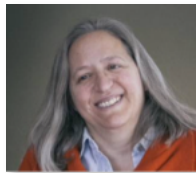


FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Membership Report - Theresa Pelletier & Kimber Coombes:



Olmsted Society's Membership Renewal Time:

To all of our dedicated members, thank you for your loyal support to the Olmsted Society of Riverside!



Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. It's mission is guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member. The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$35.00 tax-deductible contribution by check or you can pay online through this PayPal link:

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Thank you for your continued support!!

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The Annual Meeting for the Frederick Law Olmsted Society will be held on January 20th at 7:00pm at the Riverside Public Library.

All are welcome to attend.

Our speaker will be Cathy Maloney, an Olmsted Society member and who is also a garden historian. Her most recent book:

***Chicago and Its Botanic Garden:
The Chicago Horticultural Society at 125***

To learn more about Cathy Maloney, please read her Bio [here:](#)

FLOS Election:

The election of Officers and Directors for the Board of Directors of the Olmsted Society will take place at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The nominees for a one year term of office are:

President: Robert Dixon
Vice-President: Abigail Randall
Treasurer: Thomas Guardi
Secretary: Janice O'Flaherty

The nominees for renewal of a three year term as Directors are:

Maura Braun
Constance and Thomas Guardi
Lois Kimmelman

Cathy Maloney
Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga and Timothy Ozga
Abigail and Gregory Randall

The nominee for a new three year term as Director is:
John Farneda

The Nomination Committee included Kimberly Dixon,
Constance Guardi, Chair, Jacqueline Miller, Janice O'Flaherty and
Jennifer Pacorek.



A Giant thank you to Ted Smith!!

Over the years Riverside has lost most of its *Black Oak trees*. This fall the Riverside public works department has planted 10 young Black Oak trees in different public spaces across the Village. The Olmsted Society purchased the trees with funds provided by a generous grant from ***Ted Smith***, a longtime Riverside resident and former president of the Olmsted Society.

The Village has graciously planted the trees in ideal growing locations, many are planted along the river bank. This is phase 1 of a three year plan to replenish the Black Oak stock.

Thank you to Ted and the Riverside Public Works department!

Look for newly planted Black Oak trees, in the following locations:

- 2 at Blythe Park near tennis courts and playground
- 1 at Longcommon Park across from 98 Nuttall
- 2 on Bloomingbank across from 213 Bloomingbank along the woodland edge
- 2 on Bloomingbank across from 192 Bloomingbank along the woodland edge
- 2 on Riverside Rd across from 140 Riverside Rd. along the woodland edge

We planted the last Black Oak at Indian Gardens on November 12th with a Scout Troop.



HopStop Recognition Tree to be Planted

When **Peter Boutsikakis** of Riverside Foods was asked how the Olmsted Society could thank him for the many contributions he made to this past September's HopStop Craft beer festival fundraiser, he responded with a request quite in line with the mission of the Olmsted Society.

Peter would like to have a tree planted to commemorate his efforts. A Hop Hornbeam was considered as an appropriate species. The Olmsted Society is presently working with Village Forester, Michael Collins, to select an appropriate tree for planting in Guthrie Park this coming Spring.

The tree will then be listed within the online Arboretum that details trees in Guthrie Park.

Again, many thanks to Peter for his visionary efforts with HopStop. We are lucky to have him support the work of the Olmsted Society and we are lucky to have an enterprise such as Riverside Foods anchor our business district.

Reserve your Village Tours for 2017 here: **Purchase Walking Tour Tickets**



RIVERSIDE INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR STORYBOOK NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK VILLAGE

2016 Docent-led Walking Tours of Riverside offered on the following Sundays:
North Division Tours - May 29, July 31, September 18
South Division Tours - June 26, August 28, October 30

2-4 PM, \$15, \$10 for Seniors (62+) and Olmsted Society Members.
Meet at Riverside Train Station, east side of main platform.

Special Custom Tours always available \$20+ per person based on requirements.
Call 708-442-7675 or email tours@olmstedociety.org



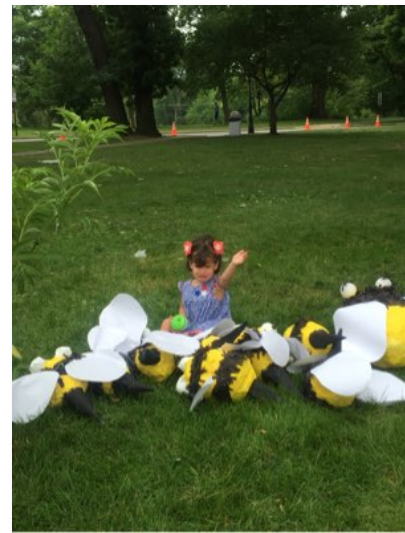
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Sightsee! Shop! Dine!

Olmsted Society's 4th of July Parade Float: "BEE The Change You Wish to See in the World"

Fourth of July is always one of our favorite holidays. This year, we celebrated by creating a float for the Riverside parade and hosting a raffle for native perennials from The Possibility Place.

Community members along the parade route also may have received plant seeds which encourage bee pollination. Fun was had by all making paper mache bees, marching to tunes through our historic Village, and sending away raffle winners and members alike with beautiful shrubs. Please join us next year in the festivities or give us a wave at the parade!





President's Letter: Rob Dixon

Dear Olmsted Society members:

Thanks to all who came out to HopStop 2016 at the Riverside Train Station. We had fantastic weather for the event and strong attendance. Many thanks to Riverside Foods for partnering so effectively to identify and communicate with local brewers and distillers for tastings. The event was expanded to the green open space west of the train station with a tent. Food vendors included the Ministry of Sandwiches (associated with Carnivore of Oak Park) and the perennial favorite BooCooRoux food truck.

Music this year included an a cappella ensemble led by Eva Hardin of Riverside. This group of high school students practices on their own and does unique interpretations of contemporary songs by artists such as David Bowie and Mungo Jerry. Riverside natives, Mike Sacharski, Ceasar Melidis, and Jon Scarpelli reunited to perform as HopSlager with plans afoot for a major tour of Iceland. Jon Scarpelli appears regularly with Low Swans and I strongly encourage you to hear him perform. Leadfoot rounded out the music with rock infused bluegrass energy.

Participating brewers included Safehouse brewing which plans to open a brewpub in Riverside on Burlington near Harlem in the coming months. Keep an eye on that development and spread the word.

One change with HopStop for this year was a concerted effort on zero waste. Flood Brothers partnered with us to work with Bright Beat events to look closely at the waste stream and create as little landfill waste as possible. I am pleased to report that with over 500 attendees at the event, we generated only 5 pounds of landfill waste. Many thanks to Flood Brothers for their assistance. After seeing organic (food) waste diversion at this event, I would hope household food composting can come to Riverside and divert landfill waste. If you are interested, let your village officials know. Flood Brothers is willing and able to support this type of household food compost pick up.

Fundraising goals were met for the event and a good time was had by all. To thank Peter Boutsikakis of Riverside Foods for his efforts, some of the funds generated from HopStop will be used for a tree planting (a Hop Hornbeam was suggested) in Guthrie Park.

Taking a longer view, the Olmsted Society will turn 50 in 2018! A visionary small group set out to preserve Olmsted's design for Riverside and the Society is still going strong thanks to your support.

Please also mark your calendar for the Olmsted Society Annual meeting to be held on Friday, January 20, 2017, at the Riverside Library for a presentation and social hour. I hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

Rob Dixon

Landscape Committee Special Report with Cindy Kellogg and Holly Machine



RBHS Eco Club Donation – October 2016

The Olmsted Society's Landscape Committee has continued its commitment to the Riverside Brookfield High School Ecology Club by contributing \$3000.00 towards the management of Zoo Woods & Waubensee Preserve.

They will use it this fall & winter by hiring Audubon Society interns, who, unlike Ecology Club members, have the option of using chainsaws and other "heavy" tools. What the interns can take down, the Club members can drag and stack and finally, at a later date burn.

The donation will also provide for the propagation of seeds native to Waubensee Woods. The RBHS Ecology Club members collected seeds from remaining native understory in and adjacent to Waubensee Woods.

Possibility Place Nursery will provide the propagation & RB Eco Club members & Audubon Society summer interns will plant the seedlings.

The prairie at Waubensee Woods is coming back to life & is beautiful thanks to Cook County Forest Preserve District Master Stewart & FLOS member, John Kolar, & his enthusiastic volunteers. To schedule a tour of the prairie, contact Holly Machina or Cindy Kellogg at landscape@olmstedociety.org

Landscape Committee Work Day Report:

Saturday, September 10th, was the Landscape Workday volunteer's day to plant grasses and sedges along the riverbank close to Olmstead Road. We planted 20 flats of side oats grama, common oak sedge, straight style wood sedge, long-beaked sedge, silky wild rye and little bluestem.

Some were planted in the shade, some along the sunny slope and some close to the water. We're excited about seeing them fill in next year and protecting the riverbank.



Digging Holes



Digging Holes



Grasses and Sedges



Planting Ginger



Landscape Committee Work Day Report:

Landscape has been busy since our last newsletter. Over the summer we planted native shrubs and perennials and mulched on the Longcommon. Our next workday we ventured to Swan Pond to remove evasive plants in Bourbon Springs. Then we went to Scottswood Common to remove invasive species. We found a good amount of milk weed there.

We worked twice at the triangle at Longcommon and Downey, mainly mulching in the large beds. The second workday there we removed invasive plants and turned those beds into turf. The sight lines have been improved making the corners much safer, especially at Longcommon and Downey.

Then we spent another two days at Riverside Road, continuing our goal of opening up the view to the river by removing invasive plants and shrubs and planting native grasses and sedges.

On Saturday, October 22, volunteers gathered along the Riverbank on Riverside Road to gather seeds from native grasses & sedges then distribute them to bare spots. We also removed buckthorn & daylily from the riverbank.



Our last workday was at Scottswood Common on November 5th.



Planted Shrubs



Planting Shrubs



Saturday Landscape Work Day:

The parks along **Riverside Road**, in **Swan Pond** & around the **Scout Cabin area** follow the meandering Des Plaines River. **Scottswood Common** & **Longcommon Common** serve as the backbone of Riverside's landscape architecture. Both were intended to be part of a green space stretching all the way to downtown Chicago. The triangle at **Longcommon & Downing** is one of the largest & most visible triangles in Riverside.

Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks in Riverside to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians & vehicles. His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth, eliminating weeds & opening up the river view. Join us as we tame, and then maintain your public parks of Riverside.

"We can reduce flooding by planting the native plants of Illinois, such as *Sorghastrum nutans* (Linnaeus) Nash (Poaceae) also known as ***Indian Grass***, shown here below:



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F.R.E.D. Lecture Reports with Cathy Maloney and Lois Kimmelman:

The latest lecture for the 2016-2017 FRED landscape design titled: "Gardens of the World." lecture series was held on Wednesday November 16th at the Riverside Public Library.



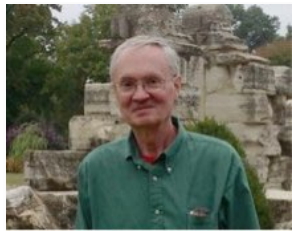
The topic was "Gardens of China"

GARDENS OF CHINA explored the rich legacy of Chinese gardens with a concentration on the gardens of Suzhou and the surrounding region. The talk concluded with examples of contemporary Chinese gardens and landscapes that extend this

garden heritage into current work by landscape architects in China.

RON HENDERSON, FASLA, is Professor and Director of the Master of Landscape Architecture Program at Illinois Institute of Technology and Founding Principal of L+A Landscape Architecture in Newport, Rhode Island. From 2005-2011, he was Professor of Landscape Architecture at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He is the author of THE GARDENS OF SUZHOU (University of Pennsylvania Press: 2012).

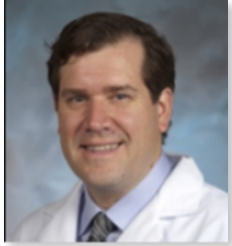
Long Range Planning Chairperson Jim Petrizilka:



The biggest obstacle ahead of us is the 50th anniversary of the society, but we need to start planning now. Connie is on the committee, but many volunteers are needed. We discussed what we should do to celebrate 50 years 1968 - 2018. Other dates to note, in 1868 Olmsted came to Riverside and in 2019 it will be 125 years since the plans of Riverside were created.

A Big Thank you to our Webmaster Tim Ozga, for all of his efforts in managing the web site and the emailed newsletters!

Webmaster (Dr.) Tim Ozga



Remembering Charlie Krebs:

In fond memory of Charley Krebs, a great cartoonist and a friend to the Olmsted Society.



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