



River Oaks Newsletter

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Fourth of July

An All-American Celebration of our Country's Independence is set for Wednesday, July 4, 1990 in Warrentville. Plan now for your family to attend this festive party. River Oaks Homeowners represent 58% of this year's 4th of July Committee. Since August 1989, Bob Modene, Elaine Modene, Ana Vainisi and Toni Oster have labored bi-monthly, weekly and recently daily to produce a 4th of July to remember. With Bob and Elaine Modene as Chairman and Public Relations / Secretary respectively, Ana Vainisi as Treasurer and Toni Oster managing the concessions, the committee rolls along smoothly. The Warrentville 4th of July Committee is a not-for-profit organization, relying on one fund-raiser and local contributions. Financially, the committee began with a profit from 1989 and received contributions for 1990 to match the sum. We're hoping to exceed last year's profit to provide widespread publicity for the 1991 celebration.



The day's events include a Parade, All Day Entertainment, Food and Games at Cerny Park and Fireworks at dusk. For a detailed schedule,

please read below.

Support our fellow neighbors, subdivision and community with your presence at any of the Warrentville 4th

of July Festivities. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

... Patriotically submitted, Elaine Modene

Schedule:

- 8 AM Cemetery Tours (5 tour guides)
- 9 AM Parade
- 10 AM Cerny Park opens
- 11 AM Tap Dancers
- 11:15 Jazz Dancers
- 11:30 Pom-Pom Performance
- Bubble-Tent Ride
- 12 PM Reid Miller, Storyteller;
- Game Booths start
- 12:45 Parade awards
- 1 PM Folk Music Society
- 1:30 All-Town Games start
- 2 PM Reggae Band
- 3:15 Nobrie Cox Good Time Band (Dixieland)
- 3:30 Reid Miller; Storyteller
- 4:15 Nobrie Cox Good Time Band
- 4:30 Swing Western Band
- 5:15 Rodeo Cats (Main Band)
- 9 PM Concessions Close
- 9:30 Fireworks
- 10 PM Park Closes

PARADE ROUTE: Parade will step off from the corner of Curtis and Warren and proceed southeast on Warren to Warrentville Rd. On Warrentville Road the units will proceed west to Curtis. On Curtis south to Forestview Drive and east to Cerny Park, where parade will conclude.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Lot #52 finally has signs of life with a colorful display of flowers in the box out front, cars in the drive, happy, industrious voices, and the whir of the air-conditioner. Welcome to Mark and Mary Moore who come to us from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, but originally hailed from Wheaton and Glen Ellyn respectively. Mark is regional sales manager for an industrial company, who also enjoys woodworking and sailing, and Mary is not only a homemaker and artist, but recently served as her parish secretary.



Their children's smiles are contagious. Scot is eleven and will be entering WAMS as a sixth-grader in the fall. He especially enjoys drawing. His sister, Heather, two years older, will be in eighth grade at WAMS and enjoys drawing cartoons and playing the piano with her own brand of pizzazz. Also settling into their new River Oaks home are their dogs, Ginger and Brandy, and cats, Snowflake and Socks.

Welcome back to the area, Moores. We hope the special families here in River Oaks have made you feel at home already.

... Submitted by Leona Rae Jones-Gervase, Newsletter staff

OUR SUMMER FLING



The entertainment committee is in the process of planning our biggest event of the year for River Oaks on Saturday, August 25th. So

mark your calendars and save your most colorful outfit for that day. Keep on the lookout for swaying palm leaves, loose coconuts and "Tiny Bubbles". More information will follow in the next newsletter about the biggest event ever to happen in River Oaks.

... Submitted by Toni Oster, Entertainment Committee Chairperson



WARRENVILLE

ANIMAL

CONTROL



Many of us in River Oaks own dogs or cats. We thought it would be helpful to review the following City laws regarding animal control in Warrenville. Being a responsible pet owner is part of being a good neighbor so please abide by these laws for the good of all.

1. All dogs older than three months are required to be licensed by the City of Warrenville. Tags may be purchased at any time of the year, but expire January 1 of the next year. Each tag costs \$5.

2. All outdoor cats are required to be licensed by the City of Warrenville.

3. All dogs and all outdoor cats must also be inoculated against rabies. The rabies certificate must be presented when applying for the license.

4. All dogs must be wearing their collars with license tags affixed when out in public.

5. No dog shall be permitted to run at large in the City except upon the premises of the owner of such dog. Dogs shall be deemed running at large if permitted on the streets and public places of the City unless on a leash, in the charge or custody of some responsible person. It shall be considered illegal to allow a vicious dog to run at large either on or off the property of its owner.

6. It shall be considered illegal for any person to allow an "animal nuisance" to exist such as may be offensive to neighboring properties, in terms of noise, odor, or other obnoxious factors identified by the Animal Control Officer.

Although Warrenville does not have a "pooper scooper" law, it behooves all of us to clean up after our animals as a matter of sanitation and in the interest of being a good neighbor.

... Submitted by Doris Ehret, Newsletter staff and dog owner



BIRTHDAY KIDS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUNE KIDS!

Berit Ensweiler
 Whitney English
 Joseph English
 Stefan Kleine
 Maureen Saxton
 Matthew Molina
 Jennifer Breece
 Jessica Phillips
 Keri Polsley
 Steven Roberts
 Lindsay Roberts
 Stephanie Powell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JULY KIDS!

Joey Vainisi
 Tim Doran
 Michael Oster
 Kristine Spartz
 Bill Taluc
 Julie Brocker
 Theresa Lanute
 Makia Langston
 Mike Ortiz
 Keith Ortiz
 Kevin Polsley
 Stephanie Sinnott
 Eric Ray
 Eric Prescher

RIVER HELP

The West Branch of the DuPage River runs past River Oaks. It is a potential environmental and recreational resource that needs our support.

Why does it need our support? Because it has been abused for many years with discarded waste and debris.



How can we help? We can join our neighbors on July 22nd to clean up the river. Jim Kleinwachter of Warrenville (and Mount Hardware) is coordinator of the day. Those who want to walk the banks and pick up debris should meet at the Warrenville Grove on the 22nd. If you have a canoe and want to join the canoe patrol, meet at the Canoe Launch. Anyone with a truck who would like to

help, anyone interested in helping to coordinate the clean-up, or anyone who needs more information,

contact Jim at 393-1882. And remember, it is illegal to dump in the river, according to Section 2.1 of the Illinois Fish Code (and this includes yard waste!).

... Submitted by Becky Christiansen, Newsletter staff

COMMITTEE NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT: Good news was heard from all who participated in the garage sale. Thank you to all the many River Oaks residents for making this a huge success.

I want to thank all my members on the Entertainment Committee for all their help - Ana Vainisi and Tina English for taking time out of their busy schedules to do all the advertising and getting the garage sale signs. A big thank you to my family for all their help because I would not have been able to do this without them. Also thank you to Amy Salyer for her help with the refreshment stand.

It has been heard that through this garage sale a white frog found a new home, the cedar treasure chest is no longer available, someone is getting new furniture, there was a big toy car swap. And now we know who makes beautiful floral wreaths. Great job, River Oaks!!

... Submitted by Toni Oster, Entertainment Committee Chairperson



GROUNDSKEEPING: Meeting Minutes, June 18, 1990. In attendance: Fred Gervase, Jerry Vicino, Cheryl Mahowald, John Spartz, Tim Phillips, David Polak. The meeting began at approximately 7:40 pm. Chris Carlson is no longer a member of the committee due to other responsibilities.

Fred reviewed concerns /discussions /agreements between H&B Landscaping and committee regarding landscaping services.

Surrounding Lots (51 & 52) residents to freshly landscaped areas will water those areas as maintenance.

Discussed possibilities for the lower cul-de-sac grassy area to prevent further damage by wayward trucks attempting to maneuver out of the area.

- * There was mention of additional signage (no-outlet) in front of lot 57 warning trucks and larger vehicles.

- * The committee's recommendation for the lower cul-de-sac is limestone base covered with decorative stone (heavy and large stone is preferred for durability)

Fred opened the floor for comments on how we feel the areas are being maintained, the items of trees came up, removing dead ones. H&B said they would charge \$5.00 a tree to remove. We recommend to the board that H&B provide this service.

H&B's weed & feed service has been good except for extensive clover in the common areas. H&B says it will take several applications before the clover is under control. Fred will contact H&B about clover and evenness of their seeding.

The groundskeeping budget is \$3,500. Allowing for all groundskeeping expenses for the year, we will have \$765 left over.

Fred asked how much H&B would charge to cut the area between the side of Rte. 59 and the fences belonging to the homes along 59. H&B will charge \$15 per cutting to do this area. The committee voted and decided to have H&B cut this at their next cutting (before the board meeting) so to avoid having problems with the longer grass if waiting for board approval. The committee recommends that we allow H&B to provide this service as well as investigate the planting of evergreens to serve as a sound barrier.

Fred expressed concern for the amount in the budget and how many of the 5 improvement proposals could realistically be tended to. He will meet with the board and discuss possibilities of funds to pay for the services.

Fred mentioned the possibility of reimbursing the residents of Lots 1, 51, & 52 for watering the landscaped areas. Fred will bring this up at the next board meeting and see what amount they suggest.

Suggestions were made for possibly more frequent cuttings to cut down on mosquitos and weeds. We will maintain the number of cuttings we currently are contracted for with possibly more next year.

Cub Scouts may volunteer to plant flowers in the common area, except for retaining wall area due to legal ramifications.

Tim suggested inviting another member from the Beautification Committee to our meetings to include budget concerns.

Cheryl suggested the planting of perennial-type plants in the entrance island instead of annuals to reduce the cost of maintenance of the area.

The concern over installing playground equipment (liability) was brought up. Most attendees agreed that playground equipment is a good idea. Fred will specifically bring up this issue again at the board meeting.

Pros for equipment:

- * Safe for children as opposed to playing in the street

- * Should increase property values of the entire subdivision

Cons:

- * Liability

- * Cost

Fred's major concern over the common area is the pitch of the lowest level which produces a flooded area after heavy rainfall. He suggested filling the area in with dirt.

Fred suggested the groundskeeping members as a group walk around the subdivision and areas of discussion during our next meeting. A proposed date

to do this is July 8th at 4 PM. We will meet at the front entrance of the subdivision.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:15 pm.

... Submitted by Dave Polak



Announcements

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Bob and Elaine Modene extend a warm thank you to all the members of their 4th of July Committee, especially ANA VAINISI and TONI OSTER. Your time, patience, cooperation and expertise are remarkable. We beseech you to volunteer and engage this event for an additional year. Thank you again!

Bobby Modene, Jr.
thanks Jessica Phillips
for allowing him to enjoy
a ride through the
4th of July Parade
in her wagon.



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jan Berland and to Toni Oster. Hope to see both of you back in peak form in time for the Mystery Event in River Oaks this summer.

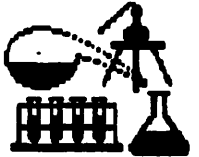
CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN RIVER OAKS????

Environmentally conscious volunteers are needed to form an AWARE group here in River Oaks. Please contact Jodie Bradley for more information. 393-6109.



E=mc²

Need something to do with the kids this summer? Try a trip to SciTech, the new "hands-on" science museum in downtown Aurora. It's open afternoons, 12 to 5 pm, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sun., 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. There's an admission fee (\$8 per family), but Thursday afternoons are free. SciTech is in the old Aurora post office building at 18 W. Benton. For more information, call Becky Christiansen (Lot 19) at 393-4946, or call the museum at 859-3434.



Leona Gervase would like to bring to your attention: Craig Sherhold, a seven-year-old from Georgia, is dying of an inoperable brain tumor. Children's Make-a-Wish Foundation is hoping to fulfill his wish of making the Guinness Book of World Records for having received the most get-well cards ever. If you would like to contribute by sending a card, mail to: Craig Sherhold, c/o Children's Make-a-Wish Foundation, 32 Perimeter Center East, Atlanta, Georgia 30346.

RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 1990 MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE: Karl Berland, John Christiansen, Fred Gervase, Bob Modene, Toni Oster, Linda Saxton.

Absent: Gloria Langston, Amy Salyer.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Minutes were read and correction was made. Under Old Business in the May 17 minutes, Linda sent the letter to the Lot 66 homeowner and lawn maintenance by First United Realty will be done on Lot 66. Minutes were then approved as revised.

CITY LIAISON: Amy absent; Linda gave report. Dennis Posluszny from the Public Works in Warrenville has approved a barrier to be put up in the middle of

the easement sidewalk to prevent cars driving through there. A key will be available to the police and the fire department.

Planting in the parkway is fine as long as the maintenance is done by the homeowner, and not expected by the city. As far as campfires in the common area, recreational fires are fine. (These must be supervised by an adult who lives in the subdivision.)

The damage in the lower common area circle by the Allied truck would have to be filed as a late report, and almost too much time has lapsed. It's hard to tell who did what damage now that four trucks have made the ruts.

Under new business for city liaison, we are still interested in curbside recycling, Amy will have to contact Bill Brooke. Also, Amy to get in touch with Dennis Posluszny about a grate over the opening of the pipe in the lower common area. It was also noted that the pipe that takes the water into the river is broken and cracked into the bank and needs to be looked at.

Finally, Amy will have to contact the city to have the street light between Lots 22-23 repaired.

BEAUTIFICATION: Karl Berland gave report. Tom Sinnott was absent so no discussion was had on what type of shrubs would be planted down easement sidewalk. Karl is calling the Morton Arboretum to get ideas on what trees would make good parkway trees. He will also get a list of unsuitable trees. Fred Gervase has resigned from the Beautification Committee. Cheryl Mahowald may be joining the committee. Much discussion was had on the grass in the common area. Linda made the motion to weed and feed now, and Karl amended the motion to also add weed and feed in August, the week of the 13th. Bob seconded and it was a unanimous vote in favor.

No meeting in July; next meeting August 9th, 7:30 PM at Jody Bradley's.

ENTERTAINMENT: Toni gave report. Block party is definitely August 25th with a



rain date of August 26th. The theme of the party will be announced at the July meeting. A plea is going out to all homeowners for help with the block party. Please contact Toni at 393-6200 to volunteer. Thanks!

The garage sale was a success, with 20 families participating.

NEWSLETTER: John gave report. In keeping the Newsletter a neighborhood/family oriented item we would like to encourage all parents to submit poems and stories written by their children. Look for a new kids contest with clues hidden in the newsletter itself.

Fox Hollow has sent us a copy of their newsletter. It's been very interesting looking at different subdivision newsletters.

GROUNDSKEEPING: Fred gave report. This committee met June 18 at Vicinos (see committee minutes for detailed report). The committee regrets that Chris Carlson has resigned because of other commitments.

Grass was planted in the parkway and along the sidewalk, and both are growing. A special thanks goes to the Vicinos and Moores for watering the seed along the easement sidewalk, and extra special thanks to the Murphys for watering the front entryway and the parkway by Lot 66. A token of appreciation will be sent from the board.

Much discussion was had about what we are going to do with the lower cul-de-sac. Fred is going to get an estimate on cobblestone set in concrete to partially fill in the circle. Then when a truck drives over, no damage will be done.

H & B has cut down the dead trees in the common area and at the next mowing they will remove the stumps and put dirt down and seed.

Fred made the motion to have H & B cut the grass on the right of way along Route 59. John seconded. A discussion

followed and the vote was unanimous in favor. \$15.00 will be the added cost to the monthly mowing fee.

Groundskeeping talked about playground equipment in the upper common area. The board discussed this at great length. Recapping, when the first survey was sent we had little response, second survey sent elicited more responses with playground equipment, the first choice. When 3rd survey was sent by Beautification with the previous top 3 preferences (playground equipment, picnic tables, and jogging paths), grass was included. The grass was the top choice, jogging paths second, playground equipment third, and picnic tables last. However this was only a 20% response from the subdivision. The Board talked in great detail about water collecting in the area (this is, after all, a retention pond) especially after the last big rain (May 9th). Any playground equipment would have to be on high ground, and this is a narrow strip of land. An example of the cost is given by the new equipment purchased at Bower School. This cost \$12,000-\$15,000. Would homeowners in this subdivision support this cost? The Board needs the opinion of each and every homeowner in this subdivision (pro or con) before they can begin to consider the question of playground equipment. Any homeowner who feels strongly about this issue is urged to contact any Board member.

TREASURER: No report; Gloria absent.

OLD BUSINESS: There will be no tree planting from Cub Scouts at this time. Entryway planting complete for now. Everything guaranteed, so if anything is dead next spring it will be replaced at no cost.

NEW BUSINESS: A future thought for Beautification is a planting of evergreens along the fences by Route 59. Also planting of bulbs for next spring in the entryway.

Forming a welcoming committee was suggested.

Would anyone with a chain saw please contact Karl Berland 393-1708 or Fred Gervase at 393-4045?

Next meeting July 19th Thursday at 7:30pm at Gloria Langston.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

.... Respectfully submitted by
Linda Saxton, Secretary

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, just jot it down along with your name, and drop it off to any member of the Newsletter Committee:

- John & Becky Christiansen, 2S600 River Oaks (Lot 19);
- Doris Ehret, 2S530 River Oaks (Lot 35);
- Leona Gervase, 2S572 River Oaks (Lot 21);
- Judy Molina, 2S510 River Oaks (Lot 37);
- Toni Oster, 29W630 Ridge (Lot 4).

... in the mailbox is fine.

The deadline for submitting news for the next Newsletter issue is

July 22.

Once again, we bring you a fabulous River Oaks recipe from Doris Ehret. Bake at your own risk!

TO-DIE-FOR TURTLE CAKE



FROM DORIS EHRET

**1 box German chocolate cake mix
5 oz. evaporated milk
14 oz. caramels
3/4 C margarine or butter
6 oz. chocolate chips
1/2 C chopped pecans**

Unwrap caramels and set aside. Grease and lightly flour a 10 x 15 inch pan. Prepare cake mix per package instructions. Pour half of the batter into the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. In a saucepan, heat caramels, margarine, and evaporated milk over low heat until melted (stir constantly). Pour over the baked cake, then sprinkle over chocolate chips and pecans. Pour remaining batter on the top. Return to oven and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.