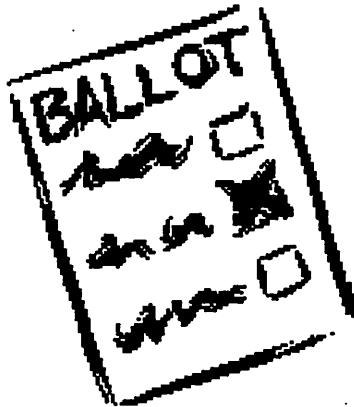


River Oaks Newsletter

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Is your account paid in full to vote?

The River Oaks Improvement Association Annual Meeting will be held this Thursday, March 15, 2007 7:30 pm at City Hall.

There are three board positions up for election. Ruth Brackmann, Linda Saxton and Robert Stout are all up for election and all have graciously decided to remain on the ballot for these positions. If you are interested in becoming a board member, or would like to support the candidates, please cast your votes at the annual meeting.

Remember, you must be current in quarterly dues to be able to vote. As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your account status, please feel free to contact any board member.



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

The next brush pick-up is scheduled for April 2 & May 7, 2007

All brush to be picked-up must be stacked and at the curb by 7:00 am on Monday of the pickup week. Questions or concerns should be directed to Michelle Savage at 630-393-9050 x307.

*as found in Warrenville Hometown Happenings.

River Oaks 2006 Board of Directors:

President	Linda Saxton lsavalon@yahoo.com	393-2206
VP/City Liaison	Ruth Brackmann Brackmann2@comcast.net	393-6830
Treasurer	Rick Deist	393-1309
Secretary	Dave Sartore itbizman@yahoo.com	836-0499
Landscaping	Pete Molina pmjm9262@yahoo.com	393-2113
Entertainment	Robert Stout stout1@yahoo.com	836-0774
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.



**Next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, March 15th 7:30 at
City Hall for the annual meeting**

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>
Brittney Boettcher	12	393-7830	Baby Sitting
Matt Hawks	18	836-9706	Lawn work, leaf raking, snow shoveling
James Berg, Sr.		836-0366	Elite Ventures, Ltd. *online products www.eliteventuresltd.com

*Please call or email if you wish to have your name added, or if any changes need to be made.

FOR SALE

**Black vinyl recliner; very comfortable
and in excellent condition \$45**

**Maple Spinet piano and bench in
excellent condition but needs tuning \$50**

Maple rocking chair \$25

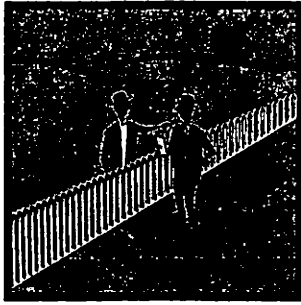
Antique sheet music cabinet \$75

**Please contact Tom & Marnee Sinnott
(lot 53) at 393-2808 for further
information.**

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!



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



Want to know your neighbors?

There has been some expressed interest in homeowners hosting and attending open house parties within the neighborhood. There will be further information to follow. In the meantime please contact Robert Stout at 836-0774 or stout1@yahoo.com with any suggestions, ideas or interest!

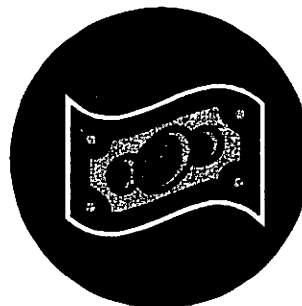
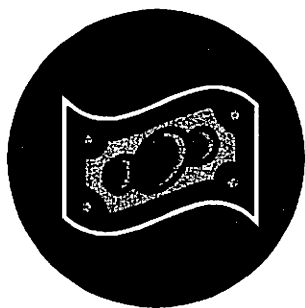
Years past, River Oaks has sponsored an annual garage sale for homeowners to take advantage of a larger neighborhood sale to generate additional traffic. Newspaper ads were placed in the local papers and a sign advertising the garage sale sits at the Route 59 entrance. The newspaper ads have become quite costly and it is doubtful many 'shoppers' stop because of the newspaper ads; more likely it is due to the signage and high volume of traffic on Route 59. Some proposed changes are to omit the newspaper ads to cut unnecessary costs, to coincide with other neighborhood garage sales such as Summerlakes or Emerald Greens, and make additional garage sale signs to be placed around town. The Board is looking for feedback on these proposals and homeowner interest in continuing with the annual garage sale in River Oaks. Please contact Robert Stout at 836-0774 or stout1@yahoo.com.



This year marks our 20th Anniversary! The Board would like to celebrate in a big way at the upcoming block party—if you have any old photographs, sales brochures, or any type of memorabilia pertaining to River Oaks, please share with any board member. We will copy, scan or whatever need be and distribute in upcoming newsletters and display the information at the annual block party. We will be sure your information is returned, so start rummaging through your files!

March 1, 2007 is the beginning of a new fiscal year. You will be receiving new coupons shortly indicating \$60.00 due each quarter beginning May 31, 2007. Remember, the entire year may be paid in advance at a cost of \$240.00.

There are some past due accounts for the remainder of 2006 fiscal year. If an account becomes past due there is a \$10 late fee per quarter assessed to your account and after further attempts by the board to collect payment there will be a lien placed against your home for the amount past due along with all court costs incurred in placing the lien. The board encourages homeowners to contact any board member with questions or concerns.



Fourth quarter payment of \$60.00 was due February 28th. If you have not paid the fourth quarter balance please remit as soon as possible. All past-due payments will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee per quarter.

***Payments can be mailed to:
ROIA, PO Box 144, Warrenville, IL 60555***

Checks payable to: ROIA

Call Rick Deist at 393-1309 with any questions or concerns.

FUTURE WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

WWW.ROIA.ORG



MINUTES OF 1/16/07 RIVER OAKS BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

Dave and Pete were absent.

Minutes were read from 1/16/07 meeting, Robert made the motion to accept, Rick seconded, Ruth abstained.

The treasurer report was read, and 2007 budget reviewed again in preparation for the annual meeting.

Much discussion was had as to the effectiveness of the stubs we have been sending for the quarterly dues reminder. Possible idea of a perforated 8x10 paper, in 4 sections, one for each quarter.

Linda and Ruth to get quotes for the ROA renewal liability policy.

Still waiting for IRS letter with EIN number too pen CD.

New sign will be made for garage will be made and we may tie our sale in with other large subdivision sales. Interest has waned in the last few years, so we may skip a year. Poll in newsletter to come.

Linda will contact Marnee to e-mail vote ballot to Robert.

All outgoing board members are running for office again, Ruth, Linda & Robert.

Brickman contract signed for 3 more years.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

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COYOTES



River Oaks Improvement Association Announcement

There have been coyote sightings in the neighborhood. Possibly with the river clean-up the coyote are looking for a new habitat. Coyotes eat many different foods, including small animals, fruits, vegetables, garbage and pet food. Remember everything a coyote does is related to a potential meal. Here are a few suggestions to make your property less attractive to coyotes.

Secure your garbage! Coyotes will raid open trash materials and compost piles. Secure your garbage in tough plastic containers with tight fitting lids and keep in secure buildings when possible. Take out the trash the morning pick up is scheduled, not the previous night. Keep compost piles in containers designed to contain but vent the material.

Don't feed or try to pet coyotes! Keep wild things wild! Feeding, whether direct or indirect, can cause coyotes to act tame and over time may lead to bold behavior. Coyotes that rely on natural food items remain wild and wary of humans.

Keep your pets safe! Although free roaming pets are more likely to be killed by automobiles than by wild animals, coyotes do view cats and small dogs as potential food and larger dogs as competition. For the safety of your pets, keep them restrained at all times.

Keep bird feeder areas clean! Use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground as the seed attracts many small mammals coyotes prey upon. Remove feeders if coyotes are regularly seen around your yard.

Feed pets indoors! Outdoor feeding attracts many wild animals to your door!

Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds! Coyotes use such areas for resting and raising young.

Don't let coyotes intimidate you! Don't hesitate to scare or threaten coyotes with loud noises, bright lights, or water.

Cut back brushy edges around your yard! These areas provide cover for coyotes and their prey.

Protect pets and produce! Coyotes may prey on small animals. Techniques such as fencing, will protect from predation. Clear fallen fruit from and around fruit trees.

Educate your neighbors! Pass this information along since your efforts will be futile if neighbors are providing food and shelter for coyotes.

*as found on www.mass.gov website

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River Oaks Easter Egg Hunt

The River Oaks Homeowners Association is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, March 31st at 1:00 in the common area (rain date; Sunday April 1st). We welcome all sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and extended families.

If you are interested, please donate one bag of candy per child to participate. Candy should be small enough to fit into a small plastic Easter egg. Candy can be dropped off at Steve & Robin Hodges residence at 29W650 Ridge Drive (1st house entering subdivision) no later than Monday, March 26th.

We are also asking for donations of prizes to raffle.

There will be three separate age categories for the hunt; 3 years and under, 4 to 8 years and 9 years and above.

We need adult volunteers to prepare the eggs for the Easter egg hunt and help organize the event.

Please call if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

Robert Stout # 836-0774

Robin Hodges # 393-7761

