

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

Presidents message for the Fall Newsletter:
Olmsted Society President Cathy Maloney



Dear Members and Friends,

Who knew we were so young, even as we reach a 150th Birthday?! The Sesquicentennial of Olmsted and Vaux's Plan for Riverside (1869) offers a wide variety of activities (see the Village web page for a complete list <http://www.riverside.il.us/497/Celebrate-the-Sesquicentennial>). The Olmsted Society is pleased to sponsor many of these events.

We need you! Our survey of members and non-members last fall revealed that you would like the Society to offer more opportunities to get together. Come to our Volunteer Open House on the evening of April 2 and enjoy a happy hour at Chew Chew. See how you can join in many of the sesquicentennial events and meet fellow Riversiders – whether you have an hour a day or more to spare!

First up, our traditional Arbor Day/Olmsted Birthday celebration on April 27 (a day late, but good green fun!). On our landscape workday, help plant a tree and then savor cupcakes in honor of Olmsted.

A historic first: BioBlitz! on May 10-11. Co-sponsored with the Landscape Advisory Commission with funding from Openlands, BioBlitz is the first-ever census of Riverside's wildlife. Scientists and citizen-scientists will count and identify birds, mammals, insects, plants and more in a one-day extravaganza. Watch our website for details and how to register.

The lecture lineup this year promises some interesting topics and big names. Be on the lookout! And, a blockbuster weekend on September 28 will bring the Society's popular HopStop and an old favorite, Housewalk together on one day.

The Society's poetry contest for grade school children will have a Sesquicentennial theme. Can you help with the planning or judging of entries?

The Fourth of July parade committee needs some help planning and decorating for a 150th theme. Can you spare an hour or two?

Riverside may be 150 years old, but the Olmsted Society is just getting bigger and better. Please – come to some of the events! Get together with your neighbors and celebrate!

Cathy

FLOS Volunteer Happy Hour on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 at the Chew Chew Cafe. All are invited!

At the end of 2018, a survey was sent out to those who've attended Olmsted Society events (members and non-members) and covered all aspects of our outreach: from Workdays to Walking Tours, from Lectures to our annual Poetry Contest, and even our larger fundraisers like the Hopstop and the Housewalks. The response was overwhelming. The vast majority of respondents shared a common bond of living in the wonderful Village of Riverside and provided input into how the Olmsted Society can best serve our community.

Several themes arose from your survey responses, including a desire to know more about what we do and an interest in finding out how someone living in Riverside can get involved with our many events. There was also significant interest in having more opportunities to gather with other members of the Olmsted Society outside of our Annual Meeting.

To this end, we have decided to host a FLOS Volunteer Happy Hour on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 at the Chew Chew Cafe. All are invited! Members of the FLOS Board will be on hand to meet and greet all who attend, and our Committee chairs will have information available for the numerous outreach programs offered by FLOS including:

Hopstop and Housewalk — In recognition of the Village's Sesquicentennial, The Olmsted Society will combine our annual Hopstop craft beer festival with a special South Division Housewalk to feature some of the Masterworks of Riverside's architecture.

Education and Tours — Provides guided walking tours of Riverside at 2 PM on the last Sunday of the month (May through October) and group tours by special arrangement, sponsors lectures and tours for students in Riverside schools; funds special projects related to botany and landscaping.

Landscape — Helps maintain Riverside parks, works with community groups to enhance riverfront, sponsors Olmsted portion of the co-op tree-planting program and provides landscape tours.

Membership/Media — Recruits members, maintains membership listing, communicates with members regarding Society's activities. This includes work on our website, social media and print media including our quarterly Newsletter.

Poetry Contest — Builds and maintains social outreach through our annual student poetry contest and summer Poetry Reading at the Brookfield Zoo.

Fourth of July — Community outreach through participation in the Village's Fourth of July events.

So please join us for a drink and a chance to say hello and learn more about the Olmsted Society. Members and non-members welcome!



FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY 2019 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

Please join us to help restore a landmark of Riverside!

Saturday, April 13th, 2019

9am - 12pm

Harrington Park

(Delaplaine & Olmsted)

In 2019, we are teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces.

The parks along **Riverside Road** & around **Indian Gardens** follow the meandering Des Plaines River. **Scottswood Common** & Longcommon Common, including **Big Ball Park**, serves 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. It is complemented by the nearby triangle at **Longcommon & Kent** with its majestic Oak trees. **Harrington Park**, along Harlem Avenue, is the most recent green space to be designated as a Public Park. **Patriots Park**, along 26th Street, is the newest playground constructed.

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.

All workdays are scheduled for **Saturdays from 9am-12pm**. Look for the Riverside Public Works dump truck. Come for an hour or three, whatever your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves & a water bottle. All other supplies & snacks will be provided.

Future Workdays:

April 27 th Weeding & planting	9am – 12pm	Longcommon & Kent Triangle –
May 4 th Patriots Park –	9am – 12pm	Indian Gardens (Scout Cabin area) &
		RB Day of Service & Arbor Day Celebration &
Olmsted's Bday!		
June 1 st	9am – 12pm	Big Ball Park – Mulching
June 22 nd	9am – 12pm	Big Ball Park – Mulching
July 27 th	9am – 12pm	Riverside Road – Weeding
Aug 24 th mulching	9am – 12pm	Scottswood Commons – Weeding &
Sept 7 th	9am – 12pm	Patriots Park – Weeding
Sept 21 st	9am – 12pm	Riverside Road – Weeding
Oct 5 th sedges	9am – 12pm	Riverside Road – Plant native grasses &
Oct 12 th (rain date)	9am – 12pm	Riverside Road – Native seed collecting
Nov 2 nd & mulching	9am – 12pm	Longcommon & Downing – Weeding

For more information or to be added to our FLOS landscape committee e-list, please contact:

Holly Machina & Cindy Kellogg, Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons

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Michael Collins, Village Forester

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June 2018 FLOS workday:



2019 FLOS Elections:

FLOS Board of Directors:

President: Cathy Maloney
Vice-President: Cindy Kellogg
Secretary: Olivia Barraza Murphy
Treasurer: Theresa Pelletier

Renewing Board members:

Yvonne Lucero and Jim Harrington
Holly Machina and Jason Kinnan
Janice O'Flaherty
Tony and Phyllis Pecelunas

New Board Members:

Bob and Judy Finn
Corina and Stefan Pambuccian
Diana and Jim LaMantia

Lecture Reports with Dan Murphy:

Upcoming lectures:

Olmsted's Offspring from Riverside to Seaside

Sunday, March 24, 2019

1:00PM

Riverside Public Library



Olmsted's Offspring from Riverside to Seaside

Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk will present
"Olmsted's Offspring: From Riverside
to Seaside"

on **Sunday March 24 at 1:00 PM** in
the Main Room at the Riverside Public
Library.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside will host this presentation given by Ms. Plater-Zyberk, an internationally-recognized architect, urban designer and planner.

Ms. Plater-Zyberk will address the influence of Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture, on contemporary urban design, the process of new town planning and her own recent work for the historic railroad suburbs along Philadelphia's Main Line.

Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk is a founder and principal with DPZ Partners, the innovative firm that designed the town of Seaside, Florida and numerous other new town and community revitalization projects world-wide. The firm's designs reflect the growing concern for sustainability, mixed modes of transportation, a sense of place and community, and overall quality of life.

Ms. Plater-Zyberk has over thirty years of experience in a variety of projects at every scale; from regional plans and municipal zoning codes, downtown and neighborhood revitalizations, new towns and neighborhoods, to streetscapes and building designs. She is also co-author of "Suburban Nation: the Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream" and "New Civic Art: Elements of Town Planning." Ms. Plater-Zyberk is one of the founders of the Congress for the New Urbanism, an organization that has had increasing influence on current real estate development, urban planning, and land-use practices.

Join us for an informative, illustrated presentation that addresses the legacy of Olmsted as it relates to town planning today. The presentation is geared for a general audience but, given Ms. Plater-Zyberk's prominence in the field, will interest professionals, as well.

FLOS Housewalk will be held on September 28, 2019 and will be combined with Hopstop.

- The housewalk will be from 12:00pm to 4:00pm and the Hopstop will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
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- The Housewalk Masterworks I will include six houses. The houses will have video interpretation instead of docents.

Sesquicentennial Village of Riverside 1869 – 2019:

Sesquicentennial Planning-**BioBlitz** is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019.

BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time (usually 24 hours).

At a BioBlitz, scientists, naturalists and volunteers of the community work to get a snapshot of an area's biodiversity.



Poetry Contest Report with Aberdeen Ozga:

School Districts 96 and 208 are invited to participate in the annual poetry contest. Contest runs in May to coincide with National Poetry month. The July poetry meeting at the Brookfield Zoo is sponsored by the Zoo and the Riverside Public Library.



Membership Report - Linda LaBelle

There are 83 plus renewals so far. In 2018 there were 140 plus families who renewed their membership.

[Join or Renew Your Membership Here](#)

Or Just print and mail the form below:

Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

PO Box 65

Riverside, Illinois 60546

Thank you for your continued support!

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

Founded in 1968, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the original plan for Riverside. The town was developed in 1868 by Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his business partner Calvert Vaux.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for the current calendar year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31), and is tax deductible. It includes your immediate family members living in your household. Please return this form with your **check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society PO Box 65, Riverside, IL 60546** or join online at www.olmstedsociety.org and select the Membership tab.

MEMBERSHIP:

___ *Reliable Redbud* \$35-\$49 \$ _____

___ *Hearty Hickory* \$50-\$124 \$ _____

___ *Sugar Maple* \$125-\$249 \$ _____
(includes 2 walking tour tickets)

___ *Mighty Oak* \$250 + \$ _____
(includes 4 walking tour tickets)

___ New Member

___ Renewal

___ Gift Membership

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

COMMITTEES:

Put your talent to work & your energy to good use by joining a committee!

- ___ Architecture
- ___ Education & Tours
- ___ Fundraising events:
 - ___ Hop Stop
 - ___ Housewalk
- ___ 4th of July Parade Float
- ___ Landscape Workdays
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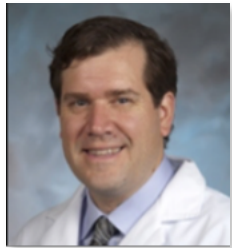
Jim Petrzilka

2019 Walking Tours:

Watch for our upcoming schedule in the Winter newsletter

Experience Riverside with a walking tour as Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks in Riverside to provide changing vistas for pedestrians.

**Subscribe to our Newsletter by emailing us at:
newsletter@olmstedsociety.org**



Webmaster (Dr.) Tim Ozga

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

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.

Check out our Social Media link for information on upcoming events:
[facebook.com//RiversideFLOS](https://facebook.com/RiversideFLOS)

To promote more biodiversity in your yard, plant native plants of Illinois, such as *Sorghastrum nutans* (Linnaeus) Nash (Poaceae) also known as **Indian Grass**, shown here:

