

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 2, 2013

Black Jack Fire Protection District – 5675 North Highway 67

PROGRAM

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO PEGGY KRUSE
DIANA GULOTTA, HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT,
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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CHAN MAHANTA



It is my pleasure to announce the Old Jamestown Association's upcoming Spring General Meeting on May 2 at the Black Jack Fire Protection District's Administration Building. We invite everyone to attend. The agenda will include the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award to Peggy Kruse. Peggy has been a long time resident of the area, a past Director of the Board and a tireless supporter of the OJA's activities and mission. She set up the OJA website and has been running it ever since its inception. She is a history buff and has been researching and collecting the OJA area's history with a view to disseminating to the general public. One of her biggest contributions to the OJA has been her spearheading, managing and completing the process of assisting us with updating the OJA's Charter to comply with state and IRS requirements and filing them with the IRS for obtaining a Not for Profit, 501 (c) (3) status for the Old Jamestown Association. Even though Peggy and her husband Ray Kruse have moved out of the OJA area recently, she is gracious enough to continue to assist us with managing our website and acting as our publicity person.

I am honored to announce the appointments of area residents Ellen Lutzow and Jim Leighninger to the Board of Directors to complete the terms of Peggy Kruse and Doug Lamb Sr. respectively. Peggy moved out of the area, becoming ineligible and Doug resigned for personal reasons. Ellen, an attorney, assisted us immensely with filing our Charter changes with the County and updating our

status with the Secretary of State, a prerequisite for applying for the 501 (c) (3) designation. Jim, a retired teacher and history buff, has been active with our History Committee.

Some of our area residents know that for a number of years now, the left turn signals on Old Jamestown Road and Highway 67 have behaved erratically, sometimes forcing a driver to wait for two or more changes of the lights before allowing a left turn. We filed a complaint about it with the County Highways and Traffic in late February, who forwarded it to the Missouri Dept. of Transportation, the authority with jurisdiction. Their spokesman has informed me that the problem has been fixed. I have not experienced the problem in recent weeks.

MoDOT also provided the following information in regard to its plans for the traffic signals at Hwy 67 and Old Jamestown Road, as well as at Robbins Mill Drive: "Within the next several months, the Missouri Department of Transportation will be removing two traffic signals on Route 67 (Lindbergh) near Jamestown Mall. Traffic levels on the roadway there no longer require a traffic signal.

The two signals on Lindbergh at Jamestown East and Jamestown Mall will be put on flash, starting Tuesday, April 16. After 30 days, the department will turn off the signals and cover the heads. About two months later, the signals will be removed. The delay in removing the signals lets MoDOT monitor traffic on those roadways before completely removing the overhead signals. The delay will also let the department determine what, if any, traffic control may be needed at the mall.

Once the signals are removed in late spring or early summer, the department will update the existing signals on Route 67 (Lindbergh) at Old Jamestown and Robbins Mill. As part of the update, MoDOT is installing flashing yellow arrows. These left turn

signals use a flashing yellow arrow, pointed left, instead of a solid green signal, to indicate that drivers may make a yielding left turn. Since drivers tend to associate "green" with "go", and "yellow" with "caution", studies have shown that drivers more easily understand the flashing yellow arrow. The new signals will use red arrows as well. The current signs will be replaced with a new sign "Left Turn Yield on Flashing Arrow." During those periods of heavier traffic on Lindbergh and Robbins Mill, drivers will have a green arrow, allowing them to make a protected left turn. Previously, MoDOT installed signals with flashing yellow arrows on Lindbergh in Florissant and Hazelwood."

Our application for a 501 (c) (3), Tax Exempt designation for the Old Jamestown Association is now pending with the IRS. When received, it will allow the OJA to solicit funds for its ongoing history project documentary.

All four of the Carrico Road Group Homes have been completed. Site work seems to be ongoing.

Walmart at Hwy 67 : Florissant City Council approved the revised site plan which increases the size of the store by 4,000 square feet, deletes the pharmacy drive-thru and provides a full masonry front facade.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Peggy Kruse

Peggy grew up in the Walnut Park neighborhood of north St. Louis and attended high school on The Hill in south St. Louis. She transitioned through several careers, including as secretary at the FAA Lambert Field Control Tower, as audit manager with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), and as training manager at DCAA's Institute in Memphis. After retirement in 1998, she worked occasionally for two small nonprofit organizations.

During and after her careers, Peggy volunteered with many organizations, most of them in north St. Louis County where she and her husband lived for 40 years. She has assisted organizations with accounting projects, government applications and web sites, as well as coordinating a variety of activities and participating in strategic planning. Her major volunteer activity (past and present) was with Old Jamestown Association, Pallottine Renewal Center, North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice, St. Norbert Parish, Great Rivers Greenway, and Most Holy Trinity School in St. Louis.

Peggy earned an Associate Business degree from St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and BSBA (Accounting) and Master of Accounting degrees from UMSL. She passed the CPA exam in 1980. Peggy and her husband, Ray, have two sons, Ken, president of

Payne Family Homes, and Kevin, a Boeing electrical engineering manager, and four wonderful grandchildren – Brian, Clayton, McKenna, and David.

Following is a list of some of Peggy's volunteer activities in the last 20 years, explaining why we thought she should be the Old Jamestown Area Person of the Year.

Old Jamestown Association – Creation and maintenance of web site and oja-flomo e-mail group; Member of Board of Directors; Chairperson of History Committee; Coordination of effort to obtain nonprofit status.

Great Rivers Greenway -- Member of Missouri River Greenway Citizens Advisory Committee; Member of Citizens of Advisory Committee for GRG 2010 update.

St. Norbert Parish – Chairperson of Social Concerns Committee: Coordination of town hall forums; Editor of parish newsletter; Various liturgical duties.

North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice (NCCU) – Coordination of town hall forums at St. Louis Community College and UMSL, Creation and maintenance of web site, Coordination of NCCU's formation of Bridges Across Racial Polarization groups.

Pallottine Renewal Center – Member of strategic planning committee, Creation and maintenance of web site, Coordination of water aerobics program.

Most Holy Trinity School in St. Louis – Preparation of a technology plan and federal e-rate applications, Assistance for students in computer lab.

Archdiocesan Commission on Human Rights (CHR) – Member of Commission and Race Relations Committee; CHR representative on Catholic Diversity Coalition; One of twelve 2001 Catholic Women of the Year.

Shelby County Interfaith (church-based community organization) -- Preparation of a budget analysis of Memphis City Schools. (while living and working in Memphis in the mid 90's).

It is our privilege to honor Peggy with the 2013 *Citizen of the Year Award* for the years of dedicated and productive service to the Old Jamestown Area and to the communities where she has lived.

The Board of Directors
Old Jamestown Association.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The constitution of the Old Jamestown Association provides for the Executive Board to be comprised of nine Directors. Three directors will be elected each year to serve a three year term. The Executive Board elects officers and conducts the business of the Association. The current directors are: Rich Young, Bev Girardier and Barb Doner, whose terms expire in 2014 and Chris Taylor, Ken Smith and Chan Mahanta, whose terms expire in 2015. Loretta Becker, Ellen Lutzow and Jim Leighninger, whose terms expire in 2013, have all been nominated to serve another three year term which expires in 2016. The election will be held at the May 2nd, 2013 meeting.

The constitution provides for candidates to be nominated in the following manner:
1) By a nominating committee appointed by the president and approved by the Executive Board or

2) By a petition signed by ten members. Nominees by petition must be received at the Associations business address, Box 2223, Florissant, MO 63032 by 4:30pm on the day prior to the annual business meeting to be placed on the written ballot, or

3) By nomination from the floor at the annual business meeting.



GUNFIGHT

Bit of History: *This edited May 30, 1888, Post-Dispatch article about a dramatic and unusual gunfight provides a glimpse into conditions and connections in the late 1800's.*

Fight across from Musick's Ferry -- Sheriff R. C. Allen and Deputies Fired on by Fishermen.

Musick's Ferry is the end of Halls Ferry Road leading out of St. Louis through Baden. It is on the Missouri River opposite St. Charles County.

Mayor Charles Costello of Florissant came into the city this morning with news of a bloody encounter. He reported that Deputy Sheriff Garrett had arrived in Florissant from Musick's Ferry. He had been shot in the forehead and in the left arm. Garrett told the mayor that he had gone with Sheriff Allen and Constable Ahlfeldt to Musick's Ferry to serve a warrant for the arrest of three fishermen – two brothers by the name of Kunz and one Hellman -- for stealing a horse-power ferry boat used at the ferry and owned by Capt. Smith. The ferry was taken to the place last winter by Smith and put in service, but he had not been using it long when it was stolen and taken over to the St. Charles County side by the brothers Kunz and Hellman, who are vagabond fishermen. Smith recovered his boat and worked it until three or four weeks ago, when it was again stolen. He had applied for a warrant for the arrest of the men and it was issued by the mayor.

Garrett said that at Musick's Ferry they left their team and employed a boatman, John Monahan, to row them across to the St. Charles County side, where the ferry was lying. As they approached the boat they were cautious fearing there would be

some shooting but Hellman appeared on the bank and motioned for them to come on shore. They landed, and, feeling perfectly safe, walked up the shore to where Hellman was standing. There were four men standing back of Hellman at some distance. They did not appear unfriendly. Garrett, when he got close to Hellman, drew his pistol and at the same time said: "You are my prisoner." At that Hellman fell upon his knees and shouted "fire!" The four fishermen back of him, -- two of whom are thought to be the Kunz brothers – blazed away at Garrett and his companions. Garrett returned the fire and they fired another volley. The Deputy Sheriff fired three shots at them and does not think he hit them.

Garrett ran away after he saw his companions were hurt. He ran up the shore to where the fishermen lived and got one of their women to row him across the river. There he got Sheriff Allen's rig and drove to Florissant to have his wounds dressed.

Later it was learned in Florissant that boatman Henry Beckman was shot. Boatman Monahan rowed Beckman to Musick's Ferry and there obtained a wagon in which to carry the wounded man to St. Louis. When he was placed in the wagon it was learned he could not stand the journey over the rough road to the city, and a messenger was dispatched to Florissant for a physician. Dr. Tandy drove down to the ferry in response to the call.

Nothing was known at the ferry of Ahlfeldt's fate and it was believed there that he was killed. The reporter could not reach Garrett in Florissant because he had gone home to Clayton where his wife was "dangerously sick." Beckman died the

next day.

At the end of the article is another paragraph about the gunfight, which had been sent by telegraph from St. Charles to the Post-Dispatch. It included information that Sheriff Allen came to St. Charles for assistance and had also placed the matter before County Attorney Mudd, who sent the St. Charles County Sheriff to arrest John and James Kunz, Henry Groegan and Louis Hund.

Subsequent Post-Dispatch articles provided more information about the incident. On May 31, the defendants went to Justice Valentine of Portage who assisted them when they turned themselves in. They said the shooting was a great mistake and that they did not know Sheriff Allen and his deputies – they said they mistook them to be the owner of the ferry and his friends from whom they had been expecting an attack. They also claimed that they recovered the ferry when it broke loose after river ice had broken up in January.

A newspaper article on testimony at the June 29, 1888, preliminary trial was much more detailed and differed somewhat from the original article, including spelling of names. The St. Charles County Attorney at the preliminary trial was O.J. Mudd who was assisted by St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Warfield. On July 2, Justice Thro, who presided at the preliminary trial, released John and Jacob Kuhn without bail and remanded Louis Hunn and Henry Gerken to jail without bail. So far, we have been unable to find information about a later trial or outcome.

Articles were accessed from online newspaper archives available through St. Louis County Library "Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch [ProQuest]" and adapted for the OJA newsletter by Peggy Kruse

JIM LEIGHNINGER

Jim Leighninger is a fairly new member of the Old Jamestown Association, although he and his wife have lived in Castlereagh Estates for over 20 years. He is retired from the Ferguson-Florissant School District, where he taught Seventh and Eighth Grade English, and now keeps busy working on genealogy and other

historical research, traveling, volunteering with a local food pantry, and playing uncle, great-uncle and "substitute grandpa" to some really neat kids. His history of the **Little Creek Nature Area** is available for free at http://www.fergflor.org/pages/Ferguson-Florissant_SD/Programs/little_Creek_Nature_Area. Recommended reading!!





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GOT DRUGS!

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.

Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends—and the home medicine cabinet.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs.

North County Drug Collection Sites Saturday, April 27, 2013

Florissant Police Station—1700 N. Hwy 67
St. Louis County Police—2577 Redman Rd
Walgreens, Ferguson—190 N. Florissant
Hazelwood Police Station—413 Elm Grove Lane
Bridgeton Police Station—12355 Natural Bridge

PERMANENT DRUG DISPOSAL BOX

The [Florissant Police Department](#) recently welcomed a new member of its department – a drug disposal box.

The department recently announced a permanent fixture in the police department lobby accessible to residents every day, a prescription/nonprescription drug disposal box. This is the first box of its kind given to a municipality by the [Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal](#), according to a news release.

The box provides a safe way for citizens to dispose of prescription and nonprescription drugs.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN 63034

Six months have certainly brought some changes to our area concerning foreclosure activity*. Currently there are 17 properties on the market with 1+ acres (some active, some pending) and none are foreclosures. There are 100 properties on the market with less than 1 acre and of those, 21 are foreclosures. This year for all of 63034 we have had 73 property sales, 28 of which have been foreclosures. Five of those foreclosures have been for sales of property having 1+ acres. For all of 2012 we had 266 property sales, with 101 being foreclosures. Closed sales are up 1.4% and days on the market are down 1% over the same period last year for all of 63034 and the St. Louis County average sales price is down 2.2%. Our “comeback” has not been as robust as other parts of the metro area and country has seen, but the decline in foreclosure activity can't hurt. Home prices fell, and the large number of foreclosures we experienced in our area made our loss in value even more significant. Let us be cautiously optimistic!

**All data taken from the Mid America Regional Information Systems. Private and by owner sales are not included.*