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Happy Halloween!

Halloween was originally a Celtic festival for the dead and was celebrated on the last day of the Celtic year, Oct. 31. Elements of that festival were incorporated into the Christian holiday of All Hallows' Eve, the night preceding All Saints' Day.

Until recent times, it was believed that on this night witches and warlocks haunted people. Huge bonfires were built to ward off these evil spirits. Children's pranks replaced witches tricks in the 19 century, but most of the other Halloween customs are probably survivals from the Celtic festival.

Calendar of Events

- ◆ Thursday, October 23rd:
OPEN FORUM: Park District's plans. 7:30 PM at the Christiansen's home (2 S 600 River Oaks)
- ◆ Thursday, October 23rd:
Next Board Meeting: 7:30 pm at the Christiansen's (2 S 600 River Oaks Drive)

Friday, October 31st:
Halloween!

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 25, 1997

Present: Becky Christiansen, Andy Gorski, John Pautler and Marnee Sinnott

Absent: Chris Crisman, Joe Lanute and Breda Wojciechowski

Guest: Sandi Gorski

Marnee called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Motion: Andy made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 28, 1997 Board Meeting. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

City Liaison: A Neighborhood Watch meeting with Officer Schar was held September 25, 1997. Our Neighborhood Watch Program has five block captains. The block captains will canvas the neighborhood Sunday, September 28, 1997 to establish watch houses. Officer Schar will make a chart of watch houses and disseminate to the watch houses.

Motion: Andy made a motion that three neighborhood watch signs be purchased. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Landscaping: Marnee will request a quote from Brickmann for a two year contract for landscaping services. Included in the quote will be weeding of the entrance, the common area entrance and lower cul-de-sac area.

Plans are under way to issue an updated version of the River Oaks Directory in the November-December time frame.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Pautler, Secretary

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Christiansens' 2S600 River Oaks Drive.

OPEN FORUM

There will be an open forum before the ROIA Board Meeting on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM at the Christiansens' (2 S 600 River Oaks). The Board was contacted by the Park District requesting an opportunity to have Park Commissioner Craig Kruchenberg attend a homeowners meeting to talk about the Park District's future plans and solicit suggestions from the residents on what they would like to see in the future plans for programs, facilities, actual parks, etc. This is our opportunity to make our voices heard. The open forum will take place from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM followed by the monthly Board meeting. Please make an effort to attend if you have ideas (or complaints).

Welcome New Neighbors

Edward and Elena Schechter are at Lot #41. Their son Leujay is sixteen.

Brian and Shannon Denny and their three children, Matthew, Joseph, and baby Hannah moved from Summerlakes. They live at Lot #28. Brian is a pilot for Executive Flight Management out of Midway and Shannon is a Director at SportsMed Center for Fitness in Carol Stream.

Robin and Steve Hodges (Lot #1) moved here from Fox Hollow. They have two sons; Matthew and Trevor. Robin is an Office Manager for Spie Tool, while Steve is a Second Shift Supervisor at Morton, Inc.

Richard and Sylvia Thompson moved into Lot # 25 from Summerlakes. Their four children range in age from Kristin at fourteen to Ricky, Alex, and baby Marissa. Richard is employed by Fermi Lab and Sylvia is a free lancer working part-time with Janna Andrejevich.

Welcome to River Oaks !

Annual Picnic

A good time was had by all who attended our Annual Picnic held in early September. We had a beautiful day, great food, even greater prizes and it was fun to play BINGO, a game we've never played at this event before. A big thank you to Chris Chrisman and his committee made up of Linda Saxton, Lois Hitchcock, and Ana Vainisi. We also need to thank the following Warrenville businesses for their generous donations:

First Chicago Bank
Rosati's
Taps Liquor Store
Warrenville Car Clinic
Maddie's Hallmark Store
Starburst Video
Tanalizing Tans
Al's Pizza
Genoa Pizza
Mount Hardware
Eastside Cafe
Arrowhead Golf Course
Chopsticks Inn
Mc Donald's
Diary Queen
Galleria
Black Beauty Auto Detail
Flowers by Robert
Goodyear Tire
Corner Cue
Goal Line Liquors
Subway
Hairquarters
Family Foods

Neighborhood Watch Comes to River Oaks

The Neighborhood Watch program is coming to River Oaks. This action is a direct result of two meetings held this summer between homeowners here in River Oaks and Officer Dave Schar, of the Problem Oriented Policing Unit of the Warrenville Police Department. Both meetings drew substantial numbers of residents who expressed their interest in such a program. The Neighborhood Watch is being set up under the direction of the Warrenville Police Department, with the help of five volunteers from River Oaks who have agreed to serve as Block Captains. These Block Captains have recently gone door-to-door through the subdivision recruiting Watch Houses. If you were not available when they called, and are interested in participating, please contact one of the names listed below.

Watch Houses are houses that agree to be part of a communications network. These houses will receive and inform other Watch Houses about problems and disturbances in the subdivision, as well as inform the Police about such things. Watch Houses watch out for their neighbors; they do not watch their neighbors. They also offer the Police a means to get information directly to the residents. If there is a pattern of crime in the area, then the Watch chairperson can be informed by the Police, and can pass that information along to the Block Captains and to the Watch Houses.

The Police Department will be holding meetings with all of the Watch chairpersons in the City several times each year. This will be an opportunity to exchange information about problems that they might have in common, and to work directly with the Police to address common problems and concerns.

Watch for the signs appearing soon in River Oaks designating this subdivision as a Neighborhood Watch community!

Becky Christiansen, Chairperson 393-4946
Kathryn Costlow 393-9431
Lois Hitchcock 393-2409
Kelly Kreminski 393-9563
Amy Salyer 393-7645

Help For River Oaks Window!

Are the balances on a window in your home not working correctly? Do you have a broken spring in the window? It is possible to get replacements for the window balance, which includes the spring, from Sentry Supply Corporation, (412) 925-6614, or (800) 245-6860. This building supply company takes phone orders. They will ask you to send them one of the balance units from the window with the problem, so that they can match it to the correct model. The cost of the replacement unit, which they sell only in pairs, is approximately \$30 per pair (last year's prices).