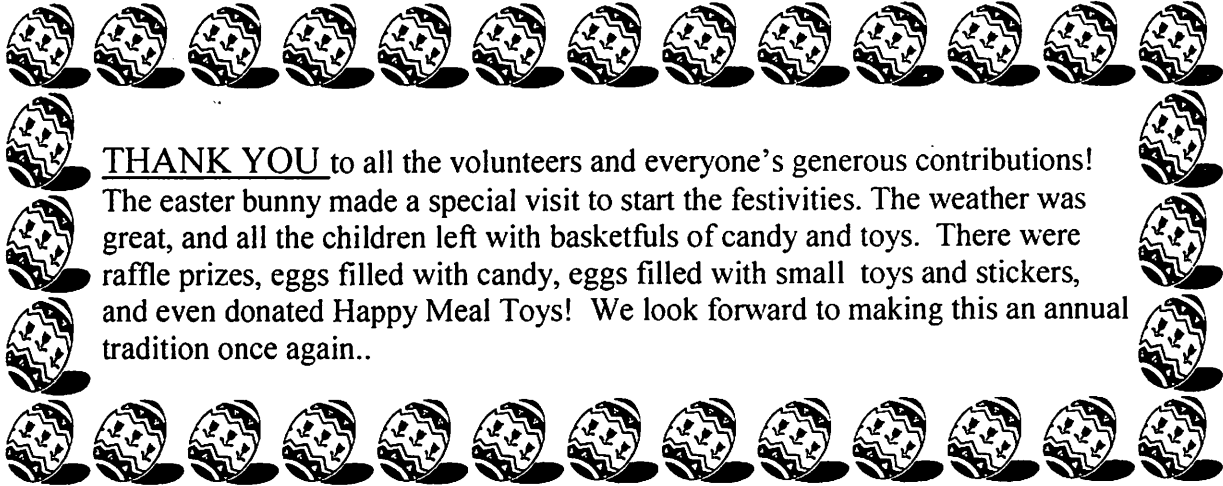




River Oaks Newsletter

April, 2006



THANK YOU to all the volunteers and everyone's generous contributions! The easter bunny made a special visit to start the festivities. The weather was great, and all the children left with basketfuls of candy and toys. There were raffle prizes, eggs filled with candy, eggs filled with small toys and stickers, and even donated Happy Meal Toys! We look forward to making this an annual tradition once again..



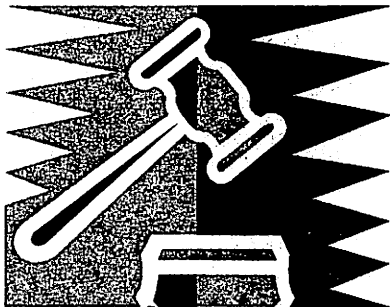
Easter Egg Hunt



River Oaks 2006 Board of Directors:

President	Linda Saxton lsavalon@yahoo.com	393-2206
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Treasurer	Rick Deist	393-1309
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Newsletter	Robin Hodges robin.hodges@bairdwarner.com	393-7761

The Board of Directors hold monthly meetings that are open to all River Oaks residents. The meetings will be generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the evening, though time and place may vary.



**May meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 9th 7:30 at Dave
Sartore's residence;
2S552 River Oaks Drive**

Welcome new members;

***Rick Deist
Robin Hodges
Pete Moilina
Dave Sartore
Robert Stout***

***Attached at the end of the newsletter are the ~~April & May~~ minutes to the meetings**



DuPage River Clean Up

If you've ventured down near the river, you may have noticed markers along the river. The clean-up from Kerr McGee will be starting soon.

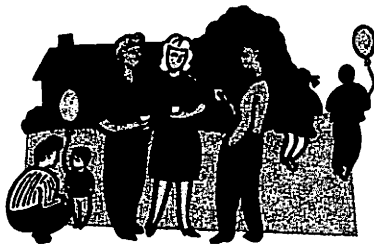
Retaining Wall Update

River Oaks president, Linda Saxton spoke at March 27th city council meeting to request city assistance with the wall studies and repairs. The city determined a written policy needs to be developed to address these requests, as the city has no written policy at this time. There are still many unanswered questions, and the board will continue researching this important issue and keep everyone updated as to the progress.



River Oaks Annual Garage Sale

The annual River Oaks Garage Sale will be held June 17th from 9 to 3, rain or shine. Ads will be placed in local newspapers and a large sign at the entrance on Route 59 will be placed the day of the sale. Start cleaning out those garages and make some extra cash!



Tentative date for the River Oaks annual picnic will be the second weekend in September to be held near the upper court on Ridge. As in years past, there will be a moon walk for the kids, games, prizes and everyone brings a dish to pass. Further information to follow...

Please call or email suggestions to Robin Hodges at 393-7761 or email to robin.hodges@bairdwarner.com

SERVICE DIRECTORY

This list is furnished as a courtesy:
Homeowners assume the responsibility for any references

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>
Brittany Boettcher	11	393-7830	Baby Sitting

*Please call or email if you wish to have your name added, or if any changes need to be made.
Thank you. Robin Hodges at 393-7761 or robin.hodges@bairdwarner.com

All homeowners should have received their payment coupons for this years association fees in the mail. If you have not received your payment coupons, please contact Rick Deist.

First quarterly payment of \$60 is due by May 31, 2006. Remember, you may also choose to pay the entire year in advance, which is \$240.00. Also, as we have done in previous years, past-due payments will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee.

The River Oaks Newsletter should be a friendly community forum in which we can "help our neighbors" with notices of possible baby sitters, day care, pet care, lawn care, etc.. or ads to sell the car or furniture. Please contact Robin Hodges if you would like to be mentioned in the next monthly newsletter. It's a great way for adults and teens alike to advertise within River Oaks!



Moving or refinancing and need a current paid assessment letter? Please contact Rick Deist *in advance* to prepare a letter from the association advising your financial lender current paid status in the River Oaks Homeowners Association.

If you would like to announce a recent birth, wedding, or great achievement please let us know.



Treasury reports to follow... Rick is trying to become accumulated to the finance programs with the assistance of Robert Stout. Financial reports will be included in future newsletters. Thank you for your patience!

Pete Molina has met with the landscaping company to go over this years contract and service expectations. Call Pete if you have any questions or concerns regarding the landscaping at the entrance and common areas.



EXCITING NEWS!

**OUR WEBSITE HOST HAS BEEN ACTIVATED
AND IS CURRENTLY "UNDER CONSTRUCTION".
FUTURE WEB ADDRESS WILL BE;**

WWW.ROIA.ORG

THANK YOU DAVE SARTORE!



Out in the horizon...

*The board is considering to have a Halloween Party in October
—any suggestions or volunteers?*

River Oaks Improvement Association

3/7/2006

Board Meeting – Called to order @ 7:30PM

Members attending in person:

Robert Stout
Pete Molina
Linda Saxton
Ruth Brackmann
Robin Hodges
Dave Sartore
Rick Deist

Guests:

Becky Christiansen

1. Board Office Assignments

- ✓ Linda Saxton – President
- ✓ Ruth Brackmann – Vice President / City Liaison
- ✓ Rick Deist – Treasurer
- ✓ Dave Sartore – Secretary
- ✓ Robin Hodges – Newsletter
- ✓ Pete Molina – Landscaping
- ✓ Robert Stout – Entertainment

2. Retaining Wall

- ✓ There is a city hall meeting scheduled for March 27th – introduce new board & raise issue of retaining wall
- ✓ Investigate & gather related resources from public institutions including: IDNR, DuPage County Storm Water, Tax Assessor's Office
- ✓ Stress Freedom of Information Act if necessary to obtain required information
- ✓ Review plat book (Robin to verify if plat exists) – Original permit issued in 1985

Decision: Continue to investigate options and City of Warrenville's level of responsibility

3. Treasurer's Report

- ✓ Coupon books for association dues to be sent
- ✓ Annual payments are preferred, otherwise quarterly

River Oaks Improvement Association

- ✓ Review outstanding dues
- ✓ Discussed possibility of lowering dues for annual payments
- ✓ Looking into a new business checking account with no associated fees – current account has fees

4. Entertainment

- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt event to be held on April 8th in common area
- ✓ April 9th to serve as a rain date for the event
- ✓ Donation of one bag of candy per participating child
- ✓ Ruth has costume for the event
- ✓ Event will include giveaways & raffle
- ✓ Community Garage Sale event to be held in mid-June – final date to be decided at next meeting
- ✓ Annual Picnic second week of September

5. Landscaping / Neighborhood

- ✓ Cleanup begins in April
- ✓ Yard waste removal

6. Standard Meeting Day/Time

- ✓ Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday each month @ 7:30PM.
- ✓ Residents are welcome to attend

7. Other Items

- ✓ A website will be developed for sharing of neighborhood information & resources – no additional cost will be incurred by the association for this
- ✓ Parking on streets is becoming an issue – city will ban street parking the first time an emergency vehicle is blocked from passing
- ✓ Dogs should remain leashed & be cleaned up after

Meeting adjourned @ 9:25PM

River Oaks Improvement Association

4/11/06

Board Meeting – Called to order @ 7:30PM

Members attending in person:

Robert Stout
Pete Molina
Linda Saxton
Ruth Brackmann
Robin Hodges
Dave Sartore

1. Budget

- ✓ Late notices outstanding – need to review who has yet to have paid
- ✓ Need to perform final review of budget to verify balance
- ✓ LaSalle bank has been chosen to house ROIA funds (motion to pass Ruth – second by Pete) – Account includes \$100 signup bonus to be added to ROIA funds.

2. Retaining Wall

- ✓ City of Warrenville has stated that the wall was done for ascetic purposes
- ✓ Need to verify the disposal process of city files – city has indicated that some files related to the retaining wall cannot be located
- ✓ Will send letter to city requesting how files are deemed disposable
- ✓ Need copy of original law document declaring retention regulations – need to know the law that required the wall to be built in the first place (1986/1987 storm water regulations)
- ✓ Wall may not be ROIA's responsibility just because it is on a community easement
- ✓ Looking into legal resources and attorney assistance

3. Entertainment

- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt was a success – very generous donations including 1,000+ eggs
- ✓ Discussed potential for a Halloween party

River Oaks Improvement Association

- ✓ Community Garage Sale event to be held on June 17th (9AM-3PM)

4. Landscaping

- ✓ Brickman Landscaping in final year of contract – will investigate other providers – Brickman contract runs from April – November @ \$1003/mo.
- ✓ Pete to walk the neighborhood with Brickman representative to verify work to be done
- ✓ Pete to review work done once completed

5. Newsletter

- ✓ To include river cleanup efforts
- ✓ To include information regarding lawn fertilization for resident protection

6. Other Items / New Business

- ✓ Cleanup of lower common area debris
- ✓ Marking for river cleanup has begun
- ✓ Check grates on all sewer drains for safety purposes

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15PM

Minutes prepared by: [D.Sartore, 3/7/06]