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VILLAGE  
OF  
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# The Village News



## Let's have a Picnic!

On September 9, 2017, Airport Drive residents came together to celebrate the Village's 70th Birthday. A tent went up, the Butcher's Block brought food, a band provided music and a sound system. A good time was had by all!

It's time to plan again. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Picnic Committee to plan the event for 2022. In 2016 and 2017, Residents Debie Heckart, Rose Paul, Sue Bozung, Carolyn Longerot, and Melody Dhooghe meticulously worked to plan an afternoon of food, fun, and music. There were firetrucks, bounce houses, face painting, giveaways from Village businesses and the opportunity to just sit and visit with neighbors. It was a great way to spend the afternoon!

If you would like to help plan the event for next year, please call or email the office. Help make the 75th Birthday Picnic even bigger and better!

ALSO: We are still asking for volunteers to update the Comprehensive Plan for Airport Drive as well. The Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council is ready to help the Village update the plan. Please consider joining to help shape future developments in Airport Drive.

## Election News

The General Municipal Election was held April 6, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The ballots contained questions regarding school board and bond issues, but no election was held for Village Trustees. Two positions were open, Trustees Terry Myers and Ray Bryant were the only residents to file for candidacy. They will continue to serve Airport Drive for two more years.

A Special Meeting was held April 22nd. The Trustees appointed Terry Myers as Chairman Pro Tem. Members of the Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and alternates to both boards were discussed. If anyone would like to serve on these boards, please contact the office. These boards have been more busy than ever with

new businesses and a new subdivision coming to Airport Drive.



**TEAM**  
**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Trustees will meet  
on the following  
dates at 7:00 pm:

- ◇ May 27
- ◇ June 24
- ◇ July 22

The Office will  
be closed on the  
following dates:

May 31 -

Memorial Day

July 5 -

Independence Day

Don't Forget!

May 9th

Mother's Day

June 20th

Father's Day



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## Updates & Reminders

**Meetings for the Village of Airport Drive** are held at the Municipal Building and open to the public, unless posted as Closed Session. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings; it's the best way to stay informed of events in Airport Drive.

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The **Village Office** is open **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday, unless posted as closed. When visiting the office, park in the lot south of the building and use the south door.

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**Water usage amounts from January, February, and March 2021** were requested from Missouri American Water, Jasper County PWSD #1 and the City of Carl Junction for all residents and businesses in Airport Drive. This information will be used by our office to determine the average water usage per address for sewer billing purposes.

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It's mowing season again! Some things to remember: **Grass** should never be over **7" tall** and lawns should remain free of brush and debris. All ditches are to be maintained by the resident and kept free of debris so any water will drain freely.



If you would like to receive your **sewer bill by email**, please contact the Village Office at (417) 623-6744 or send an email to [Sue@airportdrivemo.com](mailto:Sue@airportdrivemo.com).

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Carl Junction Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone to have their **house numbers on their homes**. It helps emergency personnel identify homes more quickly in emergencies.

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**Mosquito briquettes** are available to residents at no charge. Stop by the Office to pick some up if you have standing water in your yard.

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For questions regarding **code requirements**, please call the Office at **417-623-6744**, or you can view the Code on-line through the link on our website [www.airportdrivemo.com](http://www.airportdrivemo.com) or at General Code's website [www.ecode360.com/AI3224](http://www.ecode360.com/AI3224).



Voters approved the bond question on the February 2, 2021 ballot for the Jasper County Public Water District #1. The water district requested authorization to borrow money to pay for necessary repairs, maintenance and installation of new equipment, as well as for engineers to advise the water district on current and future projects.



Airport Drive's Board of Trustees plan to work with Jasper County PWSD #1's Board to improve older water lines in the Village. Both Boards contract engineering services with Olsson Engineering. This should help everyone be on the same page, working together to improve water lines and possibly adding fire hydrants to areas that have water lines too small to support them.

Our new sign is helping us share more information, more quickly, with more people. Do you have information about an upcoming event in the area or in your neighborhood? Please let the office know. We could add it to the sign, letting everyone driving past the Municipal Building see the message!!

## A few words from Sergeant Roughton...



## Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Hello All!

Well here we are, right into spring. 2021 is moving way too fast. So let's talk about our Village.

I've noticed a few violations. If you have appliances or other objects sitting in your yard or on your porch, you need to get rid of them. Tires are also a violation, if it doesn't have a rim. The water settles inside them and mosquitoes love it. So please get rid of them. Spring clean up is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please clean up your yards and get rid of eye sores. There will be a list of things you can't put out on page 5 and the Airport Drive website. Please look at it and see what is not acceptable to be put out for pick up. If it's not on the list, you can put it out. If an item you're trying to get rid of is on the list, you'll have to find another way to dispose of it. Scrap yards will take your appliances. On the list is paint. If you will find a way to solidify the paint, the trash truck will take it. Put cat litter or saw dust in it and leave the lid off so it will dry out. I've also mentioned unlicensed vehicles on properties. They need to have a valid license plate on them. Please get this done or have them hauled off. I don't want our Village to get a reputation for being a junkie area to live in. If you having problems getting this done, please call or come see me and I will try to help you.

On another note, grass is growing like crazy now. The grass should not be over 7". Don't let your yard get out of hand, please keep it mowed. If you're having issues with your mower please let me know so I know there is a reason your grass is too high. Its not a perfect world and I know life happens so we can

work together on keeping things in compliance. Get your mowers ready to go for the summer if you can.

In other news, there has been a lot going on in our Village the last few months, which is good. Airport Drive is an awesome area to live in. Deputy Coleman, Deputy Henry, and myself care about you and our community. We will do everything we can to keep you safe. Deputy Coleman will be leaving us soon to become a Corporal for another shift but whoever replaces him will be trained to keep our area a great place. Please feel free to contact us for any concerns or questions. We are here to help you, not make problems for you.

I appreciate all of you and look forward to a great summer. Together we can do great things.

So let's talk about pets with summer heat ahead of us, we must keep our animals cool. Please make sure they have plenty of water if you leave them outside for the day. Also pets do not belong in vehicles. Unless you're going to leave your vehicle running with the air on, please leave them at home. They can die very quickly in a hot car. So can children, please have a plan if you are taking them with you.

Well I think that sums things up for now. Thank you for being great citizens. I feel I'm lucky to work in your area. I will have served in Airport Drive 14 years soon. Come and see me anytime. Have a great spring!

*Sergeant Melissa Roughton,  
Jasper County Sheriff's Office*



The 4th of July is around the corner! According to Airport Drive's Code, it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or give away any type of fireworks except from 8:00 am on June 20th to 11:59 pm on July 5th. Fireworks can not be sold on these dates after 10:00 pm, except on July 4th and July 5th, sales on those dates are permitted until 11:59 pm. Fireworks may be discharged from your property (or on property whose owner has given their consent) from June 20th to July 5th, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on July 4th, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. It is unlawful for

any person to discharge or shoot any type of firework or firecracker at any time in or on any public street, public grounds or within the business district of Airport Drive.

Bottle rockets can not be discharged inside Airport Drive.

To view all rules and regulations regarding Fireworks, you can access the code through the link on Airport Drive's website at [www.airportdrivemo.com](http://www.airportdrivemo.com) or to go directly to General Code at [www.ecode360.com/AI3224](http://www.ecode360.com/AI3224). See Sections 210.2210 through 210.2280.

The Trustees and Staff wish everyone a safe and **Happy 4th of July!**





## What we flush matters.....

We have had a few issues with our sewer lines. In an effort to keep things flowing and moving along, our engineers suggested sharing some information.

### FATS, OILS & GREASE

Fats, oils and grease, know collectively as FOG, represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines.

Butter  
Cooking Oil  
Salad dressing  
Mayonnaise  
Grease  
Sauces  
Food/meat scraps  
Lard  
Margarine  
Shortening

When FOG is dumped down the drain, it forms large, thick grease balls that clog pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, create environmental problems, cause traffic tie-ups or even flood homes and businesses.

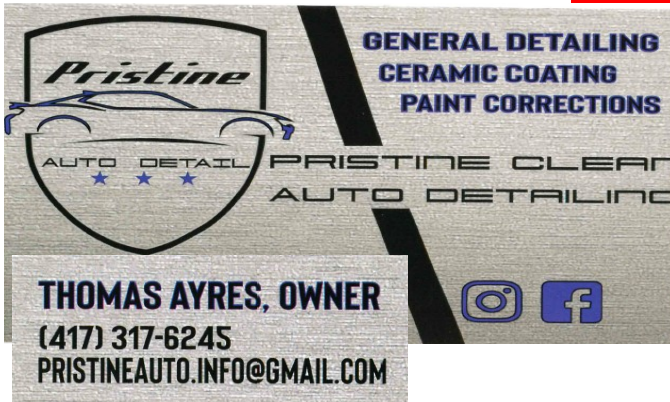
**Preventing sewer back-ups from FOG blockages also saves money.**

### Do's

- Can the grease! Keep an empty metal can and pour oil and grease into the can. Allow grease to cool in the container before throwing it in the trash.
- Wipe before washing. For greasy pans, pour the grease into a container and use a paper towel to wipe out the remaining grease in the pan prior to washing.
- Seal the oil. **Liquid should be limited to no more than one-half gallon.** Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash.
- Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Wait 10-15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

### Don'ts

- Don't pour fat, oil or grease down drains or garbage disposals.
- Don't use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces.
- Don't forget to protect the sewer lines from the bathroom:
- The toilet is not a trash can. Please do not flush paper towels, diapers, swabs, floss, and wipes - even if labeled as flushable.



Pristine Clean Auto Detailing has opened at 5174 N. Main Street Road. Thomas offers basic detailing for small to midsize sedans for \$120; SUVs for \$135. The Premium Package is priced from \$185 to \$220. The cost of Headlight Restoration is \$45. Ceramic Coatings and Chrome Trim Restoration are priced after in person inspection. All prices are subject to change, based on cleanliness of the vehicle, the size of the vehicle and extra add on services by special request.

**Remember, your car is not clean, unless it's Pristine Clean!**

## MediacomConnect



Representatives from Mediacom attended the April 22, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting. Service issues and repair times were discussed. Wade Gleason, Manager of Technical Operations, said residents could download the Mediacom app, **Mediacom Connect**. Mr. Gleason explained the app would allow users to see an overview of their account, check their usage, schedule support calls and check for outage areas. Mediacom plans to replace a main line in Airport Drive soon. A temporary line will be installed to provide service during the project.



Saturday  
May 1, 2021  
at 6:00 a.m.  
Please set  
items out the  
night before

**Items Not Acceptable (Due to State and/or Federal Landfill Restrictions)**

Appliances \* Air Conditions \* Batteries \* Dishwashers

Washers/Dryers \* Hot Water Heaters

Tires \* Oil/Filters \* Waste Oil

Dead Animals \* Hazardous Materials \* Explosives

Liquids \* Highly Flammable Substances

Household Garbage \* Paint \* Pesticides

Semi-Solids \* Shingles

Yard Waste (tree/shrub trimmings, grass clippings)

If you have any questions or problems, please call Republic Services at 1-800-627-1717 or the Village Office at 417-623-6744 or a Trustee at home.

Village of Airport Drive Financial Report				
For the year ended December 31, 2020				
			Capital	
	General Fund	Street Fund	Improvements	Sewer Fund
Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2020	2,179,837.63	60,249.01	1,067,869.09	248,641.23
<b><u>Revenues Collected</u></b>				
Business Licenses & Permits	22,111.98			265.00
Fines & Forfeitures	4,596.00			
Franchise Fees	31,660.53			
Interest Income	26,013.28	109.46	13,158.73	2,669.16
Motor Vehicle Taxes		27,398.33		
Operating Transfers In		263,381.06		
Other	591.93	152.00		-
Sales Tax	553,499.18		273,263.34	
Sewer Charges				250,199.24
<b><u>Total Revenues:</u></b>	<b>638,472.90</b>	<b>291,040.85</b>	<b>286,422.07</b>	<b>253,133.40</b>
<b><u>Expenditures Paid</u></b>				
Abatement of Code Violations	1,100.00			
Animal Control	755.80			
Bank Fees	33.80			
Capital Outlay	-	263,381.06	-	-
COVID -19	47,195.97			
Deposits Refunded	25.00			
Education & Training	579.25			
Election Costs	1,346.12			
Fire Protection	63,814.04			
Fringe Benefits	2,492.43			276.97
Inspection Fees	1,250.00			
Insurance	7,720.03			2,401.97
Internet & Computer Services	5,795.67			832.66
Law Enforcement & Training	155,437.06			
Legal Notices	1,612.45	90.00		
Miscellaneous	3,389.89			841.32
Office Expense	4,070.45			246.00
Operating Transfers Out			263,381.06	
Postage	3,004.48			1,500.00
Professional Fees and Dues	59,667.57	12,152.05		7,437.59
Public & Employee Relations	1,852.80			
Repairs & Maintenance	8,789.64	2,140.00		14,963.13
Salaries	52,979.29			6,837.58
Sewer Fee to Carl Junction	-			151,455.25
Telephone	1,246.95			
Travel & Mileage	465.16			
Utilities	5,034.59			3,466.23
Village Street Lights		12,915.77		
<b><u>Total Expenditures:</u></b>	<b>429,658.44</b>	<b>290,678.88</b>	<b>263,381.06</b>	<b>190,258.70</b>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	208,814.46	361.97	23,041.01	62,874.70
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2020	2,388,652.09	60,610.98	1,090,910.10	311,515.93

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 25150 Demott Drive  
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 Fax: 417-623-7839

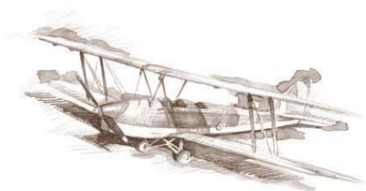
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**[www.airportdrivemo.com](http://www.airportdrivemo.com)**

**To receive the Newsletter, occasional updates, or notifications from the office or Sgt. Roughton by email, please share your email address with us at [Sue@airportdrivemo.com](mailto:Sue@airportdrivemo.com)**

We welcome all comments and suggestions for Newsletter articles. If you have memories, pictures, or letters about the community you would like to share, or upcoming events in the Village, please let us know and we might add these to future Newsletters.

*Respectfully,  
 Board of Trustees  
 And Village Clerks*

*A Community Growing Together*



### **Board of Trustees**

Jim Paul, Chairman:	781-9736	April 2022
Terry Myers, Chrmn Pro Tem:	385-7320	April 2023
Mark Rains, Trustee:	825-4218	April 2022
Reed Thompson, Trustee:	529-9418	April 2022
Ray Bryant, Trustee:	782-3996	April 2023

**Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closings are posted. Any questions or problems after hours may be directed to any member of the Board of Trustees.**

**Board of Trustee Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.**

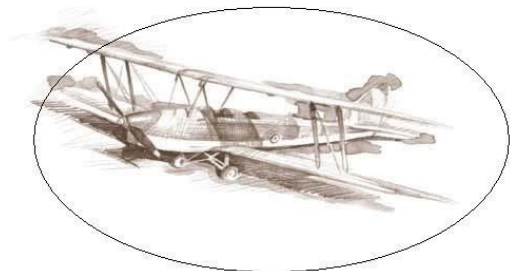
### **Emergency and Other Numbers**

#### **Emergency—911**

Jasper County Sheriff's Office	417-359-9100
Animal Control Officer	417-359-9100
Aire Internet Service	855-943-8247
Carl Junction Fire District	417-649-6062 (non-emergency)
Carl Junction Post Office	417-649-7831
Carl Junction Sewer Plant	417-649-7229
City of Carl Junction Water	417-649-7237
Dig Rite (MO One Call)	800-344-7483
Joplin Airport	417-623-0262
Joplin Post Office	417-623-6176
Liberty/Empire Electric	800-206-2300
Humane Society	417-623-3642
Jasper County Rural Water #1	417-781-8844
Mediacom	800-234-2157
MO American Water	866-430-0820
Republic Services (trash service)	800-627-1717
(Pickup on Monday)	
Spire (MO Gas Energy)	800-582-1234
Webb City Post Office	417-673-4346
Wisper Internet	800-765-7772



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**APRIL 2021**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**FOR THE**  
**VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

If any residents live alone and would like to share information such as someone we could call in case of an emergency, please contact the office at 417-623-6744 or email information to [Sue@airportdrivemo.com](mailto:Sue@airportdrivemo.com). We recently couldn't contact a resident and the circumstances seemed out of character for them.

We thought it would be good to have additional contact information, just in case.

This is not mandatory, and the information would be seen only by Village Staff Members.