



# OAK LEAVES

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### **D**ID YOU KNOW...

Thanksgiving originated in three days of prayer and fasting celebrated by the Plymouth colonists in 1621, although an earlier thanksgiving was offered in prayer alone by members of the Berkley plantation near present-day Charles City, VA on Dec 4, 1619.

The first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. In 1863, President Lincoln made Thanksgiving an annual holiday to be commemorated on the last Thursday in November. For three years (1939-41) under President Roosevelt, the day was celebrated on the third Thursday in November, but it was returned to the traditional date by Congress in 1941.

## Calendar of Events

- ♦ Dec 2nd-7th:  
Christmas Sharing: Community sharing effort in town (393-9606)
- ♦ Dec 3rd, 10th, & 12th:  
Holiday Musical Concerts  
Hubble Middle School 7:30 PM (620-2160)
- ♦ Friday, Dec 6th:  
Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival. 6:30 PM at the Community Bldg. (393-9080)
- ♦ Saturday, Dec 7th:  
Breakfast with Santa  
All you can eat at the Courtyard Restaurant (393-3305)

## **Minutes Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** October 24, 1996

**Present:** Andy Gorski, Joe Lanute, Paul Koenig, Mark Moore, Mamee Sinnott

**Absent:** Brian Lynch, Bruce Stoller

**Guests:** Sandi Gorski

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported that the current register balance is \$11,107.01. This figure includes uncleared checks for \$33.43 (Entertainment Committee) and dues deposits of \$1160.00.

**Entertainment:** It was suggested that a winter bonfire be held in the Upper Common area. This event would serve an additional purpose besides being a fun family event. It would clean up excess brush from the common areas. No definite decision was made on if and/or when this event would take place.

**City Liaison:** Mark reported that the City will be straightening light posts and adding the sewer line in the lower cul-de-sac within the next few weeks. The work on the value vault in the lower cul-de-sac has been completed. Mark has asked the City to forward the remainder of the Anden money so that the work on private property can be completed this Fall.

**Landscaping:** Paul reported that he, John Christiansen and Tom Sinnott moved six trees out of the nursery and into the parkway as replacement trees. Additionally, John donated and planted two shrubs in the Upper Common area entrance.

**Newsletter:** No Report.

**Old Business:** A tulip tree from the tree nursery has been selected to be planted in memory of Millie Murphy in Plum Tree Park as a part of the 1997 Arbor Day ceremony.

**New Business:** The Board will have four positions open for new members to serve two year terms beginning in March, 1997. Each Board member was asked to begin recruiting candidates.

A new directory will be printed before the end of the year.

The Board discussed late dues and the possibility of interest penalties.

**Motion:** Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted, Mamee Sinnott,  
Secretary*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on November 21st at the Sinnotts'; 2S 571 River Oaks Dr.



### **Chocolate Good for the Arteries**

A researcher from the U of C at Davis says that some of the same substances found in wine that act as cardiovascular tonics are also present in chocolate. Lab tests show that chocolate phenolics have an antioxidant effect on LDL cholesterol, much as those found in red wine. This research, published in *The Lancet*, finds that 1.5 ounces of milk chocolate has the same amount of antioxidant phenolics as a 5 ounce glass of red wine.

*The Lancet*, September 21 1996

## ROIA Projects Update

This year there have been numerous projects that have had either little action or invisible action. Many of you have had questions regarding the progress and completion dates of the projects. So, here's the latest.

**River bank cleanup and erosion control:** Due to the extremely wet spring, we were unable to get manpower or machines along the river bank to make any progress on this project. Then the major flooding we had did even further damage to the river bank. We have been working with the City to provide the assistance required to fill the eroded area. We can then create some temporary erosion control until next spring when proper planting and retention can be completed. Weather permitting, this temporary step will be taken this fall.

We realize that the pile of construction supplies and debris is unsightly, but please remember who is in charge of the weather! Also when the preliminary steps are complete, the more hands we have to do the work, the faster the project will be completed.

**Flood Control:** In the lower cul de sac there has been considerable flooding due to inadequate storm sewer capacity. The City will be building an additional sewer line extending from the Northeast corner of River Oaks Dr. to the rip rap area in the lower common area. The City Council has approved the expenditure of \$2,500.00 to complete this. Again, weather permitting this will be completed this fall.

**Upper common area lower bowl drainage:** By the time this is published, the City should have surveyed the problem area to determine a solution. Most likely this will require regrading and additional top soil.

**Miscellaneous projects:** This fall you should be seeing either City workers, or people contracted by the City to perform the following, fulfilling most of the remain Anden law suit issues.

1. Manhole grouting at lot 59.
2. Adjusting a Valve Vault
3. Straightening some (hopefully all) of the crooked light poles.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, you are encouraged to contact any board member, especially the City Liaison, Mark Moore.

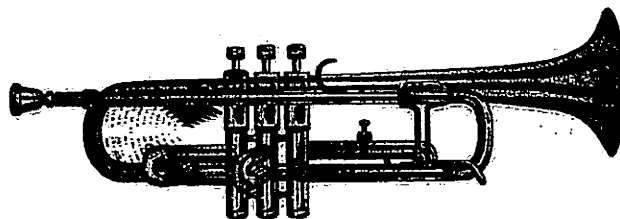


### We Get Complaints...

The River Oaks Board has been approached to mediate disputes and to rectify various complaints from our subdivision residents. Because the main purpose of the board is to handle our subdivision's administrative needs rather than act as an arbitrator, we encourage residents to solve these problems without the intervention of the board.

We remind residents that we are all required to obey the River Oaks Bylaws, as well as Warrenville's city ordinances (if you need a copy of our bylaws, please ask a board member). When in doubt, use common sense and be considerate of your neighbors.

Finally, if you have been unable to satisfy a complaint, please contact the DuPage County Animal Control (682-7197) or the Warrenville Police Dept. (911). Thanks!



## *Announcing New Neighbors*

### **Lot #07**

***Frank and Bridget O'Connor and their children, Frank, Ben, and Sean. The O'Connors have been Warrenville residents for 8 years.***

### **Lot #26**

***Augie and Janette Hirt and Augie's daughter AJ and their Golden Retriever moved in this last summer. Janette is originally from Kansas but has been in the Warrenville area for 10 years. She is a Facilities Manager for GTE Airfone. Augie, originally from Ohio, moved here with AJ from Carol Stream. He is with a CPA firm.***

### **Lot #60**

***Samir and Nirupa Shah and their children, Shailee and Niki, and his parents also moved into the neighborhood last summer. Both Samir and Nirupa are from India. Nirupa, with First Star Bank, has been in this country since 1983, while Samir arrived in 1990. Samir works for Emro Marketing.***

## **WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD !**

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**If you're interested in participating in a holiday cookie exchange, please contact Sandi Gorski at 393-0886 between now and the holidays (for planning reasons, the sooner the better!)**



**Regarding our newsletter, if you have any announcements, classifieds, letters, suggestions, etc., please turn them in to:**

**Andy Gorski  
29 W 601 Ridge (Lot 11)  
393-0886**