

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

Official Newsletter of: *The Village of Four Seasons*  
133 Cherokee Road, Four Seasons, MO 65049

Spring 2018



*Hello from the Village! We are off to a strong start in 2018 and wanted to update you on all the exciting things happening!*

## Board of Trustees

Arnold Sandbothe	Chairman
Jim Holcomb	Trustee
Dave Perdue	Trustee
Ranita Jones	Trustee

*"We, the Village 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."*

Note: We do currently have an open seat that will be filled by appointment until the April 2019 election.

**Storm Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of the month at 12 pm, unless there is inclement weather.**

## New Polling Place

This year's election will be held at the POA Activity Center on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

## April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Trustee Election

Three Trustee seats are up for election on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Arnold Sandbothe and Jim Holcomb are incumbents seeking reelection. Ranita Jones is not seeking reelection; however Luanne Ruck is on the ballot seeking that vacancy.

## Meet The Candidates Night

The POA is hosting a 'Meet The Candidates Night' at the Activity Center on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30. All three candidates listed on the ballot will be available for a meet and greet. Arnold Sandbothe, Jim Holcomb and Luanne Ruck will also be available to answer questions. *We hope to see you there!*

## Did you know...

Living in Four Seasons has some tax perks! If you use Four Seasons as your address, you will be charged 5.48% sales tax. Lake Ozark's tax rate is 8.23%. For those larger purchases such as a car you could save \$27.50 for every \$1000 spent. This savings should apply to your online purchases too!

Using Four Seasons as your address will also insure that this revenue is applied to your community rather than another municipality. This revenue maintains your hiking & biking paths, street lights, Sheriff's Dept, & the Village maintained parks & gardens, all which in return helps your property value!

### The Bark Park

The hotspot at the Village is definitely the Bark Park. This little park gets more visitors than all of the others combined. It's a great place to spend some time with your BFF and meet some other residents with similar love for animals. This year many improvements have happened including the purchase of the adjoining lot by the POA. The lot was recently cleared and is now a parking area. Thanks to Cooper Site Works, and Koviak Tree Service for assisting in this effort. A Memorial Bench for longtime resident and road commissioner, John Jenkins will be installed by Horseshoe Bend Road District in that vicinity. A donation of \$500 from the Village of Four Seasons will help assist the park accomplish many of its other goals.

The Bark Park is a stand alone, non-for-profit, run by volunteers and they are always looking for contributions in the form of time and money. If you are interested in assisting contact Alisa Duba at 573-434-2025 or PO Box 83 Lake Ozark MO 65049.

*Everyone's Welcome at the Bark Park!*

### Municipal Court

The decision to transfer the Municipal Court to the Associate Division of the Circuit Court was a tough one. Significant state legislation, partially due to the Ferguson, Missouri crisis, lowered fines, imposed increased financial costs for facilities, court personnel, and accounting requirements brought about the decision. Court will now be held at: Camden County Circuit Court in Camdenton, Missouri. If you have any questions, you may contact Todd Miller, Village Prosecutor at: 573-634-2838

### Emergency Preparedness

With spring upon us, tornados and severe thunderstorms are on our minds. **Do Not Ignore Warning Sirens!** Take cover in the lowest level of a structure such as a crawl space, basement, under a stairwell, interior hallway or closet, preferably away from windows. Most injuries are caused by flying debris and broken glass. **Get off docks or the Lake immediately!**

### Gordon Ellison Memorial

With regret, longtime Trustee Gordon Ellison passed away this year. He accomplished a lot during his tenure, The Bark Park, hiking & biking paths, two parks with a skate ramp, playgrounds and pirate ships. If you enjoy the Village's amenities, Mr. Ellison likely had a hand in it! He was awarded the position of Chairman Emeritus in 2016. We will be placing a Memorial Bench in front of the Village Hall as he is greatly missed by all.

### Hiking & Biking Paths 2018

The 2018 plan for the hiking & biking paths include naming the paths, Summer, Winter, Fall & Spring. Adding stencils of the sun, snowflake, leaf and flower to denote which path you're on. Adding some distance markers will help with your fitness goals. The Fall (Bittersweet) route will be repaved this fall. Please go to our website at [www.villageoffourseasons.com](http://www.villageoffourseasons.com) to see the latest map! *So much to enjoy!* Just a reminder no motorized carts on paths.

### Gardens & Parks Plan 2018

The 2018 plan for the gardens and parks is something else to look forward to this summer! In an effort to make the grounds less labor intensive and to save costs, a plan to upgrade many of the parks is in the works. The main focus this year will be the garden on the corner of Horseshoe Bend Parkway and Cherokee with a large redo planned to start soon. The park behind the Village Hall has received a new coat of paint to the gazebo and boat and has several other planned improvements this summer. The garden in front of the Village Hall will receive the Gordon Ellison Memorial. The park on Trillium will get a lakefront cleanup, freshly painted boat and possibly another surprise! We are always looking for assistance from any resident gardeners. If you are interested in volunteering we would welcome your contribution. Please email [info@villageoffourseasons.com](mailto:info@villageoffourseasons.com).

## STATE OF THE VILLAGE 2017

The State of the Village of Four Seasons ending 2017 is quite good!

The year of 2017 was a dynamic year in which the Village made major changes in operations, expenditures, personnel, and philosophy. The results of these efforts have moved the Village from deficit spending to one with a positive balance in the overall financial position of the Village. This has an excellent forecast of a continuation of that financial picture.

The board was faced with the reality that our municipal court was potentially going to lose in excess of \$30,000 annually. Although a court is not a typical funding source for a municipality, losses of this magnitude could not be sustained. Significant state legislation, partially due to the Ferguson, Missouri crisis, lowered fines, imposed increased financial costs for facilities, court personnel, and accounting requirements brought about the decision to transfer the municipal court to the Associate Division of the Circuit Court. This transfer will result in significant cost savings, increased security, and an advanced accounting system. Several other small municipalities around the Lake are following suit with similar court transfers.

We completed the Comprehensive Plan for the future of the Village based on input from our local citizens and anticipate a continuing effort to meet the expectations of our residents.

The board has disposed of surplus property such as vehicles, trailers, and other miscellaneous property with the attendant reduction in insurance, maintenance, and services which will continue to streamline Village operations.

The Village maintains two parks, fourteen gardens, nearly five miles of hiking & biking paths and over 30 streetlights. With support from Horseshoe Bend Road District, Four Seasons POA, Ameren and The Lodge of Four Seasons there have been extensions of the hiking & biking paths. The Village also helps support the local Bark Park in cooperation with Camden County Public Water Supply District#4, Horseshoe Bend Road District, Four Seasons POA and a local volunteer group. We encourage others to volunteer for these nice amenities.

The Village has made changes to personnel in all departments for an annual savings of \$28,000. The staff is now working in tandem to eliminate all waste & renegotiate all vendor contracts for services needed based on actual usage seeking any additional cost savings.

The revenues for 2016 were \$ 561,907 with expenditures of \$ 581,774. In 2017 revenues were \$553,972 and the expenditures of \$ 426,397. This resulted in a positive balance of \$127,574 for 2017. Due to the fact that a number of the above changes occurred late in the year we look forward to more savings in 2018.

The Village assesses NO real estate taxes but operates on a small tax from local businesses which you are encouraged to continue to support. Other income is derived from fees for services such as building & dock permits which help maintain the quality of developments our residents have come to expect.

The board thanks its employees for their efforts in improving our financial picture, cooperation from other entities in and around the Village and our residents for their continued support.

Your Elected Trustees

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## **Board of Trustee Meetings**

### **2018 Schedule Regular Session**

**5:30 pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month**

*(Check our website for any possible changes)*

No Meeting in January 2018  
Wednesday February 14, 2018  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
Wednesday December 12, 2018

Disabled persons: If you have a need addressed by the American Disabilities Act; notify us prior to any meeting you plan to attend so we may accommodate any special needs.

## **The Village Of Four Seasons**

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### **Town Hall Hours**

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (Lunch 12pm-1pm)  
Village Clerk - Shannon Sullivan  
573-365-3833 Ext 1 / Fax 573-365-5292  
[info@villageoffourseasons.com](mailto:info@villageoffourseasons.com)

### **Building & Dock Inspections**

Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 12 pm  
Building Code Enforcement Manager  
Robert Davis - Cell 573-216-1689  
573-365-3833 Ext 2 / Fax 573-365-5292  
[inspector@villageoffourseasons.com](mailto:inspector@villageoffourseasons.com)