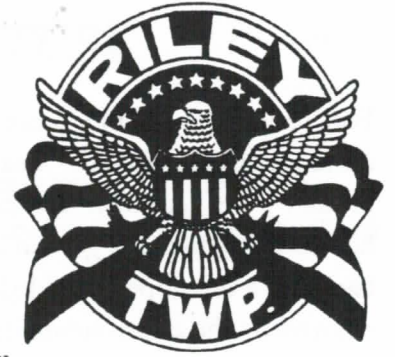


THE RILEY REPORT

News of the Township,

by Supervisor Donna Bernardi



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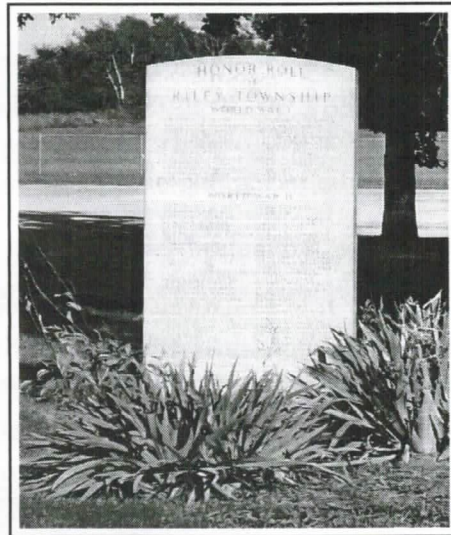
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This past year has brought the some changes to Riley Township. However small these changes may seem to some, hard work and effort is what volunteers give without much



RILEY TOWNSHIP VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL ON RILEY

reward. A special thank you goes out to Lance Boyd, a resident of Riley Township. Lance spent many hours of great effort removing a huge tree stump that was blocking the Riley Township Veteran's Memorial Monument. Without a back hoe, that was no easy task. Thank you Lance for all your hard work! Great job!

Trustee Steve Opfer has resigned from the Board of Trustees. Steve has relocated outside of the township, so he could no longer serve on the board. The open position has been filled by Thomas Hines. Thomas has been a part of our Plan Commission for some time now . We are very glad he decided to become a part of the Board of Trustees and look forward to working with him.

We also have a new Plan Commission member, Aubree Winnan. Aubree comes to the Riley Township Plan Commission. with a Degree in Geography and has past experience being an intern at The McHenry County Planning and Development Department. We are really excited to have Aubree join the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission has changed its meeting day from the 1st Monday of the month, to the 1st Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Town Hall at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Changes are taking place on our Route 23 property, our parcel just north of Meyer Material. The old Griebel House will come down to make room for Township Offices and a heated Garage Stall for the Road District. A busted water pipe has done ir-repairable damage to the house that was originally slated for office space. Riley Township has allowed the Marengo Fire Department to burn the house. A controlled burn, such as this, allows the fire department to offer hands on training of all different aspects to crew members. This not only helps the Fire Department, but our community as a whole. Thank you Chief Bradbury and staff for the great job protecting our community.

Conservation Design

For many of us, Conservation Design is a new concept. Hopefully, it is a concept that you will be hearing of more and more. It is the idea of utilizing common open space in newly designed subdivisions for the purpose of ground water recharge. Basically, its purpose is to designate an area of land for the water run off from the new homes being built, to go and be reabsorbed into the earth naturally. The design part can have many pictures, but basically, a developer would cluster the homes closer together, thus, allowing for large common areas to be enjoyed by the entire subdivision. Many other uses for this common space can also develop. Examples include, fishing ponds, bike paths, and hiking trails. What's is most important is that once it is designated as "open space" in the subdivision, it can never be resold to add more housing by any entity, not even by a Municipality or County Government Agency.

Not only does this concept have great eye appeal, it does well to provide natural habitat for the wildlife, and at the same time, allows us to treat our water as a resource that must be protected instead of waste. We need to keep our water run off in our own area, allowing for the recharging of underground aquifers, rather than letting it run down stream away from the recharge areas..

Conservation Design should not be considered a fad. It is a relatively new concept in subdivision design and should be considered when developers plan any new subdivisions. I have brought this idea to your attention so when your neighbor has his turn to sell to the next highest builder, you will have a little insight to what is out there and available and hopefully be more prone to ask questions and give your concerns to the County Zoning Board when the opportunity arises.

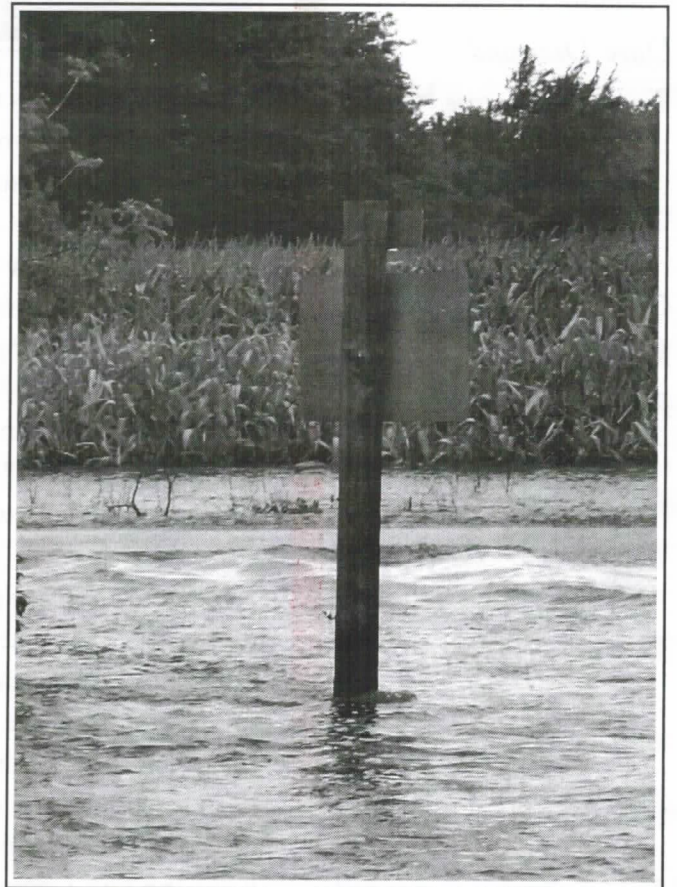
The Flood Waters of Riley.....

This past summer, Riley Township experienced the worst flooding that my eyes have ever seen. I would like to extend a thank you to Meyer Material who donated 3 trailers full of sand for our residents to use if needed. Although I don't know of everyone's individual stories, however, I do know that one home owner was in great need of the donated sand, and another resident, actually drifted down stream in their vehicle, when they attempted to drive through one of the flooded roads. I also know a lot of homes had their basements flood.

Flood waters appear more friendly than they are. They are a very dangerous occurrence and should never be taken lightly. We are lucky that we did not experience more sever mishaps than there were.

I was glad to hear of the real sense of community in Riley Township, neighbors helping neighbors. That's what it is all about. That's what makes me proud to serve on the Riley Township Board.

Donna Bernardi, Township Supervisor



Corner of Jackson and Marjorie Drive—Flood 8/2007

DESIGNING ROADS FOR THE FUTURE

BY: DAVE DIAMOND, Road Commissioner

As Riley Township continues to become more appealing to developers we have recently faced impending development on several parcels throughout the area. One development known as Liberty Arbour is proposed just south of the existing Southridge Subdivision west of Route 23.

The Road District has never opposed this development and began working with the developer in early 2006. At that time I presented Road District specifications to the developer. Unfortunately, the developers did not want to follow our specifications and have gone to great efforts to try to build a subdivision to fit their own design specifications, not the Road Districts. Among some of the design characteristics that are not permitted is the inclusion of two dead end roads, cul-de-sacs serving only two homes that will need to be maintained by the Township for perpetuity and NEVER completely pay the cost of maintenance.

Currently, there are two streets in Southridge that were designed to be extended. These streets, tee turn-arounds now, were always planned to be routed into future adjacent developments. The developer of Liberty Arbour has decided that he would like only one of the streets routed through the new development. This follows the engineers and designers from the Illinois Department of Transportation, McHenry County Division of Transportation and the City of Marengo all recommending the connection of the two existing Southridge streets into Liberty Arbour. The connections became even more necessary when IDOT determined that the sight lines from Route 23 into Liberty Arbour's new entrance road would not be adequate for a full set of turn lanes, but only a right in, right out configuration. Thus, if a future resident of Liberty Arbour wanted to LEGALLY go North on Route 23, they would need to travel through Southridge to Ratfield Road.

With the developer's proposal, all traffic would be forced to take only one existing street into Southridge instead of equalizing traffic by connecting two roads. Rather than work with us in establishing a sensible good design, the developer has chosen to buck the system and has forced Riley Township into a series of meetings that do nothing but waste our tax dollars. The developers are not Riley Township Residents, but are builders that will simply move on to other developments and Townships trying to maximize their profits. As development in Riley Township continues to occur, I feel it is extremely important for these new roadways to be good efficient designs that will minimize the impact to Riley Township taxpayers in the future. Developers are literally here today and gone tomorrow, but the developments they leave behind will be the responsibility of the Township for many generations.

I find it unfortunate that we have to spend revenues on a development that has not yielded Riley Township one cent of revenue because a developer does not want to follow our design criteria. Instead they want to tell us what our criteria should be. If this developer succeeds in his efforts all local control over road design would be lost and the County will effectively decide what is best for our Township. I believe that we know what is best for Township roads now and in the future. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact me anytime.

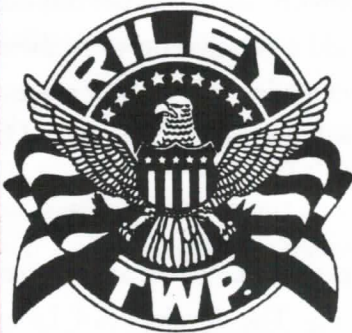
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APRIL 8, OF 2008

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

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