



News & Views

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from RIVER OAKS

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Welcome to the November edition of **OAK LEAVES**. There has been a **GREAT DEAL** of activity around River Oaks recently, and we hope that you **READ** your Newsletter, as it contains a **WEALTH** of information that you need to know.

If you're curious about: sidewalks, driveway aprons, street repairs, parkway trees, a Spring Surprise or other neighborhood goings-on, then we hope you'll find this edition of the Newsletter of interest.

It's **FALL**, and that means River Oaks needs a few good neighbors! Yes, all too soon we will be having an election to fill four seats on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in participating in River Oaks, or know someone who you think would be a good addition to the Board, please contact Tom Sinnott at 393-2808.

Advertisements needed! If you or someone in your family has a neighborhood service to offer {house watching, snow shoveling, pet care, baby sitting, etc.}, or something to sell, please contact any Board member, and we'll put it in the next edition of **OAK LEAVES**.

Also, articles concerning River Oakers are always welcome. Again, please feel free to contact any Board member. If you have a computer and a modem, you can transfer your file electronically to

Calendar of Events

 **Thursday, Nov. 17**

Board of Directors meeting
7:30 PM at the Koenigs'

 **Saturday, Nov. 19**

Mulching at the Tree Nursery
10:30 AM at
the lower Common Area
Bring a wheelbarrow!

 **Thursday, Nov. 24**

TURKEY DAY

the Newsletter staff. Now how's that for convenience? If only the rest of our obligations were so easy to fulfill!

Another advantage of RIVER OAKS !

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 18, 1994

Present: Mark Moore, Chuck Hulse, Paul Koenig, Becky Christiansen

Absent: Tom Sinnott, Phil Brackmann, Joe Lanute

Guests: None

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

Motion: Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Entertainment: Paul reported that he has arranged to rent the roaster for the pig roast, and that Joe will be making a metal enclosure for the roaster. Mark asked that Paul find out how much hay will be needed. The committee has arranged to borrow dining flies for the food area.

Newsletter: No report.

City Liaison: Chuck summarized the sidewalk repair situation: They came, they poured, they left. The contractor has proposed to the City that the uneven concrete be saw-cut. The City is responsible for all restoration work, including driveway repairs and grass repairs. The next concrete restoration done in River Oaks should be the lower cul-de-sac areas that were not initially completed due to the storm sewer extension work at the pumping station. Chuck and Tom will prepare a list of Board concerns for the City. It was suggested that some of the Board plan to attend the next Public Works meeting.

Chuck reported on his meeting with Tom Fox, Warrenville's streets supervisor, to discuss the flooding that is occurring in the lower cul-de-sac after heavy rains. After the last rain, the flooding was bad enough to prevent residents in that area from getting to work. The City will investigate the possibility of extending a pipe from the manhole near Lot 40 to the Lower Common Area, in order to relieve the flooding problem. It was suggested that residents be encouraged to provide photographs of previous flooding, if such pictures exist.

Landscaping: Mark reported on plans for the dirt mound planting in the Lower Common Area. It was decided that no activity will take place there until the Board hears from the City regarding the possible storm sewer work, which would affect this area. Fall plans will also include moving the shrubs in the lower cul-de-sac circle, and trimming the trees.

The curtain drain in the Common Area entrance behind the pump station will involve much hand-work, due to the narrowness of the easement. The cost of having the trench dug could be \$2.00 per foot, if the Board can rally volunteers to help with the remainder of the work.

John Christiansen and Tom planted 4 trees in the Common Area. Millie Murphy and John have both helped to spruce up the entrance island. There was vandalism reported in the Common Area: unknown persons have pulled off several branches from the 'Siouxland' cottonwood, which is one of the largest trees in the Common Area.

Mark, who reminded Davey last month to cut the entrance parkway, reported that it is now being cut.

The total for the Anden settlement landscaping work is currently at \$11,455.91. The evergreens planted in this program seem to be in excellent condition.

Old Business:

River Clean-Up: Mark has talked with Jim Kleinwachter regarding the continuing problem with garbage washed through the storm sewer to the river bank. Jim will be talking with the Warrenville Commons merchants regarding their own clean-up efforts, which are needed to prevent debris from entering the storm sewers.

Neighborhood Watch: More volunteers are still needed for Block Captain positions.

Old Business: (continued)

Rt. 59: The subject of organized homeowner efforts to affect Rt. 59 upgrading is being investigated. Ana Vainisi presented the Board with a compilation of all traffic accident data for the stretch of Rt. 59 from Batavia to Mack Roads, covering 1988 to 1992. She is currently trying to obtain the 1993 statistics. The Board hopes to obtain additional information on Rt. 59 plans from IDOT.

Motion: Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, at 7:30 P.M. at the Sinnotts', 2 S 571 River Oaks Dr.

Respectfully Submitted by Becky Christiansen, Secretary

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Amended October 20, 1994

Date: September 22, 1994

Present: Mark Moore, Tom Sinnott, Joe Lanute, Chuck Hulse, Becky Christiansen

Absent: Phil Brackmann, Paul Koenig

Guests: None

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Motion: Joe moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported that there is \$10,497.32 currently in the ROIA checking account. There are approximately 28 homes that are fully paid till the end of the current fiscal year, in February 1995. More postcards are needed for the next mailing of dues statements.

Two recent bills received include a \$1,277.50 from Davey for maintenance and the bill for the pig roast. \$321.84 in checks were written for the pig roast, not including the pig. With the pig costing ROIA \$110.00, total cost of the picnic stands at \$431.84. With \$68.00 collected as donations at the picnic, the adjusted cost paid for by the homeowners association is \$363.84. This figure is approximately \$50.00 over the budgeted amount for this event.

The budget update as of 9/22/94 is as follows:

Motion: Tom moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Entertainment: Becky spoke with Amy Salyer, chairman of the Committee, who was unable to attend the Board meeting. Amy reported that approximately 90 residents of River Oaks, adults and children, attended the pig roast on September 10. The Board was pleased with the success of the event, and would like to thank Amy and her committee for their hard work to make it so successful. A special thanks goes to Paul Koenig who cooked the pig, staying beside the grill for eight hours as the spit turned.

Anden Project	\$	185.74
Annual Meeting	\$	(50.19)
Discretionary	\$	(47.52)
Entertainment	\$	(411.69)
Financial Review	\$	-
Insurance	\$	(227.00)
Landscaping	\$	(1,392.55)
Legal	\$	-
Newsletter	\$	(19.20)
Property Taxes	\$	(72.54)
Service Charge	\$	(88.40)
Interest	\$	93.25
Treasurer	\$	(38.47)

September 22 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - continued

Entertainment: (continued)

Thanks also went to Tom for arranging for the pig and picking it up at seven o'clock in the morning. Expert pig slicing was done by Paul and Tom. The hay wagon, donated by Warrenville resident Steve Berning, was a big hit with the children, and the kiddy games were very successful. All of the wonderful door prizes were donations from local merchants and the Board thanks them for their generosity. The Board would like the Committee to provide a written report to be used for planning food quantities, etc., by future Committees. The Board is unsure if there are other entertainment events planned for this year by the Committee.

Newsletter: Becky reported that Phil called her and said that the Newsletter should be coming out in a day or two.

City Liaison: Chuck reported that there has been no word from the City since the August 22nd meeting between the City and the Board. Concrete has been poured in the areas in the lower cul-de-sac that had been left unfinished. Saw-cutting was done to correct some of the problems with the concrete. Chuck hopes to speak with the City again about the driveway aprons to see if something can be done this fall before the weather precludes this type of work.

Chuck will also check with Tom Fox regarding the City's plans to alleviate the lower cul-de-sac flooding problems and their proposed installation of the shear gate type of movable restrictor. Becky remarked that the City was under the mistaken impression that the temporary restrictor they had inserted in the Common Area drain was removed improperly. It appears, however, that the restrictor is still there but has been pushed further into the pipe by water pressure. The City should be made aware of this situation before it travels too far down the pipe to facilitate easy removal.

Landscaping: The Board plans to check with a River Oak resident who they have been informed might know how to operate a back hoe. The landscaper who did the back hoe work for the screening tree planting is also available for the work needed to install the curtain drains.

The parkway trees need to be pruned this fall, preferable late September or October. Two to six trees should be removed from the River Oaks nursery to be planted in the subdivision. Jon Spartz has a crabapple to donate to the subdivision. A mulch load is needed. Mark is planning a committee meeting for Tuesday, September 27, at 7:30 P.M. at his house.

Old Business:

Neighborhood Watch: Becky reported that Officer Schar contacted her recently regarding the watch. He received another application for Block Captain and would like to talk about the status of the Watch.

BBS: Tom is still investigating a bulletin board system to set up for River Oaks computer users who might be interested in electronic communication.

Dog Problems: The Board discussed recent homeowners complaints about neighborhood dogs. They recommend if you or your neighbor have a problem dog, or have problems with a neighbor's dog, City and County laws may be enforced to protect both animals and neighbors. We always recommend, however, trying a little diplomacy. Frequently a friendly discussion will produce the best results.

Route 59: Mark reported that Ana Vainisi has obtained the accident reports on Rt. 59 for 1993 and has given them to the Board. The Board expressed its appreciation for Ana's work in gathering this information and will continue to pursue its investigation into what can be done with IDOT regarding Route 59.

New Business:

Nominating: It is time to begin thinking about getting the Nomination Committee into motion. There will be four director vacancies as of the end of February, 1995, namely the seats now occupied by Mark Moore, Joe Lanute, Paul Koenig, and Phil Brackmann. Tom, as Vice President, will head the Committee seeking nominations for these directorships.

Motion: Becky moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at the Brackmanns' house, 2 S. 540 River Oaks Dr., at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Christiansen, Secretary

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 20, 1994

Present: Mark Moore, Chuck Hulse, Paul Koenig, Becky Christiansen

Absent: Phil Brackmann, Joe Lanute, Tom Sinnott

Guest: MaryAnn Hulse

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes: Paul noted that under Nominating in the 9/22/94 minutes, it should read four vacancies, instead of three, since his term will be up in February 1995.

Motion: Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes as written, with the above correction. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe is absent and there is no Treasurer's report.

Entertainment Report: There is no Entertainment report. Comments were made that a Halloween parade of costumed River Oaks kids, to start off the Trick-Or-Treating, would be nice.

Newsletter Report: Phil is absent and there is no Newsletter report.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. and returned to the regular meeting at 8:25 P.M.

City Liaison: Chuck, Tom, and Mark have been in touch with the City regarding the sidewalk and driveway repairs promised to River Oaks as part of the Anden settlement. Mark was able to speak with Tom Fox today and was informed that the City has paid RAI for the concrete work done in River Oaks and that the City has accepted the work, along with the saw-cutting done by RAI, to correct the poor concrete work as sufficient remediation. The City has estimated that they have spent approximately \$17,000.00 for the sidewalk work done in River Oaks. Mark has received a number of complaints from homeowners who are not happy with this work. The City has reminded ROIA that the sidewalks are City property and not homeowner's property.

Jim Connors, City of Warrenville Administrator, has restricted the list of apron replacements to 16, from the initial 64 promised by former City Director of Public Works, Dennis Posluszney. Mark reported on his walkthrough of the subdivision with Tom Fox, current Supervisor of Streets for the City, where he identified to Fox that many more driveway aprons needed replacing. Fox added an additional 4 aprons to the work. The City is estimating that this work should cost \$20,000.00. The Board is concerned that this figure seems high. The driveway aprons are approximately 192 square feet in area. The City has said that asphalt repair should begin next week. The Board members will investigate this situation and try to meet with City officials on Monday to discuss their displeasure with these changes.

Suggestions from River Oaks residents for homeowner / Board action on the situation were discussed. Comments from homeowners included asking that the Board consider a lawsuit, asking the Board to spend homeowner funds for sidewalk replacement, and at least one offer of help to pressure the City into a better deal. The Board agreed to encourage residents to write to the City as soon as possible, copying the Board, regarding their individual dissatisfaction. A flyer will be sent out regarding the current state of affairs of asphalt and concrete repairs, along with some action suggestions.

Chuck will continue to remind the City about the need to install the shear gate in the Upper Common Area, and stress the added expense that further migration of the restrictor down the pipe might cause.

Landscaping: Mark reported that a number of the fall projects had been completed. The parkway trees have been pruned and fed, the mulch was delivered, the berm in the lower Common Area was weeded, planted and mulched, the nursery was weeded and mulched, and mulching the parkway trees has begun. Thanks go to River Oaks residents John Christiansen, MaryAnn Hulse, Frank Vainisi, and Arthur Kreymer, and Board members Tom Sinnott and Mark Moore, for their help with these projects.

Landscaping: (continued)

Friday November 4th is the tentatively scheduled date for digging the curtain drains. Chuck reported that the City will punch the holes in the sewer drains that are necessary for attaching the pipes to the drains.

Old Business:

Nominating: Mark reminded the Board to check neighbors who might be interested in running for the Board.

Rt. 59: Mark is continuing to analyze the accident data. He wondered how changes in driving habits, e.g. avoidance of left turns by residents who fear for their lives, has affected the statistics.

Motion: Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 1994, at 7:30 P.M. at the Koenigs'.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Christiansen, Secretary

YOU ARE KILLING THE RIVER if you dump garden debris along the river bank. Plant matter adds nitrogen to the river, which increases algae, which use the oxygen in the river, which kills the fish. It is also against state law, as well as a violation of River Oaks By-Laws since all but a small strip of the river bank is Common Area. If you have clean fill and need to get rid of it, there is some work that ROIA will be doing along the river bank that needs the fill. Call Mark Moore for more information about this project.



RIVER OAKS BIRTHDAY KIDS

September:

Angela Vainisi, Sebastian White, Brandon Carlson, JJ Highland,
Russell Christiansen, Chrissy Hulse, Helen Andrejevich,
Candace Lanute, Julie Berland, Nikole Boivin, Remic Ensweiler

October:

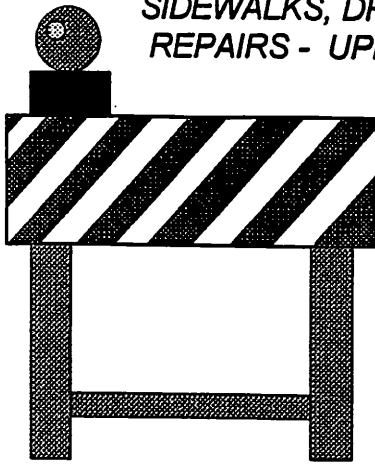
Kristine Boivin, Kandice Modene, Ryne Brackmann, Jonathan
Hoffman, Kyle Kreminski, Rebecca Noffsinger, JAMES &
JOSEPH LANUTE - congratulations Joe & Mandy!!!

November:

Sarah Vainisi, Lisa Kim, Gina Kim, Scot Moore, Ryan Crisman, Heather Moore, Michael Highland, Brian
Oster, Sarah Sowa, Samantha Sowa, Justin Wilkins, Eden Amer, Kendell Stoller



SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAY REPAIRS - UPDATE



As reported in the Board minutes, the City has finished the sidewalk repair part of the Anden settlement. While the quality of the work did not please the Board or the City, the City has elected to accept the work and repairs performed by RAI.

The City is responsible for remediation of damage done to driveways and driveway aprons as a result of the sidewalk work. These repairs will be performed in conjunction with the driveway apron replacement work. As some Oakers may have noticed, the gully in the street across from lot 52 has already been repaired.

Members of the River Oaks Board of Directors have met with the City several times regarding the apron work. As a result of some excellent information, evaluation and bargaining, the Board was able to substantially reduce the City's cost to undertake the apron work. This means that many more aprons will be repaired than the City had been planning on. A complete list of apron repairs is attached in the NewsLetter.

It is anticipated that apron and driveway repairs will be completed by mid-November.

A very special thanks to **Chuck Hulse, Mark Moore** and **Tom Sinnott** for their effective work with the City!

This is the culmination of several years of sustained work and effort.

A SPRING SURPRISE !!

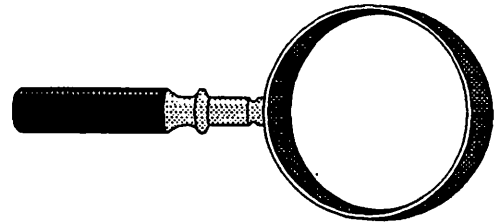
SOMETIME THIS
SPRING SOME-
THING VERY
NICE IS GOING
TO SHOW UP IN
RIVER OAKS!!



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT IS?

Send your guess to any Board Member, the winner will receive a fine reward!! Enter as often as you like!

Hints will be published in future editions of **OAK LEAVES**.



INSPECTED YOUR PARKWAY TREE LATELY?

Our neighborhood arborists, John Christiansen and Tom Sinnott, have made their fall rounds fertilizing and pruning our 29 varieties of parkway trees.

While most of the trees are in fine condition, John and Tom plan on replacing a couple of non-performing specimens with stock from our tree nursery.

John also recently planted several gray dogwoods donated by the Moore family along the river bank. These trees will help control erosion at the steep banks of the lower retention bowl in the outflow pipe area {thus adding to the ambience of our River Walk area}.

A listing of some of the services available from your talented River Oaks neighbors.



To place an advertisement, please contact any Board member, or give your copy to Tom Sinnott at:
2 S 571 River Oaks Dr

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cone? GREAT, what a killer!!!

Did you know its not too late to plant bulbs for Spring? Most spring-flowering bulbs need around 8 weeks of cold in order to bloom. You can plant spring-flowering bulbs until the ground freezes, and **STILL** have a good solid 8 weeks of frozen ground to season the bulbs.

This edition of the **Oak Leaves** is brought to you by: Becky Christiansen, Mark Moore and Tom Sinnott. We're always looking for input from fellow River Oakers. If you have an article, joke, ad or other submission, please feel free to give it to one of us. Also, we have the capability to receive computer files {in nearly any DOS or Windows format} and faxes.

You can get your information to us without having to leave home!

So what's holding you back?

Current List of Apron Repairs & Replacements

Lot	Street	Lot	Street
4	620 Ridge	37	510 River Oaks
5	610 Ridge	38	500 River Oaks
7	570 Ridge	39	480 River Oaks
8	560 Ridge	40	431 River Oaks
9	571 Ridge	41	441 River Oaks
10	581 Ridge	42	451 River Oaks
11	601 Ridge	43	461 River Oaks
13	621 Ridge	44	471 River Oaks
14	425 River Oaks	45	481 River Oaks
18	608 River Oaks	46	501 River Oaks
19	600 River Oaks	47	511 River Oaks
20	582 River Oaks	48	521 River Oaks
22	562 River Oaks	50	541 River Oaks
23	552 River Oaks	51	551 River Oaks
24	542 River Oaks	52	561 River Oaks
26	522 River Oaks	53	571 River Oaks
28	505 River Oaks	54	581 River Oaks
29	509 River Oaks	55	601 River Oaks
30	519 River Oaks	56	611 River Oaks
31	529 River Oaks	57	621 River Oaks
32	539 River Oaks	58	631 River Oaks
33	549 River Oaks	60	390 River Oaks
34	540 River Oaks	65	340 River Oaks
36	520 River Oaks	66	330 River Oaks

The list to the left tabulates all River Oaks properties which will have their driveway aprons either repaired or replaced. There are 46 properties which will receive new driveway aprons. The remaining properties will have their aprons repaired as a result of the sidewalk work. The number of new aprons is substantially in excess of the 16 aprons the City had previously announced would be replaced.

\$16,400 of the Anden settlement is earmarked for apron work. The City had bids in the \$5 per square foot range for the work. ROIA Board members were able to obtain bids in the \$2 per square foot range for this work.

This substantial reduction in cost has enabled significantly more work to be done within the \$16,400 budget.

The Board anticipates that the City will issue a contract with JC Blacktop to have the work done in November.

It is estimated that all the apron work will take 2-3 days to complete.



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