

Your 2011 Scholarship Winners

“I am fully aware that I have many years of school ahead of me but I look forward to it and embrace the challenge. I know it will all be worth it.”

—Taken from a student essay



It has become a tradition to honor our Youth Scholarship winners on the front cover of the Village newsletter and so once again we applaud the 2011 recipients, many of whom were able to attend the Mayor’s Youth Scholarship Annual Golf Outing held on June 13 at Riverside Golf Club. Pictured with some of the students are Mayor Ken Krochmal and Recreation Department Director Sue Frampton along with Youth Scholarship Program and Fund Directors Jim Brosseau and former Mayor Richard N. Scheck. This year’s winners are: Ivette Arias, Angelica Beresheim, Wilbert Beresheim, Amanda Biro, Kayla Cannizzo, Kelly DeMauro, Dana Dominguez, Kelsey Egger, Kristy Frampton, Kelly Gavin, Danijel Golub, Veronika Harris, Jacob Kintner, Aaron Kral, Olivia Landa, Gabriela Magallon, Inna Meyster, Christopher Monaco, Anne Nieminski, Kevin Onischuk, Jason Pomey, Douglas Robertson, Kyrie Rydz, Kimberly Schaefer, Collin Sender, Emily Sitton, Kaila Sweeney, Gabrielle Ulloa, Emily Waas, Emily Wozniak, Kelsie Zdarsky, Kelli Beimal, Art Beresheim, Lauren Bianco, Michael Biro, Jennifer Conway, Lauren DeRosier, Nicholas Edmonds, Brian Frampton, Robert Frampton, Lauren Gestes, Brianna Griggs, Stacey Kabat, Brittany Kosik, David Kral, Daisy Marquez, Kevin Mazur, Marina Meyster, Ilya Morozjuk, Joseph Nieminski, Tyler Polanski, Justin Pomey, Jorge Romo, Zachary Sawyer, Kristen Schaefer, Timothy Sender, Jacqueline Sprague, Kathy Thin, Chelsea Vabro, Casey Willoughby, Amanda Zdarsky and Joseph Zyck. The Mayor’s Youth and Educational Scholarship Program is sustained primarily through the generosity of Riverside Golf Club, which provides the use of their prestigious facilities and Joe Rizza of Joe Rizza Ford, who continues to provide the luncheon for the golfers and scholarship winners.

Everyone attending the outing receives a booklet of excerpts taken from the students’ essays, which they submitted as a prerequisite for the scholarship. As one student wrote, “States are cutting back on many programs....This scholarship would help me on my way to more education and a brighter future.” Another said, “Thanks to living in North Riverside, I have come to greatly appreciate the opportunities that are given to me and never take them for granted.”

MY PERSONAL THANKS TO JIM VOTAVA, GARY WITTBRODT

As individuals, as residents and as public servants, North Riverside has been fortunate to know and work with former Village Trustees Jim Votava and Gary Wittbrodt. After hours, at countless committee meetings, events and on weekends, Jim and Gary gave their all to make our Village a better place. While we presented them with a plaque at the Board meeting in May, they deserve so much more. They deserve our heartfelt gratitude for going above and beyond for residents with every decision because they always wanted what was best for North Riverside. Thank you, gentlemen, it has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the best in the future.

—Mayor Krochmal

FROM THE MAYOR

Ken Krochmal

Future leaders, future revenues

As always, we have proudly put the spotlight on our Youth Scholarship winners who deserve recognition on the cover of a newsletter each year. While everyone sees the students, few ever read all of the essays submitted and that is really what earns them a place on the front page and in our hearts. They are hard-working young people hoping to make a difference and we applaud their commitment to education—and we give a standing ovation to the businesses who make their scholarships possible, particularly Riverside Golf Club and Joe Rizza for their exceptional generosity.

Speaking of generosity, it appears that the Village has been too generous when it comes to water usage for too long. A recent in-depth study by HD Supply Waterworks proves what we anticipated—that our very old meter-reading system is allowing revenue to slip through our hands and it must be updated and modernized. The meters that are now in place are registering only about 80% of the actual water being used by our residents and businesses. Bob Uphues' story in the August 23rd issue of the *Landmark*, gives readers a very clear picture of

how much the Village is currently failing to collect as well as the \$3.15 million over 20 years that could be collected through a more accurate meter-reading system. Trustees are currently discussing financing and the pros and cons of a mobile-read system versus an antenna-read system. The system must be overhauled not only for the long-term benefits but in order to monitor leaks and conserve water.

Two new Village Trustees are “on the job” as is Randall “Randy” Czajka. H. Bob Demopoulos and Rocco J. DeSantis have replaced Jim Votava and Gary Wittbrodt. As we plan for our future, I look forward to working with them.

Thank you to everyone involved in the all new Hope Walk of North Riverside who continue to work with the American Cancer Society so that a cure might be found in the near future.

On a personal note, I wish a happy future with all my heart to my daughter Kelly who married Bryan Bock on August 20 at Mater Christi!

Don't miss our Autumn Fest coming up on September 23 for some terrific end-of-summer fun and a Chili Cook-Off to spice up your weekend!

WELCOME TO NORTH RIVERSIDE! CVS/PHARMACY



Our new CVS/Pharmacy at 7200 W. Cermak is now open! Not just for prescriptions, CVS offers a wide assortment of general merchandise including over the counter drugs, beauty products, cosmetics, film and photo finishing services, greeting cards and convenience foods. Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony (from left to right) Store Manager Nader Tazbazian, Jake Lohse (District Manager), Toni Shaw (Pharmacy Supervisor), North Riverside Village Trustee Rocco DeSantis, Ron Armstrong (Loss Prevention), Trustee Tom Corgiat, Trustee Randy Czajka, Trustee Hugh Hermanek, Sue Frampton (Recreation Director) and Salma Abdul-Ghani (Pharmacy Manager). For more information, call 442-8247 or stop in!

OPENED JULY 1ST

In May, the Mayor, members of the Village Board, friends and neighbors publicly thanked Gary Wittbrodt and Jim Votava for their faithful service to the Village and its residents, both working tirelessly to chair and serve on various committees of the Board, enact policies and legislation that would improve the Village and better serve and protect residents.

Former Trustee Gary Wittbrodt was first elected in 1995; Jim Votava first served as a Trustee from 1979-1981, then Village President from 1981-1985 and Trustee from 1987 to 2011.



At the May Board meeting, Village Clerk Dr. Queenella Miller administered the oath of office to those individuals who were successful in the spring election. Pictured at left, from left to right, Rocco DeSantis, H. Bob Demopoulos and Randall Czajka were sworn in as Village Trustees. Pictured above, Trustee DeSantis, a retired police officer, and H. Bob Demopoulos, a small business owner in the Village, assume their new seats in the Council Chambers.

MORE NEW BUSINESSES CHOOSING NORTH RIVERSIDE AS "HOME"



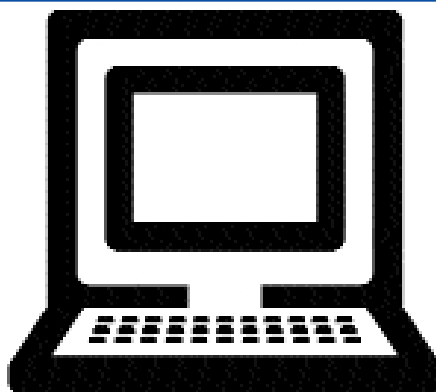
All budget-conscious residents will want to check out the new **Five Below** store in North Riverside Park Mall, just up the escalator from the food court. Offering the best values at the best quality, Five Below stocks a great selection of sports, games, fashion accessories, bath and body, candy and beverages, room decor and storage, stationery and school supplies, books, DVDs, iPhone accessories, novelty and gag items, seasonal items and more—everything at \$1 to \$5. Five Below sells many brand name items such as Lego, Wilson, Crayola, Hello Kitty and Disney.

Five Below opened its first store in 2002 in Wayne, Pennsylvania; the chain has grown to over 140 stores, including this newest store in North Riverside. Visit www.fivebelow.com and become a fan on Facebook.

hhgregg, inc. is a publicly owned and operated appliance and electronics retailer in the Midwest, Northeast and Southeast United States with over 3,100 employees operating 171 stores in 15 states. Soon they will be bringing their inventory to North Riverside—consumer electronics, home appliances, TVs, refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, freezers, washers and dryers along with other products and services including mattresses and gaming systems.

The first hhgregg store opened in Indianapolis and has successfully located in many vacant Circuit City and Linens ‘n Things locations. In North Riverside, hhgregg will occupy the former Wickes Furniture site on Cermak Road. The company’s motto is “Price and Advice. Guaranteed.” Watch for the grand opening of the new store in November 2011!

hhgregg
appliances & electronics



NEW! ONLINE REGISTRATION

When you see this icon next to a program, you can register online!

*Simply visit
www.northriverside-il.org
to register online. Only certain programs have this option.*

Recreation!

Registration in progress. Sign up now!
Call us at 442-5515 for info and details



One of the hottest events of the year!
See the back cover for more details!



Autumn Fest: September 23, 6:30-9PM

Check out the back cover of this issue for all the details on our 2011 Autumn Fest celebration!

Freaky Friday, October 28, 7-10PM

It's a fun-filled night of laser video dancing, games and more. Sign up through the PTA at your school. Watch for Freaky Friday flyers available in October.

You must have a parental waiver. This is a chaperoned, lock-in event and participants are not allowed to leave the building until 10 pm. For grades 6th-8th attending Komarek and Hauser. Fee is \$3/\$4 at the door.

Holiday Craft Fair, October 22, 9AM-1PM

Calling all crafters, dealers and buyers. Don't miss this ultimate buying and selling event—a shopping extravaganza, a perfect opportunity to buy and sell those holiday extras. Fee includes a space with an 8-foot table and two chairs. Registration deadline is October 20, if space is still available. Fee is \$22/\$25.

Turkey Bingo, November 18, 7-9PM

Before you clean the house, stuff the turkey and bake those pies, gobble up some prizes—maybe even a Thanksgiving turkey! There will also be a Kid's Bingo with prizes just for them. Everyone gets a sheet with three games plus unlimited popcorn! Other refreshments and additional bingo cards are available at a nominal fee. Approximately 8-10 rounds of bingo will be played. Purchase tickets by November 15 for \$7/\$8 and save! At the door, \$14/\$16.

Feel Lucky? We've got Casino Trips

Ameristar, September 20, 9am-3pm, \$30/\$32
Potawatomi, October 11, 9am-4pm, \$30/\$32

Holiday Photo Shoot November 18, 5-8PM

Bring the kids or the entire family for professional holiday photographs with no sitting fee! Registration deadline is November 15. Call 442-5515 to make your appointment. Get your photos and/or CD that night!

Camp Out Under the Stars

Have you ever wanted to go camping but not leave North Riverside? Play soccer, kickball, frisbee, football and other sports under the lights. Make your own smores by the campfire or play flashlight tag. In the morning, enjoy a sunrise breakfast. Participants must provide their own tents and sleeping supplies. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us at Veterans Park, October 21, 7:30pm-9am. Fee is \$8/\$9.

For Preschooler and Kindergarten Age

See our new Rec Book for all the details on these fun opportunities to learn! *Maestros in the Making*, a music program that highlights singing, dancing and playing instruments. *Ready...Set...Grow* for ages 2-3 years emphasizes socialization, sharing, following directions, building attention spans and creativity. *Kinder Kollege* is an after-school program for children enrolled in morning Jr. Kindergarten and public Kindergarten programs. There's also *Totally Toddlers* for ages 1-1/2 to 3 and *Movin' and Groovin'* for ages 2-5, both for parent and child. Call for more details.

Youth Basketball

Registration continues until all allotted spaces are filled. Practices start during Christmas break and games begin the weekend of January 6, 2012. Open to youth 4 years to 2nd grade (\$54) and grades 3-8 (\$64).

NEW! Spanish Enrichment

Develop literature skills, enhance vocabulary and ultimately converse in Spanish with ease. Ages 8 to adult.

My Fair Lady

Join us for one of the greatest American musicals ever written on September 28, Noon-5PM. \$48/\$50.

Dean Martin Winter Wonderland

A tribute to Dino who magically turned cold winters into warm, romantic evenings. Delicious lunch included in this trip on November 29, 10AM-6:30PM. \$60/\$62.

Donny & Marie Christmas Show

Spend the holidays with America's favorite brother and sister team, Donny and Marie! This holiday production is a limited engagement so don't miss it. December 9, 6:30-10:30PM. \$86/\$88.

Ethnic Salad Bowl

Spend a day experiencing the art, museum, food shops, religious architecture and customs of Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods. Have lunch and do some sightseeing in exciting Chinatown! October 13, 8:30AM-4:30PM.

Guys and Dolls

You'll love the trip to this award-winning oddball romantic comedy on October 6, 9AM-3PM. Choose your lunch at time of registration. \$66/\$68.

Extended Trips Coming Up

North Riverside Recreation invites you to bathe in the warmth and beauty of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from February 12-19, 2012.

A trip to Savannah, Georgia is planned for April 22-28, 2012. Pick up an info packet at the Rec Department and learn more about these exciting trips.

North Riverside Players Present...

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on September 30, October 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at the Commons. For tickets and information, call Jessica at 708-512-7015.

YOUNG

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At Heart

For Active Adults who are age 55 and older!

September 22, 10 to 11:30 am: Breakfast and Bunco

Start the morning with laughter! Fee is \$5.

October 25, Noon to 2:30 pm: The Legacy Girls

The Legacy Girls will entertain with their tribute to the Andrews Sisters. Enjoy lunch and reminisce while enjoying hits from the early to mid-1940s. Fee is \$25.

November 17, Noon to 2 pm: Old Fashion Thanksgiving

You'll not only enjoy a four-course meal, but you and your tablemates will find fun and camaraderie by making butter, appetizers and dessert for your table. We'll provide the entree. Fee is \$12.

December 16, Noon to 1:30 pm: Twelve Games of Christmas

Bring on the holiday fun! We'll put a spin on that old favorite song by playing twelve games of Christmas! Fee is \$8.

NEW! Lunch Bunch

Looking for a lively and active group that enjoys playing different games such as cards and board games, bag toss, along with a light lunch and time to socialize? These activities are for you! Pre-register for the upcoming: Pizza and Pokeno Day (bring your nickels), Witches Stew Chili Lunch and Halloween Bingo, Brats and Baggio and Pasta and Poker (bring your nickels).

Lyrical Lunches

Join singer Clara D'Onofrio as she takes you back to the classics, singing along to favorites from such wonderful composers as Rodgers and Hammerstein and George and Ira Gershwin. Call the Rec Department for dates, times and fees.

FREE Seminars: Lunch and Learn

Enjoy lunch and learn tips for better financial and personal health. Topics include hearing loss, money matters, long-term care, foreclosures, a veterans benefit fair, acupressure and more. Check out page 15 in the new Rec book for all the topics!

WORKOUT!

ZUMBA. Ditch the boring workout and join the Zumba party! Get a great cardio workout while performing various Latin dance moves with a combination of fast and slow rhythms to tone and sculpt your entire body. Grab your friends and bring them to the best workout in town on Sundays or Thursdays!

BELLY DANCE FUSION. Release the beautiful goddess within you thru belly dance. Belly dance fusion blends classic Egyptian with a modern American twist, (from a style known as American Tribal). Enjoy learning the sensuous art of belly dance while finding your core strength. Wednesdays, 6-7pm, September 21 to October 26. Fee is \$30.

CHAIR PILATES PLUS. Increase your energy and achieve good posture by developing your core muscles in the 45-minute total body workout. We will focus on a specific body part each class: core work, yoga/stretch and relaxation at the end to complete your workout. Exercises are chair based, for all levels and abilities. September 19 to October 24, 10:30-11:15 am. Fee is \$38.



On August 3rd, the North Riverside Police Department Pension Board of Trustees honored Commander Jerry J. Kosik, retired, and Officer Peter Culafic, retired, for their many years of dedicated service to the North Riverside Police Pension Fund. Commander Kosik invested 24 years of his time while Officer Culafic contributed 20 years to the Board.

Thank you for your Service Commander Kosik Officer Culafic

Pictured in the photo above, Commander Kosik (left) and Officer Culafic with the plaques they received; a celebration with cake was held after the Board meeting.



Officer Pete Culafic, who retired from the North Riverside Police Department this

Spring after 27 years of service, was known by many in recent years as the Department's certified ESO (Elderly Service Officer). Officer Culafic worked closely with Village senior clubs, was a familiar face at the annual Senior Fair and provided safety information for all ages on a regular basis in the Village newsletter. He retired on March 8th on his 50th birthday.

Two new hires joined the Police Department: Probationary Officer Robert Corfield, who demonstrated stellar leadership skills and academic performance in the police academy; and Probationary Officer Daniel Gaede, who also shows great promise in the field of law enforcement.



Seasonal Code updates

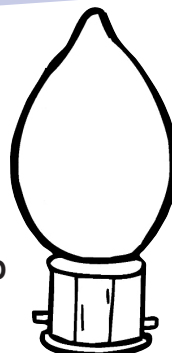
With Fall right around the corner, many residents will be raking. Please remember that grass clippings, leaves and tree trimmings cannot be deposited in any street, alley or any other public place.

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.

Electrical Code

Article 527, Section 527.3 of the National Electric Code/202-Temporary Installation

Temporary electrical power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes.



1st... Check with us

Avoid home repair fraud by getting all estimates in writing. Do not be pressured into signing a contract. Be cautious of door-to-door salespersons with no local connections that offer to inspect your home for free.

Check with the Building Department to see if permits or inspections are required. Do not sign a certificate of completion or make final payment until work is done to your satisfaction.

To make sure any repair or remodeling is done right the first time, contact the Village's Code Department first!

nr bulletin board

news you can use

Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month and Fire Chief Ken Rouleau and everyone on the department urges you to practice fire prevention at home every day and especially at Halloween, the upcoming holidays and in winter months when space heaters and extension cords are used more frequently. "There are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire," said Chief Rouleau. Take action during Fire Prevention Month and year-round, such as changing the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks! Feel free to call the Department for tips at 447-1981.

Mater Christi Pet Blessing

On Saturday, October 1st at Noon, those who love their pets like members of the family—including stuffed animals—are invited to gather in front of the Shrine at Mater Christi, 2431 S. 10th Avenue for the Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing. All are welcome to the service which lasts only about 10-15 minutes and includes brief prayers, a blessing and a sprinkle of holy water.

At Your Library

Upcoming events for kids and teens at the North Riverside Public Library include: Read to a Dog, September 28; Halloween Hi-Jinks by Dave Herzog on October 13 for families; Tales from Beyond by Michael Kett for teens and adults on November 10; Adventures Across America presented by C.R.I.C.K.E.T., a family program on November 17. For adults, check out the *Century of Progress: Art and Architecture at the 1933-34 World's Fair in Chicago* program on September 21; and *Old Time Radio* with WDCB's Steve Darnall on November 16. Don't miss the October 19 Classic Monster Mash film presentation for 5th grade-adult and Wednesday Movie Matinees on October 5 (*The Lincoln Lawyer*) and November 2 (*Radio Days*).

Friends' Book Sale and Library Foundation Cookbooks. The Friends of the Library will hold their annual used book sale in the Library's main floor meeting room from 8:30 am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 1 and from noon until 3 pm on Sunday, October 2. The Library Foundation is taking pre-orders for its cookbook, which will be available this fall for \$12; those who purchase more than one cookbook will earn a discount of \$2 off each additional book.

For more information on these and any other Library programs and services, call 447-0869.

Melody Mill Gala A Success!

Melody Mill was a hot spot. There's no doubt about it. Once one of Chicagoland's largest and most popular dance halls, all that remains is the corroded



signage that lit the way through dark wartimes and was a beacon of Big Band music during some of the nation's most difficult years. For 54 years, Melody Mill was run by Benjamin Lejcar, Sr. and his wife, Elsie. In 1984, the Village of North Riverside bought the property which today is known as the Richard N. Scheck Village Commons. Within those Village offices, the only meager and unofficial compilation of Village history had been begun by the late Village Clerk Charmaine Kutt who passed away in 2008. Dr. Queenella Miller, appointed to fill the vacancy, made it a priority to forge ahead with Kutt's work, establishing a North Riverside Historical Society that is now registered with the State of Illinois. "I take no credit for any of the successes of this Society," stresses Miller. "There are now nearly 30 truly active members and longtime residents who have felt, for too long, that North Riverside's good and positive story has been untold and that we must let it be known that our town has a fascinating history."

Their most recent effort, an August 13 gala to raise funds to restore the original Melody Mill signage, featured entertainment by the Steve Cooper Orchestra and was attended by nearly 300 people—among them, none other than Benjamin Lejcar, Sr., now 95. His daughters, Cheryl Trejo of Lombard and Melody Lejcar of Villa Park are members of the Historical Society.

"This Society has quickly evolved into a group of strong advocates for North Riverside's historic preservation," said Miller, President of the group. "So many individuals and businesses are sharing their time, talent and resources that it has become evident that people are hungry to research and preserve our history." Nearly 20 area businesses donated raffle prizes while others donated hors d'oeuvres and cookies.

For more information or to become involved with the Historical Society, call Dr. Miller at 447-4211.

Practice Halloween Safety

And remember that North Riverside Village Ordinance states that Trick or Treat hours are from 3 to 7 pm on October 31st. Parents/adults, please accompany children as they celebrate the day!

CAN'T ATTEND?

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES HIGHLIGHTED HERE FOR YOUR REVIEW

In the MINUTES

WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO Our Veterans

On Veterans Day, stop to think about how grateful we are to those men and women who have sacrificed their own lives for our freedom. North Riverside's Recreation



Honor Our Veterans !!

Department will honor veterans with a ceremony on Friday, November 11 beginning at 9:30 am at the Village commons and everyone is invited to attend this special tribute.

MARCH 7, 2011

■ **Trustee Votava** reported cash receipts in the amount of \$1,505,136.68 for the month of January 2011.

■ **Trustee Sargent** thanked Penny Devin and Sue Frampton for the coordination of the Pillars of Honor event that brought many veterans to the Commons.

■ **Mayor Krochmal** expressed his sadness at the loss of Viola "Vi" Jansky, a member of the Rec Department staff since 1978. "Vi will be greatly missed and our prayers are extended to her family."

MARCH 21, 2011

■ **Trustee Votava** reported cash receipts in the amount of \$1,201,182.98 for the month of February 2011.

■ **Trustee Hermanek** updated the Board on the recurring problem of skateboarding teens at 7222 W. Cermak, despite signage and verbal warnings from police. An ordinance allowing the Police Department to issue violation notices was drafted for approval.

■ **Trustee Votava** reminded all that the Village had joined the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) for health insurance coverage in 2009 and that a resolution reaffirming membership was necessary.

■ **During the Mayor's Report**, Police Probationary Officer Robert Corfield was sworn in.

■ **Ordinances and Resolutions.** An ordinance amending the Village code related to Trespass and the IPBC Resolution were approved by the Board.

APRIL 4, 2011

■ **Trustee Hermanek** reported on his "ride along" with Police Chief Garvey in the squad car and experienced first-hand the Village's core mission at work: "to continue to build a strong and vibrant Village dedicated to success." Further, Kyle Pinelli was commissioned as a full-time Police Officer.

■ **Trustee Sargent** listed upcoming Recreation events, including the annual Senior Fair, programs and trips.

■ **Trustee Wittbrodt** shared that Village Engineer John Fitzgerald had submitted plans for the resurfacing of 27th and 28th Street to IDOT; and, that the Village had received a \$90,000 grant from IDOT for this specific project.

■ **Mayor Ken Krochmal** proclaimed April 10-16 as Library Week; acknowledged the tragic death of resident Elaine Gorney, killed in a hit and run by an unknown vehicle. Anyone with information should call 447-9191. A cash reward is offered.

APRIL 18, 2011

■ **Trustee Votava** shared that, with Attorney Hanson and the Village's Finance Director, had prepared an ordinance amending the 2010-2011 Appropriation Ordinance; and an ordinance that amended the designating depositories for public funds as a result of financial institutions merging and changing names.

■ **In Correspondence**, Police Officer Terri McCarthy and Sergeant Michael Champion were recognized for the professional and helpful service they offered to to the Michelin family when their daughter was involved in an accident.

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GARDEN CLUB TIPS

- Eliminate the need for chemical sprays by pouring boiling hot water on weeds growing in-between sidewalk cracks.
- Apply a 2-3 inch layer of mulch around tree rings and garden beds to help retain moisture and control weed growth.
- Scatter one-inch sized cubed "Gold Dial Soap" at the base of deer and rabbit-loving plants as the heavy scent will force them to move along rather than stop and graze.
- Install "Golden Jubilee Fennel Plant" in your gardens as another deer deterrent choice.
- Extract slugs from garden beds by laying wet newspaper down in a problem area and discard once slugs have clung to the underside of the wet paper. Or, a small tuna sized can filled with beer works well to entice slugs to the liquid; discard the can once it's full.



GREEN THUMBS

Thank you to the members of the North Riverside Garden Club for planting the beautiful flowers in the circular beds at the Village Commons! Pictured, back row, left to right: Kathy Doubek, Pat Johnen, Mary Johnson, Rose Titus; front, Vince Monaco and Ann Petric. Interested in getting involved with the Garden Club? Contact Rose Titus at 447-0216 for all the dirt on this fun club!

MAY 2, 2011

■ **Village Clerk Dr. Queenella Miller** administered the oath of office to Randall Czajka, H. Bob Demopoulos and Rocco DeSantis as Village Trustees. Plaques were presented to outgoing Trustees Gary Wittbrodt and Jim Votava for their service to the people of North Riverside. More on page 3 of this issue.

MAY 16, 2011

■ **Clerk Miller** read the six bids submitted for the Village's 27th and 28th Street Repaving Project.

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,379,219.29 for the month of April 2011 were approved.

■ **Trustee Corgiat** announced that the Mayor and Administrator Belmonte had met with representatives from Clark Street Development, owners of the Wickes property, and HH Gregg, a potential tenant for the property. HH Gregg is an appliance and electronics retailer with over 170 stores in the country and a plan to expand and open 20 stores in the area by September 16, 2011, including a store in North Riverside.

■ **Trustee Demopoulos** recognized the participants of the recent Little League parade and the successful Firemen Local 107 Spaghetti Dinner that he attended.

■ **Trustee DeSantis** reported on the six bids received for the repaving project. After checking the bids for accuracy, low bidder was Chicago Paving Contractors in the amount of \$87,965.90, which was \$16,995.60 below the Engineer's estimate.

■ **Ordinances** including an amendment to the Village Code relating to Electrical Codes; relating to Energy Conservation; and the authorizing and approving the Execution of an Economic Incentive Agreement.

■ **New Business.** Mayor Krochmal named Trustee Sargent Chairwoman of the Recreation/Ordinances/Judiciary Committee; Trustee DeSantis as Chairman of the Streets/Alleys/Sidewalks/Garbage Committee; Trustee Czajka as Chairman of the Public Buildings/Grounds/Lights/Public Transportation/9-11 System/Plan Commission and Cable Committee; Trustee Corgiat as Chairman of Finance/Health; Trustee Hermanek as Chairman of Police/Fire/Licenses; and Trustee Demopoulos as Chair of Water/Sewer/Drainage/Zoning. Several other appointments were also made including Guy Belmonte as Village Administrator, Anthony Garvey as Police Chief, Ken Rouleau as Fire Chief, as well as the appointments of the Village Attorney and Village Engineer.

JUNE 6, 2011

■ **Trustee Demopoulos** indicated that there would be a Zoning Board meeting regarding HH Gregg and a request for a fence variance.

■ **Trustee Sargent** recapped the success of the annual Senior Fair, citing that nearly 500 individuals attended and that the Village's Senior Fair has become one of the largest in the area. She also reminded everyone of the date of the Mayor's Youth Scholarship Golf Outing on June 13.

■ **Ordinances** included amending the Village Code relating to Alcoholic Beverages.

JUNE 27, 2011

■ **Cash Receipts** in the amount of \$1,072,521.49 for the month of May 2011 were approved.

■ **Trustee Demopoulos** shared the Zoning Board minutes as they pertained to the sign variance for HH Gregg and a variance for a non-conforming residential fence at 2305 S. 9th Avenue; both were approved. He also noted that he had been attending Flood Committee meetings coordinated by five other municipalities with Trustee DeSantis. Findings related to the mitigation of flood issues will be forthcoming.

■ **Mayor Krochmal's appointments** to all Boards and Commissioners were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

2011-2012

SNOW REMOVAL APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH!

Get your forms in now to participate in the Senior Snow Removal Program. The deadline for applications is November 15th. Seniors are reminded that even if you were a participant in the program in previous years, **YOU MUST RE-APPLY THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR.**

The reason for this is the Village has no way of knowing from year to year if your situation has changed. Someone may have moved, hired another service, or may not wish to

participate in the program again for whatever reason. The service will be provided for all snowfalls of 2" or more. Due to the overwhelming demand for this program, all residents are reminded that this program was instituted



to help residents who are senior citizens age 65 and older, disabled, handicapped or who have severe health problems.

Participants are also reminded that due to the large number of participants in the program, it takes time to clear everyone's property. We ask that you be patient.

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Snow Removal Program, please contact Guy Belmonte or Tim Kutt at 447-4211.

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT) (PLEASE SIGN)

Address: _____

Phone Number: (708) _____

Service required; please check:

_____ \$20 For stairs, sidewalk and garage apron per 2" snowfall

_____ \$35 For stairs, sidewalk and driveway per 2" snowfall

Please check, which applies: Senior Disabled

SEND THIS APPLICATION TO:

Senior Snow Removal Program, c/o Village of North Riverside
2401 S. Desplaines Avenue
North Riverside, IL 60546

You may also drop your application off at the Village Office at the Commons.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY! YOU WILL BE BILLED MONTHLY FOR ALL SNOW REMOVALS.

Neighborhood Services

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

Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love. ~Juan Alvarez

With our country as it is, the lack of understanding, it is easy to lose hope. But we have an answer. Over the last 19 years, the block captains of the Mayor's Committee of Neighborhood Services have tried to live the Art of Caring (treating others as you would like to be treated). At long last, we have compiled their stories into a bound, 64-page "manual," that reads like an edition of Chicken Soup for the Soul. In the manual, we have also included "kindness cards" (to hand out wherever you go) and the "love cube," which can be used in any family or in anti-bullying programs in schools. This manual includes many life stories that will make you smile and many angel clips that will inspire you. Doctors, social workers, teachers and politicians from around the country have found it amazing, appreciating the fact that anyone can make a difference wherever they are. Since the photos and stories have originated from our Village, we wanted to share them with you. A limited number of manuals are available for only \$3 from Carole Spale, 2300 5th Avenue, call 447-4932 or send an email to carriver@juno.com.

Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Vanessa Carey and Vicki DeCosola to our group of caring and dedicated block captains! Captains are still needed for 2200 block of 7th; 2400 block of Forest; 2500 block of Westover; 2500 block of 2nd; and 2400 block of 8th. If you are interested, call Carole at 447-4932 to join!



Helpful Resources

www.Free2phone.com. Get 10 minutes of free talk to landlines and some cell phones in 55 countries after listening to the advertising.

Pro Se Food Distribution, call 447-1520. Riverside Presbyterian Church, 116 Barrypoint Road on Wednesdays, Noon to 1 pm. Bring your own bag.

CEDA for heating help. Call 1-312-456-4100, Press 1, then later Press 2 for locations nearest you.

Job Websites

Job websites: www.indeed.com and www.snagajob.com. Email

Carol at carriver@juno.com if you would like to be emailed a bi-weekly job listing.

THINGS NEEDED, THINGS TO BE GIVEN AWAY

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Needed: Pole lamp, 20" boys bike, DVD/VCR, Boom Box, cell phone with prepaid card, woman's winter clothes size L/XL. To be given away: walkers, canes, some furniture.

Also needed: A three bedroom house that is for rent with 2-car garage for a good family with three kids. Rent with option to buy. Near Komarek. Call 447-4932 for info.

Check the Sharing Board outside of the Rec Department for updated information!

Christmas Needs:

Start thinking now about helping and adopting families in trouble. We start collecting at Thanksgiving Call 447-4932 or drop at the side door at 2300 5th Avenue: unused gift cards, gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, North Riverside Park mall, gift certificates to local restaurants, jewelry, beanie babies, lotions, grocery gift cards such as Tony's, Jewel, Trader Joe's, etc.

ANGEL STORIES

The Smiling Angel. This smiling angel checked on a senior angel who was having trouble walking. She let him rest and made sure he was able to get back to his car.

"Hello" Angel. This welcoming angel in blue holds doors open and greets all who come in.

Young Angels. These young angels brought together the children on their block for a "movie and popcorn" night!

"Right On Time" Angel. This angel shared nine boxes of glucose strips that she did not need. Five minutes after she dropped them off, a resident with diabetes called. We asked her if she was using her old meter. She said that it had not been working so she recently purchased a new meter. We told her the name of the meter that went with the strips just donated and it was the SAME ONE she just bought...so we were able to give them to her. She was amazed and grateful!

For more inspiring angel stories, pick up your copy of our recently-compiled Neighborhood Services "manual," now available from Carol Spale for just \$3. Call 447-4932.



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AUTUMN

Fest!

SEPTEMBER 23

Your Recreation Department has planned a smokin' hot time—combining its annual kickin' Chili Cook-Off with a bag competition, DJ, scarecrow contest, an inflatable for the kids and pumpkin (if available) decorating. Don't miss the annual Chili Cook-Off that brings village departments, local civic groups, churches and schools together for the battle of the best recipe!



Food! Beer! Free Chili Samples!



Gather your family and friends to participate in the Scarecrow Contest. Cost is just \$5 which includes straw and the stake. Purchase your ticket and pick up supplies by Monday, September 12 at the Rec Office.