

# The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

*Stewards of the land and Olmsted's plan*

Winter 2020 Newsletter

## *Our Mission*

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its members are guided by Olmsted's 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.

## *Upcoming Events*

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## *Nominations for FLOS Board of Directors*

The Nominating Committee of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is pleased to announce the following candidates for the society's Board of Directors:

### Officers

- President: Yvonne Lucero
- Vice-President: Cindy Kellogg
- Secretary: Theresa Pelletier
- Treasurer: Joanne Rogers

### Renewing Board Members

- Kim & Rob Dixon
- Sander Kaplan & Theresa Pelletier
- Cindy Kellogg
- Linda & Rick Labelle
- Dan Murphy & Olivia Barraza-Murphy
- Sandie & Jim Petrzilka
- Joanne Rogers

### New Board Members

- Bridget Doherty & Leon Pietrowski
- Matthew Rogina

Officers and new board members will be elected, and renewing board members will be confirmed, at the Olmsted Society's Annual Meeting on January 15, 2021.

## *Annual Meeting*

### Friday, January 15, 2021 at 7 PM Online Only

This year, the Olmsted Society's Annual Meeting **will not** be held at the Village Hall auditorium as in the past. With the resurgence of Coronavirus (COVID) cases in recent months, FLOS leadership decided to conduct the annual meeting as an entirely online event.

You can attend the meeting using the [Zoom](#) web conferencing platform with your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. A link to the Annual Meeting on Zoom will be provided in a separate email to FLOS members.

Join us for the election of new officers and board members, as well as annual committee reports. These will be followed by a presentation by Riverside Village Forester Michael Collins.

We hope you can attend!



## Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

### A Tree Guy in Shanghai: A Forester in a Foreign Land

Friday, January 15, 2021 as part of the Annual Meeting



In 2019, Riverside Village Forester Michael Collins was invited to participate in an exchange activity in Shanghai, China. In this illustrated presentation, Michael will review his week-long trip and provide a pictorial journey of his experiences in China. He will share some of his insights into forestry in China and discuss some of his observations from abroad.

Michael Collins has been Riverside's Village Forester for over 15 years. He received his B.S. degree in Forestry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his M.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a certified arborist and municipal specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and trained for Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. Michael is also co-chair for the Tree Stewardship and Planting workgroup as part of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative. Prior to his arrival in Riverside, Michael worked at The Morton Arboretum and Cantigny Gardens.

## 2020 Year in Review

Although many of the Olmsted Society's programs and events were cancelled or scaled down in 2020, we continued to serve the community and even had some fun. Here are some facts and figures regarding FLOS's efforts this year.

### Poetry Contest

- 5 overall winners
- 6 schools, including entrants from 2 new schools
- 35 poets from 1st Grade to High School

### Riverside Family Trivia Night

- 22 Mighty Oaks (adult players)
- 4 Young Saplings (kids and families)
- 99 questions
- 150+ years of Riverside's people, landscape, architecture, and more
- A good time had by all!

### Landscape Workdays

- 7 workdays, 6 under COVID restrictions
- 72 volunteers
- 216 hours donated beautifying Village green spaces by weeding, mulching & planting
- 50 trees planted on Longcommon (donated by a longtime volunteer)
- 10 American Larch trees donated

### Walking Tours

- (Despite a late start)
- 10 tours; regular, special and (new this year) family tours
- 56 attendees in all
- 7 docent guides
- \$885 to fund the FLOS mission



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Subscribe to our newsletter by emailing us at: [newsletter@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@olmstedsociety.org)

Check out our social media links for information on upcoming events:

 [facebook.com/RiversideFLOS](https://facebook.com/RiversideFLOS)

 [twitter.com/RiversideFLOS](https://twitter.com/RiversideFLOS)

Visit the Olmsted Society website at:

[olmstedsociety.org](http://olmstedsociety.org)

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 minimum \$35.00 tax-deductible contribution by check or you can subscribe or renew online:

[FLOS Membership Renewal Form](#)

If you prefer, print and mail the form below:

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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](http://www.olmstedsociety.org) and select the Membership tab.

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