



# OAK LEAVES

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**S**ummer is here!! Do you know how to tell? There are two certain signs that summer has begun. 1) The highway construction has begun (or is well under way). And 2) the electric bill just went up.

Here are a couple of "Hot Tips" for lawn care during this season, especially when there is little rain. Set your mower a little higher, the longer grass will keep the soil cooler maintaining healthier roots. Do your watering in the evening. During the heat of the day less than 20% of the water sprayed in the air will ever hit the ground. These two tips can help you keep a healthy lawn at a lower cost. Good Luck!!

## Calendar of Events

- ◇ Monday July 3,  
Fourth of July  
Parade.
- ◇ Tuesday July 4,  
Fourth of July City  
picnic and fireworks.
- ◇ Saturday July 8,  
Work Party, remove  
old stair case. 9:30  
AM, Meet at Stairs
- ◇ Saturday July 15,  
Work Party, build  
replacement stair  
case, 9:30 AM,  
Meet at Stairs
- ◇ Thursday July 27,  
Board Meeting at  
Lynch's, 7:30 PM

## **Minutes Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** June 22, 1995

**Present:** Tom Sinnott, Brian Lynch, Mark Moore, Joe Lanute, Becky Christiansen

**Absent:** Chuck Hulse, Paul Koenig

**Guests:** None

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

**Motion:** Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported that the PO Box for ROIA is the same as the one we have always had, and that dues should be mailed to that address. The accountant is nearly done with the review. The register ending balance is \$10, 379.82.

Expenses from 3/1/95 to 6/20/95 include:

PO Box Charge	- \$8.00
DuPage Insurance	- 233.00
DuPage Property Tax	- 72.66
Newsletter	- 40.00
Brickmann (mowing)	- 2,949.00
Garage Sale Ad	- 20.00
Service Charge	- 67.28
Interest Earned	+ 35.22

**Motion:** Mark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Entertainment:** Bryan presented the Board with the questionnaire the Entertainment Committee would like to distribute. Bryan will take the questionnaires door to door and will return to each home to pick them up on the weekend. He will try to compile the results for the June Newsletter.

**City Liaison:** Chuck was not present. He has reported that he is checking on the arrangements for the drain digging. Mark reported that he has spoke with Tom Fox from the City of Warrenville about the waste oil that has damaged another area of grass in the Common Area once again. The City believes that some unknown individual is dumping used oil down the drain behind the shopping center. It

is unlikely that the culprits can be found unless they are caught in the act.

**Landscaping:** Tom has contacted Brickmann not to mow the Common Area during the 6/23 weekend, because of the draught and lack of growth. He thanked Mary Moore, who led a team of weeders at the Common Area entrance planting last weekend. Her helpers included John Christiansen, Mark Moore, and Tom Sinnott. Tom also thanked Arthur Kreymer for his donation of dirt to fill in the hole at the top of the river bank hill. Tom will be contacting a supplier for an estimate to deliver large rock to fill a crescent shape on the back side of the lower cul-de-sac circle. The overburden could be used for a berm in the circle, which could be planted with the shrubs that need moving. The weekends of July 8 and July 15 are scheduled for a work party to work on the stairs in the Common Area. The first weekend will see the removal of the old stairs and the setting of new anchoring posts. The following weekend will be the time when the new stairs and built.

**Newsletter:** Mark intends that the Newsletter come out during the 7/2 week. He will include a note that the PO Box has not changed. He will also include a reminder that parents should remind their children to not trespass in other people's yards.

### **Old Business:**

**Car Problem:** The other car being stored illegally in a back yard in the subdivision has not been moved. It was agreed to let the City handle the matter in accordance with the ordinance regarding this situation.

### **New Business: None**

**Motion:** Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

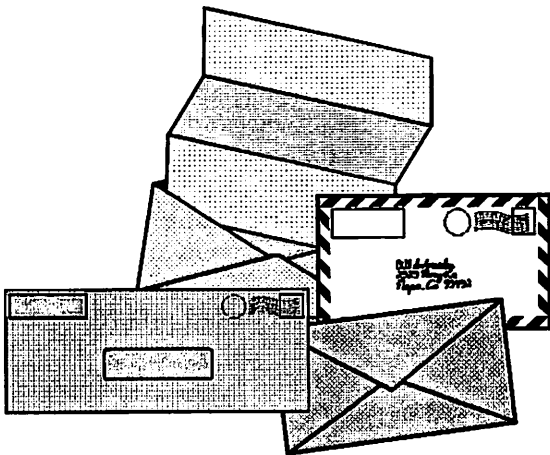
*Respectfully submitted, Becky Christiansen,  
Secretary*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 27, 1995 at the Lynch's 2S. 572 River Oaks Dr.

## Who Moved??

Unfortunately there has been a little confusion about our mailing address. The result of that confusion was some people thought we had to change our PO Box number.

Fortunately, it was only confusion, there is no change in the mailing address for River Oaks Improvement Association. We apologize for the confusion. Is anyone confused?

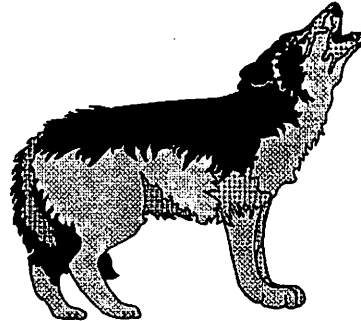


## Pet News

We continue to receive complaints about pet owners letting their pets leave their mess on property that is not theirs. Pet owners are reminded that there are City and County codes to protect your neighbors from both your animals messes and noise. (5:30 A.M. is not the time to let your animal wake the neighborhood.)

Let's just be considerate people. Law enforcement is only for those who refuse to be considerate. Mary Moore has continued to offer her services as a resource for dog training services and

County rules, if you have any questions, give her a call. (393-6473)



Note: Old dogs CAN learn new tricks.

## It's time for "Weed Wars"

Thanks to those who helped clean up a major portion of the common area entrance plantings by spending the better part of an afternoon pulling grass and weeds from the planting area. But we need more help. There is much more work to be done. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome and invited to jump in and pull weeds and grass to your hearts content any time you want. Please let us know what your doing so we can give proper recognition for your help.

Once the weeding is done we will be applying additional mulch to help keep this task to a minimum for the future.



Thought for the Day;

**None of the secrets of  
success will work,  
unless you do.**

### ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

First of all, I would like to thank all the homeowners who were able to fill out the questionnaires that were passed out. I know these things can be a bother (Why should I fill one out? My opinion doesn't matter anyway.), but the feedback really helped a great deal. Also, thank you for the additional comments, both positive and negative. It's impossible to act in the best interests of the community unless we know what the community is thinking. For those of you who did not have the opportunity to fill out the questionnaire, please feel free to either fill it out and drop it off at the Lynch's. Or better still, come to a committee meeting.

Now, as to the questionnaire. Allow me to give a little background. Though my family and I have lived here since 1991, I hadn't had the opportunity to participate in ANYTHING here in the community in that time, since I was touring with several Broadway shows. I had heard of some things that happened, some events that were tried, some that continued and some that did not. I honestly did not know what the community as a whole wanted, whether things were discontinued through lack of interest, lack of time, or lack of funds. As far as I knew, the entertainment committee could be anything from the organizing group behind one annual event to a social focal point for the community, one that would have several functions throughout the year. It all depended on what the community wanted. Hence, the questionnaire. Well, here's what I found out.

Of the 49 households that responded, an overwhelming majority said they wanted the Taste of River Oaks to be a pot luck, as had been done in the past. Since this type of event is, by nature, extremely cost effective, it is understandable how the community answered the question concerning the budget. An overwhelming majority split their votes

between keeping the budget the same and/or having participants pay any extra on a per-event basis. As one homeowner stated, the many should not have to pay for the few. (I know I'm doing this in the reverse order, but it seemed more logical to me this way.) In response to the first question, there were many things that people were interested in seeing here in the community, things that could easily be paid for on a per-event basis. The top vote getters were Taste of River Oaks (32), the Easter egg hunt and group excursions (17 each), a Christmas party (17), and a Halloween party and Christmas caroling (12 each).

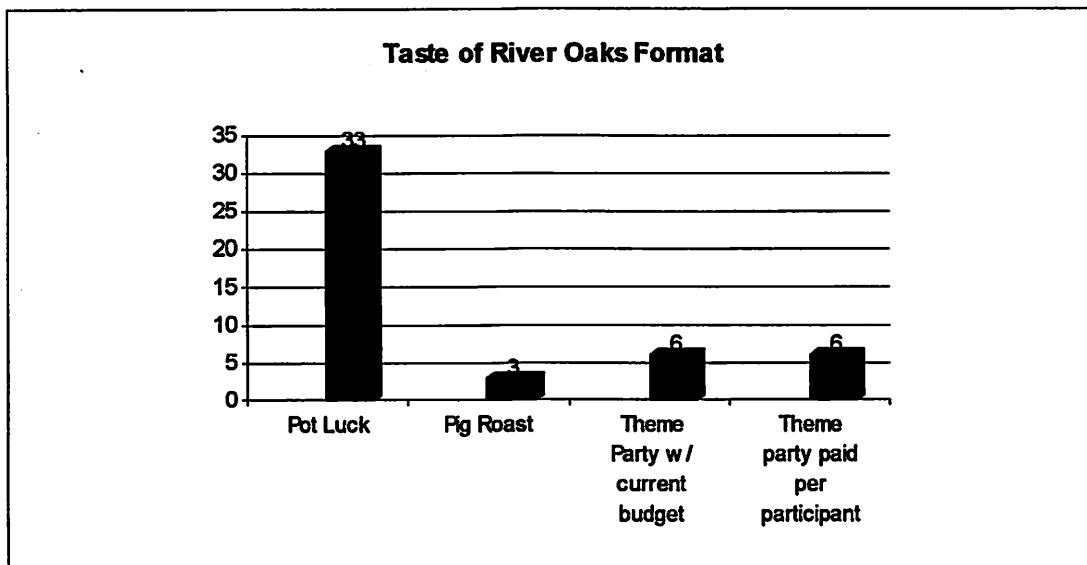
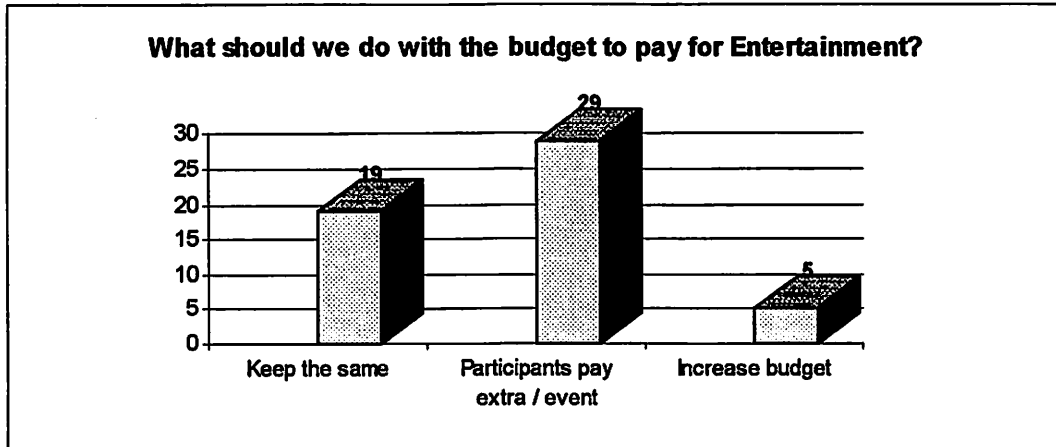
NOW, as to all the people who said they were willing to help. I'd like to have an entertainment committee meeting on Thursday, July 20 at the Lynch's (25572 River Oaks) at 7:30. If you cannot attend but would still like to help with the committee, please call and let me know (393-9846). We need to start the planning for the Taste of River Oaks, which right now is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9th (very tentative). ALSO, per the information provided to me on the questionnaire, I am currently investigating group seats for a Cougars game for the end of August. (hopefully by the time this comes out, I will have a definite date and order information in the newsletter)

So again, thank you to all who responded and I hope to see you if not at the meeting ( I hope not all. These homes aren't THAT big) then certainly at the Taste of River Oaks, or possibly the Cougars game before that.

**Brian Lynch**




# HERE'S THE SURVEY NUMBERS



Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey for your information and comments. There were, however, a few people who made comments about large expenditures on common area and parkway trees. The Board is very concerned about this continuing disinformation and resulting confusion. The costs regarding common area, & Parkway Trees have been discussed at several board meetings, Landscape committee meetings and Annual meetings, and have been published many times in the Newsletter.

To keep it short and sweet, here are the actual tree expenditures for the last three years; **1993 - \$40.00, 1994 - \$0.00, 1995 - \$25.00.** These costs cover all of the well over 300 trees planted in the common areas, parkways, screening areas, and in the tree nursery.

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Just a reminder, the associations books, and all historical records are open for public inspection by any homeowner. If you have any questions please contact any board member.

# COUGARS TICKETS

The entertainment committee has made arrangements for a block of tickets for the COUGARS on Friday, August 25th. It is a 7:00 PM game and they are playing the Rockford Cubs. These are lawn seats only. The price of the tickets is \$5.00. The ticket price includes admission, a hot dog, and a drink (soft, I presume). To reserve your tickets, fill out and tear off the bottom of this announcement and drop off at the LYNCH'S by July 15. Phone orders are also allowed, that is if Sean lets me talk on the phone! Tickets must be paid for in advance, either cash or check made out to Brian Lynch (since I'll be fronting the money). Let's get out there and root for our Kane County Cougars!!! Your entertainment committee at work. b.l.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

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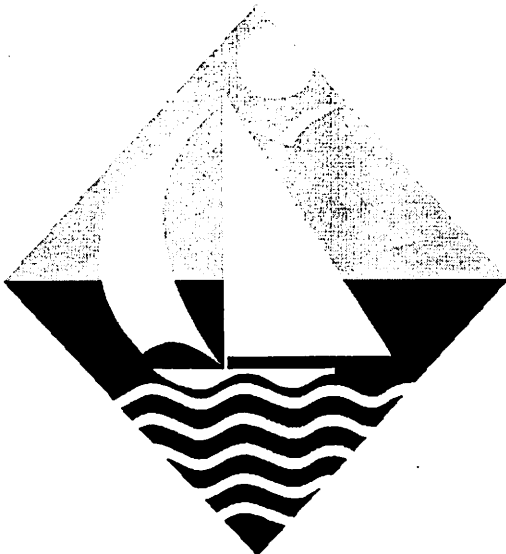
River Oaks resident Jonathon Lynch seems to be following in his father's footsteps. Beginning July 5th and continuing through August 20th, Jonathon will appear in the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theater's production of *Peter Pan*. Jonathon will play the role of the lost boy, Curly, in this professional production. He and three other boys from the recent Warrenville park district Youngsters production of *Oliver* were cast in the show. After singing a solo for his first audition, Jonathon attended a call-back with about fifteen other boys. (The field had been narrowed down from the 150 who originally auditioned.) When he came out of the final audition and told his mother that he had read Curly, she began to hold her breath. He was the only boy at the final audition who had curly hair.

When asked if he wanted to be a professional actor like his father, Jonathon said "No. It's a lot of fun, but right now I'd rather be a chemist." Best of luck, Jonathon, with both careers. Hopefully all of River Oaks will get out to see you in the show!

Summer is a time of running free, playing games, and just plain having as much fun as possible. Especially if your young and just out of school.

Sometimes this freedom gets a little carried away. There have been some complaints about kids enjoying themselves and doing things in places the property owners don't appreciate. Believe it or not these include riding bikes on lawns, entering fenced backyards, and even entering homes!

Please try to work with your children and teach them that they must be considerate of other peoples property and privacy. And lets have a fun summer for everyone.



## **NEED A BABY-SITTER?**

Baby sitting certificate and experience; pet companionship and plant care extraordinaire. Please call Stephanie Sinnott. 393-2808.



## **WANT TO ADVERTISE A NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE?**

Give Mark Moore a call or drop a note in the door at 2 S. 561 and we'll include your ad in the Newsletter.