

The Village Voice

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ANNEXATION UPDATE

It was recently announced by the St. Louis County Boundary Commission that it had refused Grantwood Village's bid to annex a tract of land bounded by Gravois Road, Musick Road, Grants Trail, and The Affton Athletic Association. While acknowledging the county's right to make their decision, we remain firmly convinced that Grantwood Village would competently and appropriately administer this area. We hope St. Louis County will consider the safety and quality of life of its existing residents as its first priority in any future development of this area. We appreciate all the residents who attended the meetings in support of this proposal and participated in this process. We will continue to monitor this property and keep residents informed of any developments, news or otherwise.

ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

As we finish mudjacking our streets, please take a moment to ensure that your gutters drain past your curbs to the street to prevent water from channeling under the roadway and eroding the support for our roads. Also, if you live adjacent to a storm drain, please adopt it and help keep it running clear of obstructions.

ELECTION TIME

An election is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5th**, which will decide three Grantwood Village trustee positions for a two-year period. The candidates that have filed for election are:

Bob Bess
Mark Kienstra
Richard Muraski
Mike Jones

The polling place is our **Village Hall (lower level)**, and voting hours are **6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** We encourage all registered voters in Grantwood Village to get out and vote.

NOTE FROM OFFICER MIKE

Officer Thomeczek presents neighborhood updates at the monthly Board meetings. Recently, Officer Mike emphasized that if you are leaving for an extended period of time, for instance a week or more, please notify Village Police Officers, or the Affton 3rd Precinct. When the police receive this information, your address goes into the St. Louis County Police database, and it will receive extra surveillance by any police officer on duty. Extra note: If you leave for the evening, it is a good idea to leave some lights on in your home.

BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Yes, it's that popular twice-a-year event, where we get to clear out the moose heads and hide-a-beds from our homes, displaying them curbside for a short time, and then bidding them adieu. We have arranged pickup with Waste Management for **Wednesday, April 20th**. Anything that can be picked up by two men is considered bulky waste, **except**, white goods, such as dryers, washers or refrigerators, and electronics, are acceptable. This time, we contacted the Kidney Foundation to take advantage of our Bulky Waste. They have agreed to come through the Village, **Tuesday, April 19th** for donations. Please place your items at the curb **Monday, April 18th** if you would like to donate your bulky waste items to charity. Any remaining items will be picked up the following day by Waste Management. Should you need this service any other time of the year, please call 866-949-7762, and they will schedule a pick up for a fee.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

It's your Village and we'd love to hear from you. If you have an item you feel would be of shared interest to the community, please let us know – we'll be pleased to post it.

ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS

One of the great things about living in Grantwood Village is that there are few fences separating us. This gives the Village a park-like appearance and a more fully shared space. It's also a great neighborhood for walking our dogs. Please be respectful of your neighbors and bring a bag along to clean up after your pal.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Terry Humes has formed a best practices team specifically tasked with improving our processes with regard to street maintenance, and trees & landscaping within the Village's common grounds. As he is looking for individuals to represent specific streets and areas of interest, your participation is needed and will be welcomed. If you can give some time and interest to this team, please contact Terry at 265-3690, or twhumes@aol.com

75TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

If you have any historical information, stories, pictures, etc. you could share with us, we are still gathering information for the book about our Village. Contact either Kevin Bley (729-0335 or bley435@yahoo.com) or Katy Forand (843-0756 or katyforand@aol.com). We appreciate your help and look forward to another great 75 years!

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Two of Grantwood Village's high school students have just been named National Merit finalists. Seniors Gretchen Kohl, daughter of Tim and Margie Kohl, and Kevin Bock, son of Dan and Sarah Bock have been selected from over 16,000 semifinalists. It's a high honor to be two of the six Lindbergh High School finalists, and to qualify for prestigious National Merit scholarships. We are proud of you!!

On January 8th, Grantwood sponsored a fundraiser for the Sunset Hills' victims of the New Year's Eve tornado. Thank you to the residents and neighbors of Grantwood Village for making our tornado relief event such a success. Through the generosity of all those who responded, we were able to raise over \$7,500.00 in cash toward direct relief for those most affected by the storm. Mayor Bill Nolan collected the proceeds personally, and was clearly touched by the outpouring of support from this community. A big thank you to Walk-Away Waffles (residents Pat and Jack Williams) and LeGrand's Catering for providing both good company and fine refreshments towards this effort.

SUMMER SWIMMING

Crestwood Aquatic Center has kept the same requirements for becoming a member, allowing

Lindbergh School District residents to join as non-residents. If you are interested, bring two pieces of identification to the White Cliff registration facility beginning **Saturday, April 9th at 8am**, and you will receive your non-resident membership. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis. Prices have remained the same as last year:

- Non Resident Family - \$375
- Each addl. Person over 4 - \$ 60
- Non Resident Individual - \$135
- Non Resident ID Card - \$ 25

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the center @ 729-4860 or <http://www.ci.crestwood.mo.us>.

FOREST HAVEN ASSOCIATION

2011 membership forms are in the mail. If you do not receive one, or have any questions, please contact Katy Forand - katyforand@aol.com or 314-843-0756. The Summer picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 13th. More information coming soon!

GRANTWOODIANS

Please check the Village website for updates: <http://grantwoodvillage.us/homeowners.php>

CHANGING E-MAIL?

If you do, let us know. Email is a great way to notify you of something immediately and we'd like to stay in touch.

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, Richard 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.

Grantwood Village Auto Sticker Request

(Please use a separate form for each request)

Resident Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____

Vehicle: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Vehicle is: 1) Owned by Resident 2) Leased 3) Other _____

Reason for Sticker Request:

- 1) Replaces previously owned vehicle
- 2) Additional Vehicle
- 3) Windshield Replaced
- 4) Other reason: _____

Date of request: _____

Please place this completed request form in the slot at the side door of the Town Hall



Reminder - Please detach and display in a visible location

**KIDNEY
FOUNDATION
PICKUP TUESDAY,
APRIL 19TH**

**BULKY WASTE
PICKUP
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 20TH**

Please see page 1 of newsletter for more details.