

THE VILLAGE VOICE

Official Newsletter of: *The Village of the Four Seasons*

133 Cherokee Road, Four Seasons, MO 65049

Winter 2015/16



Hello, I can't believe another year has come to an end! Sorry this edition is coming out a little later than anticipated but better late than never. Hope everyone had a good safe summer and took some photos they can look back at during the upcoming winter months. Remember, if you have any suggestions for future articles; please contact me, Ranita Jones, via the Town Hall.

Board of Trustees

Arnold Sandbothe....Chairperson & Finance Officer
Gordon Ellison Vice Chairperson
Ranita Jones Trustee
Carolyn Loraine Trustee
Dave Purdue..... 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 of the facts regarding new ordinances, amenities and improvements as well as studies and plans for the future that may affect you and your property."

Board Meetings are open to all residents

Come and learn what's happening in your community. Resident input is always welcomed,
WE REPRESENT YOU.

Village Board Elections

2015 Results - There were two seats open in the April election. With no other individuals on the ballot the unchallenged incumbents, Carolyn Loraine and Dave Purdue, kept their seats for a new 2-year term.

2016 Election - There are three seats open for the upcoming election year. The individuals currently holding these seats are: Arnold Sandbothe, Gordon Ellison and Ranita Jones.

If you are interested in trying to make some changes in your community, being a Trustee is a good opportunity. Please stop by the Village Hall no later than Tuesday January 19, as that is the deadline for filing.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE:

Election Day is Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Village Administrator Retires

With the closing of 2015, the Village lost a valuable long-time employee, Tom Laird. Tom has been with the Village for the past 20 years and has seen the Village grow from a small little-known community to a community whose name is recognized statewide. He's seen many 'firsts' take place in the lake area which took place in the Village such as first to have: storm warning sirens, hiking and biking trails, a skateboard park, municipal garden, partner with Camden County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement, partner with Ameren for streetlights, and partner with water company for fire hydrants. Though Tom says all the credit for the above items goes to the Board of Trustees throughout the years; the current Board of Trustees disagree as they feel without Tom's help over the years these items and many others wouldn't have been achieved; it's been a team effort. Thanks Tom for your service and interest in helping make the Village what it is today. May you have many retirement years of enjoyment.

New Village Clerk

Please welcome Janice Phegley to our Village Hall 'family' as the new Village Clerk. She and her husband are new residents of the Village after having moved here in October from Jefferson County. She recently retired from BJC Healthcare after more than 15 years. Janice said she feels very privileged for the opportunity to represent the Village and is eager to get started. Feel free to stop by the Village Hall and meet Janice; she looks forward to getting to know as many residents as possible.

COMMUNITY UPDATES**Hiking/Biking Trail**

During this past year the Special Road District did some general maintenance work on the trails, such as filling cracks, extending some culverts and restriping. Thanks to the Village and the Special Road District for the ongoing care of the trails, it's a definite asset to our community.

Lodge of Four Seasons - Renovations

This past Spring a multi-million dollar renovation project began at The Lodge, with completion expected by Summer of 2016. Just about all areas of The Lodge property will be touched, from total sleeping room renovations (windows, beds, etc) to complete replacement of The Lodge's HVAC system, to the widening of the entry road.

The renovation undertaking was made possible by The Four Seasons Group and Access Hotels & Resorts joining forces. Their mission is to enhance and continue The Lodge's founder, Harold Koplar's, legacy of a first class resort. Stop in some time to see what's been done so far and how the changes haven't taken away from the warm rich feeling of the original lodge, it's only enhanced it.

REMINDERS**Village Storm Sirens**

Sirens are tested the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am (weather permitting) and on dates of statewide tests (usually on a Thursday at 1:30 pm). *Otherwise the sirens are only activated when a funnel cloud has been sighted in the area; so head for cover if you hear them!*

Help Support Our Community - Buy Local

Why leave the Bend and fight traffic for items you can purchased at businesses located in the Village such as Ruthie D's, JJ LaFata's, The Lodge of Four Seasons, Spa Shiki at the Lodge, Carl's Hardware/ Convenience Store, HB Brewery, The Office and The Green Onion. Remember, your support of these businesses is returned to you via taxes received by the Village.

Horseshoe Bend Bark Park

Don't forget to take your dog to the dog park during the winter months, they'll appreciate it. For you and your dog's safety please park in either the Village Hall parking lot or the Village Park parking lot.

The park is maintained by a non-profit organization and some devoted volunteers. Any donation of time or money would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, please contact Alisa Duba at 434-2025.

American Flag Project

Thanks to two individuals enough money was received to replace not only the seven flags stolen in 2014 but also a few flags that were stolen in 2013. Thanks also go to the Camden County Sheriffs Dept for catching one thief as well as finding other flags and returning them.

Ranita is glad to report that due to an extra step taken in putting out the flags during 2015 no flags were stolen! We'll see how 2016 goes, hopefully a solution has been found to deal with the thievery. However, should you see anyone other than Ranita and her husband dealing with the flags, please get the license plate number and the make and model of vehicle and call the Sheriff's Department (365-5466). *(NOTE: Ranita has a new vehicle: red Toyota 4Runner.)*

If you have any questions about the flag project, would like to make a donation or help put out the flags, please contact Ranita via her cell at 618-973-1647. Let's all show our pride for our country by flying the flag!

INFORMATIONAL**Village of Four Seasons vs POA**

If you don't understand the difference between the above two entities don't feel bad as there are many

Village of Four Seasons vs POA - continued

long-time residents who don't know. It's pretty complicated and unless you've frequently dealt with either one, you may never really understand the difference. Hopefully the below bullet points will provide a simpler explanation:

- The Village of Four Seasons is a municipality.
- The POA (Property Owners Association) is a private, not-for-profit community association like a homeowners association.
- MAM (Missouri Association Management) is the company the POA contracts with to oversee the operations and amenities of the POA.
- With the exception of certain properties off of Horseshoe Bend Parkway, Bittersweet, Cherokee and several condominium properties, all property in the Village of Four Seasons is part of the POA.
- Likewise, there are some neighborhoods that are part of the POA that are outside the Village Boundaries.
- Permits for various items are often required by both entities (sometimes requiring a fee but not always). Refer to enclosed document outlining the specifics of permit requirements.

If any of this is still confusing, or if you are unsure if your property is in the Village or the POA, don't hesitate to contact either entity about this, or anything regarding your community; we are here to help you.

Horseshoe Bend Special Road District

Snow Removal: Stay alert of possible snow falls that may require snow plowing by the Road District. When plowing is needed, be sure to remove all personal property (vehicles, trailers and other removable property) from the Right of Way in front of your house. Taking these steps will not only protect your property but will also allow the road crew to work more efficiently.

Permits: Yes, there are permits to obtain from the Road District. Happily though THERE ARE NO COSTS (they just want to be aware of where improvements are being made since they maintain our roads).

It's also beneficial for property owners to contact the Road District when planning to make any changes on or along the roadway (even replacements) so they can ensure that your planned project will not be located on the Right of Way or become an obstruction during snow events and other road work. (My personal experiences have been pleasant when dealing with the Road District regarding any projects I've had along the road way.)

Emergency Preparedness Corner

It's winter! Besides having items in your house to get you through a severe winter storm be sure to be prepared while on the road as you never know when you may get stuck and how long before help arrives! A winter emergency kit should be placed in each vehicle and kept there until March or even April.

Below is a basic list of items that should be included in your vehicle kit, but be sure to include anything else you feel you may need in a winter emergency:

(NOTE: many of the listed items should always remain in your vehicle throughout the year*)

- Cell phone
- A full tank of gas before you begin trip and if needed, stop occasionally and top off tank*
- Scraper/brush for windows
- First-aid supplies*
- Pair of walking shoes (it's difficult to walk very far in heels or work shoes)*
- At least one flashlight with extra batteries*
- Brightly colored cloth to signal for help*
- Flares or reflective triangles*
- Whistle (in case you slide down a long hill and are out of sight)*
- Small NOAA weather radio with extra batteries*
- Tow rope and Jumper cables*
- Bottled water, a snack, some kind of non-perishable food*
- Abrasive material, like cat litter, sand or salt

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Emergency Preparedness Corner - Continued

- Empty water-tight container with candles, matches or lighter
- Sleeping bags or blankets (to keep warm if you need to wait for a long period of time)
- Ski caps, gloves or mittens (mittens will keep your hands warmer than gloves but are harder to work with than gloves)
- Extra clothes and shoes (If you get wet trying to shovel yourself out or you fall in the snow, you will welcome the change of clothes.)
- Foldable snow shovel (a good one not a flimsy cheap one as you may have to shovel snow or break up ice)*

You don't have space for these items? You need to find some as you'll be thankful you did if you get stuck!

Village Website

Now that we've expanded the data size of our website, we're going to be adding some additional information

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that should be of some interest to residents (example: Village's boundaries map, Trustees photos, etc).

We want to make our website an information source for you, so please let me, Ranita, know what you would like to see on it that isn't there now. We'll see what we can do to fill your request.

VILLAGE OF FOUR SEASONS
INFORMATIONAL CORNER

Town Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8 am – 4 pm
closed from noon - 12:30

Phone: 573-365-3833

Village clerk: Janice Phegley

Email: info@villageoffourseasons.com

Website: www.VillageofFourSeasons.com

Building/Dock Inspections Held:

Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tues. & Friday: 7:30 am – 12 Noon

Building Inspector: Robert Davis

Phone: 573-216-1689