



# The Village Voice

## Clay County Sheriff's office to present security and safety presentation June 12th at 7:00 pm.

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

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### Special points of interest:

- Sheriff's safety and security presentation June 12th at 7:00 pm.
- Village Picnic June 16th at 6pm.
- Road repair progressing.
- Village website now [www.villageofoaks.org](http://www.villageofoaks.org) (not .com)

Officer Gail Orth-Aikmus from the Clay County Sherriff's Community Action Team (CAT) will be at the Oakview City Hall, 6404 N. Locust at 7:00 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

She has been asked to come and talk to the residents of the village about what we can do to improve the safety and security of our village.

The areas she will cover include:

- Current police services provided by the Clay County Sheriff and how to efficiently use those services. Details on current patrolling schedules.
- Emphasis on re-establishing a Neighborhood Watch program. Steps to

begin, maintain and make known that we have a Neighborhood Watch program.

- Actions to take once the program is in place. How to work with our neighbors and with the Clay County Sheriff.
- When to use 911 versus calling the Sheriff's office. Recommended telephone numbers to have in addition to 911.
- Recommendations on having a neighborhood calling tree to be used when one neighbor has concerns, worries or hears strange noises.
- Lighting, landscaping and interior design recommendations to deter break-ins. Example curtain-off rooms that have expensive



electronics equipment.

- Recommendations on what to do when going on vacation for an extended period of time.
- The value of pets to deter break-ins.
- Other recommendations or best practices that we should use that are working effectively elsewhere.

## Changes to the Village Board of Trustees

The April election brought new faces to the Board or Trustees. Ronda Jones and Peter Nielsen were elected to the two seats that were up for election this year. They replace Dr. John Howell and Mary Lou Butterworth.

Not enough words can be said in thanks to John and Mary

Lou for the care, time and energy they have given to the village and the village board.

At the April Board of Trustees meeting, Betsy Rosetti was elected to chair the board and Terry Vaughan was elected the vice chair.

Board members serve a two

year term and three seats will be on the ballot for election in April, 2007.

We encourage everyone to get involved, to help make the Village a better community.



## Action Items being worked on ...

### Researching additional patrolling and traffic enforcement

One of the major topics that came out of previous meetings attended by village residents was the desire for increased patrolling and the hazards caused by cars speeding and cutting through the village.

The village board is talking to the Clay County Sheriff's office and the Village of Oakview Police Chief about contracting for additional police services.

The Clay County Sheriff's office has a patrol program where they charge \$30 per hour plus mileage. Any

traffic tickets issued would be processed through the Clay County court. Fines would go back to the village and court fees to Clay County.

We will be talking to the Oakview police department in the next few weeks to find out what services they can offer and the associated costs.

### Paying the Bills

The bill for fire suppression through Kansas City was paid. The cost for this year is \$16,971. MAST ambulance service is \$1,100. These two items are 46.5% of the annual budget.

### Road Work

You should see pot holes

being patched, speed bumps being repaired and common roadway ditches being cleaned out. The cost for this road maintenance is \$6,000. This amount is 15.4% of the annual budget.

### Checking the Fine Print

Ronda Jones is checking into our insurance with MOPERM (Missouri Public Entity Risk Management Fund). She is researching the type of coverage we have and what is covered. The goal is to offset the litigation expenses associated with the Lloyd property. This year's estimate for attorney fees and other expenses related to the Lloyd property is \$11,000 or 28.3% of the annual budget.



Looking into contracting for patrolling and traffic enforcement.

## Ditches, Disturbances and Domains

### Ditches

It is that time of year again to clean out any debris, leaves or "gunk" in your ditches.

One of the biggest benefits of keeping ditches cleaned out is that it keeps the roads from deteriorating.

### Nuisance Ordinance 252

If you have ever wanted to know the details of this

ordinance or other ordinances go to the village website.

### Village Website

There are a number of updates posted on the Village website.

- To get to the village website, use [www.villageofoaks.org](http://www.villageofoaks.org) instead of .com.
- Several updates have

been made based on the Missouri Sunshine Law.

- More updates are coming based on historical documents from Dr. John Howell.
- Any other village historical or interesting village information is requested.

Is "gunk" in your ditches?

Do you know your ordinances?

What's new on the village website?

## Coming Soon ... and other tidbits

### Village Picnic

Don't forget about the village picnic on June 16th at 6 pm.

Scott Jones will be doing the barbecuing.

Remember to bring a dish to share and some chairs or blankets to sit on. We will

not be borrowing tables and chairs this year.

### Village Survey

In an effort to better meet the needs of the residents of the village, the board is working on a survey covering what additional services are

desired, the priority of the services and anticipated costs.

### Oakwood Association

Check out the Oakwood Community Association website:

[www.oakwoodcommunityassn.org](http://www.oakwoodcommunityassn.org)

