

# The Village Voice of Grantwood

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## ELECTION UPDATE

Election day for two positions on the Grantwood Village Board of Trustees will be Tuesday April 2, 2024.

If interested in running for a position on the board of trustees, here are two important dates:

**December 5:** Opening of candidate filing. 8 a.m.

**December 26:** Closing of candidate filing. 5 p.m.

Visit the Village website for additional information or reach out to [jenniesloss.grantwoodvillage@gmail.com](mailto:jenniesloss.grantwoodvillage@gmail.com)

## IT'S ALMOST LEAF PICK-UP TIME!

The curbside leaf vacuum program will continue for 2024.

Signs will be placed around the Village alerting residents about when pick-ups will start.

Here is a list of general curbside pick up guidelines:

- Leaf piles must be on your property (not in the street) & can be as much as 5 feet deep with no restriction on height.
- Leaves beyond the reach of the truck mounted vacuum will not be collected.

It is highly encouraged that residents take advantage of the multiple leaf pick up opportunities as the leaves are falling and not wait until all of your leaves have fallen.

## VILLAGE WEBSITE

<https://grantwoodvillage.org/>

The Grantwood Village website houses information regarding

meetings, Village ordinances, business licenses, permits and even old newsletters.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS



Please save the date for the annual **Grantwood Village Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21st from noon - 2pm.** Details on the event and road closures are enclosed in this newsletter mailer.

### *THE GRANTWOODIANS:*

The Grantwoodians is a social group for the residents of Old Grantwood. Old Grantwood includes the following streets: Grantview Lane, Grantwood Lane, Zinzer Court, and Vicksburg Circle.

Welcome to our new neighbors! We encourage all in the neighborhood to join the "Grantwoodians" Facebook page and / or send an email to [grantwoodians@gmail.com](mailto:grantwoodians@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

We are working on planning an event for fall/winter.

You can drop off annual dues of \$30 to Mistie Bley at 4 Zinzer Ct. All checks should be made payable to "Grantwoodians".

### *FOREST HAVEN ASSOCIATION:*

We had a nice turnout at our Ice Cream Social on July 13th. Custard from Ted Drewes and sundae toppings were shared. Thanks to

everyone who came out, especially our new residents.

Some of the event ideas submitted for next year include an Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Bike Parade, a Back-To-School event, and Quarterly Meet & Greet in the park.

If you would like to coordinate any of these events (especially the Egg Hunt), please email [foresthavenstl@gmail.com](mailto:foresthavenstl@gmail.com) or text 314-472-8047.

## VILLAGE SAFETY

**See something. Say Something.** Village safety is our highest priority. If you have any **non emergency** issues or want to report any concerns you are encouraged to call the St. Louis County non emergency phone number 636-529-8210. As always, if it is an emergency, dial 911.

When walking around the Village, please remember to walk against traffic so you can see cars coming toward you. This is also helpful for residents who are walking their dogs by limiting any unexpected run-ins with other dog walkers. It is also highly recommended to use a lightsource in the early morning and in the evening to allow you to see the road conditions as well as allow others to see you.



## WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Having an email address on file allows us to send out timely updates regarding Village news such as road work updates, leaf pick-up schedules and emergency information.

Having a cell phone number on file allows us to contact you when you are not at home.

We continue to explore options for print and/or digital formats for the Village Directory.

To update your contact information please email [jenniesloss.grantwoodvillage@gmail.com](mailto:jenniesloss.grantwoodvillage@gmail.com) and provide your email address or other contact information.

### VILLAGERS HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

This year's holiday food drive will be from **December 1st through 15th.**

Please drop off donations at the Whitman's residence at **7349 Navarre Circle** or with Kate Hangge at **11 Zinzer court.**

Call or text Linda Whitman (314-471-5429) with any questions or to request a porch pickup.



### BUSINESS LICENSE & PERMITS

Did you know that the Village accepts electronic permit and business license submissions?

Permit applications, drawings, and other information can be emailed to [trustees@grantwoodvillage.us](mailto:trustees@grantwoodvillage.us). We will continue to accept paper applications however it would be helpful to follow up with an email to the trustees when mailed or dropped off at the Town Hall so we can begin the tracking process. If there are ever any questions regarding permits or licenses please reach out.

If you have questions or are not sure if your project requires a

permit send an email to [trustees@grantwoodvillage.us](mailto:trustees@grantwoodvillage.us).

### MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly board of trustee meeting occurs every 3rd Tuesday at 7p at our Community Building/Town Hall. Agendas are posted to the website & to the building at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. **Join us!**

### TREE BOARD

#### Leave (Some!) Leaves for Nature

Autumn is coming and annual leaf collection will be upon us soon. But we may not all realize the benefits of leaving leaves in our yards from the trees and plants that support pollinators and songbirds. Fallen leaves under trees act as a natural mulch that conserves soil moisture and helps reduce weeds. When leaves break down, they release essential nutrients in the soil which promotes healthy plant growth. Natural leaf mulch also provides over-wintering habitat for many butterflies, moths, and other pollinators. In addition, many bird species will forage for insects in leaf mulch, a very important food source during the winter. Of course, a heavy layer of fallen leaves must be removed from lawns or it will smother the turfgrass. And leaves should be collected from paved areas to keep things safe and tidy. But we can let some leaves stay and break down naturally in less visible or unused areas of our yards, or in landscape beds and under trees. When leaves are not too thick on the lawn, a mulching mower will chop leaves into smaller pieces that will decompose faster and enrich the soil for stronger growing turfgrass. Another eco-friendly alternative is collecting leaves in a compost pile to create nutrient-rich compost for the garden.

### Summer Storms - Replacement Trees

This summer our community lost many trees during several major storms. Grantwood Village offers free trees to residents that have lost trees or want to plant more trees in their yards. We have a large selection of 15-gallon native trees including several oak species and other shade trees that are suitable for replacing mature canopy trees. Also, we have some understory ornamental trees and shrubs available. The free trees are delivered in the Spring and Fall.

To reserve your replacement tree, if you want to plant more trees in your yard or to learn more about eco-friendly practices, please contact Laura Yates, Tree Board President, at 314-842-8374 or [lmy555@outlook.com](mailto:lmy555@outlook.com).

### DOGS

We all want to see that dogs receive great care and attention while keeping the Village safe. Residents have been asking who they can call when there is an aggressive dog, a dog running off leash and or a dog that barks to the point of disturbing the peace. For immediate response, please call the STLCO Police non-emergency number (636) 529-8219. For a formal complaint but not an immediate response to loose dogs, please contact St. Louis County Animal Control at (314) 615-0650. Both Saint Louis County and Grantwood Village have ordinances that prohibit off-leash and incessant barking. place.

### NEWSLETTER THANKS



Continued thanks to Pre-Sort owner/operator & Village resident Mark Schaezel for the printing of the newsletter.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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