

River Oaks Newsletter

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COMMONS PLANS

All homeowners in River Oaks share in the ownership of the four acres of ground known as the Common Area. Some use or would like to use the Commons, while others have no desire to set foot in it. Whether you use it or not, whether your property adjoins it or not, the condition of the Commons will affect your property assets and its development should be everyone's concern.



WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE COMMONS?

Any plans for the area need to be based on the homeowners' input.

A survey was attached to the last newsletter and only 16 of 66 were returned. Let's try again. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the survey form attached to this newsletter and return it to the Beautification Committee.

One city official remarked that the Common Area could be the most valuable asset River Oaks homeowners have. Or it could be a drawback. Help us to develop this asset the right way, the way you want it!

**SIGNS SEALED
AND DELIVERED**

Has everyone noticed the 'Dead End' sign at the entrance to the development, and the 'Yield' sign at the corner of Ridge and River Oaks? These signs were suggested to the Board to make our one intersection safer, and to discourage drivers from looking for a shortcut out of traffic jams on Rt. 59 by racing through our subdivision. Linda Saxton and Mike Holmes, two Board members, wrote a letter to the city and were able to get their request on the agenda of the Public Safety Committee meeting in July. Linda and Mike attended the meeting, and found the committee willing to endorse these requests to the City Council, who agreed to put up the signs. On August 3, the signs went up. Still to come is a 25 mph speed limit sign, which is hoped will discourage high speeds in the sub. Thank you, Linda and Mike, for the good work.

BREAK-INS AT RIVER OAKS

Recently an unpleasant experience happened to several River Oaks families. During the early morning hours of Friday, July 28, two homes were burglarized and attempted entry was made on two other homes. Many family possessions were removed, some of which have not yet been recovered. The break-ins began with the entry through a garage door; a second home was entered through a kitchen window. According to police reports, an officer patrolling River Oaks noticed an open garage door and shined his light around the area. Although he saw no evidence of a burglary in progress, his actions evidently frightened off the burglars. However, the burglars did make off with such items as TV's, VCR's, remotes, a rug, a plant, jewelry, a wall clock, food, and other miscellaneous items. A number of these items have since been recovered.

According to Police Chief LaDeur, there were only 33 reported burglaries in Warrenville last year, and only 16 of them were residential, "which is very low for a community our size".

A burglary is not pleasant to experience or even think about. However, once it happens, it's time to take another look around your home and take steps to safeguard your family.

Even if a whole-house security system is not planned for the household budget, measures can be taken to make your house less attractive to burglars. Leave windows and doors, including garage doors, closed and locked. Cars parked in driveways and on side streets should also be secured, especially at night. A broom handle or dowel in sliding window and door tracks will make a quiet entry impossible, thereby discouraging the attempt. Keeping

yard lights on at night will take some of the boldness out of burglars. If you anticipate being away from home for an extended period, stop delivery of mail and newspapers. A call to the Warrenville Police Department alerting them to your absence can be helpful, also.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS and communicate your whereabouts. Everyone is more alert to suspicious activity when they understand the condition of the neighborhood. Also, the Warrenville police would be willing to meet with a group of interested homeowners and explain how to set up a neighborhood watch. *If you are interesting in participating in a watch program, please let a Board Member know (phone numbers in directory) before the next Board meeting, August 17.*

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Volunteers for Nominating Committee Sought. In accordance with Article V of the By-Laws, each year the Board of Directors appoints members of the Nominating Committee. The Committee is chaired by a member of the Board and must be composed of at least 2 others who are not Board members.

The Board would like to know if you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee. Please contact any Board member to express your interest. If you have questions, please call Veronica Williams at 393-2469. Members of the Committee will be appointed at the next Board meeting (August 17, 1989).

The next meeting of the River Oaks Board of Directors will be at 7:30 PM, Thursday, August 17, at Mike Holmes', 2 S 562 River Oaks Dr.

Oh, no, Mom!!!
 Oh, yes, it's
 registration
 time for all
 s t u d e n t s
 planning to
 attend District
 200 schools.
 For those
 children who
 h a v e n o t
 registered by
 mail, the following registration
 times will be available:



BOWER ELEMENTARY - ALL GRADES:
 Tuesday, August 15, 9 to 11:30
 AM and 1 to 3:30 PM

WHEATON-WARRENVILLE MIDDLE:

6TH GRADERS:
 Tuesday, August 15, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with A - J)
 Wednesday, August 16, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with K - Z)

7TH GRADERS:
 Thursday, August 17, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with A - J)
 Friday, August 18, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with K - Z)

8TH GRADERS:
 Monday, August 21, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with A - J)
 Tuesday, August 22, 9 AM to
 3:30 PM (last name beginning
 with K - Z)

WHEATON CENTRAL HIGH:
 Monday, August 14, 8:30 AM to
 3:30 PM for freshmen only -
 all other students on August
 29.

Please remember that there are
 fees to be paid at time of
 registration, such as:

Kindergarten: \$15
 Grades 1 - 5: \$25
 Grades 6 - 8: \$35

Grades 9 - 12: \$39 plus any
 other assessed fees.

Also, the school hours have been
 changed to the following:

BOWER ELEMENTARY - 8:45 TO 2:30
 AM Kindergarten - 8:45 to 11:45
 PM Kindergarten - 12:00 to 2:30

W-W MIDDLE - 8:30 to 3:00

DOPS!

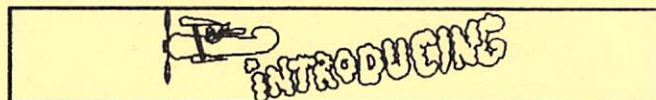
In the last issue of the
 Newsletter, we welcomed our new
 neighbors, the Whites, and made
 the unforgiveable error of
 printing one of their names
 incorrectly. So we'll try again.
 Welcome, Jackie and Mark White,
 and their children Brian, age 5,
 and Andrea, age 2.



BIRTHDAY KIDS!

Happy Birthday to River Oaks'
 August Kids:

Andrea White
 Mark Nagode
 Meghan McKinley
 Rafael Recometa
 Dana Gervase
 Andreas Kleine
 Keegan Soelke



LANUTE

Theresa Ann Lanute was born
 on her daddy's birthday, July 10,
 at Hinsdale Hospital, weighing in
 at 6 lbs, 1 oz. Congratulations,
 Joe and Mandy.



Announcements

Are you aware that there is a new science museum for kids of all ages in Naperville? Two of us in River Oaks, Susan Ray and Becky Christiansen, volunteer time to help this non-profit 'hands-on' science center. The museum, located at 1280 Iroquois Ave., is open during the summer, 9 AM to noon on Tuesdays, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Thursdays, and 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays, and admission is free. On August 24, 25, and 26, we're planning exciting live coverage of the Voyager II fly-by of Neptune. If you want more information, call Becky at 393-4946.

Aren't those flowers under the River Oaks sign beautiful? Way to go, guys.

Clean up after your dogs in the Common Areas! There are a number of angry residents here who are unhappy about what is becoming an animal nuisance. Please take care of this, before the animal control officer is called.

Hot tip! Jody Bradley has discovered a quality carpet cleaning service, at a great price. Call her at 393-6109 for more information.

A reminder from the Board: anyone in the process of trying to sell their home must make their realtor and/or prospective buyers aware of the existence of the River Oaks Homeowners' Association, and the fact that Association dues are assessed on their home.

Parents: Do you know where your children are? Curfew for children age 17 and under is 11 PM Sunday thru Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Several residents have received \$10 parking fines for incorrect parking in River Oaks. Remember to keep your right wheels to the curb, even in the cul-de-sacs. There are no other parking restrictions, except where signs are posted.

RIVER OAKS COMMON AREA SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR OPINION! The Beautification Committee is putting together a long-range plan for the upper common area. Listed below are suggestions received by the Board in the past from various homeowners. Please check according to your likes or dislikes of the items below. Any other suggestions or comments are welcome.

Please return this survey by August 31 to Linda Saxton, 3 S 539 River Oaks Drive, or Frank Vainisi, 29 W 640 Ridge Drive.

*Thank you,
River Oaks Beautification Committee*



Name and Lot Numbers: _____

COMMON AREA IDEA	LIKE	DISLIKE	COMMENTS
Volleyball poles and net	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jogging / walking paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Picnic shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gazebo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Permanent barbecue pit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Picnic tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Permanent campfire pit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Playground equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Canoes (for lower commons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other (please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____