



TWIN OAKS TRIBUNE

Village Office Closings

The Village office will be closed for the holiday season as follows:
Thursday, Dec. 24
Friday, Dec. 25
Friday, Jan. 1

Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees

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

Park Committee

2nd Thursday of month
 6:30 pm

Planning/Zoning Commission

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

Board of Adjustment

(As needed)

Trash Schedule

The Trash pickup schedule will not change the week of December 21 or December 28. All pickups will remain on their regularly scheduled days.

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.

Chairman's Message

Dear Resident:



As 2009 comes to an end, I'd like to share some important items that will come into effect in 2010. First and foremost is Census 2010. Ten questions, Ten minutes. That's all Census 2010 asks of each United States resident. In return, communities such as Twin Oaks get valuable information on how to make many planning decisions on issues including neighborhood and road improvements, emergency preparedness, public health and other services provided. The Village receives vital tax dollars based on this information. Beginning at the end of January, households throughout the country will begin receiving census questionnaires designed to determine the size and makeup of the U. S. population, as mandated by Article 1 of the Constitution. These findings determine each State's Congressional representation, County district lines, school district borders and regional planning. This year, the Census Bureau has made this a simple effort to get everyone to participate in order to get accurate information. I hope all of you will participate in the upcoming Census.

Next, we have contracted with St. Louis County to handle all occupancy permit inspections and other code enforcement services for the Village. When selling your home or changing renters, the home must first be inspected for re-occupancy. We follow the same codes as St. Louis County for all plumbing, electrical, HVAC and building requirements. To apply for an inspection, please come to the Village office and complete an application, which in turn will be faxed to St. Louis County and then one of St. Louis County's inspectors will contact you to set up an appointment. More information can be seen on our website or by calling the office at 636-225-7873.

In an effort to keep the Village the wonderful place it is to live and raise a family, the Board approved the utilization of the International Property Maintenance Code. At the beginning for the year, St. Louis County inspectors will take an inventory of the Village for those not in

compliance with this code. Items that they will be sighting include, chipped paint, broken siding and fascia, gutters, trash or debris in yards, trash cans in front yards and any other items within the code that are not in compliance. Letters will be sent to those homeowners that are in need of repairs and all residents not in compliance will have a 90-day grace period to allow plenty of time to repair or remove these items. At the end of March, another Village inventory will be completed and if these repairs have not been addressed, further action will be taken.

I hope among the hustle and bustle of the holiday, that you are able to take time to really enjoy your family and friends as that is really what is most important.

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

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.

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.

More Info Daily on the New Website

We have gotten a lot of good feedback on our newly created website and thank those residents for their input. 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.

Learning Strategies

Village Business Close-up

Nancy Kingsbury of Learning Strategies Tutoring Center offers a number of services to include private and small group tutoring for students elementary through high school. There are no contracts required and single sessions are welcome. Topics for group sessions will not only cover specific subjects, but study habits, listening and organization skills as well. Test Preparation and parent consultations are available. With over 20 years of experience in education, this flexible scheduling plan can be a tool your child is looking for. Located at 806 Meramec Station Road across from Fritz's Custard. For more information, go to the website at www.learningstrategiesNOW.com or e-mail, learning strategiesNOW@gmail.com.

No Tolerance for 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 onto park or church property. Violators can be ticketed and subject to fines of up to \$1,000.00.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND MAY
YOU HAVE A HEALTHY AND
PROSPEROUS 2010!**

Candidate Filing Now Open

Candidate filing for the April 6, 2010 election is now open. There will be 2 seats expiring on the Board of Trustees at the time of election. Qualifications to run for a Trustee position are as follows:

- Must be 21 years of age;
- Must be a U. S. citizen;
- Must reside in the Village for at least 1 year prior to election; and
- Must reside in village at the time of the election

Candidate filing will remain open until 5pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2010. For more information on filing, please contact the Village office at 636-225-7873.

Police Safety Tips

Regarding 2010 Census

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau advises residents to be cooperative but cautious when dealing with those workers coming to your door. How will you know a real Census worker from a con artist? All Census bureau workers will have a badge, a handhold device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification before answering their questions. While Census workers will ask for basic financial information such as salary range, they will not ask for your social security number, credit card or bank account numbers. Census workers will contact you by phone later in the process, but never by e-mail, so delete any messages that say they are from the Census Bureau.

Holiday Season Tips

- Don't withdraw large amounts from ATMs
- Go to bank during daytime hours
- Keep money in secure location when shopping
- Keep credit card carbons and receipts
- Keep car doors locked
- Leave packages in the trunk not in the car
- Don't leave items in car overnight
- Don't keep gifts near windows where they can be seen.

Tips to Deter Auto Thieves

- Always turn off engine and take your keys
- Always lock your doors and roll up windows
- Don't leave car running while picking up from Daycare facilities *(Most common place to have a vehicle stolen)
- Have your VIN etched into your windshield
- Install a Kill Switch or Fake Alarm
- Reprogram your GPS so a thief cannot get your home address

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

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).

For Better Trash Pickup

For all homeowners: Please place the recycling totes with the handle away from the street for easier pickup!

Newly Approved Ordinances

There are a number of ordinances, which have been approved the last 6 months that change our policies and procedures as follows:

