

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKS, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI SPRING, 2002

## **VILLAGE QUALIFIES FOR FEMA SUPPORT OF ICE STORM DAMAGE REMOVAL**

Immediately after the ice storm when television announcements indicated that funds from Federal Emergency Management Assistance would be available to cope with damages to Village property, Trustee Chairman John Howell began seeking the means to apply for such assistance. When he called the number listed on the TV screen for FEMA, supervisors told him that no such funding was available for the Village. Later calls received the same answers.

However, at the Monday, March 11, meeting of the Board of Trustees, information was made available that Platte Woods was getting such aid. On Tuesday, Howell contacted the city clerk at Platte Woods and discovered that on Monday she had been to a meeting with FEMA and gave him the name and number to call. This began the process of meeting with the Missouri representative for emergency management to submit an application. Last Tuesday morning Howell met with three FEMA representatives, including the man assigned to Clay County, to discuss essential planning for the assistance.

Bids are currently being received for removal of debris placed at the edge of Village streets by residents. Contractors will also remove damaged trees and debris from the Village park on Martin Boulevard. **Contractors will not enter private property to gather storm debris since it is the responsibility of home owners to bring debris to the roadside.** The actual date(s) for picking up the debris cannot be set at this time but residents should plan to have debris on roadsides by April 5.

The Village will also benefit from this program with reimbursement for funds expended to sand and salt the streets for ice and to remove snow from the Village streets after the storm.

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### **ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES APRIL 2**

Two Village Trustees will be on the ballot for reelection to the Board at the regular election on Tuesday, April 2. Dr. John C. Howell and Dr. Mary Lou Butterworth, incumbent trustees, have entered their names for reelection to the Board. Both have served the Village for many years as trustees and both have been chairpersons for the Board.

The regular approval of tax levies will also be on the ballot. The levies are .50 cents per hundred valuation for general Village functions and .30 for fire service.

### **PRICE ESTIMATES BEING RECEIVED FOR ROAD REPAIR**

Trustee John Hagen is working with Hot Roll Asphalt Paving Company for estimates on road maintenance and repair during 2002-03. Over the last several years, the Board has included in the annual Budget funding for asphalt paving of our Village streets rather than continue the previous practice of using a chip and seal surface. That method filled our ditches with gravel so paving is more satisfactory and lasts longer.