

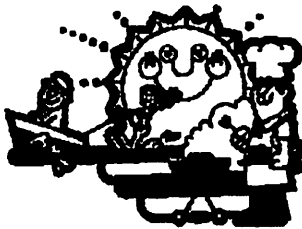


River Oaks Newsletter

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4TH ANNUAL RIVER OAKS BLOCK PARTY



Mark your calendars now and plan to join your neighbors for the summer's "Last Fling" on Sunday, September 8, 1991. We will be congregating in the lower common area (between Lots 39 and 40) to have a fun-filled afternoon and say goodbye to this long, HOT summer. Registration begins at 2 PM, followed by a host of games for adults and children beginning at 3 PM. All of you sports fiends gets ready for volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, darts, balloon toss and sack races. There will be prizes and surprises, including a visit by Breezy the Clown, donated by the Gary Wheaton Bank!!!! A chicken and pasta buffet dinner will be served beginning at 4 PM. Dinner includes chicken, mostaccioli, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, relish trays, and rolls. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided. We are asking that each family attending bring either an appetizer or dessert to share with your neighbors. Remember to make it "finger" food. Feel free to bring your own adult beverages if you prefer.

Remember to bring a blanket or folding chairs for sitting, the only tables will be for serving.

As has been our policy in the past, no unaccompanied minors will be allowed at the party. The rain location for the party is the Warrenville Community Center, but keep your fingers crossed that we won't need it. If we do need to go to the Community Center, you will be

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tuesday, August 27

First Day of School for District 200

Sunday, September 1

Annual Chicken and Corn Fest
Cerny Park, Warrenville

Sunday, September 8

Fourth Annual River Oaks
Block Party, at 2 PM in
Lower Common Area

Thursday, September 19

Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting at 7:30 PM
At the Saxton's
2 S 539 River Oaks Dr.

notified.

In order to provide the proper amount of food, please RSVP by Tuesday, September 3, 1991. You can RSVP by dropping off the sheet attached to the Newsletter to one of the committee members, or by calling them at home.

WATER BAN

Attention River Oakers: The watering restrictions are still in effect in Warrentville. About 3 weeks ago a Warrentville police officer stopped at several homes in our subdivision to remind homeowners who were watering during the ban hours that they could not do so. This was just a warning. However, if you have received a warning and are found to be watering during ban hours again you could be fined. According to Ordinance 7-4A-17, you could be fined up to \$500.00.

Watering is prohibited from 11 AM to 7 PM each day. The Ordinance prohibits watering or sprinkling lawns, trees, shrubs and gardens from 11 to 7 except that the prohibition shall not apply to the use of hand held watering devices for watering of newly planted lawns, trees, shrubs and gardens; filling of swimming pools from 11 to 7 is also prohibited.

If any one is interested in the complete Ordinance you may pick up a copy at City Hall - just ask for Ordinance 7-4A-17.

"WHAT ABOUT THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION?"

With so many new faces in River Oaks in recent months, the Newsletter staff felt it would be worthwhile to briefly review some basics about our Homeowners Association.

The River Oaks Improvement Association's Board of Directors has nine members, each serving three-year terms. Three Board positions come up for election by the homeowners at each Annual Meeting. Annual Meetings are held in early February. The Board meets monthly, with the location rotating among the members' homes. All homeowners are welcome to attend these monthly meetings. Our Bylaws require us to fill the offices of Board President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Board members not holding one of these offices are generally chairpersons of one of our committees:

Groundskeeping & Beautification Committee. Two separate committees were merged this year on a trial basis. This combined committee looks after maintenance of the River Oaks common areas, and plans and executes landscaping improvements to

the common areas.

Entertainment Committee. This committee has responsible for our excellent seasonal events: the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party for the kids, and the Block Party.

City Liaison. The Board member handling this assignment keeps track of any official doings in the City of Warrentville that might be of interest or importance to River Oaks.

Nominating Committee. This committee canvasses the subdivision and prepares lists of nominees for Board positions for the Annual Meeting elections.

Newsletter Committee. This committee puts out the mostly-monthly Newsletter which you're reading now.

All homeowners are encouraged to participate in the committee(s) of their choice - the committees are the lifeblood of the Association!

The following is a list of our current Board members and their 1991 assignments. Note that there are presently only eight members, due to a resignation - the Board is looking for a ninth!

- Tom Sinnott, President
- Toni Oster, Vice President and Nominating Committee Chairman
- Cheryl Soelke, Secretary
- Gloria Langston, Treasurer
- Millie Murphy, Beautification & Groundskeeping Committee Chairman (cochair with John Spartz)
- Linda Saxton: Entertainment Committee Chairman
- Amy Salyer: City Liaison
- John Christiansen: Newsletter Committee Chairman

We wish a speedy recovery to Cheryl Mahowald, Lot #26, who had back surgery earlier this week. Hope to see you around River Oaks again soon, Cheryl!



YARD BEAUTIFUL

Congratulations to the Sinnotts (Lot 53) for their Honorable Mention in this year's Warrenville Beautification Awards, presented by the Warrenville Natural Areas Commission on July 4! Tom, Marnee, and Stephanie's yard was the runner-up in the judging for all of Ward 4. The Sinnotts received a letter of recognition from the City to commemorate their achievement.

It is quite a feather in River Oaks' cap, as well as the Sinnotts', to land one of these awards, especially considering how new our subdivision is, and what a relatively short time we've all had to develop our landscapes!

PETS !



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.

THEY'RE OFF !!



Ah! That familiar scent of new shoe leather is in the air signalling the opening of the 1991-92 school year. The first day of the school year for children attending the Wheaton - public schools is August 27. This is morning attendance only for Grades 1 - 12, with the first full day of school commencing on August 28 for all students. To all River Oaks Kids - good luck!

It's time for children to be waiting for the school bus at the entrance to the subdivision. Last year, when Lot #66 was vacant, the children treated the yard and porch as their playground. Please, parents, remind your children that someone does live there now and to be considerate of this private property.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



Ross and Jan Stern have recently moved into Lot #62. They have three sons: twins Brandon and Christopher, age 3, and Matthew, age 1. The Sterns moved here from Glen Ellyn, to be nearer to Ross' work at Arthur Anderson in St. Charles. Ross hails from upstate New York, while Jan comes from Michigan.

Brian and Mary Jean Lynch, and their 7 year old son Jonathon moved into Lot # 21 over the summer, from their previous home in Warrenville. Mary Jean teaches psychology at North Central College, while Brian is appearing across the country in the National Touring Company of "Les Miserables", in which he plays the leading role of Jean ValJean.

Terry and Kathryn Costlow left Minneapolis this summer and moved into Lot # 55. They are both Texas natives. Terry is an engineer with Amoco, and Kathryn is involved in secretarial work. We hope they find our climate warmer than Minnesota!

Welcome to River Oaks!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RIVER OAKS KIDS !



August Kids!

Andrea White
Meghan McKinley
Rafael Recometa
Keegan Soelke

and to Stephanie Sinnott, a July
birthday we forgot!

KID'S COMMUNITY FACTS QUIZ

Kids: How much do you know about the community you live in? Give this quiz a try, and find out! Good luck!

1. Warrenville is divided into several wards, each with two aldermen on the City Council. How many wards does Warrenville have? What ward is River Oaks in?

2. What color are the new Warrenville police cars? What color are the old ones?

3. Where does the water that flows past River Oaks in our river (the West Branch of the Dupage River) finally end up, if it doesn't evaporate?

4. What was the Warrenville City Hall building used for before it became City Hall?

5. Fill in the blank: Warrenville is a "_____ City USA".

6. What is the telephone number you should call in case of an emergency?

7. These days, you can ride your bicycles on the Prairie Path. But 50 years ago, you could ride something else there - what?

8. The last question is a tough one that some adults don't know: what do "2S" and "29W" stand for in River Oaks street addresses?

Answers will appear in next month's Newsletter.

NOTICE

KINDERMUSIC: A piano teacher, Linda Kaufman, who lives in Summerlakes, has completed training to teach music to young children from ages 18 months to 6 years. The program consists of musical activities leading to creative expression and preparation for later instrumental study. It's just plain musical fun for preschoolers. For more information contact Marnee Sinnott, 393-2206.

BABYSITTERS



Hil If you are looking for a babysitter, call Angie Vainisi. I'm 12 years old and I charge \$1.50 an hour. If you are interested call 393-3238 (Lot 2).

Need a babysitter?
Summer vacation is over and I'm back!
Jacquie Salyer
393-7645
Reliable, Responsible, Experienced
all ages, for two years

YARD WORK

Lawnmowing / Odd Jobs:
Summer vacation is over and I'm back!
Jamie Salyer
393-7645
Responsible, Reliable, Experienced



MINUTES OF RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 16, 1991

PRESENT: Tom Sinnott, Toni Oster, John Christiansen, Millie Murphy, Gloria Langston, Amy Salyer, and Cheryl Soelke.

ABSENT: Linda Saxton

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gloria gave a verbal and written treasurer's report. A bill from H&B was presented and approved for payment in the amount of \$845.00. The third quarter bills were sent out. Late fees were included on Lots 20, 44, and 58.

GROUNDKEEPING / BEAUTIFICATION: Goal was discussed to implement and complete a parkway tree program. Sub-committees were appointed. Cheryl Soelke and John Christiansen will put together a plan to present to the City of Warrenville and Millie Murphy, John Spartz, and Bill McKinley will put together a plan to present to each homeowner. Specific items to include in the plans: size of trees, nursery estimates (preferably wholesale). Tom Sinnott requested a rough outline of the plans by the next meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT: No report.

CITY LIAISON: Amy Salyer reported that her back yard seems to be slipping or eroding. Amy needs to direct a letter to Anden so that this item may be added to the list of private improvements that need to be addressed.

Tom Sinnott will plan to attend the next City Public Works Commission meeting on behalf of River Oaks to find out the current status of the pending lawsuit between the City and Anden.

Cheryl Soelke found out that it is possible to obtain a copy of the aerial photograph of River Oaks before it was subdivided. The copy will cost \$25.00. It was unanimously agreed that Cheryl should obtain this copy.

NEWSLETTER: John Christiansen presented a letterhead for the Board. It was approved for use. John also mentioned that the directory should be distributed some time in August.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe Ricely, who was the Association lawyer, has left the firm that we were dealing with. It was decided that, for now, we will continue to deal with this firm, and deal with Bill Jegen. The Board members will check with any contacts that they may have to see if we can get any referrals. Tom Sinnott will talk with Barry Moss (City Attorney) also.

Tom sent a letter to the Chief of Police to thank him for sending a police representative to the August Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A letter was received from the Conservation Foundation of DuPage County to thank all of those involved in the river clean-up. Another letter was received inviting the River Oaks Homeowners Association to participate in a parade to commemorate all veterans. The Board voted to pass on the parade.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. Next meeting is August 15 at the Sinnott residence.

..... respectfully submitted, Cheryl Soelke,
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, JULY 1991

Balance 6/30/91	\$ 4,567.72
Interest, June	13.67
Deposit	96.00

Total	4,677.39
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Expenses

Bank charge	5.63
Flowers, water hose	126.29
Attorney fees	138.00
Copies	57.84
Lawn service	1,045.00

Total Expenses	1,372.76
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Net	3,304.63
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Money Market Account

Balance 6/30/91	4,977.89
Interest, June	20.37

Total, Money Market	4,998.26
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Total Cash	8,302.89
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MINUTES OF RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 15, 1991

PRESENT: Tom Sinnott, John Christiansen, Toni Oster, Amy Salyer, Gloria Langston, Linda Saxton.

ABSENT: Cheryl Soelke, Millie Murphy.

VISITORS: Lois Hitchcock; Warrenville Police Officer Bruce VanWankum

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM by Tom Sinnott.

Tom greeted Officer VanWankum and introduced the board to him.

The Warrenville Police Dept would like to have better communication with the residents of the town. Officer VanWankum discussed when it was appropriate to call the police, and stressed that each call should be made to 911. If it is a non-emergency, state it as such, but all calls go through the enhanced 911 system (this will show your address on the dispatchers screen when you call). All residents should feel comfortable in calling the police to report any petty vandalism, nuisances, or suspicious behavior, or just to get information.

A few questions were posed to Officer VanWankum. First, about speeders. All speeding in the subdivision should be reported. We should try to get the make and model and license of the car. Also report the times the car is most commonly noticed speeding and whether you can identify the driver. All or any of this information should be handed over to the police and they will take it from there. Second, juvenile mischief. Definitely call the police and they will contact the parents and then may turn the matter over to Sally McCarthy, who is the head of the Youth Services here in Warrenville. Third, we were curious as to how the police viewed our common area: as private or as public property. There have been incidents in the lower common area of trespassers making trouble. Officer VanWankum will get back to us on this. Another question posed was how crime is reported in the local paper here in town. Specifically that there were a few incidents of vandalism here in this neighborhood that were never reported in the crime section of the Free Press. Officer VanWankum was unsure of the procedure

of reporting crime in the paper and will get back to us. The nuisance of solicitors was brought up, it was recommended to call the police right away and the solicitors will be picked up. A small discussion was had about the gang problem surrounding us and how the Warrenville P.D. keeps abreast of all the news by meeting monthly with other area detectives. Generally it was a very informative and pleasant session with Officer VanWankum. The Board asked him to relay to the Chief of Police that we are very interested in starting a neighborhood watch program. Officer VanWankum will let us know if and when the city decides to institute this program.

TREASURERS REPORT: Gloria gave her report (included in Newsletter). At this time there are only two past-due homeowner's accounts.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Plans for the Block Party were discussed (see the Newsletter Block Party story). Next meeting, August 28, at 7:30 PM at Linda Saxton's, 2S 539 River Oaks Drive. Anyone wishing to help in the Block party, or the Halloween party, please feel free to come.

CITY LIAISON: no report.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: John gave report. Being that we have so many new residents, the Newsletter will carry a summary of all committees. The new directory will be out in about one week.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: no report.

GROUNDKEEPING/BEAUTIFICATION: John Christiansen presented his draft proposal to the City for permission for parkway tree planting. It was a very well thought out and comprehensive report. This will be presented to the City Council for approval. River Oaks needs a tree planting plan, so the next meeting will be combined meeting of all G/B people plus the Board, and any homeowners who would like to attend. This meeting will be on August 22 at Tom Sinnott's at 7:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS: Two letters have been received from the police department in regards to speeding on Route 59. In the past two months, 120 warnings have been issued, 60 tickets written (58 for speeding) and 7 speed-related accidents (no injuries).

Also, Cheryl has made copies of our new letter-head, and she picked up a aerial photo of the River Oaks area from 1986 showing all the trees that no longer are standing (this will give us a better idea of what Ordinance 828 should be giving us).

NEW BUSINESS: Cheryl to call Jegen law offices to find out our new rates.

Several incidents now of realtors not notifying buyers of our Homeowners Association. It was decided that the Secretary will call the Board of Realtors to see how to handle this, and also ask them why this information is not on the MLS listing sheet. A possible solution will be to withhold the letter for the closing until we have written signed confirmation from the new buyers that they are aware of the homeowners association and the quarterly dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM; next meeting September 19, at Linda Saxton's.

.... respectfully submitted, Linda Saxton, acting Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, AUGUST 1991

Balance 7/31/91	\$ 3,304.63
Deposit	1,320.00
Total	4,624.63
Expenses	
Lawn service	586.00
Total Expenses	586.00
Net	4,038.63
Money Market Account	
Balance 7/31/91	4,998.26
Total Cash	9,036.89

This Newsletter is brought to you by your friendly Newsletter Committee, consisting of:

***John Christiansen, Chairman, 393-4946
Linda Saxton, 393-2206
Lois Hitchcock, 393-2409
Marnee Sinnott, 393-2808
Becky Christiansen, 393-4946***

Let one of the committee members know of anything you might want included in the Newsletter.