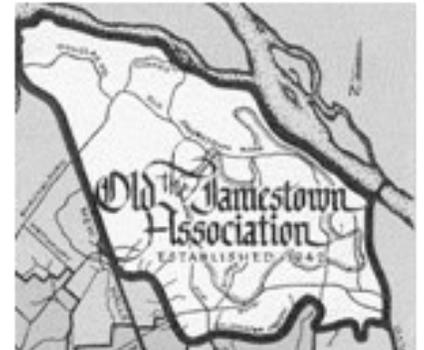


**SPRING GENERAL MEETING**

7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 7, 2015  
Black Jack Fire Protection District – 5675 North Highway 67

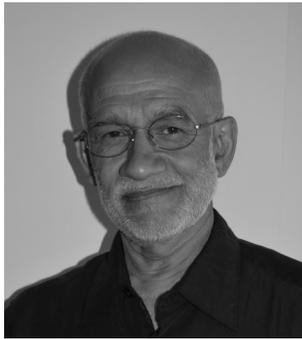
**PROGRAM**

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTED TO CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL-  
PRESIDENT RON McMULLEN TO SPEAK  
PAUL TAYLOR, ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE-ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-RECYCLING PROGRAMS & FACILITIES  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
RECOGNITION OF PAST DIRECTORS KEN SMITH & LORETTA BECKER  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**



Dues are ten dollars per single membership and fifteen dollars per family.

**LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CHAN MAHANTA**



I take this opportunity to invite you all to The Old Jamestown Association's annual Spring General Meeting on Thursday, May 7, at the Black Jack Fire Protection District's Administration Building. The agenda will include, among other things, the following:

The OJA Board of Directors has selected Christian Hospital to be the 2015 Citizen of the Year. A non-profit organization and a founding member of BJC Health Care System, Christian Hospital has more than 400 physicians on staff and a diverse workforce of more than 2,100 health-care professionals who are dedicated to providing the absolute best care with the latest technology and medical advances to our community. Recognized locally and nationally, Christian Hospital is an

immense asset to North County and The Old Jamestown Association is proud to recognize its contributions and achievements with the Citizen of the Year award.

The other featured event for the evening will be a presentation by Paul Taylor, Environmental Representative of St. Louis County Health Department on recycling. He will be available to answer specific questions you may have regarding recycling.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Jim O'Mara, a long time County Councilman who served our area for many years and was a dependable supporter of The Old Jamestown Association's efforts and concerns. The Old Jamestown Association is planning to honor Jim O'Mara with a tree to be planted at Sioux Passage Park with a plaque. Members and well-wishers are encouraged to donate to raise the \$350.00 required for the memorial tree and plaque. We convey our deep condolences to Mike O' Mara, his son and our current Councilman, and his family.

You may have noticed that the construction of the roundabout at Old Halls Ferry and Vaile has begun. The Walmart project at Hwy 67 is proceeding on a good clip and word is that it is expected to be completed later this year.

The Old Jamestown History project is taking shape. Peggy Kruse is well along with it and will give us an update.

**FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM**

Black Jack Fire Protection District is starting a Fire Explorer Program. Fire & Emergency Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire & Emergency Services. If interested please contact Battalion Chief Roger Ellison (314) 741-9905.



Our next Explorer meeting is April 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL AND BJC HEALTHCARE

Christian Hospital and BJC HealthCare are committed to helping people enjoy life by improving their health and continue to invest in providing our North County community with the latest and best in health care services.

Christian Hospital's new \$5.5 million hybrid room/cath lab renovation project will be completed in November 2015 and will serve as an advanced surgical facility found in less than 2 percent of U.S. hospitals, allowing Christian Hospital to treat the most complex cases close to home.

Last year, Christian Hospital introduced the Community Health Access Program (CHAP) to address the patient population that calls 911 or visits the emergency department with non-emergent health care needs. Since its introduction, CHAP has helped thousands of people in the community obtain the right resources, at the right time, at the right cost and with the right outcome, without needing to use emergency services.

**Christian Hospital is ranked in the top 7 percent nationally for clinical quality excellence for heart failure treatment** based on federal data for more than 5,000 hospitals, and is a leader among hospitals in the St. Louis region. In particular, Christian Hospital is highly regarded for its excellence in heart services and lifesaving cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, cancer treatment and radiation oncology, breast health services, psychiatric services and substance abuse programs, diabetes care, radiology, urology, pulmonary care and sleep disorders, and wound care.

**Christian Hospital was recognized in 2014 by The Joint Commission (TJC) as a "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures" for achieving excellence in accountability measures performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.**

**Christian Hospital EMS is named "2014 National EMS Provider of the Year" by The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and EMS World.**

Christian Hospital is a 485-bed acute-care medical center located on 28 acres in unincorporated north St. Louis County. Located 6 miles west of Christian Hospital is Northwest HealthCare, which offers the community 24-hour emergency care and a variety of outpatient services in a convenient setting to complement hospital services.

Christian Hospital, a non-profit organization and a founding member of BJC HealthCare, has more than 400 physicians on staff and a diverse workforce of more than 2,100 health-care professionals who are dedicated to providing the absolute best care with the latest technology and medical advances.

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## JAMES E. O'MARA

**James E. O'Mara** passed away Wednesday April 15, 2015. Beloved husband of Patricia O'Mara (nee Walsh) for 59 yrs. Loving father of Kathy (Tom) Fischer, Karen (Tom) Quinn, Debbie (Rick) Sloan, Tim (Diane), Michael (Carol), John (Denise) and Kevin O'Mara. Proud Grandfather of Michael (Jessica), Maureen (Derek), Matt, Nick, Brad, Jordan, Taylor, Jimmy (Kori), Patrick (Courtney), Peter (Rebecca), Billy, Mary Beth, Tricia (Brian), Dennis, Kelly (Josh), Carrie (Phil), Tim, Megan (Jon), Shannon, James, Maddie, Johnny and Abbie. Great grandfather of Abrielle, Michael, Andrew, Charlie, Madi, Anna, Ava, James, Claire, Ethan, Audrey and Gracie. Dear brother of Denny (Debby) O'Mara and son of the late Edward &



## JAMES E. MITCHELL



It is with sadness that we notify you of the passing of Jim Mitchell. Jim was a very early member of the OJA and served on the board for three terms. Jim was 92 years old, born

11/26/1923 and died 1/22/2015. He and his wife Carolyn and daughter Laura, lived on Robbins Mill Road, near Sinks Road.

He worked as an aeronautical engineer at McDonnell Aircraft and later, in a supervisory position with the U.S. Army Aviation and Surface Material Command until his retirement.

Jim's passions were trains, planes and automobiles. He and Carolyn had a love for the historic Coldwater Cemetery on Old Halls Ferry Road. He and Carolyn are buried there. Jim was the cemetery caretaker for over 20 years and Carolyn was proud that her DAR organization was charged with the cemetery's legacy.

Words of condolence may be sent to his daughter: Laura Beeshart, 9745 Legend Drive, Germantown, TN, 38139

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Marge O'Mara. Brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Jim was a member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 for 60 yrs and retired as Business Mgr. Former St. Louis County Councilman 4th District and Retired V.P. of United Association 4th District. He was also a proud member of the Sunshine Boys. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to [American Heart Association](#) -St. Louis Chapter or Adopt a Family Local 562-Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562, 12385 Larimore Rd. St. Louis MO 63138

The Old Jamestown Association is planning to plant a tree and place a plaque for a memorial in Sioux Passage Park to honor Jim O'Mara for his supportive efforts of the Association over the years. The total cost of the memorial is \$350 and donations are welcomed.

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## A Bit of History: Peggy Kruse The Hodges Family, Early Old Jamestown Settlers

Through various sources we had learned a lot about the James and Patterson families who obtained Spanish land grants in Old Jamestown about 1800 and stayed around long enough to lend their names to roads in the area. However, we knew very little about the Hodges family, which was connected to at least eight land grants. Recently we came across a comprehensive and well-documented book on Captain Edmund Hodges (*Captain Edmund Hodges and His Descendants*, McKenney/Hunter, 2012). Here are just few highlights from the book.

Captain Edmund Hodges was a direct descendant of Mayflower passengers - Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, and Stephen's wife Elizabeth Fisher. Edmund's wife, Rachel, was also a direct descendant of Mayflower passengers - William Bradford, Thomas Rogers, John Alden, John's wife Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins, and William's wife Alice.

Edmund and Rachel were born and married in Massachusetts before moving to Vermont and then to Canada. From Canada they moved to Old Jamestown with most of their children.

Captain Hodges and four of his sons (Gilbert, Samuel, Daniel, and Ebenezer) obtained land grants for a total of 1731 acres. Daughter Rachel married Benjamin James who had a grant of 805 acres. Daughter Julie married Charles Desjarlais who had 255 acres. Ebenezer's wife Mary was probably the sister of John N. Seeley who had 681 acres. Six of these grants (2110 acres) were along the Missouri River or the Car of Commerce Chute.

And, by the way, Gilbert was married to Sara James (daughter of Sarah James who held an adjacent land grant of 340 acres).

Accounts of several Hodges' weddings in 1800 and 1801 shed light on how the Cath-

olic Spanish regime, which allowed no Protestant religious services, handled weddings.

For example: Gilbert and Sara James were married on February 13, 1800, at St. Ferdinand Church in Florissant but their marriage was recorded in the *Register of Marriages of Protestants 1798-1808* at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Charles, whose priest, Father Lussion, also served St. Ferdinand. As part of the ceremony, couples promised to have their children instructed in the Catholic faith.

Captain Edmund Hodges died in the Old Jamestown area in 1805, but there is no record of his burial site. By the 1820's his sons had moved to Boone and Franklin Counties in Missouri and Greene County in Illinois. If they had stayed a bit longer, perhaps there would be a "Hodges Town."

*There will be more about the Hodges family in the Old Jamestown history book, which is underway. Our goal is to have the book available in several formats starting in late autumn 2015. Peggy Kruse, [prautes@aol.com](mailto:prautes@aol.com), 314-550-0184 (cell)*

## RECOGNITION OF LONG TIME OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION LEADER:

### KEN SMITH

In 1968, Ken Smith was an instrumental leader in reviving the then inactive Old Jamestown Association, which was originally started in 1942. Ken and his wife, Olga, became involved to foster a spirit of community in much the same way that Loretta Becker and her husband, Jack, were involved in OJA. Since then Ken and Olga have been among the mainstays of this association with a long history of service. Ken helped build up the organization and ably led it as its President until 2011. Ken remained a Director until last year when he finally stepped down.

Ken and Olga served this community and Old Jamestown Association most capably and were its lifeblood during the period of OJA reformation from inactive to a produc-

## RECOGNITION OF LONG TIME OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION MEM- BER: LORETTA BECKER

The rejuvenation of the then inactive Old Jamestown Association, founded in 1942, was sparked when Loretta and her husband Jack attended a 1986 Public Hearing regarding sale and use of 90 acres located at the corner of Lindbergh and Old Jamestown Road. The hearing proposal was for 300 homes and a Walmart store. Their names and quotes were cited in a newspaper article regarding the hearing which initiated interest in a community-wide response to such events.

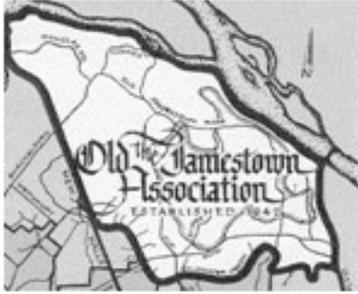
She and her husband Jack have been faithful, active members of the Old Jamestown Association ever since. She has served on every board, but one, at her request. She served as secretary or vice-president for more than 25 years. Her home was open and welcoming to many OJA board meetings.

The Board recognizes and honors Loretta's many long and devoted years of service to the Old Jamestown Area. She and her family have recently moved from the Old Jamestown area.

tive community organization. They hosted many of the Board meetings at their home and organized and conducted the bi-annual General Meetings. Ken's persistent efforts led to the Karst Protection District zoning category established by St. Louis County Planning and resulted in OJA being designated a Census Designated Place.

The Board takes this opportunity to recognize and honor 27 years of Ken's service to the Old Jamestown Association.

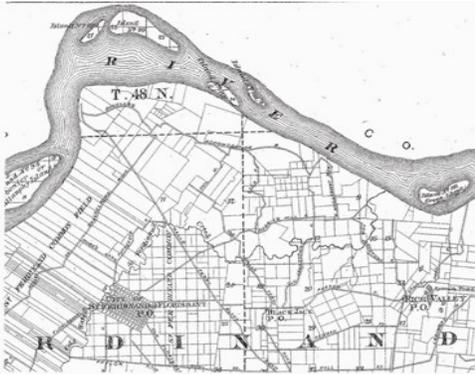




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WE'RE ON THE WEB!



**OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS**

The constitution of the Old Jamestown Association provides for the Executive Board to be comprised of nine Directors. Three Directors are elected each year to serve a three year term. The Executive Board elects officers and conducts the business of the Association. 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, by a day before the Spring General Meeting, or
- 3: By nomination from the floor at the annual business meeting.

The current directors are Olga Smith, who replaced retiring Ken Smith, Chan Mahanta and Jeff Ackermann. Their terms expire in 2015. They are re-nominated and are up for re-election. Nominations from the floor will be welcome. Terms of Ellen Lutzow, Jim Leighninger and Manmilian Singh, who was appointed to serve out the term of Loretta Becker, expire in 2016. Rich Young, Bev Girardier and Barb Doner's terms expire in 2017.

**HAPPY EARTH DAY!**

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT**

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