Hop Stop 2017 was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who participated in Bright Beat’s Recycling, Composting & Zero Waste initiatives. As a result, Hop Stop created only 5 pounds of trash!

Bright Beat allowed us to communicate early with vendors on our goals, to separate waste streams, track and stow the waste as needed.

See Bright Beat’s Sustainability Report below here:
Hop Stop 2017

Thank you to: Bright Beat & Flood Brothers.
Many many thanks to Flood Brothers for once again funding the Zero Waste effort and to Bright Beat for helping us in our Zero Waste effort. Only 5 pounds of event material was trash.

Bright Beat’s Sustainability Report is continued below here:
Greetings Olmsted membership:

2017 has been a busy year for the Olmsted Society. We’ve had a number of excellent programs held at the library. And landscape work days have been tackling incredibly important green spaces in Riverside such as the Riverside Drive view and Swan Pond. As our climate changes to be more and more disruptive, the challenge of maintaining green space grows.

As I reflect on the past year, our efforts to provide unique lecture format programs, landscape work days, and fundraisers such as HopStop have succeeded in introducing people to Riverside and furthering Olmsted’s vision. I hope you can join us at the Annual Meeting in January to discuss our past victories and future plans for the society. Past presidents will share their experiences and reminisce about the past 50 years of Olmsted Society activities.

Best wishes for the New Year and for the next 50 years of the Olmsted Society!

Kind regards,

Robert Dixon
President
Olmsted Society

Annual Meeting:
Mark your calendar for the Olmsted Society’s annual meeting on Friday January 19, 2018 at 7:00pm to be held at the Riverside Train Station.

The nominating committee has completed their work and here are the nominees:

President- Cathy Maloney
Vice-President- Theresa Pelletier
Secretary- Janice O’Flaherty
Treasurer- Thomas Guardi
New Board members:
  Dan and Olivia Murphy
  Joanne Rogers

The renewing Board members are:
  Kim & Rob Dixon
  Sander Kaplan/Theresa Pelletier
  Cindy Kellogg
  Linda & Rick La Belle
  Sandie & Jim Petrzilka
Our local celebrity Board Member, Jim Petrzilka:
Watch the Fox 32 Video of Jim, also our resident Historian, during his interview of the bones found this past summer in the 1st division:

FOX 32 Video

Landscape Committee Special Report with Cindy Kellogg and Holly Machina

2017 Landscape Work Days Recap: Oct. 2nd:
Thanks to a beautiful day and 12 volunteers, along with Village Forester Michael Collins and Village staff, we planted 6 swamp white oak and 4 pecan trees in Indian Gardens to commemorate Olmsted Society’s Golden Anniversary.

We also planted 3 black oak trees in Indian Gardens that were generously donated by FLOS Lifetime Member, Ted Smith.

Landscape Committee is well on the way to planting 50 trees in celebration of FLOS’ Golden Jubilee in 2018. In cooperation with the Village Forester and staff, during 2017 we planted 25 trees in Indian Gardens on two separate workdays.
We also planted 10 black oak trees that were donated to FLOS by President Emeritus, Ted Smith.
During this summer and fall we weeded, mulched, removed invasive species at several public areas. We also collected and scattered seeds and planted grasses and sedges along Riverside Road. We had a workday at Swan Pond and then later members of FLOS assisted Riverside Public Works with planting 10,000 grasses and sedges.
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.

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.

Jim Petrzilka
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.

Golden Jubilee Celebration contacts:
Holly Machina & Cindy Kellogg, Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons workdays@olmstedsociety.org or 708-447-0226 or 708-442-1040

Michael Collins, Forester, Village of Riverside, 708-442-3590 x 502, mcollins@riverside.il.us
Village Walking Tours for 2018 will be listed in our Spring newsletter.

Lecture Reports with Lois Kimmelman:

October 24: Restoring Wright Buildings to their Rightful Brilliance:

Gunny Harboe, the renowned head of Harboe Architects, gave an inside view of the processes used in the restoration of two of Frank Lloyd Wright’s gems: the recently completed Unity Temple in Oak Park and the soon-to-begin Robie House in Chicago. He focused on the interiors of these early masterworks and discussed how, through a detailed and disciplined process of forensic investigation, the beauty of these spaces is being brought back to life.

Watch Restoring Wright Buildings here

November 9: Salt Creek Greenway Development and Future Connection with Centennial Trail:

Bicycle path design expert David Landeweer, a Senior Project Manager with TERRA Engineering, spoke about what’s ahead for connections between trails like the Salt Creek Greenway and the Centennial Trail that runs from Willow Springs Road in Cook County to Will County. He discussed what it takes to build a trail that spans two counties, and offers access to natural beauty and cultural heritage to bicyclists, hikers, and joggers.

Watch the Salt Creek Greenway & the Centennial Trail connections lecture:

“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:
Board Member featured in ITT Magazine:

**In His Own Words**

Architect and historian Michelangelo Sabatino considers the rhizome, a plant system utilizing both vertical and horizontal roots, as a perfect visual metaphor exemplifying specificity and interconnectedness as two separate but equally important concepts that make for a holistic educational environment. On the Illinois Tech faculty since 2014 as professor and director of the architecture Ph.D. program, Sabatino considers his vision for the college now as interim dean of the College of Architecture.

I seek to rethink the relationship between our college, IIT, Chicago, and the rest of the world. We are more powerful if we identify opportunities where we can collectively be more impactful as a college of architecture by way of strategic collaborations with the Institute of Design or Armour College of Engineering, for example. While the very nature of education is specialized, the learning process does not stop at colleges. I am a big proponent of the built environment, when you say architecture instead of built environment, you're putting all of the agency on the architect whereas we all know that architects are hugely important in many aspects leading up to the design. You need great collaborators in engineers, landscape architects, urban planners, just to name a few, in order to make anything really work. So I would stress built environment over architecture with a capital A. That's a bit of a provocation, I understand. But when you think about it, roads and infrastructure are equally as important as the building. We have various degree programs in the College of Architecture, but we also have the M.L.A. + U [landscape architecture and urbanism] program. When we talk about the legacy of the College of Architecture, I think we tend to give almost too much importance to [Ludwig] Mies [van der Rohe]. He was certainly an innovator of huge impact, but he was also a man who collaborated. Three greats have influenced us at the school—Mies, Ludwig Hilberseimer, and Alfred Caldwell. Lafayette Park—a residential neighborhood realized in Detroit during the late 1950s and 1960s—is the result of a collaboration between them. My ambition is to think carefully about what it means to be a global architect today. To be a global architect you actually have to experiment with a local context that you learn from to apply your skills to other contexts. Take, for example, when Mies came to this city. Gary, Indiana, was a huge producer of steel. It was not only that, Mies loved steel as an aesthetic, but the proximity to Gary also made the choice affordable. If one thinks of a building only in terms of aesthetics, you really don't understand the context. Mies learned from America, and America learned from him. Being in Chicago was hugely important for him—he used what he learned in Europe, took it forward, and increased his oeuvre. —As told to Marsha Faye
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!

Thank you to all our generous and loyal members. Your membership is vital to our success and we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to each of you.

Mighty Oak
Thomas and Connie Guardi
Jeff and Jacqueline Miller
Jim and Sandie Petrzilka
Theodore Smith and Susan Shipper Smith

Sugar Maple
Coombes Family, Kim and Ruth Freeark, Michelle Huhnke, David Scheffer, Sander Kaplan and Theresa Pelletier, Linda and Rick Labelle, Dorothea Lidd Skiest and Steve Skiest, Thomas J. Litwiler, Yvonne and Jim Lucero, Cathy and Mike Maloney, Timothy Osga and Aberdeen Marsh-Osga, Elaine Pesavento, Douglas and Kathleen Pletcher, Abigail and Greg Randall, Julie and John Schaff, Mark and Dorothy Sikora, Prof. Kathryn Stanley Podwall, Jay and Joyce Van Cura

Hearty Hickory
Thomas and Janice Barr, Randy and Paula Jo Belice, Donald and Jeneane Blom, Carol and Brouk, James H. Brynjarson and Leona Hubatch, Nancy and Sam Osmell, Julie Cooney, Kim and Rob Dixon, Elizabeth and Brian Duke, Dean and Ella Mae Eastman, John Fameda and Fanie Greeff, Bob Fins, John and Katherine Flaherty, David and Trish Flassing, Rachael and Luigi Franceschina, Mary Geroch, Martha and Lou Heine, Kevin Hicks and Toni Mark Hicks, Mark Hill, Carolyn Huson, Ann Kaplan, Joanne and John Keefe, Cindy Kellogg, Laurie Kenfield and Mike Kelleher, Lois Kimmelman, Alfred Knitch, Troy and Shari Kyber, John Kolar, Dr. Michael and Mrs. Linda Kowalik, Jane Kunka, Ingrid Lulich, Anthony J. Mourek, Daniel Murphy and Olivia Barraza, Anthony and Phyliss Pecelunas, Carole Pollitz, Cecelia Radlowski, Diane and James Richards, Marilyn and Bruce Russell, Dorothy Schroeder, Mark Shevitz and Amy Jacksic, Peter and Sluka, James and Donna Ulrich

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The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is a registered 501c3 organization. The Society is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted’s vision for Riverside for generations to come.

Its members are guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community, and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work.

The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment, and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.