Claycomo Children’s Holiday Event*

This year the Village of Claycomo is celebrating the Holiday season with our local youth!

Where: Community Building at 28 S Drake St
When: December 15th from 2-4pm
Cost: Free to Claycomo residents!

Come join in the fun with hot cocoa, decorating sugar cookies, creating ornaments, and celebrating community together this season! Great for children of all ages...

*Paid for by the Village Events Budget.
Hello Village Residents and Business People,

Last newsletter you heard from your Chairman, Norma Sulzberger. This month I wanted to say a few things, too.

I’m the new guy on the board. I’ve only lived in the Village for 19 years now and so far only a few of the long term residents have been really willing to accept me as a fellow resident.

I wanted to write the Board Message this month to let all you "new people" know that there is hope and you really don’t have to be born here or even live here for 20 plus years to make a difference.

The current Board of Trustees hopes to start moving the Village forward again. With the gradually improving economy, we have some leeway to start thinking seriously about the future and could use your help.

We need people who want to help the Village grow, prosper, and improve. If you are willing and able, we need people. New people, old people, anyone that is sincere in helping. We have voluntary boards with dozens of vacancies. The park Board needs to be reestablished and the Economic Development Board is down to just one member. The Zoning Board, which will be crucial to development and encouragement of new businesses, has only three active members at this time.

I ask each of you to consider volunteering to join one of our voluntary boards. Residents, business owners, or employees, all of you have an interest in the Village and each of you are eligible to serve on any of our voluntary boards. You don’t have to have lived here for all your life, but you’re not disqualified if you have.

You do have to live in the Village to run for the Board of Trustees– and those of you willing to help should seriously consider running for the Board of Trustees at the next election in April of 2019. If you’d like to run, you need to register before January 15th, 2019. Just visit City Hall and let the Village Clerk help you sign up, or go to the Election Board offices in Liberty.

Despite your views or how involved you want to get, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Until our next newsletter, let us hear from you.

Dale Goeller
Chairman, Pro-Tem

You are Claycomo and we need your input!

Visit the Village website at www.claycomo.org
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Swearing in Ceremony for New Village Clerk

Jamie Wright was sworn in as the new Village Clerk on November 26th, 2018. Jamie has a degree in Criminal Justice from Park University, and has been with the Village for 2 years now. She will work closely with the Board of Trustees to further the goals of the Village, while continuing to maintain the highest of standards. Please help us welcome her to this new position!

Welcome Our New Public Works Employees

We have two new Public Works Employees:

- Dan Watson is our full-time Public Works employee and has an extensive background in landscaping. Dan is sure to keep the Claycomo Area looking its best!
- George Deniz is our part-time Public Works employee, and is a great asset not only to Dan, but also to the entire staff.

Dan and George will both maintain the parks areas as well. Should you see anything needing attention, please give them a call at 452.4613.

Notice of Election—April 2nd, 2019

In accordance with Chapter 115 of the Laws of Missouri, notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held in the Village of Claycomo Community Building on April 2nd, 2019 at which election all registered voters residing within the Village of Claycomo will be given the opportunity to vote. The polling place for the said election will be open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

The ballot for said election will include voting for three (3) members to the Board of Trustees for the Village of Claycomo for a two (2) year term. Individuals interested in declaring candidacy for one of the Board of Trustee positions may do so at the Municipal Office located at 115 E 69 HWY in the Village of Claycomo. The filing declaration window begins at 8:00am on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, and ends no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019.

Looking for a place for your festivities?

Call City Hall and discuss renting the public parks or Community Building.

(816) 452-4613
Do you know what happens to the stormwater after it rains or snow melts? The stormwater washes over the ground, picking up a variety of pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, metals, and soil. To prevent flooding and safety issues, stormwater travels through the Village’s storm drain system and is discharged untreated into nearby lakes, streams, and rivers - the ultimate source of our drinking water.

The Village of Claycomo operates the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitted by the Department of Natural Resources. For permit compliance, the Village implements a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to reduce pollutants from being carried by runoff into the Village’s streams.

The SWMP must address six minimum control measures:

- **Public Education and Outreach** – Distribute materials and conduct outreach about stormwater discharges on waterbodies and the steps the public can take to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff.
- **Public Involvement and Participation** – Actively involve the public in the development and implementation of the plan to reduce pollution through community groups and activities.
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination** – Detect and eliminate illegal discharges and dumping into storm drains and streams.
- **Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control** – Implement and enforce a program requiring Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce pollutants from construction activities. BMPs focus on erosion and sediment control and construction waste.
- **Post-Construction Storm Water Management** – Ensure that structural and non-structural BMPs are in place to prevent or minimize long-term water quality impacts from new and redevelopment projects. BMPs include stormwater ponds, and filtering and infiltration practices encouraging low-impact development and more.
- **Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations** – Implement an operation and maintenance program and training to prevent or reduce pollutants in runoff from municipal operations.

The Administrative Office and Public Works are working on the SWMP together. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions or suggestions at 816-452-5539.
Do not blow your leaf clip-pings or other debris into the streets or storm sewers. If you see debris in the storm drains around your property please remove it. Yard debris in the street is considered a nuisance violation.

**TRASH DISPOSAL**

*Per Ordinance Sec. 14-22. Same—Placement.*

Section (a) states it shall be unlawful to keep containers anywhere but upon the designated spots 12 hours before and after the trash collection.

Section (b) states containers shall be placed and stored at all times except in the approved designated areas for trash collection in close proximity to each other and located [within] not more than a ten-foot radius from the building and not in front of such building so as to be between said building and street. All containers shall be placed at the same location for collection.

Winter is almost here again, so I just want to remind you of our Snow Removal parking ordinance. When the road district is called out to salt the street or push snow, we have the task of having all parked cars removed from the street. You can help us out by not parking in the street when it looks like we have bad winter weather coming.

**Sec. 27-207. Prohibited parking during snow emergencies.**

(a) Whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to such a depth that snow removal operations will be required, the chairman of the board of trustees or such other person as shall be designated by the board of trustees, may declare a parking emergency, and until such an emergency is terminated and the snow removed from the streets, no vehicle shall be parked on any street or the right-of-way of any street in the village.

(b) All vehicles parked on such street at the time of the declaration of such emergency shall be moved. Provided, however, that the village shall take reasonable action to notify owners/operators of motor vehicles that such emergency has been declared.

Crime is always on the increase during the holiday season. With these economic times, the increase could be more than normal. Please do not hesitate to call us if you see something suspicious occurring in your neighborhood.

As always, feel free to contact me at City Hall if you have any questions or concerns.

*Business number * 452-4613
*Police Dispatch Non-Emergency * 781-7373
*Emergency * 911

*Matt Coonce—Chief of Police*
Winter and Fire Safety

The winter months can create hazardous conditions for you and your family. There are several things that you can do to help keep your family safe.

**Heating Safety Tips:**

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

**Christmas Tree Safety:**

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. Carefully decorating your home can help make your holidays safer.

Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER BOARDS

“Whether you have an hour or a whole day to spare, you can make a difference! We would love to hear from you!”

The Village of Claycomo is looking for volunteers wishing to serve in a small (or large!) planning capacity. The Board of Trustees is currently taking applications for the following Boards:

**Park Board:** A Seven (7) member board, serving two-year staggered terms. There shall be elected from within the Board a Chairman and a Secretary. The Board will establish the dates and times of the meetings to be held in the community building. The Park Board prepares and recommends plans to the Board of Trustees. Those plans include control, superintendence and charge of the parks. They will work with the staff and Board of Trustees to accomplish their goals each budget year.

**Economic Development Board:** The Economic Development Board consists of volunteer members who work in conjunction with local businesses, the Zoning Board, and the Board of Trustees to find ways to encourage and assist businesses to come into and thrive in our community.

If you have an interest in supporting your community we want to hear from you! Complete the application on our website at www.claycomo.org and mail, email, fax or just drop it off and talk to the staff about your interest. The community can only get stronger with the support of residents and business owners!

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Disposal/Donation Contacts

- **Republic Trash Services**
  (816) 254-1470
- **GORECYCLERS**
  (816) 820-0748
- **Sleepyhead Beds**
  (816) 547-9965
- **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal (KCMO)**
  4707 Deramus Ave.
  (816) 784-2080

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Mid-Continent Public Library Continues its Programming at Claycomo Community Building During Remodel

The Claycomo Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library is undergoing a face-lift, beginning December 9th! While they are temporarily closed, some programs are still accessible at our local Community Building. Below is a list of scheduled events.

For more information on an event, email kdrury@mymcpl.org.

- **Family Storytimes—Wednesdays @10am**
- **Book Group—2nd Wednesdays @ 1pm**
- **Animal Adaptations—December 28th 1-4pm**
- **Beginning Ancestry Library Edition—January 29th 6:30-7:30pm**
- **KC River Quay Mob War—February 21st @7pm**
- **Cotton, Rag Dolls and the Underground Railroad—February 28th @6:30pm**