



# OAK LEAVES

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With the changing of the seasons, The River Oaks' landscaping crews have sprung into action. John Christiansen and Tom Sinnott drove Terry Costlow's truck to Winding Creek and returned with our final replacement parkway trees and two large Serviceberries to anchor the entrance to the common area between lots 17 and 18. Two tulip trees and one sweet gum were planted in the parkway on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, while the remaining sweetgum and the serviceberries were planted this past weekend.

Your hardworking News Letter committee is finalizing a draft run of our new River Oaks directory. Pesky business travel has elongated our estimated time to compile and publish this document.

For information on pets, the Post Office, landscaping, the garage sale, school happenings and other matters of galactic import, READ ON !!!



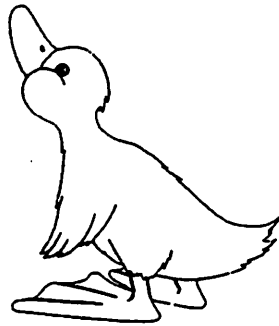
## Calendar of Events

- ☞ Thursday, May 6  
Board Of Directors  
7:30 PM  
At the Brackmans'
- ☞ Sunday, May 9  
**MOTHER's DAY**  
{an ALL DAY event}
- ☞ Thursday, May 13  
Landscaping  
7:30 PM  
At the Moores'
- ☞ Tuesday, May 18  
News Letter  
7:30 PM  
At the Moores'

## PET CORNER

### PET ETIQUETTE and the LAW

With the advent of Spring, everyone is opening windows and going outside. Continuous barking from a dog can disrupt the peace, and a mis-step can result in an unpleasant and unplanned encounter with a "gift" left from Spot (or Tabby).



*It is a violation of Warrenville ordinance 920 to allow an "animal nuisance" which may be offensive to neighboring properties.*

The penalty for violation of this ordinance is a fine of up to \$75.00 for each offense.

Some of Warrenville's rules about pets include:

- [1] Forbidding the accumulation of animal waste.
- [2] Requiring the pet owner to re-move feces (except from guide dogs) deposited upon public or private property.
- [3] Fines can be imposed on the owner for a pet that is an "animal nuisance". This includes, noise or activities which are injurious to public health, comfort or welfare.

Dogs are trainable (now matter how old they are). If you would like help in training your dog to "live by the rules" please call Mary Moore (393-6473) or contact your vet.

## RESPONSIBLE PET WATCHING !!

River Oaks FINALLY has  
an experienced- and responsible

### PET WATCHER.

If you want a responsible AND  
experienced person to watch  
your pet(s) in your home while  
you are out, call

**JOEY VAINISI**

at

**393-3238**



## WHY DO POODLES HAVE that funny haircut?

Poodles were bred to chase down rodents that burrow in the ground. These cute little pets would follow the rodent into its den and retrieve it. Since the dog's hair could get caught on brush and roots, the poodle was shaved clean. Unfortunately, poodles are susceptible to arthritis, so the hunters decided to leave fur on the poodles' joints for insulation. Thus the funny looking haircut.

§ Submitted by Mary Moore §



**S**EVERAL BOARD MEMBERS have been contacted by River Oaks residents with complaints about the service from our week-day Postal Carrier. This individual has been observed removing material from Post Boxes, and has mis-delivered mail (including Bank Statements) on several occasions. One resident received an abusive phone call from an unidentified postal employee threatening to 'take you to court'. It is very unfortunate that after several years of excellent and trouble-free relations with our postal carrier we now find ourselves dealing with an individual who, at the least, appears inflexible in her demands and surly in her behavior.

**A**S WAS REPORTED in the last News Letter, all residents who have complaints are encouraged to transmit their grievance in writing to the Post Office. A copy of the complaint form, the U.S. Postal Service Consumer Service Card is shown below. If you have a complaint, please feel free to contact Amy Salyer (393-7645) or a Board Member to get an original form. The form should be mailed to: Beverly Tolbert, Consumer Affairs, U.S. Postal Service, Bedford Park, Illinois, 60499-9631.

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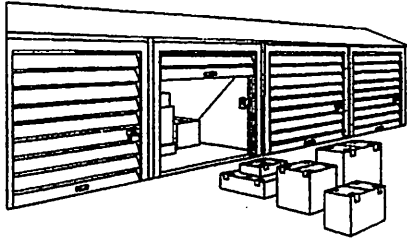
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PS Form 4314-C, July 1991

THANK YOU. You will be contacted soon by your Post Office.

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# RIVER OAKS



## GARAGE SALE

The RIVER OAKS GARAGE SALE will be held on the first weekend in June (JUNE 5). Linda Saxton is in charge of the event, and needs to know how many homes will be participating in the event. In past years we have held the sale on both Friday and Saturday. We will advertise for both days again, ONLY if there are enough homes participating on both days, otherwise the sale will be held and advertised for Saturday only. Advertising will be paid for this year by ROIA. Each participating house needs to put balloons on their mail box post to identify that they are participating in the garage sale.

PLEASE CONTACT LINDA SAXTON AT 393-2206 no later than SUNDAY, MAY 23, to let her know your plans.

## HUBBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

"Exactly  
what  
are  
they  
doing?"



Due to the efforts of Russel Recometa (lot #20) and Hillary Saxton, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus received a 1 rating in the recent State tournament.

Jackie Salyer (lot #23) and Scot Moore (lot #52) carried the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus to a 1 rating in the State tournament.

Scot Moore's able assistance also helped the Show Choir to achieve a 2 rating at State tournament.

The State tournament was held on April 23.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the travelling Symphonic Band will be going to St. Louis for a contest, while on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, they will be playing at the 6 Flags over Mid America by St. Louis.



• Submitted by Skye Koenig •

MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 1, 1993

PRESENT: Paul Koenig, Joe Lanute, Mark Moore,  
Becky Christiansen, Kathryn Costlow

ABSENT: Tom Sinnott, Phil Brackmann

GUEST: Tom Saxton

The meeting was called to order by Paul Koenig, President, at 7:42 P.M.

OPEN FORUM: Tom Saxton explained a proposed landscaping plan for the hill behind his house. The top of the slope is in the Common Area, and Tom asked the Board for permission to plant a line of evergreens (which he will provide) on the Common Area portion of the slope. [See Landscaping Report]

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Board meeting on March 2, 1993 as written. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Paul circulated a list of scheduled monthly Board meetings and their locations:

May 6, 1993	Brackmanns'
June 3, 1993	Lanutes'
July 1, 1993	Christiansens'
August 5, 1993	Moore's
September 2, 1993	Costlows'
October 7, 1993	Sinnotts'
November 4, 1993	Koenigs'
December 2, 1993	Brackmanns'
January 6, 1994	Lanutes'

These are subject to changes.

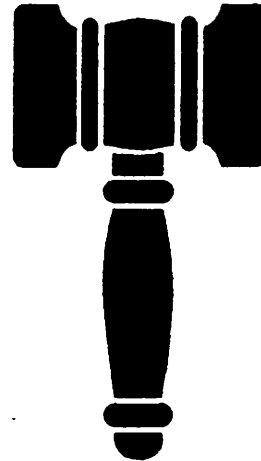
TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance in the ROIA account as of March 16, 1993 is \$6,403.00. Joe will be sending out the next quarter's bills on Saturday. The signature card at the bank must be changed to reflect the new officers. Joe reported that the check sent to the Secretary of State with the filing of our registered agent has not been cashed, and that he has received notice that the filing has not been recorded. He and Tom will look into this situation.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Paul. Motion passed.

LANDSCAPING REPORT: Mark reported on the committee meeting he held on March 25, 1993. John Christiansen attended the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Maintenance of Common Areas. The Committee received three bids for Common Area maintenance: \$6,685.00 from A1, \$6,850.00 from H&B, and \$4,360.00 from Davey. Other services such as tree and shrub trimming, fertilization, and insect control were discussed as possible additions to the proposed work.

MOTION: To accept Davey's bid, and to authorize Common Area tree and shrub fertilization, trimming, and insect control as needed. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Kathryn. Motion passed.



**DISCUSSION:** Shrub Removal in Lower Circle. The lower cul-de-sac circle has shrubs that must be moved. Some could be planted further away from the tree in the circle, while others could be planted at other Common Area locations (e.g. the dirt pile in the lower Common Area). The problem of repeated truck damage to the grass on the outer three feet of the circle was discussed. Mark will look up last year's bids for filling this portion with gravel.

**DISCUSSION:** Parkway Trees. Four Parkway trees need replacing (three natural fatalities, one run over by a car). The tree wrap needs to be removed and the trees need to be fed. These jobs are scheduled for spring.

**DISCUSSION:** Plantings to Delineate Entranceway to Common Area. The Committee has budgeted money for plantings along the entrance to the Upper Common Area between Lots 17 and 18. These plantings would consist of approximately 40 evergreens and shrubs in two rows, with enough room for a truck to pass between the rows. Before any planting can be done, this entrance must be surveyed.

**MOTION:** To approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for surveying and planting of the Common Area entrance between Lots 17 & 18. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** To permit Tom Saxton to plant a line of evergreens on the Common Area slope behind his house, with the approval of the Landscaping Committee. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION:** General Plan for Common Area Plantings. Mark said that the Landscape Committee will work on a general plan for Common Area plantings, to accommodate any future homeowner donations and the trees that are growing in the ROIA nursery.

**DISCUSSION:** Plan for Entrance Island. The entrance island needs to be dug out, the soil amended, and planted with some special plants based on hardiness to salt, poor drainage, and poor watering. Protection for the narrow end of the island must also be considered.

**ENTERTAINMENT REPORT:** Kathryn reported that the eggs have been filled with candy, the bunny suit rented, and everything is in readiness for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held this weekend.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** Becky read Tom's written report on the Newsletter. The first issue of the new ROIA year came out this week, and the Board complimented Tom on a job well done. The April Newsletter is scheduled for late April delivery, and the new River Oaks Directory will be published with this.

**DISCUSSION:** The problem of delivery of the Newsletter was discussed. Paul reported that there are no commercially available tubes to attach to the mailbox post. Joe will try to fabricate a 'River Oaks' tube with PVC pipe and green paint. Another suggestion was a hook on each post, on which to hang the Newsletter in a plastic bag.

**DISCUSSION:** Mary and Mark Moore took the March Newsletter around door-to-door, since it contained the By-Laws. This packet will be mailed to the seven lots where they were not able to leave it protected.

**ad-hoc BY-LAWS:** As Tom reported in his written note, the distribution of the By-Laws to each homeowner completes the task of this committee, and it now stands dissolved.

**ANDEN ISSUES:** As Tom reported in his written note, there has been no further action in the City of Warrenville vs. Anden lawsuit.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**THANK-YOU LETTERS:** As Tom reported in his written note, letters were sent to the City of Warrenville and to Ana Vainisi expressing the Board's appreciation for their help with the Annual Meeting. Ana called Tom and thanked him for the certificate of appreciation she received from the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS: (continued)**

Mayor Lund thanked the Board and said that the \$25. contribution would be applied to the cost of the new stage curtains in the Community Building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RIVER CLEAN-UP:** The annual West Branch Project river clean-up will take place on Saturday, June 5, 1993. Tom has volunteered to coordinate River Oaks participation with Jim Kleinwachter, the coordinator of the West Branch Sweep. It was recommended that articles about the Sweep be featured in both April and May Newsletters.

**BUS STOPS:** As reported in the Newsletter, the middle school bus is now coming into the subdivision to pick up and discharge the middle school students. The high school bus does not, because of the claim that students on the other side of Rt. 59 need to cross Rt. 59 when the bus stops the traffic. Since this is not what is observed, the Board will look into this situation and request again that the bus come into the subdivision.

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 1993, at the Brackmann's house, 2S 540 River Oaks Dr., at 7:30 P.M.

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## **May Birthdays:**

Amanda Spartz,  
Matthew Mathowald,  
Camille Vicino,  
Carly Hulse, Susan Hulse,  
Laura Christiansen.



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### **Landscaping Committee Plans:**

The Landscaping Committee is currently considering the following activities: Complete tree selection and planting for Common Area Entrance marking; Subdivision entrance plantings; installation of the traffic restriction between lots 51 & 52; transplanting of shrubs in the lower cul-de-sac; cleanup of the dirt pile behind lot 40 and the development of the Common Area planting plan. Please feel free to help out with your thoughts and your time!

# !! THANK YOU !!

All of us in River Oaks owe a sincere THANK YOU and a JOB WELL DONE to the hardy volunteers who gave of their valuable time and donated a few sore muscles in designing, obtaining and planting the new shrubs and trees which delineate the entrance to the common area between lots 17 and 18.

Chuck Hulse provided the professional survey of the entrance.

Mark Moore oversaw the stripping of the sod and stockpiling of new topsoil.

John Christiansen provided the over-all plant design and, from his chair of pain, provided spiritual support for the planting activities.

Joe English, Ross Stern, Tom Sinnott, Mark Moore, Peter Boiven, Mary Moore and Denny Hill, with pick-up trucks donated by Terry Costlow and Skip Nesbit dug the holes, planted, mulched and watered our new greenery.

The shrubs consist of potentilla, red barberry and alpine currant. The shrubs will grow to a height of 3-4 feet, and will provide for seasonal changes of colorful foliage.

The two trees anchoring the street-side of the entrance are Serviceberries. These fine specimens will attain a height of approximately 25 feet. In the spring they bear white flowers. The flowers are followed by edible berries. While the berries are edible and quite tasty, (the pioneers used to make pies with them) the birds generally get to them before about the minute they ripen.



The Newsletter is brought to you by: Tom Sinnott, Becky Christiansen, Ann Koenig, Mary Moore and Marnee Sinnott.

Please feel free to any of us with comments or items you want included in the Newsletter.