats, Purses, Duffle Bags, & Backpacks**
- **Bed & Table Linens, and Towels** (including sheets, comforters, quilts, blankets, tablecloths, etc.)
- **Confidential Document Shredding** (Max of 3 banker’s boxes)
- **Musical Instruments**
No keyboards or drums.
- **Sports Equipment**—in good, working condition, under 25 lbs. (including bats, baseball gloves, basketballs & other balls, racquets, golf clubs, handheld weights, skates & skateboards, bocci & croquet sets, bike helmets.) *No broken, large/heavy items, skis, machines.*
- **Smoke Detectors & CO Detectors**
- **Auto Batteries & Fire Extinguishers**
- **Gently Used/New Pet Leashes & Collars**
- **White Styrofoam Only (Clean and Dry)**





Riverwoods Nominating Committee (NomCom) Seeking Candidates for Trustee Positions

By Shelly Brown

If you have ever considered getting involved in the governing process in Riverwoods, and if you think that you just might make a pretty good ambassador for your village, then now is the time.

The Riverwoods Caucus Party Nominating Committee (NomCom) is seeking candidates for three Trustee positions to be elected to the Riverwoods Village Board in advance of the April 2023 election.

What is a Caucus Party?

The Riverwoods Caucus Party is a state-authorized and regulated candidate selection process designed to seek out, select and support individuals who agree to run for and, if elected, serve in positions on the village government.

To see the requirements of the four-year positions, visit:
<http://bit.ly/RiverwoodsCaucus>

A candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen and a Riverwoods resident
- Reside in Riverwoods at least one year prior to the election date
- Registered to vote in Riverwoods
- Current with all municipal taxes
- Not a convicted felon

Residents may obtain an application and questionnaire beginning on Friday, September 30, 2022 at the Riverwoods Village Hall or download the information from the website above.

Who selects the candidates?

The Caucus Party NomCom, comprising Riverwoods residents, selects candidates for Riverwoods residents to elect.

Candidate interviews will take place on November 12, followed by a public meeting held at Village Hall on December 5 where the residents are invited to meet the candidates and pose questions.

Elections are Coming Up

The 2022 United States elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

During this midterm election year, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be contested.

Make sure that you are registered to vote.

To check your voter registration information go to www.nass.org/can-i-vote

The deadline for voter registration in Illinois is:

By mail (postmarked by) October 11.

In person at designated location Nov 8.

Riverwoods Book Club

19th Season Opens with **The Library Book**

By June Melber

The Riverwoods Book Club (RBC) starts its 19th year on Monday, September 19, at 10am, at the Village Hall. The featured selection will be *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

The RBC meets approximately monthly, from September through June, to discuss books that you may have overlooked when they were initially released, but are well worth reaching into the past for another look.

The discussion includes fiction picks, as well as non-fiction picks. Some of our non-fiction books may include science or environmentally focused works. The October 17 selection will be *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, by J. Ryan Stradal.

The book club is free, and open to resident and non-residents of Riverwoods, and refreshments are served. For more information you may reach out to June Melber at argos501@gmail.com.

Book Locations in Riverwoods

The Village Hall Book Shelf

Located inside Village Hall. Help yourself to this selection of books for loan, or take one and leave one.

Riverwoods Village Little Free Library

Located in the Village Hall parking lot, the Little Free Library offers books for all ages. Take a book and leave a book.

Brushwood Center Little Free Library

Located next to Brushwood Center inside of Ryerson Forest Preserve, this library offers subjects for all ages. Take a book and leave a book.



39TH ANNUAL SMITH NATURE SYMPOSIUM SERIES



2022 Environmental Leadership Award Recipients
CRISTINA MITTERMEIER AND PAUL NICKLEN

INSPIRING CHANGE

AWARDS DINNER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

WITH MASTERS OF CEREMONIES
BILL KURTIS AND DONNA LA PIETRA



CALL FOR ART

2022 Nature-Inspired Holiday Art Market

Application Deadline: November 1, 2022

Application Fee: \$30 or 4 hours of volunteering

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods is seeking Artists and Artisans to sell their work at our 6th annual Nature-Inspired Holiday Market. The market begins with a seven day online sale, Saturday, November 26 – Friday, December 2, followed by a two day in-person sale at Brushwood Center on Saturday & Sunday, December 3-4, 2022. Artists do not need to be present during the in-person sale, though volunteering is highly encouraged. Items may include but are not limited to: fine art prints or small original artwork, notecards, jewelry, accessories, personal care items, functional objects for the home or garden, decorative items, toys, ornaments and holiday related decorations and items. The majority of work must be in some way related to nature and/or the environment (subject matter, materials used, function, etc.), but we encourage a wide variety of styles, media and interpretations of that theme. This is an open call – feel free to share this with anyone you feel might be interested!

EVOLVE



THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF
CRISTINA MITTERMEIER
AND PAUL NICKLEN

SEPT 12 - OCT 30

BRUSHWOOD CENTER AT RYERSON WOODS

"We are humbled by both Paul and Cristina's significant accomplishments on behalf of people and the planet, embodied through their stunning artistry, bold leadership, and advocacy for the environment," says Gail Sturm, Board Chair at Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods. "We are so inspired by their storytelling, incredible body of art, and their advocacy for ocean protection through their non-profit, SeaLegacy. Their passion for this planet and belief in the power of people to come together and create change is kin to the spirit of Brushwood Center."

Nicklen is a Canadian photographer, filmmaker, and marine biologist who has documented the beauty and the plight of our planet for over twenty-five years. He has done 23 assignments for National Geographic.

Mittermeier - "Mitty" - is a world-renowned conservationist and photographer who knows that stunning visual storytelling is the key to unlocking critical action to help heal our ocean and save our planet. She founded the International League of Conservation Photographers in 2005, is a contributing photographer at National Geographic and was named one of the 100 Latinos Most Committed to Climate Action in 2021.



Nature Explorer Backpacks Mochilas de Explorador

Brushwood Center and partners across Lake County teamed up to provide 900 bilingual Nature Explorer Backpacks / Mochilas de Explorador to more than 1,000 youth and family members in Waukegan, North Chicago, Round Lake, and Highwood this summer.

The Backpack program, which began in 2020 as part of Brushwood Center's COVID-19 response, provides families with tools for supporting physical and mental health amidst Lake County's parks, preserves, and other natural areas. This year the Backpacks were distributed at locally-organized events where families were able to engage in hands-on activities and nature walks, learn how to use the materials in the Backpacks, and gain confidence using these spaces.

This year's Backpacks included a Lake County Environmental Justice Coloring Book, nature field guides, art supplies, local mental health resources, and school supplies with all materials provided in English and Spanish. The Backpacks encourage families to explore the natural spaces around them through activities focused on nurturing wellness and creativity.



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VILLAGE VOICE

The Village Voice: A Brief History

By Jackie Borchew

As we near the completion of the 26th year of the Village Voice, memories of the beginning years come to mind. It was the spring of 1997 when then Mayor Roy Stanger proposed a Village newsletter and pulled a team together to make that idea a reality. I was part of that team and remain so today. I offer you the very first letter from the Mayor:

"After a number of attempts, we have actually been able to get the concept of a Village newsletter off the ground again. This is not a new concept for the Village, there have been successful newsletters in the past and we would like to thank those who worked so hard to make them successful.

Communication, in any community, is obviously very important. In Riverwoods it is critical and, although the RRA has been very active in this area, the Village itself has been without a voice.

Connie Kindsvater has agreed to be the editor, Carol Deitch will be writing and Jackie Borchew will be handling the design. The above are looking for additional people to help share the work and make this truly a community operation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the above for getting us started.

It is the intention of this newsletter to get information out to the residents. It is not intended to push any agenda. There will be a place for letters to the editor and any time that one side of a controversy wishes to be heard space will be made available only when the opposing side can be represented by an article of similar length.

I find this to be a very exciting opportunity and hope that the community will be well served and supporting of it.

Sincerely,
Roy L. Stanger, Mayor"

The first issues alerted residents to woodland concerns and remedies for those topics, and invited them to the annual Plant Sale and Village BBQ, much as today's Voice. Those issues also encouraged residents to attend events and volunteer for opportunities that have long since been forgotten. Arts & Riverwoods, Theatre in the Woods, RRA events and even neighborhood playgroup meetups.

Over the years, contributing writers played a role in getting each issue out. Connie Abell, Sherry Graditor, Kirsten Stewart, Ilene Davidson, and most recently Betty Dlouhy. Each contributing in their own way to make the Voice the very best that it can be.

When editor Connie Kindsvater relocated to Florida, a search was on for someone to fill her role and Woodland resident Elizabeth Sherman was successfully recruited. Elizabeth spent the next five plus years imprinting her style to the character to the newsletter before leaving the Voice to focus on a full time position. At that time, I felt capable to step up and fill both roles, editor and designer, after all I had watched over the shoulders of the best editors and picked up a few tricks of their trade. And with very special editorial review by Betty Dlouhy the Voice was in good hands.

What began as a one color, 4-page newsletter with the iconic chipmunk "Chip" gracing the cover, (better to have him there than digging through your garden) has developed into a 16-page full-color edition arriving in mailboxes every other month.

While thinking back on the beginning years, I reached south to Florida to the original editor, Connie Kindsvater. She had quite the memory of those first years:

"I do have copies of the RW Village Voice newsletters, from Feb. 1999-Jan. 2000. They contain (on the front page) a six-part series compiled and wrote by me, called "1959-1999: 40 Years of Riverwoods History, a 6-Part Series. As well as sections from the booklet "Living in Riverwoods" published by the RW Residents Association in 1981, and written by Judd M. Rosen.

On Nov. 9, 1999, I sent a letter to Roy Stanger, Mayor, giving him "notice" that my last issue will be May-June 2000 because I didn't have enough time to get everything done. (I was A& RW Chairman in 2000 and also the Ravinia Women's Board Treasurer.)"

Over the next year I look forward to sharing the history articles that Connie compiled as well as other historic data and items of interest.

Part I: First the Indians, then the Settlers and then those folks from Winnetka came

1836: Thickly wooded primeval forests, peaceful Pottawatomie & Illini Indians, high ridges between swamps and the O'Plain River (Des Plaines) circled the land that became Riverwoods Village Hall. White traders, trappers, hunters, and woodsmen explored the wonders of the area. Indians held possession of the Riverwoods area until the year 1836 when, by treaty, they ceded the land to the United States government. Previous to this no white man was permitted to travel or settle here without their permission.

1841: On February 12, 1841 The first non-Indian landowner, Jessie H. Leavensworth purchased a large portion of the Riverwoods area from the United States government. Then just five years later he and his wife sold it to Erastus Bailey for \$250.00.

1845: By 1845 a few settlers established their families along Luther Road (Riverwoods Road) near Deerfield Road: Lyman Wilmot, Jesse Wilmot, Martin Luther, Jacob Luther, Lorenz Ott, John Jacob Ott, Sr., Jacob Ott, and Jasper Ott.

1865: Twenty years passed and the still vacant large parcel of land was sold by Erastus Bailey on August 19, 1865 to George Strong for \$988.80.

1893: Because of the World's Columbian Exposition May-November 1893 and the Clybourn Park Amusement Center on Milwaukee Avenue just north of Deerfield Road, many Chicagoans and North Shore residents began to discover the lush woodlands. Many ventured out from well established Winnetka along Dundee Road in the 1900's to find camping areas each year.

1920: In the 1920's several families, the L.G.H. Bouscaren's and the Ayers Boal's, among others, built cabins to enjoy the cool summer nights and colorful October afternoons in the woodlands along the Des Plaines River.

Dr. J.O. Ely took an auto ride west of Winnetka 8/10 of a mile west of the Church at Saunders, just before the then Des Plaines River, to a small dirt road, and turned north 3/4 of a mile. Walking another 3/4 of a mile farther north along the old Indian Trail, he found five acres which would satisfy the recreational and educational needs of the growing Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Camp Fire Girls organization in Winnetka.

During the 60 years after George Strong bought his large parcel, 10 other families succeeded in buying, selling, and dividing it. The five acres Dr. Ely found was from this beautiful larger parcel.

1928: The Winnetka Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America raised funds, purchased, and were deeded on July 12, 1928 these

5.277 acres for \$5,277.00. The land was put into a trust called the "Winnetka Camp Site Trust".

1929: Following the purchase, a volunteer citizens' committee was formed and it raised a fund by general solicitation of Winnetka residents for the building of a log cabin lodge which was completed in 1929 in the wooded area that was now named Walton Woods.

Finally a dream had become a reality. The 60' long log cabin, referred to as The Lodge, was built by the men of Winnetka together with the help of the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Izaak Walton League using old electric light poles that had been stockpiled by the



Winnetka Power and Electric Plant. Winnetka was and still is one of the only communities which generates and distributes its own electricity.

Within another few years, a second cabin, the Hunter Cabin, named for Percival Hunter, was constructed just south of the Lodge.

1937: The Lodge and Hunter Cabin in Walton Woods were in full operation with a caretaker Leonard Gerschefske, who lived on Portwine in a farmhouse at the Boy Scout Camp Dan Beard.

1950's: During the winter The Walton Woods was used constantly by the Scouts, especially under the direction of William Bricker, the long time Boy Scout director. As many as 1600 people used the area yearly. Annual rattlesnake hunts, Turkey Shoots, Harvest Parties, and Square Dances kept the area jumping. One year, a newly married couple, graduates of New Trier High School, spent their honeymoon at the Cabin. In 1955 New Trier's football team beat Evanston for the championship and 600 students celebrated the victory all evening.

Source: *...in the beginning, The Village Hall, Riverwoods, IL; Riverwoods Residents Association, 1981; Judd M. Rosen*



Creamy Zucchini and Lemon Pasta

Serves 4

½ pound string pasta like spaghetti or linguine
2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon red chili flakes
2 zucchini, cubed
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup heavy cream
6 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
2 Tablespoons grated Pecorino Romano cheese
Rind of 1 lemon
Salt and pepper to taste
8 basil leaves, torn
Chopped parsley
Pasta water as needed

Bring a pot of heavily salted water to a boil.

Break the pasta in half and add to the water and cook till el dente, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile in a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil. Add the red chili flakes and sauté 30 seconds then add the zucchini and sauté till it starts to brown a bit seasoning with salt and pepper. Add the garlic and cook 30 more seconds.

Scoop out a cup of pasta water and reserve to use later then drain the pasta (or just fish it out with tongues). Place the pasta in the pan with the zucchini, add the cream, Parmesan cheese, Romano cheese, and lemon rind and toss to melt the cheese and coat the pasta with the sauce, season with salt and pepper if needed, adding pasta water if the sauce is too tight. Toss in the basil and serve in bowls topped with more cheese if desired.



Gale Gand is a Riverwoods resident and pastry chef and had the Michelin two-star restaurant, Tru, in Chicago. She hosted Food Network's show

"Sweet Dreams", is the author of eight cook books, and worked with Julia Child on her book and PBS series, "Baking with Julia". Gale teaches cooking classes and makes Gale's Root Beer which is sold nationally. She has received two James Beard Awards, and was schooled in Paris at La Varenne. Gale appears at food and wine festivals, is a professional Pie and Food Competition Judge. She has three kids and plays the ukulele. Fun fact-She once made a Peach Cobbler for Aretha Franklin. For more info on Gale go to: www.galegand.com and kitchensisterscookingschool.com.

Village Garage Sale: Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose

By Randi Merel

Riverwoods residents scored big at the first Community Garage Sale on August 20, which was sponsored by the Riverwoods Preservation Council (RPC) and the Village of Riverwoods. 15 residents participated in the event by selling toys, clothing, DVDs, home decor, crafts, books and much more. 25 tables of hidden treasures were displayed inside the Riverwoods Village Hall and allowed for convenient shopping undampened by occasional rain. Edible goodies such as local honey, eggs and root beer floats were an added bonus for our shoppers. RPC brought a little nature indoors by selling native Cardinal Flowers for immediate planting. The Garage Sale drew people from many surrounding communities and the crowd was steady from open to close.

In case you missed the Community Garage Sale, the RPC and the Village have tentatively scheduled next year's Sale for Saturday, June 24, 2023. Thanks to all involved who made our first Community Garage Sale a huge success, and spurred us to turn this event into an annual affair!



RRA - Join and Make a Difference!

The 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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