

## **VILLAGE VOICE**

**NEWS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKS CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI SPRING 2004**

### **VILLAGE CONTACTED ABOUT REZONING LLOYD PROPERTY**

Through the law firm of White, Goss, Bowers, March Schulte and Weisenfels, Mr. Nick McFee has requested all zoning information about the Village under the Missouri Sunshine Law to investigate possibility of rezoning the Lloyd property along North Oak between Englewood and South Martin for commercial purposes.

The Trustees have complied with the request while maintaining that the Village is chartered as a residential community and intends to remain as such. No further word has come from McFee so this information is given just to inform residents of the inquiry.

### **MAST REPRESENTATIVE APPEARS BEFORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jason White of the MAST ambulance service addressed the March meeting of the Trustees concerning potential Village cost for ambulance service. News of MAST's desire to gain support from the villages north of the River has been written up in local newspapers. Up until this time, all MAST ambulance service in the villages was dependent upon private policies bought by individuals.

An estimated charge of about \$1300 yearly was projected by MAST based upon numbers of transportations occurring from the Village. The Trustees asked for specific numbers of such transports during the past three years.

White is to prepare further data and report to the Board again at a later meeting. Service could be ended by 2005 if no support is provided.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Dr. John C. Howell and Dr. Mary Lou Butterworth were reelected to the Board of Trustees. Also the thirty cents per hundred dollar evaluation for fire protection was approved.

### **DEATHS OF PERSONS IN OR RELATED TO THE VILLAGE**

Ben Rose, of 5601 N. Poplar Drive, died March 9 leaving his wife Susan resident in the home. They moved into the Village in 1980.

Max Von Erdmannsdorf was for many years the Village attorney, dealing with the legal matters affecting the Village. He died on March 19 after a long illness. Our present attorney, Steve Mowry, joined Erdmannsdorf when he was just out of law school and became partner in the law firm. The Board of Trustees affirms with gratitude the service that both of these men have provided for the Village.

### **VILLAGE BUDGET FOR 2004-2005**

In its March meeting, the Trustees approved the proposed budget as the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning on March 1.

You will notice that approximately 45% of the budget is devoted to our fire protection contract with Kansas City. In addition, street repair and maintenance, snow removal and other items related to maintaining our Village property takes 34% of the budget.

Trustees, who serve without pay for two year terms, give many hours of work to maintain the Village as a corporate entity. They deserve your thanks!