



# TWIN OAKS TRIBUNE

## Mark Your Calendar

**Twin Oaks Night Out**  
Tues., Sept. 28 6:30 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wed., Sept. 29 6:30 pm

**Columbus Day**  
Mon., Oct. 11 Village Office  
open and trash on regular  
schedule

**Halloween Party in the Park**  
Sun., Oct. 31, 6:00 pm

**Turn Clocks Back**  
Sat., Nov. 6

**Daylight Savings Time**  
Sun., Nov. 7

## Other Meeting Dates

**Board of Trustees-7pm**  
Oct. 6, 20 & Nov. 3, 17

**Park Committee-6:30pm**  
Oct. 14 & Nov 11

## Picture Contest

The Park Committee will be reviewing photos for the 2011 Twin Oaks Park Calendar at their October 14 meeting. Please send your pictures on disc or in J-peg format by e-mail to Angie Fuchs at [afuchs@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us](mailto:afuchs@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us) by the deadline of October 1. Prizes given out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

## Leaf Vacuuming

October 6, 20  
November 9, 16 & 30  
December 7 & 21\*  
\* if needed

Please make sure leaves are 10 feet or less from the curb. They can be blown as high as you can. Also, please have them blown out by 7:00 am. The contractor will not come back if you are not ready or are still blowing.

## Chairman's Message

Dear Resident:



Several years ago, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #37 setting a policy for residential right of way maintenance. As this policy was not approved as an ordinance, we could not address non-compliance of this policy. At their last meeting, the Board approved Ordinance #319, creating a new Chapter 127 in the Code entitled "Maintenance of Public Right of Ways", excerpts of which are enclosed for your review. You can see the entire ordinance by going to our website at [www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us](http://www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us) or going to the Village Office to review.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has been diligently working on a proposed Ordinance regarding driveways, curb cuts and impervious surfaces. The Board gave first reading to this ordinance, but it went back to the P&Z members in order to further review the definition of curb cut and the number allowed, definition of circular drive and its requirements, number of vehicles allowed, rear parking and parking restrictions in order for mail to be delivered. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the final proposal. The Planning and Zoning Members will begin reviewing amendments to our sign code next.

Congratulations to both Village Administrator/Clerk Kathy Yahl and Assistant Village Clerk Sharon Ratliff as they received acknowledgements at this year's MO Municipal League Conference for their accomplishments in government education. Kathy received the Missouri Professional City Clerk designation from MOCCFOA (Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Asso.) & the Master Municipal Clerk designation from IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks). These designations include 400 hours of education and are equivalent to a Master's Degree in the City Clerk Profession within the State and internationally. Sharon received her equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree (200 hours) with the designations of Missouri Registered City Clerk and Certified Municipal Clerk respectively.

I would like to encourage any of you who have not signed up to be included in our e-mail listing

or emergency contact program to please do so. Both have become valuable tools with Village staff and the Police/Fire Departments. If you have not signed up and wish to, please contact Angie Fuchs at [afuchs@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us](mailto:afuchs@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us) or call 636-225-7873 to get further information.

For those of you spending time in the park, you may have seen utility markings throughout. The Board has hired George Butler Associates to do an extensive boundary and topographical survey of the park. With the addition of the a new pump, additional electric and playground/stormwater improvements, information on utilities, boundaries and other items are necessary. This survey will be utilized as we move forward with future enhancements as well.

Lastly, I want to thank those of you who have complimented the Board on the enhancement area at Highway 141 and Big Bend. Sometimes it takes a while after a project is constructed to see it to fruition, but now that the trees and plantings are becoming established and we are maintaining all grassy areas, the outcome of this long project is beginning to show and as further improvements are completed along the Highway 141 corridor, we are sure we have created a defining landscape landmark to the area, which will enhance both our commercial and residential districts.

Sincerely,

*Paul Brockmann*

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Chairman, Board of Trustees

## Candidate Filing for 2011

Candidate Filing for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Election will open December 14 at 8:00 am and close on January 18 at 5:00 pm. In order to qualify to run for a Trustee position you must be 21 years of age; be a U. S. citizen; have resided in the Village for at least 1 year prior to election and must reside in Village at time of election. There will be 3 seats expiring on the Board at the time of the election. For further information, please go to our website and click on Government (Municipal Elections) or call Assistant Clerk Sharon Ratliff at 636-225-7873 for more details.

## Directory

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**Police Non-Emergency**  
636-225-0425

**Fire Non-Emergency**  
Valley Park (63088)  
636-225-4288

West County (63021)  
636-227-9350

**All Emergencies**  
Please Dial 911

## Important Websites

Village of Twin Oaks  
[www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us](http://www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us)

Chamber of Commerce  
[www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

St. Louis County  
[www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com)

Valley Park Fire  
[www.vpfire.org](http://www.vpfire.org)

West County Fire/EMS  
[www.wescofire.org](http://www.wescofire.org)

## Hazardous Household Waste Collection

It's not too late to dispose of your household chemicals. The St. Louis County Health Department has **one more Event on Saturday, Sept 25 at South County Center** (south of Dillard's and Sears Stores. Enter from Lemay Ferry Road just south of S. Lindbergh Blvd) from **8:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or tax bill will be required as the events are only open to County residents.

Acceptable items include: paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ pit size and smaller) fluorescent tubes, household batteries (rechargeable), anti-freeze, brake and transmission fluids, pool chemicals, and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, drive sealant, and mercury-containing items (thermometers, thermostats, mercuric salts).

Unacceptable items include: smoke detectors, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, household trash, tires and other bulky items.

For more information, call the St. Louis County Department of Health at 314-615-4130.

## Got Drugs? Pharmaceutical Disposal

On Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, you can turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal during the National Take-Back Initiative. This one-day event provides an opportunity for the public to surrender unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications in hopes to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical substance abuse. The program is anonymous and includes prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications (i. e. tablets and capsules). No intravenous solutions, injectables or needles will be accepted. Illicit drugs are not part of this program. For more information go to the DEA website at [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for all the locations available the day of the event. Currently, the closest locations (6 miles or less) to our residents include:

Ballwin Police Dept, 300 Park, 63011  
Ellisville Police Dept, 37 Weis Avenue, 63011  
Clarkson Valley Police Dept, Substation,  
15933 Clayton, 63011  
Sunset Hills Police Dept,  
3905 S. Lindbergh, 63127  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office,  
#34 Dillon Plaza, High Ridge, 63049

## Trash Schedule Alert!

There was some confusion in reading the last newsletter. Trash and bulky item pickup is still on Mondays and Recycling and Yard Waste pickup is on Wednesday. The pickup schedule only changed during the week of the Labor Day holiday. It has now resumed back to the regular schedule above and WILL NOT change again during any of the following holidays: Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas. If you ever have questions about the refuse schedule, please call us 636-225-7873 for more information.

## Events Calendar

### Tuesday, September 28 - Night Out in the Park

Beginning at 6:30 pm, meet us in the Park for a Night Out to include Subway sandwiches, Dairy Queen Ice Cream, drinks and special Police demonstrations to include the St. Louis County Helicopter landing, a canine demonstration and other demonstrations and displays.

### Sunday, October 31 - Halloween Party

Get a free hot dog and drink in the park before going out trick or treating. The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm.

## Getting Healthy

Don't wait for a New Year's Resolution to be made. The Village has agreements with both Des Peres and Fenton that our residents can join their facilities at the residential rate and the Village will pay for the remainder of the non-resident fee. Utilize the contact information below for further information and pricing as follows:

The Lodge of Des Peres

[Www.desperesmo.org](http://www.desperesmo.org)

(314) 835-6150

Fenton Riverchase

[Www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org)

(636) 343-0067

## Keeping Sales Tax Monies in Twin Oaks

When purchasing a new or used car, truck or motorcycle, please remember to tell the License Bureau that you are a Twin Oaks Resident (Site code 1413). This will keep the sales taxes from going to the general zip codes of 63021 (Ballwin) or 63088 (Valley Park). We have just finalized reviewing these codes for the past several years and found numerous incorrect coding, which we are trying to recoup from the State. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.