



River Oaks Newsletter

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ROUTE 59 HEARING SCHEDULED

What do you want done to Route 59 to make your life here in River Oaks better and safer? Turn lanes, speed limit change, traffic light, all of the above, none of the above? Now is your turn to speak out. On this Thursday, May 16th, at 7:30 PM, at the Warrenville City Hall, there will be an informal meeting between the citizens of Warrenville, the city, and representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). It is IDOT that makes the decisions regarding Route 59, since it is a state route.

The scheduled topics of discussion will be:

- Proposed changes to Route 59
- Fox Valley Expressway Study
- Reduction of the speed limit on Route 59 from Joliet Road to Route 56

Also, a Metra representative will be present and will be asked about the proposed commuter service on E.J.&E. rail line.

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, RIVER OAKERS !!
PLEASE ATTEND AND LET IDOT KNOW WHAT YOU
WANT !!**

GARAGE SALE !!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Annual River Oaks Subdivision Garage Sale will be held on **FRIDAY, MAY 31** and **SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1991**. We are also including a Craft Sale this year.

If you are interested in joining in on the sale, please contact Linda Saxton at 393-2206 or Cheryl Soelke at 393-9861. We will be advertising this sale in the Naperville Sun as well as the Warrenville Free Press.

All those participating will need to split the cost of advertising since this is not a function of the Homeowners Association Board.

WHERE'S YOUR SIGN?

(...from a recent issue of the Warrenville Digest. FYI:)

A note to anyone who is involved with garage sales and selling of homes - all signs used to advertise must not be placed on utility poles or public rights-of-way. The signs may **ONLY** be posted on private property, and with the consent of the property owner. Any questions should be directed to Rhonda Schrubbe, Zoning Enforcement Officer, at 393-9050



River Oaks wishes Deborah Stanley, Lot 64, a speedy recovery! Deborah was in one of the cars involved in the traffic accident last Thursday morning on Route 59 at the entrance to River Oaks. Get well soon, Deborah!

MAKIA LANGSTON, MISS TEEN CHICAGO

Makia Langston, Lot 45, is Miss Teen Chicagoo! Makia, a student at Wheaton Central High School, won the title in a contest held on Mother's Day, May 12th at the Centre East for the Arts in Skokie. The contest drew approximately 60 participants from throughout the greater Chicagoland area. Makia won a scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the national Teen pageant to be held next January in Orlando, Florida. Best of luck, Makia!!!



ARBOR DAY SPLASH



River Oaks turned out a small but determined (and soggy) contingent to help the City of Warrenville plant 300 seedling trees in the City tree nursery on Arbor Day morning, Saturday, April 27. Skip, Dorothy and Mark Nesbit, Tom Sinnott, and the Christiansen family pitched in with shovels and trowels on a damp and blustery morning. At least it wasn't cold, too! The 300 baby River Birches, Norway Maples, Sugar Maples, Lindens, Hackberries, and Baldcypresses were tucked into their new beds in about an hour and a half. The City was very appreciative of our effort - Mayor Lund thanked "the River Oaks crew" in her weekly Warrenville Digest article. I think we generated a lot of good will by helping out our town, especially under such adverse conditions!

..... submitted by John Christiansen

LETTERS

Dear: Tom Sinnott, Joseph Williams, Becky Christiansen, Linda Saxton

The River Oaks Homeowners Association on behalf of all of the residents in the subdivision, would like to take this opportunity to sincerely express our gratitude for all of the time and effort that you as individuals put forth in order to reduce our property assessments and taxes.

In looking over the new assessments posted in the Warrenville Free Press for all residents of DuPage County, we will be seeing a reduction in our taxes, while other residents in DuPage County will definitely see an increase.

It is clear to see that your efforts will provide substantial benefits to everyone in River Oaks. This indeed is quite an accomplishment and we Thank You!

We on the Board of the Homeowners Association, feel very fortunate to live in a community with so many caring individuals that helped out in a cause that affects all of us!

*Sincerely,
The River Oaks Homeowners Association*

NO DUMPING, PLEASE !

It's Spring. The lawn needs mowing, the garden beds need cleaning. Once again, some River Oakers are dumping grass clippings and other yard debris down the river banks. So once again the Newsletter will put in the notice that **IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP ANYTHING DOWN THE RIVER BANK !!!**

By State law, it is illegal to dump anything in or adjacent to a river. Especially a problem are grass clippings, which, falling into the river, create more nitrogen, producing more algae, and making it very hard for fish to live. In addition, the bank of the river running through the subdivision (except for a narrow band at the top of the bank) is Common Area. It is expressly forbidden in the By Laws and Covenants of River Oaks to dump in the Common Areas. Please obey these laws, for the sake of the environment and for the sake of River Oaks.

THE FAREWELL RECITAL

Three young River Oaks musicians were among the stars of Leona Gervase's "Farewell, Warrenville" Music Recital which took place Saturday, May 4th at Wheaton's Hope Presbyterian Church. Fifteen students played memorized selections and demonstrated proper stage etiquette.

Tiffany Durso made her debut with "Old Woman" and "Love Somebody", two American folk tunes. Her comfortable stage appearance led everyone in the audience to believe she had done recitals before. Her mother has captured her efforts on videotape for posterity.

Sara Vainisi performed the violin solo, "The Happy Farmer", by Robert Schumann, and held her violin high and bravely as the first soloist on the program. She was announced as the instrumentalist making the most progress in a one-year period, and her intonation was the best ever.

Heather Moore, who has played quite a number of recitals over the years, played Ellmenreich's "Spinning Song" on piano, and held the honorable distinction of being the last solo performer on the program. Her crisp technical display was worth the wait.

Ladies, you make your teacher proud, and you will be missed when I pack and head West next month. Keep up the good work!

.... Building more complete, sane, worthwhile, colorful, intelligent, and loving persons through the fine art and discipline of music,

..... Leona Rae Jones-Gervase

The Newsletter would like to wish a fond farewell and offer a big THANK YOU to Leona Gervase, a faithful member of the Committee since it all began in 1989. Leona and her family, including husband Fred, who served two terms on the Homeowners Board of Directors, and children Matt, Scott, and Dana, will soon be leaving Illinois for California. Best of luck, Leona!

NOTICE

Attention all you parents!

If you need a babysitter please contact Hilweh Masoud at 393-6716.

Is your grass too long? Are you too tired to mow it? If you are, call Wadea Masoud at 393-6716.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 16

7:30 PM, Board Meeting

Monthly Homeowners Board Meeting,
at the Murphy's, 29 W 650 Ridge Dr.

7:30 PM, Route 59 Hearing

At Warrenville City Hall, with IDOT,
City, and Metra. Public Invited.

May 31 - June 1

River Oaks Garage Sale
and Crafts Sale



RIVER OAKS CUBS SWEEP PINEWOOD DERBY!



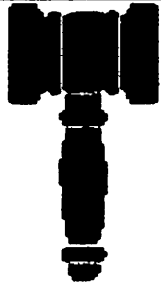
Kids! Summer is almost here and there are many of you who like to earn money during the school vacation by doing odd jobs around the neighborhood, like babysitting, grass mowing, etc. If you intend to look for some jobs in River Oaks, please let the Newsletter know. We'd be glad to put in any notice you give us advertising your speciality!

Cub Scout Pack 86's first-ever Pinewood Derby was held at Johnson School on the evening of April 15. Each Cub in the pack built his own pine racing car which met official Cub Scout specifications (5 ounces or under, with restrictions on length, height, etc.). The cars were raced down a long inclined track with four lanes. In a long series of double-elimination races, boys from River Oaks' own Den 8 ran away with the top two prizes! In a field of about 50 cars, Brandon Carlson (Lot 8) won first prize, and Russell Christiansen (Lot 19) pulled in second prize! Congratulations, Cubs!

Happy Birthday, May Kids!

Laura Christiansen
Matthew Mahowald
Camille Vicino
Joey Williams
Karen Ehret





MINUTES OF RIVER OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 25, 1991

PRESENT: Tom Sinnott, Toni Oster, Cheryl Soelke, Gloria Langston, Amy Salyer, John Christiansen, Millie Murphy

GUESTS: John Spartz, Makia Langston

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by Tom Sinnott.

The meeting opened with an update on the Groundskeeping Committee from John Spartz.

GROUNDSKEEPING: John presented the tentative schedule that his committee has set up for H&B for mowing and weed control. He also explained that we were able to save \$25 per application on the weed and feed applications. H&B will mow for the first time probably on April 26, 1991 or some time early next week. Bushes have been pruned. John's committee is also in the process of getting estimates on the replacement of an evergreen that died near the pump station in the lower cul-de-sac. He will advise the Board when these estimates are received.

Makia Langston visited with the Board and gave a presentation asking for a donation from the Homeowners Association Board for an upcoming pageant that she is entering. As reported in the April 1991 Newsletter, Makia was the second runner-up in the Miss Teenage Illinois Scholarship Contest. The Board members decided that although the Homeowners Association dues could not be spent for this donation, each Board member would make a donation as an individual since this is for such a worthy cause and that an article would be run in the Newsletter on behalf of Makia so that if any other homeowner would be interested in making a donation as an individual they could do so also.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gloria Langston gave a verbal and written financial report. Gloria reported that adding the stamp to the quarterly invoices, "net due 10 days", helped tremendously in getting the dues paid on time, but we still have some outstanding dues that have not been paid. Gloria then asked the Board if the procedure should be changed if these outstanding dues are not paid in a timely manner. A motion was made by Gloria that if dues are not paid within the 10-day period, at the discretion of the Board, notification will be sent to delinquent accounts, and that this notice will require payment within 30 days. This motion was seconded by John

Christiansen and unanimously agreed to by the Board.

CITY LIAISON: Amy Salyer reported that she sent a letter to the Chief of Police stating that River Oaks was in agreement with enhancing the communication between the subdivision and our Police Department. She sent the Chief a copy of our April Newsletter and advised the Chief that he would be placed on our mailing list for all future issues.

Amy also reported that she has been in contact with the City Public Works Department regarding the problem with the drain in the upper common area. Dennis Posluszny apparently came out and put a rod down the drain, but there was too much water in the drain at the time to see what the real problem is. Dennis is supposed to come back to reinspect now that the water has lowered in the drain. Amy will contact Dennis again to set up the reinspection.

Amy spoke to several individuals regarding some type of post to install at the top of the easement sidewalk between Lots 51 and 52. She found that the type of post that can collapse for the fire or police departments is not mass-produced and would have to be made specifically for us and installed. Amy will call the Department of Transportation to find out further information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tom Sinnott advised the Board that he has received a letter of resignation from Karl Berland effective April 24, 1991 due to the prior commitments that Karl has made with his church. Unfortunately, this is taking up more time than Karl had anticipated, therefore he will not be able to continue his position on the Board.

Karl's resignation leaves a second position open on the Board. As Toni Oster reported, a notice was published in the last issue of the Newsletter inviting person interested in joining the Board to contact Toni or attend the April 25 Board meeting. We had no response to the Newsletter notice. The Board discussed the alternatives if no interested parties come forward. Another notice will be placed in the Newsletter, and if there is no response, the Board will consider changing the number of persons on the Board from nine to seven.

Toni announced that Lois Hitchcock and Linda Saxton have volunteered to co-chair the Entertainment Committee and they will present some of their ideas at the next meeting.

The Board also agreed that the Groundskeeping and Beautification Committees should be combined into one committee. This unification should make the duties of Groundskeeping a little more interesting as they will not only be in charge of maintaining the common areas, but this committee will also be able to plan the enhancement of these areas! Millie Murphy agreed to co-chair this committee with John

Spartz. Millie will contact John and go over the decision to combine the committees, as John had left the meeting before this was discussed.

It was also brought up that the bushes in the front entryway along with some shrubs in the easement between Lots 51 and 52 may need to be replaced by the nursery that installed them last year. Millie will contact the nursery and follow up with this.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: John Christiansen reported that the Newsletter recently sent out a flyer regarding Arbor Day and hoped it would generate some response from the residents at River Oaks to help with the City tree planting on April 27. It was also brought up for suggestion that an article be run in the Newsletter inviting our youngsters to advertise any odd jobs that they would be available for this Summer. John will run an article.

SECRETARY: Cheryl reported that she is waiting for certified copies of our incorporation papers from the Secretary of State in order to record them with the County Recorder in DuPage County. Since we changed our agent of record to Joe Ricely, the Association attorney, who is located in DuPage County, this change needs to be made, as our papers were formerly recorded in Cook County.

It was suggested to Cheryl that she contact or write a letter to the realtor handling (vacant) Lot 66 to check that summer lawn maintenance has been scheduled. Cheryl will contact the realtor as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom has received a letter from Mayor Lund stating that the City of Warrenville has requested an informal meeting with the residents, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Metra to discuss the following issues:

1. Proposed changes to Route 59;
2. Fox Valley Expressway study;
3. Reduction of the speed limit on Route 59 from Joliet Road to Route 56.

Since these topic affect all of us, all residents are invited to attend and we will notify everyone in the subdivision through the Newsletter. It was also decided that the Board should be represented at this meeting and John Christiansen and Amy Salyer will plan to attend. The meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 7:30 PM at City Hall.

Some concern has been expressed about the flood lights in the Country Ridge Apartments behind the south side of the subdivision. Tom Sinnott plans to speak to the apartment manager to see if these lights can be deflected.

ANDEN UPDATE

On this issue there is not too much news to report.

There was an inspection of the subdivision with Tom Sinnott, several representatives from the City, and several representatives from Anden the last week in March. The outcome of the walkthrough was basically that Anden did not feel that they were responsible for the sidewalks crumbling or the driveway aprons and the City feels that if the City is not willing to negotiate the work for about \$47,000 or less, they will not do any of the repairs and will let the lawsuit continue.

It was stated in this walkthrough that the drain in the upper bowl of the upper common area is designed to drain within 18 hours no matter how much rain we have, even if the lower bowl is full of water. The Board will do some further checking on the water issue until we are satisfied that this is not a problem for the future.

It was suggested that we should perhaps obtain a statement or some kind of affidavit from the residents along Route 59 stating whether or not there was a significant removal of trees on their properties from the time they signed papers to purchase their home until it was built. Many conversations have indicated that before Anden finished the building of these homes, there was significant tree removal along Route 59. It was not decided whether this would help our situation in getting Anden to comply with Ordinance 828 or not. We will contact our attorney to see what his feelings are on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 1991 at 7:30 at the Murphy residence.

.... submitted by Cheryl Soelke, Secretary

Treasurer's Report, April 1991	
Balance as of 3-31-91	\$ 2850.19
Interest March	14.04
Deposit	1780.50
Total	4644.73
Expenses	
Service Charge	5.82
P.O. Box Rent	7.25
Newsletter	11.80
Entertain. Comm.	73.00
Sect. of State	56.00
Total Expenses	153.87
Net	4490.86
Money Market Account	4912.71
Interest, March	22.16
Total, Money Market	4934.87
Total Cash	\$ 9425.73