

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

133 Cherokee Road, Four Seasons, MO 65049

Winter 2016/17



Happy Holidays from the entire Village staff! It's the end of another year and hopefully everyone had fun and has good memories to reflect on for years to come.

Contained in this edition are things that took place in the Village throughout the year. Remember, if you have any suggestions for future articles; please contact me, Ranita Jones via the Village Hall.

Board of Trustees

Arnold Sandbothe.....Chairperson
Carolyn Loriane Vice Chairperson &
Finance Officer
Jim Holcomb Trustee
Ranita Jones Trustee
Dave Perdue 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.

See the enclosed 2017 schedule.

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

--WE REPRESENT YOU--

VILLAGE TRUSTEE GORDON ELLISON RETIREMENT

After over 20 years of serving on the Village Board and due to recent health issues, Gordon Ellison resigned as an active member this past April. During the years Gordon held positions of Finance Officer, Vice Chairman and Chairman.

Gordon has been a tremendous asset to the Village and very instrumental in making the Village what it is today. One of the major projects he spearheaded and saw through is the hiking/ biking trail. This project began just being within the Village boundaries but then expanded beyond the boundaries to cover most of Horseshoe Bend Parkway thanks to the Lodge of Four Seasons. To honor Gordon's many years of service and help in making our community what it is today, Gordon has been given the position of Chairman Emeritus.

Gordon and his wife, Frances, have made the lake their home for the past 27 years and plan on staying here a while longer.

VILLAGE BOARD ELECTIONS

2016 Results - There were three seats open in the April election (Arnold Sandbothe, Ranita Jones and Gordon Ellison). Two of the incumbents ran again and with Gordon's departure a new name was on the ballot, Jim Holcomb. All individuals on ballot were elected and will hold their seats for a 2-year term.

2017 Election - There are two seats open for the April 2017 election. The individuals currently holding these seats are Carolyn Loraine and Dave Perdue.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your community, being a Trustee is a good opportunity. **Please stop by or call the Village Hall by January 17th to find out what the deadline date is for filing.**

FUTURE 2017 BALLOT ITEM VOTING 'NO' MEANS 'YES'

This ballot issue would discontinue the application and collection of local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer.

Therefore, if you vote 'no' it means that taxation will continue on those items mentioned and will provide the Village with needed revenue. If taxation is not continued then the potential loss of revenue to the Village is estimated to be at least \$13,000 (*Quote from the Missouri Municipal League*).

★★ DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ★★

INFORMATIONAL

Sheriff's Phone # Change

Effective November 14, 2016 the HH Zone phone # (573-365-5466) **was deactivated** due to restructuring of their phone system. Start using the Sheriff Department's main number: 573-346-2243.

Loss of Village Building Inspector

It is with sad regrets to report that at the end of November the Village lost one of its key inspectors, Larry Chandler who moved to Pacific, Missouri for a better job opportunity and to be near family. His knowledge of building codes will be greatly missed.

The vacant position has been filled from within by Jeff McCleary. The Village then promoted Robert Adams to fill the opening left by Jeff. Robert has been with the Village for a while and will be in training on his new duties during the winter months.

Discounts at Businesses on the Bend

A number of businesses on HH offer discounts to POA members.

**Ruthie D's - The Lodge of Four Seasons -
Camden on the Lake - H. Toad's Bar & Grill**

To receive discounts you'll need to mention you're a POA member and present your POA Membership Card. To obtain specifics visit the POA website: www.fourseasonspsoa.com

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Hiking/Biking Trail

Filling of cracks and resealing portions of the trail from POA Swimming/Tennis Facility to Cherokee took place in mid-October.

More yellow diamonds will be placed on the hiking/biking trail. These diamonds indicate that **no motor vehicles are allowed on the trails** (this includes golf carts). Let's keep our trails safe.

We're working on putting together a distance map of the hiking/biking trails throughout the Village and along HH. As soon as it's finished it will be on our website as well as hard copies at Village Hall; check our website periodically for the status. Exact measurement has been done on the hiking trail from Bittersweet Road westward to the end of the trail; it's 1 ¾ miles (2 miles would take you to Anchor Marine). The green markers will be adjusted soon.

One more thing, for those who want to ride the trail from the Duckhead Road intersection location, there is a gravel parking area (thanks to the HH Special Road District) where you can park your vehicle. Location of parking area is at the northeast corner of intersection of HH and Duckhead Road near the large white electrical box.

Dog Park – Help Needed

(Horseshoe Bend Bark Park)

As the years have gone by the Park is starting to show its age and could really use a little face lift (seating areas, fencing, and dog-watering area, reseeding of grass and dog toys). Along with the aforementioned, there are also the general tasks of upkeep of the park such as mowing, weed eating, leaf blowing, minor maintenance of the fencing, etc.

For those who don't know, the Bark Park is a sole entity and is in existence and runs only on donations (monetary, materials and volunteers) from individuals and local businesses (it does not receive funding from the Village).

Over the years the volunteer help has diminished and the upkeep of the park has primarily been handled by Alisa Duba and her husband who do all the general tasks that allow the park to remain open. Many thanks need to be given to both of them for their steadfast commitment.

In a conversation with Alisa regarding this article, she first wanted to thank those who have given donations as it helps with some of the expenses to maintain the park such as gas for mower, water bill, etc. She also wanted to send thanks to the entities who recently donated funds to refurbish two of the park benches.

After further inquiry into what would help Alisa with the upkeep of the Park, the following was mentioned:

- Volunteers to help with blowing of leaves, mowing, weeding and other miscellaneous maintenance tasks.
- Donations of any monetary amount to help with monthly expenses, as well as future projects.

Now knowing more about the running of the Park, hopefully there are some residents who would be willing to give a little of their time to help with the upkeep of the Park. It's a nice feature to have within our community so let's not lose it due to a lack of volunteers/donations, especially from pet owners.

If you wish to help in any way or have any questions, please contact Alisa Duba at 573-434-2025. She would truly appreciate your help.

REMINDERS

Help Support Our Community Buy Local

Why leave the Bend and fight traffic for items you can purchase 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, The Office and The Breakroom.

Remember, your support of these businesses is returned to you via taxes received by the Village.

Village Storm Sirens

With the storm sirens being 'outside' sirens you may not hear them when you're inside, so please find and download a free storm alert app for your smart phone to be assured you receive storm/tornado alerts no matter where you are, even on vacation.

If you do hear the Villages' storm sirens on any other day than the first Tuesday of the month (around 11:00 am) head for shelter as it means a funnel was sighted somewhere in the Lake area.

Horseshoe Bend Special Road District

Snow Removal: When plowing is needed, be sure to remove all personal property from the Right of Way in front of your house (ex: vehicles, trailers and other removable property). Taking these steps will not only protect your property but will also allow the road crew to work more efficiently.

Rentals of Single Family Homes

There is a Village Ordinance that states that any home in any R-1 area cannot be rented for a period of less than 31 consecutive days. Please abide by this ordinance so that our community can remain a residential community as it was originally planned.

American Flag Project

Ranita Jones is glad to report that though it wasn't a steal-free year like last year, only one flag was stolen this year. Please continue to keep your eyes open when the flags are flying and 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 (573-346-2243).

(NOTE: Ranita has a new vehicle: a red Toyota 4Runner.)

If you have any questions or interest in participating in this project, please contact Ranita via her cell at 618-973-1647. Let's all show our pride for our country by flying the flag!

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Winter 2016/17

Emergency Preparedness

Winter is back, be sure to:

1. Put survival items in your vehicles in case you get stuck (ex: blanket, boots, cold weather clothing, snacks, water, flashlight, whistle, etc).
2. Keep in touch with the weather forecast for travel advisories.
3. During bad weather:
 - don't go out unless necessary, and
 - let loved ones know when you're leaving and what route you plan on taking.

For more cold weather preparedness information, 'Goggle' emergency preparedness. SAFE TRAVELS.

Village Website

Don't forget to visit our website www.VillageofFourSeasons.com . It's kept current with informational notifications of Village related items.

We want to make our website an information source for you, so please contact the Village Clerk and let her know what you would like to see on the site. We'll see what we can do to fill your request.

January 2017

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 Code Enforcement Manager:

Robert Davis

Phone: 573-216-1689

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133 Cherokee Road

Four Seasons, Missouri 65049

LETTER from the VILLAGE CLERK

December 2016

Dear Village of Four Seasons Neighbors:

I wanted to personally send a note to each of you who reside inside the Village. I am your new Village Clerk/Administrator, Janice Phegley and I'd like to say, Hello!

I took over in January, 2016 replacing Tom Laird who held this position for twenty years. He saw this office grow from one person to a staff of eleven. Tom led the effort to put ordinances in place to make code enforcement a reality, where a home built in Four Seasons holds its value due to quality construction standards set by International Building, Electrical and Plumbing Codes. We also require dock permits/inspections to set certain safety standards.

It's so nice living down here because in every municipality I've lived it was a requirement to pay for dog tags and city stickers; neither of which is required here. Another nice thing here is that occupancy permits are only required for new construction. This is the most wonderful place to live, work and meet people. I feel much safer and no longer have the stress from an hour-long commute to work (each way)!

What I would like to deliver in this first message is a clarification: Who does what? Where do you go for this? These are all things that drove me crazy the first few months being a new resident myself.

Below are some examples of questions I receive:

1. With being a few miles down the road from the "Lodge of Four Seasons", I have gotten calls asking for rates, where to go to get ice, can I vote here? Although the Lodge is located within the Village boundaries, the Lodge is a privately-owned enterprise.
2. Below are the most frequent calls I get:
 - What do I need to get my cards for the pool? I have my deed and Welcome Packet.
 - Where are the interior lakes?
 - I want to paint my house....
 - Where is the exercise area?
 - Do I need a permit for a new door?
 - Which lots are 'black hole' lots? Yes, that exact question.
 - Can you tell me the price on this house? What lot is for sale? (On this one I tell them if there's a small green or white sign with a bar code on it, to scan the red triangle on the sign with their cell number and the information is right at their fingertips. Also, for additional information, they can go to the Village's website (www.villageoffourseasons.com), click on 'Additional links' and then select the POA link.

All of the questions under item 2 fall under the POA's (Property Owners Association) jurisdiction.

The complexities of the local government are amazing and very intimidating. To try and say I will ever know it all is a fictional statement that can really be the "Mountain climb of my life". I think what it comes down to, is I will always be one of the first contacts for new residents to the Village, and I love that!

Our Village Board of Trustee Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Please attend and become involved in your municipality; you can learn a lot from this hour meeting. We are lucky enough to be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each meeting. We have a great group of Trustees: Chairman – Arnold Sandbothe, Vice Chair – Carolyn Loraine, Trustees – Dave Perdue, Ranita Jones and Jim Holcomb; all dedicated to doing what is right for the Village. Please try to come; we would enjoy your input as that’s how the Trustees learn what residents are looking for in their community. You might even catch the fever and want to run for the Board!

One last thing of importance, when you fill out your address on any piece of paperwork or on your checks, please state your city as ‘Four Seasons’ to ensure that the revenue from taxes that are paid for Federal, State and local taxes get credited to the Village where you live. The revenue the Village receives goes towards Village streets, sirens, policing and other Village related services/improvements. If you’re not sure you live within the Village boundaries, (if you have a roadside trash enclosure you probably do) please call me and I will confirm whether or not you do. It’s confusing sharing a post office with a zip code that covers both Four Seasons and Lake Ozark addresses.

The Village has a good blend of employees who love their role here and look forward to helping you. The Village Hall is located at 133 Cherokee Road, and there’s a Camden County Sheriff’s Department Zone Office located in the lower level of the Village Hall.

I have had the pleasure to meet many of you in person regarding questions/ issues regarding Village functions as well as POA functions. Keep coming in as we want you to feel welcomed and want to help you find the information you need. I look forward to meeting you.

Enjoy this beautiful Lake and be safe.

Janice Phegley
Village of Four Seasons Clerk/ Administrator
Four Seasons, MO 65049
573-365-3833 (Ext 1)

**Village of Four Seasons
Board of Trustee Meetings
2017 Schedule
5:30 p.m. Regular Sessions**

**January – NO MEETING
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14**

**July 12
August 9
September 13
October 12
November 8
December 13**

*NOTE: On rare occasions a meeting may get rescheduled to a different date. Please visit our website (www.villageoffourseasons.com) to confirm meeting date and time. Thank you.