

CLAYCOMO NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2017 EDITION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Season's Greetings,

Hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather we have experienced this Fall. It has been an exceptional Winter, so far.

On September 18, 2017, the Village held a Town Hall Meeting. If you were unable to attend, the information that was provided is on our website at www.claycomo.org, or you can request a copy at City Hall. The Board of Trustees has done everything in its power to work with stagnate income for years. Although the income hasn't really changed, the expenses continue to increase. Fortunately, we have managed to stay within our budget.

Our current Board of Trustees have determined it would be in the best interest of our Village to increase our sales tax by 1% FOR General Fund purposes. Currently our sales tax is 6.975%. With an increase of 1%, we should be able to count on an additional \$264,000.00 income. A sales tax increase will affect everybody, residents and people passing through purchasing goods. This would help provide for salaries, which will allow us to pay comparable wages, staffing, training and equipment. Randolph, MO is the only neighboring community that has a lower sales tax rate than our Village, at \$6.725%.

This Board has also agreed that our tax ceiling maximum should be increased. Our tax ceiling has been at .33 cents per \$100.00 valuation for decades. We have agreed to place the proposition of increasing the tax ceiling to .50 cents per \$100.00 valuation. We have provided a list of surrounding entities and their current tax rates in the Town Hall information. Tax rates fluctuate, every year, and are calculated by the Pro Forma by the State of Missouri. Real Estate properties are assessed at percentage of their appraised valuation. Residential = 19%, Commercial = 32%, Agricultural = 12%. Personal and Business

Personal taxes are given an assessed value and you currently pay .33 cents per hundred dollar valuation. If property value goes up, the levy goes down, this helps stabilize what you pay each year.

The Board of Trustees plans on placing both of these items on the ballot for the upcoming Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Did you know the Village of Claycomo pays the current annual trash contract of \$66,394.00 per year for our residents? Weekly residential trash service for a single household runs an average of \$480.00 a year.

The Village has recently gone through the Insurance Service Office (ISO) evaluation. ISO collected information on municipal fire protection efforts and assigns a Public Protection Class (PPC) between 1 and 10. Class 1 is given to those that demonstrate an exemplary fire suppression program. Class 10 indicates the suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Due to the current capabilities, changes in training, equipment, dispatching, water supply and mutual aid agreements with surrounding departments, our Village has earned the PPC designation of a 3/3X. This is an improvement from our previous rating of a 4. All residents and business owners in Claycomo and Randolph need to advise their insurance companies of the change in ratings, this was effective 12/1/2017. It could equate to annual savings in insurance premiums for property owners. We are extremely proud of this rating, and it is a continued effort to have this status.

We recently approved a building permit for a new Pizza Hut to be located at the corner of 69 Hwy and N. Emerson Street. (400 NE 69 Hwy)

Remember to "Shop Claycomo First" and support our local businesses.

Marina Barker
Board Chairman

4th ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT DECEMBER 16TH COMMUNITY BUILDING 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Santa will be hosting all Claycomo residents at our **4th Annual Claycomo Holiday Event from 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. Santa will visit with all the children to have them share their Christmas wishes. Pictures of the children with Santa will be provided for every family.

Staff from the Public Library will share a story time for the children. Choirs will provide musical entertainment. Other activities will include cookie decorating and a hot cocoa bar for the children (and older kids too!), creating ornaments, writing letters to Santa, and several games.

Take some time to visit with your neighbors and wish them a Happy Holiday!
Come join in on the fun!!

BOARD OF TRUSTEE FILING DECLARATION

Interested in becoming a Trustee for the Village of Claycomo? If so, **the filing declaration opens on Tuesday, December 12, 2017**. There are two (2) seats open for the Board of Trustees on the upcoming ballot.

To have your name placed on the April 3, 2018 ballot, you are required to have the necessary paperwork completed and delivered, in person, to City Hall before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

ELECTION DAY – APRIL 3, 2018

If you have not registered to vote, you must do so by March 9, 2018. To get more details, go to the Village website home page and click on "Register to Vote" under the Quick Links section.

SANTA RIDES THE FIRE TRUCK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

Santa will be making his rounds on the Claycomo Fire Truck to pass out treats. Weather permitting!

TAXES DUE DECEMBER 31st

2017 Village of Claycomo Taxes are due by December 31, 2017. Your taxes are collected by the Clay Clay County Collector along with your county taxes. You may mail in your payment to the county mailing address by December 27th, go to the County Collectors office in Liberty or the Annex at 1901 NE 48th St, Kansas City, MO 64118 to make a payment.
Visit claycountymo.tax to learn more.

CURBSIDE TRASH OPTIONS

Trash is picked up in the Village on Mondays by Republic Services. Residents have the opportunity to obtain an EXTRA container for a fee of \$52.00 per year, at cost to the resident. That is \$1.00 a week to have an extra receptacle

If you would also like to have curbside recycling, for an additional small monthly fee, at cost to the resident. They provide the container and provide a weekly pickup.

Residents may make their own arrangements for either service by contacting Republic Services at 816-254-1470 to discuss adding this to your route for pick up.

*Happy Holidays
&
Best Wishes for a
Prosperous New Year!*

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

I am excited to announce that we are switching our Police Dispatch service In January. We have been using Kansas City PD to provide our emergency dispatch service, but we have had some problems. The main problems have been how long it takes some calls to be dispatched to our officers and citizens being put on hold while calling 911. Starting January 2nd, Pleasant Valley will be providing our dispatch service. Until then the dispatch number is still 911 or 234-5111. Starting January 2nd the number will be 911 or 781-7373. Our Claycomo Fire Department will continue to be dispatched by the Kansas City Fire Department and their dispatch numbers will not be changing (911 or 513-0900).

Be on the lookout for the 2018 Claycomo Police and Fire calendar. They should be delivered to you by the end of the year. If you do not get yours, or if you would like an extra copy, you can pick them up at City Hall in January.

A reminder on our snow-parking ordinance.

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.*

Matt Coonce
Claycomo Chief of Police

New Village Ordinance Summary

ORDINANCE NO 2978

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FIRE PREVENTION TO INCLUDE SMOKE ALARM AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN RENTAL UNITS OF THE VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Claycomo is hereby amended with the addition of the following as Chapter 12, Article III, Division 1, Section 12-40.

Section 12-40 Smoke Alarms in Rental Units.

- (a) The Village of Claycomo requires that owners/landlords of rental property provide smoke alarms in property rented or leased or otherwise provided to the public for housing or sleeping accommodations.

Section 12-41 Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Rental Units.

- (a) The Village of Claycomo requires that owners/landlords or rental property provide Carbon Monoxide Alarms in property rented or leased or otherwise provided to the public for housing or sleeping accommodations that have possible sources of Carbon Monoxide. This would include but not limited to gas appliances or attached garages.

This ordinance was passed on November 13, 2017, at the regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Our Fire Department has FREE smoke detectors and FREE batteries at this time. You may contact them at the Fire Station at: 452-4612. They will be glad to install these items for you.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!

Please go to the Village Website at www.claycomo.org to view the Ordinance in its complete form.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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.

Chimney Fires:

Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures, destroy homes and injure or kill people. Chimney fires can burn explosively – noisy and dramatic enough to be detected by neighbors or people passing by. Flames or dense smoke may shoot from the top of the chimney. Homeowners report being startled by a low rumbling sound that reminds them of a freight train or a low flying airplane. They have also heard loud cracking and popping noise.

Facts & Figures

Based on 2009-2013 annual averages:

- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for two of every five (40%) of home heating fires and four out of five (84%) of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (30%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (56%) of home heating fire deaths.
- Nearly half (49%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

Information from “The Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA)” website.

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.

Information from NFPA.org

<http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Put-A-Freeze-on-Winter-Fires>

Eric Miles
Claycomo Fire Chief

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NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

The Village recently joined Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., the office is located at 4420 NE Chouteau Trafficway, Suite #100, KCMO 64117. Phone #816 454-2000, their website is www.nni.org. The Senior Workshop meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at 9:00am. They share movies, luncheons, entertainment, and have access to a lot of information.

They strive for better housing, better neighborhoods, and better communities. Some of NNI's core programs and services include home repair and rehab programs. In 2016-2017, NNI home repair program provided \$631K invested in repairing and rehabilitating housing in the northland for residents with low to moderate income. Over \$325K in direct assistance to older adults.

CLAYCOMO VILLAGE SENIOR GROUP

The Village Senior's have been meeting at our Community Building at 28 S. Drake Street, behind City Hall for years. They meet the 3rd Wednesday at noon for a pot luck dinner and to play games and socialize. Come meet with your neighbors and make some new friends.

DOG TAG LICENSE RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31ST

Your 2018 dog tag license renewals must be purchased by December 31st. If your dog is spayed or neutered it is \$5.00. If they are not then the cost is \$10.00. A copy of their rabies vaccination is required.

This dog tag will make it possible for us to contact you if your dog happens to get out, or lost. If found, they can simply contact Claycomo, and the owner can be identified by the tag number. Owners of dogs without tags are subject to a nuisance violation and fees.

To obtain your 2018 dog tags, and make payment, please come to City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

CLAYCOMO MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- DEC 14** 6-7pm, Storytime w/Santa & Mrs. Claus
DEC 20 1-2pm, Book Group
JAN 8 10-11am, Free Blood Pressure Check
JAN 9 6:30-7:30pm, Teen Games:
Boss Monster
JAN 13 2-3pm, Kid Reads: Owl Moon
JAN 17 1-2pm, Book Group
JAN 20 2-3pm, How the KC Mafia Survived
the Fall of the Pendergast Machine
FEB 10 2-3pm, Kids Create: Card Creations
FEB 13 6:30-7:30pm, Teen Games:
Bring Your Own Book

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

Claycomo Fire Station 452-4612

FD Emergencies (KCFD Dispatch) 513-0911

Non-Emergency (KCFD Dispatch) 513-0900

Emergency 911

Police Dispatch Non-Emergency

Police Dispatch (KCMO until Jan 1st) 234-5111

Police Dispatch (Pleasant Valley)

New Number as of Jan 2nd 781-7373

(Identify yourself as Claycomo Resident)

Email CITYHALL@CLAYCOMO.ORG

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 2nd and 4th 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 in our community.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 11	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM	January 1	New Years Day- City Hall Closed
December 12	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM	January 2	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
December 12	Filing Declaration Opens for Board of Trustees	January 8	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
December 16	VILLAGE HOLIDAY EVENT - 3:00 – 5:00 PM	January 15	M.L. King Day – City Hall Closed
December 20	Zoning Board – 2:00 PM	January 16	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
December 21	WINTER BEGINS	January 16	Filing Declaration Closes for Board of Trustee Candidates
December 23	Santa Rides on Fire Truck – 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM	January 17	Zoning Board Meeting–2:00 PM
December 25	Christmas Day – City Hall Closed	January 22	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
December 26	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM	February 6	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
December 31	Village Taxes & Dog Tags Due	February 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
		February 14	Zoning Board Meeting-2:00 PM
		February 19	President’s Day – CH closed
		February 20	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
		February 26	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM