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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE NEWS



The Entertainment Committee is busy planning River Oaks' Third Annual Block Party. The date is set for Saturday, August 25 with a rain date of Sunday, August 26. The event will be a HAWAIIAN LUAU taking place in the Lower Common Area.

Everything will begin at 2 PM with registration and a welcome for residents attending the event. Fun and games will begin at 3 PM which no one will want to miss!!!!!! Dinner will begin at 5, with a few more surprises to come.

More details will follow through the mail and flyers.

... So mark your calendars and get your Hawaiian outfit ready for the biggest event of River Oaks - our Summer fling - Hawaiian style.



Please remember to RSVP to the person on your invitation. We need to know how many people will be attending in order to plan for food and other activities. We are asking everyone to bring a Hawaiian dish and their lawn chairs. See you all at our luau! Aloha!

GROUNDSKEEPING COMMITTEE JULY 9, 1990 MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Fred Gervase, Jerry Vicino, Cheryl Mahowald, Tim Phillips.

Absent: John Spartz, Dave Polak.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 PM.

The committee started the meeting with a walking tour of the common areas and easements in the neighborhood. The committee noted several items that Fred will contact H&B about:

- * Weed the front entrance island.
- * Cut entire easement between Lots 8 and 9 (it was recommended that we stake the boundaries so that H&B knows where to mow).
- * Check on cost to take out dead trees on easement between Lots 31 and 32.
- * The bushes along the easement between Lots 31 and 32 should be weeded around.

The committee also suggested putting soil along the easement to the apartments so that it drains better.

The committee is getting cost estimates to put cement with large cobblestones in

the surface approximately 6 feet in from the curb on the lower cul-de-sac.

The committee is still looking for volunteers with chain saws to cut up the dead trees in the lower common area.

After the walking tour, the committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. It was determined that they were correct.

The committee discussed concerns of one homeowner about mowing along Rte. 59. After discussion, the committee decided they were still in favor of having H&B continue with the mowing.

The committee discussed scheduling more frequent mowing for next year. It was suggested that the areas be mowed every 10 days rather than 14 like this year. The weed and feed applications appear to be doing well on the broadleaf weeds, but are not doing much to the clover.

Playground equipment was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13 at 7:30 PM at the Phillips'.

.... Minutes submitted by Cheryl Mahowald

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The Newsletter Committee met at 7:30 PM on July 26 at the Christiansens' to brainstorm the August Newsletter. Present were Leona Gervase, Judy Molina, and Becky and John Christiansen; Doris Ehret and Toni Oster were absent. The next committee meeting is set for 7:30 PM, August 21, at the Christiansens' (25 600 River Oaks Dr.).



BIRTHDAY KIDS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUGUST KIDS!

Andrea White

Rafael Recometa

Mark Nagode

Dana Gervase

Keegan Soelke

Meghan McKinley

Andreas Kleine



Announcements

JUST FOR KIDS

Baseball season is still around and we need some players for the Common Area, ages 8 to 14. If you think that you are no good at baseball, think again! Please consider! Need 16 or more players. Signups are in the lower commons on August 14th, from 11 AM to noon. Boys and girls. It's a chance of a lifetime. It's only kids from this subdivision! Join now! Call 393-4045 for more information. P.S. - Bring mitts and bats. P.P.S. - Parents, come to watch your kids play. Bring your own chairs.

.... submitted by Matt Gervase



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Leona Jones-Gervase, BMusEd. will have several openings available in September for private piano and violin instruction. Lessons given here in River Oaks. Ages 6-adult. For further information and references, call 393-4045.

Bob Modene would like to know if there is interest in an all-River Oaks golf outing. If this idea sounds appealing to you, call Bob at 393-1655.

**RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF JULY 18, 1990 MEETING**

IN ATTENDANCE: Karl Berland, John Christiansen, Fred Gervase, Gloria Langston, Bob Modene, Amy Salyer, Veronica Williams.

GUEST: Lois Hitchcock.

ABSENT: Toni Oster, Linda Saxton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. The minutes of the June 21 meeting were approved as they appeared in the Newsletter.

TREASURER:

Balance as of 5-17-90	\$8,526.34
Interest Income May	30.66
Money Collected	396.00
Expenditures	6,430.27
 Total Cash on Hand	 \$2,551.78
 Money Market Account	 \$4,752.00
 Accounts Receivable	 54 @ \$36.00
	5 @ 72.00
	2 @ 108.00
	1 @ 144.00
	1 @ 126.00
	1 @ 50.00
	1 @ 48.00
	1 @ 12.00
 Total	 \$2,900.00
 NET WORTH	 \$10,203.78

EXPENDITURES

Stibbe's Nursery	\$979.80
Watering	35.00
Suburban Nursery	36.67
Gary-Wheaton Bank	4,752.00
May Service Charge	8.97
June Service Charge	3.63
Lawn Maintenance	595.00
Post Master	29.20
 Total	 \$6,430.27

Gloria stated that several homeowners are in arrears on their River Oaks Homeowners Association dues by two calendar quarters or more. It was noted that the Board has the authority, under

Article XI of the Bylaws, to charge interest on delinquent accounts. Veronica moved that the Treasurer send a letter to homeowners who are more than one quarter behind in their dues, giving them 30 days to remit their payments, or else interest will begin to be charged. Seconded by Karl. Motion passed unanimously.

Article XI of the Bylaws states that interest on delinquent accounts shall be charged at the prime interest rate charged by the First National Bank of Chicago. Veronica suggested that the Board propose a Bylaw change switching to a fixed interest rate at the next Annual Meeting.

The Board agreed to empower our attorney to place a lien on the Lot 66 property for payment of Association dues (the property is three quarterly payments in arrears). Linda will be asked to see to this, when she returns from vacation.

It was noted that several new River Oaks homeowners, particularly those who are not the original homeowners, may not have received copies of the River Oaks Bylaws and Covenants. Bob recommended that the Board assemble a new owners' information package, to include copies of the Bylaws and Covenants, plus a letter covering such important facts as the amount of the Association dues, when and where to send dues payments, the date and time of the Annual Meeting, etc. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: In Toni's absence, the committee's report was given by Lois Hitchcock. This year's River Oaks block party will be a luau! The event is scheduled for a 2 PM start on Saturday, August 25. The committee will be organizing requests for food from homeowners in keeping with the Hawaiian theme. The committee would like to put out a plea for anyone who can provide gas grills or large trash cans for the day's festivities. The next Entertainment Committee meeting will be on July 31.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: John noted some format changes in the latest (June/July) issue of the Newsletter: (1) it was printed on both sides for the first time

(although the total cost of copying is the same, it saves paper), and (2) the separate news input sheet was dropped, since all the news from homeowners was coming in on separate sheets of paper anyway.

GROUNDSKEEPING COMMITTEE: Fred summarized the July 9 committee meeting (see committee minutes). The front entrance island has been weeded by H&B, as the committee requested. H&B has also pulled out the stumps of the dead trees in the Upper Common Area, and reseeded.

The committee noted that the pipe draining from the Upper Common Area into the river has broken back further. Two evergreens at the back of the pumping station in the lower cul-de-sac have died and should be replaced; weeding is also needed in that area.

It was also noted that another very large limb has fallen into the Lower Common Area from one of the dead willow trees. The committee has as yet received no responses to their request for chain saw wielders to help clear out the large fallen branches there.

H&B did a weed-and-feed application in the Upper Common Area and along Route 59 on July 6. H&B will look into the clover problem in the common areas. H&B recommends another weed and feed in the first or second week of September, rather than in August as originally planned. The Board approved H&B's recommendation.

Two members of the committee are getting bids for repair of the ruts in the lower cul-de-sac.

H&B is presently mowing and trimming weeds along the Route 59 easement. Fred noted that he had checked out this issue thoroughly with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The State has no objections to our mowing of the easement. IDOT presently mows the easements three times per year. State property extends right up to the homeowners' fence lines, although this entire area would likely not be mowed by IDOT.

The committee has received several favorable responses from homeowners

regarding their suggestion of planting a row of evergreen trees as a sight and sound barrier along Route 59. The Board encouraged the committee to investigate this possibility further.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The Board discussed the Beautification Committee's earlier proposal to investigate a program of encouraging the planting of parkway trees in the subdivision. The Board is in favor of this proposal, provided that it is handled on a voluntary basis for each lot. John brought up the possibility of trying to get reduced prices from a tree nursery if a substantial number of trees are ordered by River Oaks residents. Karl will check with the Arboretum to get an expert recommendation on good parkway trees and trees to avoid. If the Board approves, the Beautification Committee will plan to take action on the parkway trees proposal within 30 days of its next meeting, so that we don't miss the fall planting season.

CITY LIAISON: Amy reported that the street light at Lot 23 has been repaired. However, two other streetlights have gone out in the meantime, so the City will have to be called again.

The City feels that the cracking storm drain pipe from the Upper Common Area to the river should be put on the list of items which may need correction using Anden's bond money.

The City will inspect the large pipe in the Lower Common Area. Standard covers exist for this type of pipe; the City may be able to provide one for us.

River Oaks Drive has settled between Lots 21 and 22, and in at least two other areas. The City will come to inspect this problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next meeting is set for 7:30 PM, Thursday, August 16, at the Modenes'.

.... Respectfully submitted by John Christiansen, acting Secretary

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PUZZLE

Here's a little puzzle for you grade school kids! Figure out the correct LETTER for each of the seven clues, then write in that letter in every box with that letter's clue NUMBER. The letters in the boxes will spell out SOMETHING THAT MOST OF YOU WILL BE SEEING A LOT MORE OF SOON!!



5	3	4	6	1	3	6
1	7	4	3	3	2	

CLUES

1. Superman's monogram.
2. The first letter in the Hawaiian word for "party" (the word is in the Newsletter three times!)
3. The letter you'll find most often in Spaghetti-O's.
4. If this letter were lying down, it would be an "I".
5. The next letter after "Fourth of ...".
6. What half of a dime starts with.
7. The letter you see most often on baseball caps in the Chicago area.

.... GOOD LUCK, KIDS !!!!

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

August 27.