



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Official Newsletter of The Village of Four Seasons

Fall 2018

Deer Management

The Village has joined efforts with the POA, HBSRD, Camden Co. Sheriffs Dept. and MDC in regard to Deer Management, including continued study. Horseshoe Bend has an overpopulation of deer and managing the herd is important for several reasons:

- The health and maintenance of the herd.
- To lessen the risk of auto accidents.
- To lessen residents property damage.

This year the Village and POA partnered in a town hall meeting including the MO Conservation Department with a informational format of how to better manage the herd. Some of the takeaways noted where:

- Issue will take many years to resolve.
- Auto accidents average \$3K out of pocket to the driver nation wide.
- Many thru the windshield accidents have been reported in 2018.
- Many twins and triplets are occurring.
- Starvation and disease are a concern.
- Deer resistant foliage is limited as they expand their diets to what is available.
- Sharpshooters cost an average of \$400+ per deer. Any program of management is done in concert with the MO Dept. of Conservation. The POA has had a managed archery hunt for many years that any resident in good

Wildlife Feeding Prohibited

The Village has an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife, except songbirds. This includes deer, ducks, geese, turkeys, foxes, raccoons, squirrels, feral cats, etc. Songbird feeders must be placed in a manner that other wildlife would have a difficult time eating from them. To file a complaint contact Camden County Sheriffs Department at 573-346-2243.

Did you know...

Living in Four Seasons has some tax perks! If you use Four Seasons as your address, you will be charged 5.48% sales tax. Lake Ozark's tax rate is 8.23%. For those larger purchases such as a car you could save \$27.50 for every \$1000 spent. This savings should apply to your online purchases too!

Using Four Seasons as your address will also insure that this revenue is applied to your community rather than another municipality. This revenue maintains your hiking & biking paths, street lights, Sheriff's Department, & the Village maintained parks & gardens, all which in return helps your property value!

Codification

The Village is in process of codifying all of the ordinances. A legal review of all rules / regulations is underway and any ordinances that need updating will be prioritized.

This project could take up to another year to complete. When the codification is complete, these records will be available to any resident that would like to do a search in office of the digital records, free of charge. Copies of documents will be at a minimum charge of 15 cents each. This has been a major undertaking and the Village hopes that all our residents will benefit from this long awaited and needed update.



Storm Sirens

Storm Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of the month at 12 pm, unless there is inclement weather.

Village Voice Email List

The Village is starting an email list for quicker, more efficient and cost-savings communications with its residents. If you would like to join the email list please email info@villagoffourseasons.com.

Short Term Rentals

The Village of Four Seasons has an ordinance prohibiting the rental of any residence within the Village boundaries for less than 31 days. Many of the issues with short term rentals such as noise, parking and trash, can be addressed immediately by calling the Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at 573-346-2243 and filing a ordinance complaint. If you wish to file a complaint about a short term rental please call the Village Clerk at 573-365-3833 ext. 1, for a complaint form. The Village Trustees have authorized the prosecuting attorney to pursue each case in which a viable complaint has been received, supported by sufficient evidence, and which could result in a successful outcome.

Residents need to be aware that the evidentiary requirements, time elements, and complexity of judicial proceedings may not meet their expectations of expediency or outcome. We encourage residents with issues concerning short term rentals to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month to seek answers directly from your elected officials and to allow the "wheels of justice" to address matters of ordinance violations.

Further, the issue of short term rentals is dynamic. The recent attempts on the state level to curtail a municipality's regulation of short term rental failed but may again be pursued in future legislation. In addition, a number of municipalities are seeking ways of regulating short term rentals without an outright prohibition. Such prohibiting ordinances, which include the Village ordinance, may be problematic in prosecution. While the Village will pursue viable complaints, we will be looking for modifications of our ordinance that will, as other municipalities believe, result in more success with violations that affect the public interest and welfare.

The Village appreciates your interest in efforts to keep our community a safe, friendly, and

A SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS BASED UPON THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2018

The following highlights of Municipal operations will provide some detail of operations as a way to provide our residents with information as to actions taken by their local government.

1. On November 27, 2017 Ms. Shannon Sullivan became the new Village Clerk, filling the position that had been vacant since September 1, 2017. Ms. Sullivan brings many years of experience in property management and operating her own business for a number of years. She immediately began the process of reviewing various service providers and contracts for the purpose of cost savings and improved service. This effort has proved to be beneficial as the Village financial statements depict.
2. As reported in the Spring, 2018 Village Voice, the Village Municipal Court was in the process of being transferred to a municipal division at the Camden County level due to the financial loss and liability exposure brought about by the passage of SB5 and SB572 at the State level. This transfer took place over the last few months of 2017 and early 2018. This Court is now operational and will prove to be a positive move for the Village. We anticipate this operation will offset the cost of our Prosecutor and any associated court costs.
3. The April election brought the Village one new Trustee. Ms. Luanne Ruck was elected to fill the position vacated by Ms. Ranita Jones, who chose to not seek re-election. Ms. Ruck and husband Mike have been long time property owners and developers of the Estates located within Village boundaries. In July, 2018, Mr. Don Henderson was appointed to the unexpired term of Ms. Caroline Loraine as a result of her resignation in December, 2017.
4. The Village Building Code Enforcement Department has new leadership with the appointment of Mr. Jeff McCleary as department manager, filling the vacancy created by the June, 2018 departure of long time manager; Mr. Robert Davis. Mr. Eugene Frank was recently hired as a part time building Inspector to fill Mr. McCleary's past position.
5. Ms. Margaret Davis resigned her position of Village Deputy Clerk at the end of June, 2018. Ms. Alexis Ott has been hired to fill the part time position of Deputy Clerk.
6. Financially, the Village is performing well within budget through October, 2018. Although the anticipated major expense to overlay the hiking & biking path along Bittersweet Road during 2017 was postponed due to the bidding process by the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District, this expense will most likely be incurred in early 2019. Funds have been accumulated to cover this expense when it occurs. Some preliminary planning is also being considered to improve the parking lot at the Village Hall in 2019. When consolidating operations of all three funds (Street, Capital Improvement & General) at Oct., 2018 ending; the Village has a operating net income of \$92,738.14.

In summary; the above dialogue consists of only a few highlights of activities that occur at your Municipality. The Trustees appreciate your continued support of your local government. You are invited to become involved. Please see our posted meeting dates elsewhere in this publication.

The Village assesses NO real estate taxes but operates on a small tax from local businesses which you are encouraged to continue to support. Other income is derived from fees for services such as building & dock permits which help maintain the quality of developments our residents have come to expect.

The board thanks its employees for their efforts in improving our financial picture, co-operation from other entities in and around the Village and our residents for their continued support.

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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)

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Wednesday February 13, 2019

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Wednesday December 11, 2019

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“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)

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