

THE VILLAGE VOICE
NEWS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKS, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI
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**REPORT ON TRUSTEE ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE VEGETATION
ALONG VILLAGE STREETS**

Subsequent to the report on roads and ditches at the Trustee meeting two months ago, letters were sent to residents whose property was found to be in violation of Ordinance No. 57 regulating vegetation growth, Ordinance No. 252 describing conditions on property considered to be an eyesore, or Ordinance No. 5, the zoning ordinance.

Upon receiving such letters, a number of the residents took immediate steps to correct the situations described in the notices. Some called the Village Clerk to indicate their plans to do so and at least one resident came to the last Board meeting to get further information about the actions needed. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to residents who responded so quickly to the letters and have taken steps to improve the streets and ditches in the Village.

By statute, residents who ignore the letters from the Board are being sent registered letters explaining the legal consequences of refusing to correct the reported violations of one or more of the ordinances listed above. In its regular December meeting, the Trustees examined the report from Trustee David Pena who is responsible for supervision of ditch maintenance and from Trustee John Hagen who is responsible for road maintenance. Further actions will come from this meeting but may be delayed until after the holiday season. [The December meeting was cancelled due to weather so further action will be considered at the January meeting.]

It is always the desire of the Trustees that Village residents will cooperate in the maintenance of streets and ditches. The Village has very limited funds both for road paving and repair as well as cutting excessive vegetation.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
TRUSTEE SERVICE INCLUDED
WITH THIS NEWSLETTER**

Trustees John C. Howell and Mary Lou Butterworth will be up for reelection in the April election. Any resident who has lived in the Village for one year is eligible to have his or her name placed in nomination by returning the form to the Clerk. Trustees serve a voluntary two-year term without remuneration.

**COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE
AS A TRUSTEE**

Enclosed within the Village boundaries is a small area on Martin Boulevard which was designated in the platting of the Village as a park. During the past couple of years, David Pena has taken personal responsibility to mow, spread dirt and otherwise maintain the park area. Thank you, David, for service beyond the call of duty! Your contribution of labor in addition to your other work on the Board has saved the Village many dollars!