



THE

VILLAGE VOICE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Four Seasons

Spring 2021

Gardens, Gardens, Gardens!

Phase I of updating the Village gardens is complete with Cherokee, Linn Creek and Bittersweet gardens tackled. They are expected to flourish this first full season!

Phase II addresses the remaining gardens, with the Welcome/Come Again garden, Columbine and the Kays Point garden seeing updates this spring with new plants, shrubs and overall design

The Village hall will eventually get new flowering trees, plants and shrubs when the parking lot is complete. As always all existing plants and shrubs that are replaced will be relocated to the Village Park in hopes they will continue to thrive for the enjoyment of all guests.

April 6th, 2021 Election

The Village of Four Seasons is fortunate as two incumbents are running for two Trustee spots.

Dave Perdue—Current Trustee
Tony Baldrige—Current Trustee

Please get out and vote on April 6th!

2,800 lbs. Of Venison Provided To A Local Food Bank.

In a cooperative effort, the Village of Four Seasons, Four Seasons Lakesites POA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division have recently concluded operations to reduce the overabundant white-tailed deer population that threaten a wide variety of resources and human health and safety for 2021. This is the third successful year of operations and nearly 2,800 pounds of venison was donated to a local food pantry this year alone. Overabundant deer populations do immense damage to vehicles and threaten human health and safety along the roadways on Horseshoe Bend. Deer management activities were conducted in the four and one-half square miles of property that encompasses a large portion of Horseshoe Bend.

Extensive safety measures are used to protect residents and neighbors during operations. Biologists, who are highly trained firearms experts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, worked under the direction of the Village of Four Seasons and the Four Seasons POA and in coordination with the Missouri Department of Conservation and Camden County Sheriff's office to safely and effectively CONTINUED ...

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A new slimmer updated emergency management quick chart is now available. These are great for family and guests who may not know who to contact and when. Just stop by the Village Hall at 133 Cherokee Road and pick up an updated version.

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT

A sobriety checkpoint is planned in the Village of Four Seasons on Saturday May 22nd, 2021. Always plan to have a designated driver when enjoying an evening out.

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remove a portion of the deer population. Once deer were removed, they were transferred to the Village of Four Seasons and the Four Seasons POA for field dressing and donation. We realize field dressing can be difficult for residents to see, however, it's necessary in order to donate the venison.

The sites chosen are considered the safest options available. This type of culling is performed nationwide with many different species by the USDA. Some areas that need to be culled are not, due to even the slightest potential risk. A permit from the MDC is obtained and conservation agents participate in meetings, planning events and culling of deer. All sites are pre-determined and visited during daytime hours as well as cross referenced with aerial photos to ensure safety. Any location used requires permission from the landowner before operations are performed.

Wildlife Services professionals are wildlife biologists and wildlife specialists that are experts in addressing wildlife damage management. Wildlife Service professionals are not hunters. It is not a sport or a hunt but rather a well-researched method to control the deer population and reduce damage in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The POA has held an archery hunt every year for over 20 years. This hunt has been determined as not effective enough to manage the current deer population. This hunt requires a hunter's education course but does not determine if any marksman skills exist. Furthermore, anyone can hunt on any property during hunting season with the property owner's permission and a hunting license.

The Village of Four Seasons and Four Seasons POA partnered in a town hall meeting regarding deer population on September 26, 2018 with a great turnout and overwhelming support to move forward with deer culling operations. This was also the #1 issue to be addressed in a survey conducted during the Village Comprehensive Plan. The Village of Four Seasons held two public meetings discussing the details on December 9th, 2020 @ 4:00 pm and November 11th, 2020 following 5:30 regular meeting.

The Village does not have contact info for its residents, but does have an email list with some property owners which is used for the *Village Voice* newsletter which can be joined by emailing info@villageoffourseasons.com. Social media is typically not utilized as it is opinion-based and not fact-based. The Village is funded via sales tax collected within the boundaries of the Village of Four Seasons.

How can you help? Simply don't feed the wildlife. Human interaction with wildlife is and always has been the biggest threat they encounter. The Village of Four Seasons does have an ordinance regarding feeding wildlife. Song birds are permitted but restrictions do exist.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOUR SEASONS (ENDING 2020)

Financially, the State of the Village remains strong due to the diligent efforts taken by the trustees and employees. Operationally; 2020 ended well within budget with revenues totaling \$664,010.92 and expenditures of \$483,877.17 resulting in a positive operating balance of \$180,133.75. These revenues along with accumulated reserves will allow the Village to take on planned major projects as reported elsewhere in this edition of the Village Voice.

With COVID-19 impacting our lives so dramatically, some projects and activities were put on hold not knowing how the bottom line would be effected, as well as the concern for the well being of those involved. Unexpectedly sales tax increased for the Village of Four Seasons due to it being viewed as a safe retreat for residents and guests. These projects will be moving forward in 2021.

A number of projects that did get addressed during 2020 included the first phase of the garden upgrades. Cherokee, Linn Creek and Bittersweet gardens all got a major refresh and are looking great! Most of the gardens are scheduled to be addressed in 2021.

The Village Park received some new inclusive playground equipment including a sit and spin, a teacup saucer merry-go-round and a birds nest swing. These pieces were designed with everyone in mind and have been very well received!

This years plans continue with the intention of creating a more inclusive neighborhood by updating the parking lot, street lighting, sidewalks and outdoor bathrooms at the Village Hall and Parks for better accessibility for all of our residents. This will include a new wider entrance and handicapped parking next to the Sheriffs Department. Trillium park is also scheduled to get a new hard surface parking lot in 2021 too!

New home construction and renovations continued in the Village of Four Seasons during 2020 and look very promising for 2021, as the real estate market is booming. Days on market are shorter than ever reported in the history of the Village.

The Trustees have been reviewing the Village Zoning Ordinances. As with any municipality, updates need to be considered and amended regularly. A group home amendment was recently adopted regulating the look and density of any future developments. Group homes can not be within 1500 feet of existing group homes and must be in keeping in appearance with the neighborhood.

Commercial zoning is now under the scope. The Trustees are reviewing what restrictions and requirements are in place for future developments. More importantly what needs to be added. Ensuring that any future commercial building will look in keeping with the neighborhood as well as the safety and well being of its residents.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to support our local merchants; doing so helps maintain the quality and amenity of development within the Village boundaries. The Village assesses no real estate taxes but survives on a small sales tax collected by our local merchants and the fees generated through licenses and permits from building inspections.

Your Elected Trustees

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Board of Trustee Meetings

Regular Session Schedule
5:30 pm - 2nd Wednesday of the Month

**Check our website for
any possible changes at
www.villageoffourseasons.com**

- Wednesday, January 13, 2021**
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021**
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021**
- Wednesday, April 14, 2021**
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021**
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021**
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021**
- Wednesday, August 11, 2021**
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021**
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021**
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021**
- Wednesday December 8, 2021**

Board of Trustees

Jim Holcomb
Luanne Ruck
Dave Perdue
Tony Baldrige
Randy Engel

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Trustee
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“We, the Trustees believe it is important for all property owners in the Village of Four Seasons to be kept informed. Our goal is to offer you clear and accurate information so that you have all the facts regarding new ordinances, amenities and improvements as well as studies and plans for the future that may affect you and your property.”

Town Hall Hours

Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm
(Lunch 12pm-1pm)

Inspectors Hours

Mon—Tues—Thurs 8am- 3:30 pm
Wednesday 8am—3:00pm
Friday 8am - 12pm

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