



River Oaks Newsletter

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SPECIAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING **Wednesday, June 10** **7 PM** **at the Moores' driveway** **2 S 561 River Oaks Dr.**

Over a year ago, the City of Warrenville filed a lawsuit against Anden ESR Corporation, the builder of the River Oaks subdivision, regarding the execution of various City construction requirements here in River Oaks. The City has nearly reached an agreement with Anden concerning the public improvements work required, i.e. driveway apron replacement, light pole alignment, curb and sidewalk repairs and replacements, modifications to the sanitary lift station, and other items. Anden has failed to make an offer on certain other requirements, which can be loosely termed 'landscaping'.

The City would like the River Oaks Improvement Association (ROIA) to submit to them a dollar figure which would satisfy our concerns. The City will add this to their other cost estimates, to cover all of the work it believes is necessary for Anden to complete. Anden would then settle with the City, and as part of the settlement, River Oaks would receive a check in satisfaction of our concerns.

For ROIA to get a cost estimate, we need to be able to approach landscapers with a detailed list of what we want. A special homeowners meeting and walk-through of the subdivision will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at 7 PM, to develop a comprehensive list of the needed landscaping, which we would then take to landscapers for bids. **ALL INTERESTED RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

The focus of the Special Meeting will be on:

- Screening along Rt. 59, as well as the northern and southern boundaries of the subdivision;
- Top soil, landscaping and grading in the detention areas (i.e. Common Areas).

Problems on private property, that do not directly relate to these points, are not part of the City's suit and will not be discussed. Your input is important. If you cannot make the meeting and have some ideas you would like us to know, please drop off a note outlining your ideas to Tom Sinnott, 2S 571 River Oaks Dr., or call him at 393-2808.



DOGGONIT !

Every spring when the dogs of River Oaks come outside, the Newsletter receives several requests to reprint the Warrenville animal control ordinance, which states that it shall be considered illegal for any person to allow an 'animal nuisance' to exist such as may be offensive to neighboring properties, in terms of noise, odor, or other obnoxious factors identified by the Animal Control Officer.

What exactly constitutes a noise nuisance, and what do dog owners and dog neighbors have the right to expect with regard to noise? To find out these answers, Sue Bartelt, Warrenville's animal control officer, was contacted. She determines what a 'nuisance' is. Here are some pointers which may be helpful to neighborhood understanding.

Noise nuisances fall into two categories: barking in the middle of the night, and excessive barking. The first category is self-explanatory. The following are some examples of when and if excessive barking is an issue.

Suppose you walk outside, and your neighbor's dog barks at you. This is not necessarily a 'nuisance', since it is reasonable to assume that the dog can alert its owners to intruders. However, once you are outside and stay there, the dog should stop barking. If not, this is excessive barking. DOG OWNERS can expect that their dogs will react to newcomers by barking. DOG NEIGHBORS can expect that once the dog has barked its initial warning, the dog should be quiet until another intrusion occurs.

Suppose you are having a picnic in your yard, and your neighbor's dog is out and won't stop barking. This is a dog nuisance.

Suppose a group of children is yelling at a barking dog. The dog should not be expected to stop until the children stop.

So what can be expected if there is a disagreement concerning a barking dog? As a DOG OWNER, you can expect some kind of complaint, but if that complaint takes the form of an abusive phone call, such a call should be reported to the police, according to Officer Bartelt. As a DOG NEIGHBOR, you can place a call to Warrenville's animal control officer, Sue Bartelt, at 393-2131. The animal control people will go to the home of the person who complained and monitor for themselves the amount of barking that can be heard outside at this location. If they feel that it is excessive, they will handle it and may take the dog owner to court.

WATER WORKS



It's time to deep-soak those parkway trees again, 3 to 5 buckets of water, please, every week while this drought lasts. Even the ones you think are dead might surprise us yet! Some of the nurseries we contacted say that because of the late frosts, many trees have lost their initial buds and have to make new ones. This process, they say, is further hampered by the drought, so it is not unusual this year to see some live trees with few or no leaves out yet!

City Hall has just confirmed that watering by the bucket method that we have been recommending is OK because a bucket "counts" as a hand-held watering object. Under Warrenville's watering ordinance, hand-held watering devices may be used at any time of day. New grass may be watered at any time of day, also. But you can't water anything else, including a swimming pool, between 11 AM and 7 PM. If you do, you could be fined up to \$500.00 per day. Between 7 PM and 11 AM, however, you can water as much as you want. The good news is that we can also water our parkway trees by the bucket method at any time of day or night.



COMMON AREA LAWN CARE NOTE

Davey, our lawn care contractor for the common areas, tells us that when lawn health care services are performed that children and pets should remain off the grass for about 2 hours until the applied product dries.

After servicing our common areas, Davey will leave flags to notify us. When you see these flags, please don't let children or pets go on the grass to avoid their risk of over-exposure to the products and also to ensure the application's full absorption by the lawn. Homeowners should remove the signs after 24 to 48 hours.

We contacted Davey's technical headquarters for more information on their lawn care products. If you would like to see these pamphlets, let a Newsletter staff member know and we'll make the articles available as soon as we receive them.



WHAT'S IN THE STORES FOR US ?

Have our stores in the Warrenville Commons at Rt. 59 and Batavia Road been meeting your needs? Do they carry the products that you could like to see? Are you satisfied with their service? If not, let us know! We will publish the substance of your comments and requests in the next newsletter and then deliver the Newsletter to the stores' management for their reply. So, by June 15th, fill out the form at the end of the Newsletter and give it to a Newsletter staff member to let us know what you would like to see from:

Frank's	Gorski Chiropractic Center
Burger King	The Laundromat
Hook's Drugs	Chopsticks Inn
Quality First Cleaners	Corner Gifts
Fantastic Sam's	Warrenville Auto Parts
Video to Go	Mount True Value Hardware
Little Ceasar's	Gary Wheaton Bank

We feel that it is important for our stores close to home to be not only convenient but satisfactory to the fullest extent possible.

PARKWAY TREE ROUNDUP



This is the second in a series of articles introducing the various species of trees that were planted in the Parkway Tree Program

PIN OAK

The Pin Oak is a member of the Black Oak family. It shares this family's characteristics of leaves with pointed lobes and acorns which take two years to mature. Pin Oaks are notable for their graceful branching habit (top branches upright, middle branches horizontal, and lower branches drooping), and by the fact that their dead leaves tend to persist on the tree through the winter. Pin Oak is relatively fast-growing for an oak - up to two feet per year. Its fall color is red or russet to bronze. Pin Oaks usually attain a height of 60 to 70 feet. There are five Pin Oaks in the River Oaks parkway.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wednesday, June 10
Special Homeowners Meeting,
7 PM, in the Moores' driveway
2S 561 River Oaks Dr.

Wednesday, June 17
Landscape Committee Meeting
7:30 PM at the Brackmann's
2S 540 River Oaks Dr.

Thursday, June 18
Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 PM at the Murphys',
29W 650 Ridge Dr.

Wednesday, June 24
Newsletter Committee Meeting
7:30 PM, at the Christiansens'
2S 600 River Oaks Dr.

EUROPEAN HORNBEAM

European Hornbeam is a very refined tree which keeps only the best company. It is found on the grounds of many grand European palaces such as Versailles and Schoenbrunn, where it has been trained ("pleached") and pruned over the centuries to grow into formal arches and colonnades over palace walkways. It is very hardy and pest-free. Its growth rate is slow to medium - about one foot/year, to a maximum height of around 40 feet. Fall color is yellow to yellow-green. We have three European Hornbeams in our parkway.

SYCAMORE

We have four American Sycamores in our parkway. Sycamores are large native trees (up to 100 feet); awesome specimens can often be seen in river lowlands, with large, maple-like leaves and 1-inch diameter round seed pods which have earned sycamores their other name, "Buttonwood". Sycamores are quite fast-growing (two feet or more per year). Although they have no appreciable fall color, they have great winter interest on account of their beautiful mottled cream, tan and gray bark.

WELCOME, NEIGHBORS



Welcome to Bob and Sarah Kelbe who now reside at Lot 27. Chicago area natives, Bob and Sarah moved here from Glen Ellyn. Bob works for the LPC Division of Pitney Bowes as a Senior Software Analyst, while Sarah is an Underwriter Assistant for Health Chicago.

Welcome also to the Hulse Family at Lot 5. Chuck and MaryAnn and their three daughters, Christina, Susan, and Carly moved here from Wheaton. Chuck is a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor with CEMCON, Ltd. Consulting Engineers, Land Surveyors & Planners. MaryAnn is a retired Licensed Home Day Care Provider.

COSTLOW & NOFFSINGER JOIN BOARD



The Board welcomes two new members who were appointed at the last Board meeting to fill two vacancies: Kathryn Costlow and Chris Noffsinger. Kathryn (Lot 55) moved into River Oaks last summer from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She and her husband, Terry, are both Texas natives and work at Amoco.

Chris Noffsinger (Lot 56), a member of the Illinois Bar Association, is a Technical Writer on leave of absence from A.T.&T. She and her husband, Jon, have two children, Rebecca and Zachary. Chris is also a member of the Newsletter Committee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to River Oaks' June Kids !



Maureen Saxton
Whitney English
Berit Ensweller
Keri Polsley
Jessica Phillips
Steven Roberts II
Joseph English
Lindsay Roberts

*You are
invited* to attend

*the Grand Opening of Warrenville
Park District's Leisure Center on
Friday, June 12, from 7 to 8:30 PM.
The Leisure Center is located at
3S290 Warren Ave.*

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

*Becky Christiansen, Chairman, 393-4946
Marnee Sinnott, 393-2808
Chris Noffsinger, 393-4388
Amy Salyer, 393-7645
Tom Sinnott, 393-2808*

*Please let one of the committee members know of
anything you might want included in the Newsletter.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROIA MONEY MARKET RECONCILIATION SUMMARY 5/19/92

BANK STATEMENT - CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:	5,161.72
Checks and Payments: 2 Items*	-3,010.00
Deposits and Other Credits: 1 Item *	9.38
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:	2,161.10

UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:	2,161.10
Checks and Payments: 0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits: 0 Items	0.00

Register Balance as of 5/19/92:

Checks and Payments: 0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits: 0 Items	0.00

Register Ending Balance: 2,161.10

ROIA CHECKING RECONCILIATION SUMMARY 5/19/92

BANK STATEMENT - CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:	4,033.95
Checks and Payments: 18 Items†	-7,147.69
Deposits & Other Credits: 14 Items‡	5,445.81
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:	2,332.07

UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:	2,332.07
Checks and Payments: 0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits: 6 Items‡	452.00

Register Balance as of 5/19/92:

Checks and Payments: 0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits: 0 Items	0.00

Register Ending Balance: 2,784.07

* Includes Parkway Tree Transactions and Banking Fees

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Entertainment (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$40.00
Check Book Charge	4.08
Postage	11.65
P.O.Box	7.25
L&P Fees (Wm. Jegen)	200.00
Photo Copying	21.53
Insurance	164.00
Service Charge	19.73

‡ Includes Parkway Tree Transactions and Dues

Current Balance, Parkway Tree Program, 4/28/92:
- \$5,749.45

MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



May 21, 1992

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM.

PRESENT: Mark Moore, Paul Koenig, Joe Lanute, Millie Murphy, Tom Sinnott, Becky Christiansen

ABSENT: Toni Oster

GUESTS: Lois Hitchcock, Ruth Brackmann

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe presented written report in new computerized style. Also he presented the computer-printed billing postcards, which the Board agreed to use instead of the professionally printed cards.

DISCUSSION: Payment plan instituted for the only lot with a lien that is not vacant, and the acceptance of the first check from the property owner.

DISCUSSION: Amount of the Autumn Green bill for parkway tree planting work. Tom was able to get them to reduce bill by \$200.

MOTION: To pay property taxes of \$70.58, up from \$65.82 last year. Motion made by Becky, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

ENTERTAINMENT: No report.

DISCUSSION: Payment for garage sale advertising. It was decided that this should be paid for by the individuals who participate in the sale.

NEWSLETTER: New style of minutes discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Suggestion that Newsletter have a 'meet your neighbors' column. Becky will take the suggestion to committee for discussion.

NOMINATING: Amy Salyer resigned from the Board of Directors. Discussion of replacement postponed until after Landscape Committee report and Anden report.

LANDSCAPING: Next meeting Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 PM at the Brackmann's

ACTION ITEM: Cementing of square at corner of Ridge and River Oaks. To be discussed at next Landscape meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Modifications to entry island plantings to deter need for replacements. To be discussed at next Landscape meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Restraint device on sidewalk to apartments, to prevent unwanted vehicular access. Discussed at previous Landscape meeting, without accurate input. More discussion at next Landscape meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Removal of dirt pile in Lower Common Area. To be discussed at next Landscape meeting.
ACTION ITEM: Replacement of dead trees that were personal purchases. Aim to replace them on Saturday, May 30th, after checking with the nurseries involved.
ACTION ITEM: Replacement of dead parkway trees. Will retake inventory and check with nursery suppliers about their replacement rules. To be discussed at next Landscape meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANDEN LAWSUIT: Tom discussed recent walk-through of River Oaks he made with representatives of the City of Warrenville and Anden. At the time, Anden promised to mark repairs it was willing to pursue in the Common Areas, but it has not done so. The City of Warrenville has decided to push for a settlement. The City requests that River Oaks Improvement Association suggest a cash amount sufficient to cover our concerns.

ACTION ITEM: Meeting of Board of Directors and homeowners scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at 7 PM, at the Moores' driveway. This meeting should provide outline of work necessary to be given to contractors to get bids.

ACTION ITEM: Tom will investigate costs of screening walls.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOT 44 DUES: The lot is vacant, repossessed by a bank, and recently put on the market.

ACTION ITEM: Joe will contact Realtor about delinquent dues.

BOARD REPLACEMENTS: There are two open positions on the Board of Directors, due to resignations of Amy Salyer (1 year left of her term of office) and Cheryl Soelke (2 years left).

DISCUSSION: Candidates suggested at the last Board meeting were discussed.

MOTION: To appoint Kathryn Costlow and Chris Noffsinger to the Board of Directors. Mark moved, Paul seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To appoint Mark to position of vice-president for the remainder of the year. Paul moved, Joe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To approve payment of recent bills. Paul moved and Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark, seconded by Joe. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Next meeting June 18, at 7:30 PM at the Murphys', 29W 650 Ridge Dr.

...Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Christiansen

If you have a product or service you would like to see available at one of the Warrenville Commons' merchants listed on page 3 of this Newsletter, please note it on a piece of paper, or use this tear-off form, and turn your suggestions in to one of the Newsletter staff by June 15.

STORE

PRODUCT OR SERVICE
