

CLAYCOMO NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016 EDITION

ELECTION DAY – APRIL 5, 2016

If you have not registered to vote, you must do so by March 9, 2016. To get more details, go to the Village website home page and click on “Register to Vote” under the Quick Links section.

The April 5th election will include a ballot for the two (2) open seats for the Board of Trustees. This year, Marina Barker was the only individual to file and declare candidacy for the Board. This means one seat will be available through a write-in process. Should no write-in candidate wish to serve, per the State Statutes, the sitting Board will have the authority to appoint an individual for this open seat.

THANK YOU FROM TRUSTEE HARVEY

My term as trustee expires at the end of March, so I want to take this opportunity to thank the Village residents and businesses for all your support during my time serving on the Board of Trustees. Due to health and personal reasons, I decided not to run for a second term. The Car Shows hosted last summer was a passion of mine and when I came to you for support, each of you immediately asked what could be done to help. For that, I thank you! I'll be making my rounds throughout the Village during March to personally thank each of you. Thank you again for all your support!

Trustee Tom Harvey

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

In July, Jim Stoufer stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Trustees after 20 years serving on the Board. On behalf of the Village of Claycomo, we want to thank Jim for all his years of service and dedication to the Village. We wish him well in the days ahead.

This year both Chief Ron Stewart and Chief Matt Coonce celebrated their 20th anniversary of service with the Village of Claycomo. We are fortunate to have employees such as them dedicated to the betterment of the Village. Please congratulate them on their service to the Village!

The Board is working hard to get audits current and next year's budget finalized. I encourage all residents and business owners to become more involved by attending our meetings and providing us input. We have many other events planned throughout the year and ask that everyone participate in these events. Also we have had a few new businesses make the Village their new home so we ask that you support them, stop in to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Village.

**Chairman, Board of Trustees
Marina Barker**

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WALK-OVER BRIDGE TO BE PAINTED!

MoDOT has informed the Village they have identified funds to repaint the walkover bridge located on the west end of 69 Hwy. Painting will begin sometime this spring. Keep an eye out for a new look to the walkover bridge!

McMURRY CHURCH TO HOST EASTER EGG HUNT

McMurry Methodist Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on Saturday, March 19th from 1 – 3pm at Mildred Keeney Park. All Claycomo children are invited to join in the festivities and enjoy an afternoon of fun!!

NEW VILLAGE EMERGENCY DISPATCH SYSTEM!!

In February, the Village began having our emergency services dispatched by the KC Police Communications Unit. They now will dispatch for both police and fire emergencies within the Village. When dialing 9-1-1, identify yourself as a resident of Claycomo with your address. This will expedite the response to your call. For non-emergency calls, please call 234-5111 to have an officer respond to your call. Moving to the new dispatch system has resulted in improved response time to any emergency call!! Deputy Chief Stewart provides more details on page 4 of this newsletter.

VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM

The Village sewer system was installed over 50 years ago and as a result is beginning to need repairs and maintenance. Currently any maintenance is funded out of the Village's General Fund account. With the increasing need for repairs, the Village Board of Trustees will be hosting a public hearing to receive input on ways to support these increasing costs. The Missouri State Statute allows for the Village to enact a "service charge" to residents and businesses to assist with funding these needs. A hearing date has not been set but will be shortly. Once a date and time is confirmed, the information will be on the website along with notices posted in various public locations throughout the Village. Your input is needed to help develop a plan on the best way to support these growing maintenance needs!

POE STREET TO CLOSE AGAIN THIS SPRING!

MoDOT will return to working on I-35 between Pleasant Valley and Vivion Roads as part of the I-35 Improvement Project this spring. The work done last summer on the bridge crossing over Poe Street was not completed so Poe Street will again be closed at the bridge beginning sometime this spring. Once MoDOT has provided the Village with the exact date, and how long construction will occur, we will post this information on the Village website. Like last summer, please seek alternative routes during this construction time. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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The Historical Society of Claycomo is teaming up with the Senior Citizen's Luncheon!

SAVE THE DATE:

Wed, March 16, 2016, 12 pm, at the Community Building behind City Hall

It's a brownbag affair. Bring your lunch and utensils. Seniors meet on the third Wednesday of every month, and would love to expand their membership. On March 16th the **HSC** (Historical Society of Claycomo) will be interviewing attendees about their life and experiences in Claycomo, in our effort to compile an oral and written history. One person's memory tends to spark another's on this walk down Memory Lane. Bring any pictures, articles, or memorabilia along. If you were a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Saddle or Lions Clubs, participated in Fun Fests, or served on a Board, plan to attend.

In honor of Claycomo's 70th Anniversary in November, the **HSC** will present three different local history displays at the Claycomo Library; a new one in each month September through November. September's will showcase schools and churches. Some of which were established long before our 1946 incorporation.

An Oak Ridge Elementary all school reunion is in the planning stages for our anniversary weekend. If you would like to be involved with the planning of this event, or have any materials you would like to add to the library display, please bring them to the luncheon or contact: Linda Powell 452-8483 or email with Topic line: "Claycomo History" to themompowell@hotmail.com.

Let's Make History!

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Spring is almost here and I would like to remind you about several complaints we get during this time of year. It is against village ordinance to blow your grass clippings into the street. Yard grass is not allowed to grow to a height greater than eighteen inches. Skate boarding is prohibited upon any public street. The outside storage of unlicensed and disabled vehicles is prohibited unless the vehicle is being repaired (in which case you have 30 days).

We recently hired a new part time officer, Anthony Seymour. Anthony is a full time Kansas City Fireman. He has worked as a part time police officer for various cities for many years. If you see him out patrolling be sure to say hello.

Feel free to contact me at City Hall if you have any concerns or comments.

Business #452-4613

Matt Coonce
Chief of Police

The Board of Trustees has requested the Police Chief to step-up enforcement on speeding and stop sign violations. We have received numerous complaints. Please slow down and stop at stop signs. We want our Village to be a safe place. Please drive responsibly!!

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST SAT, MARCH 26, 2016!



The Annual Claycomo Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be **Saturday, March 26, 2016 beginning at 7:00 AM and will continue until 1:00 PM at the Claycomo Community Center.** Breakfast will include Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Coffee and Orange Juice. **Everyone is cordially invited to join us for a PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!!**

ALL Donations will go to support various Fire Association projects through the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Emergency dispatching operations for the Claycomo Fire Department were switched over from the Clay County Sheriff's Dispatch Center to KCFD Dispatch on Monday, March 22nd. The switchover went very smoothly and all dispatching functions are now with KCFD. If residents are in need of either fire or EMS they should continue to call 911. There are other numbers that can be called but Claycomo and KCFD recommend that you always call 911.

Claycomo residents should not notice any appreciable change in how the calls are received and sent to the Fire Department. Citizens may note that a few more questions are asked of them. This is done so that the dispatchers can provide responding units with much needed and valuable information.

KCFD has a fully staffed Dispatching Center that operates 24 hours a day; 7 days and week; 365 days a year. Call takers and Dispatchers are trained to the highest level to be able to provide quality service.

Recently Eric Miles was promoted from Firefighter/Paramedic to Assistant Chief. Eric is well respected by all of the department members and is doing an excellent job in his new role. Eric will still command one of three shifts along with his duties as Assistant Chief.

Also, Gregg Harris, who had been serving as a Part-Time EMT was promoted to Full-Time status. He is now working on 'C' Shift and doing an outstanding job.

The Fire Department would like to introduce yet another member. Louis Alois started his Full-Time position with us on March 1st and is currently serving on 'C' Shift. Louis comes to us after serving on other fire departments in Florida and Colorado and has been working for AMR ambulance service locally. Louis has many years in both firefighting and EMS and will be a valuable asset to the department and will serve the residents of Claycomo well.

Louis is replacing Beth Jones, who left Full-Time employment with CFD to join the ranks of the Gladstone Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Beth will still serve CFD as a Part-Timer.

Bill Stewart
Deputy Fire Chief

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 9 | Last Day to Register to Vote |
| March 14 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| March 16 | Seniors Luncheon with Claycomo Historical Society |
| March 16 | Zoning Board - 2:00 PM |
| March 17 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| March 21 | Park Board – 6:30 PM |
| March 26 | PANCAKE BREAKFAST |
| March 28 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
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| April 5 | ELECTION DAY |
| April 7 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| April 11 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| April 12 | Municipal Court – 5:00 PM |
| April 18 | Park Board – 6:30 PM |
| April 20 | Zoning Board – 2:00 PM |
| April 21 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| April 25 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
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| May 2 | Park Board – 6:30 PM |
| May 3 | Municipal Court – 5:00 PM |
| May 5 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| May 9 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| May 10 | Municipal Court – 5:00 PM |
| May 16 | Park Board – 6:30 PM |
| May 18 | Zoning Board – 2:00 PM |
| May 19 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| May 23 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| May 30 | Memorial Day – CITY HALL CLOSED |
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| June 2 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| June 4 | VILLAGE GARAGE SALE |
| June 6 | Park Board – 6:30 PM |
| June 7 | Municipal Court – 5:00 PM |
| June 11 | VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY |
| June 13 | Board Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| June 14 | Municipal Court – 5:00 PM |
| June 15 | Zoning Board – 2:00 PM |
| June 16 | EDC Meeting – 7:00 PM |
| June 18 | STREAM TEAM – MILDRED KEENEY PARK – 10:00 AM |
| June 27 | Board Meeting - 7:00 PM |

VILLAGE PHONE DIRECTORY

Village Offices 452-5539
Dispatch (non-emergency) 234-5111
Emergency 911
(identify yourself as Claycomo resident)

TRASH REMINDER

With spring approaching, the winds pick up and blow loose debris throughout the Village. As a reminder, please make sure all your trash is bagged and placed securely in your trash receptacle. Let's help keep the Village beautiful!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Interested in becoming involved in your community? The Village is looking for interested residents, and business owners, who would like to get involved in Claycomo's future. We currently have volunteer openings on our Park Board; EDC, and newly formed Events Planning Committee. This committee will coordinate all the various events the Village hosts each year like the Car Show, Halloween Fun-Fest and Holiday Event. If you are interested or want more information, contact City Hall (452-5539) for all the details!