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2004 Housewalk raises record funds

The Olmsted Society's 2004 Housewalk, "Maplewood Road: The Road, the River, the Rockefeller's" played to a sold-out crowd, in spite of questionable weather reports and a Des Plaines River that was dangerously close to flood stage.

Fortunately, the storms stayed away, the river stayed within its banks, and record crowds enjoyed a beautiful day. A total of 500 tickets were printed, yet nearly 600 people visited the seven featured structures on May 23.

"We quickly produced extra tickets for sale at the two ticket tables at either end of Maplewood Road," said housewalk co-chair and Olmsted Society president Constance Guardi. "Nobody was turned away!"

Added co-chair Jim Reynolds, "Because we were able to keep expenses to a minimum, most of the total \$18,491 we earned in ticket sales can go directly to



A volunteer docent describes the architecture of one of the homes on the housewalk. Turn to pages 3-4 for more photos and a list of volunteers.

Riverside landscape projects. This makes our 2004 housewalk one of the most profitable the society has ever held," he said.

Member survey mailed in August

Watch your mailboxes. In August, the Olmsted Society's Long Range Goals and Planning Committee mailed a survey to all Society members.

"The survey is a part of the Society's periodic re-examination of both our role in the community and the views of our members," explained committee chair Mark Shevitz. "Your feedback will allow us to better plan for future initiatives."

The survey has two sections: one that asks your opinion about issues in the Village of Riverside, and another that seeks your views on the Society and the role it should play in the Village.

For example, the survey asks

members to identify the issues that are most important to them from a list that includes the public school system, property taxes, maintenance of parks and other public spaces, the Village government, the business districts, teardowns, and Riverside's landmark status.

It also asks members to describe the type of preservation society they prefer, such as a community group devoted to gardens, an educational organization, with lectures on local landscape and architectural styles, plus walking tours, housewalks, etc., a volunteer organization focused on projects

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**The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside**

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2004

Founded in 1968, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the original village plan, developed in 1868 by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his partner Calvert Vaux. Membership is open to all interested individuals. Annual Membership is available for a \$15.00 (tax-deductible) contribution.

Officers

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Letter From the President

Spring and summer have been kind to our society. The Housewalk was a huge success, thanks to the Homeowners, House Captains, volunteers and everyone who attended. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Lonnie Sacchi and Jim Reynolds for spearheading the planning and preparation for the Housewalk.

Joe Cablk ran a delightful trip to Milwaukee in June on behalf of the Architecture Committee. If you were unable to attend the trip, I would recommend that you make a visit on your own to see the new art museum and the Villa Terrace. The museum is a magnificent work of art and the Villa Terrace is the most beautiful Italian garden outside of Italy. Thanks, Joe, it was a great trip.

We are winners! The judges of the 4th of July parade bestowed the **Patriot Award** upon our parade entry. Thanks to Joe Cablk for his effort on this project. Our thanks also go to the Riverside Recreation Department for their excellent work in organizing and executing the 4th of July activities.

Survey (Continued from page 1) to improve the community, or an activist organization, with a focus on advocacy issues related to village preservation, zoning, landmark issues, and future planning.

"It is important that the Society board knows your opinions on both sets of issues," said Shevitz. "Without your input, we can't begin to address the things you'd like to see happen! So make your voice heard and help shape the future of the

The Riverside Brookfield High School Ecology Club completed their planting project outside of the school, and thanked us for contributing the plant materials for the work. Thanks to John Kolar for his efforts in guiding the students throughout the project. The Ecology Club has also done extensive work in the Zoo Woods under John's direction.

The only down side to report this summer has been the failure of the parties involved to reach closure on former Forester Casey Sullivan's case with the Village. A decision from the Arbitrator will not be forthcoming until the briefs by the opposing sides are presented September 3rd. One of the side effects of this situation has been uncertainty surrounding the Village's policy for donations from the Society. Confusion reigns; are we only allowed to donate money or can we donate plants and trees as we have in the past? Is there a written policy or procedure for donations? We haven't seen one.

Constance Guardi
President
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Olmsted Society by completing and returning your survey."

Return your survey by August 20 to: Olmsted Survey, 340 Olmsted Road, Riverside, IL 60546.

If you've misplaced your copy and would like another, please call Geri Tauber at 708-447-0726

The Long Range Goals and Planning Committee includes members Ralph Harast, Jason Kinnan, Lonnie Sacchi, Ted Smith, and Geri Tauber.

MAPLEWOOD

The Road. The River. The Rockefeller.



Booties were the name of the game—they kept the homeowners' floors spotless, and offered a brief opportunity to rest in between houses.



Top: Homeowners Gail Crossman and Jeff Baron share a laugh at the "crash and burn" party for volunteers, held after the housewalk at the Township Hall. Bottom: Irene Bakos with Lonnie Sacchi.



Top left: John D. Rockefeller (Ted Smith) delighted the crowds with tales of life with daughter Edith (Marguerite Durkin), shown on the right purchasing lemonade from a child's stand on Maplewood Road. Below: Mark Chaney accepts his homeowner's gift while housewalk co-chairs Lonnie Sacchi, Jim Reynolds, and Constance Guardi look on.

Housewalk volunteers saluted

Co-Chairs

Constance Guardi, Jim Reynolds, Lonnie Sacchi

Administration:

Tom Guardi, Chandra Reynolds

Research:

Jane & John Kunka

Crash and Burn Party:

Karen Graham (Chair), Marcia & Vincent Capone, Alice & Bob Stake, Marguerite Durkin

Tickets:

Joanna Beaumont, Fred Kitch, Patty Migliore, Margo Rodriguez, Jimmy & Maribeth Tacola

Graphics:

Jenny Kolinski, Geri Tauber, Amy Jacksic

Traffic:

Cyril Friend

Police Auxiliary:

Chet Grenda

Refreshments:

Dave Moreau

172 Maplewood

Homeowners: Diane & Mark Cheney
House Captains: Robin & Mark Benoy
Docents:
Michael Aieta
Jane Derbyshire

Nancy & Joe Dvorak
Lynn Flannery
Colleen & Randy Kadlec
Joanne McGovern
Annette Palumbo
Deb Pike
Heather & Tim Poell
Linda Saindon
Ruth Julian
Jim Schraidt
Jean Sussman
Scuff Gross
Laurel Lambert Schmidt

230 Maplewood

Homeowners: Caroline & Joe Tecson

House Captains: Nancy & Mike DeLise

Docents:

Arlene Augustinas
Nel Brennan
Marilyn Cardelli
Barbara Cowell
Elise George
Krista Harmes
Martha Heine
Judy Janczewski
Kim & Frank Kelderman
Helga & John Mendoza
Rita Morrissey
Dan Murphy
Char Pankros
Steve Patras
Sylvia & Wayne Penn

Frank Petrovec
Sanlee Radigan
Florence Swanson
Donna & Jim Woodrow
Candy Vazquez
Robert Zymm

246 Maplewood

Homeowners: Gail Crossman and Jeff Baron

House Captains: Valerie Cablk and Nancy Peters

Docents:

Judy Compton
Laura Durkin
Linda Flanagan
Dennis & Martine Gary
Sheila Gentile
Sue Graham
Jim Harrington
Tanya Icent
Linda & Larry Korbus
Yvonne Lucero
Eric Peters
Cindi Robson
Jim Sobosan

260 Maplewood

Homeowner: John Mulhern

House Captain: Joe Cablk

Docents:

Joe Bergmann
Peg Blasage
Dorothy & Bill Jansky
Christine Jeffries
Ann & Steve Kubiczy
Walter Lukitsh
Carolynn McNally
Janet Meyers
Jackie Paine
Christine & Duane Stroud
Marianne Twyman

280 Maplewood

Homeowners: Janine & Jim Chesrown

House Captains: Courtenay & Ed Erb

Docents:

Linda Bednar
Dorothy Calek
Cathy Foran
Megan Foran

Maria Hawk
Karen Iny
Irene Kaval
Julie Keehn
Jacqui Lurie
Cathy & Tony Nie
Leslie Onesto
Alyson Scanlon
Maripat & Bill Scanlon
Laura Sechen
Brenda Smaller
Allison Vollman

250 Maplewood

House Captain: Rob Wilson-Black

Docents:

Vera Borysek
Jan Hapgood
Sandi Spilotro
Ramona Suffern
Mike Velko
Carrie Watkiss

273 Maplewood

Homeowner: Irene

Bakos
House Captain: Ralph

Harast

Docents:

Kathy Billingham
Ann Blaa
James Brennan
Howard Feldman
Diane & Denny Harris
Richard Julian
Jason Kinnan
Vicki Klimkiewicz
Lorraine Kocanda
Maryann Lanan
Roseann & Steve Marshall
Dorothy & Mark Sikora

Board approves new award category

The Board of Directors of the Olmsted Society has approved a plan by the Architecture Committee to present restoration awards at the Society's annual meeting for outstanding works of restoration within the Village.

One or more awards may be made each year (or none, if there are no recipients deemed suitable). The recipients will be selected by a majority vote of the Architecture Committee. Most of the awards will be for architectural restoration, but awards may also be given for outstanding efforts by individuals, groups, or governmental organizations in the interest of preserving or restoring the landmark Village of Riverside.

Criteria for the awards are as follows:

Restoration work shall preserve and reinforce the integrity and original character of a Riverside structure, which represents one of the historic architectural styles of the village. Restoration work shall, in general, follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for

Rehabilitation. Particular attention should be paid to the use of materials, details, and stylistic features that match the original building. Replacement of missing architectural features should be based on historical evidence, not conjecture.

Awards will be given for restoration of original structures



only. There shall be no awards for new building or attic additions, regardless of their quality. The goal of the Society is to preserve the historic character of the Village, not to encourage the increase of building volume or mass. For the same reason, no awards shall be given for new garages, auxiliary buildings, or garden structure that all reduce the green space of Riverside property.

Awards may be given for partial restoration, such as an unusual roof, entryway or win-

dows. If work is in progress, award shall be deferred until completion.

The following architectural styles are represented in the Village of Riverside by many fine examples. All of these, if sensitively restored, would be acceptable for recognition:

Victorian, Swiss Gothic, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Stick, Shingle, Queen Anne, Beaux Arts, Tudor Revival, Green Revival, Prairie School, American Four Square, Bungalow, Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, Romanesque Revival, Georgian Revival, Art Deco, Art Moderne, and International.

Nominations for the Restoration Awards can be made by any member. To make a nomination, please send a letter describing the structure and the type of restoration completed, including timing of restoration, to the Olmsted Society Architecture Committee, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546. To be considered for the 2005 Annual Meeting, nominations must be received by November 15, 2004.

RB Ecology Club Thanks Olmsted Society

Following is a letter from RB High School Ecology Club executive director Kate Kenahan to Olmsted Society president Constance Guardi:

"On behalf of the Riverside-Brookfield High School Ecology Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Olmsted So-

ciety for recognizing our environmental activism. We all enjoyed the pizza party and were honored to receive the Olmsted Landscaping Restoration Award. Thank you for taking the time to come and present this award to us in person. We greatly appreciated your presence and presentation.

"On May 20, we employed the generous monetary portion of the Award towards landscaping the

front lawn of RB. We planted over 500 indigenous perennial plants in flower beds in front of the school. These plants not only represent a more eco-friendly environment than grass or exotic plant species, but in the words of a classmate, they also 'make our school more welcoming.'

"The day of the planting was sunny and brisk, and many other

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Calendar

Sunday Walking Tours

August 29 (South)
September 26 (North)
October 24 (South)
2:00 p.m. @ Train Depot

Architecture Committee Lecture Coonley Estate Restoration

Thursday, October 21, 2004
Township Hall

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students joined the Ecoclub in the fun of planting all of the little perennials. With the expert guidance of Mr. John Kolar, we created a more diverse environment for our ecosystem and community. Thanks especially to Mr. Kolar for his time and effort over the years. His guided nature walks represent major highlights even among our other great Ecoclub activities.

"Again, the RB Ecology Club of 2004 thanks the Society for giving us the distinction of the Landscape Restoration Award, and for providing us with the expert guidance of Mr. Kolar."

Docents needed for walking tours of Riverside

If you've always wanted to learn more about the Village, consider becoming an Olmsted Society tour

guide. Every summer, the Olmsted Society offers walking tours of the Village, guided by Society members. The two-hour tours, held on

Is your membership in the Olmsted Society up-to-date?

Take a look at the address label above. If a red line is visible, your membership has expired and this will be your last issue of the **News-Letter**.

We don't want to lose you! Your membership is important. Riverside needs your voice to help maintain our national landscape landmark status. To maintain your membership, simply send a check for \$15 with your label to the Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546.

the last Sunday of the month from May through October, begin at the Train Depot. Alternating tours fo-

cus on Riverside north and south of the train tracks.

If you would like more information on becoming a docent, contact Lonnie Sacchi at 708-442-0845. Or attend an upcoming tour and see for yourself! A list of upcoming tour dates is in the calendar, above.

Lecture on Coonley Estate Restoration

On Thursday, October 21, the Architecture Committee will sponsor a public lecture on the restoration of the Coonley Estate. Current owner Ella Mae Eastman will discuss the ups and downs of the four-year project to restore the home, and will offer personal insights on what it's like to live in an original Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece.

The lecture will be held in the Township Hall, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.