

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 3, 2012

Black Jack Fire Protection District – 5675 North Highway 67

PROGRAM

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION

THE CIVIL WAR AS RELATED TO THE OLD JAMESTOWN AREA

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

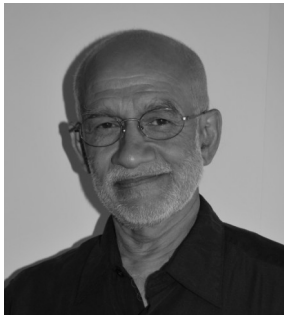
LATEST INFORMATION ON AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

THE OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED-BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!



LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CHAN MAHANTA



I am pleased to announce a number of developments in the Old Jamestown Association, since the 2011 November General Meeting.

First, the Board of Directors have selected Ken Smith, our past president and longtime standard-bearer of the Association, for the 2012 Citizen of the Year award. Ken has also been given the 'Dwight F. David Award for Citizen Planner' by the Metro St. Louis chapter of the American Planning Association recently, in addition to a Certificate of Recognition from the President of the County Council, Mike O'Mara and another award by North County Inc. Old Jamestown Association had a long stand-

ing policy enacted by the directors, of not giving the Citizen of the Year Award to a sitting member of the Board. But in view of Ken's outstanding record of exemplary service, the Board voted to waive the prohibition in this instance.

* Another of the recent developments for OJA, again from Ken Smith's persistent efforts, was the accreditation of the Old Jamestown neighborhood a Census Designated Place by the US Census Bureau.

* We are also in the process of applying for a 501 (c) (3), Tax Exempt designation for the Old Jamestown Association from the IRS. When achieved, it will allow OJA to solicit funds for its ongoing OJA History project Documentary.

* American Planning Association's Metro St. Louis Chapter also has bestowed the Jamestown Mall Redevelopment Plan developed last year during a charrette that

many of us have participated in, 'Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan'.

*Some updates on area projects are as follows:

St. Louis County Planning has approved additions and alterations request for the Mobil Station at Halls Ferry Rd. and Hwy 67. Development Plans have not yet been submitted to the County for permits.

Carrico Road Group Homes: One structure has been completed. Two more are under construction. Site work seems to be ongoing.

Walmart at Hwy 67 : Florissant City Council has postponed its final voting for the project till April 23.

Roundabout at Old Halls Ferry and Vaile: It is on indefinite hold.

We are hoping that 2012 will bring a turnaround in the economy and better things for OJA as well.

OJA DUES

At the March 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors, current dues were reviewed and discussed. A vote was taken to keep the annual dues at ten dollars per single membership and fifteen dollars per family. However, rising costs of postage, printing, etc. could mean an increase at some future date. The original by-laws of 1942 placed the annual dues at ten dollars per "regular" member and twenty dollars for "contributing" members.

We're on the Web!
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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Past President Ken Smith

The Old Jamestown Association Board of Directors instituted a Citizen of the Year Award in 1997. The purpose of the award was to recognize an individual who contributed significantly to the quality of life in the Old Jamestown area and promoted the objectives of the Association. Any person, Association member or non-member or area resident or non-resident is eligible to receive this award, with the exception of current Directors or their immediate family members.

Ever since Ken Smith stepped down from the office of the President of the Association after nearly 25 years last year, many of us area residents felt that if there was an eminently and clearly eligible person for the award, it was Ken. That feeling began to snowball this year when the St. Louis Metro chapter of the American Planning Association selected him for their 2012 Dwight F. Davis Award for a Citizen Planner, followed by a Certificate of Recognition initiated by Fourth Council District Councilman Mike O'Mara and a similar award from the North County Incorporated (NCI).

Ken Smith's many contributions to the Old Jamestown Area and to the Association were eloquently described in the nomination paper for the APA Citizen Planner award submitted by the Director of St. Louis County Planning Department Glenn Powers and Councilman O'Mara's citation. Summarized to fit this Newsletter, these represent the OJA Board of Directors' Statement of Qualifications for The citizen of the Year Award as well

and are as follows:

Ken Smith, who successfully presided over the Old Jamestown Association until last year, represents a large geographic area bounded by Cold Water Creek, Highway 367, New Halls Ferry and the Missouri River, continues to remain on the Board of Directors, offering expertise and advice. Ken's accomplishments are many. He was instrumental in three important endeavors relating to planning in St. Louis County:

- Reactivation of the Association in 1987 to assist with St. Louis County's land use study of the area. OJA, originally established in 1942 to deal with issues such as feeding of garbage to hogs, trash burning, snow fences and the like, lapsed into dormancy until 1963 when it was revived by Ken Smith and others in helping inform St. Louis County Planning staff, elected officials and the general public about OJA's Karst geology and topography, widely recognized as one of the finest examples of deep funnel-shaped sinkholes in the Central United States. He helped guide the land use policy for 7.25 square miles study area, of which the Karst topography represents 4.2 square miles. Approved and adopted in 1988 by St. Louis County, the Old Jamestown Area Community Study was the first time that a significant geological area was identified and singled out for land use and development policy consideration. Subsequently Ken kept a watchful eye on all Planning Commission and Planning Department activity, to make sure the plan elements were implemented and followed, attending re-zoning public hearings and working closely with planning and municipal staff.

- As development progressed in the vicinity, there was increasing concern that the preservation of the Karst area warranted regulations beyond a policy document. In 2008, at the initiation of

Ken Smith, the County Council forwarded a request to the Planning Commission to further study the appropriateness of codifying Karst preservation in the zoning ordinance. Meeting with Ken, a retired civil engineer, Planning staff and the Commission along with County civil engineering staff and MSD representatives crafted the parameters of the new Karst Preservation (KP) District, which was designed essentially to preserve the developmental rights allowed in the former NU Non Urban district, with an additional review to insure the impact of development upon sinkholes and setting limits to storm water drainage. New setbacks from sinkholes were established for structures and geotechnical reports are required for new development.

- Ken Smith also persevered to get the Old Jamestown area established as a Census Designated Place in 2010, an important consideration for the community, since CDP's are statistical counterparts of incorporated areas, providing census data of the population in the identifiable area.

- Furthermore, Ken Smith founded the Civil Engineering Technology Department at the Florissant Valley Community College, where he taught for 31 years. Serving on the Route 67 Design Project Community Advisory Group, Ken helped shape the improved transportation in the area vicinity.

It is our privilege to honor Ken with the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award for the years of dedicated, determined and productive service to not only the Old Jamestown Area, but to the community in general.

The Board of Directors

Old Jamestown Association.

HISTORY PROJECT

In July 2011 two Old Jamestown residents' search for one bit of history quickly expanded until we had gathered many stories and formed a history committee, which is now working to find and document as much area history as possible. Some tidbits we've uncovered:

- Phineas James who had dreams of his "James Town" development rivaling the City of St. Louis.
- Rev. James Clark, first Protestant minister in the Spanish controlled Louisiana

territory, who preached in homes along Cold Water Creek.

- A still existing two room log cabin (now covered by many additions) where General Wilkinson stayed while selecting a site for the military fort and trading post that became Fort Belle Fontaine.
- An inn at the end of New Halls Ferry where in the 1800's ferry passengers stopped on their journeys and where people from all over the St. Louis area came to enjoy the showboats.

For much more about Old Jamestown area history, check out www.oldjamestownassn.org and click on 'History of OJ Area.' If you have suggestions or resources for our history project, please let us know.

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Prairie grass in the OJ area



Musick's Inn, Halls Ferry

OJ AREA IS NOW A CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE

Old Jamestown is an unincorporated community in north St. Louis County, Missouri. The boundaries surrounding it are the Missouri River, Coldwater Creek, New Halls Ferry Road and Highway 367. It was through the efforts of Ken Smith that this area was recognized as a statistical counterpart to an incorporated area. The

2000 census deadline had passed and the effort to promote this geographic area was on for the next census. The US Census Bureau recognized Old Jamestown as a CDP in 2010.

Information from this area is broken down by population, sex and age, race and ethnicity,

and households. The profile of Old Jamestown, with regard to all the data compiled, will be available as a handout at the May 3rd Spring Meeting. As more data becomes available, it will be posted on the Association's web site, www.oldjamestownassn.org



The Buenger Barn

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: Loretta Becker, Doug Lamb and Peggy Kruse, whose terms expire in 2013; Rich Young, Bev Girardier and Barb Doner, whose terms expire in 2014. Chan Mahanta, Ken

Smith and Chris Taylor, whose terms expire in 2012, have all been nominated to serve another three year term which expires in 2015. The election will be held at the May 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 Association's 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

North County Incorporated
 35th Annual Breakfast
 Friday, May 18, 2012
 St. Louis Airport Marriott - 7:30 a.m.



Ken Smith will receive NCI's **Community Development Award**

Tickets are \$37.50 per person.

For reservations, please call NCI at 895-6241

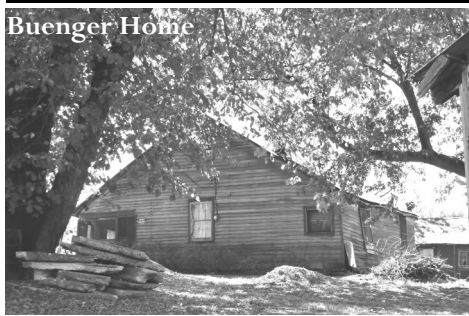


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HISTORY BRIEFS

There are several farms in the middle of the OJA area that date back to the early 1800's. One, the Buenger farm on Old Jamestown and Vaile, has been in their family for about 100 years. It was part of a Spanish land grant given to William Patterson in 1797.

Henry & Minnie Buenger purchased the farm around 1912. Their sons, Bill, Ed, Herb and Emil helped on the farm. Bachelor Herb farmed there until retiring in 1987 at the age of 72. The family then sold 45 of the 49 acres to Behlmann Properties.

Underneath the siding is a 2 room log cabin. The cabin roof bows in the center since the original builder used sap-

lings instead of rafters for the roof. Originally porches ran across the front and rear of the cabin but time went by and both porches were enclosed to make room for growing families. The wonderful old barn, the home and the other buildings give a very pleasant step-back-in-time moment to those who drive by the farm. Now OJA is trying to help the Buenger family keep it as it now stands by having it declared a historic farmstead and worth being preserved. Too many old farms have disappeared as developers move our way, or as the county decides a building needs to be updated.

APPLYING FOR A 501(C)(3)

NOTICE: At our May 3 meeting, active (dues paying) Old Jamestown Association members will vote on revised Articles of Incorporation and on a Resolution to change from a nonprofit association under Missouri Chapter 352 to a nonprofit organization under Missouri

Chapter 355. Before the vote, we will briefly explain why these changes will benefit the Association. If you would like the background before the meeting, please send an e-mail to Peggy Kruse, prautes@aol.com

