



TWIN OAKS TRIBUNE

Mark Your Calendar

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat., Aug. 29, 3-7 pm

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Sat., Aug 29, 8:00 pm
"The Sandlot"

LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 7

USO BENEFIT DANCE

Sat., Sept. 12, 7-11pm

TWIN OAKS NIGHT OUT

Tues., Sept. 15, 6:30pm

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM ON PARK PLANNING

Wed., Sept. 16, 7pm

PARK VOLUNTEER DAY

Sat., Sept. 19, 10:00 am

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sat., Oct. 31, 6:00 pm

Other Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees

1st & 3rd Wed. of month
7:00 p.m.

Park Committee

2nd Thursday of month
6:00 pm

Planning/Zoning Commission

3rd Wed. of month
6:00 pm (As needed)

Board of Adjustment

(As needed)

**The Village Office will
be Closed**

**On Labor Day, Sept. 7
But Open on
Columbus Day, Oct. 12**

Chairman's Message

Dear Resident:



I want to thank all of those who participated in our Park Survey. We received an overwhelming response (over 75) , which has really helped in guiding the Village towards a future improvement plan. For results of the survey, please go onto our website at www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us and look under Parks and Recreation. Our Final Public Forum in which a recommended plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm in the Village office. If approved, a grant application will be submitted to the St. Louis County Municipal Grant Commission by October 30 for funding to pursue these improvements. The Village should find out in February, 2010, if these funds are granted.

In keeping you up to date regarding our dialogues with MSD representatives, we are encouraged by the progress that has been made. Our Administrator and Village Engineer met yet again with MSD to review our most recent Hydraulic Model and Design. The three main areas we are reviewing for upstream detention include the Ann Avenue Detention Basin, the box culvert at Crescent Avenue and Road and finally, addressing current stormwater detention within the Birnamwood Condominiums. Due to the tight vicinity of the Condos, MSD agrees with our staff that prioritizing improvements to the Ann Avenue Basin and then the Crescent Road area would be the most beneficial and least intrusive for the Village. We are now looking at ways to improve the Ann Avenue Detention Basin to collect more upstream water. In the near future, the Board will again discuss reclassifying Crescent Road to make it a 2-way traffic area like the remainder of the street, thereby allowing to seek Federal grant funding to pay for the project needed in that area.

Although the Board has entered into agreements with the facilities of both Fenton Riverchase and Des Peres' The Lodge in order to allow our residents to pay "resident" fees for membership,

few residents have taken advantage of this opportunity. It is our hope that next year, the number of memberships will increase. For more information on these facilities, please look at our website or contact the Village Staff. Families may find this to be a more cost effective way to go out and do things together and singles or couples may find that this is a reasonable way to stay active and or meet new friends. Free tours of each facility are available at any time for your convenience.

As you will read further in the newsletter, The Park Committee and Administrative staff have worked together to put on a number of exciting, free events beginning with our Family Fun Day this Saturday, August 29, beginning at 3pm. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,

Paul Brockmann
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Emergency Contact Program

At the request of our Police and Fire Departments, we are asking our residents to participate in our Emergency Contact Listing. **This is a volunteer program and your information will not be given out to the public.** This listing is strictly for use by the Police and Fire Departments if an emergency arises for you or at your home so that we have background health information on file and so that you or family members can be contacted in case of an emergency. Please call or e-mail at 636-225-7873 or kyahl@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us with the following information:

Names and Address:
Home/Work/Cell Phone for All:
Names of children under 12:
Names of adults over 65:
Any Illnesses an or Allergies:
Names/Type of Pets:
Emergency Contact:
Name/Address/All Phone Numbers

Directory

Paul Brockmann,
Chairman
636-225-4907
1483 Autumn Leaf Drive
pbrockmann@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Karen Dresner, Trustee
636-825-9567
80 Crescent Avenue
kdresner@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Jim Owens, Trustee
636-861-6800
1540 Autumn Leaf Drive
jowens@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Ray Slama, Trustee
636-225-6776
1337 Woodland Oaks Drive
rslama@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Dennis Whitmore, Trustee
636-225-6996
1572 Autumn Leaf Drive
dwhitmore@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Kathy Yahl
Village Administrator/Clerk
636-225-7873
kyahl@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us

Police Non-Emergency
636-256-2602

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

West County (63021)
636-227-9350

All Emergencies
Please Dial 911

Only One Change in Fall Trash Pick-up

During Labor Day week, Sept. 7-11, all pick-ups will be 1 day later.

There will be no changes in the schedule for Columbus Day (October 12) or Thanksgiving (November 23).

Village E-Mail List

With the number of residents who have added their names to our resident e-mail list, we are increasingly becoming more dependent on this use of communication to get the word out to our residents. To be added to this listing, just send an e-mail request to us at kyahl@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us. We will respond when you have been added to the listing and then you will begin getting all notices sent out. Thank you again for helping to make this project such a success.

Sewer Lateral Repair Program

The Board approved a Sewer Lateral Repair Reimbursement Repair Program as follows: If you think you have a collapsed pipe, contact a plumber and have him cable the line at your expense. Once you have received the tape, contact Village Administrator Kathy Yahl at 636-225-7873. She will review the tape to verify eligibility. If eligible, the resident decides on his own contractor to do the repair and then pays for the repair in full. Copies of the actual bill and receipt of payment are then sent to the Village office for processing. Reimbursement will be sent to you after the voucher is approved at the next Board of Trustees' meeting. The Board approved a \$2,000 cap reimbursement, which is set by the Board of Trustees and can be changed based on funds available. As you know, residents are charged \$28.00 per year in order to help pay for repairs on sewer line breaks. Because the annual fees collected amount to less than \$4,900 and an average repair costs around \$3,000, it was difficult to continue the program as it was set up. This new reimbursement program helps defray the cost of repairing collapsed sewer laterals between the house and the main for more people. The Village can go back to the voters and ask for approval of up to \$50.00 per household annually as many St. Louis County municipalities have already done. In order to offer lower costs to our residents, this program is now being administered in hopes that the Village can keep up with reimbursements to our residents. This program allows residents more control in choosing their preferred contractors for repairs. The program will be reviewed annually to see if additional funds will need to be requested.

Volunteer Today!

Interested in volunteering to become a member of a Board or Commission to get acquainted with residents in the community and to help make a difference? Please contact us at 636-225-7873 for more info on vacancies.

Check Out the New Website

We are pleased to introduce you to our newly created website, which is now up and running. All pages are up to date and as you will see, many more pages have been added with more information and links than ever before. Check us out at www.vil.twin-oaks.mo.us and let us know what you think.

Phase 2 of Street Improvements Program is about to Begin

At their August 19, Board of Trustees' meeting, Phase 2 of the 2009 Street Improvements Program was approved and will begin in the next several weeks. The items included in this final phase of the program are adding rip rap rock to Crescent Road between 147 and 157 in order to help with drainage and salvaging the street. Striping of the entire Village will be done and curb and gutter will be added to the east side of Boly Lane from Big Bend to Autumn Leaf in order to get water to flow down the street instead of into resident yards.

Metro Bus Routes Find Their Way Back to Twin Oaks

"58X" has found its way back to Twin Oaks on August 3, 2009, due to extra funding given to Metro St. Louis for our bus lines. Although this is a temporary situation, we are pleased to be able to have the route back in our area. New bus schedules can be received by calling Metro at 314-231-2345. A limited number were sent to the Village Office and will be given out on a first come, first served basis. This brochure shows all the St. Louis and surrounding routes.

Hot Weather Alerts for Pets

Most of us think that come September, the hot weather is over. The Humane Society of Missouri asks that we remember our pets when taking them with us in our cars. When it is 72 degrees outside, a car's internal temperature can rocket to 116 degrees and when it's 85/120. A dog can only withstand a high body temperature for a short time before suffering nerve damage, heart problems, liver or brain damage or death. Please never leave your pet in an unattended car if the temperature is more than 70 degrees. If you see a pet unattended in bad conditions, please contact Animal Rescue Assistance at 314-647-4400.

Chamber of Commerce News

To find out more about surrounding businesses to include the areas of Ballwin, Clarkson Valley, Ellisville, Manchester, Twin Oaks, Valley Park, Wildwood & Winchester, go to www.westcountychamber.com.

St. Louis County Important Numbers

Assessor
314-615-5124
General Info
314-615-5000
Highways & Traffic
314-615-8501
Parks and Recreation
314-615-7727
Rabies Control
314-726-6655
Vector Control
314-615-8935

Be a Member of "The Lodge" or "Riverchase"

The Board of Trustees has approved agreements with both "The Lodge" of Des Peres and "Riverchase" of 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. For more information on the hours and amenities for each facility, please go to each respective website or contact each City as follows:

Des Peres

www.desperesmo.org
(314)835-6150

Fenton

www.fentonmo.org
(636) 343-0067

Free Events-Something for Everyone

The Village has a number of park events scheduled for all age groups as follows:

FAMILY FUN DAY

Family Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, August 29, from 3-7 pm promises something for everyone. Participate in the boat races, crawl or jump in the bouncer, (even adults can get in this one) enjoy the clowns and facepainters, spray your hair wild colors, get a picture with family or friends in our photo booth, play lawn golf, climb into a fire truck, ambulance or police car, grab a hot dog and enjoy your family. The fun begins at 3:00 pm. Bring your own cooler of snacks and beverages.

MOVIE NIGHT

After the Family Fun Day, come join us for the Saturday Summer Family Sizzler and enjoy "The Sandlot" with the whole family beginning at 8pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, grab some free popcorn and enjoy a summer evening under the stars.

USO DANCE NIGHT

There are only a limited number of spaces left for this special "adults only" night to be held on Saturday, September 12 from 7-11 pm. There's nothing like listening to the Original Knights of Swing to take you back to the 1940's. Come dance the night away for a good cause under the Park Pavilion, where snacks, beer, soda and water will be served. Just like the old USO events, we'll also have donuts and coffee available provided by Starbucks and Krispy Cream. Reservations can be made by contacting the Village Hall Office. The price is \$10.00 per person.

TWIN OAKS NIGHT OUT

September 15, beginning at 6:30 pm, meet us in the Park for a fun night of free Subway sandwiches, Dairy Queen sundaes and drinks, with demonstrations from the St. Louis County Police Department & free giveaways.

HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE PARK

This annual event is held on Saturday, October 31 beginning at 6:00 pm. Come get a free hot dog and drink before going out trick or treating.

Help out at "Clean Up The Park" Day

If you haven't been able to join us yet this year, it's not too late to help keep the park the beautiful spot we all enjoy. We encourage anyone who can devote any time at all to help us pull weeds, pick up trash, etc., on Saturday, September 19, beginning at 10:00 am.

DID YOU KNOW THAT 5 TRIPS AROUND THE LAKE PLUS IN AND OUT OF THE PARK ENTRANCE IS 1 MILE?

VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR

August 29 Family Fun Day, 3pm
August 29 Movie in the Park, 8pm
September 2 Board Meeting, 7pm
September 7 Labor Day
Trash Schedule Pickup-1 day later this wk.
September 10 Park Committee, 6pm
September 12 USO Dance, 7pm
September 15 Twin Oaks Night Out, 6:30 pm
September 16 Board Meeting and Final Park Public Forum, 7pm
September 19 Park Volunteer Day, 10am
October 7 Board Meeting, 7pm
October 12 Columbus Day
Trash Schedule Remains the Same this wk.
October 15 Park Committee, 6pm
October 21 Board Meeting, 7pm
October 31 Halloween Party, 6pm

Keep Monies in Twin Oaks

When purchasing a new/used vehicle, please remember to tell the License Bureau that you are a Twin Oaks, Missouri resident (site code 1413). This will keep the taxes from going to the general zip code of 63021 (Ballwin) or 63088 (Valley Park).

In our last newsletter, we told our residents about a resident being billed Ballwin Municipal City Tax on her cellular phone bill and she is a Twin Oaks resident. We received several calls about the same thing happening to others and are now working with AT&T and Sprint to get that revenue given back to Twin Oaks. It is a long process, but we thank those residents who came forward to help us in the decision to move forward on this project.

No Tolerance for Dumping

Recently, there have been a number of violations regarding dumping. It is a violation to discard or dump any trash, debris or yard waste on any public street, right-of-way or public park within the Village. This includes dumping tree or yard waste over the fence unto park or church property. Violators will be ticketed and subject to fines of up to \$1,000.00.



**1190 MERAMEC STATION ROAD
SUITE 204
TWIN OAKS, MO 63021**

Meet Your Police Night

“Meet Your Police Night” has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Parkway South Middle School, 760 Woods Mill Road. In conjunction with our Neighborhood Policing Program, the St. Louis County Police Dept’s West County Precinct will be hosting this event. Reservations are requested so please RSVP by calling 636-256-7075. Come meet the Precinct Commander, Supervisors and Patrol Officers; learn about available Police Services and stay for the St. Louis County Planning Dept’s Q&A session to discuss important subdivision issues.

Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10

“Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned” is this year’s campaign slogan for Fire Prevention Week 2009. Once a child touches a hot stove, as the cliché goes, he learns his lesson—stay away from the hot stove. This cliché doesn’t take into account the pain and suffering from burns and burns should not be part of the learning process. This year’s campaign focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. The statistics are staggering. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns and more than 200,000 individuals are seen throughout the nation’s emergency rooms for burn injuries. By adhering to these simple safety rules, you can make your home safe as follows:

- *Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over;
- *Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove for children and grandchildren;
- *Never hold a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove or where a hot appliance might be in use;
- *Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking;
- *Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees; and
- *Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by Fire Departments across the country and has been observed for the past 85 years, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record. For more information on “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” Visit the National Fire Protection Association’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Village Photos Needed

Past and Present for Website

In order to have a variety of pictures added onto our new website, we are asking for submittals of pictures from our residents. These must be submitted on disc in a J-peg format to be able to be scanned onto the new website. If you have any submittals or questions on this project, please contact Village Administrator, Kathy Yahl at 636-225-7873 for more details.

Get Ready for Park Calendar Photo Submittals Contest

The Park Committee will be reviewing photos for the 2010 Twin Oaks Park Calendar. Please send your pictures on disc or e-mail by J-peg to mdabbs@vil.twin-oaks.mo.us by October 1. You may see yourself, your family or your excellent scenic shot displayed in our annual calendar.