### January 2024

# RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Year of RRA

2023 was a celebratory year for the RRA. For a few years, the RRA was an organization that was being held together by the sheer dedication and commitment of a sole steward. After 3 decades of service to the community and the RRA, Jill Kaplan is finally retiring! We wish her the best, and hope that we will continue to see her around.

In 2023, a few newer residents saw the need to revitalize this important organization and become their newest stewards. In 2023, we successfully drafted new bylaws to not only support resident focused groups, such as the Nominating Committee (NomCom), but to provide an outlet for residents to have strength in numbers. The RRA will work to both maintain the identity of Riverwoods and be the group that brings residents together. We are 100% volunteer run and are looking forward to what 2024 may bring. We hope that you will join us in our journey!

### **Our Legacy**

Sitting on land that was once the original homeland of the Pottawatomie, the Village of Riverwoods came to be through the guidance of the Riverwoods Residents Association. Incorporated on October 24th, 1955, the RRA predates our village government and is the organization that guided the incorporation of the Village of Riverwoods in 1959. Prior to that, it was just the RRA that kept our community going.

Since then, the RRA has developed a vast and deep history within our community. From being the protector of the woodlands, providing funds to purchase the 5 acres which now comprise the village hall property, and hosting the annual Arts and Riverwoods and Family Day gatherings, the RRA became a vital fund-raising and social organization that built a legacy of important financial and social contributions to the Riverwoods community. All while keeping residents and our authenticity as a village at its heart. To read a full history of the RRA, see the link below.

### **Continuing Our Legacy**

#### NomCom

As a small opt-in village, with a board comprised of dedicate residents who volunteer their time and talent to oversee the villages business, the RRA has always played a vital role in supporting the recruitment of these essential volunteers. The RRA provides funds to the Riverwoods Nominating Committe (NomCom) for use in each election year to support their efforts in recruitment, vetting, and nominating candidates. Without this, the village may not have qualified candidates to run our town. We hope that you will support the RRA, and by doing so, support this essential charitable function.

#### Be A Neighborhood Ambassador

As the first and only resident association for the village, the RRA board was comprised of residents representing each neighborhood. In this way, residents throughout the village could be kept up to date about important village wide matters. We caught a glimpse of this need with the Baxter development and Lexington Homes projects this past year.

One way to help build our community, to become a stronger, village-wide voice, and to grow in strength by numbers, is by being a Neighborhood Ambassador. The RRA invites interested residents from each neighborhood to be our contact person to help bring concerns and ideas to our board, to bridge communication gaps and to foster and build community within the village. We need you! Get involved or nominate someone you think would be great as your Neighborhood Ambassador.









### **Bring Your Expertise**

The RRA needs your support! As a volunteer driven organization, we are in need of your help! In order to plan, market and host village wide outreach, fundraisers and events, we need people power! Can your experience and expertise help us? We are on a mission to encourage and support resident focused, social and charitable activities within the Village of Riverwoods and we hope that you will come along on the journey!

We could use your help with:

- Managing marketing/communications
- Handling finances
- Member relations
- Community outreach
- Event volunteers and much much more....

## Join Us

Become a member of the Riverwoods Residents Association (RRA)! Your membership will help us grow a thriving, volunteer-driven organization that will strengthen our community for years to come. We also invite you to particpate in our board meetings and activities. Scan the QR code on the right with your phone camera to take you to our membership page.



It takes a village to build a village!

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