

Fall Edition

September 2008



River Oaks Newsletter

Fall Parkway Tree Trimming

It's that time of year again to look at the PARKWAY TREES IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE. These trees are the PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS to trim and care for that are in the area between the sidewalk and street. At this time of year it is very important that you have your trees trimmed to height of 13 feet from the curb to the lowest tree leaves if they are hanging out on the street side of the roadway. This is to allow the City trucks to pass through and not hit any of the tree limbs. The ROIA Board only governs the Common Areas as described in your Declarations and By Laws. Please assist by trimming them.

On another note, all sidewalks must be free of limbs & leaves hitting the public on the sidewalk. This also includes any shrubs that are encroaching on the sidewalk. The sidewalk must be free to allow passage of the public on foot. Thanks for your assistance with this issue.

If you are unsure how to trim, please contact Ruth Brackmann, Board President for further information on this. Phone number: 630-393-6830 during evening hours or email address:

brackmann2@comcast.net.

The next free pick-up of tree trimmings is set for October 1st. You must have your trimmings out by Monday of the first week of October. Further info at City of Warrentville 630-393-9427.

The cut ends must be placed to the street side for ease of handling and the lengths must be no longer than 6 feet in length and no larger than a 6 inch diameter around. **Do not park your car in front of any tree trimmings or it will not be picked up and it then is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of properly.**

Thanks for assisting the ROIA Board in this process. It is a very important process to ensure that the City is able to access our streets easily during the winter months.

PLEASE...WATER, WATER, WATER THE TREES IN THE PARKWAY!!! THEY ARE VERY DRY AND THE DROUGHT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE TREES OVER TIME.

Dues are Now LATE!

Please remember to pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner. Dues are needed to insure the Common Area Grounds are maintained properly. Also prompt payment will avoid a late charges and/or a lien placed on your home. Thanks to those that are prompt in payment of the Quarterly Dues.

River Oaks Annual Block Party-September 20

Party starts at 5pm until 10pm on Ridge Drive. The ROIA will grill the Hamburgers & Hotdogs, and supply paper goods, silverware & lemonade. **Please bring a side dish or appetizer to share if you live on River Oaks Drive and a dessert if you live on Ridge Drive. The dish should be enough for 15-24 servings.** The board will supply ice for you to place your dishes on for food safety. There will be an inflatable jump for the kids again. The kids will only be allowed to enter if the parents are there to supervisor their children hands on by the inflatable. **Do Not send your child up early as they will be sent home with out the parent being present.** **Thanks in advance for helping to keep the event safe for all. Bring a chair, and any beverage other than lemonade your family would like. See you there! It's a great gathering for old & new neighbors alike!**

Lower Common Area Update

The Tronox River Clean-up is nearing completion for the River Oaks Community! The grounds are in the process of being re-planted. If you are wondering why the chicken wire is around the trees and shrubs; it is to keep the trees from floating down the river courtesy of the busy beavers! They will chew the trees off at the base looking for winter housing! The riverbank will stay planted with the natural wild flowers that you see blooming now and the area that is mowed will be re-planted with a park type grass. ROIA lost a very large tree in the Lower Common Area during a past storm. The

tree was removed by Phil Brackmann, Pete Molina, Robert Stout, and Ruth Brackmann during one of the hottest days of late August.

The Board members that were down there cleaning up were faced with a large pile of someone's personal trimmings of Buckthorns. The common area is not a dumping ground for your trimmings. Please take them to the curb for pick-up if during the free times or pay for the removal by a garbage sticker. Parents if you could please have your children NOT pull out the orange flags they are needed for placement of the trees.

The tree Nursery is gone and no trees are to be dug from that area. Please if you see any activity of either of the above mentioned please call a ROIA Board Member to alert them of this illegal activity. The flags are for Kerr McGee Govt. work. This area has undergone major changes in the last 2-3 weeks of August! If you have not gone down to look at it you should take a stroll down there! It will be beautiful!

Newsletter Update...where is it?????

Unfortunately, the newsletter as you are receiving it will not come out every month. The Board does not have it in the budget. It will be more as needed with special reminders. If you need financial information please contact a board member. The ROIA Board is doing this to save money and also be green!

If you would like a copy of the minutes or a budget update; please contact a board member and they would be glad to provide a copy for you to pick-up at their house. Please allow at least 48 hours notice as the Board members are all volunteers and also work other jobs too. If the Association wants a newsletter

as in the past it will need to be discussed at the Annual Meeting. ROIA has been blessed with Robin Hodges providing this free for many years! This is no longer available so the Association has to pay for it out of the budget.

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Entryway Plantings!

Thanks to Robin Hodges and Ruth Brackmann for planting the colorful summer flowers! What a great way for River Oaks to participate in the America in Bloom Program in Warrenville! Robin has been so faithful in watering the flowers all summer long! Both Ladies and the Board do hope that you have enjoyed the colorful entrance to your home!



Happy Fall ...enjoy
a walk outside!