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Taxes, taxes, taxes! If you haven't filed yet, you're late!!

It's time again to think about your spring cleaning. Our 9th Annual River Oaks Garage Sale is a perfect opportunity for you to clear out some of your unwanted things... and recover a bit of your money as well!

Calendar of Events

- ♦ Friday, April 18th-20th
"Damn Yankees" at Hubble Middle School
- ♦ Saturday, May 17th,
9th Annual River Oaks
Garage Sale
- ♦ Thursday, April 24th
River Oaks Board meeting
at the Pautlers': 2 S 370
River Oaks Drive

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 20, 1997

Present: Chris Crisman, Joe Lanute, John Pautler, Mamee Sinnott, Bruce Stoller, and Breda Wojciechowski

Absent: Andy Gorski

Guest: John Christiansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

First item of business was the election of ROIA board officers. Results are as follows:

President - Mamee Sinnott

Vice President - Breda Wojciechowski

Treasurer - Joe Lanute

Secretary - John Pautler

Newsletter - Andy Gorski

Entertainment - Chris Crisman

Nominating - Bruce Stoller

Motion: Chris motioned to accept the minutes of ROIA Annual Meeting as written. Bruce seconded. The motion passed.

Landscaping: Chuck Hulse, Tom Sinnott and John Christiansen did a survey of the river bank, which was used to prepare a plan for eliminating the erosion problem in the north bowl/riverbank area.

The plan is to place salvaged telephone poles vertically along the riverbank. Once the poles are anchored, terraces will be formed by anchoring railroad ties to the telephone poles. Plants and shrubs will be planted on the terraces.

Material costs for the project are estimated to be \$700 for timber, rebar, hardware, concrete and power equipment rental. The landscape committee suggest spending approximately \$200 for plants and shrubs. The Board gave its permission to start the project.

Treasurer's Report:

The checkbook balance as of March 20, 1997 is \$3,857.38. Joe suggests leaving the certificate of deposit for \$10,000 for another three months.

A representative from the DuPage Insurance Company will attend the next Board meeting to explain the ROIA insurance policy. Fidelity bonds will also be discussed.

The Board discussed actions that could be taken to collect delinquent homeowner's dues.

Motion: Bruce motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chris seconded. The motion passed.

Entertainment: Due to scheduling problems, the planned Easter Egg Hunt will not take place.

The 9th Annual River Oaks Garage Sale will be held Saturday May 17, 1997 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

Motion: Chris motioned to pay for the garage sale advertisement. Bruce seconded. The motion passed.

City Liaison: Tom Sinnott has agreed to act as City Liaison until the close-out of the Anden settlement.

The Board reviewed a proposed letter - "ROIA Board Letter to Jim Conners, re: Anden Close-out". The proposed letter was amended.

Motion: Bruce motioned to approve "ROIA Board Letter to Jim Conners" as amended. Joe seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: Election of Board Officers was accomplished at beginning of the meeting. No other new business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Pautler, Secretary

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pautler's 28370 River Oaks Drive.

Minutes Annual Meeting River Oaks Improvement Association

Date: February 27, 1997

Board members Present: Andy Gorski, Paul Koenig, Joe Lanute, Mark Moore, Marnee Sinnott, Bruce Stoller

Absent: Brian Lynch

Homeowners Present: Becky Christiansen, John Christiansen, Sandi Gorski, Chuck Hulse, Maury Goodman, Rick Nagode, Ana Vainisi, Chris Chrisman, Mike Hitchcock, Breda Wojciechowski, Pete Molina, Mary Moore, Tom Sinnott, Samir Shah, Janet Pautler, John Pautler.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. He welcomed everyone and encouraged those present to sign up for committees before leaving the meeting.

Motion: Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported the actual year to date expenditures as follows:

Annual Meeting	\$ 42.00
Discretionary	41.10
Entertainment	127.97
Insurance	233.00
Landscape	6932.35
Newsletter	203.38
Property Tax	75.58
Review	550.00
Treasurer	56.35
Total	<u>\$8261.73</u>

Motion: Andy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed.

At this time Mark reviewed the ROIA 1997 Budget which was approved by the Board at the January Board of Directors meeting. A copy of the budget follows the Annual Meeting Minutes.

Entertainment: An Easter Egg Hunt was held last Spring. The annual picnic was a success despite the weather and there were many especially good prizes enjoyed by those families attending the event.

City Liaison: Mark reported that the Anden repairs will be completed this Spring. This includes the

straightening of light poles and fixing drainage and sump areas.

Question: Will the City repair the area between Lots 31 and 32? A number of bushes were killed and need to be replaced. **Answer:** We the homeowners can probably do this better and receive reimbursement from the City for the replacement shrubbery. We've done this in the past and it has worked out very well for us.

Landscaping: Paul reported that we had \$500 per cul de sac budgeted for improving these areas. The work was not completed because no volunteers offered to do the work. These monies have been carried over to next year's budget.

Several trees were removed from the Tree Nursery and transplanted into the Parkway to replace dead trees. There are several Little Leaf Lindens available to interested homeowners.

The riverbank needs attention due to severe erosion from last summer's rain and especially from the more recent deluge.

Question: Does either the City or the County have some responsibility regarding the upkeep and repair of the Riverbank? **Answer:** It is possible that both have an interest in restoring/maintaining the Riverbank. The new Board must make this a priority and explore all avenues for assistance.

Question: The lower cul-de-sac is still flooding regardless of the new city drain. The new pipe is 50 feet from the outlet drain. What is going to be done? **Answer:** The Board needs to inform the City that the problem of flooding still exists.

Newsletter: Andy encouraged everyone present to submit articles to the Newsletter.

Old Business: **Question:** What are the plans for the Arbor Day celebration and the planting of the tree in Memory of Millie Murphy? **Answer:** The tree has been selected from the tree nursery and there is an on going discussion regarding two planting sites. A final decision will be made well before Arbor Day and the River Oaks homeowners will be notified.

New Business: Chuck Hulse, a member of the City Planning Commission reviewed the City's Road Program. According to the plan, our subdivision is not scheduled for resurfacing for another five years. It is hoped that it can be done sooner.

Board Elections: There were four nominees for four Board positions. The nominees were Chris Chrisman, Joe Lanute, John Pautler, and Breda Wojciechowski. All four were elected to two year terms.

Mark thanked everyone for their support during his Board tenure. The Homeowners Association wishes to thank him, Paul Koenig, and Brian Lynch for their hard

Board for several years and we all appreciate their time and effort.

Motion: Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

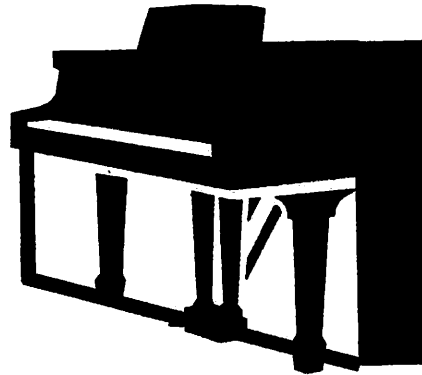
Respectfully Submitted, Mamee Sinnott, Secretary

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. at the Lanutes', 2 S 445 River Oaks Drive.



Welcome to new neighbors, Milorad & Ljiljana Popovic, who have moved into Lot # 63. The Popovics are from Serbia and have been in the U.S. for fifteen years. Milorad is a physicist at Fermi Lab and Ljiljana is a psychologist for World Relief. They have two children; Branko who is nine and Lena who is seven years old.

A warm welcome also is extended to the Ervins in Lot # 59. Reginald and Escortina are Chicago area natives and moved here from Westmont. They have four children; Jennipher, Marion, Mya, and Reginald, Jr.



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Eat Less to Survive Longer

Researchers at the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, MD studied 200 rhesus and squirrel monkeys over the past 10 years. Half were allowed to eat as much as they desired, the other half were given about 30 percent less. The scientists looked at 125 indicators of health status such as hormone levels, immune system strength, and lipoproteins. One striking finding was that the freely fed monkeys had half the level of HDL (the "good" cholesterol) as those on the restricted diet. The underfed animals also had lower blood pressure and utilized insulin more efficiently. One researcher speculated that caloric restriction in humans could add 20-30 years of life, in light of this study.

Presented to the American Association for the Advancement of Science Meeting, February 14, 1997

In Memory of Millianne Murphy:

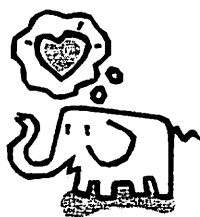
As previously intended, the River Oaks Improvement Association will be dedicating a tree in memory of Millianne Murphy (wife of Bill Murphy - Lot 1), who passed away unexpectedly in August 1996.

The tree planting will take place in conjunction with the National Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 1997 at 11:00 am behind the Albright Museum (3 S 530 Second Street in Warrenville).

Please join the Warrenville Natural Areas Commission as they celebrate Arbor Day beginning at 10:00 am at Plum Path Gardens on Manning between Ray and Main and follow them to the Albright Museum for the planting of Millie's tree.

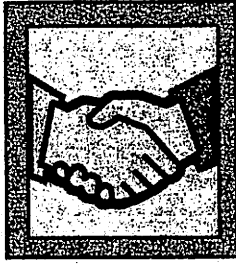
Millie was a great asset to our community, having been involved in the River Oaks Board of Directors, the Meals-on-Wheels program, Park District Senior Lunch Program, Lions Club member and "chicken baster" at the annual Chicken and Corn fest, as well as numerous other activities. Millie touched the lives of everyone she met with her exuberance and bright outlook on life.

Planting a tree in her honor will provide a living legacy to a wonderful person and show that we are glad for the time she spent with us. Please join your River Oaks friends and neighbors at the dedication. See you there!



The Board would like to thank Chuck Hulse, John Christiansen, and Tom Sinnott for the many hours they spent on a very cold and blustery March weekend surveying the neighborhood and riverbank area to mark the elevation of the 100 year flood plain. The benchmarks showed that the plans to shore up the riverbank and prevent further soil erosion are not in the 100 year flood plain area. The following weekend, John and Tom began the hardscaping of the riverbank and placed the posts that will hold the railroad ties and telephone poles in place. It was not an easy job and took both Saturday and Sunday to complete the work. On top of sore muscles they also contracted poison ivy !

The neighborhood owes them a debt of gratitude. Hopefully, when the next phase of work approaches, there will be more hands offering to help.



As the nice weather returns, we are getting complaints regarding the parking in our subdivision. Specifically, you are reminded to keep your cars, *as well as the cars of your guests*, off of the grass portion of the cul-de sacs. Also, please be considerate of your neighbor's need to get in and out of their driveway.

The board of directors has no authority regarding this matter; therefore, people are asked to direct their complaints to the police department.

Rather than upsetting your neighbors and risking a ticket for yourself or visitors to your home, please be mindful of Warrenville's parking regulations.



The 9th Annual River Oaks Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you wish to participate in the Garage Sale, please put some balloons on your mailbox to let the buyers know!