

# CLAYCOMO NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2017 EDITION

## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

Welcome,

Drop by the Claycomo Fire Station and meet the new Fire Chief, Eric Miles and Assistant Fire Chief, Jay Curless. Between them, the Village has gained 52 years of combined firefighting and paramedic services.

ERIC MILES has worked up through the ranks having started as a Junior Firefighter in high school. Since that time, he has earned many certifications in firefighting and EMS operations. Eric joined the department in June 2015 as Assistant Fire Chief before being promoted in April 2017.

JAY CURLESS joined the department in April 2017 as Assistant Fire Chief. He has 10 years' experience at MAST as a paramedic. Before coming to the Village, he was employed at Sni Valley Fire Protection District. While there he earned his way up through the ranks to Captain. He is currently enrolled in the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

We have several new police officers who have joined the Village in the last few months. Please remember to respect our officers. They are here to serve and protect us.

We are glad to have gained such experience and professionalism.

**Marina Barker**  
**Chairman of the Board**

## **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!** **JULY 4, 2017**

Summer Celebrations are being planned and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a fun and a loud time in celebration of our country.

Remember in Claycomo that per our ordinances you cannot sell or use fireworks in business areas, village streets, sidewalks, municipal buildings, parking lots and/or parks.

You may per Sec. 12-37 (4) have ***Possession of, use of, discharging of or igniting of ground fireworks will be allowed on private property within the corporate limits of the village on July 3rd and 4th annually between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight, children under the age of sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised and accompanied by a parent/guardian.***

Be respectful to your neighbors and clean up the debris. Remember Safety First!

## **CLAY COUNTY ANNEX** **NEW HOURS**

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the Annex will be open late on Thursdays from 8AM to 7PM. They are located at 1901 NE 49<sup>th</sup> Street, KCMO.

## **FOR BUSINESS OWNERS**

All renewal licenses not obtained yet are now past due. Claycomo business licenses were due on June 30, 2017 and as of July 1, 2017 will have a penalty. Any business with temporary or permanent signage should contact City Hall **before** placing your signs to obtain a sign permit application. If you do not obtain an approved permit you can be issued a nuisance violation and subject to fines.

If you have any questions, contact City Hall at 452-5539 or at [cityhall@claycomo.org](mailto:cityhall@claycomo.org).

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT CORNER**

When calling 911 occasionally our residents are being put on hold or they are having difficulty in getting through to the non-emergency dispatch number. This is a difficult [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.] problem and one Kansas City, Missouri residents encounter as well when calling the KCMO Police Dispatch. Most of the time you will be able to talk with a dispatcher immediately. Although if you are put on hold remember to stay on the line. Hanging up and calling back will impact the order in which your call was received.

You should always call 911 when you have an emergency and need an emergency responder. If the need is not immediate, you may contact the KC dispatch non-emergency to ask for assistance. Whichever number you call, when you speak with the Kansas City dispatcher make sure to tell them you are a Claycomo resident and that you need a emergency assistance.

You will find all the contact phone numbers on the last page of this newsletter.

Additionally, if you did not receive a 2017 Village calendar you may obtain it at City Hall.

**Matt Coonce**  
**Chief of Police**

## **NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME** **AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>**

As part of the National Crime Prevention Week, the Claycomo Police Department will be hosting a "Night Out Against Crime" on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the Mildred Keeney Park, at 55 N Poe St., beginning at 6:00 pm.

"Officer McGruff, the Crime Dog" will be on hand to help the entire family become involved in preventing crime.

Claycomo Police officers will be there to share information with the residents and business owners. Games, food, and other fun activities will be available for the kids.

## **LIMITED PARKING ON STREET**

Please note that per Sec. 9-134 of the ordinances that Parking on the Streets is restricted. It is unlawful to park on any portion of any public street, alley, or thoroughfare for more than 48 hours at a time.

Additionally, the sidewalks must remain clear per Sec. 27-198 (2). No persons shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on a sidewalk.

For the safety of your neighbors and our emergency vehicles, it is important to keep areas clear.

## **KEEPING YOUR LAWN CUT & GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREET**

With the warmer weather and the amount of rain recently, weeds, grasses and plants have been rapidly growing and spreading. This means more mowing and trimming to keep up! Per the Village ordinance Sec. 21-2 (h), grass and brush may not exceed 18 inches in height.

This combination means more debris is getting into the storm drains, causing problems and backups. Please do not blow your grass clippings or other debris into the streets or storm sewers.

Grass clippings in the street are considered a nuisance violation. You can be ticketed for this nuisance. If you see debris in the storm drains around your property please remove it.

Help keep the Village looking attractive and care for your property!

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT CORNER**

The warm weather is (finally) upon us, we need to be concerned about heat-related illnesses. It is good to know the signs and symptoms of heat-related injuries.

### **Preventing Heat-Related Illness:**

*Dress for the heat* – lightweight clothing, light colors, and a hat.

*Drink fluids* – Water, sport drinks, and juice (avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrates the body)

*Eat small meals and eat more often* – Avoid foods high in protein, which increases metabolic heat.

*Slow down* – Avoid strenuous activity or plan your day to avoid the high temperatures.

*Take regular breaks* – Stop and find a cool place.

**Infants and children** are at risk due to inefficient sweating and a higher metabolic rate.

**Elderly persons** also are at increased risk because of their limited cardiovascular reserves, preexisting illness, and possible medications that may affect their volume status or sweating ability.

For more helpful ideas on preventing heat related injuries please stop by the fire station and talk with the paramedics.

**PLEASE BE SAFE THIS SUMMER.**

***Eric Miles***  
***Fire Chief***

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## **DO YOU KNOW WHEN AND WHERE YOUR TRASH SHOULD BE?**

Recently we have had calls of new neighbors moving in and wanted to remind everyone of a few ordinances regulating the trash service.

1<sup>st</sup> – Sec. 14-25 states that per the zoning ordinances and contract, the container(s) provided should be placed curbside for collection. This is the portion of the right-of-way adjacent to the paved Village roadways, without interference of vehicles or in the way of pedestrians.

2<sup>nd</sup> – The Village pickup day is Monday between the hours of 7:00AM and 7:00PM. Please make sure your containers are placed before 7:00AM to not miss a pickup. Please refer to the Village website for Republic Services Holiday pickup schedule.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Per Sec. 14-22 (a-b) Placement, it is unlawful to place or keep containers on any public street, alley or elsewhere, except private property within 12 hours of collection and must be removed to designated area within 12 hours after collection. Designated areas are defined as to be located within 10 foot-radius from the building and not to be in front of such building as to be between the building and the street.

Each of these ordinances if not followed are subject to a nuisance violation. By placing the bins in appropriate locations, it keeps them from being stolen, damaged and assists in keeping the neighborhoods clean.

### **Did you find more stuff after the Spring Cleanup Day?**

Contact the Village Trash Service Provider Republic Services at 816-254-1470 for bulk pickup, brush cleanup and hazardous material pickups throughout the year, at owner's expense.

Glass Recycling (not plastic) is the large blue bin behind City Hall all year round.

Paper can be recycled in the yellow bin behind City Hall all year round.

Get your electronics picked up and recycled by contacting GORECYCLERS at 816-820-0748, additional charges to owner may apply.

Next Village-Wide Cleanup is Saturday, September 16, 2017.

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## RESERVE ONE OF OUR PARK SHELTERS FOR YOUR EVENT

Claycomo Park shelters are available to reserve. The cost per day is \$25.00 for Residents and \$50.00 for Non-residents. Stop by City Hall to see what dates are available. Host your next family picnic or event at the park. For more information, contact City Hall at 452-5539.

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## BOOK YOUR EVENT OR MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING 28 SOUTH DRAKE STREET

Community Building Fees per day:  
Resident rate: \$100  
Non-Resident rate: \$300  
Deposit (for Resident/Non-Resident) \$250  
Cleaning Fee \$200  
(Mandatory for Fri/Sat rentals)  
Security for events: (Required w/Alcohol)  
\$30 per hour with a 4-hour minimum  
There are clean restrooms and kitchen.  
Visit City Hall for more information.

## VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website has additional information available for residents, business owners and visitors. Events and information about the Village are updated there.

**[www.claycomo.org](http://www.claycomo.org)**

## VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** will be the date for the Fall Village-Wide Garage Sale. **NO** permit is needed. Residents are reminded that signs for this event cannot be placed in the street, right-of-ways, on power and telephone poles, or within 10' of the curbing. All signs must be picked up within 24 hours.

## VILLAGE-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

The Village-Wide Clean Up day will be on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017** for all Claycomo residents. Participants may either place items at the curb or provide ID if bringing larger items to the dumpsters at the City Hall parking lot. Contact City Hall at 816-452-5539 with questions regarding what is and what is not allowed. More information will be coming soon.

## PARK STREAM TEAM #3062

The Stream Team is a volunteer working partnership of residents, groups and businesses in the Claycomo area who are concerned about Missouri waterways. This program provides an opportunity for all interested residents, groups and businesses to get involved in stream conservation.

The next planned event is set for **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017** behind Claycomo Plaza (behind Claycomo Park on Randolph Road) beginning at 10:00am.

Volunteers will be provided with t-shirts, gloves and bags and will assist with clean up of our waterway and creek. Please contact the City Hall at 816-452-5539 to get involved in the beautification of our streams and a cleaner community.

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## DIRECTORY

115 E 69 HIGHWAY, CLAYCOMO MO 64119

Village Offices 452-5539

Office Hours M-F 8AM to 5PM

Municipal Court 452-4539

Police (non-emergency) 452-4613

Fire (non-emergency) 452-4612

Dispatch (non-emergency) 234-5111

**Emergency 911**

**(Identify yourself as Claycomo Resident)**

Email CITYHALL@CLAYCOMO.ORG

Claycomo Police Department is on Facebook

Connect with our local law enforcement at

Claycomo Police Department.

## CLAYCOMO MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY 2017 SUMMER EVENTS

### **The Haunting of Glore Psychiatric Museum: aka State Lunatic Asylum No. 2**

July 10 at 7:00PM

Age group: Adults

### **Party at the Library: Teen Water Fun**

July 13 at 6:30PM

Age group: Teens

### **2017 Eclipse: Missouri's Cosmic Show**

July 17 at 2:00PM

Age group: All Ages

### **Teen Lock-In Escape Room**

July 28 at 6:00PM

Age group: Teens

### **Fishing for Children**

August 5 at 2:00PM

### **Book Group: Book Bunch**

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00PM

### **Decluttering: Finding Ways to Let Go**

August 19 at 2:00PM

Age group: Adults

### **Warm From the Oven**

September 16 at 2:00PM

Age group: Adult

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUL 1 Business License Past Due**

**JUL 4 4TH of JULY  
(City Hall Closed)**

JUL 10 Board of Trustees Meeting (7:00PM)

JUL 11 Municipal Court (5:00PM)

JUL 19 Zoning Board (2:00PM)

JUL 24 Board of Trustees Meeting (7:00PM)

AUG 1 Municipal Court (5:00PM)

AUG 14 Board of Trustees Meeting (7:00PM)

AUG 15 Municipal Court (5:00PM)

AUG 16 Zoning Board (2:00PM)

**AUG 24 Night Out Against Crime (6:00PM)  
Mildred Keeney Park**

AUG 28 Board of Trustees Meeting (7:00PM)

**SEPT 4 LABOR DAY  
(City Hall Closed)**

SEPT 5 Municipal Court (5:00PM)

**SEPT 9 Village Wide Garage Sale**

**SEPT 16 Village Wide Clean-Up**

SEPT 20 Zoning Board (2:00PM)

**SEPT 23 Stream Team (10:00AM)  
Claycomo Plaza**

SEPT 25 Board of Trustees Meeting (7:00PM)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Marina Barker, Chairman  
Roxanna McClure, Chairman Pro-Tem  
Daryl G Hook, Trustee  
Norma Sulzberger, Trustee  
Greg Thompson, Trustee

The Board of Trustees meetings are set the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month beginning at 7:00PM. The meetings are held at the Claycomo Community Building located at 28 South Drake St. and are open to the public.

The Board of Trustees encourages all of our residents to attend the meetings and become involved with our voluntary boards.

*Village of Claycomo*  
115 East US 69 Highway  
Claycomo, MO 64119

