

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKS, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI FALL 2005

VILLAGE ZONING ACTION TAKEN TO CIRCUIT COURT

All residents received a copy of the action taken by the plaintiffs in filing a motion with the Clay County Circuit Court requesting the Court to set aside the decision by the Village Board of Adjustment denying their request for a variance on the Lloyd property. As you know, the Board of Adjustment met with the plaintiffs on August 11, 2005 and heard the details of their petition. The Board then met privately and all five members of the Board voted to not grant the variance. Since the Circuit Court is the only legal entity that can either uphold the action of the Board of Adjustment or overturn it, the plaintiffs have filed the motion with the Court.

Our attorney in this action, Michael Keheler, is working with the Board of Adjustment chairman to collect the information required by the Court and have it presented by the October 14 deadline.

Residents are asked to read the documents carefully to be knowledgeable about the actions being taken.

TREE SERVICE ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO PROTECT TREES

A tree service owner working in the Village recently reported seeing numerous trees being damaged by carpenter ants. The ants make their nests in the upper parts of the trees and come out during the night to forage for food. He wanted residents to know that spreading seven dust insecticide around the base of the tree and for a few feet around it would kill the ants over several months of treatment.

ROBBERIES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE VILLAGE RECENTLY

Two homes have been entered in the Village during the daylight hours. Residents need to be sure that doors and windows are locked during the time that they are away from home to protect their own property.

In addition, neighbors can watch for cars and people in the Village who are not residents or who arouse suspicion. One resident is investigating the possibility of reinstating a neighborhood watch program in connection with the Sheriff's department.

The Board of Trustees is also investigating with the Village of Oakview the possibility of having coverage from the Oakview Police Department in order to have a shorter response time when police are needed.

When such a relationship with Oakview was considered several years ago, some logistical problems made it impossible to enter into such an agreement. A Board member is discussing the issue with Oakview and we will report later about any possibilities.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. Matthew Norris has bought the the Mark Neutzmann's home at 500 N.E. Englewood Road and is now living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cates have purchased the Batcheller's home at 421 N. E. Barnes. Mrs. Cates is Kendra.

VILLAGE OF OAKS WEB SITE

Resident Peter Nielsen has met with the Board of Trustees to discuss having a web site for the Village which will permit additional information on Village resources and Village activities. The Board has given permission for him to install the web site on an experimental basis and will look forward to community response to this project.

The web site VillageofDaks.com has been created as a way to communicate to the Village residents and to highlight the *special qualities* of the Village to those who do not (yet) live in the Village. The web site is intended to be a resource for the Village residents and a point to share information. The current sections of the web site in development are:

1. History - A brief history of the Village.
2. Board members - A list of the current Board of Trustees and Board of Adjustment members.
3. Village Voice - Previous Village Voice newsletters.
4. Zoning and Financial- Public record information where access is controlled by a login and password.
5. Minutes - Prior approved monthly Board meeting minutes.
6. Ordinances - The Village ordinances that affect topics such as renovations, yard maintenance, maintenance of ditches along road sides, and requirements for building permits for remodeling and home construction.

E-mail Contact List. In order to quickly disseminate information to Village residents, email addresses will be valuable for such action. Registering your e-mail address is voluntary but if you choose to do so, the Village Voice, approved meeting minutes, Board agenda items and other Village related topics can be e-mailed to you. This can save on postage, speeds up delivery, and allows each household to be better informed on activities and events in the Village of Oaks.

Bonus Feature. One e-mail account per household is available. Each household can set up with their own account. For e-mail, web site additions or web site recommendations, please contact Peter Nielsen at 454-0089 or VillageofDaks.com.

Response: If you open up the web site on your computer and have responses that you would like to go directly to the Board of Trustees, contact Mary Ann Louthan, Village Clerk, at 468-8546.

THANKS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appreciation is expressed to Chair Terry Vaughan and the members of the Board of Adjustment for their capable conducting of the zoning adjustment meeting and for the time spent in getting ready for it. Since all Board service is voluntary with no financial support given to the members, such service is indicative of their love for the Village.