

Signs point the way to Four Seasons, finally

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Those spending Memorial Day weekend in the Village of Four Seasons should have had an easier time finding their way. The day before the holiday weekend kicked off, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) installed four green and white signs informing motorists of where they needed to turn to get to the Village. All four signs are located at the interchange of State Route 242 and US 54. There are two signs on US 54 and two signs on the two exit ramps.

The push for the signs started more than a year ago when now retired Village Administrator Tom Laird brought the idea up to the board. He contacted MoDOT with concerns that people were having a difficult time locating the Village because of the lack of signage.

Village Attorney Todd Miller took on the challenge and, in addition to contacting Sen. Mike Kehoe and State Rep. Rocky Miller, he began a letter-writing campaign.

In the meantime, the Vil-

lage was told the highway signs couldn't be installed unless the Village also posted signs on Horseshoe Bend Parkway telling motorists when they were entering and exiting the Village limits. Although signs already were in place, the Village ordered new signs designating city limits.

Last fall, MoDOT finally agreed to the Village's proposal but the signs weren't free. However, the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District, the Lodge of Four Seasons and the Four Seasons Property Owners Association agreed to evenly split the \$5,700 cost with the Village. The fee includes 10 years of maintenance. According to the agreement with MoDOT, they will "maintain any knock-downs or damage to the signs for a period of 10 years. After that 10-year period is up, MoDOT will have a renewal fee to have the signs remain, or the signs will be taken down if the contract is not renewed. The exact renewal price is not determined until that time, but it will be lesser than the original cost of the signing."



Directional signs to the Village of Four Seasons were installed in late May.