



The Village Voice

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Vote For Your Neighbors Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007

Please vote on April 3rd for the Village Board of Trustees. The voting station is at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1500 NE Englewood Road.



Trustees serve the Village without compensation because of their concern for the welfare of the Village. There are five Trustee who

serve a two year term. This year, three of the five positions will be determined.

The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at the Oakview City Hall, 6404 N. Locust at 7:00 PM for approximately one to two hours. Each trustee accepts a specific assignment for such responsibilities as road maintenance, ditch clearing, and contact with electric and gas companies when needed.

Five of your neighbors have offered to serve as Village Trustees. The ballot will look similar to the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
VILLAGE OF OAKS
CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007

FOR TRUSTEE
(2 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR THREE

- JoLynne W. Martinez
- Scott Jones
- Michael Dillahunty
- Terence E. Vaughan
- Ryan Hicks
- _____
(WRITE IN)
- _____
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**YOUR
VOTE
MATTERS!**

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Before You Dig - 800-DIG-RITE
Nat. Gas Leak - 800-582-0000
MODOT - 800-222-6400
Highway Patrol - 800-525-5555

A Year of Changes ... Not Done Yet

Last April, two new faces, Ronda Jones and Peter Nielsen, were elected to the Board of Trustees. During the year, Ryan Hicks volunteered to fill the remainder of John Hagen's term and Susan Nielsen offered to take on the role of Village Clerk.

In December, Betsy Rosetti informed the board members that she would not seek re-election. Betsy's leadership,

experience and deep care for the Village will be greatly missed.

However, Betsy said not being the chairperson will free up time for taking the next steps to fully establish a neighborhood watch program.

Residents Input Requested
There is a strong desire to see improvements within the Village. This improvement

can take many different forms based on discussions by the Village Trustees and input from the Village residents. As stated above, the Village Board meets the second Monday of every month. Village residents are highly encouraged to attend and bring forward any suggestions and opinions on how to improve our Village.



Spring is in the air

Spring Clean Up

As happens every year, it is time to clean out the ditches around your property in preparation for Spring rains. This is especially important to decrease any wear-and-tear caused to the roads due to water and erosion.

KC Water Dept. and Roads

Over the last year, we have all been affected by various holes, markers and semi filled spaces due to water main

repairs. The Kansas City Water Department has a system where each repair is put on a list and slowly moves up the list. Ryan Hicks regularly calls to remind the KC Water Department that repairs have not been



completed and receives how close to (or far from) the top of the list are our repairs.

West Nile Virus—Fight the Bite

With this mailing is a flyer sent by the Clay County Health Department on preventing mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus.

Included with this publication is the six month Village financial summary.

Being a Village Trustee

Current Services

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the budget for 2007. The highlights are:

Est. Income:	\$39,860
Fire Suppression:	\$17,500
Legal Fees:	\$10,600
Road Repair:	\$4,000
Street Lights:	\$3,240
Clerk Salary:	\$1,800
Snow Removal:	\$1,500
Insurance:	\$1,300
MAST Ambulance:	\$1,100
Election Costs:	\$500
Other Expenses	\$1,337

Expenses exceed income by \$3017!

This budget does not include an estimated \$25,000 expenditure in the event the Lloyd property case goes to a jury trial. If that occurs, bond and loan options are being evaluated.

What Are Some Options?

Due to anticipated legal fees for the Lloyd property, road repair and snow removal are under-funded.

To balance the budget and make improvements in the

Village, income has to increase. Various ideas are being researched:

1. Vote for a city sales tax. As the Village is residential, sales tax would only be generated on the purchase of vehicles, boats or airplanes.
2. Vote for setting the real estate and personal property tax rates at \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed value. Due to the Hancock Amendment, this rate has fallen to \$0.41 per \$100.
3. Require any construction, roofing, siding/window installation, cement, paving or home repair company doing business within the Village to pay a minimal permit/licensing fee. The objective is to have documentation that the company is licensed, bonded and insured. Bonding for protection of the homeowner and insurance for protection of neighboring property or Village infrastructure.
4. Require any business that does regular business within the Village (such as trash,

lawn care or water delivery) to obtain an annual permit/license. The objective is the same as in the previous item.

5. Post signs at the entrances to the Village stating the maximum vehicle weight allowed without a special permit. The objective is protection of the roads.

6. Research additional franchise fees related to telecommunication services. Franchise fees are currently received from KCP&L, Time Warner and MO Gas Energy.

7. Research any and all available grants.

8. Join the Missouri Municipal League (www.mocities.com) to leverage their services and the experience of towns and villages similar to our Village.

Getting Involved

If any of these issues, thoughts or ideas resonate with you, please attend the next Village Board meeting on April 9th.

Your Village needs YOU!

Where are my taxes spent? What services do I get?

What are some options to balance the budget?

How can I help?

