



River Oaks Newsletter

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Apple Picking Time



September is a great time for family and friends to get together and go apple picking. Why not plan a family outing for a fun time at one of the farms listed below? Just one thing, please remember picking hours vary and some farms are closed on Sundays. Also containers may or may not be furnished, so it is advisable to telephone before visiting an orchard or farm.

Bell's Apple Orchard, Rt. 22, Lake Zurich, 438-2211. Open year round 8:30 AM to 7 PM. Picking begins:

Jonathan	Sept 14
MacIntosh	Sept. 14
Golden	Late Sept.
Delicious	Late Sept.

You may bring your own bushel basket or they will provide baskets or bags. Must follow orchard picking signs and rules at entrance. Call for prices. Also has bakery, general store, and candy store, with many homemade goods.

Sonny Acres, 29W310 North Ave., West Chicago, 231-3859. Open daily 9 AM to 7 PM. Fall festival begins Sept. 16. They only have bushel baskets of apples on sale. Call for prices. More on this farm next month for Halloween.

Windy Acres, 37W446 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Geneva, 232-6429. Open daily 9 AM to 7 PM. Right now this farm is offering tomato picking through Sept. 30. They also have bushels of apples you can buy. There will also be more on this farm next month for Halloween. Their fall festival begins Oct. 1.

Wauconda Orchards, 1201 Gosel Rd, Wauconda (off Rt. 176 - Fairfield Rd), 526-8559. Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM. Very country, with picnic area, and band/Bar-B-Q on weekends. Picking begins:

MacIntosh (2 wks)	Sept 14
Jonathan	Sept 28
Red Delicious	Oct 5
Golden Delicious	Oct 12

They do provide 1/2 bushel plastic bags for picking. Cost \$9. per half bushel. Right now this farm is offering raspberry picking. Also has country store, gift shop, cheese store, fudge store, bakery, snack and craft shops, pumpkin

barn, pony rides. More about this farm next month for halloween.

STREET SCENE

KIDS' HORNER

KALLING ALL KLEVER KIDS! Now is your chance to share your best riddle or puzzle with your neighbors. Just copy it onto the last sheet of this newsletter. Include the answer and your name. Give it to Mrs. Christiansen or Mrs. Gervase, and we will publish your riddle or puzzle in the next issue of the newsletter.

Here are some riddles from Brian Oster. If you can't guess the answers, check the last page of the Newsletter.

- 1. Where does Batman take a shower?
2. What do you get when you cross a trumpet with an apple?
3. What's the difference between a piano and a fish?
4. Why did the dog go "Birch, Birch!?"
5. What kind of snake does a great job on windows?



BIRTHDAY KIDS!

Happy Birthday to River Oaks' September Kids:

- Angie Vainisi
Candace Lanute
Russell Christiansen
JJ Highland
Sebastian White
Julie Berland
Sagan Bradley
Randall Stanley
Brian White

Yes, Virginia, there will be a stoplight at Mack Rd. and Rt. 59! Warrenville's City Council agreed to split the cost of the signal with the state. The request for bids will go out in December. IDOT says the light should go in 3 months after a contract has been signed.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

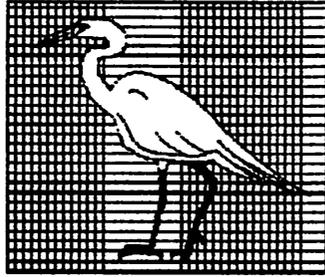
The Halloween Party last year for the children of River Oaks was a great success. If anyone is interested in helping with the costumes, the parade, the games, or the food to make this year's Party another great River Oaks event, please call Gloria Langston at 393-6176. She needs your help!



We have a serious traffic problem developing in River Oaks. The speed limit here is 25 mph, but many people are repeatedly driving too fast! In addition, several drivers are violating the school bus laws by passing the buses which are stopped to load or unload students. Also, there are people who are ignoring the No Parking signs in the upper cul-de-sac. These signs, and their enforcement, were the stipulations which the bus company required before they would agree to come into the sub to pick up the elementary and kindergarten children. PLEASE OBEY THE LAW! It is simple and certainly the duty of all responsible drivers.

EGRETS!

The last two heavy rains have brought River Oaks more than water-filled common areas. Four marsh birds called EGRETS



have come our way to investigate the "new ponds in Warrentville." Their graceful, white bodies are taller than the geese we commonly see around, and their flight is breathtaking. Just one more thing to remind us that we're not so close to the city after all.

A QUESTION OF POLICY

What do we print in the newsletter? When the newsletter committee first met in April of this year, we drew up some guidelines.

First we agreed to print, under Announcements, any ad for a business as long as it was a business owned or operated by someone here in River Oaks. However, if, for example, Jane Doe has discovered an excellent STORE or SERVICE that is owned by a nonresident, we'll put in something like: "Call Jane Doe for information on a great STORE", etc. Worthwhile community service announcements will always be printed.

We also agreed not to print anonymous letters. If we get several signed letters about the same issue, a summary of the issue may appear in the Newsletter from "a group of concerned homeowners". Abusive letters will not be printed.

When homeowners have comments or questions about any actions taken by the Board of Directors, they should be addressed to the Board,

rather than the Newsletter. The Newsletter Committee will pass any such input it receives along to the Board for discussion at the next Board meeting. Hopefully, anyone who feels strongly about an issue will attend the Board meetings, which are always open to the homeowners.

SHORTCUTS

Although the Common Area can offer a shortcut from one section of River Oaks to the other, please remember to use the proper access paths, rather than residents' yards, to enter or exit the Commons. Several homeowners whose property borders the Commons have found their yards invaded by a steady stream of short-cutters, both children and adults. They ask that you respect the privacy of their yards and use the proper paths. Remember that the paths to the upper Common Area are between lots 8 & 9 (in the upper cul-de-sac), lots 17 & 18 (at the upper bend in River Oaks Dr.), and lots 31 & 32 (by the pumping station in the lower cul-de-sac). Access to the lower Common Area by the river is between Lots 39 & 40. Check your River Oaks Directory for a map showing these paths.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the River Oaks Homeowners Association will be at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 21, at the home of Linda Saxton, 25539 River Oaks Dr.



Announcements

Bernie Siele, Lot #43, has a dinette set for sale. It is brown, in excellent condition, and she is asking \$250.

Susan Ray wishes to thank everyone for their kindness during her recent surgery. She is well on the road to recovery and will soon be seen strolling the streets of River Oaks!

From the kitchen of Toni Oster,
...COUNTRY APPLE PIE:

Country Apple Pie

... by Toni Oster

5 cups thinly sliced apples
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar
2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
dash nutmeg
4 Tbsp butter
4 Tbsp flour
2 nine-inch uncooked pie shells

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, mix first seven ingredients together till all apples are covered in a thick cinnamon mixture. Line pie dish with one uncooked pie shell. Pour apple-cinnamon mixture into pie shell. Put several pats of butter on top of apple mixture. Cover entire pie with second uncooked pie shell and flute edges. Brush pie and edges with milk for a nice golden color crust. Bake for 60 minutes at 400 degrees.

From Susan Ray: I am very proud to announce that one of my designs will appear in Crafts Magazine for Sept. and six of my designs appear in Better Homes & Gardens "HOLIDAY CRAFTS" - three on the COVER! - which will be on the news-stands soon. [But humility makes it hard for me to SCREAM IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS!]

Answers to Riddles

1. In a Batroom!
2. Tooty-fruity!
3. You can tune a piano, but you can't tune a fish!
4. Because it was the only "bark" he knew!
5. A window vaper!