

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

REPORT ON THE FEMA SUPPORT FOR ICE STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL

With the weather as hot as it is now that summer has officially begun, it may be hard to remember the ice storm a few months ago that created so much damage in our Village. However, the Village was able to enter into contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency which provided us with much needed help in cleaning up after the storm. During the clean-up project, four trees were completely removed from Village property or where they were dangerous to the Village. Seven trees were trimmed to remove hangers that could fall upon Village streets. Three hundred and ninety cubic yards of debris were collected and removed to a dump site.

The total cost of the project was \$10,730.00 with FEMA paying 75%, the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency paying 10% and the Village paying 15%. The Village has received the payment of \$8,369.40 from FEMA and is waiting for the state share to be sent from Jefferson City. Included in the FEMA portion is a 3% administrative supplement.

After the tree trimming crew had completed their work, Chairman Howell rented a pole chain saw and went through the Village to cut lower branches that would not qualify for FEMA funding but which could damage cars. Board member David Pena then collected the branches to be picked up on the second pass of the ice storm clean-up crew. The total project was a great benefit to the Village.

BUDGET REVIEW

One of the greatest expenditures for the Village is fire protection. In the history of the Oak villages, the contract with Kansas City for fire service was based upon a per home charge. At the present time, however, the cost is based upon a charge of \$16.00 per \$1,000 of real property assessed in the Village. In this budget year, our cost is \$13,072.

Since our total budget for the year is \$28,722, this means that 45.51 percent of our funds are devoted to fire suppression.

By action of the Missouri legislature, Time Warner Cable services are no longer being designated as a franchise so we will lose \$870 of our next year's budget by that action.

This information may help you understand how close the Village must observe fiscal caution with your money in its expenditures.

VILLAGE NOTES

Dr. John C. Howell and Dr. Mary Lou Butterworth were each re-elected to the Board in the April election. Howell was re-elected chairman by the Board with David Pena as vice-chairman.

Mrs. Wilhelmine Underwood, a long-time resident of the Village, died April 2nd. She was 92 years of age and had lived at 5740 Doniphan Lane.

Road repair has been completed on several streets in the Village. Under the leadership of Board Member John Hagen, one half of the work is being done this year with additional next year.

The current address for Mrs. Mary Ann Louthain, our Village clerk, is 400 N.W. 67th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. 64118. Her telephone is 468-8546.

Residents have complained about specific dogs fouling their yards. When walking your dogs, please do not allow them to use residents' yards this way.