



# The Village Voice

### Special points of interest:

- Ruling on use variance.
- Neighborhood Watch.
- Changing of the Clerks.
- Village questionnaire.

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 NKC Hospital - 691-2000  
 St. Luke's - 891-6000  
 Children's Mercy - 413-2500  
 Poison Control - 800-222-1222  
 Power Outage - 888-544-4852  
 Before You Dig - 800-DIG-RITE  
 Nat. Gas Leak - 800-582-0000  
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 Highway Patrol - 800-525-5555

## Clay County Judge Rules on Count I for the Use Variance on the Lloyd Property

The Village received a letter on Monday, December 4th from our lawyer related to Count I. The court judgment reads, "The Court, having received written briefs by both parties and having examined the record, evidence, and statements of counsel having been heard and fully considered, it is the opinion of the Court that the law and the facts support the decision of the Respondents/Defendants, Board of Adjustment. In reviewing the decision of the Board of Adjustment, the Court views the evidence and reasonable inferences in the light most favorable to the Board's finding and concludes that the decision to deny the use variance to the Realtors/Plaintiffs is supported by

competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record and that the Realtors/Plaintiffs have failed to meet the requirements for a use variance set forth in *Matthew v. Smith*, 707 W.W.2d 411,



415-16 (Mo banc 1986).

The Court further finds that the decision of the Board of Adjustment to deny the use variance was not arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED

AND DECREED that Count I of Realtors/Plaintiffs' Petition is DENIED, that the decision of the Board of Adjustment of the Village of Oaks denying the variance to Realtors/Plaintiffs is hereby AFFIRMED and that the costs of this action be assessed against the Realtors/Plaintiffs."

The Realtors/Plaintiffs have forty days from November 27, 2006 to submit an appeal.

Any new updates will appear in the next *Village Voice* newsletter. Monthly updates are provided at Village board meetings held the second Monday of every month at the Oakview City Hall, 6404 N. Locust. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

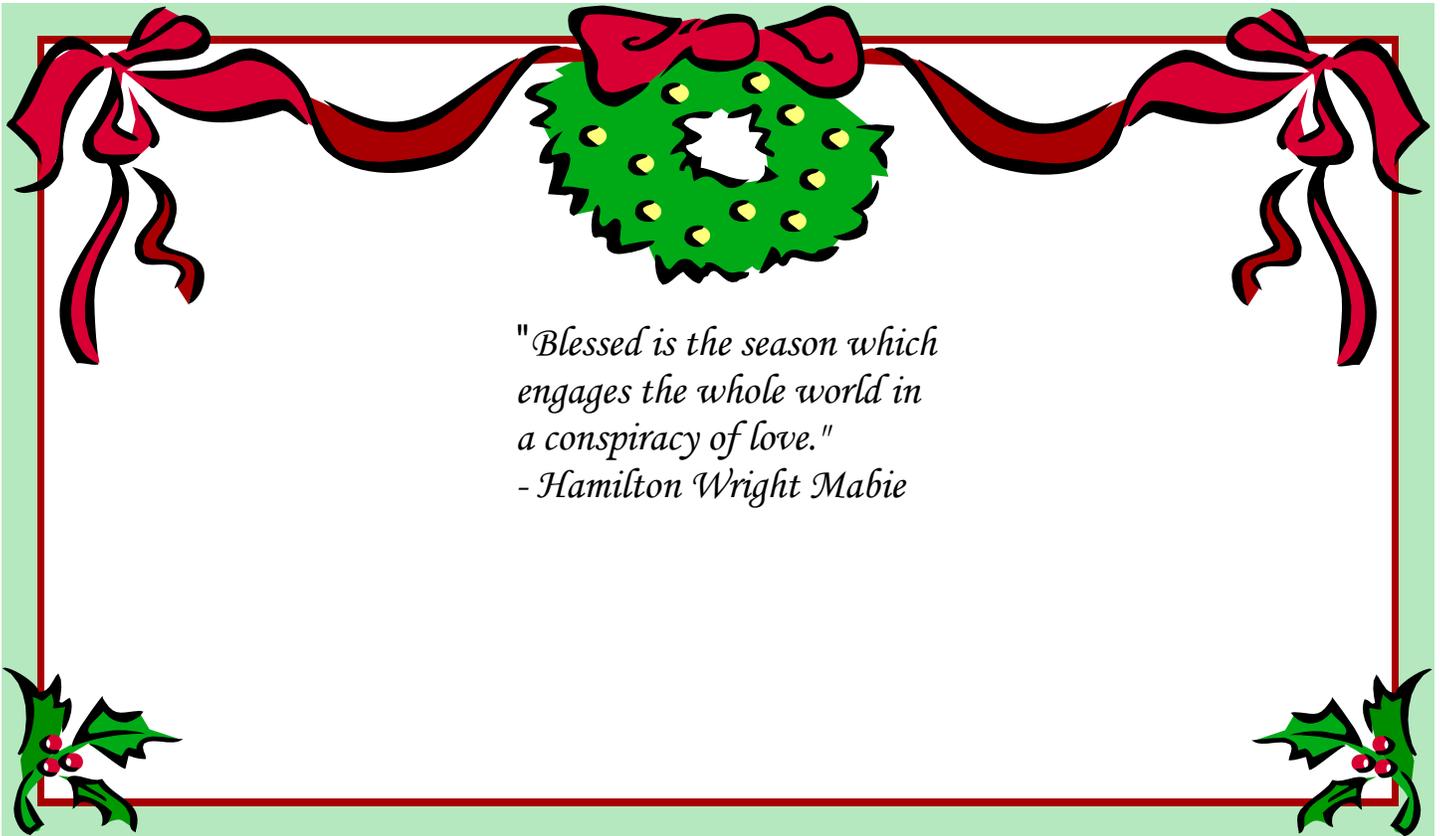
## Neighborhood Watch Moves Forward

Just under twenty Oaks and Oakwood residents met at the home of Scott and Ronda Jones to discuss the next steps in our Neighborhood Watch program. Betsy Rosetti presented information on

available signage and provided multiple copies of the forms necessary to gather the base information each block captain needs. If you have not received a visit from your block captain, please call

one of the Board of Trustees. They will contact your block captain.

The forms contain basic contact information necessary to help determine normal activity.



**Where do you keep the Clerk's address?**

**What are you doing the second Monday of each month?**

**Tell us what you think.**

### Changing Clerks

#### Hi, may I help you?

Our dear friend, Mary Ann Louthain has asked to be relieved as our Village Clerk. Susan Nielsen has offered to take on the duties and responsibilities. At the December Village board meeting, the Trustees approved Susan as the Village of Oaks Clerk. During the

transition, Mary Ann and Pam Wormsley, the clerk from the Village of Oakwood, will help Susan "learn the ropes." If you have any matters for the Village Clerk, please use the following contact information:

Village of Oaks Clerk  
Susan Nielsen  
821 NE Doris

Village of Oaks, MO 64118  
816-454-0089  
clerk@villageofoaks.org  
Next time you see Susan, wish her luck on her new role. Next time you see Mary Ann tell her, "Thank You Very Much!" for all of her years of service.

### Getting Involved

#### Upcoming Election

Please review the attached Village Election form and submit your name for one of the three trustee seats.

"A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation."  
- James Freeman Clarke

#### Village Questionnaire

A questionnaire was sent with the last Village Voice newsletter. If you did not get one, please contact the acting Village Clerk and a copy will be sent to you.

This is an opportunity to help direct the future of our

Village and to let the board members know what is important to you.  
"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric."  
-Bertrand Russell

