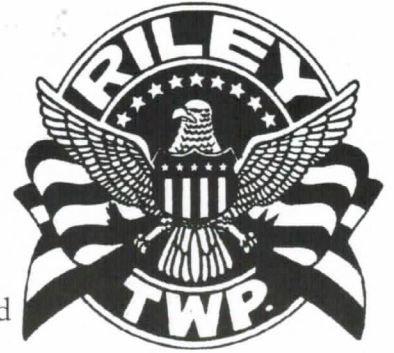


THE RILEY REPORT

News of the Township,

by Supervisor Donna Bernardi



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I would like to remind everyone that a lot of hard work is done by many volunteers in our community. An example is the Riley Township Cemetery Board. This group is made up of 5 volunteers that do a great service for the community, yet goes unnoticed. Besides the usual clean up that they provide every spring, they put the brush in hand and painted the wrought iron fences. This is more work than it appears and we would like to thank Clarice Dahlman, Chairperson, Donna Oberg, Treasurer, Karen Dornick, Secretary, Bill Eschbach, and Dean Steffen for all their hard work. The Riley Cemetery is also home to historical grave markers that were in need of repair. Weather does hardship to these monuments. The Board had a company come out and do some patching and re-leveling, giving back some dignity to the graves they mark.



Another group of volunteers is The Riley Township Plan Commission. The Plan Commission is currently Chaired by John Bussert, Jim Gallagher, Louis Jurisch and Thomas Hines, who volunteer their time and talents to giving some direction to our community. These gentlemen review zoning changes and conditional use permits that are requested for approval from McHenry County in Riley Township. They then convey their findings to the Riley Township Board of Trustees. This enables the Board of Trustees to make a more informed decision when voting on Resolutions made to voice the opinion of said requests throughout the township.

The Riley Township Plan Commission had to regretfully say goodbye to Commissioner Alan Stromberg. Alan made quite a contribution to the Plan Commission during the time he served and served generously. Anyone residing in Riley Township that takes an interest in how our community will take shape in the future, should consider filling the open position

The Plan Commission is a Board of 5 volunteers which act as advisors to the Township Board of Trustees in regards to zoning issues in the township. Please contact the Riley Township Clerk, Karen Schnable, 815/568-7335, if interested in joining

An example of a subdivision that was reviewed and recommended for approval to the County Board is Liberty Arbour. Liberty Arbour is a subdivision located on South Route 23 adjacent to South Ridge Subdivision seeking approval from the McHenry County Board. This is 47 acres being zoned E1 to provide 36 single family homes.

Pandemic Influenza Facts

As Township Supervisor, I feel it is important to make all of the Riley Township Citizens aware of the issues concerning Pandemic Influenza. All branches of government seem to be spending quite a lot of time and money on this subject. Riley Township did apply, but unfortunately was not one of the local governmental agencies that will be receiving grant money from the County Health Department to be used for educating their constituents. I do feel it is very important to share the information I have learned from attending various county wide meetings on the subject and literature I have read from various organizations. Please make it your business to be informed on this subject.

We have all seen the word ***Pandemic Influenza*** used throughout the media. What is the definition? *Pandemic* means global and *Influenza* means flu. Pandemic Influenza therefore, is a global outbreak of a new flu virus and one that will cause serious human illness.

Seasonal Influenza occurs every year, it spreads easily from person to person, it is unpleasant but not life threatening and an annual vaccine is available.

Historically, there has been 3 pandemic flu's in the past century; the Spanish Flu from 1918-1919, the Asian Flu from 1957-58, and the Hong Kong Flu from 1968-1969.

For a flu to become a pandemic, the virus must be a new virus, never have been exposed to humans, so therefore, there will be no immunity in the human population, it will spread easily from human to human, and will have the ability to cause death.

A vaccine will be produced as soon as possible if such circumstances should arise. But then again this could take upwards of 4 to 6 months. Antiviral drugs may be available to lessen the severity and duration of symptoms of pandemic flu. The United States is currently stockpiling antiviral. All forms of government are asking us to be familiar and to learn about pandemics and what we can do to protect ourselves.

Simple basic actions can reduce the risk of getting or spreading any flu are:

- *Washing your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.**
- *Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.**
- *DO NOT go to work when you are ill.**
- *Avoid close contact with those who are sick.**
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth at all times.**
- *Use a 60% - alcohol-based hand sanitizer.**
- *Keep emergency kits on hand for personal use.**

For more information, contact The McHenry County Department of Health
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock IL 60098
PH: 815-334-4510
Website: <http://www.mcdh.info>

www.pandemicflu.gov
The official US Government website on pandemic flu.

www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.idph.state.il.us
The Il Department of Public Health



Breaking News for Township Residents

Groundwater:

The following press release has been issued to all regional media and has been published in the Daily Herald Newspaper. The document was provided by a group called The Alliance for Land Ag & Water (A-LAW). We strongly encourage you to read this press release.

The concept of taking water from townships in western McHenry County, and the redistribution of that water to townships in rapidly developing eastern McHenry County, has been placed on the front burner as an issue that you NEED to know about.

Further, it is suggested that you go to the Daily Herald web site, www.dailyherald.com, and search for the recent articles on groundwater, as written by Patrick Garmoe, a Daily Herald Staff Writer. These articles, written and published over the last two months, will help you to understand what we can expect, in the not to distant future, regarding this precious "resource."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alliance for Land, Agriculture, and Water "A-LAW"

Woodstock, IL – October 21, 2006 – The Alliance for Land, Agriculture and Water, "A-LAW", a not-for-profit corporation, announces its initiative to create a new water authority to preserve and protect area groundwater. The proposed Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority "KVWA" would include much of rural McHenry, Boone and DeKalb Counties. (See attached map depicting the boundaries of the KVWA.)

A water authority is authorized by Illinois law and created by referendum voted on by citizens of the proposed authority area. Petitions requesting the referendum will be circulated by members and volunteers beginning Saturday, October 21st. You may volunteer to assist this effort and/or sign a petition by calling or emailing A-LAW. A representative will contact you directly. If certified, the question of whether or not to create the KVWA will be on the April 2007 ballot.

A water authority has the power to regulate the permitting of any new wells for high capacity residential, municipal, industrial and commercial users. The authority can monitor and conserve ground water and protect important ground water recharge areas within the authority. Existing wells at current usage levels are not affected. Also, wells serving agricultural uses along with residential wells that serve less than four single-family homes are exempt from regulation.

Water authorities currently exist throughout the State of Illinois, most in central Illinois. The Illinois Water Authority Association located in Havana, Illinois represents many of the current authorities. Water authorities can work directly with other state and local governmental units and enter into intergovernmental agreements in carrying out its duties. The KVWA, like other water authorities, has excluded many larger municipalities from its jurisdiction.

A-LAW already has the support of the McHenry County Farm Bureau, and there is growing interest by farmers in Boone and DeKalb County, along with rural residents and local government officials. A-Law will continue to seek additional local organizations to join the effort in creating the KVWA. Farmers, business owners, rural residents and concerned citizens are invited to join A-LAW's efforts to form the KVWA.

A-Law was created by concerned citizens of various backgrounds and occupations in McHenry County. Its mission is to inform, educate and influence the use of this region's natural resources. Members of A-LAW first came together to fight against adoption of a staff-drawn, development friendly, 2020 Comprehensive Plan being considered by the McHenry County Board earlier this year. During the County Board meetings, it was observed that farmers and residents in the rural areas of the County did not have fair representation before the Board. A major issue to residents of the rural areas of the County was how more development would affect their most important resource in the county – ground water. Due to the concern that development would continue to dominate control over future zoning and planning in the county, A-LAW members searched for a vehicle to provide the local community with the ability to monitor, protect and control usage of their ground water.

A McHenry County funded comprehensive report on ground water, recently completed by consultants, confirmed the biggest issue facing this region is future availability of water. The report identified several heavily populated and growing townships on the east half of McHenry County that are projected to suffer water shortages by 2020 and more townships facing shortages by 2030. McHenry County consultants suggest one major answer is to move the water from areas of abundance to those of need in McHenry County. This means piping water from the west parts of the County, located in the Kishwaukee Watershed, to towns in the east that are water short. The impacts of these recommendations are multi-county to farmers, residents and existing businesses as groundwater does not follow political boundaries. Currently, everybody shares the right of reasonable use to the groundwater. However, increasingly there will be demands on ground water supplies in western McHenry County, Boone County and DeKalb County. A water authority can provide significant controls to insure that adequate water is available by regulating high capacity wells and studying and protecting the natural aquifers holding the ground water.

J. Dale Berry, member of A-LAW and resident of unincorporated Marengo, stated, "a water authority will provide a voice to those rural residents who are concerned about the future of their water supply". He continued, "Since Lake Michigan water will not be available to the areas within the authority, we need to have a dedicated governmental entity with local control that can manage water usage and preserve the supply." Linnea Kooistra, a farmer, resident of unincorporated Woodstock and member of A-LAW said, "Farmers have every reason to support the authority since it will help preserve their water supply which is vital to the agricultural business throughout these counties." Ms. Kooistra continued, "The McHenry County Farm Bureau has already endorsed creation of a water authority; within a short time we have seen great support from Boone County farmers and we are gathering support in DeKalb County." Mr. Berry finished by saying a levy associated with the authority would cost the owner of a \$250,000 home about \$25.00 per year; cheap insurance to protect the water".

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RILEY ROAD DISTRICT by Dave Diamond, Highway Commissioner 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,		
Beh Lake Subdivision —	Mary Street,	Lakewood Drive,	Helen Street, Alta Drive
Beth Court			
Coral Oaks Subdivision —	Oak Creek Lane,	Acorn Lane,	Coral Oaks Lane
Hidden Farm Estates Subdivision —	Wildrose Lane;		
Maple Street Shores Subdivision —	Demmings Drive,	Delks Drive,	
North Hill Road —	South Hill Road		
South Ridge Subdivision—	All Streets		

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.

WHEN CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY

Remember, it is illegal to push snow into the road. Doing so constitutes obstruction of the roadway and can be dangerous to motorists. You could be fined and held responsible if an accident should result because of action. Please, **DO NOT** push snow into the road. When clearing your driveway, try to pile the snow to the left side as you face your house, specifically when clearing near the road. This will prevent the plow blade from dragging the pile across the front of your driveway.

MAIL BOX DAMAGE

Mailboxes are sometimes damaged when plowing occurs. On most occasions, they are knocked down **NOT** by the plow itself, but by the force of the snow as it is being pushed aside. However, most mailboxes, if sturdy and properly installed, will withstand this force. All mailboxes should be installed at a minimum distance of three feet (36") from the face of the box to the edge of the pavement. If snow coming off of the plow knocks your mailbox or post down, there is a good chance that the box was not installed to the above specification.

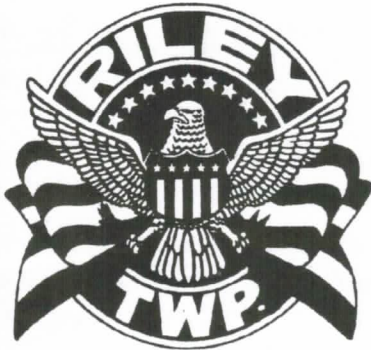
While government agencies are not required to replace damaged mailboxes that sit on public right-of-way, the Road District's) may choose to replace mailboxes as a courtesy, if your box was installed with the above criteria.

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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.

Riley Township's Veteran's Memorial Monument needs YOU!

Riley Township is presently trying to update the Veteran's Memorial Monument located south of Riley's Town Hall. We are working with the local veteran's groups from Marengo and Genoa to compile a list of Veterans who were residents of Riley Township while serving between 1955 and 2006. If you know of any Veterans who would qualify, please call Ted Oberg, Riley Township Trustee, at 815/568-7059, or e-mail at tooberg@aol.com

or current resident

Veterans Assistance Commission of
McHenry County
Phone (815) 334-4229
Fax: (815) 334-4678

Provides emergency assistance for
SHELTER; UTILITIES; FOOD; TRANSPORTA-
TION; INDEPENDENT LIVING; BURIAL;

This assistance is intended for emergency aid and not to be considered an on-going financial supportive program for any considerable period of time.

Assistance for the above services is available for a honorable discharge of the US Armed Forces. If you can prove a copy of the DD-214 or equivalent; a picture identification card, and has a financial emergency, please contact the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County. Every Veteran has the right to receive and submit an application for assistance.