

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 4, 2017

Black Jack Fire Protection District – 5675 North Highway 67

PROGRAM

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO MIKE O'MARA

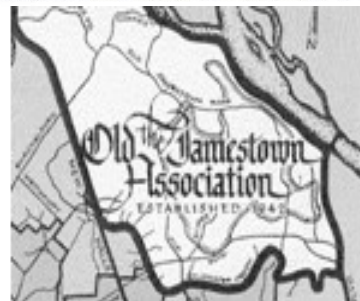
DR. PHIL MOY, CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

BRIAN HOKAMP, CHIEF EMS

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING OFFICER—UPDATES ON AREA ISSUES—Q & A

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ELLEN LUTZOW



We in Old Jamestown Association are inviting our community to join us as members. We hope our current members will help us spread our invitation to those who are not familiar with our organization and its role. We are looking for opportunities that will make our civic organization more meaningful to larger numbers of our neighbors. Please continue to communicate your ideas with the OJA Board members.

As we have discussed in past communications, we are sponsoring a history project that will soon culminate in the publication of a Jamestown area history. We are so very proud of the work of our author, Peggy Kruse. We

have been privileged to be a part of this effort. We are excited that you will soon be able to share in these unique stories from our past that have shaped this community. We hope you will help us share this story with others. It is in sharing of our stories that we build our community in Old Jamestown.

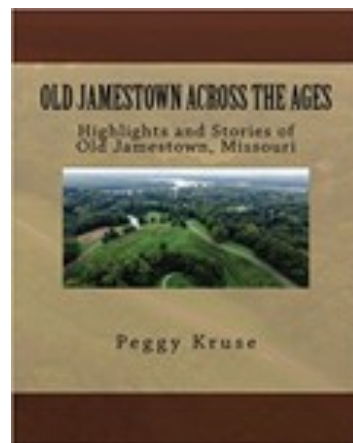
As you read this newsletter, consider how you can be part of telling our OJA story in your own words. As a member you can invite a neighbor to join you at our public meetings and ask that they consider becoming a member. As the President of your OJA Board, I ask that each of you work with us to continue the work of our story in this community.

As we finally reach the publication date for our history, we expect to have a more formal announcement and host a celebration of the event. Please keep a watch for communication on this in the near future.

Finally, the definitive book on the Old Jamestown Area has arrived.

Old Jamestown Across the Ages: History Highlights and Stories of Old Jamestown, MO

The Old Jamestown Association is pleased to announce that *Old Jamestown Across the Ages*, by longtime OJA member Peggy Kruse, is finally in print. The book's subtitle is "Highlights and Stories of Old Jamestown, Missouri", which is really an understatement, as this book chronicles the history of our area from the American Indians all the way up to current resident families!! There are maps and photos and biographies that fill out a vivid picture of a long and rich history of the land and the people that made the Old Jamestown area a place to make us all proud! The book can be ordered from Amazon. A free pdf copy can be viewed at/or downloaded from our web site. In addition, the OJA is planning a special event where we can gather with the author, Peggy Kruse, and where copies will be available for purchase and for signing!



Review by OJA Resident Gene Reynolds

I got mine today from Amazon. Opened to a page in the middle and learned something about two people whom I knew well, Jim and Ralph Wehmer. We have lived in the neighborhood 44 years and our knowledge of people and the area go back to the early 70's. We have ordered two more copies for those whom we know will appreciate a refresh of history by many who made it. It truly is a treasure. Hats off to all involved in its production.

Old Jamestown Across the Ages
(Information from Amazon)

Old Jamestown, Missouri, in far north St. Louis County, has a long and rich history that includes an American Indian settlement associated with Cahokia Mounds, land grant holders of English and Scottish heritage who arrived in the late 1700s, German immigrant farmers who came during the 1800s, and prominent wealthy families who arrived in the mid-1900s. As early as 1805, Old Jamestown ferries crossed the Missouri River to provide connections from St. Louis and Florissant to St. Charles County, which is home to Portage des Sioux, an early military outpost, and the City of St. Charles, Missouri's first state capitol. With only two miles separating the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers just to the north, Old Jamestown was also connected to Illinois locations. Today Old Jamestown has some subdivisions but development is limited because of the karst (sinkhole) topography. *** Peggy Kruse is not a historian or a professional writer but she became interested in Old Jamestown history in 2011 and in this book has compiled many of the fascinating facts and stories she came across in her research. Peggy grew up in north St. Louis and attended Cor Jesu Academy on The Hill in south St. Louis. She transitioned through several careers, including as secretary at the FAA Lambert Field Control Tower and as auditor and manager with the Defense Contract Audit Agency. After retirement in 1998, she volunteered for a variety of organizations, assisting them with accounting projects, government applications, and web sites. Peggy holds BSBA (Accounting) and Master of Accounting degrees from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She and her husband, Ray, have two sons and four wonderful grandchildren.

Royalties for this book will be donated to the Old Jamestown Association.

Peggy Kruse



Citizen of the Year

Mike O'Mara

Mike O'Mara attended McCluer North High School in Florissant, later attending to St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley. He graduated from St. Louis University with a bachelor's degree in communications. He was a soccer player and played for the Kansas City Comets from 1981-82 and for the St. Louis Steamers from 1983-84. He joined the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562, where he has been an assistant business manager and is currently a journeyman pipefitter and international representative of the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters and Sprinklerfitters. He is married with two children.

O'Mara represented the fourth district in the St. Louis County Council. He served from 2001, when his father retired from the same seat until 2016. He represented about 145,000 people in north St. Louis County. He had been Vice-Chairman of the council and has previously served as Chairman of the council.

Entrance to Cold Water Cemetery



Hawnwan P. Moy, MD

Hawnwan Philip Moy MD is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University. He specializes in Emergency Medicine and Pre-

hospital Medicine. He is the medical director for ARCH/Air Methods Helicopter EMS service and the Co-Medical Director for Christian Northeast EMS. His passions include improving the quality of patient prehospital care, cardiac arrest, and appropriate destination for EMS patients.

IN MEMORIAM

Audrey Nessing, a long time resident of Old Jamestown, passed away on Wednesday, April 19th. She was 92 years old. She and her late husband, Bernard, had lived in the area since the 1940's. They were members of the Old Jamestown Association. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Nessing family.

Our Newest Director – Wayne Chambers

Wayne Chambers was born on May 31, 1941, in Perryville, Missouri. In 1947 the family moved to St. Louis County when he was in the first grade. He graduated from Notre Dame Grade School in 1955 and from Normandy High School in 1959. He was employed at Central Pattern Company as an Apprentice/Journeyman Patternmaker from 1959 to 1982.

Wayne moved to Florissant in June of 1968 and then to the Parc Argonne subdivision two years later, where he currently resides. He was a Trustee of the subdivision (First Section) from 1980 to 2000. Wayne was very active with the Boy Scouts from 1977 to 1994.

Wayne was hired by McDonnell Douglas to support the new in-house manufacture of F-18 Landing Gears in 1982. He retired from the Boeing Company in July of 2014. He has also worked at Handyman Hardware repairing rental equipment, as needed, for about 15 years.

Wayne currently is a volunteer at Christian Hospital. Christian Hospital's Facebook post-dated January 24, 2017, stated "How do you stay healthy and active in your golden years?" and contains an article about Wayne's involvement in the *Just Lose It* and *Oasis* programs.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Carl Barrow, Historian

The following article was written for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Salem Baptist Church on Old Jamestown Road.

Salem Baptist Church was organized on September 23, 1841. Its roots, however, go back thirty-two years earlier. At the turn of the century, it was very difficult for any Protestant denomination to establish roots west of the Mississippi River. First the Spanish and then the French were very intolerant of any religion other than Roman Catholic. In 1798, Reverend John Clark was the first Protestant preacher to ever set foot on the western shore of the Mississippi River, crossing near Herculaneum, Missouri. He made several trips preaching to three or four Baptist groups in the area. Clark was a Methodist, but a few years later became a Baptist. The first time he came to the Missouri side the Catholic governors would not let him come ashore. He stood on a rock twelve feet from shore and proclaimed that, "you do not own the river, so I will preach from here." Later he was allowed on shore as long as he did not hold "church." In 1799, special edicts were made so Clark could not hold any kind of service. He continued his preaching by coming at night to the Cold Water area, crossing near Wood River, Illinois. A friend would meet him and guide him to the cabin where others had gathered to hear him preach. The meeting would last very late and Reverend Clark would be gone by daylight.

The first Baptists in St. Louis County settled in three areas. One was near Spanish Pond, one at Bridgeton and Florissant and the third on Fee Fee Creek. Salem finds its roots in the first group. This was the second church organized in the St. Louis district. The records show that the original Baptist Society of Cold Water was formed March 10, 1809, at the home of William Patterson (Great, Great Uncle of Gib Hume). The church was known as the Baptist Church on Cold Water, Missouri Territory. Thomas R. Musick was the first pastor. The new church was soon beset by the slavery question and the Emancipation Baptist Church was formed in July 1812. This split in the Cold Water Church caused much trouble for the next

twenty-nine years.

The pastors' salary was a continual problem with the church. Collections were taken, dues were levied, but still at the end of the year the congregation would be deficient in meeting the pastors' salary. The problem of raising the remainder always fell to the deacons. As the records show, the church summoned the deacons to contact the absent members and those who had not paid all their tithe for the year. (and we thought collection agencies were something new) Speaking of absentees..... There was a continual concern for the absentees. The names of all absentees were read at each business meeting. (must have been long meetings) The deacons were appointed to contact them as to their reason for their absence.

In 1834 the Emancipation Baptist Church organized into an independent church called "The Baptized Church of Christ, Friends to Humanity, on Cold Water." It was also known as the Union Church. This church lasted four or five years until 1838 or 1839. Finally, after a two-year absence, on September 23, 1841, Elders John C. Herndon and Thomas P. Green called together a group of former members of the Cold Water Church, the Emancipated Church, and the Union Church and organized a new church called Salem Baptist Church. John C. Herndon was the first preacher of Salem which means "Peace." It is believed they met in the old Union Church at Cold Water Cemetery.

Salem met there for ten years. It then moved to the Cold-Water Church building that is still standing at New Halls Ferry and Patterson Road near Cold Water Creek (now home to the *Florissant Eagles*). This was a joint effort of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists. In February 1885, services were moved to James School (old Brown School). In 1909 land was purchased on Salem's present parking lot for a new church. The white frame church was finished and dedicated on October 15, 1911. In 1953, the church purchased the old Brown School (formerly James School) for educational space. Later, it was remodeled as the first parsonage in May 1956. In April, 1957, the church purchased 2.83 acres adjoining the white frame church in order to build a new church. Two members of this committee were Floyd Sullivan and Ralph

Wehmer. The new church was dedicated May 24, 1959. On April 26, 1970, ground was broken for the new three story educational building. In 1985, Salem completely remodeled and enlarged the auditorium and added office space.



Coldwater Church, 15245 New Halls Ferry Rd. at Greenway Chase, Florissant, 1851

The Greek Revival building of the church was built on land which belonged to the pioneer John Patterson and to his son, Elisha. It was used jointly by Baptists and Methodists, whose churches were established early in the 1800s by members of the Patterson family.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The constitution of the Old Jamestown Association provides for the Executive Board to be comprised of 9 directors. Three directors will be elected each year to serve a 3 year term. The Executive Board elects officers and conducts the business of the Association. The current directors are: Jim Leighninger, Ellen Lutzow and Manmilan Singh, whose terms expire in 2019, Jeff Ackerman, Chan Mahanta and Olga Smith, whose terms expire in 2018. Bev Girardier, Wayne Chambers and Barb Doner, whose terms expire in 2017, have all been nominated to serve another 3 year term which expires in 2020. The election will be held at the May business 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. Nominations by petition must be received at the Association's business address, P.O. Box 2223, Florissant, MO 63032 by 4:30pm of 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



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The St. Louis County Department of Revenue offers a notification service to its residents to help prevent increasing nationwide property fraud. After sign up, any time your registered name is recorded, the county will notify you. The program is free and sign up is easy.

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Barb Doner

OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING AT HENDEL'S RESTAURANT

Wayne Chambers, Ellen Lutzow, Chan Mahanta, Jim Leighninger, Manmilan Singh and Beverly Girardier

