



News & Views

# OAK LEAVES

of River Oaks

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## FALL ARRIVES in RIVER OAKS!

A rich panoply of color is beginning to appear along River Oaks parkways, common area entrances and yards. With the first frosts of the season, come those glorious days of Fall when the trees and shrubs change their wardrobe and the biting bugs of summer have retired. It's a great time to stroll through River Oaks, and to rest your eyes on the tremendous variety of color presented by our wide array of trees and shrubs.

River Oakers share the rich diversity reflected in our landscaping. Inside the Newsletter are several articles submitted by your neighbors which reflect their efforts on a variety of issues of interest to River Oaks residents.

Fall signals a time of many activities in River Oaks. Our sewers will be stenciled to remind us of our close connection with the West Branch of the DuPage River, landscaping will be refurbished and improved, and planning begins for our 1994 activities and budgets.

If you're interested in contributing to River Oaks, now would be a good time to contact any Board member to express your interest.

### Calendar of Events

☞ Tuesday, Oct. 19  
Landscaping  
7:30PM  
at the Moores'

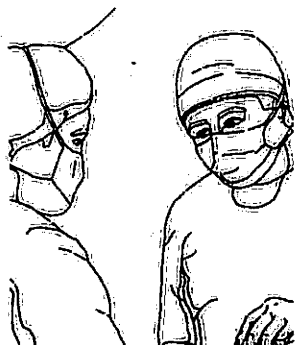
☞ Thursday, Oct. 21  
Board of Directors  
7:30 PM  
at the Costlows'

{{ Sunday, Oct. 24  
MOTHER-IN-LAW DAY }}

☞ Monday, Oct. 25  
Newsletter  
7:30 PM  
at the Sinnott's

☺ Sunday, Oct. 31  
Halloween  
in River Oaks

## MAGIC MOMENTS PROMENADE



Join the Central DuPage Hospital Auxiliary for their Annual Housewalk. Wednesday, November 3, 10am-9pm.

Enjoy touring a variety of homes in Warrenville, Wheaton and Winfield all decorated for the Holidays!

Tickets are \$15 and, for your convenience, may be purchased through Linda Saxton.

For more information you may call Central DuPage Hospital at 682-1600, ext.2174.



**Oak Leaves** is brought to you by: Tom Sinnott, Becky Christiansen, Mary Moore and Mamee Sinnott.



The Newsletter committee thanks all the River Oakers for their fine articles and notices which appear in this month's edition.

Please feel free to call any committee member with your submission.



A special group of students from Hubble Middle School will be having the extraordinary opportunity to appear on the professional stage in Chicago, and River Oaker *Jessica Carlson* is among them.

Jessie and the other 22 members of last year's Hubble Middle School Select Chorus will be appearing in the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, starring Donny Osmond, at the Chicago Theatre this fall.

Jessie and the Hubble chorus are part of the "sapphire chorus" which will be performing on the following dates:

From Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>:

Performances are on: Tuesday evenings, Wednesday matinees and evenings, and Thursday evenings.

From Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> through Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>:

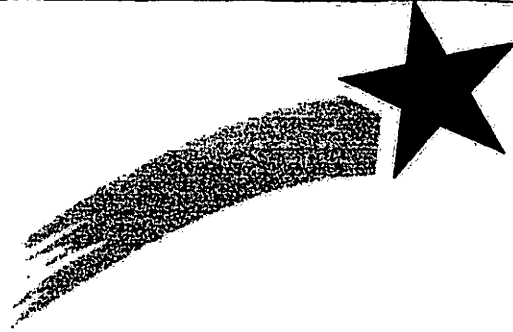
Performances are on: Friday evenings, Saturday matinees and evenings, Sunday matinees and evenings.

Tickets are available from Ticketron, or call the Chicago Theatre.



**BREAK A LEG, JESSIE !!**

Have you ever sat at the entrance to River Oaks and waited and waited for a break in the traffic, so you can make a left-hand turn? Who hasn't?? Maybe you sat there thinking "why can't those lights on 59 be timed to give us a break in the traffic so we can make a left hand turn?". Perhaps you've been so frustrated (or late) that you've been tempted to pull out and hope the traffic will slow down while you put the pedal to the metal. Maybe you rode the center dividing strip in order to get a little safety margin while trying to merge with the traffic. Maybe you have children who will soon be driving, and you shudder to think of them pulling out in haste.



## A BRIGHT IDEA FOR SAFETY

If any of these scenarios have happened to you, you'll be interested in joining a TASK FORCE to tackle IDOT.

Bill Murphy, Ana Vainisi and Linda Saxton have started the ball rolling. They have contacted the Warrenville Police to obtain all the records of accidents on Route 59 since River Oaks was built. Soon they will be circulating petitions and letters to encourage residents who live along Route 59 to take up the cause of safety along Route 59.

When Mayor Lund was running for re-election, the question was put to her about the timing of the stop lights on 59. Upon inquiring, she was told that the light at Mack Road was timed with the light at Butterfield Road and that adjusting the timing would cost \$80,000. Remember that not too long ago, we were told that there would not be a light at Mack Road. Some direct action and perseverance on the part of local citizens with the assistance of the Police Department changed that, AND lowered the speed limit on 59. If it does, indeed, cost \$80,000 to change the stop light timing, even that is a bargain when compared to a life.

With the Fox Valley Expressway all but a dead issue, all eyes (and traffic) will probably turn to Route 59. Can you imagine trying to exit or enter River Oaks without some safety improvement?

If you want to join with your neighbors to work for improved safety, or want to give your suggestions or gather additional information, please contact Bill, Linda or Ana. They're your neighbors, they're working for your safety, and they're in the directory!

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 16, 1993

**PRESENT:** Mark Moore, Paul Koenig, Tom Sinnott, Becky Christiansen

**ABSENT:** Joe Lanute, Kathryn Costlow, Phil Brackmann

**GUEST:** Jim Kleinwachter

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Jim Kleinwachter, Warrenville resident and chairman of the West Branch Project, told the Board about the campaign sponsored by the DuPage Conservation Foundation to stencil the storm drains in the county. This program provides citizen groups with stencils that read "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" and with paint to mark all of the storm sewers in their area. He would like the River Oaks Improvement Association to participate in this effort, preferably before the end of October. He explained that this is part of a nationwide effort. The project not only warns dumpers that the water goes directly to the river, thus discouraging dumping, but also educates the groups who participate in the painting in important water ecology issues. Mark will count the drains in the subdivision and will contact Jim for the stencils and the paint. Tentatively, the stenciling on the weekend of September 25th.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Since Joe was absent, there was no report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Tom will try to get the next Newsletter out by the weekend of September 25th.

**LANDSCAPING:** Mark reported that although the Landscaping Committee did not meet, there are a number of projects for the fall.

**ACTION ITEM:** There are four parkway tree replacements that need to be planted.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mark, Tom, and John Christiansen all have trees that they would like to donate to the Common Areas. The Committee will decide where these trees should be placed.

**ACTION ITEM:** The river bank adjacent to the Upper Common Area suffered bad erosion during the recent heavy rain. There was a discussion on possible ways to fix and control this erosion. Paul, Mark and Tom will look at the area on September 25th.

**ACTION ITEM:** The lower cul-de-sac circle needs work. The overgrown shrubs must be moved, and the damaged areas of the circle, where trucks drive over the grass, must be repaired. It was suggested that the outer foot or so of this circle be replaced by gravel.

**ACTION ITEM:** Davey has estimated \$580.00 to fill in, top dress and re-seed the triangular plateau of the Upper Common Area behind Lot 32. This might be added to the budget for next year.

**ANDEN:** There is still nothing new on the lawsuit.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EPA STUDY:** No new information has been received from the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety study of the Common Area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**IDOT PETITION:** Becky reported that Linda Saxton and Ana Vainisi will be circulating a petition in the subdivision to request that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) time the lights on Rt. 59 at Batavia and Mack Roads.

**BUDGET:** The Board will begin to put together a budget for 1994 at their next scheduled meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Becky, seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the Costlows'. As always, homeowners are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Christiansen, Secretary

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*And now, a few words from Mr. Humor:*

**Question:** Why did the turtle cross the road?

**Answer:** To get to the SHELL station.

**Question:** What do Kermit the Frog and Attila the Hun have in common?

**Answer:** Their middle name.

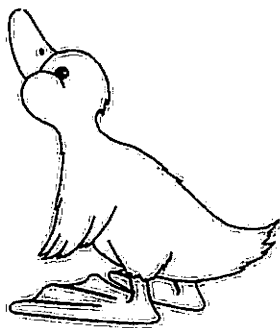
**Question:** What does your computer sing when you're transferring files to and from your office?

**Answer:** "I/O, I/O, its off to work we go."

# THE PET CORNER

An **Oak Leaves** column  
about our pets

A tiny brown tick known to be a carrier of **Lyme disease** was found in the ear of Ana Vainisi's pet rabbit. The rabbit is only allowed outside in the Vainisi's back



yard, so it came as a surprise to discover that these ticks are alive and well and very close to home, rather than only in the woods.

According to Sue Bartlet, Warrenville Animal Control Officer, if your pet is bitten by a tick which is infected with Lyme disease, the area around the bite will develop a bright red spot. If your pet is infected, the red spot will appear even though the tick has been removed. If that happens, you must take the animal immediately to a veterinarian for antibiotic treatment. Once the red spot fades, it only means that the disease has spread, and treatment becomes more difficult.

There is a vaccination available to prevent your pet from contracting Lyme disease.

Please note that the humans have the same red spot symptom as do animals.

Lyme disease is potentially **very serious** if contracted by a human!

**A TICK WITH LYME - ISN'T FINE**

## GALA HOLIDAY BENEFIT

Nordstrom's at Oakbrook Center is hosting a **PRIVATE HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT** to benefit The Caring Place, Inc. at Loyola Medical Center. The Caring Place is the Ronald McDonald House being built at Loyola for a cost of \$3.5 million dollars. With 15 bedrooms, 7 dayrooms and other amenities, it will provide families of **all** critically ill children a 'home away from home' while the children are in the neonatal and pediatric hospital wards. Loyola serves as a referral hospital when other local hospitals are unable to provide care.

Last year more than 5,000 children were treated at Loyola, thus the need to provide support to their families is great and growing.

All River Oaks Homeowners are invited to participate in this special benefit evening. The \$35.00 ticket price will be applied to the building fund for the house. The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, informal modeling, trunk shows, demonstrations and personal shopping assistance in each Nordstrom department. In addition, there will be musical entertainment and a raffle. River Oaker Cheryl Mahowald of White Barn Studios has donated creative design services for portions of the event.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. Raffle prizes include 2 round trip tickets to London, a weekend at the Chicago Hyatt Regency, front row Bulls tickets and dinner for two at various Chicago restaurants.

To assure yourself of reservations or to make a donation, please call (708) 327-9122 weekdays or 246-8939 or 655-4793 evenings or weekends.

This is a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to contribute to a worthy cause **AND** get some personal attention for your holiday shopping.

**SEE YOU IN LONDON!**

A  
Warm Welcome  
to  
Our Newest  
River Oakers!



*New addition to the Kelbe household, Lot 27! Kevin Michael Kelbe was born on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Kevin weighed in at 9 ½ pounds and was 22 inches tall. Congratulations to proud parents Sarah and Bob Kelbe!*

*New arrival at the Boivin household at Lot 60! Nicole Marie Boivin was born on September 21<sup>st</sup>, entering this world at 7 ½ pounds. Congratulations to parents Donna and Peter, and to siblings Kristine and Derek!*

