



# The Village Voice

The Village Voice is published for the benefit of the residents of The Village of Oaks, MO.

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## Special points of interest:

- Neighborhood Watch Potluck on October 24th at 6:30pm.
- Village Board Contacts.
- Action Items.
- Village questionnaire.

## Neighborhood Watch Potluck October 24th at 6:30 pm

Ronda and Scott Jones have offered to open their home for a potluck dinner to discuss the next steps in setting up our Neighborhood Watch program. The Jones live at 425 NE Barnes. Ronda has asked for people to call her at 453-7098 with the number attending. She will have plates, napkins, silverware, cups, wines and iced tea (if anyone would like a different beverage they may bring it).

### What is the Neighborhood Watch Program?

It is a local residential crime prevention programs in which individual citizens work to

- make their own homes and families less inviting targets for crime, and
- cooperate with law enforcement through block and neighborhood groups to control crime throughout the community.

### What is the basic structure of the program?

There are four main roles in a successful program.

#### Local Law Enforcement

They protect us but also need us to be their eyes and ears.

#### Coordinator

Maintains a current list of participants and neighborhood residents, including names, addresses, home and work telephone numbers, and vehicle descriptions. Acts as liaison between WATCH members, law enforcement officers and block captains.

#### Block Captains

Establish a "telephone chain" by compiling and distributing a current list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of block participants. Visit and invite new residents to join. Contact each neighbor as often as possible to discuss possible crime problems,



needs for assistance, and suggestions for program improvement.

#### Participating Residents

This is the most important part, where neighbors look out for each other and know what to do when they see something suspicious.

## A Change to the Village Board of Trustees

With some sadness, the Village Board accepted John Hagen's request to relinquish his seat. Ryan Hicks has been approved by the board to fill John's seat for the remainder of his term. Board members serve a two year term and three seats will be on the ballot for election in April, 2007. One of those seats is the seat that Ryan will fill.

### Your Village Trustees

Please contact any board member for issues, concerns or ideas for improvement. The Board meets the second Monday of every month.

Betsy Rosetti - Chairperson  
455-0743 / 5741 NE Lake Dr.  
Ryan Hicks  
459-9722 / 420 NE Martin Blvd.

Ronda Jones  
453-7098 / 425 NE Barnes Ave.

Peter Nielsen  
454-0089 / 821 NE Doris Ave.

Terry Vaughan  
453-0994 / 5701 N. Lake Dr.

Mary Ann Louthain - Clerk  
468-8546 / 400 NW 67th Terr.

## Action Items being worked on ...

### Additional patrolling and traffic enforcement

In conversations with the Village of Oakview, we were told a rate of \$27.00 per hour for patrolling and traffic enforcement. They determined that they could leave Oakview, make a pass through our village and return to Oakview in approximately 15 minutes. The Village of Oaks board members received a large binder that contains the Oakview law enforcement ordinances to review. If we did establish a contract with the Village of Oakview, we would have to have ordinances that match their ordinances. For fees generated from traffic enforcement, the Oaks board members asked the Oakview representatives to determine their personnel and administrative costs necessary for

processing a traffic ticket.

No decisions or contracts will be signed until after the settlement of the Lloyd property case.

### Lloyd Property Update

A letter was received from Keleher & Eastman, representing the Village of Oaks, stating "... the Court has set oral arguments ... for Thursday, October 12th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Division 2 of Clay County Circuit Court. No testimony will be taken and, therefore, no one from The Village need be present, but you are welcome to attend if you desire."

No decision from the judge is expected for at least 30 days. If any action is required by the village a notice will be sent to each household.

### Benefits of Living in the Village of Oaks

1. No one percent e-tax (earnings tax) if you work outside of Kansas City.
2. No city sales tax. Gladstone is 7.35%. Kansas City is 7.475%. Village residents pay just 5.10%. So, buying a \$20,000 car saves you \$450.
3. A variety of home styles.
4. Well-established trees.
5. A quiet neighborhood.
6. Space between homes.
7. Enjoyable streets to walk.
8. Responsible neighbors.
9. A non-bureaucratic board.
10. Ten minutes from downtown Kansas City and Zona Rosa.



## VRDW - Voting, Recycling, Ditches and Website

### VOTE

Let your vote count. Remember election day is November 7th.

### Recycle (those yard signs)

Even though there is not a recycling program in the village, many neighborhood schools and church's have bins for paper such as newspaper, office paper and magazines.

Also, there is a recycling center behind the north west corner of

Metro North Mall. Go to the Bridging the Gap website (<http://www.bridgingthegap.org/programs/recycling/recycleWhere.htm>) for information on all locations and hours of operations.

### Ditches

Fall is the time to be vigilant on keeping leaves from filling up the ditches. Keeping ditches clean helps the roads from breaking

down due to water and ice with the approach of winter.

### Village Website

From disks received from Dr. John Howell, previous additions of the Village Voice have been posted to the village website. To get to the village website, go to [www.villageofoaks.org](http://www.villageofoaks.org). Any suggestions, recommendations or historical documents are requested for posting.

Do you know where to take recyclables?

Do you like raking leaves?

What's new on the village website?

## Next Page - Village Community

### Village questionnaire

In an effort to identify the needs and suggested improvement for our village, a questionnaire has been created. Please complete it and give it to any village board member. Their addresses and telephone numbers are listed on the first page of the Village

Voice. Like the November elections, your vote and ideas count.

### What is a Community?

The ecological definition is:

- A group of plants and animals living and interacting with one another in a specific region

under relatively similar environmental conditions.

- The region occupied by a group of interacting organisms.

*Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.*

Author: Anthony Burgess

