



2021 Summer Newsletter

"Smell the sea, and feel the
sky, let your soul and spirit
fly into the mystic..."

—Van Morrison

Hello Claycomo,

I must say it has been a pleasure getting back to more normal day to day activities. Our Board meetings are back to in-person and you are all welcome to attend. Our new sound system makes it easier to hear everyone speak. You are all invited to attend our meetings. They are the second and fourth Mondays in the Community Building at 7pm.

Our Public Works has been busy trying to keep up with Village parks and public areas. With all this rain it has been a challenge. If you have a concern if an issue has been addressed, you will get a correct answer from City Hall rather than accepting Facebook comments. You can reach the Village clerk at 452-5539 option 7.

I would like to thank our Police Department for taking care of our neighbors at Pleasant Valley while they attended the funeral for one of their officers. It is comforting to know we have mutual aid and care for each other.

I am proud of Assistant Fire Chief Jay Curless for completing his executive training program with the National Fire Academy. The Board is always appreciative when an employee continues their education in their field. Our Administrative offices have been busy rewriting some ordinances and keeping up with Village activities. They wear many hats, and the Board appreciates their dedication to the needs of the residents.

We have the Village garage sale, cleanup day and stream team coming up in June. The stream team hours count toward community service.

Have a great spring and summer.

Norma Sulzberger

Chairman, Board of Trustees



Village Meetings

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

EDC and Board Meetings

June 14 7:00pm—Board of Trustees Meeting

June 21 6:30pm—EDC Meeting

June 28 7:00pm—Board of Trustees Meeting

July 12 7:00pm—Board of Trustees Meeting

July 19 6:30pm—EDC Meeting

July 26 7:00pm—Board of Trustees Meeting

August 9 7:00pm—Board of Trustees

August 16 6:30pm—EDC Meeting

August 23 7:00pm—Meeting Board of Trustees



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
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
David Jett, Trustee
Terry Bradich, Pro Tem
Larry Barrera, Trustee

The Board of Trustees meetings are every month on the 2nd and 4th 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



Stream Team Clean-Up, Saturday June 19, 2021

Want to get involved? Stream Team #3062 is a volunteer working partnership of residents, groups, and businesses in the Claycomo area who are concerned about Missouri waterways. This program provides an opportunity for all interested groups to get involved in stream conservation.

The next planned event is set for Saturday June 19, 2021 at Mildred Keeney Park beginning at 10:00 AM. Volunteers will be provided with t-shirts, gloves, and bags and will assist with clean up of our stream. Please contact me at jamiewright@claycomo.org or call the office at 816-452-5539 to sign up for the beautification of our streams and a cleaner community.

Since we are talking about our stream clean-up, did you know the Village of Claycomo is in a floodplain and if you build within the floodplain without a permit, the entire Village risks the possibility of losing the opportunity to get flood insurance? And do you really know what happens to stormwater after it rains? Stormwater washes over the ground, picking up many pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, metals, among many others. To prevent flooding and safety issues, rainwater travels through the Village's storm drain system and is discharged untreated into our nearby lakes, rivers, and other streams, which is the ultimate source of our drinking water.

Which brings up an entire other subject that has been shared times before, grass clippings. Not only is it against the Code of Ordinances Section 21-2(h) to have exceedingly high grass and/or brush, but it is also against the ordinances to blow your clippings or other debris into the streets or storm sewers. An easy way to remember not to do this is to mow against the street towards your yard. Let's all work together to help keep the Village looking attractive!

Jamie Wright

Village Clerk



Hello,

Public Works has been busy all spring working on various projects. We would like to remind you to keep our parks clean and free of debris when hosting events.

We also want to remind residents that Public Works does not pick up stray cats or deal with wild animals. If you have a concern about any loose animal please contact the Missouri Conservation or the appropriate rescue foundation.

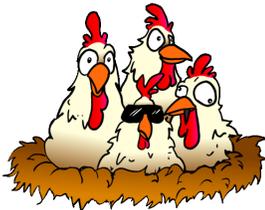
The Village also requires you to register your dogs as well as fowl. Forms can be found at Claycomo.org or at the City Hall office.

We hope you enjoy your summer!

Thomas Lehman

Mike McGuire

REGISTER ME!



Village Events



Big trash day is June 12th at City Hall. Listed below are the items that are accepted by Republic Services for bulk items. If you have any questions regarding bulk item pickups, please contact City Hall.



Accepted Items:

- Furniture
- Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and clothes dryers. (All freezers MUST be drained)
- Lawnmowers which must be empty of all fuel or oil
- Barbeque grills (WITHOUT propane tanks)
- Carpeting up to four-foot-long rolls that are securely tied and less than 50lbs in weight, two rolls count as one item
- Mattresses and box springs

Not Accepted items:

- Hazardous waste: flammable, corrosive, explosive, toxic or radioactive materials including engine oil or fuel tanks
- Automotive batteries
- Tires
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Glass panels where any dimension exceeds four feet
- Brush or tree limbs
- Latex or oil-base paint
- Fertilizer, pesticide, solvent
- Liquid waste
- Solid waste and recycling material that are collected as part of regular curbside service
- Any waste or material that is prohibited from being received, managed or disposed of at a landfill
- Riding lawnmowers



FIRE DEPARTMENT

from Fire Chief Eric Miles

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



Summertime, time for outdoor activities and cooking outdoors. Here are some reminders for outdoor fire safety.

Meet weather and Air Quality requirements

Location away from combustible structures.

50 feet or greater = Bon Fires, Recreational, in approved container/outdoor fireplace.

25 feet or greater = Recreational fires, in approved containers/outdoor fireplaces

15 feet or greater = Approved containers/outdoor fireplaces

Less than 15 feet = BBQ Grill or approved container.

Allowed fuels must be seasoned wood (no green wood, brush or leaves) similar to that being used in a fireplace or charcoal only.

Must be attended at all times with a means of extinguishment.

Bon Fires and open burning require permit.

Business Licenses and Fire Inspections

With the recent adoption of ordinances last year and the International Fire Code, we want to remind everyone that they need to pass a fire inspection before they can get their Business License. We have already inspected quite a few of the business in Claycomo. You can schedule your inspections online on at our website at <https://claycomo.org/prevention>, or you can call or email us. Some of the biggest obstacles of people passing their inspections are:

Fire Extinguishers – Need to be serviced annually by service company or replaced, inspected monthly (by employee/owner) mounted on the wall no more than 5 ft from the floor, and no less than 4 inches off the floor.

Knox Box – Knox Box needs to be mounted near the front door and appropriate key(s) provided to keep in the box. The box should be mounted approximately 6 ft off the ground. Knox boxes may be purchased from Keller Fire Equipment or Knox Box at <http://www.knoxbox.com/1105>

Electrical connections (110+V) need to be enclosed in junction box.

Numbers need to be plainly visible and in contrasting colors from the back ground.

Extension Cords are for temporary use, and cannot be daisy chained together.

For more information refer to our “Inspection Guide – What we are looking for” that can be found at <https://claycomo.org/inspections> . It is essentially a paper version of what we look for on our inspections.

Operational Permits are required for some businesses, there is a full list of permits with explanations on our website <https://claycomo.org/operational-permits>.

Chief Miles





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

Summer is coming! Just a reminder on a few nuisance violations that occur around this time every year – you are not allowed to leave grass clippings in the roadway after you mow your yard.

Sec. 21-2 Prohibited.

(q) The dumping of any junk, refuse, garbage, waste, animal or vegetable matter, or dead animals on any streets, highways, or other property within the limits of the village

Also, your grass is not allowed to grow more than 10 inches (It used to be 18 inches).

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.***

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.

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.



Chief Counce

National Night Out Against Crime is August 12th! If you would like to sign up to have a vendor or craft booth at our event please contact Officer Cooley at (816)452-5539 or officer.cooley@claycomopd.org



Greetings and happy summer! Hopefully you have all been doing well this year.

First I would like to remind everyone that the phone number listing on google for Claycomo Police Department connects you to City Hall. If you have a non-emergency call for police assistance you have to call our non-emergency dispatch at (816)781-7373, otherwise you will be sent to the City Hall voicemail after hours.



The Village has decided to eliminate the recycling bins located behind City Hall. You will now be responsible for contacting Republic Services to set up your own recycling.

With summer drawing near, I would like to remind our business owners that the renewal for their business license is due by July 1st. Late fees will accrue 30 days after that. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions with submitting your license renewals. The Fire Department will also need to conduct a fire inspection prior to your license being issued if you haven't done so already.

I would also like to personally congratulate David Jett and Larry Barrera on joining our Board of Trustees! I know you have the best interest of the Village in mind.

I hope you all enjoy your summer! Stay safe and healthy!

Shelly Adams
Deputy Clerk



Village events

June 5— City Wide Garage Sale

June 12—City Wide Clean UP Day (Located at City Hall)

June 19 10:00am—Stream Team (Mildred Keeney Park)

August 3— Clay County Election (28 S. Drake)

August 12 5:00pm—Night Out Against Crime (Mildred Keeney Park)



Wednesday's from 10:00am-3:00pm

Farmer's Market at City Hall





We are updating our Court Room to follow the current CDC guidelines for Covid-19. Masks are not required for vaccinated individuals. We are still going to enforce the social distancing guidelines having attendees 6 feet apart. This means only the defendant may enter the Court Room. Anyone not listed on our docket will be asked to wait outside to adhere to those guidelines.

We would like to remind you that we only take cash on court nights and are not able to look up any current balances or past payment history on tickets. If you have questions on those items, you have to contact the Court office Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm.

Court is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month unless it falls on an election and always starts at 5pm.

If you have any questions about your court date or need information regarding charges, please contact the Court Clerk at (816)452-4539.

Janet Stewart
Court Clerk



My Summer Bucket List



This summer, I want to...

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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