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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are so many things in this issue for you to read that I don't want to take up too much space. If you attended the March General Meeting (and you can read more about it in this issue), you'll know there were some excellent presentations given by various folks with information you can use.

Spring is here with its accompanying yard clean up chores. Most waste haulers will allow you to contract for yard waste pick up service for the spring and summer months only. Or, if you'd rather 'do it yourself', the yard waste composting facility in the former Peerless Park (off Elam and 141) will accept "green" trash by the pick up truck load. Please remember that leaves (and gumballs!) should not be swept into the street. There is no 'curb cleaning' that takes place here in OFE and they will be carried into the storm sewers the next time it rains causing backups. Speaking of yard waste, if you're like me and experienced many downed tree limbs from the January ice storm, I was grateful for the pick up that was performed by St. Louis County Streets and Highway Department. I think we might have been one of the first pick up areas!

Speaking of St. Louis County, if you've received your reassessment and want to appeal the value of your home, there is a process and anyone can avail themselves of it. The appeal forms are available after May 1 and must be filed by June 18, 2007. For more information about the process or to obtain forms you can call the St. Louis County Board of Equalization at (314) 615-7195. You can visit the County's website at <http://revenue.stlouisco.com> to view the records of any property in St. Louis County.

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A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Growing up in upstate New York, a kid has access to great museums, art institutes, pools, and libraries. If you could not afford them, the community would pay for lessons in the arts, swimming, etc. I thought every place was like this.

Moving to St. Louis was an eye opener. The philanthropy that kept community amenities alive was scarce. On finding a sub-division with a pool, great common ground, and a sense of community, we moved to Old Farm Estates. Our children loved the pool. We've joined every year for twenty years, even though our children no longer use it and we seldom go ourselves.

In my mind, it is part of maintaining this "sense of community". Without a gathering place for young people, what do you have to call yourselves a community? Land? Money? You have nothing except a sub-division of people caring for nothing but themselves.

I want my efforts to be community minded, i.e., supporting the schools, local pools, local scouts. This is what makes a community. Don't let Old Farm become a community that was a great place to live at one time because of lack of community involvement.

Skip Hart, Trustee

TRUSTEE MEETINGS
Thornhill Library auditorium.

Monthly Trustee Meetings at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
the second Tuesday of each month.

Next General Meeting, Sept. 18 at 7-9:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT

Kathy Schweitzer President
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OFE DIRECTORY

For directory corrections or new resident owner additions, contact the editor. The information will be published in the next Gazette.

Our address labels are obtained from the City and Village tax office. Contact their office for modifications at 739-4800. If its records are correct, then verify your property tax records.

Thanks to our advertisers for helping to bring the directory to you. Please patronize these sponsors whenever possible. Jerry Goldberg, Trustee

COMMON GROUND HOURS

This is a reminder that activity hours on Old Farm common grounds end at dusk during non-summer time. This means that no cars or persons should be on the ball fields, playground or surrounding area after dusk.

This area has experienced vandalism in the past. We ask your help in protecting our Old Farm property by calling the St. Louis County Police non-emergency phone number 567-9926, when you notice nighttime activity. Joyce Lehman, Trustee

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!

People who are closer than you realize handle all the business and community activities conducted by the Old Farm Estates Subdivision. They are your neighbors. You and your neighbors have and do volunteer to help in big and small ways. A lot of this starts with the Trustees but others who volunteer complete a great amount of the work. Over the years, many of your neighbors have volunteered to act as Trustees on your behalf. This is a group that changes year after year as residents come and go. They are and have been people who believe that a community flourishes when people get involved with each other and get to know each other. (Continued on last page)

OFE GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY, TUESDAY March 20, 2007

Approximately 65 residents attended the one hour forty-five minute meeting held at the Thornhill Public Library.

Neighborhood Policing

The summary for this subject is combined with Sam Craig's NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING NEWS article.

Neighborhood Preservation

St. Louis County

Presented by Larry Swinger Lead Inspector

Neighborhood Preservation program, with police coordination, has been in existence for almost 11 years. Priority is health, safety, children and elderly.

In unincorporated areas, each house must be inspected once a year. The inspectors drive slowly in areas looking for violations. If noticed, a walk around (Editor - walk around not defined) occurs and homes adjacent to suspect house are also inspected. Call Neighborhood Preservation to file a complaint: 99.9% are anonymous. (Editorial comment: - Call 615-7343 for more info or access <http://stlouisco.com/pubworks/neighborpres.html>.)

Handout Form -Notice of Violation Neighborhood Preservation

Re-Occupancy Program

St. Louis County

Presented by Larry Swinger Lead Inspector

Homes in unincorporated areas and older than five years will be subject to inspection by the county starting July 1, 2007. The fee for the inspection and the re-occupancy permit is \$80 payable by the party buying the house. An inspection takes 30 minutes to 2 hours and is valid for 90 days. Numerous county incorporated municipalities have this inspection. It's best to have the inspection prior to signing of the contract to avoid last minute surprises. Grandfather clauses may apply.

Legality of inspection items by the utilities and the county disagree. A utility may pass an installation while the county may say it's invalid.

Installation of new hot water tanks requires that an expansion tank be installed.
(Editorial comment: - access <http://stlouisco.com/scripts/epermit/formchoice.cfm?frmid=58> to view inspection details, pictures and an inspection checklist.)

Larry mentioned that the county needs 17 people for inspections. On the web, link to stlouisco.com and click on Job Search.

Budget

Presented by Ted Campbell Treasurer

Ted is a CPA and a controller for an insurance company.

See also the narrative section of the Treasurer's Report on the next page. After completion of the Treasurer's Report, a general discussion regarding subdivision expenses was held. A resident questioned the amount of money spent on the pool by the subdivision. Ted reported that the current budget for 2007 expected pool expenditures for capital maintenance items to be 11% of subdivision assessments (see the budget found in the Treasurer's report). This compares to a six year average of 21.4%. Ted stated that over the latest six year period the three largest categories of expenditures were Common Grounds (22.9%), Pool and Playground Capital expenses (22.6%) and Insurance (21.7%). Over the latest three year period, 23% of homeowners have purchased memberships at the pool. Historically approximately 65% of all homes have participated in pool memberships.

One resident asked if a special assessment would be needed to fund pool repairs. Ted discussed repairs completed on the pool over the latest six year period noting that approximately \$70,000 was spent replacing concrete and resurfacing the interior of the pool. Maintenance and repairs are being spread over time to avoid special assessments. Approximately \$900 was spent in 2006 on maintenance and repair.

Another resident questioned delinquent assessments. Ted noted that a handful (actually seven) homes were delinquent more than one year. (Editorial comment: - The trustees have authorized legal action against these owners.) Overall, with 558 homes in our subdivision we have good compliance with paying assessments.

Research has not been accomplished for replacing the pool fencing.

Pool

Presented by Sam Craig, Chairperson

This summary for this presentation is combined with the POOL FACTS article.

For most years, pool revenues have exceeded expenses, allowing a surplus to be available for future needs.

The trustees must consider all possibilities for pool membership, such as universal pool membership, present method or closing the pool. The pool committee is performing a study on pool membership and anticipated completion is the end of summer. The next step is presentation to the trustees and then to the lot owners. If the pool is closed, the entire subdivision must pay for it. The vote for A and B pool lot designation proved to be frustrating for the residents. (Editorial comment: - Ted Campbell's presentation also stated these facts.)

A resident questioned the wisdom of having a diving board. He works with people injured in such accidents and believes OFE should follow the lead of other facilities and remove the diving board.

Representative - Missouri Sewer District

Update on Current and Future Projects Scheduled for Old Farm Estates

The representative did not attend.

Miscellaneous

Presented by Kathy Schweitzer President

The mailed ballot for the eight at-large trustees is due May 29. You can nominate yourself.

No report from the Great Rivers Greenway project, a city / county bike and walking path. Utilizing our common ground, the two terminal points are Fee Fee Road and Creve Coeur Lake. The detailed alignment or path has not been determined and we are waiting on their surveys.

A resident asked, "what defines a family?" The county's definition and the OFE indenture definition are confusing and perhaps conflicting. A family can be related or unrelated. What is definite is that 80 square feet of bedroom space is required for each occupant. Thank you for attending.

OLD FARM ESTATES FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FOR THE YEAR OF 12/31/2005

On January 20, 2007, an audit was conducted for the Old Farm Estates Financial Statement ending 12/31/2005. The audit was conducted at the home of Ted Campbell by Ted Campbell, Sam Craig and Nancy Gray. Dan Bellows, the Treasurer during the year 2005, was not present. The following procedures were accomplished:

- Obtained a copy of each monthly bank statement for US Bank (checking) and the brokerage statement for the US Bank Corp Brokerage account (Tennessee Valley Authority Preferred stock).
- Obtained copies of US Bank account reconciliation for all months noting that bank reconciliations were prepared for each month and all balances agreed to the bank statement and financial statements.
- Reviewed reconciling items and agreed to subsequent bank statements and financials.
- Compared all brokerage statements to financial statements noting that the market value adjustments to the preferred stock holding were sometimes recognized in the following month. It should be noted that the preferred stock was sold in 2006 and invested in a money market account at St Louis Bank.
- Obtained copies of all City and Village statements and agreed all balances to the bank deposits and financial statements noting all deposits were made in a timely manor.
- Reviewed all expenses and agreed to each copy of cancelled checks and General ledger expense details noting all agreed. All checks had dual signatures, none were made payable to the treasurer and all appeared to be reasonable expenses for OFE.

Conclusion: - The financial statements for 2005 appeared to be in good condition and accurately reflected the financial position of the association. An audit 2006 has not been accomplished.

Ted Campbell, Trustee

TREASURER REPORT

Total assessments collected for the year ending December 31, 2006 was \$68,103. This included \$16,200 in assessments for the year 2007. Total operating expenses of the subdivision for the year ending December 31, 2006 were \$40,689. This compares to \$50,192 and \$57,172 for 2005 and 2004, respectively. Major contributors to the decline in operating expenses in 2006 are reduced expenses for pool maintenance, playground maintenance and parking area maintenance. The subdivision ended the year with \$55,683 in cash and investments. Currently the subdivision cash and investment balance is approximately \$83,000.

The year 2007 has started well. Trustee efforts to lower our insurance costs have resulted in a reduction in insurance expenses. Insurance expenses are expected to be approximately \$3,700 under budget. Two small insurance contracts remain outstanding and are expected to be approximately equal to the previous year's costs. Interest income is expected to average approximately \$160 per month higher than budgeted.

Old Farm Estates 2007 Budget

	2007 BUDGET	% of Revenue
<u>Income</u>		
Assessments	55,800	
Interest income	-	
Total Income	55,800	
 <u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Common Ground - Mowing, fertilizer mulch etc..	8,200	15%
Common Ground - Street Lights (NEW)	5,000	9%
Common Ground - Water & Sprinkler Service	1,400	3%
Common Ground - Landscaping Replace & Improve	2,800	5%
Pool & Recreational Facilities - Pool Repair	6,000	11%
Pool & Recreational Facilities - Playground	350	1%
Recreation - Special Events	500	1%
Insurance	15,000	27%
AmerenUE	5,500	10%
C & V Mailing & Serv. Exp.	3,200	6%
City & Village Fees -5.5%	3,069	6%
Printing, Mailing & Distr.	1,800	3%
Long Range Plan/Bldg.	1,000	2%
Legal Fees	300	1%
Taxes	200	0%
Internet	400	1%
Neighborhood Watch	200	0%
Misc	600	1%
Total Operating Expenses	55,519	99%
Net Income	281	

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING NEWS

A highlight of the spring General Meeting was a presentation by our Community Policing officers from the St. Louis County Police. Police Officers Jim Molden and Jim McBride spoke about the services the department offers and their efforts to keep our neighborhood safe. Though Officer Molden has primary responsibility for our subdivision, either will be happy to assist you. They can be reached directly at 567-9926 or at jmolden@stlouisco.com.

The officers addressed many neighborhood policing issues. You may have noticed that Officer Molden has placed the radar trailer around the subdivision recently as a warning about speeding. Take heed. The next step will be enforcement that is more active. They also urged the residents to get involved with Neighborhood Watch by signing up for email security alerts (see article in this Gazette for details) and being observant of non-typical vehicles, people, and behaviors. They also reminded us that most crime is a matter of opportunity. Keep garage doors and side-entry doors closed and locked. If the overnight patrol officer notices an open garage door, a letter is sent to the homeowner as a friendly reminder.

It's against the law to disturb the peace. However, the definition of 'disturb' is not absolute. What bothers one person may be tolerated by another. Please be courteous of your neighbors. If you do feel someone is disturbing you, contact the precinct and he or she will review the situation and make a judgment.

When a life is threatened, you observe a crime in progress or suspicious activity, call the police at 911– even if you aren't sure. Don't worry about overreacting. Otherwise, call the precinct at 567-9926 and an officer will be dispatched.

The department offers Vacation Watch service for those who will be away for an extended time. A patrol car will check on your residence once per shift – about 3 times per day. To request this service, call the non-emergency number, 889-2341. You will need the following information: dates and times you will be gone, your contact info, a local emergency contact, someone that will have keys to your home, vehicle info, lights that will be left on, mail and newspaper status, and any other special info about your situation.

The St. Louis County Police have developed a new unit dedicated to doing a better job of monitoring sex offenders. There are sex offenders living in our zip code. You can check the registry at <http://www.co-st-louis.mo.us/police/sexoffenders.html>. If you have information about an offender that is not on the registry, please contact Officer Molden immediately at 567-9926.

Officer Molden and the department continue to work with the Neighborhood Watch committee and the Board of Trustees to keep Old Farm Estates a safe and peaceful place to live. If you have questions or general security issues, you can contact the Neighborhood Watch committee.

Sam Craig, Chairman, at
OFENeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com or at
576-1514.

Continuation of President's Message

Don't forget that elections for At-Large Trustees are coming up May 29th. When you receive your official ballot in the mail, please take the time to mark and return your ballot.

Also, don't forget that we have a website, www.oldfarmestates.org, on which we post meeting minutes, updated information about your community and provide a way for you to email the trustees with questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful spring!
Kathy Schweitzer, President

GET EMAIL SECURITY UPDATES

The Old Farm Estates' Neighborhood Watch and St. Louis County Police are teaming up to offer you timely security updates via email. Neighborhood Watch is our local, grassroots effort to assist the police department in keeping our subdivision a safe and secure place to live. Being informed of criminal activity and threats in our area allows us to be more vigilant in our daily lives. In so doing, we can better protect each other by noticing people and behaviors that are warning indicators of possible trouble. Many subdivisions, including Seven Pines, are using email notices very successfully to combat crime.

An example of how this could have been important is the case of a burglary that took place in OFE in early March. There had been some of this type of activity happening in the area, especially in Seven Pines. The OFE residents left their home for a short time between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. In that time, a large TV and several other items were stolen. The investigation revealed that neighbors observed an unknown, white sedan parked in the driveway during that time. What these residents didn't know was that a similar vehicle had been associated with other recent burglaries around OFE. If we had been able to put out the alert, hopefully a resident would have taken steps to verify that everything was either OK, or called the police.

Many residents signed up at the General Meeting on March 20th and we hope you will join us. If you would like to receive email security updates, please send an email to OFENeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com.

Your email address will only be used to distribute critical communications from the Neighborhood Watch committee, the Board of Trustees, and the St. Louis County Police. It will not be sold or distributed.

Sam Craig, Trustee

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

I have received emails regarding residential complaints.

Try to avoid parking on curves on the opposite street side of a parked car. It is difficult to see oncoming traffic.

Driving fast in the subdivision. Many of the offenders are nonresidents using OFE as a cut thru. (As mentioned in the general meeting the police are aware of the speeding.)

Neighbors can be a little more considerate of others on the weekend and late at night when letting their dogs out in the yards. Let him / her back in before barking begins and waking up other neighbors. If barking continues call Neighborhood Policing at 889-2341. They will dispatch an officer to talk with the pet's owner. A helpful word to your neighbor(s) is suggested as well.

For stray animals, contact St. Louis County's Animal Control 726-6655.

Jerry Goldberg, Trustee

DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Gary Hall is the new district seven representative. Streets in this area include Beacongrove Dr., Pepperrell Dr., Roundstone Ct., Weatherfield Dr. and Barnhill Ct.

DISTRICT FIVE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

This district includes Pickfair Dr., Burlewood Dr. and Gatehouse Dr. Please contact me for more information.

Kathy Schweitzer, President

OLD FARM SWIM/DIVE/KICKBOARD TEAM

Come Join the Old Farm Swim/Dive/Kickboard Team. Be on a winning team for summer fun and exercise.

TOP FIVE QUESTIONS ASKED

- What is the Swim/Dive/Kickboard Team? It's a fun reason to get your children to exercise and have fun with their friends. It is made up of our very own Old Farm Pool Member's children.
- Who can join? You must be an Old Farm Pool Member. Children that are between the ages of 3-18 yrs. old. All swimmers, divers and pre-swimmers of any ability can join.
- When and Where? Practices are divided by age groups. We practice every morning Monday through Friday at the Old Farm Swimming Pool. There are five Swim meets on Monday nights.
- Does my child need to be good or a fast swimmer? NO, we have certified Life Guard coaches who will teach your child how to swim at his or her level. At the swim meets your child will compete against his or her age group.
- What if my child cannot attend morning practices? That's OK, with enough demand we will accommodate evening practices.

Need more information check out www.oldfarmestates.org. Click on Swim Team. Or call Debbie Nicholson 579-0026 or Chris Hester 453-9593.

SPRING CLEANING?

Have you been cleaning or remodeling and now have any of the following items that you would like to donate or give away? If so, the Pool committee may be willing to take these if they are in good working order. Please contact someone on the pool committee. Thanks for your consideration.

Refrigerator

PA System

Outdoor speakers

Countertops

Cabinets

Lockers

Shelves or baskets on casters (for lost and found items)

Cash register

Weber kettle in good working order

Ping pong table accessories (paddles, balls, net...)

Whiteboard

Other items you think would make a great addition to our pool deck or guard shack

Thanks and Happy Cleaning - The Pool Committee

POOL FACTS

As the heat and humidity of St. Louis approaches, it's time to think about how to stay cool this summer. Sure you can stay inside in the AC, at least until the next power outage, or you can join the fun at the Old Farm Estates Subdivision Pool!

So, don't miss out on taking advantage of this great value! In addition to the pool itself, OFE has both Swim and Dive Teams for our children that compete with other pools in the area. Swimming lessons for the kids are also available to all members.

The pool is an enjoyable way to keep cool and a great way to reconnect with old friends and neighbors after the long winter, as well as meeting new friends. In addition to the main pool, there is a kiddie's pool for those families with small children. Several Weber Grills are available for anyone to use, so bring your own food and beverages with you for a summer Bar B-Q with your family and friends. (It also keeps you from heating up the kitchen). It is also a great place to have a Children's Birthday Party or a Family Get Together. Members are allowed to bring guests for just \$5.00 per guest.

Registration forms will be mailed in April to all OFE residents. New members save \$50, and if you recruit a new member, you too can save \$50. New members are those who were not members in 2006. Grandparents, take advantage of the couple's membership whereby you can bring your grandkids for just \$5 per visit. Be sure to register early. The OFE resident membership rates for 2007 are:

Family Membership	\$299.00
Couples Membership	\$179.00
Individual Membership	\$149.00

Call Mike or Tammy Davis at 434-4572 to sign-up or if you have questions. You can also get info at www.olfarmestates.org. We'll see you this summer!

Meet Your Pool Committee

For more years than anyone wants to count, Skip Hart, Joyce and Jerry Lehman, and Doug Roth have anchored the pool committee. They have spent countless hours volunteering their time to make our pool and recreation center enjoyable. This winter, they retired from active duty on the pool committee. Everyone on the Board of Trustees and all of us in the subdivision, want to thank them for their service. Their tireless efforts have made our pool a haven of relaxation and source of pleasure. As word of their retirements began to spread, it somehow morphed into a rumor that the pool would not open in 2007. These rumors are unfounded. We have a fantastic pool committee in place dedicated to bringing you a fun and exciting summer. The committee includes: Ted Campbell (finance), Sam Craig (chairman), Mike and Tammy Davis (membership), Chris Hester (swim and dive team), Debbie Nicholson (swim and dive team), Ron and Michelle Tischer (treasurers). Plus, Skip, Joyce, Jerry, and Doug have all agreed to provide "consulting" services to the newer members of the committee. With your help at the beautification days, we're going to have a fantastic summer!

Sam Craig, Trustee

'07 Pool Season Is Coming, Earn a Membership Discount

Before the pool can open on May 26th, the pool committee needs your help preparing the pool. We will have pool beautification days on May 5, 12, and 19 to clean and prepare the pool for the summer. It's a big job, but if everyone does a little bit, it will be ready to go in no time at all. Please plan to help at least one day. Everyone who helps will earn at least \$20 off their membership fee AND will be eligible for a drawing for two 50% OFF membership fee certificates (if paid by May 25th). So please watch for signs posted in the neighborhood or check the subdivision website, www.oldfarmestates.org, for details. We'll see you there.

Did You Know . .

- The pool is owned by all Old Farm Estates homeowners and is administered by the Board of Trustees.
- Pool membership is optional and the members pay the cost of operating the pool – per the OFE indentures.
- There are three types of memberships: individual, couple, and family.
- You can bring a non-OFE guest for just \$5.00.
- A family membership entitles that household to include the names of all those living in the household, and the homeowner's children, parents, and grandchildren.
- Joining the pool is easy. Just call Mike or Tammy Davis at 434-4572.
- Membership fees have only increased 2.4% per year, on average, for the last eight years – less than the rate of inflation.

You can help! The pool committee would welcome your participation and assistance. Contact the pool committee for more information.

MISSOURI TAX CREDITS

Obtained from referenced web sites

The Missouri Department of Revenue administers two real estate tax assistance programs, the Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim and the Homestead Preservation Credit. You can only receive one of the credits. You should determine which tax credit program is more beneficial to you before you file for either credit.

The Homestead Preservation Credit gives qualified senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals a credit on their real estate property tax if those taxes increase 2.5 percent in a non-reassessment year or 5 percent in a reassessment year. The credit would be for the amount that exceeds the 2.5 or 5 percent increase in taxes. The act requires a legislative appropriation to fund the credit. If the funding is less than 100 percent, the credit will be a flat statewide percentage based on the appropriation amount. This credit will be applied against the taxes for the following year. An eligibility flowchart is available at <http://dor.mo.gov/tax/personal/homestead/flowchart.pdf>.

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim gives credit to certain senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals for a portion of the real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year. The credit is for a maximum of \$750 and can only be claimed on the home they occupied during the period being claimed. The actual credit is based on the amount of real estate taxes or rent paid and total household income. An eligibility flowchart is available at <http://www.dor.mo.gov/tax/personal/ptc/proptax.pdf>.

Lynn Reyner, Trustee

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Non-trustee volunteers also contribute and have contributed to making Old Farm a better community. They work on committees, specific special events or help with ad hoc activities. They also offer ideas and feedback that is of great value. Whether this is helping the Recreation Committee stuff eggs with candy for the annual Easter egg hunt, rebuilding the pumps at the pool or redesigning landscaping features throughout our common ground all of these activities take special talents. With 558 homes in Old Farm, we have lots of talent!

How can you get involved? You can start by visiting our web site at oldfarmestates.org. Our web site will list the many standing committees and committee leaders in the Trustee section. We continue to expand and improve our web site all the time. This also completed by volunteers who take the time to invest personally in improving our community so please be patient, we learn all the time. Rome was not built in a day!

If you have an interest, idea or special talent that you would like to share contact someone or come to a monthly Trustee meeting at the library. We need your ideas and efforts not just your criticism. Again, I will say, be patient.

Ideas are free. Not all things are possible. Action takes effort and at Old Farm the effort come from us all!

Ted Campbell, Trustee