



# OAK LEAVES

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## Did You Know...

That only 2 people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th: John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2nd, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

That the term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards".

That a statue in a park of a person on a horse that has both front legs in the air commemorates a person who died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

## Calendar of Events

- ◆ Saturday, May 24th  
7:00am - Noon:  
VFW/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at the VFW: 3 S 371 Main St
- ◆ Thursday, May 22nd:  
River Oaks Homeowner's Association Board Meeting at the Stoller's (2 S 505 River Oaks Drive)
- ◆ Monday, May 26th:  
**MEMORIAL DAY!**

## Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** April 24, 1997

**Present:** Andy Gorski, Joe Lanute, John Pautler, Marnee Sinnott, and Bruce Stoller

**Absent:** Chris Crisman and Breda Wojciechowski

**Guest:** Sandi Gorski and Tom Sinnott

Marnee called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Tom Sinnott presented the Landscaping Report. The Landscaping committee has determined that the north bowl berm of the lower detention area is one foot higher than specified. The committee believes this circumstance has contributed substantially to the persistent water problems in the lower cul-de-sac. The committee proposes to incorporate appropriate re-grading and planting of the north berm with the bank erosion control work.

**Motion:** Andy made a motion to give the Landscaping committee a budget of \$1000.00 for items 1 thru 4 of the April 24, 1997 landscaping report, which includes cutting sod, regrading and hardscape. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Joe made a motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 1997 Board Meeting as written. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

|                            |         |                  |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Previous Balance:          |         | \$3,960.77       |
| Checks and Payment         | 7 items | -1,257.13        |
| Deposits and Other Credits | 3 items | 2,300.00         |
| Ending Balance             |         | <hr/> \$5,003.64 |

**Motion:** Bruce made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Landscaping:** The lawn mowing of common areas was put out for bids. The response from Brickman was for \$6,880.00, which is the same price as 1996.

**Motion:** Joe made a motion to accept Brickman bid. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Old Business:** Marnee recommended continuing the practice of giving \$25.00 to the City for the use of City Council Room for the ROIA annual meeting.

**Motion:** Andy made a motion to continue the practice. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Newsletter:** Thanks to Andy for the great job on putting out the "Oak Leaves".

The board went into executive session.

The board came out of executive session and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, John Pautler, Secretary*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stollers' 2S505 River Oaks Drive.



### "Care" Health

A 35 year study by two Arizona psychologists concludes growing up in a loving environment exerts a positive impact on one's health. Subjects who perceived their parents as caring experienced far fewer chronic ailments than similarly matched peers who described their parents as not as caring as they could have been. The findings were reported at a meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society in Santa Fe, NM, this past March.

— Dr. Gary Schwartz and Linda Russek of the University of Arizona



## RIVER BANK HAPPENINGS! {and other Landscaping events}

The Landscaping Committee has been hard at work over the past few weeks. New evergreens are sprucing up the River Oaks entrance, as are new sweetferns - a rugged salt tolerant perennial with interesting leaves. Millie Murphy's memorial tree - a splendid tulip tree from the River Oaks nursery was planted behind the Albright museum. The parkway trees have received their spring pruning, and appear to be doing well.

Rip rap has been placed below the new outfall pipe in the lower cul de sac, and grass should be sprouting soon in the area where the pipe was placed.

Three lindens, a mountain ash and a brace of silver lindens have been transplanted to various locations in the upper Common Area.

*All of this was accomplished without a cent of ROIA dues! WAY TO GO, GUYS!*

The first two telephone poles have been set against their bollards in the riverbank erosion area! After placing the remaining poles, the berm will be re-graded in order to drain the lower retention bowl as it was originally designed. The Committee discovered that the berm was built higher than specified. One result of this situation is that River Oakers in the lower cul-de-sac are subjected to more water than planned. As a result of this discovery the riverbank erosion control project is being expanded to address this situation.

**A BIG RIVER OAKS THANKS to CHUCK, JOHN and TOM!** The outlines for the new spillways have been marked, and await the tender ministrations of man and machine. When one of your neighbors shows up asking for your assistance, your help would be greatly appreciated.



