



THE

# VILLAGE VOICE

*Official Newsletter of The Village of Four Seasons*

*Spring 2022*

## April 5th, 2022 Election

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

James T. Holcomb—Current Trustee  
Randolph W. Engel—Current Trustee  
Ronald L. Weihs—Has sat on previous boards in other municipal governments

**Please get out and vote on April 5th!**

## April 5th, Use Tax Proposal

The purpose of the proposal is to assess the same tax rate on out-of-state purchases as local purchases.

If you already pay local sales tax on a purchase you will NOT pay a Use Tax on the same purchase.

A local Use Tax ensures out-of-state purchases are taxed at the same rate as purchases from your local business.

A local Use Tax produces local funds for community services. Funds generated will help pay for public safety, hiking and biking paths, parks, gardens and emergency management.

A public meeting will be held on March 31st, 2022 at 5:30 at the Village Hall to discuss. All residents are invited.

## 1475 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 2022. This is the fourth successful year of operations and nearly 1475 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 ...

## DOG PARK

HOT DOG! We're sprucing up the Horseshoe Bend Bark Park!

The park operates on donations. Supporters will get their names OR business names and numbers on paw prints mounted on the fence.

For more information email: [horseshoebendbarkpark@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoebendbarkpark@gmail.com)



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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 Services 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 November 11th, 2020 following 5:30 regular meeting and December 9th, 2020 @ 4:00 pm .

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 2021)

Financially, the State of the Village remains strong due to the diligent efforts taken by the trustees and employees. Operationally; 2021 ended well within budget with revenues totaling \$1,173,311.90 and expenditures of \$996,973.86 resulting in a positive operating balance of \$176,338.04. The increase in sales tax for the second year in a row allowed the parking lot and sidewalk projects to proceed without taking funds out of reserves.

A number of projects that did get addressed during 2021 included the second phase of the garden upgrades. Kays Point, the Welcome Sign, and Columbine gardens all got a major refresh and are looking great! The Village Hall garden is planned for 2022 with many flowering trees in the design!

The Village Hall parking lot is complete! This project has been planned for many years. 2021 came together with contractor availability as well as the funds to move forward. The parking lot has handicapped parking next to the Sheriffs Dept as well as a new sidewalks continuing with creating an accessible neighborhood for all. New streetlights and a dusk to dawn light were installed. Trillium Park also got a new hard surface in 2021.

The Village Park received four new sidewalks in 2021 and a sidewalk from Cherokee to the Village Park along Reddington was added. A new outdoor bathroom is in the works for 2022, as well as repainting the gazebo and the boats in both parks. Fingers crossed 2022 will come together for these project like 2021 did!

The American Rescue Plan has allowed the Village to undertake some infrastructure projects and the Trustees are partnering with the neighboring communities to plan for the best use of funds for the entire Lake Area.

Several other grants have been sought for new storm sirens, overlaying the Hiking and Biking paths and seal coating. Bittersweet path was recently addressed a few years ago.

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.

Please consider using the Four Seasons address, as significant tax savings is available for personal property and online purchases for residents. Lake Ozarks tax rate is 8.4750% and the Village of Four Seasons tax rate is 7.2250%. (State and County taxes still apply) For larger purchases such as a car you could save \$12.50 for every \$1000 spent if you are using your Four Seasons address. Otherwise the higher rate will apply and the sales tax revenue will not go to the Village of Four Seasons. Revenues received are what funds projects for every municipality. If you are not using the Four Seasons address those funds are benefitting another community rather than yours.

We are sad to report that Luanne Ruck is not running again this year. A big "Thank You" to Luanne for her contributions and valuable service as Trustee for the past 4 years. She was a tremendous asset for the Village of Four Seasons and her absence will be felt.

If you would like to join the Village of Four Seasons email list please email [info@villageoffourseasons.com](mailto:info@villageoffourseasons.com) requesting to be added.

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 12, 2022**
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022**
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022**
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022**
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022**
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022**
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022**
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022**
- Wednesday, September 14, 2022**
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022**
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022**
- Wednesday December 14, 2022**

**Board of Trustees**

**Jim Holcomb**  
**Luanne Ruck**  
**Dave Perdue**  
**Randy Engel**  
**Tony Baldrige**

**Chairman**  
**Vice Chair**  
**Trustee**  
**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**