

# CLAYCOMO NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2018 EDITION

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## **ELECTION DAY – APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Polling Location  
Claycomo Community Building  
28 S Drake Street, Claycomo, MO  
Polls open at 6AM and close at 7PM.

## **BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> VOTE**

### **QUESTION 1**

**SHALL THE VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI IMPOSE A SALES TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES?**

- YES (For the Proposition)
- NO (Against the Proposition)

### **QUESTION 2**

**SHALL THERE BE A \$0.17 CENT INCREASE IN LEVY ON ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUATION FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES?** This increases the tax ceiling maximum from .33 to .50 cents as required by the tax levy.

- YES (For the Proposition)
- NO (Against the Proposition)

## **DECLARED CANDIDATES**

Below find the names of those who have declared their candidacy for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election to the office of Board of Trustees:  
The list is in the order the candidates filed their application:

**NORMA SULZBERGER**  
**DALE GOELLER**  
**MARINA BARKER**

The ballot will allow each voter to select no more than two (2) candidates for the position of Board of Trustee. Each elected Trustee will serve a two (2) year term.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a blessed holiday season, and have managed to avoid the flu epidemic.

If you were unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting that was held on September 18, 2017, we will be holding another one on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:00pm before the regular meeting at 7:00pm. The information that was provided is also available on our website at [www.claycomo.org](http://www.claycomo.org). There will be two questions placed on the April 3, 2018 Ballot. Please take a few moments to understand why the Board felt this was necessary.

Effective January 3, 2018, The Village switched to The Pleasant Valley Police Department for our Police dispatching service. It has been brought to our attention that we have many homes that do not have a visible street address from the road. These numbers can be purchased at any hardware store. This is critical for our emergency vehicles to respond.

We would like to extend a thank you to The Claycomo Special Road District #4. They do a wonderful job in cleaning and treating our streets. The roads in our Village are better than any other. They were so kind to plow and treat our parking lots. This allowed our emergency vehicles to safely respond to calls.

Please remember that all residential streets have a 25mph speed limit. Keep an eye out for our children. If I can be of any service, please don't hesitate to call.

**Chairman, Board of Trustees**  
**Marina Barker**

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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

**2017 was a busy year for your police department. Below you will find our annual statistics for last year.**

Total Reports for the year – 788  
Total arrests – 617  
Claycomo warrant arrests – 147  
Outside warrants cleared by arrests – 199  
Driving with suspended/revoked driver's license arrests – 86  
Driving while intoxicated arrests – 62  
Driving while intoxicated (Felony) – 26  
Driving under the influence - 4  
Possession of marijuana arrests – 168  
Possession of narcotics paraphernalia – 141  
Possession of synthetic narcotics - 1  
Felony narcotics arrests – 27  
Traffic citations – 5,693  
Misdemeanor stealing reports taken – 41  
Felony stealing reports taken – 26  
Stolen vehicle – 2  
Robbery reports – 2  
Sexual assault – 4  
Assault calls – 3  
Vehicle accident calls – 87  
Actual accident reports taken – 75

**Matt Coonce  
Chief of Police**

## **NEW VILLAGE**

### **POLICE EMERGENCY DISPATCH**

In January, the Village began having our emergency services dispatched by the Pleasant Valley Police Department. They now dispatch for police 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 816-781-7373 to have an officer respond to your call. Moving to the new dispatch system has resulted in improved response time to emergency calls!

## **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!

## **BEFORE DIGGING USE DIG-RITE**

You can prevent injury and avoid damage. If you are planning any form of digging this spring, it is required by law to place a locator request with the Missouri One Call System. Contact MOCS either by:

Calling 1-800-DIG-RITE or 811 and work with one of the call center operators.

Or go online to [mo1call.com](http://mo1call.com). Click on "Homeowner" and then click on "Place a locate request".

## **ALSO REMEMBER TO CONTACT CITY HALL FOR REQUIRED BUILDING PERMITS**

## **KEEP CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREETS**

Please do not blow your grass clippings or other debris into the streets or storm sewers. 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 NEWS

### Our Call Volume Had Decreased in 2017

Our total call volume for 2017 had decreased to 717 calls, from 761 calls in 2016. Unfortunately, our Building Fires have increased from two (2) in 2016, to nine (9) in 2017. These numbers include fires that we responded to outside of Claycomo.

### Our ISO Rating Has Improved!

The Village of Claycomo 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, the Village of Claycomo has earned the PPC designation of 3/3X. This is an improvement from our previous rating of 4.

All the residents and Business owners in Claycomo and Randolph need to advise their insurance companies of the change in rating, that went into effect on 12/1/2017, it could equate to annual savings on insurance premiums for property owners.

### Smoke Detectors and Smoke Detector Batteries

We still have **FREE** batteries and smoke detectors available for installation. Just call the station during normal business hours to set up a date and time.

## Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Ordinance

For the Landlords and Apartment Managers, remember that the Board of Trustees believe in saving lives as much as we do, so they passed a Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Ordinance a few months ago requiring the following:

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.

AND

The Village of Claycomo requires that owners/landlords of 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.

## Knox Box Ordinance

Before I came to the Village of Claycomo, the Board of Trustees had passed an Ordinance requiring Knox Boxes. I had heard from a few parties that they were unaware of this Ordinance. Knox Boxes allow a Key to be secured to the outside of the building that only the Claycomo Fire Department has a key for. This would allow us to use a key to make entry for a reported fire or alarm sounding, instead of breaking in a window or door. If you need help ordering a Knox Box, contact the Fire Department. You must specify the Claycomo Fire Department, as Kansas City Fire Department Keys will not operate our locks, and vice versa. The Ordinance requires a Knox Box for the following

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occupancies, but can be used on private residences as well:

The following structures shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance or such other location required by the fire chief or his designee:

- (1) commercial or industrial structures protected by a remotely monitored automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system, or such structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency;
- (2) multi-family residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors or have a secured common corridor for access to the living units;
- (3) government structures and nursing care facilities

## Firefighter and Public Safety

We are asking for the help of all of the business owners in Claycomo and Randolph to help us out. Currently, we do not perform Fire Inspections, but we would like to perform Safety Walk-Throughs. This would allow us to see the layout of the businesses, and where hazards are located, where utility shut-offs are located, and gives us a chance for us to meet each other. Trying to get through a building in the middle of the night with it full of smoke is not when you want to find your way around. We ask that you contact the station during normal business hours. There will not be any violations given, but recommendations on how you can make your business safer for you, your customers and us.

We have an Occupancy Information Survey Form that would help us see what businesses are active. It will take 5 minutes to fill out, and you could request for a Safety Walk Through.

## Upcoming Fire Department Events

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 1PM – 2PM: **FREE** Blood Pressure Check. Come by for a free blood pressure check. We also provide blood pressure record. If you cannot make it then, come by the fire station any time during normal business hours.

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 8AM – Noon: Claycomo Firefighter's Association Annual Pancake Day, with Claycomo Mid-Continent Public Library doing activities. Meet the firefighters that work hard to treat you and keep you safe. **NO COST**, but donations to support the Firefighter's Association are always welcome.

**Follow Us on Facebook**  
**@ClaycomoFire**

We try to put upcoming Fire Department events, safety messages, pictures and such on our Facebook page.

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

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SAT, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018!



The Annual Claycomo Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018** beginning at **8:00 AM** and will continue until

**Noon 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.

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## **VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE** **SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be the date for the 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** **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

City Hall has begun to receive calls regarding the Village Wide Clean-up. Under our agreement with Republic/Allied Trash Service, this is the first of two 2018 clean-up events for Claycomo Village Residents. Items may be placed curbside by 7:00AM on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> or items may be brought to dumpsters located at the City Hall parking lot beginning at 8:00AM, until 12:00PM, or until the bins are full. Proof of residency must be shown to place items in the dumpsters.

<b>ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED</b>	<b>APPLIANCES ACCEPTED</b>
Yardwaste	Stoves
Brush	Dishwashers
Oil	Washing Machines
Tires	Dryers
Batteries	Water Heaters
Computers	Refrigerators (NO FREON)
Copy Machines	Freezers (NO FREON)
Air Conditioners	
Paint – Liquid Form	
Liquid Waste	
Hazardous Waste	

## **I have items that I can't get rid of during the clean up. How can I get rid of it now?**

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 and plastic 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.

## **CLAYCOMO STREAM TEAM #3062** **SPRING CLEAN EVENT** **SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM** **MEET AT MILDRED KEENEY PARK** **PARKING AREA**

Come out and join your neighbors free the creek of trash and debris. Wear old clothes and shoes and be prepared to get wet! Gloves and waste bags are provided. You will receive a free t-shirt and hot dog lunch but more importantly –you will be adding to the beauty of our park and help the Village meet requirements for a MS4 permit which is required by the State of Missouri. Bring your family, bring your neighbors, and come play in and along the creek!

Contact City Hall at 816-452-5539 to register your family, group or business.

## **CHILDREN PLAYING!!**

With the weather becoming warmer, children are making their way outside to play. **PLEASE** keep an eye out for our children and **DRIVE CAREFULLY** on residential streets.

3150 N 7<sup>th</sup> St Trfy, Kansas City, KS 66115

816-254-1470



## Bulk Pick-Up Information

**Bulk pick-ups are limited to 4yd per house and must be placed at the curb.**



- **NO** tires
- **NO** yard waste
- **NO** household hazardous waste (paint, flammable materials, fluorescent light bulbs, etc)
- **NO** rocks, bricks, or concrete
- **NO**, construction material larger than 5"x5", roofing material, or railroad ties
- All items must be **less than 75lbs**
- Wood must be bundled in 4ft lengths, weighing **less than 40lbs**
- Refrigerators **must have** refrigerants removed



*Oversized pile*



**If you have more than 4yds to dispose of, feel free to call our office  
and see about renting a roll off dumpster (816) 254-1470**

**To dispose of any household hazardous materials, call Household Hazardous Waste**

(816) 516-8400

OR

(913)-715-6907

4707 Deramus Ave, Kansas City, MO 64120

5901 Jim Bills Rd, Shawnee, KS 66203

*"We'll handle it from here".™*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 11	Daylight Savings Time Starts
March 12	<b>TOWNHALL MTG – 6:00 PM</b>
March 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
March 20	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
March 21	Zoning Board - 2:00 PM
March 24	<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b>
March 26	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
April 3	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
April 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
April 10	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
April 17	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
April 18	Zoning Board – 2:00 PM
April 22	<b>EARTH DAY – MILDRED KEENEY PARK – 10:00AM</b>
April 23	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 1	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
May 14	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 15	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
May 16	Zoning Board – 2:00 PM
May 28	Memorial Day –
	<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b>
May 29	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 2	<b>VILLAGE GARAGE SALE</b>
June 5	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
June 9	<b>VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY</b>
June 11	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 16	<b>STREAM TEAM – MILDRED KEENEY PARK – 10:00 AM</b>
June 19	Municipal Court – 5:00 PM
June 20	Zoning Board – 2:00 PM
June 25	Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
June 30	<b>BUSINESS LICENSES DUE</b>

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at noon for a pot luck lunch and to play games and socialize. Come meet with your neighbors and make some new friends.

## **CLAYCOMO CHURCHES TO HOST EASTER EGG HUNTS**

McMurry Church, will be hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00PM.

Claycomo Baptist Church, at 312 E Longfellow Street, will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM.

All residents and children are invited to join in the festivities and fun!

## **CLAYCOMO MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

*Visit the website or contact the branch for registration.*

**MAR 10** Kid Games: LEGOS, 2-3:00PM

**MAR 24** Intro to Internet Genealogy 6:30-7:30PM

**MAR 31** Papermaking 2:00-3:00PM

**APR 2** Call of the Wild 6:30-7:15PM

**APR 23** Census Records Research 6:30-7:30PM

**APR 21** KC ZOOMOBILE: AUSTRALIA, 2-2:45PM

**APR 30** 20-Minute Table Runner 6:30-8:00PM

### **TEENS CREATE:**

**MAR 13** Paracord Bracelets, 6:30-7:30PM

**APR 10** Electronic Snap Circuits 6:30-7:30PM

### **BOOK GROUP**

1:00PM – 2:00PM, March 21, April 18

### **TOOLS FOR JOB SEEKERS**

2:00PM – 3:30PM, March 22 and/or March 29

### **TAX HELP FOR SENIORS**

9:00AM – 1:00PM (Free from AARP)

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9, 16

### **STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES**

10:00AM – 10:30AM

MARCH 7, 14, 28, APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

## **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 \$180  
(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.

## 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 or visit their website at [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org) for more information. The Senior Workshop meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 9:00am. They share luncheons, entertainment, and access to a lot of information.

NNI strives for better housing, better neighborhoods, and better communities. Some of NNI's core programs and services include home repair and rehab. In 2016-17, NNI home repair program invested \$631K in repairing and rehabilitating housing in the northland for residents with low to moderate income. Over \$325K in direct assistance to older adults.

## VOLUNTEER DAY EARTH DAY - APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 10:00AM, will be a "Volunteer Day" for all Claycomo residents to come out and help clean up our parks in preparation for the summer. There will be activities to help our parks in recognition of Earth Day. All ages welcome. Bring your work gloves and any tools to the Mildred Keeney Park parking lot.

**A Public Hearing** has been set for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:00pm, at the Village of Claycomo Community Building, 28 Drake Street. The hearing is regarding a prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) amendment application from Ford Motor Company. For more info contact Air Pollution Control Program's New Source Review Unit at 573-751-7726 or the village website and click on the hearing link.

## 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)

## DIRECTORY

115 E 69 HIGHWAY, CLAYCOMO MO 64119

Village Offices 452-5539

Office Hours M-F 8AM to 5PM

Municipal Court 452-4539

Police Admin (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 (Pleasant Valley) 781-7373

**(Identify yourself as Claycomo Resident)**

Email [CityHall@Claycomo.org](mailto: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 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 in our community.