



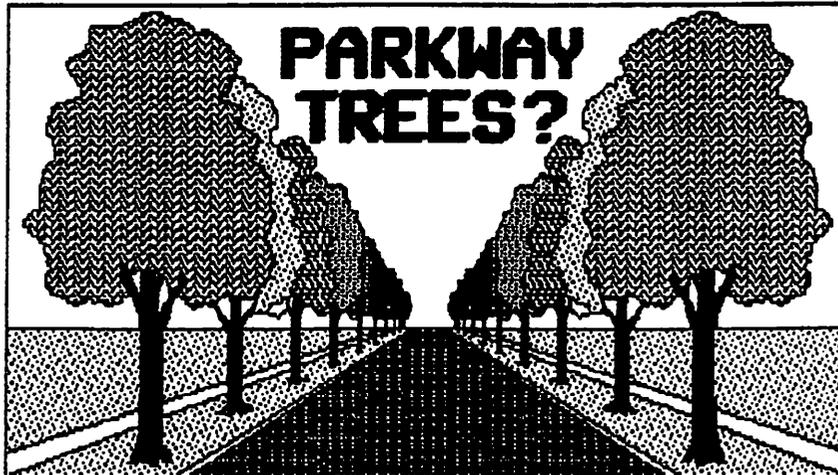
River Oaks Newsletter

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PARKWAY TREES?

Why can't we have parkway trees in River Oaks? We've all seen how much stately rows of parkway trees can do to beautify a neighborhood. Besides the trees' obvious aesthetic appeal, realtors estimate that parkway trees increase the market value of a home from \$2,000 to \$5,000. What are our prospects of being able to enjoy parkway trees in River Oaks?....WELL.....



The Groundskeeping / Beautification (G/B) Committee of the River Oaks Board of Directors has been actively investigating the feasibility of bringing parkway trees to River Oaks for the past few months. If River Oaks is ever going to have parkway trees, the first step must be to obtain approval from the City of Warrentville to plant them. The City does not presently have any ordinance which covers parkway tree planting in a residential subdivision. Warrentville has in the past informally discouraged parkway tree plantings, mainly because indiscriminate planting of the wrong kind of trees at the wrong locations in parkways can lead to maintenance headaches for the City, since the City is legally responsible for the upkeep of the parkway easements. It is worth noting, however, that many other towns in our area not only allow residential parkway tree plantings, but encourage and subsidize them!

The River Oaks Board believes that Warrentville, as a "Tree City USA", would be receptive to a proposal from River Oaks to allow parkway tree plantings here, if the City could be assured that there would be no major maintenance burden imposed on it as a result.

The G/B Committee and the Board have prepared a proposal to the City which includes a set of detailed guidelines for parkway tree selection and planting, which would be administered by

the River Oaks Board. The guidelines are similar to those found in municipal tree codes, and are aimed at assuring a population of healthy, aesthetically pleasing, long-lived, low-maintenance parkway trees.

The River Oaks proposal was submitted for City review by our Alderman, Bill Murphy, at the September 24 Community Development meeting. We hope to receive a response from the City shortly.

If we obtain the City's blessing to go ahead with parkway tree plantings, the next step will be to work out the details of acquiring the trees to plant. Individuals would be able to plant trees in their own parkway areas if they follow the approved guidelines. The possibility of having the Board obtain a larger number of trees at a discount rate is being investigated. How such a purchase would be financed, either by individual homeowners or by the Homeowners Association, will also be examined.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for updates on River Oaks' parkway tree prospects!

**YOUR NEW 1991 DIRECTORY
IS ATTACHED TO THIS
NEWSLETTER !!!**

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Sunday, October 27th is the day! The Warrenville Community Club is the place! 1:30 to 3:30 PM is the time! It's the annual River Oaks Halloween party! Please bring your kids (in costume, if possible) and join us for this annual excursion into ghouland. Look for the fortune teller, the pocket lady, and the cupcake walk (a kid-size cake walk). Our very special guest will be a real magician, who will entertain the children at 2:30 (for about 40 minutes). Plan to stay for the show - it should really be something special. We are asking each family that plans to attend to donate a bag of candy on or before Wednesday, October 23, to one of the following people: Linda Saxton at 2 S 539 River Oaks Dr., Lois Hitchcock at 2 S 549 River Oaks Dr., or Ana Vainisi at 29 W 640 Ridge Dr.

There will be changes this year from the Halloween party last year. One of these changes is the absence of a Halloween costume contest for the kids. It was decided that the negative effects of such a competition should be avoided. Hopefully, the party will be a pleasant, stress-free, non-competitive afternoon for all.

ASSOCIATIONS TO MOBILIZE ON ROUTE 59 PROBLEMS

On Thursday night, September 26, our alderman, Bill Murphy, hosted a kickoff planning meeting at his home for a major campaign to convince the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) that the residents of Warrenville REQUIRE safety improvements for Route 59.

Present at the meeting were representatives of the Summerlakes, Maple Hill, Fox Hollow, and River Oaks subdivisions, including the homeowners' association presidents from Summerlakes and Maple Hill. Thornwilde, Emerald Green, Winchester Court, Warrenville Lakes, and the Warrenville Chamber of Commerce will also be asked to participate in the campaign.

It was resolved that the group would coordinate with each subdivisions's homeowners' association to mount an intensive letter-writing and peti-

tion-circulating campaign in late October and early November of this year. Form letters to IDOT and to our State Representative and State Senator will be prepared for homeowners to sign and mail. Volunteers from each subdivision will canvass their own neighborhoods door-to-door around Halloween, collecting signatures on petitions and distributing the letters to be mailed by the individual homeowners.

The thrust of the petitions and letters will be to demonstrate overwhelming support for a reduction of the Route 59 speed limit and the installation of left turn lanes and deceleration lanes at dangerous intersections (such as ours) along Route 59.

The group believes that this demonstration of community concern, aimed both at IDOT and our own legislators, may give us the best leverage for prying the sorely needed Route 59 safety improvements out of IDOT. More information on the campaign will be forthcoming within the next two or three weeks.

WELCOME !



River Oaks extends a big welcome to Paul and Ann Koenig, and their children, Skye and Tim, the new residents at 2 S 530 River Oaks Dr.

Congratulations

*To David and Merrilee Enswiler,
on the recent birth of their son
Remic.*

*To Bernie and Kathy Naas, on the
recent birth of their daughter Laura
Jayne.*



The River Oaks Board of Directors' regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 23 could not be officially convened because of lack of a quorum. The meeting has been rescheduled for 7:30 PM, Thursday, October 3, at the Saxtons'.



COBWEB ALERT!

Gather your cobwebs, dust off your bats, and hang up your ghosts and witches for the 2nd Annual River Oaks Halloween House Decorating Contest. Sponsored by the Entertainment Committee, awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. Impartial, non-resident judges will be viewing our creative endeavors on the evening of October 30. It's a fun event guaranteed to get you in the mood for "All Hallow's Eve".

BLOCK PARTY SUCCESS

Thanks to Lois Hitchcock, Linda Saxton, Ana Vainisi, Tony Oster, and Amy Salyer, the Block party was a success once more. In attendance were 73 adults, 60 children and lots of good food.

Winners of the children's balloon toss were Mike Oster and Wadea Masoud, winning prizes of free Ogden theatre tickets, and \$5.00 off coupon from Little Caesars Pizza respectively.

Winner of the adult balloon toss were Joe Vainisi and his uncle Carlos Fracchia winning a free large family size pizza from Marko's. (which was donated)

Breezy the clown was a hit for all the kids and this association was grateful to Gary-Wheaton Bank for donating his services to us.

The weather made a swift entrance and kind of 'blew' everyone away, but there is always next year!

NOTICE

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babysitter?
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Parents! We need your help. How about tooting your own child's horn, so to speak? If your son or daughter has done something that you would like to have recognized by your neighbors, e.g. won an award of some sort, won a contest, etc., let the Newsletter know so that we can include a mention of their accomplishment.

This Newsletter is brought to you by your friendly Newsletter Committee, consisting of:

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Let one of the committee members know of anything you might want included in the Newsletter.



AUGUST QUIZ ANSWERS

Here are the ANSWERS to last month's Kids' Community Facts Quiz, along with the QUESTIONS, in case you had forgotten them!

1. Warrenville is divided into several wards, each with two aldermen on the City Council. How many wards does Warrenville have? What ward is River Oaks in?

ANSWER: Warrenville has 4 wards; River Oaks is in Ward 4.

2. What color are the new Warrenville police cars? What color are the old ones?

ANSWER: The old ones are brown; the new ones are white.

3. Where does the water that flows past River Oaks in our river (the West Branch of the Dupage River) finally end up, if it doesn't evaporate?

ANSWER: The water from our river flows into the Illinois River, which flows into the Mississippi River, which finally flows into the Gulf of Mexico.

4. What was the Warrenville City Hall building used for before it became City Hall?

ANSWER: A train station.

5. Fill in the blank: Warrenville is a " _____ City USA".

ANSWER: Tree City USA.

6. What is the telephone number you should call in case of an emergency?

ANSWER: 911.

7. These days, you can ride your bicycles on the Prairie Path. But 50 years ago, you could ride something else there - what?

ANSWER: Railroad trains. Commuter passenger trains of the CA&E Railroad used to run on tracks where the Prairie Path is now.

8. The last question is a tough one that some adults don't know: what do "2S" and "29W" stand for in River Oaks street addresses?

ANSWER: The numbers and letters at the beginning of street addresses in our county refer to distances and directions from a point in the middle of downtown Chicago (actually the corner of State & Madison, where Chicago street addresses start)..... "2S" addresses, as on River Oaks Drive, mean that the street is 2 miles South of Chicago, and "29W" addresses, as on Ridge Drive, mean that the street is 29 miles West of Chicago.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER KIDS !

Angela Vainisi
Brian White
Remic Ensweller

Brandon Carlson
Russell Christiansen
Albert Ng

JJ Highland
Laura Jayne Naas
Sebastian White

Julie Berland
Randall Stanley