

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

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Winter 2021 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.

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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

(One-year term)

- President: Dr. Yvonne Lucero
- Vice-President: Jim Petrzilka
- Secretary: Susan Worthington
- Treasurer: Kim Freeark

Renewing Directors

(Three-year term)

- Bridget Doherty
- Jim Harrington
- Jason Kinnan
- Dr. Yvonne Lucero
- Holly Machina
- Janice O'Flarhety
- Leon Pietrowski
- Matt Rogina

New Directors

(Three-year term)

- Lisa Lambros
- Chris Wieland
- Erin Wieland

Officers and new board members will be elected and renewing board members will be confirmed at the Olmsted Society's Annual Meeting on January 21, 2022.

Annual Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022, at 7 PM in the Riverside Township Hall Auditorium

To kick off 2022, we will host our Annual Meeting on Friday, January 21, 7:00 PM, at the Riverside Township (Village) Hall Auditorium. All are invited.

Following the election of new Officers and the business portion of the meeting, Dr. Spencer Cortwright will present, *The Gem of Chicago Wilderness: Ecology and Restoration of the Greatest Ecological Area in the U. S.*, with

At the meeting, there will be a Membership Table where you can join the Olmsted Society or pay your annual dues.

We look forward to seeing you!



Presentation: “The Gem of Chicago Wilderness” with Spencer Cortwright

Friday, January 21, 2022, in the Riverside Township Hall Auditorium

Immediately following the Annual Meeting

In his presentation, *The Gem of Chicago Wilderness: Ecology and Restoration of the Greatest Ecological Area in the U. S.*, Dr. Spencer Cortwright will introduce us to what, for many, may be an under-appreciated treasure, our Chicago Wilderness. A look at the numbers reveals that the Chicago Wilderness is the greatest ecological area in the U. S. Dr. Cortwright will describe major geological, climatological, and other environmental factors that produced this local ecological gem. Examples of the region’s spectacular ecological habitats, such as dune and swale, oak savanna, prairie, forest, and fens, will be presented. The importance of restoration activities for preserving the Chicago Wilderness will be discussed. Join us for this illustrated, informative presentation by Dr. Spencer Cortwright, a scholar and practitioner of ecological preservation in the Chicago area.



Spencer Cortwright was born and raised in Riverside, Illinois. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from Washington University in St. Louis. After a year employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Spencer earned his Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Indiana University in Bloomington. This was followed by teaching and research in his post-doctoral training at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He has been a professor of biology at Indiana University Northwest where he has taught and performed research since fall of 1992. Spencer has worked in restoration ecology for nearly 20 years.



Somme Woods Nature Preserve in Northbrook, Illinois before (left) and after ecological restoration efforts



Tributes & Trees Program

Linda LaBelle & Sandie Petrzilka

Tributes & Trees Co-Chairs

Ever wish you could perform a random act of kindness and beautify a National Historic Landmark at the same time? Now you can with the Olmsted Society's Tributes & Trees Program. The program allows you to make donations that recognize others: for a memorial, a "thank you," or a special event. All donations will be used to enhance Riverside's landscape.

See the [Tributes & Trees Program page](#) on the FLOS website for more details. If you have any questions, contact tributes@olmstedsociety.org.

Tributes & Trees Recognizes

Ginny Beall's fond memories of growing up in Riverside

Donors: Scott & Ginny Beall

In Memory of John Farneda

Donor: Dorothy Schroeder

In Memory of Else Herdegen

Donors: James Bryniarski and Leona Hubatch





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Subscribe to our newsletter by emailing us at:

newsletter@olmstedsociety.org

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

 facebook.com/RiversideFLOS

 twitter.com/RiversideFLOS

Visit the Olmsted Society website at:

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:

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.

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