



River Oaks Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING III

**8 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
AT HOLMES SCHOOL,
35241 WARREN AVE.**



In about three weeks, for only the third time in recorded history, we will all have the opportunity to take part in a River Oaks Homeowners Association Annual Meeting! The agenda for the meeting includes reports from all the River Oaks committees, discussion of this year's budget, changes in the bylaws, and election of three new Board members. As if that weren't enough, we will also have a guest speaker, Sergeant Barberis of the Warrenville Police Department, who will discuss home and neighborhood security issues of interest to us all. Sgt. Barberis will also answer any questions you may have. The Annual Meeting is **IMPORTANT** (very), **ENTERTAINING** (off and on), and **FREE** (except possibly for babysitters). You owe it to yourself (and your community) to attend.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

by Toni Oster

Welcome to our new friends, Mike and Jan Fridh and their son Brandon. Mike and Jan are from Rockford, Illinois, actually both are native Illinoisans. Mike and Jan are both self-employed,

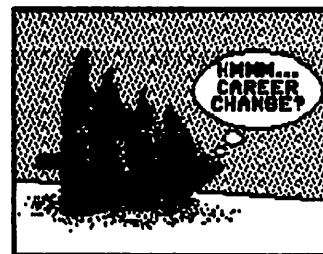
Mike in carpentry and Jan the owner of "Bear Feelings" - a store at the Fifth Avenue Station - specializing in sending a lovable, huggable bear to your favorite person on his or her special day, or occasion, or you just might want a teddy bear for yourself, or your daughter, or whatever!!!! Their son Brandon attends Wheaton-Warrenville Middle School and is in the eighth grade.

P.S. The store "Bear Feelings" has store hours on Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 9 PM, on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Sunday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The phone number is 355-8833.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

by Toni Oster

AWARE, All Warrenville Area Recycling Effort, will sponsor a drive to collect Christmas Trees and have them ground into wood chips to be used



by homeowners in their gardens and yards. Trucks will travel the city on Saturday, January 13th, starting at 8:00 a.m. and pick up the Christmas trees left at your curbside. They will be taken to the Recycling Center for chopping. Homeowners may bring their trees to the center if they wish to do so. **AWARE** asks all homeowners not to place their Christmas tree at the

curbside until the day of pick-up which is Saturday, January 13. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project please call Bill Brooke at 393-7858. Remember, Recycling is a big part of a better and clean environment.



RIVER OAKS NEEDS YOU! by Becky Christiansen

Who plans the developments and activities for River Oaks? The committees do, and they need your help. At the annual meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for each committee. Please take a moment to consider working on one of them. If you are interested in planning the development of the Common Areas, consider joining the Beautification Committee. If you want to get in on the planning of annual picnics and other social activities for River Oaks, then sign up for the Entertainment Committee. And if words and dispensing information are your forte, join the Newsletter Committee. New ideas are fuel for community development, as are time and energy that interested homeowners donate to the subdivision. Won't you help?

COMMITTEE NEWS

Beautification Committee: The last Beautification Committee meeting was held on December 12 at Linda Saxton's. Present were Jody Bradley, Judy Molina, Frank Vainisi, Susan Ray, and sitting in for Fred Gervase was Leona Gervase. A finalized budget was approved by the committee to be submitted to the Board. This budget is included in the Annual Meeting packet that you have all received in the mail. There will be no committee meeting for the month of January. The next meeting will be in February. If anyone is interested in serving on this very important committee, please sign up on the sign-up sheets at the Annual Meeting.

Newsletter Committee: The committee met at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 4 at the Christiansen's to lay out the January Newsletter (the rag you're reading now).

Present were Leona Gervase, Toni Oster, and Becky and John Christiansen.

Nominating Committee: The second meeting of the Nominating Committee was held as scheduled on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 7:30 pm at the home of the committee chairman, Veronica Williams. Present were members Chris Carlson and Tim Phillips.

A limited number of written nominations were received. These were reviewed and nominees called to determine if they were interested in running for a position on the Board. Two nominees have agreed to run:

Toni Oster
Amy Salyer

The committee agreed to continue to contact residents in an attempt to obtain additional candidates. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The proxy form, based on the form used by the Summerlakes Homeowners Association, was reviewed and approved. A proxy form will be distributed, along with other annual meeting materials, to all Association homeowners. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

KIDS' KORNER

The Spider
by

Tisam and Basima Masoud

Oh spider
Oh spider
Won't you drink some cider
I made it all for you
Oh there you go again
In that smelly shoe



BIRTHDAY KIDS!

Happy Birthday to Manal Ibrahim!



Announcements

A Thank You note from Dave and Maha Polak - Thanks to whoever returned our red Christmas bow after losing it to windy conditions. We were concerned it might become a tradition with us as we lost one last year too.

Need a babysitter? Experience with any age like toddlers or infants. Call Tamara Stanley at 393-6039. Charge \$1 per hour.

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RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12/14/89 MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: John Christiansen, Lois Hitchcock, Mike Holmes, Gloria Langston, Bob Modene, Pete Molina, Linda Saxton, Veronica Williams

Absent: Joe English

Guests: Becky Christiansen

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 1990 at 7:30pm at Mike Holmes'

Meeting Called to Order: 7:50pm by Bob Modene

OPEN FORUM

The guest present did not have anything to discuss during open forum so this portion of the meeting was eliminated.

Minutes: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

The quote from the insurance company has not been received as of yet for the bonding of the Treasurer. There was discussion of the need for a policy to cover the board members also.

Annual Meeting Preparation:

The items to be mailed out to the homeowners on January 8, 1990 include:

- Cover Letter
- Agenda
- Proposed 1990 Budget and Beautification Report
- Bylaw Change
- Proxy Statement

There will not be a speaker on common area grass at this time. Bob will contact the Warrenville Police Department to get a speaker for the annual meeting.

Entertainment Committee:

Gloria reported that the expenses for the Halloween party were \$308.48. She will also have the time changed on the Holmes School contract for the annual meeting.

Newsletter Committee:

The committee is working very hard and doing a great job.

Beautification Committee:

Linda presented the proposed budget for the beautification committee to be sent out with the overall proposed budget for 1990.

Groundskeeper:

Lois and Linda will compose a letter for Pete to send to Moonlighting requesting a bid now on the extended services that will be needed at River Oaks this year. Hopefully the bid will be received before the January meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Veronica is holding her committee meeting on December 20 and hopes to have lots of nominations by then. She also explained how the proxy statement will work. We will use the same proxy statement that is used at Summerlakes.

Other:

Our attorney met with the City of Warrenville Public Works director to discuss the retaining wall. He will be sending us a detailed letter with his recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

BEAUTIFICATION SURVEY

As mentioned in the December Newsletter, here are the top five items people showed the most interest in for the Common Area. Please answer yes or no to each item listed below. Don't skip any, please - blanks are impossible to interpret. We need to know what the majority of the homeowners want in this subdivision before we spend any money in our Common Area.

We would like to have the results of this survey back before our Annual Meeting. Please return this form to Linda Saxton, 2 S 539 River Oaks Dr. by Monday, January 29.

NAME AND LOT NUMBER: _____

<u>IDEA</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Jogging / Walking paths	_____	_____	_____
Picnic Tables	_____	_____	_____
Benches	_____	_____	_____
Playground Equipment	_____	_____	_____
Grass	_____	_____	_____



WE NEED YOUR NEWS! Won't you help us with the next edition of the River Oaks NEWSLETTER? The NEWSLETTER is for, by, and about the residents of River Oaks. We will gladly print any announcements, classifieds, craft ideas, kids' stuff, recipes, etc. If you have a scoop for us, please fill out this form and drop it off at the Christiansens', 2 S 600 River Oaks Dr. (Lot 19), by January 29 (dropoff in the mailbox is OK).

NAME AND ADDRESS:

NEWSLETTER ITEM: