

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

Thank you Peter!



The Olmsted Society has been proud to partner with Peter Boutsikakis of Riverside Foods to coordinate the HopStop Craft Beer fundraiser. To celebrate Peter's role in supporting the Olmsted Society, his commitment to the Riverside business community, and his belief in Olmsted's principles, the Olmsted Society purchased an American Hophornbeam (*Ostrya*) tree and planted it in Guthrie Park with coordination by the Village Forester and Ames school fifth graders on Arbor Day, Friday, April 28th. Village Forester, Mike Collins, provided a brief Arboretum tour prior to the ceremony.



Spring 2017

President's Letter

Dear Olmsted Society Members:

I am excited to begin my third term as President of the Olmsted Society. The dedicated core of volunteers who have led the organization over many years are inspirational in their commitment to community and long term preservation of the Olmsted legacy in Riverside.

Plans are afoot to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Olmsted Society founded in 1968, and to commemorate the founder, Robert Heidrich. For this special event, 50 trees will be planted during 2017 and 2018. We planted 10 trees at our April 29th workday and another 10 trees will be planted at our September 30th workday.

Members are encouraged to engage in the landscape workdays planned this season. One can see considerable progress on Riverside Drive on the banks of the Des Plaines River to eradicate invasive plants and improve the view. Come out with your kids, neighbors and others who may wish to improve the landscape of Riverside. The Village Forester, and Olmsted volunteers coordinate these events and the schedule can be found at olmstedsociety.org or visit our Facebook page.

We have made a consistent effort in the past years to present meaningful programs in partnership with the Riverside Library and then record the presentations for use on Riverside TV and YouTube. In the coming months, we plan to partner with the Morton Arboretum to present topics such as proper tree care, tree planting, tree identification, and invasive species control. Keep an eye on Channel 6 or come out to the Riverside Library to hear these sessions live.

Finally, as we look to the future, the Olmsted Society will continue to raise funds via walking tours, events, and membership dues. However, if you have the resources to endow landscape workdays, or other specific efforts, please let us know. In addition, please remember the Olmsted Society as a beneficiary in estate planning or memorial requests. The resilience of committed members created an organization that has lasted 50 years, and we look forward to the next 50!

Kind regards,

Robert Dixon
President, Olmsted Society



Free tours on June 8 celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th ***Historic Wright sites host neighborhood open houses in Chicago and Oak Park***

Join the party as the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust celebrates the 150th anniversary of the birth of the iconic architect with free tours and refreshments at the Trust's popular tour sites in Oak Park and Chicago.

Festive Neighborhood Open Houses will take place in the evening on Thursday, June 8, Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday, at the following locations:

- **Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio** (1889/1898), 6-8 p.m., 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. Wright's first home and studio is where the innovative architect experimented with design concepts and developed the Prairie style of architecture.
- **Frederick C. Robie House** (1908-10), 6-8 p.m., 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. This masterpiece of the Prairie style and icon of modern architecture with magnificent leaded glass windows is located on the University of Chicago campus.
- **Emil Bach House** (1915), 4-7 p.m., 7415 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. Built after Wright returned to the United States after an extended stay in Europe, this fully restored house is intimate in scale and points toward Wright's future stylistic direction.

Free tours at each building will be offered first-come, first-served. Refreshments will be served outdoors after guests complete their tours.

Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Spring Green, Wis. and made his name in the Chicago area, which boasts more Wright buildings than anywhere else.

His story is rich with the influences that sparked his imagination and shaped his completely original talent. He was a pioneer of many concepts that continue to apply to modern living in the 21st century, such as integrating architecture and interior design, combining architecture with the natural environment and incorporating an open interior floor plan in home design.

Wright began his career in 1887 in Chicago as an apprentice and later became a key assistant in Louis Sullivan's studio. After five years with Adler and Sullivan, Wright opened his own business and quickly built a successful practice, in demand for his distinctive, ground-hugging homes inspired by the flat Midwestern landscape. This vision for a new American architecture eventually became known as the Prairie style.

Landscape Committee Special Report with Cindy Kellogg and Holly Machina



2017 Landscape Work Day Schedule:

July 15th	9-12pm	Swan Pond
July 29th	9-12pm	Swan Pond
August 12th	9-12pm	Riverside Rd Weeding
Sept 9th	9-12pm	Riverside Rd plant native grasses & sedges
Sept 16th	9-12pm	Riverside Rd rain date - planting
Sept 30th	9-12pm	Indian Gardens plant 10 trees
October 14th	9-12pm	Scottswood Commons
October 28th	9-12pm	Riverside Rd native seed collecting



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large planting bed with the arborvitae along Longcommon Road.

Twenty four volunteers participated in mulching and planting 11 trees and shrubs that were donated by Morton Arboretum. We planted Bald Cypress trees, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Ninebark and Spicebush shrubs. Thank you Morton Arboretum for donating the plantings and for sharing your expertise in planting.



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Happy 50th Anniversary Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside.
To celebrate our Golden Jubilee, we plan to plant 50 trees during several workday in 2017 & 2018. The first 15 trees were planted at our workday on April 29, 2017 in Indian Gardens and another 10 trees will be planted at our September 30th workday.

Nine shrubs were also planted.

Tree planting was made possible with the awesome help of 28 Riverside-Brookfield High School students and 6 RB teachers and parents. A representative from Morton Arboretum was in attendance to promote and support volunteerism in the community. Twelve more volunteers from the Olmsted Society pitched in to help plant and remove invasive garlic mustard.

Students and our volunteers started the morning pulling garlic mustard for our annual Great Garlic Mustard Pull. We filled 10 large garbage bags with garlic mustard.

RB Students:



Tree Planting Lesson:



Planting:



Finished:



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.

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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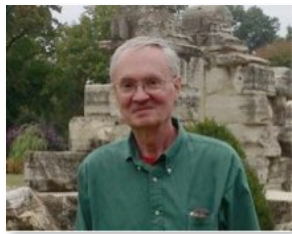
Sightsee! Shop! Dine!



Village Walking Tours for 2017 here:

2017 Tour Schedule

- June 25, (South side)
- July 30, (North side)
- August 27, (South side)
- September 17, (North side)
- October 29, (South side)



Golden Jubilee Celebration:

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is pleased to announce their Golden Jubilee in 2018. For the 50th Anniversary, 50 trees will be planted during 2017 and 2018 to honor Olmsted Society's founder, Robert Heidrich.

The first group of trees were planted in cooperation with the Village Forester in Indian Gardens on Fairbank Road on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Please check out our website, www.olmstedociety.org for additional information and volunteer workdays.

Golden Jubilee Celebration contacts:

Holly Machina & Cindy Kellogg, Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons
workdays@olmstedociety.org or 708-447-0226 or 708-442-1040

Michael Collins, Forester, Village of Riverside, 708-442-3590 x 502,
mcollins@riverside.il.us

Lecture Reports with Lois Kimmelman:



March 8: The Impacts of Exotic Species on Native Trees

In the first in a series of lectures called "From One Arboretum to Another," Lydia Scott of the Morton Arboretum spoke about the impacts of non-native plant species on Riverside's tree population. Ms. Scott is the Director of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative and Manager of the Morton Arboretum's Community Trees Program.

You can watch the recorded lecture [here](#)

April 18: How Berwyn is Going Green

Ruth Volbre, Assistant City Administrator for the City of Berwyn, shared success stories and gave examples of how Berwyn is undergoing a green makeover. She previewed an upcoming streetscape project and discussed flood-reducing features like permeable pavers and green alleys.

You can watch the recorded lecture [here](#)

May 11: What's Happening in Riverside Lawn?

Robert B. Rose, Jr., Executive Director of the Cook County Land Bank Authority, gave an update on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's project to buy Riverside Lawn homes in the Des Plaines River floodplain and return the area to its natural state.

You can watch the recorded lecture [here](#)

June 24: Pest or Problem: What May Be Lurking in Your Trees

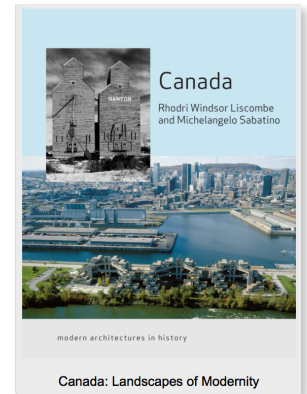
In the second of the "From One Arboretum to Another" lecture series, Tricia Bethke, Illinois Forest Pest Outreach Coordinator at the Morton Arboretum, will discuss how to identify new and emerging tree pests and diseases that threaten common trees. The lecture will be followed by a tree walk around Riverside to learn how to identify signs and symptoms of drought stress and potential pest infestations.

Lecture Review:



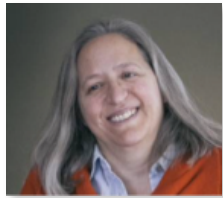
On Monday January 30th we enjoyed a presentation by our own Board Member Michelangelo Sabatino on his new book titled: *Canada: Landscapes of Modernity*

Please visit our web site through this link below to learn more about the relationship between Canada's modern architecture and the natural environment:

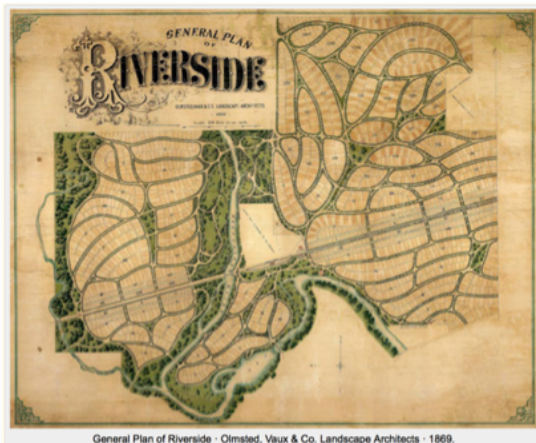


[Lecture - Canada: Landscapes of Modernity | Frederick Law Olmsted Society](#)

Membership Report - Theresa Pelletier



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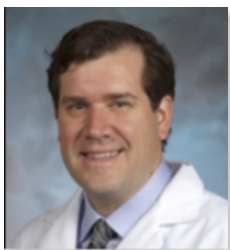
“We can reduce flooding by planting the native plants of Illinois, such as *Sorghastrum nutans* (Linnaeus) Nash (Poaceae) also known as ***Indian Grass***, shown here below:



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Webmaster (Dr.) Tim Ozga



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