

Spring Edition

May/June 2011



# River Oaks Newsletter

## Parkway Trees & City of Warrenville

It's that time of year again to look at the PARKWAY TREES IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE and breathe a sigh of relief knowing that you will not hear from the ROIA Board to trim your trees any more. The City of Warrenville is taking over all the City's Parkway Trees in town. The ROIA Board submitted a letter voiding the original agreement that was signed by a prior board that committed the homeowners for the care of the trees in the parkway. The City of Warrenville will now take 100% care for the trees. You will still need to mow your parkway and water the trees in a drought. The City will only trim, shape, and remove the dead trees as deemed necessary by the City. You are not allowed to plant trees in the parkway without prior permission from the City of Warrenville public works department. They have a very specific list of trees. The City will plant the trees for you but you must pick from their list of trees and pay between \$100-\$200 per tree planted by the City. No other tree planting is allowed by the Homeowner.

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 from

your front yards. The sidewalk must be free to allow passage of the public on foot or a wheelchair guest also. Thanks for your assistance with this issue.

**The next free pick-up of tree trimmings is set for 1st Monday of every month through October.** 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; it then is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of properly.** Thanks for assisting the ROIA Board in this process.

For Further info call the City of Warrenville 630-393-9427.

### **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.*

**NO COUPONS ARE BEING RE-MAILED. THEY WERE IN YOUR 2011 ANNUAL MEETING PACKET!**

## River Oaks Annual Garage Sale

**Saturday, June 25th ~ 9am-3pm**

**The annual garage sale is set. Signs will be placed in front of the sub and at various intersections in Warrenville. Newspaper ads are NOT purchased in order to save funding for the retaining wall repairs. No Rain date.**

# River Oaks Happenings

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The River Oaks Board has been very busy looking for ways to make the sub division a better place for all to call home. The entryway has been re-planted with perennials and tango marigolds for the summer months. The mulch will be delivered shortly and spread by a “posse” of board members and anyone else who would love to get their hands dirty!

The black letters on the entryway sign have been repainted with a high gloss black to make it stand out!

The lights have been replaced

with solar lights to save approximately \$300 per year on electricity costs plus additional repairs, which ran around \$150 per year depending on the repair. The board is looking into ways to get it more bright light at the sign. Please be patient and know that the board is looking into it.

At the annual meeting it was questioned about closing the walkway between the apartments and River Oaks. The walkway is a part of the Housing Development PUD Plan. It will not be closed. It is an emergency egress for fire trucks and other emer-

gency vehicles. If the main entrance is blocked as has happened in the past with a fire on the upper level; the emergency vehicles could then access an emergency at the lower level of the cul du sac. The City has been contacted to have the Private Property sign removed, which is in the egress right of way. It was placed there by the apartments a while ago. If you are having issues with the tenants please contact the police to assist you rather than handling it yourself. They will be more than happy to assist.

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## Newsletter Update...It's GREEN!

River Oaks Board has gone green! The newsletters will only be emailed with a link to the email address that you provided. If you can get your email please drop off a self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Brackmann's home and she will be glad to mail you one after it is published on the website. The newsletter will be filled with reminders and happenings in

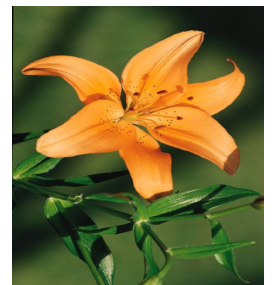
town every 2 months or as needed. If you change your email address please make sure to email the Newsletter editor at [brackmann2@comcast.net](mailto:brackmann2@comcast.net) so that you will receive the most up to date information. If you need financial information please contact a board member. The 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. Thanks for going green with the ROIA Board members too!

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## Entryway Spruce-up!

Thanks to Frank Vainisi and Ruth Brackmann for planting the colorful summer flowers! What a great way for River Oaks to participate in beautifying Warrenville! The Board hopes that you enjoy the colorful entrance to your home! Also take note that the Brick Entryway sign letters have been spruced up with a coat of fresh black paint.



Happy Spring ...

## River Oaks Residents Be on the ALERT...

The beginning of May marked a bad situation for two of our fellow neighbors in River Oaks. One of the families had a bike stole from their open garage while they were in the home at the time. Their paint contractor was working on the home and in and out of the house to top it off.

The bike was recovered at a local pawn shop.

The other incident was a stolen leaf blower the same day. Not recovered to date yet. Please keep your garages closed and your doors locked.



**Keep a watchful EYE to spot a crime in progress!**  
**Call 911 immediately!**

## Common Area waters can be dangerous and deadly...

This is the time of year when the children are drawn to the river banks in the River Oaks Common Areas. This is a very dangerous river. It is very fast and has a rapid current that a child or even an adult would have a hard time surviving in. The river's current has ripped out heavy stakes in the lower common area that were in the ground 12 inches deep to hold the new trees in place. The wires and posts have all been removed

due to the strength of the river. Please keep your children out of the Common Area Bowls when it rains. If you see children playing in the Common Area Bowls; please alert the parents or call the police to have them removed. There are 2 drain grates that are the size of an adult that could possibly break loose and the child

would be sucked into the drain pipe. This is a very dangerous situation and needs immediate attention if seen. The heavy rains can fill up the common area bowls quickly so please teach your children to stay out for the safety of their lives. Thank you for your attention to this safety issue.

*High Waters are dangerous!*  
*Stay out of the*  
*Common Area Retention*  
*Bowls to avoid drowning!*

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*Make a difference*  
*in your community!*  
*Plant a flower!*

## Things to do in Warrenville...

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### *Summer Time fun in Warrenville...*

#### **Farmer's Market ~**

Every Wednesday with a new location at the Court Yard Banquets parking lot on Rte. 59. Time: 3-7pm Rain or Shine

**Art on the Prairie ~** Call for Artists... The Warrenville Park District and the Warrenville Library are looking for fine artists to exhibit and show tier art at Art on the Prairie on August 6th from 9am-5pm.

#### **Open Line Dance Night ~**

**Friday, June 3 ~** at the Warrenville Park District Recreation Center. 7-10pm Call for details 630-393-7279

**Runners Wanted ~** July 4th 5k Run for the Kids Scholarships hosted by the Warrenville Park District. Run with Mayor Brummell in the race! Register by June 15 to get early bird entry fees! Call for details 630-393-7279

#### **River Oaks Garage Sale ~**

June 25th Sale 9am-3pm Please be careful for the garage sale visitors when driving through.

#### **July 3rd Parade**

##### **July 4th~**

All free activities at Cerny Park! Join your neighbors and friends at the park to have a grand celebration! Adult beverages and loads of food plus FREE activities for the kids on the 3rd in the evening and the 4th during the day! Bring a chair for fireworks in the evening of the 4th! Check out the City of Warrenville's website for more details:  
[www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us)

#### **Concerts on the Commons~**

**Every Wednesday starting at 7pm Rain or Shine**

The Library is hosting the *FREE* Concerts on the Bob Walter Commons. This is the Park just to the west of City Hall in between the Library and City Hall off from Manning Street. Bring a chair and enjoy the summer evenings with wonderful fun sounds

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Please keep your pets on a leash at all times. It is not ok to leave your cats & dogs run free. You are responsible for their actions. The police will assist a homeowner who has a problem with stray pets. Please do not hesitate to call them to assist you and your family. You are doing the pet a good thing for the safety of their life. The coyotes are back on the river banks looking for food so be aware of your pets running free.