



The Village Voice

April 5th Municipal Elections

Vote on April 5th, 2011. The ballot for the Village of Oaks will look like:

Municipal Elections

Understanding
Proposition 1

A Nice Place to Live

Spring Traditions

Working Together.

Spending Wisely

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2011

VILLAGE OF OAKS, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

FOR TRUSTEE
2 YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR TWO)

- Ryan Hicks
- Terry Vaughan
- Scott Jones

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PROPOSITION #1

Shall the Village of Oaks contract with a single trash company to provide trash and recycling services to be paid by all Village of Oaks homeowners through an annual bill sent in June to be paid by the end of July? The bill will be based on the fee charged by the trash hauler and divided equally among all home owners. The estimated cost is \$120/year. The trash company will provide a trash cart to each residence. The trash company will provide other services such as bulky item, leaf and lawn disposal, which each homeowner will pay separately to the trash company at a reduced, contracted rate.

YES

NO

Explaining Proposition 1



The two previous newsletters contained information on the ballot initiative to have one provider for all our solid waste services. The goals being to decrease the number of trash trucks that go through the Village, provide recycling services, address individual households need for yard waste pickup, provide these services at a cost that is less than what individual residents currently pay and pay for these services in a manner that is equitable to all Village residents. Proposition 1 is designed to meet all the goals. It entails additional work for the Village Clerk, but the benefits are multiple. From a study done in Minnesota, one trash truck puts as much wear-and-tear on a road as 1500 automobiles. Multiply that by the number of trash trucks that pass through the Village and the wear-and-tear becomes significant. Having one trash hauler who supplies the trash carts means, trash containers by the street only one day a week and a uniformity in the trash containers on that day. With recycling services, the amount of trash is decreased and the amount that would go to landfill is diverted and reused. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Going Beyond to Keep the Village Looking Nice

“Thank You” to all the Village residents that make their yards and gardens look nice. It makes an evening walk through the Village an enjoyable experience. A special “Thank You Very Much” goes to those folks who go beyond their own yard and take care of the common areas in the Village. Without that extra effort, the common areas would distract from the beauty of the houses, lawns and gardens thought the Village.

Prop 1

Extra Effort Thanks

Our Neighbors

Bi-annual Financial

Review

Spring Traditions

Every Spring is the Newsletter reminder to clean leaves, branches and whatever other “stuff” out of your ditches. This Spring is no exception. Keeping ditches clear allows Spring rains to stay off the roads and decrease road wear-and-tear caused by unchanneled water.

Working with Neighboring Towns

In addition to taking advantage of the Kansas City Solid Waste contract, we are also working with Gladstone. We contract with Gladstone for Fire and Ambulance services. We will tie onto their road resurfacing contract to get lower rates than we would get contracting it ourselves. Research is on-going to determine how Gladstone police officers can respond and take normal law enforcement actions on the north-bound lane of North Oak where it borders the Village. Currently, if there is an accident or unsafe driver in that lane, an officer from the Clay County Sheriff’s office is required. The Village Board of Trustees goal is to provide the safest environment for all the Village residents. More to come..



What do my tax dollars pay for?

Enclosed is the bi-annual financial statement for the Village. If you have any questions, please attend the next Village of Oaks Board of Trustees meeting on April 11, 2001 at the Oakview City Hall building.