



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

*Official Newsletter of The Village of Four Seasons*

*Spring 2020*

## Over 1500 lbs. Of Venison Provided To A Local Food Bank.

In a cooperative effort, the Village of Four Seasons, Four Seasons Lakesites POA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services concluded operations to reduce the overabundant white-tailed deer population that threaten a wide variety of resources and human health and safety.

Deer management activities were conducted in the four and one-half square miles of property that encompasses a large portion of Horseshoe Bend. This operation provided more than 1500 pounds of venison to a local food pantry.

Overabundant deer populations do immense damage to vehicles and threaten human health and safety along the 42 miles of roadways.

Extensive safety measures were used to protect residents and neighbors during operations. Biologists, who are highly trained firearms experts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, worked under the direction of Village of the Four Seasons and the Four Seasons POA and in coordination with the Missouri Department of Conservation and Camden County Sheriff's office to safely and effectively remove a portion of the deer population.

## April 7th, 2020 Election

The Village of Four Seasons is fortunate as three incumbents are running for three Trustee spots.

Arnold Sandbothe - Current Chairman  
James Holcomb—Current Vice Chairman  
Luanne Ruck—Current Trustee

Please get out and vote on April 7th!

## New Village Hall Parking Lot

A much needed parking lot improvement at the Village Hall is in the works! A new wider entrance is planned and more parking is to be added for the benefit of the residents and ease of access for the Camden County Sheriffs Department.

The project will include new street lighting around the Village Hall. Flowering trees and landscaping to replace relocated and removed trees, shrubs and flowers.

New handicapped parking will be added next to the Sheriffs Department to access all levels of the Village Hall and Village Park working towards the goal of creating a more inclusive neighborhood. Existing handicapped parking is available on the Reddington Street side of the building.

## Hiking and Biking Paths

The path in front of the Village Hall will be rerouted to run along the road, instead of going thru the Village Hall parking lot. A short extension going to the Village Park located behind the Village Hall is also planned to run along Reddington Road.

During the parking lot improvements, we suggest taking the gravel path beside and behind the Village Hall and between the Village Park to avoid the construction activity until the project is completed.

## Village Park To Be More Inclusive!

The Village Park is working towards becoming more inclusive! A new teacup merry-go-round, a saucer swing and a sit-n-spin have recently been installed and are accessible by everyone!

New handicapped parking is part of the new parking lot. Future plans include additional sidewalks, paving of handicapped parking area next to basketball court and a ramp to the gazebo. Existing handicapped parking is available on the newly paved lot at the Village Park.

## 2020 Census

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Census results influence highway planning / construction and help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education. The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

## What & When to Expect:

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online.
- By phone.
- By mail.

**May - July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will **never** ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate. If you suspect fraud, call [800-923-8282](tel:800-923-8282) to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

## STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOUR SEASONS (ENDING 2019)

Financially, the State of the Village remains strong due to the diligent efforts taken by the trustees and employees. Operationally; 2019 ended well within budget with revenues totaling \$569,560.71 and expenditures of \$523,416.10 resulting in a positive operating balance of \$46,144.61. These revenues along with accumulated reserves will allow the Village to take on planned major projects as reported elsewhere in this edition of the Village Voice.

A number of projects have been addressed during 2019 including the completion of the Codification of all Village Ordinances which involved a complete legal review. The new code can now be found on the Village website at [www.villageoffourseasons.com](http://www.villageoffourseasons.com).

The repaving of the Hiking and Biking path on Bittersweet is complete including the added delineators at a cost of \$63,642.47 paid in full in 2019. All Hiking and Biking paths were stenciled denoting the route and distance markers added as well as the repainting of the diamonds.

New playground equipment of a new swing-set was installed at Trillium Park. A new sea-horse bouncer and a new double bobble rider at the Village Park have been installed. The Village Park parking lot has been paved and handicapped parking was added. New security cameras were added to the Village Park, Village Hall and parking lots. New flowering trees and signage were added to the Village Park. An extensive attempt to save all trees, shrubs and plants from the Village Hall, in anticipation of the parking lot improvements, by relocating them to the Village Park. The basket ball court, skate park and sidewalks were power washed and repainted too.

This years plans include creating a more inclusive neighborhood by updating the parking lot, lighting and adding new inclusive playground equipment, handicapped parking and sidewalks for better accessibility for all of our residents.

The gardens will also be a focus with a new direction and renewed effort regarding the beautification of the existing Village landscaping, as well as, some new additions of flowering trees, shrubs and foliage around the Village Hall after the parking lot is complete.

The building code enforcement team have now started requiring business licenses for all activity within the Village boundaries. This will protect the integrity and investment of all residents thru quality and safety of all building and improvements.

With the April, 2020 election forthcoming and only filings being the incumbents, Mr. Arnold Sandbothe, Mr. James Holcomb and Mrs. Luanne Ruck; fellow Trustees look forward to an ongoing positive relationship of the existing Trustees.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to support our local merchants; doing so helps maintain the quality and amenity of development within the Village boundaries. The Village assesses no real estate taxes but survives on a small sales tax collected by our local merchants and the fees generated through licenses and permits from building and dock inspections.

Your Elected Trustees

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**Board of Trustee Meetings**

**Regular Session Schedule**  
**5:30 pm - 2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**Check our website for**  
**any possible changes at**  
**www.villageoffourseasons.com**

- Wednesday, January 8, 2020**
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020**
- Wednesday, March 11, 2020**
- Wednesday, April 8, 2020**
- Wednesday, May 13, 2020**
- Wednesday, June 10, 2020**
- Wednesday, July 8, 2020**
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020**
- Wednesday, September 9, 2020**
- Wednesday, October 14, 2020**
- Wednesday, November 11, 2020**
- Wednesday December 9, 2020**

**Board of Trustees**

<b>Arnold Sandbothe</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Jim Holcomb</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Dave Perdue</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>Luanne Ruck</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>Don Henderson</b>	<b>Trustee</b>

**“We, the Trustees believe it is important for all property owners in the Village of Four Seasons to be kept informed. Our goal is to offer you clear and accurate information so that you have all the facts regarding new ordinances, amenities and improvements as well as studies and plans for the future that may affect you and your property.”**

**Town Hall Hours**

**Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm**  
**(Lunch 12pm-1pm)**

**Inspectors Hours**

**Monday – Thursday 7:30 - 3pm**  
**Friday 7:30 - 12pm**  
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