

The Village Voice

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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

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It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we hope it is safe and secure for you as well. Please remember to lock your cars, and notify the Third District Police (Affton 615-4266) of any extended holiday travel, as they will pay extra attention to your property while on patrol.

If you're having a holiday gathering at your house, and expecting 10 or more cars, please call the Village Hall at 842-4409 extension 2 to request that "No Parking" signs be placed on one side of your street, to prevent street blockage. Officer Mike will take care of placing the signs if you will provide him a week's notice.

Also, the lower room of the Village Hall is available for our residents. Please contact the Village Hall for details, to reserve a date, and get an application.



ELECTION 2011

In April of next year, three positions on the Grantwood Village board will be determined by election. We encourage Village residents with an interest in taking an active role in your community government to consider filing for office.

Registration begins December 21st, and we will be pleased to provide the appropriate form and instructions on how to register. Please contact Rich Muraski, our Village Clerk, at 842-4409 or trustees@grantwoodvillage.us



ANNEXATION UPDATE

The Annexation of the Erickson Property is still in process. After public hearing held at Sappington School, October 26th the Boundary Commission has up to 9 months to make their decision. We encourage Villagers to express their support of the annexation, in the interest of

both traffic and floodplain safety, to the St. Louis Boundary Commission at info@boundarycommission.com



DIRECTORY UPDATE

A new Grantwood Village directory is likely accompanying this newsletter. If any of the information shown is in error, please let us know at trustees@grantwoodvillage.us. We trust that this will be a valuable resource and encourage you to put names with addresses, toward getting to better know your neighbors.



NEW NEIGHBORS

Speaking of which - we would like to extend the Village's warm welcome to new residents Jacob and Erin Mohnke at 2 Grantwood Lane; Charlie and Laura Vago at 9034 Fernald Drive, Nick and Jennifer Hockenhull at 7340 Navarre Circle; Michael Kloster and Jessica Nicholas at 8828 Raleigh Drive, and Jack and Pat Williams of 7417 Raleigh Drive.



GRANTS FARM UPDATE

We have received questions about the progress on a proposal to make Grants Farm a national park. A request was recently made of our congressional delegation by the owners of Grants Farm to defer introduction of legislation to further this proposal, until the current owners better define their options. We view this as a pause in the process, rather than a problem, and are hopeful the proposal will be revisited shortly. To add your name and comments to the community supporting the permanent conservation of Grants Farm as a national park, please visit the web site savegrantsfarm.org



FOREST HAVEN ASSOCIATION

2011 membership forms will arrive shortly after the New Year. If you do not receive one, or have any questions, please contact Katy Forand at 843-0756, or

katyforand@aol.com. In the interim, news and events will be posted on the Village website - www.grantwoodvillage.us/homeowners.php



GRANTWOODIANS

Santa will visit Old Grantwood starting at 5:00, Saturday, December 18th. Christmas party begins 6:30pm at Village Hall. To help with food, setup or Santa, call Diane Forthaus – 843-8649 or tjdj@sbcglobal.com



CHANGE IN COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Our congratulations go out to Pat Dolan, the newly elected St. Louis County Council Representative for our own 5th District. He will take office in January, replacing Barbara Fraser, who did not seek reelection to the Council.



KUDOS TO OUR VILLAGERS
Thanks to Gale Illig for the outstanding work on Christmas

re-decoration for both sides of the Village. Also, a special nod to Genny and Rob Webelhuth for all their help in welcoming new residents.



TRASH TALKING

For those of you wrapping your gifts, the record shows that Grantwood Village generated 19.8 tons of trash, 8.8 tons of recyclables, and a whopping 36 tons of yard waste, for October alone. Aren't you glad it disappears from our curbs every Monday? The volume of recyclable waste in our Village is commendable. Is there still more you might be able to recycle? Could you be composting as well?



ORDINANCE REMINDERS
When out with your dog for a well-earned walk around your block, please be respectful of your neighbors by keeping your dogs close on a leash and cleaning up behind them. Thanks!

Reminders

Monthly Meetings

The Village Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. Notice of each meeting is posted in the window at the front door of the Hall. Villagers are encouraged to attend and we appreciate your comments and concerns.

Auto Decals

The \$5.00 charge for each decal appeared on your Personal Property Tax bill last December, but, if you have added or changed vehicles since, please contact the Village Clerk, Rich Muraski at 842-4409. Leased and company owned vehicles must have a decal.

Building Permits

If you build a fence, rent a dumpster, build a wall or remodel your home, you will need a permit from our Building and Streets Commissioner, Bob Bess. Some activities require a permit from Grantwood; some require permits from both the County and Grantwood. Before you start a project, give Bob a call at 843-2877 and he'll assist with the requirements and various codes.

