



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Four Seasons

Spring 2019

VFS Parks Are Getting Upgrades!

The Village Park has recently received upgraded security cameras. Updated signage, new hopscotch stones, lighting on the gazebo, and the railings around the stairs and bathrooms are scheduled to be replaced very soon.

As soon as weather allows, a few new flowering trees will be added to this park. The parking lot is scheduled to be paved in the fall. The basketball court is to be repaired and repainted.

The pirate ship is getting a pirate flag and will be named the Village Pearl. Trillium park is getting a new swing set this summer. Paving on this parking lot will not likely occur until next year, due to new construction on the street.

Hiking / Biking Paths Updates!

The Hiking and Biking path on Bittersweet will be repaved this year with new delineators going in a few areas along this route. The remaining paths will be getting distance markers and path designations (Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter) painted too!

2019 Repaving Project -Expect Delays!

Weather pending, the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District's 2019 paving projects are scheduled to begin on Monday, March 18th.

The District plans on beginning with Horseshoe Bend Parkway and will start at the Blue Heron.

After the parkway is complete, Bittersweet Road and the walking path will be completed.

The goal is to have all paving completed before Memorial Weekend.

The road will not be completely closed, but there will be lane closures. Residents should expect and plan for delays.

Your patience and caution while driving during this time is greatly appreciated by the Districts staff!

If you have any questions about the project, please call the District office at 573-365-2832.

Storm Sirens are tested on the 1st Tuesday of the month at noon, unless there is inclement weather.

Employee Spotlight

The Village has been fortunate with its longtime employment of gardener Kenny Chandler. He replaced Ralph Duvel as department lead after Ralph's retirement. His attention to detail, as well as skill, will enhance the Village of Four Seasons for many years to come. Be sure to say "Hello" to Kenny when you see him working on the gardens, parks and hiking / biking paths.

Wildlife Feeding Prohibited

The Village has an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife, except songbirds. This includes deer, ducks, geese, turkeys, foxes, raccoons, squirrels, feral cats, etc. Songbird feeders must be placed in a manner that other wildlife would have a difficult time eating from them. To file a complaint contact Camden County Sheriffs Department at 573-346-2243.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOUR SEASONS (ENDING 2018)

This report is a supplemental update to the nine month summary provided in the 2018 fall edition of the Village Voice and jointly prepared by your Trustees.

Financially, the State of the Village remains strong due to the diligent efforts taken by the trustees and employees. Operationally; 2018 ended well within budget with revenues totaling \$585,315.09 and expenditures of \$453,242.01 resulting in a positive operating balance of \$132,073.08. 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.

The transfer of the Village municipal court operations to the Municipal Division of the Associate Circuit Court of Camden County has proven to be a positive action on the part of Village Trustees. The transfer has resulted in significant savings, increased security and efficient operation of the court.

A number of projects have been addressed during 2018. The Cherokee garden retaining wall was completed last summer. We are in the process of Codification of all Village Ordinances which will clarify and ease access and use by all parties having a need; a new accounting system has replaced the past system for better internal controls and the Sheriff's office on the lower level of the Village hall has received some improvements; including new carpeting and security.

Recently, the Trustees voted to become a member of the Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, the regional planning commission in the lake area. Plans are to utilize this membership to assist in implementing revisions in our recent Comprehensive Planning Document as well as other support services provided by that organization.

With the departure of Mr. Larry Chandler; we officially recognize his contributions as he has recently resigned his position in the Building & Code Enforcement Department. His contributions over many years of service to that department are appreciated.

With the April, 2019 election forthcoming and only filings thus far being the incumbents, Mr. Dave Perdue and Mr. Don Henderson; fellow Trustees look forward to an ongoing positive relationship of the existing Trustees.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to support our local merchants; doing so helps maintain the quality of development within 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 building and dock inspections.

Your Elected Trustees

Camden County Emergency Management

If you haven't heard of Truman Dam, you probably will in the months to come...especially if you live in the Village of Four Seasons or on Horseshoe Bend. Truman Dam is in Warsaw, MO, in Benton County to our west. Water from the dam flows to us through the Osage River. It is maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The dam holds back the equivalent water volume of two Lake of the Ozarks. It also has a flood reservoir that will hold another volume of water equivalent to that held in Lake of the Ozarks. And, this sets the stage for one of the main tasks this month for the Camden County Emergency Management Agency.

Recently, The US Army Corps of Engineers released the inundation maps in the event that Truman Dam fails. These maps show which areas will flood. The risk of this occurring is extremely low. But, as with all things Emergency Management, we need to evaluate the scenario and develop a plan to keep our communities safe. This month the CCEMA (Camden County Emergency Management Agency) will be attending an exercise to practice what we would do if Truman Dam fails. This exercise will also be attended by Lake Ozark Fire and Police, Osage Beach Fire and Police, Mid-County Fire, Sunrise Beach Fire, Southwest Fire and Northwest Fire Districts.

In partnership with these agencies, we will develop an Extreme Flood Event Standard Operations Procedure over the next few months. This plan will focus on necessary evacuations, possible sheltering needs, medical needs, swift water rescue and ground search and rescue. This will be added to our overall plan for emergencies.

What can you do to help?

Be Prepared! Make sure that you are able to maintain your household for 72 hours. You can visit our website at www.emacamdenmo.org or www.ready.gov for information about things you can do to prepare for any emergency that could come our way. You can also visit the Village office for a list of local phone numbers and information about the area. Being prepared to help other members of your community, such as the elderly and disabled, would go a long way to helping first responders.

Give input! If you have a great idea that you would like to share with us, please contact us. We will be updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan this year also. You can attend the public meetings for this and let us know what your thoughts are.

Register your cell number with our Nixle system. This system will send out weather alerts from the National Weather Service, as well as emergency announcements from the EMA office. This system is very important to our ability to reach the community quickly to give information about emergencies. You can register by texting your zip code to 888777. You must put in a zip code from Camden County.

Join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). This is a volunteer group that trains and meets to support and assist first responders during an emergency. They also provide assistance during non-emergency times, such as helping man warming shelters during very cold weather. You can reach their website by going to www.ccmocert.com. They would love to have anyone that help.

Camden County EMA will be showing the Community Information meeting for Truman Dam, using Facebook Live on March 13, 2019, from 5pm to 7pm. If you want to hear the information that the US Corps of Engineers will be putting out, this will be your chance!

Be safe out there! As always, make this day count!

Ann Mott, Assistant Director, Camden County EMA

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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)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Wednesday February 13, 2019
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Wednesday December 11, 2019

Town Hall Hours

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

Board of Trustees

Arnold Sandbothe	Chairman
Jim Holcomb	Vice Chairman
Dave Perdue	Trustee
Luanne Ruck	Trustee
Don Henderson	Trustee

“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.”

Village Voice Email List

The Village is starting an email list for a more efficient and cost-effective communication with our residents. If you would like to join the email list please email info@villagoffourseasons.com.