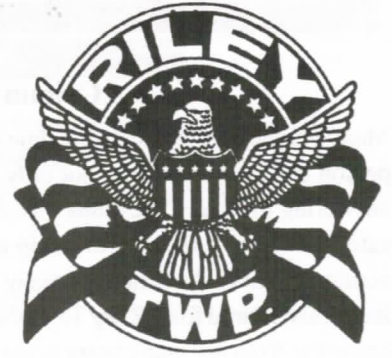


THE RILEY REPORT

News of the Township,

by Supervisor Donna Bernardi



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A new four year term for Township Officials is under way. The new Board of Trustees will have many decisions to undertake in the next 4 years. Some of the projects the Board is currently considering is the Township's Route 23 property and what course of action will be taken with the existing house and garage. The Board is also pondering the idea of a possible Web Site for the Township. This will enable us to post the information that is regularly sought after.

The Riley Town Board is an active member of the Greater Marengo-Union Area Watershed Planning Project. We meet with Seneca, Marengo, and Coral Townships, along with the City of Marengo and the Village of Union, assisted by the Metropolitan Planning Council, The Open lands Project and The Campaign for Sensible Growth. Our goal is to create an inter-governmental land use plan to ensure future water availability and quality.

At the time of print, Riley Township has 5 different developers seeking zoning changes. Developer Leonard Besinger is seeking the County's approval for a gated subdivision with 28 homes on approximately 114 acres on West Coral Road, east of IL Route 23. Centrum Properties is looking for an annexation agreement with the City of Marengo. They have over 200 acres along Meyer Road proposing to put in over 250 new homes. Clover Way Development has just recently

put in a petition for a zoning reclassification from A-1 to E-1 (Estate Zoning) on 73 acres in the township. This site is located on the west side of Maple Street, approximately 1/4 mile north of the intersection of Coral West Road and Maple Street.

And seventeen acres on the southwest corner of West Coral Road and Maple Street from A-1 to E-2 are awaiting development. Although these changes are still in the planning stages, their outcome will have a lasting effect on our community and the services that are provided.

The Riley Township Board of Trustees has appointed three new Board Members to the Plan Commission. John Bussert, Chairman, Louis Jurisch, and Thomas Hines, join existing members Alan Stromberg, Secretary, and Jim Gallagher on the Riley Township Plan Commission. The Plan Commission is a board of volunteers, who not only suggest updates to our Comprehensive Plan but also makes recommendations to the Township Board on zoning issues that take place within our township.

The Plan Commission meets the 1st Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall on Riley Road. All meetings are open to the public.

A Grimm Day for Riley Township

Many people do not realize the time and dedication it takes to be a Township Official. A person spends many hours not only doing the tasks assigned to the job, but also answering the many questions that your friends and neighbors ask. It takes a dedicated person to run for a Township office and an even more dedicated person to continue to hold the office for many years. In May of this year, one such dedicated individual retired from Riley Township. Her name is Pat Grimm. I am sure many of you know Pat from her many years of service with Riley Township. She started as Township Clerk in 1986 and served for 11 years. She attempted to retire from the Township once, but was later appointed as Township Trustee. When she left office in May she had a combined total of 18 years of dedicated service with Riley Township. Fortunately for us she still lives in Riley Township, and she is always willing to extend a helping hand. At her last official meeting, the Riley Township board passed a resolution honoring Pat Grimm for her 18 years of superior service and infinite wisdom. Her years of experience and wisdom will be hard to replace. She will be greatly missed.



Pictured from left to right is Pat Grimm with Riley Township Clerk Karen Schnable.

READING YOUR POSTCARD

From Your Riley Township Tax Assessor, Barb Rooney

PARCEL NO:	16-00-000-000	0040 (Classification of Land) ex:	0040 Residential / Single Family
ASSD TO:	YOUR NAME		0011 Farm w/Bldg No O.O. 0070 Office w/Bldgs
ACRES	SIZE OF LOT OR ACREAGE		
	2003		
VALUE	VALUE	EQUALIZED	
LAND / LOT	15,000	15,000	15,000 (assessed value of land (does not include farmland. This is only the land your house is on.)
FARMLAND	300	250	250 (assessed value of farmland (does not include land/lot)
BUILDING	40,000	40,000	40,000 (assessed value of house and buildings not zoned for agricultural use)
FARMBLDG	9,000	9,000	9,000 (assessed value of buildings zoned for agricultural use)
TOTAL	64,300	64,250	64,250

REASON FOR CHANGE:

TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION 1.000 (This is used to bring an equalized level of assessment Township, County, and State wide. This year Riley's level is 1.000 which is why your Equalized column remains the same as the 2003 column. If the equalization number was anything other than 1.000 the last column would change accordingly.)

FARMLAND REVALUATION (There are many reasons for a changed assessment.)

Most common are; new construction, additions, deck, central air, farmland revaluation, etc.

ADJUSTED MEDIAN LEVEL 33.33%

This number is a common percentage; you multiply each value to come up with the replacement cost of new (what it would cost to rebuild your home new). For example:

LAND / LOT: \$15,000 x 3.333 = \$ 49,995
 BUILDINGS: \$40,000 x 3.333 = \$ 133,320
 TOTAL: \$ 183,315

(similar to the market value)

N.W. HERALD COPY AVAILABLE: 2.00
 (N.W. Herald will provide a copy for \$2.50)

MAIL TO: Your Address

To figure an APPROXIMATE tax bill, take the total equalized value and multiply by your tax rate (this is found on the bottom right hand corner of your regular tax bill.)

Example: Total Equalized Value \$64,000 x .071358 (tax rate) = \$4,566.91 (this is an approximate figure. The tax rate sometimes changes from year to year.)

Winter Parking Restrictions on Township Roads

In order for our crews to efficiently maintain township roads during the winter, parking restrictions are placed on all subdivision roads within the Riley Township Road District jurisdiction. The Ordinance, passed in 1998, restricts parking on all roads from a period of November 15th to April 15th. Vehicles in violation of the ordinance will be towed at owner's expense in addition to the fines assessed by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

The following streets and subdivisions are subject to the ordinance:

Banghart Subdivision—	Norway Court	Hidden Farm Estates Subdivision -	Wildrose Lane
Beh Lake Subdivision -	Mary Street	Lakewood Drive	
	Helen Street	Maple Lake Shores Subdivision -	Demmings Drive
	Alta Drive		Delks Drive
Beth Court		North Hill Road	
Coral Oaks Subdivision -	Oak Creek Lane	South Hill Road	
	Acorn Lane	South Ridge Subdivision—	All Streets
	Coral Oaks Lane		

All other roads maintained by the Road District had been and still are subject to a No Parking Ordinance enforced by the sheriff. The Road District appreciates your cooperation in helping us to clear your roadways during the winter season.

NOTICE TO SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS:

During the winter months on your designated garbage pick-up days, please place your trash bags and cans *inside* the end of your driveway instead of out on the road. This enables our plowing crews to plow back the entire road instead of weaving around cans and bags. It also prevents the occasional knocked down can which unnecessarily litters our roads.

Winter Driving Skills

PROBLEM: The chances of an accident increase with bad weather during the winter months.

WHAT CAN ALL DO: Here are some tips for winter driving:

- Slow down on ice or snow. Braking distances on ice can increase from four to ten times normal. Avoid slamming on the brakes.
- In case of a skid, turn the front wheels in the direction of the skid.

- If you can see a slick spot ahead, slow down gradually by taking your foot off the accelerator to keep more control of your vehicle.
- Keep your windshield washer tank completely full.
- When it snows, clean both the front and back windows of your vehicle completely. A peephole is simply not enough and you'll probably be stopped by the police.



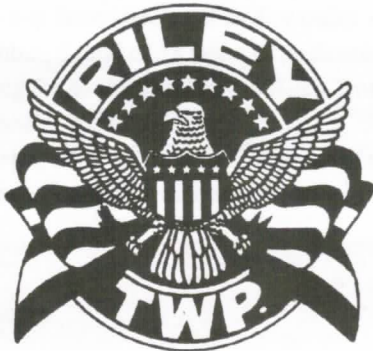
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We Work for you!



Your Riley Township Board of Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of every month. We meet at 7 pm in the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

- Medicare D -

Are you or someone you know confused about Medicare D?

Are you worried about how it may affect your Circuit Breaker or Senior Care program?

The Enrollment period begins November 15, 2005 and ends May 15, 2006.

For help you can contact the Illinois Department on Aging Helpline at 1-800-252-8966.

Locally, you can contact Cindy Bock of Senior Service at (815) 344-3555.

Help is also available from the state's Senior Health Insurance Program office at (815) 759-4203 or toll-free at (800) 548-9034.

BREAK THE SILENCE

**Report Elder Abuse
1-800-252-8966**

(Voice and TTY)

**Elder Abuse
After-Hours Hotline:
1-800-279-0400**

**Report Child Abuse
1-800-252-2873**