



# The Village Voice

### Special points of interest:

- Snow removal.
- Sales taxes.
- Oaks, MO not KCMO.
- Greener days.
- Roll out the Welcome mat.

## Winter Roads

### Snow and Ice and Freezing Rain (Oh My!)

#### ATTA' Boy

The next time you see Ryan Hicks tell him thanks for being "the road guy." He is doing his best to be a weatherman, psychic and guard of the treasury. Determining when to call our



snow removal contractor is challenging. The current rule of thumb is four inches of snow. To help decrease costs, Ryan talked with the two neighboring villages who use the same contractor. If the contractor can get approval from all three villages, he can be more efficient and service all three villages on one trip. For a "rule of thumb"

example, with the most recent snowfall, it may not have been four inches, but Ryan had the contractor plow. It worked out very well because the sunshine took care of what the plows did not. Oakwood decided not to plow and they ended up with ice covered streets that caused school buses to get stuck in the morning. That afternoon, parents were called telling them the buses would not drive through Oakwood and children had to be picked up at alternate, ice-free locations.

amounts will go straight back to Village services (roads, street lights, fire protection and ambulance service). It should be noted that the Village Trustees serve without any financial compensation. The only paid position is the Village clerk.

#### SAY IT LOAD, SAY IT PROUD

Whenever possible, Village residents are encouraged to use Village of Oaks or just Oaks, MO whenever mailing address information is submitted. This ensures that any sales taxes goes to the Village and not to Kansas City or Gladstone. It is also neat to see mail addressed to Oaks, MO and not Kansas City, MO. This is especially important when registering a new vehicle.

#### VOTING FOR MORE

In the last two general elections, Village residents voted for sales tax increases to go toward transportation / roads, fire suppression / protection and general revenue. These additional

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Emergency contact numbers:  
 Sheriff - 407-3750  
 Fire/Ambulance - 513-0911  
 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  
 MODOT - 800-222-6400  
 Highway Patrol - 800-525-5555

## Winds of Change

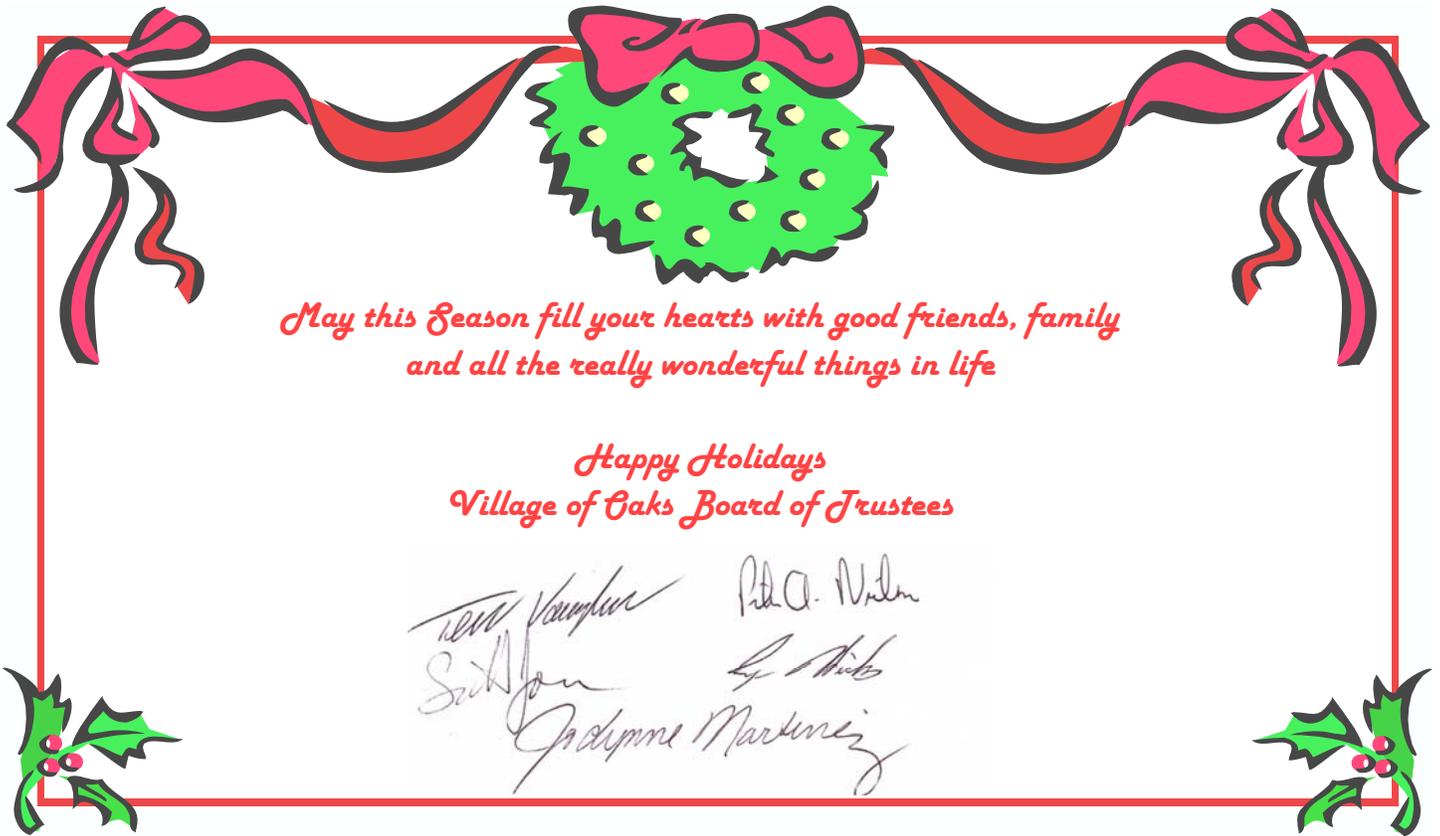
At the December Village Board of Trustee meeting, the topic of wind turbines came up. The Nielsens already have solar panels that have been operational for a year.

(They are willing to talk to anyone interested in finding out more.)

With the density of beautiful trees, solar panels may not be an option for most homes, but

residential wind turbines might be a viable option.

If any family is considering it, the Board of Trustees would like to create an ordinance with all necessary details.



### Reduce Reuse Recycle (The other 3Rs)

**What can I do to recycle?**

**What about the other stuff?**

**Who's new?**

As a reminder, there are two local recycling centers: Metro North Community Recycling Center and Deramus Community Recycling Center. Both are open Wed - Sat, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Bridging the Gap website has additional details. ([www.bridgingthegap.org](http://www.bridgingthegap.org) )

**Rusting Paint Cans**  
Kansas City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



program accepts, manages and recycles or safely disposes excess or unwanted household chemicals. The facility is located at the Environmental Campus, 4707 Deramus. Open Thurs - Sat 9:00 am to 4:00 pm by appointment only

(816-784-2080). They accept paint and paint products (all types), household cleaners, aerosols, pesticides, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, used oil, fuels, car batteries, household batteries, and essentially any household chemicals. The KC HHW website has additional details. ([www.kcmo.org/water.nsf/web/hhw](http://www.kcmo.org/water.nsf/web/hhw))

### Welcome to the Village

#### New Neighbors

We would like to welcome a few residents to the Village. Please make a point to greet them! If you are new to the village, and are not listed, let us know you are here.

“In contentment and joy are found the height and perfection of all love towards our neighbor.”

~William Ames

Dana & Sean Hipsh  
440 N.E. Martin Blvd.

Jennifer & Chad Howerton  
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Candace Kaster  
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