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RIVER OAKS ANNUAL PICNIC!

Saturday, August 29th is the date that has been set for our Annual Picnic! (Also known as the Annual Block Party).

Plans are underway to determine the structure of this event. If you have any ideas to share, please contact Linda Saxton-or better yet, show up at the planning committee meeting that she will host on Wednesday, August 12th at 8:00pm (Lot 32).

You may be a longtime resident who is looking for an excuse for some fun (as we prepare for the cabin fever that accompanies winter!). You may be a new resident who is interested in a fun and informal way to meet your neighbors. In either case, your whole family is welcome at our "last hurrah" of the summer!

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 12th:

- Planning Committee meeting for the Annual Block Party: 8:00pm at Linda Saxton's (lot 32)

Thursday, August 27th:

- ROIA Board meeting at the Gorski's (29 W 601 Ridge Drive).

Saturday, August 29th:

- Annual Block Party in the Upper Common Area (See details inside)

Saturday, September 12th:

- Art on the Prairie,
Downtown Warrenville
9:00am - 4:00pm

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 22, 1998

Present: Marnee Sinnott, Mark Moore, Linda Saxton, Andy Gorski, Chris Chrisman, Becky Christiansen

Absent: John Pautler

Guests: None

Marnee called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Motion: Becky made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported that only one property is currently behind in dues. The new penalties are believed to be responsible for the good payment report. He reported that he is in the process of sending records to the accountant for the financial review.

Net Worth Report		As of 7/22/98
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
90 Day CD		10,750.99
Anden		1,267.09
ROIA Checking:		5,890.59
Total Cash and Bank Accounts:		17,908.67
Other Assets		
Culdesacs		1,000.00
Total Other Assets		1,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		18,908.67
LIABILITIES		0.00
OVERALL TOTAL		18,908.67

ROIA Annual Budget Performance		3/1/98 to 2/28/99
Category Description	Actual	Budget
INCOME		
Anden Settlement	0.00	0.00
DUES	6,155.00	10,560.00
Int. earned	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Other Inc.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,155.00	10,560.00
EXPENSES		
Anden Projects	287.65	1,400.00
Annual Meeting	63.74	40.00
Annual Review	0.00	500.00

Discretionary	0.00	50.00
Entertainment	0.00	200.00
Insurance	219.00	250.00
Landscaping	3,039.00	7,600.00
Newsletter	35.10	350.00
Property Tax	0.00	80.00
River Work	0.00	100.00
Treasurer	71.70	140.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	3,716.19	10,710.00
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES:	2,438.81	-150.00

Motion: Becky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Entertainment: Linda and Chris reported that the annual River Oaks picnic will be held September 12th in the evening. The current suggestion is to have desserts and a bon fire. They will look into the cost of showing a movie outside. October 3rd is the scheduled date for the River Oaks garage sale. An Entertainment Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17th at the Saxton's.

City Liaison / Neighborhood Watch: A check will be delivered to the police department for \$36 to pay for the Neighborhood Watch signs. Becky mentioned that a new Block Captain is needed for the program, since Kelly Kreminski will be moving away. Marnee reported that the No Parking signs are on the City's agenda to be redone this summer.

Landscaping: Marnee reported that the river bank project is nearly completed. The gravel is in on the path at the bottom of the stairs. Mulch is needed to finish the path. Brickmann was contacted and has promised to not to weed-whack near the small trees in the Common Area.

Tom Fox has completed the drainage work in the lower bowl of the Upper Common Area to relieve the standing water problem that was occurring. He will be working on the drainage repairs in the Common Area behind Lots 7 and 8 soon.

Newsletter: Andy always needs material.

Old Business:

Private Property Sign: The cost of a private property sign for the Common Area entrance would be approximately \$100. The Board agreed to table this project until such time as a need for the sign is evidenced.

Entry Sign: The Board continued to discuss the feasibility of possible changes to the entrance to

River Oaks. Becky reported that the two estimates she received for the cost of a new brick and/or stone entry sign are widely variable, from \$3,000 to \$10,000. The Board members will be looking at signs in the area to get an idea of a style, before further estimates are requested.

New Business:

Cul-de-sac Work: Linda is organizing the lower cul-de-sac residents for a renovation project on the center island. She will look into the cost of getting large stones to form a ring around the outer edge of the island.

Motion: Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted Becky Christiansen

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 27, 1998, at the Gorski's, 29 W 601 Ridge Dr.

ANNUAL (ALMOST) RIVER OAKS GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars and save the date of September 19th for the 11th Annual Garage Sale. Resell the junk you've bought in previous years, make money, and buy more of your neighbors junk! Details in future newsletter.

RIVER OAKS ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

On August 29th in the Upper Common area, all neighbors are invited to attend our annual block party. Games, Eats, Prizes and Surprises.

A planning committee will meet at Linda Saxton's (lot 32) at 8pm on August 12. If you don't volunteer to help I'm going to call and make you feel guilty. Chris Chrisman will once again be our official leader and collector of great prizes.

New to the neighborhood, what a great way to meet your new neighbors!

More details to come after the planning meeting via a flyer. Start thinking of a favorite dish!

[Note on Dates: At the time of the Board Meeting, the dates for the Annual Picnic and Garage Sale were reported as they appear in the Minutes printed below. Since that time, it was necessary for the Entertainment Committee to change these dates to those that appear above]

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED

The Neighborhood Watch program in River Oaks is in need of two new Block Captains. The recent moves of Kelly Kreminski and Kathryn Costlow have left us short. If you would be willing to take on the job of Block Captain, please call Becky Christiansen at 393-4946.

Block Captains serve as contacts for the Watch Houses. They also serve as recruiters for Watch Houses when new residents move in. Please consider helping us out to fill these two vacancies.

RIVERBANK UPDATE

Have you been down to the riverbank lately? If not, try to find some time to take a stroll through the Upper Common Area and over to the river. Things have changed a great deal over there due to the many back-breaking hours that Tom Sinnott and John Christiansen have spent shoring up the riverbank and beautifying it.

Last summer they moved 60 railroad ties and 5 telephone poles into place to prevent further bank erosion. This work was performed after they had removed dozens of dead trees, brush and poison ivy. Next, 4" x 6" posts were sunk into four feet of concrete to hold the telephone poles in place perpendicular to the hill. The RR ties were spiked into the telephone poles to form terraces on the side of the riverbank, filled with topsoil and then planted with 85 shrubs, 18 flats of perennials and 30 daylilies. Some of these planting were bought, some donated and others obtained through trading with other gardeners.

There was also a great deal of earth moving in the form of clean fill for the riverbank itself, black dirt for planting and shaving off the edge of the lower bowl to meet the proper elevation as determined by the survey conducted by Chuck Hulse, Sinnott and Christiansen back in the Winter of 1997. Whew! What a tremendous amount of work has been done since that time!

This summer Mark Moore, with the help of John and Tom, built stairs to go down the riverbank. Just a few weeks ago, with the help of Craig Carlson, gravel was placed at the bottom of the stairs, the top of the stairs and next to the river, forming a pathway. It has become such a delightful scenic area. Just two items are left that John and Tom would like to do. One is to construct a platform at the bottom of the stairs (currently the gravel and slope of the ground makes it slippery when stepping off the stairs), and the second item is to build a bench or two next to the river.

The Board thanks everyone who helped in any way with this project, but especially thanks John and Tom for their creativity, hard work and tenacity in seeing this project through from conception to completion.