



News & Views

OAK LEAVES

of River Oaks

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Notice something different? Hardworking members of the Landscaping Committee hauled LOTS of rock, clay, dirt and mulch and installed the new plantings at the entranceway over the weekend of June 19th.

Stella D'Oro daylillies, potentilla, barberry, sweet ferns and a juniper now grace our entranceway. A big **THANK YOU** to Mark Moore, John Christiansen and Ross Stern (with vehicle support provided by Skip Nesbit) for the design and the execution of this project.



The Board of Directors of the River Oaks Improvement Association has changed its monthly meetings from the first Thursday of each month to the third Thursday of each month. The meetings take place at 7:30 P.M., at a location announced in the Newsletter. Just to keep the members on their toes, the July Board meeting is an exception to the rule:

Thursday, July 22nd at 7:30 P.M.
At the Christiansens'

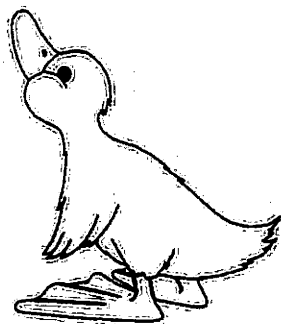
Calendar of Events

- ☛ **Monday, July 12**
Newsletter
7:30PM
at the Sinnotts'
- ☛ **Thursday, July 22**
Board Of Directors
7:30 PM
at the Christiansens'
- ☛ **Thursday, July 29**
Landscaping
7:30 PM
at the Moores'
- ☛ **Saturday, August 28**
A TASTE OF RIVER OAKS
In the Common Area
BE THERE
or
BE SQUARE !!

PET CORNER

POODLES!

**WHY DO
THEY
HAVE
THAT
FUNNY
HAIRCUT?**



Poodles were bred to chase down small rodents that burrow in the ground. Since their fur could get caught on roots and rocks, the poodles were shaved clean.

Unfortunately, poodles are susceptible to arthritis!

To combat arthritis, the fur was left over the joints to provide insulation.

Thus the "funny looking" haircut characteristic of poodles!



*Please brush your dog or cat!
They will be healthier for it. A daily
brushing will keep bugs from
nesting in dead or matted hair.
Besides, your pet will love you for
it!*



**RIVER OAKS JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

Teresa Lanute, Ian Ladik, Kristine
Spartz, Tim Doran, Stephanie
Simone, Kevin Polley, Eric Ray,
Joey Varini, Keith Ortiz, Mike
Ortiz, Makia Langston, Michael
Oster & Bill Talu.



You're Invited To A TASTE OF RIVER OAKS

The Annual River Oaks Picnic will be held
on Saturday, August 28, 1993 in the
Common Area.

Renowned for **GREAT FOOD, ACTIVITIES**
for the kids, and the occasional
FOOTBALL games for older kids, the
TASTE OF RIVER OAKS is a great way to
relax with your neighbors.

Reserve Saturday, August 28th.
Your tastebuds will thank you!

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Vandals in River Oaks

It's Summer, and there are many people wandering through River Oaks. Please be on the LOOKOUT for anyone damaging property in River Oaks.

Last week, vandals ripped out most of the wire fence at the tree nursery. Also, there has been a history of damage to the stairs in the Upper Common Area.

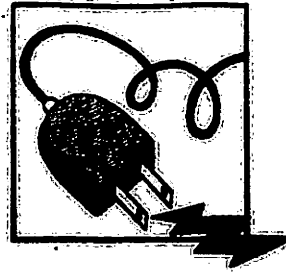
If you see anyone vandalizing property in River Oaks, report it immediately to the police and a Board Member (if the property is in the Common Areas).

Much time, effort and expense has been put into various projects and maintenance activities throughout River Oaks.

Your help is needed to protect our neighborhood from thoughtless acts of destruction!



**NO VANDALS
IN RIVER OAKS !**



The Special Edition of Oak Leaves reported on a potential hazard involving the transformer box behind lots 22 and 23. Heavy rains cause water to collect around the transformer because of

ground subsidence.

During our last round of heavy rain, the water level got very close to the fuse area of the box. If the water reaches the fuses, power will be lost to a number of homes in River Oaks.

Com Ed has been informed of the problem, and promises to raise the box. Com Ed also says that there is no electrical shock hazard.

Even after the box is raised, it is a good idea to **STAY OUT OF COMMON AREAS WHEN THEY ARE FULL OF WATER!** The water can be deep, and the drain causes very powerful suction.



ARTICLES & STORIES Wanted



The Newsletter welcomes any articles or stories from River Oaks residents!

If you have a word game, puzzle, joke or want to advertise a neighborhood service such as: Pet Watching; Baby Sitting; Lawn Care; Car Washing; etc., the NEWSLETTER is YOUR PLACE to be.

Feel free to give your input to any Newsletter Committee member or Board member.

**HAVE
YOU
INSPECTED
YOUR
WATER
&
SEWER
BILL
LATELY?**



Now that the lawn watering season is upon us, everyone's water consumption (and water bill) seems to go up right along with the temperature.

Did you know that the City charges you twice for your water? Charges accrue once on the way in [through the water meter] and once again on the way out [through the sewer].

However, water used on grass, trees and flowers goes into your yard and not into Warrenville's sewage system.

Unfortunately, our water bills assume that ALL the water we use winds up in the sewer.

Recently, residents of Bloomington, Indiana successfully challenged this strategy for city water bills. Now Bloomington residents' summer (June, July & August) water bills are calculated on the average monthly bills for April and May or their actual summer usage, whichever is less.

Such a billing system would be more accurate and fairer than the billing scheme currently used by the City. Several River Oaks homeowners have shown an interest in bringing this issue to the City Council.

If you have any comments regarding this issue, or wish to become involved, please call Becky Christiansen at 393-4946.

The Newsletter will report on any future developments.

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED !**

Millie Murphy (Lot #1, 393-4615) needs VOLUNTEERS to help her deliver hot meals to local homebound residents.

Helpers are needed between 11:00 and 12:00 (noon) on Mondays or Fridays.

**Call Millie,
it'll do your ♥ good!**

**Help The Environment
&
Obey the Law !**

It seems to happen every summer. The lawn needs mowing, the garden beds need cleaning. Once again, some River Oakers are dumping yard debris down the river banks.

STATE LAW FORBIDS DUMPING INTO OR ADJACENT TO A RIVER. THE BY LAWS OF RIVER OAKS ALSO FORBID DUMPING IN COMMON AREAS.

The river banks (except for a narrow strip along the crest) are Common Areas.

Grass clippings are a BIG problem for the river. They release nitrogen which causes uncontrolled algae growth (algae blooms) which, in turn, generates a very unpleasant odor and kills fish - which causes EVEN WORSE odor.

Board of Directors Meeting
Held on June 3, 1993

PRESENT: Paul Koenig, Joe Lanute,
Tom Sinnott, Mark Moore, and Becky
Christiansen

ABSENT: Kathryn Costlow, Phil
Brackmann

Paul called the meeting to order at
7:50 P.M.



**REVIEW OF JUNE 2nd MEETING WITH
EPA:** A representative of the
consulting firm in charge of the
testing program for the EPA
Superfund cleanup of the West

Branch DuPage River area met with interested River Oaks residents. Twenty-seven lots in River Oaks fall within the testing boundaries (400 feet of river, regardless of topography). A special edition of the Newsletter will be distributed with a summary of the meeting and a copy of the form granting the EPA permission to test on private property. The Board will look into reports that the mail carrier removed initial EPA notices about this testing from mailboxes in the subdivision.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Currently there is \$7,827.35 in the ROIA checking account. The incorporation papers have been filed with DuPage County, in addition to the state. There are several homeowners who are late with their dues; Joe will contact them.

MOTION: To pay the bills. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

LANDSCAPING: Mark reported on the following items:

COMMON AREA ENTRANCE BETWEEN LOTS 17 & 18: There are several replacement bushes put aside in case they are needed.

PARKWAY TREES: The tree wrap needs to be removed from the trees. Several trees need to be replaced, probably in the fall.

NURSERY: The nursery needs mulching and weeding.

LOWER CUL-DE-SAC: The shrubs need to be moved from present locations. A suggestion was made that they be moved outward five to six feet.

LOWER COMMON AREA: The planting on the clay pile berm has begun with a lilac donation.

STAIRCASE IN UPPER COMMON AREA: Mark has begun to repair the stairs.

RIVER CLEAN-UP: Tom talked with Jim Kleinwachter about the river clean-up. Since the date conflicted with the Garage Sale and because of the EPA testing, it was decided to postpone any River Oaks participation. Mark reported that there is a lot of garbage along the river banks that some of the River Oaks kids have asked to clean up as a summer project. Mark also reported that there are new grass clippings along the river bank, which means that someone from River Oaks is illegally dumping their clippings again. The Newsletter will run an article asking residents to stop this practice.

NEWSLETTER: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 15th, with a weekend publication date forecast. Tom will put in a note to remind those who haven't paid their dues to do so.

ANDEN: Still no news. Tom will try to speak with Barry Moss soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Thank you letters went to Mayor Lund and to Police Chief LaDeur for their efforts on behalf of River Oaks to get T-signs installed on Rt. 59.

NEW BUSINESS:

ILLEGAL PARKING: A car without license plates has been parked on a driveway apron in River Oaks for several months, in probable City ordinance violation. Paul will talk to the homeowners about this.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: Joe suggested that the monthly meetings be held after the ROIA bank statements arrive, so that his reports can be current. Everyone agreed. Board meetings will be changed to the third Thursday of each month. The next Board meetings will be:

July 22nd at the Christiansens' (not 3rd Thursday)

August 19th at the Sinnotts'

September 16th at the Costlows'

October 21st at the Moores'

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Submitted by Becky Christiansen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT - ROIA CHECKING - 5/8/93

BANK STATEMENT - CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:	6,402.87
Checks: 11 Items*	-752.20
Deposits: 6 Items**	1,927.36
Ending Statement Balance:	7,578.03

UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:	7,578.03
Checks: 7 Items†	-451.68
Deposits: 5 Items‡	491.00
Register Ending Balance:	7,617.35

* Includes

Treasurer	-11.50
Newsletter	-40.38
Entertainment	-48.54
Entertainment	-50.00
Landscaping	-12.00
Parkway Trees	-41.31
Landscaping	-36.66
Landscaping	-302.96
Landscaping	-124.55
Landscaping	-70.00
Service Charge	-14.30

** Includes Dues and

Interest	9.99
Parkway Trees	213.37

† Includes

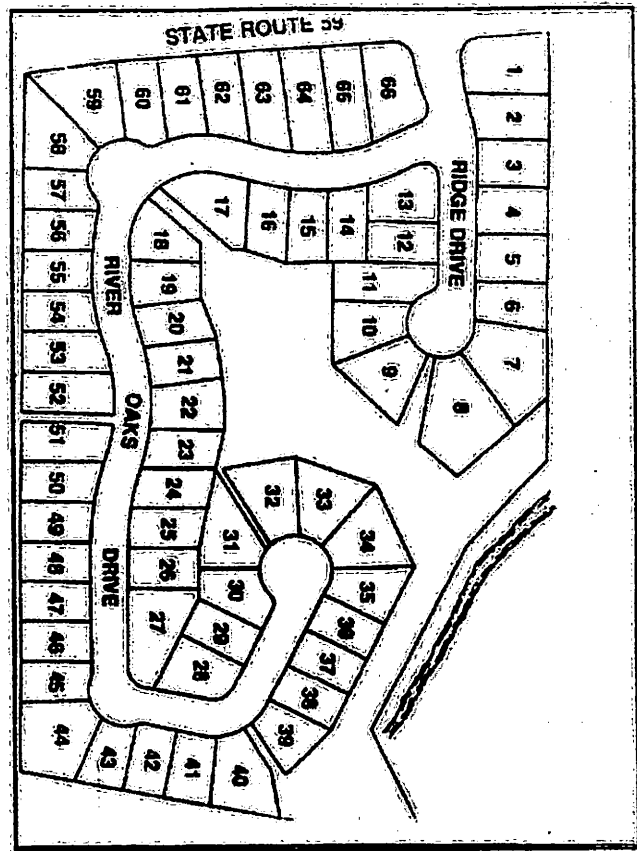
Treasurer	-12.35
Insurance	-207.00
PO Box	-7.25
Property Tax	-72.38
Newsletter	-27.20
Landscaping	-83.00
Parkway Trees	-42.50

‡ Includes Dues and

Landscaping	35.00
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RIVER OAKS TREE POPULATION EXPANDS AGAIN!

The planting plan for the Common Area entrance easement between Lots 17 and 18 was completed on June 12 with the addition of five new ornamental trees. The planting consists of two parallel rows of mixed low shrubs and trees, flanking the Common Area entrance.



The new trees - two 'Robinson' crabapples (with dark pink spring flowers), one 'Callaway' crabapple (white flowers), and two Kwanzan cherries (light pink flowers) - join the pair of white-flowering Serviceberry trees planted earlier this year at the end of the entrance nearest the sidewalk. The planting now includes a total of seven trees and 73 shrubs.

In addition to the Common Area entrance planting, four trees were planted in the parkway on June 12 to replace earlier losses. The new parkway trees include a 'Deborah' Norway Maple at Lot 11, a 'Redspire' ornamental pear at Lot 27, a 'Red Sunset' Norway Maple at Lot 41, and a Tuliptree at Lot 51.

Residents are reminded to monitor their tree. If your tree looks wilted, IT NEEDS WATER! It only takes a few moments to pour life-giving water on your tree. Your tree will reward your momentary kindness with years of pleasure !





**DEAR Checkwriter-
REMEMBER
TO
Pay our Dues
to RIVER OAKS
THANKS !!**



See the Kane County Cougars game on Monday, August 23 at 7:00PM and support the DuPage Senior Citizens Council.

Millie Murphy (lot 1, 393-4615) has tickets for this benefit. Tickets are \$5.00 for the game and \$12.00 for the game and the picnic.

BULLETIN

Is a neighbor's dog keeping you awake with its barking? Do you no longer regard a dog as man's best friend?

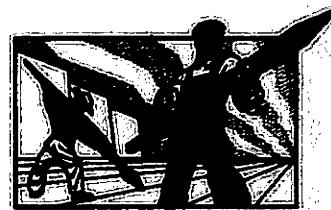
Britain's Department of the Environment may have an answer!

The English have over 7 million dogs, and dog barking results in 1/3 of ALL domestic noise complaints. The Brits have some solutions!

If you leave Rover for a while, try turning on the radio (at low volume), or leave a light on for Bowser, and make sure he has his favorite toys.

Some dogs are very attached to their owners. Try keeping Rover in a different room once a day, and gradually build up to 6 times a day. This allows Rover to become accustomed to being on his own.

**OAK
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IS
BROUGHT
TO YOU
BY: .**



Tom Sinnott, Becky Christiansen, Mary Moore & Marnee Sinnott. Please feel free to call any committee member with your input! We're always looking for a few good words.