



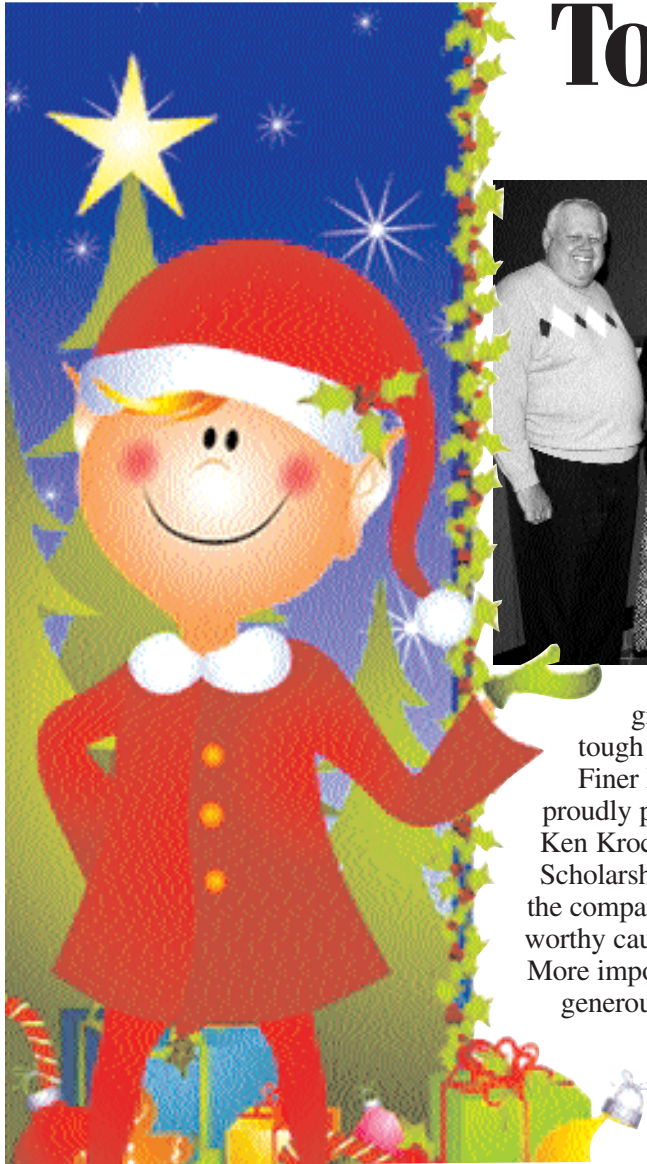
FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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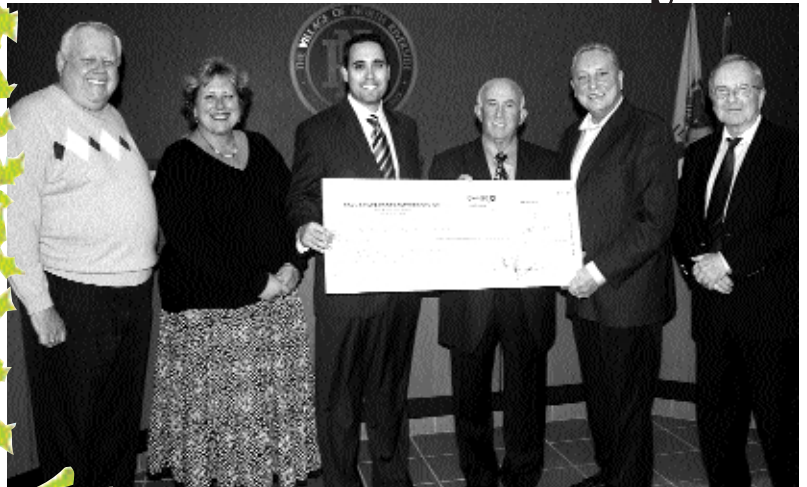
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## Tony's lights the way



Lighting the way and proving by their example that giving is truly the spirit of Christmas—even in these tough economic times—Dominic Gambino, owner of Tony's Finer Foods, together with Jim Marnos, also with Tony's, proudly presented a \$5,000 check to North Riverside Mayor Ken Krochmal and the members of the Village's Youth Scholarship Fund last month. The money was raised through the company's annual charity golf outing and distributed to worthy causes in the communities where their stores are located. More importantly, Marnos told those in attendance that the generous contribution was never intended merely to secure a few minutes in the "limelight."

"Our family business of 30 years continues to grow and we are grateful that our business is doing so well so we simply try to do whatever we can to thank you for shopping with us. It's an honor for us

to be in a community like North Riverside and we hope to be able to do more and more to show our gratitude," added Marnos. Mayor Krochmal, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Scholarship Committee, said, "Tony's has never failed us whenever we needed them, supporting the Autumn Fest, Betty Scheck Shuffle, Mater Christi Church and other organizations and fundraisers. You have opened your hearts to North Riverside since you've come to our town and we will never forget your kindness."

*Pictured, left to right, former Mayor Richard N. Scheck, who established the Youth Scholarship Fund and now serves on the Youth Scholarship Committee along with Beth Wittbrodt, Jim Marnos and Dominic Gambino from Tony's, Mayor Krochmal and Jim Brosseau, Scholarship Committee member.*

**Save the date! You are invited to the Commons for this FREE holiday performance guaranteed to please all ages. Turn to page 5 for more on this special celebration!**

**"Magical Moments" is Wednesday, Dec. 15!**

**REMEMBERING A FRIEND,  
JIM JANDAK**

Jim, a retired Lieutenant of the North Riverside Police Department and longtime friend to many in the Village, passed away and we hope you will keep his family in your prayers. Husband of Donna, nee Durec; father of Kathy and JJ (Christine); grandfather of Adeline; son of Bessie, nee Krumsal, and the late James; brother of Mary (late Ron) Losew; son-in-law of Mary, nee Vrablic, and the late John Durec; memorials to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Illinois Chapter, 651 W. Washington Blvd., Ste. 400, Chicago, IL 60661 are appreciated.

# FROM THE MAYOR

**Ken Krochmal**

*Go to Cermak Road and Turn Right!*

By now you should have received the letter I sent out to all residents. I say it all the time but even moreso during the holiday season: When it comes to buying gifts for family and friends, try to purchase those gifts and gift cards within North Riverside—just go to Cermak Road and turn right and you'll find a tremendous selection of businesses, stores and restaurants! You may not know this but the Village does not benefit from online shopping; however, North Riverside is fortunate to be home to many major retailers as well as great restaurants and small businesses, allowing you to save time, gas and money by shopping locally.

By spending your money in North Riverside, you will be in good company, right beside the federal, state and county leaders who fight hard to squeeze money out of their budgets for our community. Once again, our friend Congressman Dan Lipinski made North Riverside a priority when he secured \$120,000 for a new Veterans Park playground. Always on the job, we are grateful to him for these much-needed funds coming our way in 2011. And this Spring, when 27th and 28th Avenues are being paved, we will have now retired State Rep. Bob Biggins to thank for the IDOT grant that paid for the work. So many times over the



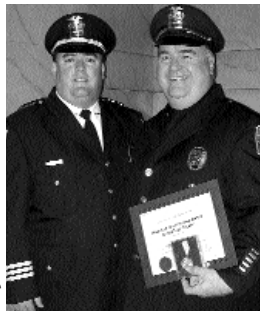
years, Bob has looked out for us and we are very grateful to him for his dedicated service.

Chris Nybo, our new State Representative, is no stranger to North Riverside (pictured above at the last Betty Scheck Shuffle). We look forward to working with him and other newly-elected officials such as 16th District Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski and State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka who join our unopposed friends Senator Kimberly Lightford and Rep. LaShawn Ford in serving North Riverside. Lastly, we offer our thanks and best wishes to Dan Cronin, who will step down as State Senator to serve as President of the DuPage County Board.

So we continue to look ahead with optimism. We anticipate great things from our new leaders. We await the opening of our newest neighbor, CVS Pharmacy at 22nd and Harlem this Spring. And our awesome Public Works Department has salt and equipment ready for anything Winter might bring our way.

I firmly believe that the Village of North Riverside, its businesses and its caring residents really do show the way to giving, sharing and keeping Christmas alive all year long. Turn to page 11 to learn more about donating to our less fortunate neighbors, our veterans, seniors and children this holiday season. Bring an item to our "Magical Moments in the Village" event on Wednesday, December 15th, where I look forward to personally wishing you and your family a very joyous and safe holiday season.

## Our Officer Peter Culafic honored



Officer Peter Culafic (pictured at right), a 27-year veteran of the North Riverside Police Department was awarded the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit last month at the Chicago Cultural Center. Sheriff Tom Dart recognized Culafic for distinguishing himself as an outstanding police officer throughout his career, consistently performing beyond the call of duty as evidenced by his attitude, attendance, professionalism and work ethic. Police Chief Anthony Garvey (left in the photo)

nominated Officer Culafic for the award noting the exceptional efforts he has provided to senior citizens during the past four years as Elderly Service Officer, meeting with local senior groups, writing an informational column, performing case follow-up visits, partnering with the Police Social Worker and playing a key role in the Recreation Department's annual Senior Fair.

**THANK YOU, SHERIFF TOM DART!**

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Taking center stage in recent weeks



## Top Chili, Best Scarecrow

Village Trustees Hugh Hermanek and Gary Wittbrodt recently had the honor of proclaiming the winners of the Chili Cook-Off and Scarecrow competition held at this year's Autumn Fest in September. Nearly 20 unique and amazing chili recipes were prepared by departments within the Village, local civic groups, churches and schools but, at the end of the day, the judges awarded this year's Chili Cup to champs from the Building Department and Michelle Cozzone accepted the trophy from Trustees Corgiat and Wittbrodt. North Riverside Day Camp staff took home the People's Choice Award for their chili recipe. The Rodebush Family of North Riverside scored big when they created the Best Scarecrow in the 2010 competition, taking home the top prize basket. Thank you, North Riverside Fire, Police, Public Works, Administration, Building and Recreation Departments as well as the Library, Historical Society, Komarek School, Mater Christi Church, Christ Presbyterian Church, North Riverside Players, Cub Scout Pack #120, Classic Cinemas, Just In Between Club, Little League, Day Camp and Riverside Township—and a special thanks to Tony's Finer Foods in North Riverside for donating more than 100 pumpkins to the Fest!

Pictured, top photo, Michelle Cozzone with Trustees Wittbrodt (left) and Hermanek; middle photo, Day Camp staff with Trustees Wittbrodt and Hermanek; and the winning Rodebush family.

## ho! ho! Mall makeovers!

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, North Riverside Park Mall served up a newly-renovated food court. According to Lidia Darkova, the mall's marketing director, this latest upgrade at the food court entrance of the super regional center includes an additional 100 chairs for a total 550 seating capacity, new table tops, new glassed lighting fixtures as a part of the new interior design and a completely remodeled exterior entrance. In addition, the entire interior of the mall is being painted. The food court was originally built in 1980 when the shopping center was 16 years old. This is the second refurbishment that the mall's owner, The Feil Organization, has undertaken since purchasing the mall in January 2004. In 2009, the company renovated the food court bathrooms, installed new carpeted seating areas, and added train and play areas for the kids.

**New Santa Display!** This year, the Mall unveiled its new Santa Display which includes a fantasy toyland with a giant 12' topiary teddy bear wearing a Santa hat and built-in chair for Santa! Gigantic gift packages and toys flank the bear creating a larger-than-life display that will brighten every child's eyes. Just enter through the custom archway of blocks and toy drums!

North Riverside Park Mall, located at 7501 W. Cermak Road in North Riverside is anchored by JCPenney, Carson Pirie Scott, Sears and Conway. Watch for more exciting news to be released from North Riverside Park Mall in 2011! For more info, visit the website at [www.northriversideparkmall.com](http://www.northriversideparkmall.com).

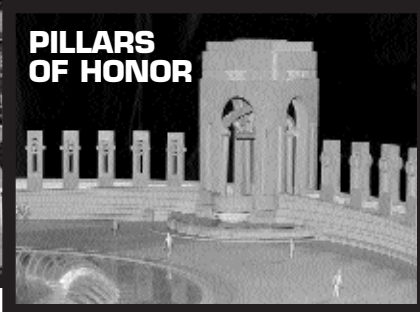


**WE'RE HEADED TO BOSTON!**

# Recreation!

Something for everyone

*Call us at 442-5515 for info and details*

**PILLARS OF HONOR****HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR****New Year, New Classes!**

Watch for the new Winter/Spring Rec book the last week of December. To kick off a fresh, new year, the Rec Department will be offering exciting classes, trips and special events for all ages! *New this book...* Indoor Vendors Fair, Daddy-Daughter Date Night, Kids Flea Market and Bunny Bingo! Plus, Reading Laboratory, Daddy & Me, Badminton and more. For adults, Yoga, Pilates, Qigong, Indoor Golf, cooking and painting will also be featured in the new book!

**Registration Dates**

Registration for Winter/Spring programs will begin January 3 for North Riverside residents. Non-residents may begin registering on January 5.

**New Trips for 2011**

Some of the trips offered for Winter/Spring 2011 are Horseshoe Casino, *Aida*; Jelly Belly & Prime Outlets; A Guided Tour of Racine, Wisconsin; Burn the Floor; Disney on Ice Toy Story 3, Majestic Casino; Celtic Tenors; Chicago Wolves; Travel the Lincoln, Dixie and Route 66 Historical Highways; the Gold Exhibit at the Field Museum; Night at the Races; and Patty Waszak—and these are just a few!

**Leisure Lifestylers**

Don't miss out on our Leisure Lifestylers' luncheons this upcoming season. We'll be featuring a Soup Lunch, a Paczki Day, a St. Patty's Party, Cinco de Mayo celebration, a Tribute to Mae West (entertainment and lunch), monthly Birthday Bingo and a Tea & Trivia. Check the Rec book for dates, times and fees.

**North Riverside Preschool**

Open registration for the 2011-2012 preschool begins January 4. Program is available to children 3-5 years old. We offer a 3-day and/or 2-day morning class. Check the new Recreation book for more details.

**Kindergarten Enrichment**

Do you have kindergarten-age children and are looking to extend their day? This 3-day program is designed to enhance what your child is learning through the use of individual and group activities, offering a more in-depth exploration of thematic subjects. Students will be encouraged to work at their own pace while developing reading, math and science skills. January 4 to May 26, 2011, Noon to 2:45 pm.

**Day Camp Registration**

It may be cold outside but don't forget that Day Camp registration will also begin on January 4th for residents and March 1st for non-residents. More info will be available in the Winter/Spring book. Ask about our payment plan!

**Winter/Spring Basketball League**

There are still a few spots available. Teams are being formed. Practice will start during Christmas break and games begin the week of January 7. Open to youth ages 4 to 2nd grade (\$52) and 3rd-8th grade (\$62). Fees include t-shirt and end-of-season award.

**A Special Thank You**

Without all of our volunteer coaches, there would be no Soccer and Basketball Leagues. Thank you!

**Just Around the Corner...**

**Senior Fair 2011:** March 5, 9:30 am until noon. Check out the Secretary of State Mobile Unit, MacNeal Hospital screenings and Rules of the Road classes.

**Pillars of Honor:** A scaled model of the National World War II Memorial comes to town on May 6.

**Boston:** Looking to get away? Travel to Boston May 18-24 with the Rec Department.

**New Seminars:** Protecting Your Financial Health, Alternative Medicines, Acupressure and Positive Psychology have been planned with you in mind!



**Holiday Lights Tour**

Take in the festive lights of Chicago as you ride in comfort on a heated trolley with a stop at the KristKindlmarket and the Hershey Store. Hop aboard the trolley on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 6 pm. Fee is \$28 (non-res: \$32).

**Holiday Day Camp**

Kids ages Kindergarten to 4th grade will enjoy sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and music with Rec Day Camp staff. To “play” outside, plan accordingly. Campers should bring a lunch and beverage each day. December 27-30, 9 am to 3 pm at the Village Commons. Fee is \$62 (non-res: \$89).

**Drop the kids off!**

Kids ages Kindergarten to 4th grade will enjoy an evening of fun and games with Day Camp staff plus snacks, games and activities to keep everyone in the holiday spirit! Friday, December 17, 6 to 10 pm. Fee is \$12 (non-res: \$14).

**Free Kids Movie-thon**

A free Kids Movie-Thon includes free popcorn and drinks but please pre-register by calling 442-5515. Movies start at 1 pm in the Council Room. Children under 8 must be with an adult. December 20: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*; December 21: *Jingle All The Way*; December 22: *Disney’s A Christmas Carol*.

**Adult Holiday Movie**

Adults are invited to take time from the hustle and bustle to enjoy a classic Christmas movie. Popcorn and drinks are free but please pre-register by calling 442-5515. Movie starts at 1 pm in the Council Room. Don’t miss the legendary film *White Christmas* coming up on December 17.

**Magical Moments in the Village!**

**FREE! JOIN US!**

**Wednesday,  
December 15  
6:30-8:30 pm  
at the Village Commons**



**Bobby Hunt “Circus Boy”**

You won’t want to miss Bobby Hunt, known as Circus Boy—as seen on Jay Leno’s Tonight Show, Ringling Bros. Circus and Ripley’s Believe it or Not! His unique blend of stand-up comedy along with his unbelievable circus skills are amazing! Enjoy refreshments and much more...share the spirit of the season!

**It’s FREE!**

This FREE holiday performance is guaranteed to please all ages! Be entertained by the North Riverside Community Theater singers and, of course, visit with Santa!

**Santa’s Workshop**

A special Santa’s Workshop will be set up so children can write letters to Santa and send them to the North Pole.



## What's confidential must stay confidential. Don't become a victim.

In last few months, there has been an increase in reported cases of identity theft to our department. Not all of the reported cases originated in our Village, but it does affect our residents and/or shoppers alike. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that identity theft tops their list of consumer complaints. Current statistics show that identity theft accounts for over 36% of all complaints logged in the FTC database. Follow these important guidelines to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

Keep confidential information private. Your bank or credit card company won't call or email to ask for personal account information—they already have it. Keep an inventory of the items you carry in your wallet, including account numbers. Avoid carrying your Social Security card around with you. Keep it at home in a secure location. Reduce mailings from your financial institutions and credit card companies by going paperless. Monitor all bank and credit card transactions for unauthorized usage. Crooks with access to your accounts will start small to see if you notice.

When conducting personal

business online, use your computer at home. A public/shared computer is much less secure. Install the latest anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall protection on your computer and keep them updated. Do not open strange emails or attachments unless you know the sender. Never provide your credit card number online, unless you are making a purchase from a trusted and secure website. Never send your user name, password or other highly-confidential information via email. If you are sent an email by a business you deal with requiring a response, answer it ONLY by going to that business's website so you will know if the e-mailer was legitimate. Use strong passwords, at least 6 characters with a mix of letters and numbers. Change passwords every so often. Consider turning off your computer when not using it. Don't store tax returns or other financial info on your hard drive.

When conducting transactions at ATMs, look for odd or suspicious devices affixed to the machine. Don't allow anyone to stand close to you while using the ATM. Always remember to take your card and receipt when finished. Never write

down your security PIN on the card or anywhere in your wallet. Don't store credit card numbers, PINs or other financial information on your cell phone. Monitor your credit reports—a good rule of thumb is every four months.

Keep a watch on your postal service as well. Thefts occur from mailboxes. It's not a good idea to leave outgoing mail in your mailbox. It can easily be stolen.

Secure all documents that contain personal identifiable info in a locked box. Shred discarded mail and personal documents rather than just tossing them in the trash.

Report identity theft promptly. Gather as much information as possible. Collect all necessary documentation and go to your local police department and file a report.

Other agencies you may contact is the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-ID-THEFT; U.S. Postal Service at 1-877-876-2455; Equifax at 1-800-525-6285; Experian at 1-888-397-3742; TransUnion at 1-800-680-7289; and your local Social Security Office at 708-447-0649.

*Officer Pete Culafic is the North Riverside Police Department's certified ESO (Elderly Service Officer). Officer Culafic works closely with Village senior clubs and will continue to provide safety information for all ages in upcoming issues of this newsletter.*

## CONGRATULATIONS, CHIEF GARVEY



The West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Formed in 1960 as an organization representing the near west suburbs, the Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police and the FBI, today the organization promotes networking and training for members and also serves to follow and promote legislation affecting the communities it serves.

Recently, a new Board of Officers took its Oath of Office. Pictured, left to right, Immediate Past President, Chief Frank Wolfe, McCook Police Department; Secretary/Treasurer Chief Steve Stelter, Brookfield Police Department; President, Chief Pamela Church, Western Springs Police Department; Vice President, Chief Thomas Wetzel, Riverside Police Department; and Sergeant at Arms, Chief Anthony Garvey, North Riverside Department.

# nr bulletin board

*news you can use*

## Senior Snow Removal List

While the deadline has passed for submitting forms for the the Village of North Riverside's Annual Senior Snow Removal Program, anyone who may have missed the deadline should contact Guy Belmonte or Tim Kutt at 447-4211 as soon as possible. Prices have been frozen to keep the program affordable and this Village service, provided for snowfalls of 2" or more, also helps to ensure that residents are not swindled by con artists offering to shovel snow to gain access to your house. This program was instituted to help residents who are senior citizens age 65 and older, disabled, handicapped or who have severe health problems.

## Volunteers sought at Triton

The RSVP Volunteer Program of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties located at Triton College will provide free tax assistance to individuals 60 and older from low to moderate income households. RSVP is looking for individuals interested in volunteering to participate in this free Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program. No accounting background or previous experience necessary. Anyone interested can attend the free training sessions, which will be held 8:30 am to 3 pm, Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 2011, in Room R-221 of Triton's Robert M. Collins Center, located on the east side of Triton's main campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. Volunteers will be taught how to assist adults in completing the 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 federal and state tax forms. Materials are provided free of charge. For more information or to register for the training session or learn more about the online program, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603.

## "The Fantastiks"

The North Riverside Players' 4th Annual Murder/Mystery Fundraiser is set for Saturday, March 19. Seating is limited; call 442-6073 before February 25, 2011. The Players will present "The Fantastiks" on May 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at the Scheck Village Commons. For more info and to order tickets, call Andy at 708-512-7015.

## Get Historical!

The next meeting of North Riverside's Historical Society is December 14, 7 pm, in the Village Commons Council Chambers. Join us! Share photos, artifacts and stories to help build the Society's collection.

## The Code We Live By

North Riverside's Code Enforcement Director Karen Byrne asks all residents to keep these ordinances in mind not just at the holidays but throughout the year to ensure a safer, cleaner Village for everyone.

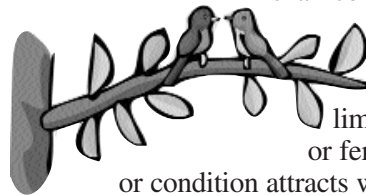
**Dog license, rabies inoculation required.** Every person owning, keeping or harboring any dog within the Village shall register with the Village Clerk and pay the license fee annually or upon acquiring any unlicensed dog thereafter; upon making an application for the license, you must file a certificate by a certified veterinarian setting forth the fact and date of inoculation against rabies of the dog.

**Carbon Monoxide Detector.** Every dwelling must be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. The alarm may be combined with smoke detecting devices provided that the combined unit complies with code.

**Snow and Ice Dumping.** No person, firm or corporation shall place or dump snow and ice onto any land located within the corporate boundaries of the Village, which land is not owned by the individual engaged in such activity without having first obtained consent of the owner of the land; however, such person, firm or corporation may place snow or ice on the land owned by the Village which immediately adjoins the land owned by the owner and which land is located between the sidewalk and the street, commonly known as the parkway.

**Roof drains, gutters, downspouts and sump pumps** shall not be discharged in a location which does not provide at least five feet of pervious surface between the point of discharge and any property line or in any manner and in any location that results in standing water or formation of any ice of any thickness on sidewalks, public alleys or the paved portion of the roadway within the public right-of-way.

**Feeding of wild/feral animals or birds.** No person shall conduct any activity or create any condition on property under such person's control, including but not limited to the feeding of wild or feral animals, if such activity



or condition attracts wild animals, birds or insects, in a manner or in sufficiently large numbers as to cause unreasonable damage to other property or a hazard to public health. In short, **please do not feed the animals!** When people and wildlife interact, wildlife often ends up losing. Enjoy wildlife from a distance!

CAN'T ATTEND?

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES HIGHLIGHTED HERE FOR YOUR REVIEW

# in the MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

■ **Mayor Pro Tem Votava** reported cash receipts in the amount of \$1,082,283.14 for the month of July 2010.

■ **Trustee Hermanek** added to his report that a 9-11 Memorial Service would be held at the North Riverside Fire Department.

■ **Mayor Pro Tem Votava** noted that a plaque was given to Fred Thompson, owner of Cozzi Closeouts, who vacated the store on 26th Street because of irreconcilable differences with the landlord. Administrator Belmonte stressed that Fred had been immeasurably supportive to residents of the Village while operating his store here, offering food to families in need, not just on holidays but throughout the year.

■ **Correspondence.** Thank you letters were received from: Lauren Endriukaitis to Mayor Krochmal and the Youth Scholarship Committee; the family of late Timothy J. Sweeney for remembering Tim, a former Village Trustee; Pat and Melva McNeil, relatives of Clerk Miller; and Brazda and Meredith Leuck to Fire Chief Rouleau and Mayor Krochmal for the assistance given during the severe flooding in July and August, with special appreciation to Lt. Brian Basek and his crew during the stressful times; from Bartlett Chief of Police Dan Palmer to Police Chief Garvey for allowing Officer Chris Boenzi to assist their Marksman Team during a high-risk situation and standoff; and one request to hold a block party.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Amending the Village of North Riverside Municipal Code Relating to Building Permit and Inspection Fees was unanimously approved.

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

■ **Mayor Pro Tem Votava** reported cash receipts in the amount of \$1,066,641.98 for the month of August 2010.

■ **Trustee Sargent** announced the date for the Autumn Fest and Chili Cook-Off, that 16 competitors were expected and other festivities were on the agenda. She also referred to informative seminars planned by the Rec Department.

■ **Trustee Wittbrodt's** Building Department Report for August 2010:

Total Permit Fees	\$34,543.50
Total Valuation	\$883,783.00

Trustee Wittbrodt also reported on joint public hearings held by the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals:

**1) The request to consolidate lots and change the zoning for property at 7929 W. Cermak.** This proposal was first made in April 2010 and was not approved. Paul Kolpack and Allen Olsen, representing the applicant Marko Djuric, offered greater specifics on how the site plan would deal with the original concerns of traffic, noise and lighting and also pointed out the anticipated revenue it would generate for the Village. Both the ZBA and Plan Commission recommended that the Village approve this plan, grant the variances and establish the hours of operation. The Trustees agreed and ordinances would be approved at the next meeting.

**2) Fence Variance.** Frank Savaglio at 2305 S. 9th Avenue had expressed a need for a six-foot fence, however, the Village would only approve a five-foot, board-on-board fence for the property.



## COVERED WITH SNOW? IT WON'T GO!

Residents and business owners are reminded that it is extremely important to clear snow away from refuse and recycling containers during the winter months to avoid a

missed collection. Make sure the Allied Waste trucks can get to your toter quickly and easily. If your container isn't accessible, it won't be emptied!



■ **Mayor's Report.** While not fully recovered from knee surgery, Mayor Krochmal was in attendance and expressed his sincere appreciation for all the kindness shown to him as he recuperated. The Mayor took the opportunity to remind everyone of Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village, to drive safely and watch carefully for the many children crossing streets.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An Ordinance Amending the Village of North Riverside Business License Fees; an Ordinance Amending the Village's Liquor License and Fees; an Ordinance Amending Inspection and Re-Inspection Fees for Elevators, Escalators, etc; an Ordinance Approving a Re-subdivision and Zoning Map; and an Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Rate of Wages were all approved by the Board.

#### NOVEMBER 1, 2010

■ **Trustee Corgiat** reported on the Water, Sewer, Drainage, Zoning and Economic Development Meeting:

**1) Review of Proposed Changes to the Plumbing Code.** The Committee, working with Commissioner Skurkis, Mike from Preferred Plumbing and local contractor Lou Surprenant discussed changes that could be made to help control exorbitant costs when residents remodel. Many ideas were suggested but all agreed that the one change that could have an immediate and pronounced effect was the use of "plastic" pipe for waste and drain lines.

**2) Changes to Property Maintenance Code.** Code Enforcement Director Byrne recommended that the Village adopt the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code for North Riverside; upon receiving answers to their questions, the Board of Trustees agreed to adopt the 2009 Code.

■ **Trustee Czajka** shared a summary of the Streets,

Alleys, Sidewalks and Garbage Committee meeting held on October 25.

**1) Proposed Parking Restrictions.** Parking issues that had been discussed at past meetings were revisited, including the 2200 Block of 2nd Avenue, the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Keystone; and Keystone from Traube to Cermak. While Keystone's parking problems were tabled for a future meeting, the Committee agreed to restrict parking to "residents only" between 12 am to 6 am for the 2200 block of 2nd Avenue.

**2) Resident Complaint.** The Police Department set up the "Speed Spy" on the 2200 block of 2nd to monitor speeding vehicles. 686 vehicles were monitored with an average speed of 22 mph, 3 mph lower than the posted speed. Administrator Belmonte contacted the resident with the results.

**3) Temporary Signage.** Mayor Krochmal acted to waive, until further notice, the fees for temporary signage for businesses along Cermak and Desplaines, though permits and conforming to size regulations would still be required. "This is a sign of the invested concern this Village has for the growth and success of businesses in our town."

**4) Tax Appeals.** The Mayor and Village Administrator plan to learn more about the prospect of banning "tax objections" by major retailers which greatly impacts the budgets of municipalities, school districts and libraries.

■ **Trustee Sargent** informed everyone that a Veterans Day service would be held near the gazebo on November 11 to honor the dedication and loyal service veterans have rendered to keep this country free.

■ **Mayor's Report.** See the cover of this issue and page 2 for extended stories.

■ **Correspondence** included a thank you from Mrs. Carl Dropka to Mayor Krochmal and the Board of Trustees.

## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

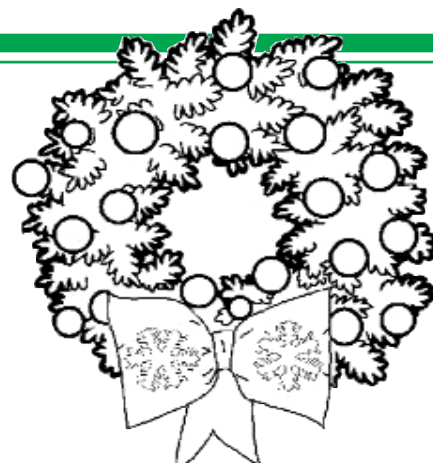
He's makin' a list and checkin' it twice then Santa will visit North Riverside by fire engine on Saturday, December 18, thanks to the North Riverside Fire Department and the Village Board of Trustees! Santa will be stopping at the following locations to bring some holiday cheer so keep this schedule handy:



9:05 am • 23rd & Park Avenue  
 9:20 am • 23rd & Hainsworth Avenue  
 9:35 am • 25th & Burr Oak Avenue  
 9:50 am • 25th & Forest Avenue  
 10:05 am • 30th & Lincoln Avenue  
 10:20 am • 24th & 4th Avenue  
 10:35 am • 24th & 7th Avenue  
 10:50 am • Komarek School  
 11:05 am • 23rd & 15th Avenue  
 The Scottish Home is always Santa's last stop!

### AN 8-FOOT CHRISTMAS STOCKING?

It's true! And it can be yours! the North Riverside Firefighters Association invites residents to take a chance to win a gigantic 8-foot, toy-filled Christmas stocking; raffle chances are just \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the Village Hall business office window. The drawing will take place at the Magical Moments in the Village celebration on Wednesday, December 15. Take a chance...there's no coal in this stocking!



### KEEP IT RED

Fire Chief Ken Rouleau and everyone at the North Riverside Fire Department reminds residents to help keep the bulbs shining red on the wreath displayed outside of the station on Des Plaines Avenue. For each fire due to a holiday mishap, the bulbs are changed to white. "As long as residents keep simple safety tips in mind," said Chief Rouleau, "we can keep the wreath red, like it's always been."

# Neighborhood Services

by Coordinator Carol Spale & block captains  
*Information and Building Blocks of Kindness*

**FAMILIES  
IN NEED**

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Neighborhood Services and the North Riverside Recreation Department invite you to Adopt A Family in town this holiday season. By adopting one of our very own neighbors, you can buy presents on their wish list, gift cards for groceries or even gas cards. Call Sue at 442-5515 or Carol at 447-4932 to learn more about how you can help a neighbor who is experiencing serious hardship this year.

*Just a reminder: Job opportunities and fair listings are always available at the Commons on the table or at the Library. Don't forget to check the Sharing Board posted at the Rec Department for items needed or to be given away.*

## PEACE ON EARTH TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL

We might wonder if there can be peace in our world with war, hatred, shootings, neighbors intolerant of neighbors? But there is a way each one of us can keep the spirit of Christmas alive every day of the year. There is a way each one of us, no matter who we are, can make a difference in our corner of the world. It's as simple as looking outside of yourself and living the Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would want them to do to you.* It is the basis of our Neighborhood Services Committee and what our block captains try to live and share each day. These are the 4 points of the Art of Caring:

1. Be the first to reach out
2. Reach out to every person (grouchy included)
3. Be one with people, sharing joys and sorrows as if they were your own
4. Be concrete in helping (contact your captain, the Village or me to help)

### These residents really live the 4 Points of the Art of Caring

- ❖ The man who was happy to drive a resident he didn't even know to a far western suburb for a doctor's appointment.
- ❖ The woman who is part of a church group that tries to make others happy: making jello for a disabled man; bringing food to a neighbor; collecting cans of soup and cereals for the local food pantry; visiting the homebound.
- ❖ The lady who brought a holiday dinner for a neighbor who was alone.
- ❖ One woman, who truly lived the Golden Rule, made a huge difference in her apartment building in town. She protected the handicapped space for a disabled young tenant so no one would park there; she fasted on Thanksgiving but made and brought a turkey dinner to her neighbors; she helped a neighbor who suffered from Alzheimer's; she

baked cookies for our Post Office employees each Christmas; she invited neighbors to her apartment for a home-cooked, delicious meal, helping them to get to know each other.

Her name was Marie and about a year ago, I visited her in the Intensive Care Unit; a week later, when she died, I realized we had all lost someone who made the world better with her one life. It was my first time attending the funeral of a person of Muslim faith and that day I felt that all of us who knew Marie were so very lucky—she was an example of a person of good will who brought peace into her corner of the world every single day.

share the gift  
of giving

## Boxes are set up at the Village Commons... Do you have any of these items you can donate?

**There are many people who need things right before our eyes.**

*Detailed lists are available at the Village but hopefully by glancing at the list below many of us can find something among these causes to donate.*

**Sweats for Vets.** Hines Hospital needs sweatpants and t-shirts for veterans.

**Ronald McDonald House near Loyola.** Disinfectant wipes and paper towels are on their "wish list" as well as pop tabs from empty cans.

**Share Your Soles** welcomes shoes in good shape for all ages!

**Holiday Toy Drive.** New toys, puzzles, gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, McDonald's for Constance Morris House for Abused Women and Children in LaGrange.

**Betty Scheck Senior Center.** On 17th Avenue where Rascal's was located, the Center needs games such as Uno, socks, mittens, gloves, flashlights, tennis balls, glue, glitter, new magazines and more for its seniors.

**Winter Coat Drive.** Gently-worn or new for ages Kindergarten to 8th grade.

**Food Pantry.** Non perishable foods for our residents. Also, Riverside Presbyterian Church, 116 Barrypoint Road in Riverside, distributes food every Wednesday from Noon until 1 pm to those who visit the pantry.

**Homebound Neighbors.** Bring lotions, jewelry, washcloths, beanie-type animals, or other small stocking stuffer items to Carol Spale, 2300 5th Avenue (side door) to be used in baskets that will be delivered to homebound friends.

**At the Library across the street.** You can offer books, make monetary donations specified for books for adults and/or children. You can even buy a book to commemorate a child's birth or as a memorial for someone who has died. Stop in the Library and ask the staff for all the details.

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**Our All-American Cub Scout Pack #120!**

Last month, Mayor Ken Krochmal welcomed some very special guests to meet with him prior to the Village Board meeting. Eleven members of North Riverside Cub Scout Pack #120 who were working on earning their citizenship badge met with the Mayor and Trustees to ask various questions about Village government and then stayed on for the meeting to watch the entire Village Board in action. Mayor Krochmal presented each one of the Scouts with a Village of North Riverside pin and took a photo with each Scout for their scrapbooks.



**Pictured at left with Mayor Krochmal and Scout Master John Bork are: Trevor Bork and Killian Klotz, Webelos-5th Grade; Ian Hardin, Noah Hoadley, Ben Lemon, Justin Padilla and Ryne Sierra, Webelos-4th Grade; Ethan Bork, Colin Griffin, Ryan Lach and Caden Sierra, Wolves-2nd Grade.**