



## OFE GAZETTE



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Trustee Meetings  
Second Tuesday of each Month  
Thornhill Library (Auditorium),  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 pm.

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### OLD FARM GENERAL MEETING APRIL 28, 2009 Thornhill Library

Sam Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

#### MONARCH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Representatives from Monarch Fire Department (MFD) spoke at the OFE general meeting as part of their community outreach program. Anyone is welcome to stop by the fire department to look around. Kids will receive a helmet. MFD will attend block parties, attend pool parties and bring a fire engine to an appropriate event.

In the past two years, the MFD has started several new programs. In addition to the following programs, MFD is anticipating receiving a grant for an educational smoke trailer. All of these programs are available to MFD Protection District Residents. To set up an appointment, register or obtain more information call Chrissy at 514-0900 x0. Or sign up at the website [monarchfirefighters.org](http://monarchfirefighters.org). More information on any of these programs is available at that site.

**CPR Training** – Offered free of charge at 13725 Olive on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Registration closes on the first Tuesday of every month. Each class is 2-3 hours and has a maximum capacity of 20. When there are enough OFE residents to hold a class together arrangements can be made.

**Car Seat Installation** – Certified installers teach you how to fit your car seat into your vehicle and secure your child. This class is typically taken by young parents and grandparents. The class is 20-30 minutes and requires an appointment.

**Smoke Detectors** – If you are unsure if you have the correct amount of smoke detectors, the right kind, if they are located correctly, or you are unable to change the batteries, call MFD. On a Saturday, a fireman will come to your home and verify proper operation of the smoke detectors. Please call 314 514 -0900 X311 to schedule an appointment.

**Bike Helmets** – Montgomery Bank has sponsored this program which allows you to purchase and fit a fire engine red bike helmet on anyone for \$10 (MFD cost). They will also fit your own helmet.

**Vial For Life** – This program is all about making sure emergency personnel people have access to a resident's medical information, as quickly as possible. Information such as medications, emergency numbers and medical conditions should be placed in a folder, in a convenient and visible location such as on a refrigerator. A sticker on your front door indicates that you participate in this relatively new program.

**Explorer Program** – This Boy Scout program allows boys 14-21 years of age to come in and train with the fire fighters. After training, they can ride in a min-van with fire fighters in non dangerous areas. Currently, fourteen kids are enrolled.

**Wings of Hope** - Has raised \$5000 this year for funding transportation for sick children.

**Golf Tournament** - This is a muscular dystrophy and cancer research fund raiser program. To date, \$100,000 has been raised.

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**Swim Safety** - This is a tentative program

Les Shenberg suggested that the district contact him for disseminating timely information on our Neighborhood Watch email list.

**PAGE-OLIVE CONNECTOR -**

Adam Spector, Project Manager III from the St. Louis County Highways and Traffic discussed the decision to recommend Alternative Route 4 as the preferred alignment for the Page-Olive Connector. The limits of this project are between River Valley Drive on the north and Olive Boulevard on the south.

This recommendation is good news for those in OFE, less traffic along the homes on Creve Coeur Mill Road and easier exiting to Creve Coeur Mill Road. A draft of the study, sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), contains information about noise, pollution, traffic, environment and social impact. There will be an open house on May 14 at Parkway Central High School from 4 to 8 p.m.

The project is a four lane expressway designed to relieve local traffic in the area from the present regional traffic. The connector will join the MoDOT Highway 141 project at and under Olive as a single point exchange similar to the Olive and 270 interchange.

The state and federal agencies have signed off on this preferred selection. The summary document can be found at [stlouisco.com/hwyweb/Publications/Page to Olive Connector/PagetoOliveConnector.html](http://stlouisco.com/hwyweb/Publications/Page_to_Olive_Connector/PagetoOliveConnector.html)

Click on Draft Environmental Assessment, Page-Olive Connector. It takes a long time to download, therefore, save it for future reference. (Search for section 4.1.2.2. as OFE is mentioned). The document is available at Thornhill Library

To get the project completed as quickly as possible, a design/build process is being used,

that is, design and build simultaneously. This means that portions of the project will be started prior to the completion of the entire design. This approach is being taken in part because the East West Gateway Coordinating group has designated \$20 Million of the federal stimulus money for this project. Acceptance of this money requires that construction be started within a designated period. Other contributors for this section (North of Olive) are: Maryland Heights, Chesterfield and MoDOT. The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) is reviewing the preferred alignment recommendation along with the other three alignments. FHWA is involved because federal money is involved (pre-stimulus).

The flooding on Creve Coeur Mill Road will not be fixed. Other small changes along the road and the addition of bike trails are a possibility. The retention ponds next to Creve Coeur Mill Road might be drained as part of the Metropolitan Sewer District trunk line project. Unfortunately Lucky Girl Nursery will have to be taken out for this project. A few residents along Creve Coeur Mill Road expressed disapproval of the preferred alternative and wanted corrective flooding action.

For those homeowners of all communities, that would like to sell their home but must disclose the Page-Olive project, questions can be asked and likely answered at the May 14<sup>th</sup> open house by the St. Louis County Right of Ways people. If anyone would like to make comments, they should be submitted through the website until May 24<sup>th</sup> or at the May 14<sup>th</sup> open house. Ground breaking is anticipated to start in 2010 with a completion date of 2012.

Editor comment: Some dates were updated from the April presentation. A new web page is in development for the Page Olive Connector. Announcement of final approval of the preferred alignment #4 by the FHWA is expected in mid June 2009. This last hurdle is the evaluation of public comments from the May 14-24 time frame.

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**GATEWAY RIVERS GREENWAY**  
**TRAILS (GRG) Sam Craig**

Kathy Schweitzer, the committee chairperson, coordinates with GRG personnel. The Trustees are negotiating with GRG on easements and compensation to OFE. In that negotiation, GRG determined that 16.9 acres of common ground west of Bookbinder is deeded to Kodner Development Corporation, the subdivision developer; however, the assessor's office lists the area as common ground. Our Trustees have authorized our lawyer to negotiate a settlement with Mike Kodner. OFE must file a quiet title lawsuit as the development company no longer exists. Hopefully the legal issues will be resolved this year. GRG anticipates construction starting in 2010 using funds from a ½ percent sales tax. Trail alignment determination considered residents privacy from the trail, visibility to the pool, bushes in place of fencing and ball field location. The trail will be 12 feet wide, asphalt with concrete edges, plus an additional two foot crushed gravel on either side for jogging. Trail usage is daylight hours only. Parking of non OFE residents will not be allowed. Creve Coeur Park is the closest trail head. There will be a raised walk across Bookbinder to slow down traffic.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sam mentioned the accomplishments for 2008, a good year. All of the community events were well attended; The Egg Hunt, July 4 Party and Halloween Night. The pool garage sale was a great success and over 100 people attended the pool trivia night. Landscaping occurred at the front of the pool along with a new fence.

This year, the pool roof needs to be replaced due to leakage. A new and improved security system is to be installed.

Progress continues on converting our indenture web image format to a digitized text searchable format and placement on the web. It should be easier to read and follow than the present system of referencing all the amendments with all the additions and deletions.

We monitored the Page Olive Connector and the approval process of the preferred alignment. The GRG is an ongoing effort.

Nancy Gray chairs the very active cul-de-sac committee. The cul-de-sac land is owned by St. Louis County and thus is not part of the OFE common ground. We have maintained these 22 areas, inconsistently over the years. The committee desires to upgrade all to a minimum standard and then maintain a common, minimum level of care. The problem is the long term maintenance of the cul-de-sacs, determination of responsibility and funding. A possibility for funding is a slight increase in assessment. It was noted that the \$100 assessment has been in existence for nine years.

If you have attended a board meeting in the last year, you have become aware of the Parkway property, the entrance on the east side Old Farm Drive from the Gazebo to the first house. OFE has always taken care of that property since the subdivision was formed in 1965. One resident feels this effort is improper. Parkway has surveyed the land to verify the boundaries. We are in the process of establishing a formal written agreement between OFE and Parkway for us to maintain that land. The Trustees believe that this land, even though it is not owned by OFE, justifies the expenditures of funds for an impressive appearance. It is, the entrance to OFE, and first appearances say much about the desirability of OFE.

As a lot owner, we should all be concerned about insurance for the subdivision. We have five types of insurance policies. Our insurance broker determines if we have adequate coverage and we shop for the best price. Policies are Property, Directors and Officers, (lawsuit going on right now covered is by this policy), General Liability, Sports and Accidental Medical. All policies are commercial. If an accident occurs on the common ground or at the pool (owned by the association), the home owner's association is protected. One resident was not satisfied with policy detail previously supplied to her.

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### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

The sign on Weatherfield Drive needs replacement

The OFE website has a link to GRG

Pot-hole at entrance needs to be repaired - this is a work in progress

Our insurance policies have a high Standard and Poor rating. A resident disagreed.

Common ground mowing at entrance is very steep leaving ruts in the ground.

Residents should sign up for the Neighborhood Watch email alert. Contact Les Shenberg at [lshenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lshenberg@sbcglobal.net) or 514-0280

Sam asked all Trustees to stand and thanked them for their service.

Minutes recorded by Jerry Goldberg and Dave Voeller

### **OUR WEBSITE**

The Old Farm Estates Website ([oldfarmestates.org](http://oldfarmestates.org)) is changing all of the time. The months of April and May generally create the most change because of all the activity surrounding the pool. The home page is updated regularly with current activity. Recently a page just for the GRG trail has been made active. I would encourage all homeowners to look at your subdivision website to see what information is there and what is not. There is a Contacts page that you can use to email any or all of your Trustees with comments, requests, encouragement, etc.

We have a constant amount of work to maintain our subdivision. Please, let our Trustees hear from you, the homeowners. And of course, volunteer.

David Voeller

### **REAL ESTATE TAXES**

The following information was published on the St Louis County Website.

Owners of residential real property in St. Louis County will receive their 2009 Change of Assessment Notice in the mail beginning mid-May. Those who do not agree with the Assessor's preliminary estimate of value of their property have the option to exercise their right to appeal that valuation.

To help residential property owners understand the reassessment process and to navigate their appeals, St. Louis County is once again offering the assistance of Property Owner Advocates during the 2009 appeal season. The 2009 Property Owner Advocates are a group of six real estate professionals that provide advice and guidance to residential property owners throughout the appeal process. Owners of a residential property may contact the Advocates by calling the Advocate Hotline at 615-4611 or by sending an email to [Advocate@stlouisco.com](mailto:Advocate@stlouisco.com). Advocate services are free of charge and are provided as a courtesy of the St. Louis County government.

Property owners may also look up assessment information for homes similar to their own by visiting [revenue.stlouisco.com/ias](http://revenue.stlouisco.com/ias) and performing a search by property address, locator number, owner's name or subdivision.

Ted Campbell

**PRESIDENT**

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**GOALS AND PURPOSES OF A  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of our community association is to maintain our commonly owned property and amenities, which include our garden areas, ball fields, subdivision pool, and playground, provide community centered activities to promote awareness, safety and social interaction, and to encourage residents to maintain the appearance of their homes so as to maintain the unique character of Old Farm Estates. Our goal is ensure that Old Farm Estates Subdivision remains one of the premier communities located in West St Louis County.

**Community Activities**

• Spring Party and Egg Hunt – Come and enjoy our annual Spring Party. This event will include a candy Egg Hunt for children of all ages. In addition, several local business owners will provide a chance for each family to win other prizes.

- End of School Year Pool Party. The pool will open to all school age children for one afternoon of fun following the end of the school year.
- Fourth of July Parade – each year we celebrate the fourth of July by parading from Fern Ridge School at Old Farm Dr and Creve Coeur Mill Rd to our subdivision pool. Our pool will be open to all residents on the 4th and will include lots of fun, games and entertainment.
- Adult Night At the Pool – each summer we will have an adults only night at the pool. Associated with this night are fund raiser games such as the trivia event. This is a fun night and is open to all residents and their friends and families.
- Halloween Treats – join us in the common ground parking lot at the pool to show off you costume and enjoy some Halloween treats and hot dogs.

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- Swimming Club – Use of the pool requires the purchase of a membership in the Old Farm Estates Swim Club. Membership in the Old Farm Estates Swim Club is open and available to all Old Farm residents at a discounted price. Non-residents living outside of Old Farm Estates may also purchase memberships. Please see our website at [oldfarmestates.org](http://oldfarmestates.org) for more information.
- Swim Team – The Old Farm swim team participates in the Gateway Swimming and Diving Conference and offers competitive swimming for ages 6 – 18. Children ages 3 – 6 may participate on the Old Farm Kickboard Team (non competitive home meets only). This is a great way for you to meet your neighbors and your children’s friends and family. Please see our website for more information.
- Ball fields – our common ground ball fields are open to all residents on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the chairperson of our common ground if you have any concerns regarding the maintenance of these fields.
- Neighborhood Watch - Our St. Louis County Neighborhood Policing Officers are Joe Ellis and Jeff Milam. You may report non emergencies to our precinct at 889-2341 (dispatch) or 567-9928 (direct).
- Garden Club – the Farm Trails Garden Club meets each Monday.

- Other Clubs – If you are interested in starting a club an Old Farm Trustee may be able to help. We can offer our website and other contact information to assist in bringing our community closer together.
- Bike Trail – Coming Soon. We are currently negotiating with the Great Rivers Greenway District to build and maintain a bike trail through our common grounds. Our section of the trail will be part of the I270 to Creve Coeur Park section of the GRG project. More information about the proposed trail can be found at [greatrivers.info/Projects/CurrentProjectsMap.aspx](http://greatrivers.info/Projects/CurrentProjectsMap.aspx)

**Old Farm Estates Pool Facilities**

The Old Farm Estates pool is owned by all of the homeowners of the Old Farm Estates Subdivision. A portion of your subdivision assessment is used to pay for long term repairs, maintenance and improvements to the pool facilities. Usage of the pool requires the purchase of a membership in the Old Farm Estates Swim Club, a members only nonprofit corporation. The cost to operate the pool, life guards, water, electricity and routine maintenance, are funded by the OFE Swim Club. The swimming pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Old Farm Estates Swim Club has a volunteer board of Directors that directs the management of the pool and swim team. The Swim Club Directors work with the Old Farm Estates Subdivision Board of Trustees to maintain and improve the facility. Volunteers are always needed, welcomed and appreciated. Please see the Old Farm website for more information about the pool club.

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**Subdivision Rules and Guidelines**

Our Indenture of Restrictions is the primary vehicle we use to guide us but we also recognize that St Louis County offers a wealth of services to assist and guide our community. The following excerpts are taken from our Indenture of restrictions and St Louis County Ordinances. Parenthesis items are references to our Indenture of Restrictions. Copies of the Indenture of Restrictions can be downloaded from our website at [oldfarmstates.org](http://oldfarmstates.org).

Indenture of Restrictions

Home Improvements

- All buildings or structures proposed for construction, i.e. decks, fences, sheds, swimming pools or tennis courts etc..., require written approval of the Subdivision Trustees prior to being erected. (Article III paragraph D, Article IV paragraph F).
- Proposed additions to buildings or alterations in the external appearance of buildings already constructed require written approval of the Subdivision Trustees. (Article III paragraph D).

In considering exterior home improvements, the Subdivision Trustees shall consider their duties and responsibility to maintain uniform characteristics of the subdivision and the effect on all property values in the subdivision. (Article III paragraphs E and K). Contact Shane Niefert 434-2990.

- Trailers are not permitted to be housed or parked on any lot, except as temporary and legally parked on an approved parking surface. (Article IV paragraph E).

- No commercial activities are allowed to be conducted from any residential lot. (Article IV paragraph D).
- Single Family Residences – One building per lot may be used as a residence and each lot is limited to a single family. No temporary residences are permitted. (Article IV paragraphs A, B and E). A single family is defined by St Louis County Ordinance No. 17121 – Adopted 7/7/94. Definition of “family”: an individual or two or more persons related by blood or marriage or a group of not more than three persons who need not be related by blood or marriage living together and subsisting in common as a single housekeeping unit utilizing not more than two kitchens (emphasis added as underlined).
- Dogs or cats kept as household pets are allowed. No livestock, poultry or other animals are allowed (Article IV paragraph C).
- Property Maintenance – In the event that a property is neglected or vacated the subdivision Trustees may exercise their duty to clean up the property and charge the lot owner for such service. (Article III paragraph C). Lot owners are encouraged to maintain their property by keeping trees and shrubs trimmed and well maintained as well as keeping their lawns cut and clear of debris. The Trustees shall notify any lot owner who in the judgment of the Trustees has neglected to maintain their property to a point detrimental to the value of all properties in the subdivision.

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- Street Lights – OFE street lights are rented from AmerenUE. If there is anything wrong with a street light, please call 342-1000 and report the problem along with the street light number which should be on the street light. Refer to the map on our website resources page if the street light number is missing.

**St Louis County Ordinances**

Streets and Sidewalks – the streets and sidewalks in our neighborhood are owned and maintained by St Louis County. The county will provide the following services on our streets and sidewalks

- St Louis County will sweep the streets twice per year upon request.
- The Department will trim trees located between the street and sidewalk on the street side for branches that are less than 15 feet above the street pavement and on the sidewalk side for branches less than 7 feet above the sidewalk.
- The Department will remove dead or dying trees.
- If roots are pushing up the sidewalk, the Department will either grind down any uneven concrete, fill the uneven voids or replace the sidewalk. Tree roots may be either cut or the trees may be fully removed.

Questions or concerns regarding the maintenance of our streets and sidewalks should be directed to Saint Louis County Service request line at 615-8538. In addition, please also notify the Trustee Chairperson, Mark Schonhoff 434-2053 of the Old Farm Streets and Sidewalks Committee.

- Cul-de-sac landscape islands – cul-de-sac landscape islands are owned by St Louis County. The County will not cut grass or attend to any plantings on these islands. They will remove or trim trees that are dead or dying.
- Neighborhood Preservation/Property Maintenance – the Neighborhood Preservation Department of St Louis County conducts property inspections. You can view the minimum standards for property maintenance at [stlouisco.com/pubworks/PMChklst.html](http://stlouisco.com/pubworks/PMChklst.html).

Problem properties may be reported to St Louis County by calling 615-7333. All calls are confidential.

- Nuisance animals – Animal control can be contacted at 726-6655.
- Blocking the sidewalk – vehicles parked in driveways should not block the sidewalk, please report any violations to our Neighborhood Policing Officer listed on page 6.
- Many other services are offered by St Louis County. More information may be obtained at [http://www.stlouisco.com/plan/trusteeresourcecenter/AtYourServiceBooklet\\_2007.pdf](http://www.stlouisco.com/plan/trusteeresourcecenter/AtYourServiceBooklet_2007.pdf)

**Assessments**

We use the offices of the City and Village to bill and collect our annual assessments. Annual assessments are billed one time each year. Assessments are due on December 31 for the following year. Note this is the due date, not the mailing post mark date

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**Trustees**

The activities of the subdivision are managed by a volunteer board of Trustees. Each Trustee is elected to a three year term of office. There are 15 Trustee positions, one for each of the seven districts and eight At-large. District Trustees are elected in November every third year by the residents residing in each district. At-large Trustees are elected in May every third year by the all residents of the subdivision. District and At-large Trustee elections are separated by a period of eighteen months so that every eighteen months there is either a district or At-large election. Solicitations for nominations are mailed to each resident prior to the election. Open vacancies may be filled at any time by a majority of the current Trustees.

The Trustees hold regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesdays of the month at the Thornhill public library. These meetings are open to all residents. Contact information for your volunteer Trustees can be found at our website [oldfarmestates.org](http://oldfarmestates.org), just click on your Trustee's name to email or call at the listed number.

Ted Campbell

**OLD FARM ESTATES ANNUAL EGG HUNT AND SPRING CELEBRATION**

The egg hunt was held on the common area in front of the pool was a terrific success again this year. It was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and was attended by over 100 children of varying ages and their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The weather cooperated and we had a number of new families join us this year and made to feel very welcome in their new community. See picture on last page.

Our resident bunny was there to ensure that everyone received candy and offered hugs and pictures to anyone that asked. Once again, Kathy Renaud and Jim Moll, of Gundaker/Coldwell Banker Realty, provided over \$500 worth of raffle and attendance prizes. We offer them special thanks for their continued support and offering gift incentives to the kids who return the eggs for next year's use.

I also must thank Julie Campbell, Nancy Martin, Mark Schonhoff and Sue Bader for stuffing all 1000 eggs. Thank you to Mark and Matthew Schonhoff, Don and Anthony Martin, Sue Bader, Julie Campbell, Patty Zwick, Debbie and Olivia Nicholson and Joyce Lehman for hiding the eggs and helping on the morning of the hunt.

Stay tuned for details on OFE's Trivia Night and Adult Pool Party

Joy Fisher  
Recreation Chair

**FILL NEEDED:**

We can use fill dirt and broken concrete and rocks for fill at wash-outs along the creek on the common ground.

Please call Larry Jackson 878-4068, Chairman of common grounds.

## MY RETURN AS EDITOR

Why? I thought that I presented a number of compelling reasons to justify my termination as editor of the Gazette. I thought that someone would jump at the opportunity to serve in this position, but I was wrong. After my announcement in the last issue I received emails and phone calls requesting that I continue in this capacity. Plus my wife had a degree of influence. So, thank you for your appreciation and confidence in my function.

In the last issue, I mentioned that the new editor should be “a person who can relate to and is impacted with the immediate day-to-day concerns of OFE while paying attention to the long term betterment of our subdivision. That person should continue to present articles from the residents that are either for or against a project, be respectful of and by the residents, avoid slander, misinformation, and innuendo or out-of-context statements.”

You can expect me to follow my own guidelines. However, I do need your help. Submit articles. Yes, you can appear at a Trustee meeting and voice your area of interest. But to be honest, your opportunity to speak during Good and Welfare is limited time-wise and your audience is limited to the Trustees and those attending the meeting. Alternatively, you can and should coordinate with your district representative. But then again, the Trustees have limited time for deliberation, and generally, higher priority items are on the front burner. A suggestion. Write an article, for the subdivision to read. Your item may gather enough following to convince us that as Trustees the importance of your concern.

Jerry Goldberg

## CURB APPEARANCE

In the past issues for this paper, the Trustees have thanked the residents for maintaining the appearance of their homes. We hoped that these articles would have an impact on those residents that have neglected to clean up their property

I can't judge if there was any impact, but if so, thank you for any improvement. If you were in the market for a home, and judging from the curb appearance, would you buy your property in its present state? First appearances are important. If you are unconcerned or don't care to maintain the property, consider your neighbors. From a subdivision standpoint, prospective buyers appreciate a good looking neighborhood, one that they are proud to call their own. Our Trustees bust their butts in the upkeep of the common grounds. Unfortunately, not all home owners participate and we are all impacted. It's a community effort.

For those unable, because of physical condition, to clean low lying tree branches, remove excess leaves (dangerous when wet) or sweet gum balls, the Trustees will attempt to locate a teen from our subdivision. Payment is your responsibility. Or, if you qualify, contact the St. Louis County Human Services, County Older Resident Program office, 615-7446.

Residents are becoming annoyed that the board is lax in the enforcement of the indentures pertaining to maintenance of private property. You are correct. It's a gray area. You may see the property as neglected while others do not. Informally, some Trustees have discussed the possibility of increasing our enforcement by approaching the owners of any offending property. It has been done in the past, and yes, we should step up our enforcement. Our authority is granted by the indentures:

### Article III Trustees Duties and Powers

C. To clean up rubbish and debris and remove grass and weeds from, and to trim, cut back, remove, replace and maintain trees, shrubbery and flowers upon any vacant or neglected lots or property, and the owners thereof may be charged with the reasonable expenses so incurred.

So let's all do our part and appreciate that we live in a wonderful subdivision. A small expense or effort returns large dividends.

Jerry Goldberg

## OLD FARM ESTATES SWIM CLUB

2008 was a good year for the Swim Club. We ended the year with a positive net income of \$3,930 primarily due to the significant amount of fundraising activities conducted by our pool club members. We accomplished a lot in 2008 and look forward to another productive year in 2009. The Swim Club purchased several new tables and umbrellas in 2008 and helped fund part of the new fence installed by the Subdivision Trustees. Our Swim Team also competed competitively in the Gateway Swim & Dive Conference under the direction of our new swim coach, Michelle Tischer.

Many other improvements were completed by the Subdivision under the direction of the Pool Board. We installed the new fence, replaced coping stones around the pool, remodeled the guard house, landscaped the front entrance of the pool and parking lot landscape island and installed a new pump motor. Looking forward to this year the Subdivision Trustees have planned to add a new roof over the bathroom buildings and refinish the bathroom floors. The Pool Club will use its fundraising proceeds to purchase additional deck furniture.

The Revenue and expenses for our Pool Club is presented below and includes all the activities of our Swim Club.

	<u>Pool Membership</u>	<u>Swim Team</u>	<u>Total Swim Club</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Pool and swim team membership dues	39,189	4,635	43,824
Member guests fees	3,095		3,095
Fundraising	7,978		7,978
Net Swim meet concession sales	0	1,789	1,789
Investment income	240		240
Total Revenues	50,502	6,424	56,926
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Pool Management (Life Guards & Operation)	27,420	216	27,636
Furniture & Other Improvements	6,151		6,151
Swim Team - Coaches & Officials		4,320	4,320
Utilities	4,903		4,903
Maintenance - annual routine	2,843		2,843
Sales tax	2,523		2,523
Printing & Mailing	998	284	1,282
Other Expenses	789	332	1,121
Trophies & Awards		969	969
Licenses - STL Dept of Health	708		708
Concession expenses		540	540
Total Operating Expenses	46,335	6,661	52,996
Revenues less expenses	4,167	(237)	3,930
Beginning Net Assets			15,353
Ending Net Assets			19,283

Ted Campbell

**QUARTERLY GAZETTE**  
**OLD FARM ESTATES**  
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