



River Oaks Newsletter

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS



Two of the projects that were in the budget presented at the annual homeowners' meeting in February are now complete.

First, the sidewalk on the easements between Lots 51 and 52 has been finished, except for the planting of flowers along the sides of the walk.

Second, the River Oaks sign is now in place for all to see at the entrance to the subdivision. We plan to work on the plantings under the sign in the fall, when we will redistribute the bushes and plant some bulbs.

The sign came in under budget, giving us a small surplus. With this money, we were able to make a deal with some nurserymen from Minnesota to purchase thirteen trees (eleven red maples and two birches) at bargain rates, which we planted in the Common Area. All of the labor for this effort was volunteered, and we thank Karl Berland, Lee Bradley, John Christiansen, Roger Ehret, Joe English, Mike & Lois Hitchcock, Bob Modene, Tom & Linda Saxton,

Eric Presher, and Frank Vainisi for their help.

Another project we are planning at the moment involves the retaining wall in the Common Area, behind Lots 8 and 9, where we would like to plant wildflowers.

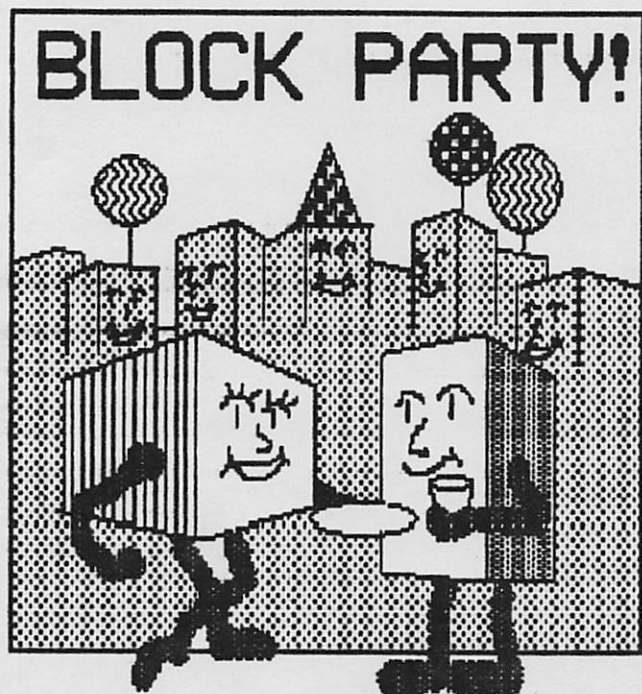
There are a number of other projects we can do to beautify the Common Areas in River Oaks if we can avoid large expenditures on labor. All we need are some volunteers to loan us their strong backs. If you would be willing to be on our calling list of "strong backs", give Linda Saxton a call at 393-2206.



Garage Sale

The Second Annual River Oaks Garage Sale is scheduled for the weekend of June 17th.

Here's your chance to clear out your garages and basements, and make some money. Jody Bradley is organizing the event. Any questions, please call her at 393-6109.



River Oaks residents - Mark Your Calendars! Our second annual block party is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 24 (June 25 if it rains). Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and each family who goes will be asked to bring a salad or dessert to serve 10-12 people. Children, bring lawn chairs or a blanket for sitting, an appetite for good food and fun, lots of energy, and ... oh, yes... your parents! We have plans for those parents of yours!

We'll meet in the LOWER COMMON AREA (between Lots 39 and 40) at 3:00 PM and party until dusk or until we drop (whichever comes first!). RSVP Gloria Langston, 393-6176, by June 9. For safety's sake, all children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.



SUMMER MOM SAVERS

Summer, of course, is a wonderful time to spend quality time with your children.

Here are two ideas for making that sharing time fun.

Play-dough - To make this easily pliable modeling clay (better than commercial play-doh), mix the following ingredients in a medium-sized saucepan:

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup salt

Stir over moderate flame until reasonably well dissolved. Add

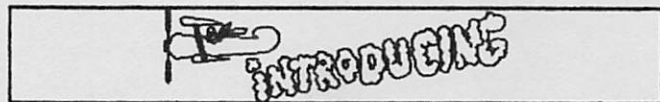
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 1 cup flour
- 2 t. cream of tartar

Mix with spoon, then turn out on table and knead till smooth. Several drops of food coloring may be added if desired.

Bubbles - Here is an excellent (and large) recipe for a bubble solution that keeps well (it even gets better with age!):

- 1 cup dishwashing liquid (Joy and Dawn are especially good)
- 1/4 cup glycerine (available at drug stores)
- 1 gallon water

Bubble blowers can be made out of many things, including an opened coat hanger. Children will love the challenge of finding their own bubble blowers (a slotted spoon, perhaps?). If you want to learn more about bubbles, you may want to consider the following excellent book: BUBBLES by Bernie Zubrowski, published by Little, Brown and Co.



River Oaks welcomes its newest resident:

VICINO

Doug and Jerry Vicino are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Camille Jane. She was born May 2, 1989.

ATTACK OF THE TENT CATERPILLARS!

Those caterpillars you have been squishing as you walk, or that your children have been collecting, are most likely tent caterpillars. They appear in early spring and spin tents in the forks of limbs, where they rest when they are not feeding. The good news is that the botanists at Morton Arboretum tell us that the caterpillars are just about finished munching on the foliage and are ready to spin their cocoons and become moths, so their damage is about done for this year. If you see a tent start in one of your trees, the Arboretum recommends to simply brush it down with a wire brush attached to a long pole. Don't try burning it, or pouring gasoline on it, or other extreme measures. There will always be caterpillars, but if you brush out their nests from your trees, you will save the trees from concentrated destruction.

BABYSITTING

Do you ever have the need to find a babysitter? Well, several River Oaks residents have thinking about this and have come up with some suggestions.

First, Cheryl Mahowald is interested in a babysitting co-op for River Oaks. If you are also interested in setting up something along these lines, please call her at 393-7363.

Another suggestion is that the babysitters here in River Oaks might be interested in sending their names, phone numbers, and times of day that they babysit to the Newsletter, to be printed in the next edition. So if any River Oaks sitters would like to be listed in the next Newsletter,

fill in the attached input sheet and drop it off at the Christiansens'.

A spark from an idea of some River Oaks residents kindled Family Campfires in the Commons last winter. Now summer is here and we hope to continue this chance to meet neighbors, to toast marshmallows and tell ghost

stories, and to look at the stars. All River Oaks families are welcome to bring their lawn chairs and join the fun whenever they see the fire or smell the smoke. For those people who might not see or smell the fire, and would like to be included on a phoning list, please call 393-4946. Also, to keep the campfires fun and safe, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

How about sending in any announcements about graduations and other accomplishments of your children this school year?

The next meeting of the River Oaks Board of Directors will be at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 15, at Gloria Langston's, 2 S 481 River Oaks Dr.



Announcements

The Board would like to remind River Oaks residents that:

- * Dumping is prohibited in the Common Area. The Common Area includes the river bank.
- * All dogs must be leashed when not in their own yards (by City code).

We are proud to present below the first in a series of soon-to-be-famous River Oaks recipes, Salted Nut Bars, from the kitchen of Linda Saxton:

Susan Ray is looking for someone who could drive her to and from physical therapy sessions in Naperville, three times a week. She is willing to pay for this service. If anyone would be interested, please call her at 393-6825.

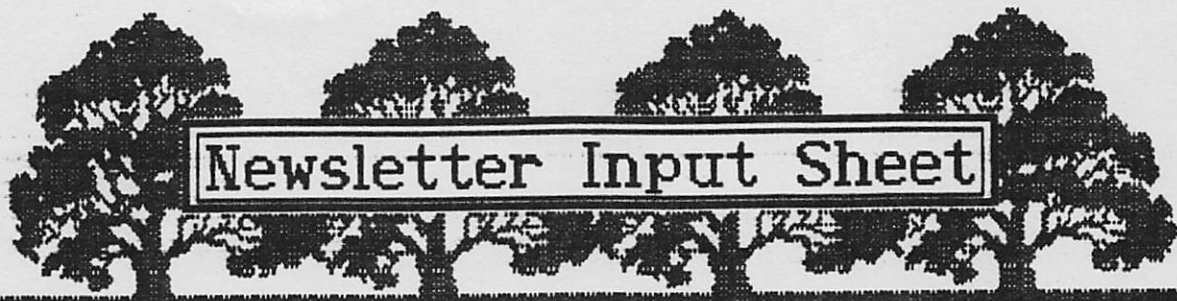
For new parents and those expecting, the Warrenville Women's Connection has infant car seats and toddler car seats available for rent at a minimal cost. For more information call Susanne Rakel at 393-1987.

Salted Nut Bars

3 C flour
1 1/2 C firmly packed brown sugar
1 C margarine or butter, softened
1 t salt
1/2 C corn syrup
2 T margarine or butter
1 T water
1 C butterscotch chips
2 C mixed nuts or cocktail peanuts

Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. In a large bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, 1 cup margarine, and salt; blend well. Press in an ungreased 15 x 10 inch jelly roll pan or two 9 inch square pans. Bake at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes. In a small saucepan, combine corn syrup, 2 tablespoons margarine, water, and butterscotch chips. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Sprinkle nuts over partially baked crust. Pour cooked mixture over nuts. Return to oven and bake an additional 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely. Cut into 48 bars.

..... Linda Saxton



Newsletter Input Sheet

WE NEED YOUR NEWS! Won't you help us with the next edition of the River Oaks NEWSLETTER? The NEWSLETTER is for, by, and about the residents of River Oaks. We will gladly print any announcements, classifieds, craft ideas, kids' stuff, recipes, etc. If you have a scoop for us, please fill out this form and drop it off at the Christiansens', 2 S 600 River Oaks Dr. (Lot 19), by Monday, June 26 (dropoff in the mailbox is OK).

NAME AND ADDRESS:

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