



# Spring

A lovely  
reminder of how  
beautiful  
change can truly  
be.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

from Board Chairman Norma Sulzberger

Hello Claycomo!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in a better place than where we were a year ago. If you decide to take the vaccine, I hope you all have been able to receive it.

More good news! Our schools will soon open fulltime after a year of virtual and hybrid classes!

Board meetings, held the second and fourth Mondays at 7pm, are in person again. We will have chairs set up for social distancing, hand sanitizer and please wear a mask. As always, the public is welcome. Best of all, this pandemic, while not gone, is coming under control. If you had this disease or lost someone during this time, I wish you good health this year and healing thoughts as you work to put your life back to whatever your new normal will become.

This is the 75th Anniversary year for the Village! Plans are underway for a big celebration. There is so much local history. If you can devote a few hours the weekend of Nov. 20-21, your time will be appreciated. Nov. 19 is a day when we need volunteers to help set up and decorate. I also need to borrow punch bowls so we can keep 2 bowls full at all times.

We have so much planned at the Community building. Would you be willing to tell others about your knowledge of Village history? Are you a business that has been here 50 years or more? This includes churches. Have you served Claycomo by being a Trustee, a member of the Parks Board, Zoning Commission or Economic Development Committee? We want to recognize you. Are you a multi-generational family living in the Village? Are you a family that has been here for 50 years or more? Let me know. You can email me at [Norma.Sulzberger@Claycomo.org](mailto:Norma.Sulzberger@Claycomo.org) or drop me a note at City Hall. This Celebration is being sponsored by the Historical Society. You can get information, volunteer, suggest ideas or even make a donation by calling Linda Powell at 816 452-8483. Please plan on taking part. It will be good to see your neighbors, celebrate and enjoy some refreshments. Share this information. There is a lot more to come.

We are planning a time capsule to be opened in 25 years at our 100th anniversary. Think about what you would want remembered in the future. I suggest that you laminate paper items. Please give this some thought.

Please remember to vote on April 6. This is a local election. We have three Board of Trustee openings. We also have the Use Tax on the ballot. If you have difficulty walking into the building or you do not go into public places due to the pandemic, we will come outside to your vehicle so you can vote. You can pull into the handicap place or out front and honk twice. Give us a minute and we will come to you.

We have had some extreme weather that has caused delays in trash pickup services and water main breaks. Please take into mind that the Village does not own or have control over the services or utilities. You should always contact the service provider yourself before contacting City Hall. Be sure to identify yourself as a Claycomo resident. Occasionally City Hall can assist but not very often.

Please reach out if you have something to say, suggest or just want to speak your mind. Remember we need you to shop locally and support our businesses.

I look forward to hearing from everyone. Stay healthy!

# COMMITTEES

## DATES TO REMEMBER

All Board Meetings are held in our Community Building at 28 S Drake Street behind City Hall.

### EDC and Board Meetings

**April 12 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees Meeting

**April 19 6:30pm**—EDC Meeting

**April 26 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees Meeting

**May 10 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees Meeting

**May 17 6:30pm**—EDC Meeting

**May 24 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees Meeting

**June 14 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees

**June 21 6:30pm**—EDC Meeting

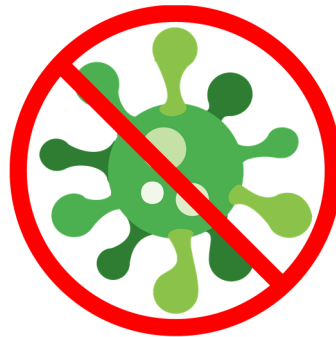
**June 28 7:00pm**—Board of Trustees Meeting



## Economic Development Committee

Hopefully Covid-19 is getting behind us. The Economic Development Committee is still working hard behind the scenes. We are going to try and host a car show later this year but there is still a lot to do before we can. We will keep you posted. The Economic Development Committee is still looking for another member to join us. If you are interested please go by City Hall and fill out an application, or just come to one of our meetings. They are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Community Center. If you have any ideas you would like to share with us, feel free. We are going to try and do a couple more things this year as we can, so keep an eye out for them.

***Please continue to protect your community by washing your hands, wearing face coverings and social distancing. The Village of Claycomo follows Clay County and CDC guidelines for all Covid-19 related matters.***



**STOP CORONAVIRUS**

**City Hall will be closed May 31st in honor of Memorial Day**





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

from Fire Chief Eric Miles

***You can contact the fire station at 816-452-4612 for help with smoke detectors and batteries!***

The Village of Claycomo requires all Claycomo based businesses, except licensed home businesses obtain a Business License. To obtain a license, you need to obtain approval from the Fire Department. You can start working on getting the approval within the 4 months prior to the Application deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> (After March 1<sup>st</sup>). To obtain Fire Department approval, you need to have the following:

- Pass an Annual Fire Inspection

- Certificate of Use and Occupancy (new, but easy requirement for current businesses).

- Apply for appropriate Operational Permits.

We at the Fire Department do not want to make this a difficult process. Of the few businesses that have been through the new process, I think they have been surprised at how well it works out. We believe in the benefits of passing inspections and obtaining the permits

## **Annual Fire Inspection**

You need to schedule an inspection with us, after March 1<sup>st</sup>, for the upcoming business licenses. We have some information on our website at <https://claycomo.org/inspections>. We have a downloadable “Inspection Guide” that is a generic list of things we are looking for in a fire inspection. We also have a list of common violations that are found. This will help you to inspect yourself and correct as much as you can before we get there.

You can schedule an inspection by going to our website and clicking the link for “Book your Inspection”, or follow this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ClaycomoFireDepartment@claycomo.org/bookings/>

## **Certificate of Use and Occupancy**

This is a new requirement, but for existing licensed businesses, it is easy to obtain. Existing businesses would fall under “Legacy Certificate of Use and Occupancy”. You will need to submit characteristics of your building (size, building materials, sprinkler systems info, etc.), and a drawing for each building(s) or space(s) your business occupies. It does not have to be architectural drawings, and it does not have to be to scale, but as close approximation as possible. We provide grid paper on our website <https://claycomo.org/certificate-of-use>.

## **Operational Permits**

Operational Permits assist us in letting us know potential hazards operations in a business, that might affect how we would respond to an emergency there. Almost all the permits are free of charge, the other have a fee to them, but that is because of the additional time spent in preparation and hazards themselves. On our Operational Permit page of our website <https://claycomo.org/operational-permits>, you can find downloadable forms such as temporary permit application, Hazardous Materials Information Sheet, grid paper for a layout of property/building and potential hazards and safety information. Again, these do not need to be architectural drawing and can be the same drawings used for the certificate of Use and Occupancy. If nothing changes from year to year, you can submit the drawings the following years.



**Dispatch non-emergency  
(816)781-7373  
Emergency - 911**



**Spring will be here before you know it. I just want to remind you of a few ordinances.**

**You are not allowed to have grass in your yard that is more than 10 inches tall (It used to be 18 inches).**

**Also, when you mow the lawn you are not allowed to blow your cut grass into the street.**

**Sec. 21-18. Permitting Growth of High Vegetation, Grass, Etc., Prohibited.**

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupant, or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant, having control of any lot, piece of land, or any part of any lot, to allow rank or uncultivated vegetation, or grass to attain a height greater than ten inches or more on:

1. Any developed lot or land; or

2. ***That portion of any undeveloped land which portion is located within 50 feet of the centerline of any adjacent street or alley unless such land is not safely accessible.***

3. Whenever private property abuts a public right-of-way or easement belonging to the Village, or any other public entity, and there exists in such right-of-way or easement a tree, lawn or grassy area between the private property line and the midline of said right-of-way or easement, then such tree, lawn or grassy area shall be considered, for purposes of this section, to be a part of the private lot which abuts the right-of-way or easement, and it shall be the duty of the responsible under this section forth trimming of tree limbs to at least 8 feet above the public sidewalk or public place, and mowing of the private lot to equally maintain the tree, lawn or grassy area within the abutting right-of-way or easement, and all of the provisions of this section shall apply with equal force and effect to said tree, lawn or grassy area.

4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to publicly owned grassy medians. In addition to any other available remedies, any person violating this section shall be punished as provided by section 21-15.

Matt Coonce  
Chief of Police

**Tornado Warnings**

In the event of a tornado warning, the Police Department will unlock the main doors at City Hall. We do this to allow citizens to use our basement as a storm shelter if they do not have a safe place to go. Please keep this in mind the next time severe tornado weather occurs.



Dear Residents, If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, I would like to introduce myself. I am your Village Clerk; Jamie Wright and I have had the pleasure of first being the Deputy Clerk with the Village as of July 2016 and becoming Village Clerk in November 2018. When initially hired, I said to the Board of Trustees at the time I was going to retire from here and I truly hope this will be my last position before I do retire. While I do not live here in Claycomo, I do believe this is the most wonderful place to work and meet people that I oftentimes wish I did live in the village. A quick reminder, when you fill your address on any piece of paperwork or on your checks, please state your city as Claycomo to ensure the revenue from taxes that paid for Federal, State, and local taxes get credited to the Village where you live. Since the Village does not have its own post office, the zip code is shared with two other cities, Liberty and Kansas City and the revenue the Village receives goes towards street signs, sirens, policing, curb painting (coming soon), and other Village related services and improvements. The Village has a good blend of employees who love their role here and look forward to helping you. If you have not been to Mildred Keeney park in a while, make sure you check out what the Public Works Department has done, it looks so good!

## ***A reminder to those that house chickens and other animals:***

### **Sec. 7-26. - Registration.**

*Any person owning or keeping any animal or fowl within the village shall register any such animal or fowl so owned or kept within the village with the village clerk on forms provided by the village clerk.*

### **Sec. 7-27. - Care generally.**

*The owner of an animal shall provide it with humane shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind, and snow, and shall give it food and water adequate to keep the animal in good health and comfort. Animal houses and kennels must be soundly constructed, dry, and provided in cold weather with clean bedding. All animals must be given opportunity for vigorous daily exercise and must be provided by their owners with veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering. No owner shall permit an animal habitually to bark, howl or in other ways to be a public nuisance.*

Jamie Wright  
Village Clerk



## **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

### **Dispatch Numbers**

Police Non-Emergency  
(816) 781-7373 Phone

Fire Dept. Emergency  
(816) 513-0911 Phone

Fire Dept. Non-Emergency  
(816) 513-0900 Phone

**EMERGENCY—CALL 911**

### **Village of Claycomo**

115 E US 69 Highway  
Claycomo, MO 64119

**(816) 452-5539 Main Phone**

Email: [CityHall@Claycomo.org](mailto:CityHall@Claycomo.org)

Office Hours M-F 8AM to 5PM

### **Municipal Court**

(816) 452-4539 Phone

### **Police Administration**

(816) 452-4613 Phone

### **Claycomo Fire Station**

333 E US 69 Highway  
(816) 452-4612 Phone

### **Board of Trustees**

Norma Sulzberger, Chairman

Daryl G. Hook, Trustee

Debbie Crossley, Trustee

Terry Bradich, Pro Tem

Dale Goeller, Trustee

The Board of Trustees meetings are every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00PM.

The Board of Trustees encourages all of our residents to attend the meetings and become involved in our community.

**Visit the Village Website**  
**[www.claycomo.org](http://www.claycomo.org)**



# CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Daryl G. Hook

I moved to Claycomo in 1955 and have lived here, except for two years, for 65 years in the same house on Riley.

### WHY DO I WANT BE A TRUSTEE:

The first 5 years I lived here and the last 30 years since I retired, I have attended most Board meetings. I never had a desire to serve on the Board, but 4 years ago when nobody wanted to serve, I decided to give it a try. I found my business experiences and knowledge was a help to the Board. I do not want to reduce the work force, or to give up free ambulance or free residential trash service about (\$74,000) a year with it going up each year. I hope we do not lose these services! However, if we do not find more revenue this is a possibility. Real Estate taxes are about (\$80,000) including Residential, Businesses, Ford Plant and Trailer park. Several years ago, when the auto industry was in trouble and to not lose the Ford plant, the Board decided to help. As a result, Ford currently pays very little real estate tax, and this will not change for several more years. However, when in operation they do pay a considerable amount in electric and gas utility bills which equate to franchise fees paid to the Village. The voters have chosen not to increase the rate on real estate and personal property taxes and not to allow the Village to collect a use tax that is already being paid to the State in most cases. The costs of services keep going up, but our revenues do not keep up with these costs. A couple years ago the voters approved 1% increase in sales tax, but before this went into effect the state passed a new law that prohibits a city to increase sales tax to more than 2%, we already had 1.5% sales tax, so we were only able to increase one half of the tax already approved. Last year the Supreme court ruled all cities in the state had to use the same fees for fines, this caused the village to lose about half the court income, so if the residents do not vote for a use tax on interstate online shipments, I think we are in trouble!

In closing I want to say, it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board these past 4 years and I will continue to serve if you re-elect me. However, the other candidates are all qualified and we could use some new blood on the Board. I had a stroke two years ago; I have a clear mind and know what I want to say but it does not always come out that way. The one reason you may want to re-elect me is I am a fiscal conservative, and I do not like to spend money unless we have it. I think things through very carefully with regards to money. If I think we need it and the funds are available, I will spend it. If you re-elect me, I will be happy to serve our Village.



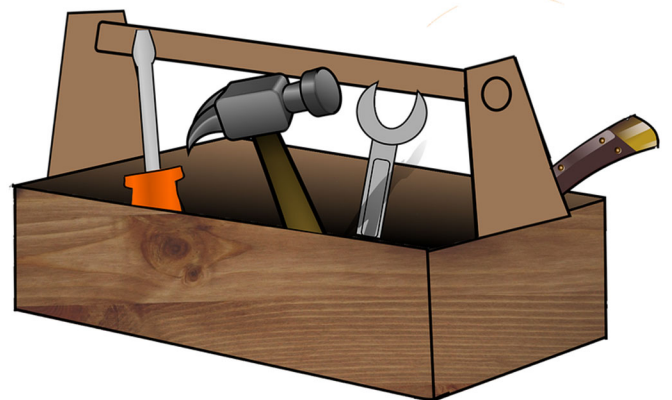


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## David Jett

Hello, my name is David Jett, I am 40 years old and was born and raised in Independence Mo. I moved to Claycomo in 2014, after my grandmother in law; Joyce Parrett passed away and moved in with my grandfather in law; Donald Parrett to help care for him until his passing in 2015. I am Co-Owner and Operator of Alpha and Omega Remodeling LLC. My wife and I bought their house and reside on Longfellow St. and we have 4 children, ranging from 11-21. My wife Amber is a licensed Real Estate agent with Reece Nichols. My grandfather in law served on the Village Board of Trustees for many years and owned the full-service Standard Oil station located where the Walgreens is now. I listened and read many stories from Donald about Claycomo, The Board and his Standard Oil Station. The thing I took most from his stories was the pride he took into helping make Claycomo a respectable, profitable community and the changes that had to happen along the way.

I am running for position of Trustee because I felt the need to do something for my community. To give back where I can. I want to help my fellow Trustees continuing to help the Village grow and thrive in a positive way. I will help when and where I can to help with the budget, beautifying the Village and reaching out to the community for questions and to help resolve any issues I can. I believe to make a difference it starts at home and in your community. I will do what I can to lead by example to continue the Village traditions and help add and direct new ones. I look forward to meeting everyone I can regardless of if I am elected for the Board. I would like to help in the community with a community watch program...if you see something, say something. Together we can make a difference. God Bless!





# CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Jeri Dobson**

Hi I am Jeri Dobson. I was a Claycomo resident for the first 19 years of my life. I married a wonderful man who was in the Army, we traveled a few places in his 20-year career. We moved back to Kansas City from Oklahoma in 1992. I moved back to Claycomo in 2009. I retired from St Luke's Hospital in 2019. I worked in Health Information Management for 25+ years. I have fond memories of my early years in Claycomo. Safely playing outside or at Neighbors, the friendliness of the Policemen. In my time on the board, I would like to help Claycomo to grow economically, helping it to move forward, yet keeping its small-town feel. Thank you



**Larry Barrera**

This is to introduce resident Larry Barrera as a candidate for the Board of Trustees. Larry is part of the family that owns and operates the El Sombrero Restaurant here in Claycomo.

Larry has been an influential member of the community. He has served on the Board of Trustees and has taken part many important decisions that concerned the redesign of the US 69 Highway in the Village. Larry still participates in Village activities by joining in on Trunk R Treat and the Holiday Decorating Contest.



# SAVE THE DATE



## CLAYCOMO'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

A celebration of our incorporation, will include events, entertainment, honors and family fun.

Our village businesses will be honored for their years of service.

Saturday and Sunday November 20-21, 2021  
The Community Building at 28 South Drake Street

More information about this special event will follow at a later time.

Sponsored by the Historical Society of Claycomo





## The Historical Society of Claycomo Needs You

Claycomo needs a shot in the arm. Something to lift our spirits and bring back the festive excitement of celebration. The perfect opportunity is coming this fall with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Claycomo's incorporation, The Diamond Jubilee. The event is being sponsored by the Historical Society of Claycomo (HSC). Plans are being made to make it special, but with your help we can make it spectacular!

We are in search of:

**1) Talent for the Claycomo Talent Showcase:**

Singers, dancers, acrobats, musicians, jugglers, ventriloquists, surprise us!

**2) Contributions for a Silent Auction:**

Services, gift certificates, items of all kinds, the bigger the better.

**3) Financial Backers and benefactors:**

Monetary and in-kind donations toward individually wrapped foods, anniversary badges for our police and fire departments, expenses for mailings, advertisement, printed materials and so much more.

**4) Volunteers for planning and preparation:**

Collecting items for auction and our time capsule, working the event, networking, guiding guests, setting up, tearing down.

**Let's have some fun and let's make history.**

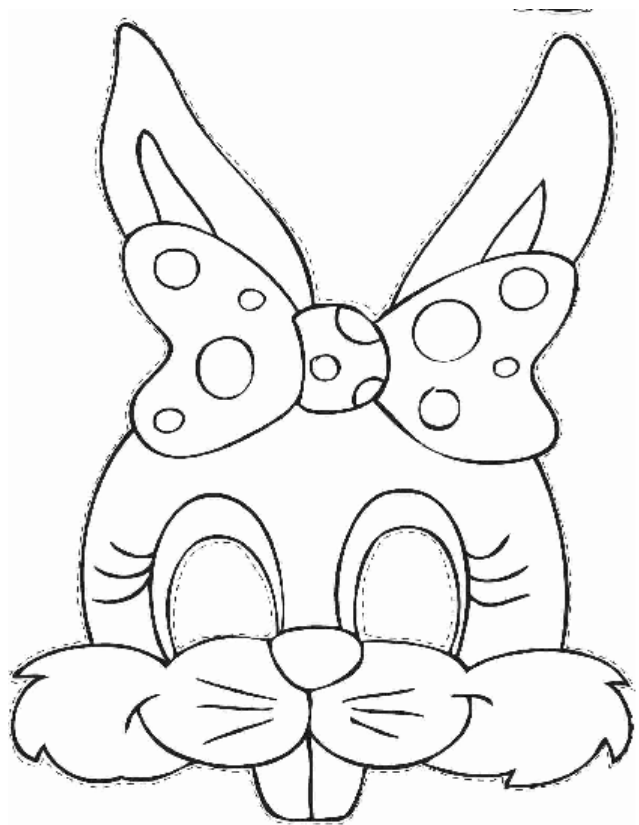
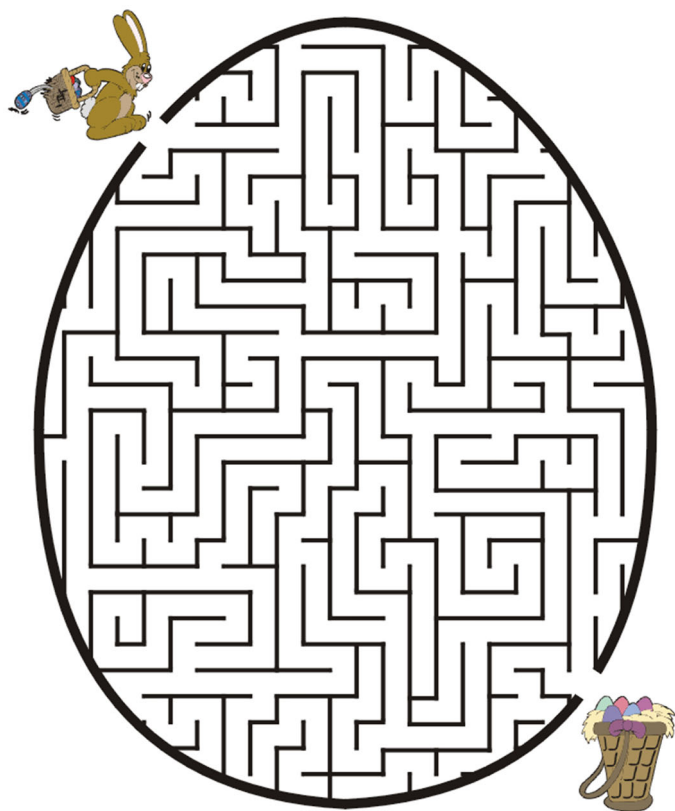
Contact Linda Powell, HSC President,

At 452-8483 or [themompowell@hotmail.com](mailto:themompowell@hotmail.com) Thanks in advance!

WE NEED  
**YOU!**







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