

• Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002  
 ROA Board Mtg @ Augie Hirt's  
 2S522 River Oaks Drive  
 • Upcoming: Annual River  
 Oaks Picnic  
 • Annual Garage Sale  
 Dates TBA



## River Oaks Improvement Association

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### Our New Board:

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| President      | Marnee Sinnott  | 393-2808 | <a href="mailto:thefullmarnee@attbi.com">thefullmarnee@attbi.com</a> |
| Vice President | Augie Hirt      | 393-6492 | <a href="mailto:hirt@verizon.net">hirt@verizon.net</a>               |
| Secretary      | Jim Smith       | 393-1187 | <a href="mailto:mrcleanjas@aol.com">mrcleanjas@aol.com</a>           |
| Treasurer      | Marilyn Hayes   | 863-1424 | <a href="mailto:hayesmarjm@aol.com">hayesmarjm@aol.com</a>           |
| Entertainment  | Lois Hitchcock  | 393-2409 | <a href="mailto:lmhitch@aol.com">lmhitch@aol.com</a>                 |
| Landscaping    | Chris Boettcher | 393-7830 | <a href="mailto:chrisboettcher@msn.com">chrisboettcher@msn.com</a>   |
| Newsletter     | Linda Saxton    | 393-2206 | <a href="mailto:lsavalon@yahoo.com">lsavalon@yahoo.com</a>           |

The board would also like to thank our outgoing members for their service, and especially to Becky Christiansen who has served for 7 years in the capacity of secretary and newsletter. Take a little time off Becky we'll catch you in a couple of years!

### River Oaks Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23 was a sunny, but cool morning when 35 children met in the upper common area to search for Easter Eggs. The Entertainment Committee filled 750 eggs with candy donated by the River Oaks families for 3 groups of children to find. Each age category had 4 special eggs with prize numbers inside. The winners of the prizes were:

Ages 0-3

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | Danielle Coakley |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | Olivia Curry     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | Kimmie Taylor    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> prize | Raquel Boettcher |

Ages 4-6

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Timmy Simak    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Eliot Ames     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | Jordan Coakley |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize | Paige Polak    |

Ages 7+

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | Katie Hayes     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | Devon Curry     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | Matt Denny      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> prize | Chris Hitchcock |

The committee even provided coffee for the parents who braved the chilly morning. A great time was had by all!!

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#### KIDS AND THE COMMON AREA

Parents, we need you to talk to your kids about playing in common area. As you know each year we have Brickman spray a weed & feed treatment on the grass. The fertilizer they use is intended for safety but it is best to avoid direct contact for 12 hours after application. They have already started this process.

Also, there has been damage to stairs that lead to the river in the upper common area. Please do not let your children venture over there. We, the board, have the begun the repair process. Stone will be delivered soon, and you will get a flyer for volunteering to help wheel-barrel the stone to shore up the bank. Until then, that area should be off limits.

Lastly, a homeowner has called a board member with concerns of the coyotes being spotted in DuPage County. If anyone ever thinks they see one in the common area call the Warrenville animal control.

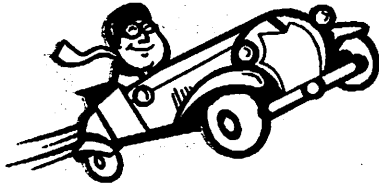
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River Oaks subdivision has been slated for street resurfacing this summer. As soon as the date has been set a flyer will be sent out to all homeowners.

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Yard Waste Pick-Up has begun starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, and will run until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Also these are the holidays that delays garbage by one day: New Year, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Spring brush pickup will be the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. This includes trimming form bushes or shrubs, as well as tree branches. Logs, stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, lumber or anything in plastic bags are not considered brush and WILL NOT be picked up. Place your brush on the parkway before 7am on Monday during the scheduled pickup week.

All brush must be cut in lengths less than 6 feet and no longer than 6 inches in diameter. All brush must be neatly stacked in order for pickup. For additional information, please contact the Warrenville Street Department @ 393-9050.



Now that the weather is nicer, our children are playing in the streets and we all must be careful and slow down. This article appeared in the Warrenville Hometown Happenings, and is worth reprinting.

### **RESIDENTIAL SPEEDING**

One of the most common complaints that the police receive is of vehicles speeding through residential neighborhoods. In most neighborhoods, 70-80 percent of drivers speeding in residential areas live in or around the very neighborhood they are speeding through. Here are some helpful tips that might help solve some of the residential issues:

- Identify the vehicle in question by means of a license plate number or the address where the vehicle may 'reside'.
- Determine whether there is any pattern to the time of day or the day of the week that these incidents are occurring,
- Contact the Police Department at 393-2131, Monday-Saturday, 7am-9pm. Provide the information to the call taker and ask that they pass it on to the shift supervisor. Appropriate follow-up will be taken based on the nature and type of complaint.

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Our new board member Chris Boettcher has taken over the job of finding electricians for estimates for the lighting on our new sign. If any one else has any input with electricians please call Chris at 393-7830. Chris will bring all ideas and estimates to the board. Thanks!

# **Minutes Annual Meeting River Oaks Improvement Association**

**Date:** February 21, 2002

**Board Members Present:** Marnee Sinnott, Marilyn Hayes, Linda Saxton, Lois Hitchcock, Becky Christiansen

**Present:** Jim Smith, Maury Goodman, Rick Nagode, Karl Berland, Pat Banigan, Chris Boettcher

Marnee called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. She gave a brief annual review. During the previous fiscal year, the entryway was landscaped. Next year, it is the intention of the Board to pursue getting lighting installed for the entryway sign.

**Motion:** Marilyn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Lois seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was noted that the second page of the minutes from 01/07/02 was missing from the Newsletter. This included a notice about a dangerous dog in the neighborhood.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

| NET WORTH REPORT    |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS              |                  |
| 90 Day CD           | 12,367.80        |
| ROIA Checking       | 1,988.96         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> | <b>14,356.76</b> |

| ROIA Annual Budget Performance |                  |                  |                |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Category                       | Actual           | Budget           | Diff.          |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                  |                  |                |
| Dues                           | 10,130.00        | 10,240.00        | -110.00        |
| Interest                       | 431.61           | 450.00           | -18.39         |
| Misc.                          | 0                | 0                | 0              |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>10,561.61</b> | <b>10,690.00</b> | <b>-128.39</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                |                  |                  |                |
| Annual Meeting                 | 25.00            | 100.00           | 75.00          |
| Annual Review                  | 0.00             | 500.00           | 500.00         |
| Discretionary                  | 67.00            | 350.00           | 283.00         |
| Entertainment                  | 307.00           | 300.00           | -7.00          |
| Insurance                      | 205.00           | 250.00           | 0.00           |
| Landscaping                    | 9,721.57         | 8,200.00         | -1,521.57      |
| Newsletter                     | 29.22            | 300.00           | 270.78         |
| Property Tax                   | 78.40            | 80.00            | 1.60           |
| Treasurer                      | 123.00           | 160.00           | 37.00          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>10,601.19</b> | <b>10,240.00</b> | <b>-361.19</b> |
| <b>Income-Expnse</b>           | <b>-39.58</b>    | <b>450.00</b>    | <b>-489.58</b> |

Marilyn reported that there is currently \$640 outstanding dues, involving 8 lots total. One lot is in arrears for more than 1 year. Comment was made that some residents move in and are not aware that there is a homeowner's association here. The final cost on the entryway was \$2,049, which came out of funds on hand. The contract for Common Area maintenance with Brickman has increased to \$7,672, reflecting the addition of entryway planting maintenance and general increase in costs. Marilyn also reported that the liability insurance for the Common Areas increased from \$250 to \$350, with no explanation given. She will be checking with the carrier for reasons for this increase, and with other insurance agencies for competing bids. The CD comes due on March 4, and there was a discussion on whether or not to take out monies for the lighting of the entryway before the full amount is rolled over.

**Motion:** Marilyn made a motion to remove \$2,367.80 from the CD. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Becky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Entertainment:** Lois reported on a successful year for the Entertainment Committee, with the Annual Picnic and Halloween Bonfire being the two events sponsored last year. This year, they are adding an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger residents.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Linda said that she will be recruiting Block Captains for the watch. She also gave reports on some recent vandalism in the area.

**City Liaison:** The subdivision's roads are on the list of roads that will be resurfaced this summer. They will be scraped and a new layer of asphalt will be applied.

**Landscaping:** The river bank was discussed, in particular the need for repair work in order to prevent further erosion under the stairs.

## **New Business:**

**Geese Problem** – A homeowner asked if anything could be done about the geese that were infesting the Common Area. The answer is nothing can be done, but they will be gone by summer when the area dries out.

**Election:** Elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors were Marnee Sinnott, Augie Hirt, Chris Boettcher, and Jim Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Becky Christiansen, Secretary*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Monday, March 18, at the Sinnotts', 2S. 571 River Oaks Dr.

## **RIVER OAKS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

ATTENDANCE: Marnee, Augie, Lois, Chris, Jim, Marilyn, Linda

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: The following members continue in the same positions as last year: Marnee -President and City Liaison, Marilyn-Treasurer, Lois-Entertainment, Linda-Newsletter. In addition, Augie was elected Vice-President, Jim Secretary and Chris-Landscaping.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: None were reported, as the last meeting was the annual meeting.

TREASURES REPORT: Marilyn reported no changes (Deposits or withdrawals since the last report. She discussed the development of a coupon format for dues to be paid. Coupons would be dispersed to the homeowners and they would send coupons in with payment. Marilyn also reported an increase in our General Liability insurance from \$250 to \$350. The board may investigate other options for insurance.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Lois presented details for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Egg hunt to be held in the commons area.

CITY LIAISON REPORT: Marnee shared discussions she has had with Ron Mensur including the resurfacing of River Oaks roads this summer. More detail will be communicated to homeowners regarding logistics, as they become available.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Linda discussed the issue of youths damaging stairs in common area. She also notified the committee that the Rip-wrap had not yet been installed in drainage area due to conditions.

LANDSCAPING: Chris will begin gather information and discussing lighting options with electricians. A plan will be developed for Presentation to the city council for approval.

NEWSLETTER: Linda will be preparing a newsletter to be distributed the early in April. She discussed potential articles and highlights for the newsletter. It was agreed that a new directory needs to be initiated. Linda noted that a computer program for such a project was available.

OLD BUSINESS: No outstanding issues.

NEW BUSINESS: Augie gave the committee a handout with several ideas for improving the properties. The committee agreed that a list of potential vendors/services would be helpful for homeowners to have on hand. Augie will be working on this project and reporting back.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 23 at Augie's 2 S. 522 River Oaks Dr.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda moved for adjournment. It was seconded by Jim and carried.