

Winter Edition

February 2009



River Oaks Newsletter

Looking Back at 2008

Well, here we are at the close of another year! Looking back your River Oaks Improvement Board has had many accomplishments over the course of 11 months.

The first of many is that all of the late fees or outstanding homeowners accounts have been fully collected for the year 2007-2008! That is quite an accomplishment with the current times at hand.

The Board over saw the completion of the Lower Common Area renovation during the course of 2008. Dead trees removed, area cleaned up and new plantings in place from the Tronox Clean-up. That is a huge accomplishment and it looks very nice too.

A new website is up, new look, new content at: www.riveroakshome.org

This too took some thought process and the will to make it open to the public so that those buying our homes could go there and see what we are all about! Thanks to Becky Christiansen for her expertise on the new site! Quite a feat I should say!

The Parkway trees were trimmed by Volunteers rather than paying to have them done per the City of Warrenville requirements. Thanks to Rick Deist, Pete Molina, Phil &

Ruth Brackmann, and Frank Vainisi, who gave their Saturday morning to take do this.

The Board is pursuing a City of Warrenville Re-imbursement for the survey that was completed in 2006 on the retaining wall. The first step has been completed so the Board will re-present the bill to them for payment. This too is quite a feat to get action at the City level!

The board once again hosted the ROIA Block Party, which was well attended by all! This is a tradition here for the families.

The first year in many that there have been flowers blooming all summer long at the entrance to the subdivision! What a great welcome home to all living here and those visiting our homes!

Whew, for a volunteer position the board was sure busy this year! We hope that you have enjoyed the benefits of your Board's hard work and the many volunteers!!!

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 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 Homeowners Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 at 7:30pm located at the Warrenville Park District at 3 s 260 Warren Ave., Warrenville, IL. Please park in the lower level lot and enter off from the Curtis Street side parking lot entrance. Please check-in at the Registration desk. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room in the lower level.

Remember that you must be current to be able to vote at the meeting. **Any dues not paid up by the meeting will be in line for a lien to be placed shortly after the meeting.** Please help us close 2008 in the black! Pay your dues at the annual meeting to avoid any extra costs.

Parking on the Street! *Think Twice Please!*

Parking on the streets is causing problems as the Winter Snow mounds on the sides of the streets. As the snow mounds stay around, please keep your vehicles in the driveways as much as possible. Most of you know the Pautler Family experienced a home fire and much to the surprise of the first responding police officer there was only one car on the street at the time that had to be moved and the family was home at the time the call was made by the police. This could have been a much worse disaster for everyone in the area of the flames if the trucks could not have gotten there.

There must be complete access at

all times; so if you are parking directly across from another vehicle then one of you MUST NOT park in that same area! *If you have a hard time getting a car through then a fire truck or ambulance can NOT get through! It could be a real problem in an emergency! Imagine your house not getting emergency response due to a blocked street passage! That would not be a good thing to come home to!*

It is guaranteed that we will be the next subdivision to only have parking on 1 side of the street if this keeps up! **The police are monitoring it after the recent fire more closely.** If you want the extra on

street parking then move your cars into the garage/driveways!

Remember that when there is a 2" snowfall the police will ticket any vehicle parked on the roadways. Again, please help us out to make it easier for the City Plow Trucks to do their job!

The ROIA Board members extend their deepest thoughts to the Pautler Family on the recent fire in their home. It is a blessing that all are safe and sound including the family pets. Thanks to the quick response of the Fire Department! The call was heard clear out to Sugar Grove to St. Charles and surrounding areas. Thanks to the professionals who responded!

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 OR provide the Board with a self address envelope and postage to mail it to you otherwise. 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.

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Coyotes are Back !

Keep your pets on CLOSE WATCH! The Coyotes are back in full force. They have been seen walking in the streets of lower cul du sac of River Oaks Drive. They are in the upper common area bowl playing around in the early am hours and mid to late afternoon hours. A small pet would be a great snack for them! Let's keep our pets safe and not let them run loose; it is the law to have them leashed!



Think Spring Blooms...it's almost time!