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## Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday  
August 24**  
First Day of School
- **Thursday  
August 26**  
Board Meeting 7:30PM  
29600 River Oaks Dr.
- **Monday  
September 6**  
Labor Day
- **Saturday  
September 18**  
Annual River Oaks Block  
Party
- **Saturday  
September 25**  
Annual River Oaks  
Garage Sale
- **Tuesday  
September 28**  
Half Day of School

## Annual River Oaks Block Party



It is less than a month away from the Annual River Oaks Block Party. As we did last year, once again each household that attends is asked to bring an hors d-oeuvres dish. The homeowner's association will provide non-alcoholic beverages and dessert.

The date for the party is Saturday, September 18th. The time for this party is late afternoon and evening.

The place is the Common Area. Check the next Newsletter for more details.

This is a great way to meet your neighbors in a relaxed setting. Bring a lawn chair and plan to spend a nice evening eating and chatting. There will be games for kids and adults. And great food, as always!

## Board Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Steve Hodges. The term remaining for this seat is approximately one and a half years, expiring at the end of February, 2001. According to the By-Laws of River Oaks, the Board must appoint someone to fill this vacancy. If you have any interest in this position, please contact any Board member (list of Board members at the end of Page 2).

The Board meets once a month on a selected weeknight at 7:30 PM. These meetings are held at the homes of the Board members on a rotating basis.

Please consider volunteering for the Board. It is not difficult, the hours are not long, and it's a good way to get to know your neighborhood!

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So you've read the Oak Leaves, are fired up about the committees, want a free tree, and want to express yourself on the traffic circles. The best way to be heard is to contact a Board member, by phone or e-mail. Or catch one outside on a nice day and give them a piece of your mind. Also, remember that all monthly Board of Directors Meetings are open to all homeowners. Check the time and place in the calendar section of Oak Leaves.

## Socializin' With Your Neighbors



Dear Folks,

Arthur and I have met some nice people in the past five years, but we've decided that we'd like to get to know some of you better. We'd enjoy having your company on a regular basis. We'd like to go out and run and jump and play (well, play, anyway – and take brisk walks). I personally would like to know whether it's grubs that ate my petunias and whether other people had the same problem. Does anyone know how to make sun tea? I make good cookies.

To that end, here's a list of semi-formed ideas. Please call me and let me know your preference. I'll collect names until the end of September, then call everyone back. Maybe there'll be five groups!

- concert of the month group (everything from Music of the Baroque to jazz at COD to Hubble band concerts) – whatever offers itself;
- just visitin' with pot luck dinner;

- fiction and non-fiction book groups;
- Maybe some of us would be more interested in community service projects (River Oaks, Warrenville, DuPage, Chicago...);
- dine out and go to theater;
- work on craft projects and mending, do jigsaw puzzles, write greeting cards and gossip;
- go camping, birding, and/or walking (Chicago Architectural walking tours, local forest preserves, Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanical Garden);
- lectures (Cantigny, Morton Arboretum, Chicago Art Institute??), poetry readings (again, whatever offers itself);
- Anything else?

The list is just a tool to help people who definitely want the same thing to get together quickly. Maybe we'll need to swarm for snacks and just meet each other, the first time, no matter what our group's favorite activity. Some groups will want to meet every month. Some will meet every two or three months.

Arthur and I both work odd hours, so if our machine answers the phone, please let me know your name and phone number and your preference. Thanks!!

Jeanne and Arthur Kreymer 393-4140

### Board of Directors

Marnee Sinnott	President Landscaping	393-2808	tsinnott@megsinet.net
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Mark Moore	Treasurer	393-6473	mt@megsinet.net
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Linda Saxton	Entertainment Neighborhood Watch	393-2206	saxton@mcs.com
Becky Christiansen	Newsletter	393-4946	becky@cyberoak.com

## River Oaks Chronicles, Part 3 : Bunny Tales



Easter Egg Hunt, April 1990

In the course of the River Oaks Subdivision's short life, there have been a few famous visitors to the neighborhood, but none more famous, perhaps, than the Easter Bunny himself. Mr. Bunny began his visits to the subdivision shortly after the houses were built. Although the visits began as private visits, he was persuaded to make public appearances for the whole community to help with the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt began in 1989, and continued as an annual event for a number of years. The hunt was sponsored by the Entertainment Committee, with a majority of the work supplied by the moms of the hunters. What began as a simple hunt soon branched out into three divisions classified by age of the hunters. Plastic eggs stuffed with candy were discovered by the dozens of school-age kids in the neighborhood, and a good time was had by all. There was even press coverage of the event!

Eventually, the original moms who helped with the hunt found their hunters grown too

old to participate in this annual event. And much to the disappointment of Mr. Bunny, no one stepped in to take the reins. It's been several years since the last Easter Egg Hunt, but the Entertainment Committee is always willing to lend a hand to any group of moms who might want to rekindle this great tradition.

Now, one can wonder why this is appearing in a newsletter in August. Is it because it is an easily written column for the newsletter chairman who is behind schedule? Well, there is some truth to this. But also, the Annual Block Party is coming up. Maybe that would be a good time for some of the parents interested in reviving this tradition to talk about it with each other, and with the Entertainment committee who will be at the picnic. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents interested in helping with the Hunt—please consider helping out! There are over 300 plastic eggs in storage, just waiting for a candy filling and to be found by young River Oakers!

We continue to chronicle the story of the first 12 years of River Oaks. We hope that you'll enjoy reading about the history in this 'River Oaks Chronicles'. We are always looking for interesting pictures of events, etc., that took place here. Please contact Becky Christiansen if you have any interesting pictures you'd like to share with your neighbors.

## Classifieds



**For Sale:**

Computer Monitor SVGA  
15 Inch  
Gateway EV500  
2 Years Old

\$40  
Call Becky Christiansen 393-4946

### Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** June 15, 1999

Amended: July 20, 1999

**Present:** Becky Christiansen, Mark Moore, Marilyn Hayes, Marnee Sinnott, and Linda Saxton

**Absent:** Andy Gorski and Steve Hodges

**Guests:** None

Marnee called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**Motion:** Becky made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Net Worth as of 6/15/99 was reported as follows:

#### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
90 Day CD	11,222.76
Anden	696.01
ROIA Checking	7,480.29
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>19,388.06</b>

Other Assets

Culdesacs	900.00
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>900.00</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS**

LIABILITIES

OVERALL TOTAL

**Motion:** Becky made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Landscaping:** It was reported that the Common Area between Lots 8 and 9 was not being cut. Marnee will call Brickmann and alert them to this situation.

**Entertainment:** The Block Party is scheduled for September 18, 1999. The Annual Garage Sale will be September 25, 1999.

**Newsletter:** Anyone with information or comments for the Newsletter should drop-off or E-Mail them to Becky

**City Liaison:** Marnee has reported that the No Parking signs are scheduled to be replaced this year.

**Old Business:** Proposals were discussed for the new subdivision sign. Marnee obtained a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote from another area business. The quote is higher than the original one received but would provide for a maintenance free sign to be erected in place of the current one. Marnee is going to follow up the some additional questions/information for the next meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Motion:** Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Hayes, Secretary*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at 7:70 P.M., at the Sinnott's 2S 571 River Oaks Drive.

# Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 20, 1999

**Present:** Becky Christiansen, Mark Moore, Andy Gorski, Marnee Sinnott, and Linda Saxton

**Absent:** Marilyn Hayes and Steve Hodges

**Guests:** Sandy Gorski

Marnee called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

**Motion:** The previous minutes were amended. Becky made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report:

### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
90 Day CD	11,211.76
Anden	696.01
ROIA Checking	7,195.59
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<hr/> 19,103.36
Other Assets	
Culdesacs	900.00
TOTAL Other Assets	<hr/> 900.00
TOTAL ASSETS	20,003.36
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	20,003.36

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

**Entertainment:** The Block Party is scheduled for September 18, 1999. Each household planning to attend should bring an hors d'oeuvres. There will be an effort to increase the number of kids' games this year.

The Annual Garage Sale will be held September 25, 1999.

**City Liaison:** Marnee spoke with the City regarding the schedule for resurfacing the subdivision's roads. This work is currently about 4 years away. If the cul-de-sacs were to be removed at the time of resurfacing, this would require the money to do this work be added to the budget of the public works department of the City.

**Landscaping:** The nursery, which has had a number of tree removals, is in need of a load of topsoil Linda made a motion to approve the purchase of a load of topsoil, not to exceed \$200 in cost. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Newsletter:** No report

### Old Business:

**Entrance Sign:** Marnee spoke with the City regarding the City requirements for a new sign. The Board will have to get approval from the City for a sign since it will go in the right-of-way. The City was able to give no specific guidelines, except to say that it could not be any higher than the current sign. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to go around to subdivisions and take some photos to judge different types of signs that are being used.

**New Business:** Steve Hodges handed in his resignation from the Board. Becky made a motion to accept the resignation, Mark seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the Board accepted his resignation with regrets.

**Motion:** Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted, Becky Christiansen*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26 at 7:30 P.M., at the Christiansen's 2S 600 River Oaks Drive.