

Volume 26
Issue 1
Winter

February
2023

VILLAGE
OF
AIRPORT
DRIVE

The Village News



Election News

On April 4, 2023, terms will end for Trustees Terry Myers and Ray Bryant. When the filing period closed for the April 4th election on December 27, 2022, Mr. Myers and Mr. Bryant were the only residents to file for candidacy. Therefore, Terry Myers and Ray Bryant will continue to serve as Trustees for two more years. The Municipal Building will still be used as a polling location for the April 4th election for registered voters to cast their ballots for school board members and a Jasper County ballot question.

Besides serving as a Trustee, there are other ways to assist the community. Residents can serve on the Zoning Commission or the Board of Adjustment. These are appointed positions and the committees meet as needed. Residents can also serve as an Alternate to both boards. That is a great way to see how each board functions. Contact the Office if you are interested in serving on one of these boards.

The Trustees are discussing possible ballot questions for an August 8, 2023 ballot. In 2018, Airport Drive voters approved the question to adopt a provision of VAMS 115.124 which provides that if the number of candidates equals the number of open positions on the Board of Trustees, no election will need to be held. This ordinance must be approved every six years. The Trustees will also consider adding a ballot question to add an additional 3% Sales Tax on the sales of non-medical adult use marijuana. We will share more details closer to the election day.

CJ Fire Protection District

Over the last year, the Carl Junction Fire Protection District has been working with new software that helps them be better prepared to serve residents when called on. Within this new software is a program that allows residents to provide any information they feel the fire department might need in the event of a fire or natural disaster. This information can include your meeting place during storms, special needs considerations for your family, and even pet information. Once your profile is complete, you can login and let the fire department know if you are burning (if conditions allow) and even put in smoke alarm requests. To create your free household account today, go to <https://www.communityconnect.io/info.mo-carljunction>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- ◇ March 23, 2023
- ◇ April 27, 2023
- ◇ May 25, 2023

The Office will be closed on the following dates:

April 7, 2023
Good Friday

Inside this issue:

Updates & Reminders Sewer News	2
A Word from Sgt. Crossley	3
Christmas Light Winners & Community Bank & Trust 's Big Annual Event	4
CJ Community Connect	5
Smartlock Self Storage & Republic Service's rate increase	6
Village Contacts & Helpful Phone Numbers	7
Missouri's Statewide Tornado Drill	8

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.

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.

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to Spring Forward!



We have heard the date for the **Spring Clean Up** will be April 29th. Watch for more information closer to the date.....

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.

If you notice **any street lights not working**, call Liberty Utilities (Empire) at **800-206-2300** or the Village Office. Liberty will determine ownership and repair the light.

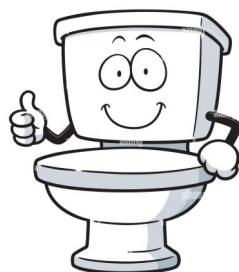
The Mense CPA Firm has started working on the Audit for the year 2022. The Financial Statement should be available in the next Newsletter.

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 or at General Code's website www.ecode360.com/AI3224.



Flushable Wipes. Are they really flushable?

If the label says "flushable", then wet wipes should be able to go down the toilet, right? Unfortunately no, they shouldn't. Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate in our pipes and sewage systems, but flushable wipes are not. They are typically made with synthetic material, plastics or polyester, that won't break down. So even if they flush down the toilet, they can end up clogging the sewer lines. This poses hazardous risks to the people that must break these clogs up; and incurs considerable costs. A "fatberg" is a huge mass of solid waste largely consisting of cooking fats, disposable wipes, and other sanitary items that get flushed down the commode. They're unhygienic, expensive to fix and incredibly gross. Clogs and fatbergs make jobs that are already hazardous and very difficult even more so. Please dispose of wipes in the trash instead of flushing them.



Airport Drive plans to begin a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study soon. We will be working with TREKK Design Group, LLC. TREKK will perform the following tests on the lines.

Acoustic Sounding tests on the sewer lines to identify areas which may have diminished capacity or blockage.

Smoke Testing to identify I&I, Infiltration & Inflow, sources from the public and private sector. There will be a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to all residents within the study areas. Notification will be made by door hangers. The hangers will include general information about the testing, including instructions to fill infrequently used plumbing traps with water and a tablespoon of cooking oil to prohibit smoke from entering buildings via service lines.

CCTV (internal television inspections) and Cleaning based on the data gathered from the acoustic sounding and smoke tests. This will be a light cleaning of debris and any flow obstructions. If more effort is required, a **Heavy Cleaning** could be performed.

Funding for this work will come from the American Rescue Plan Act funds from the federal government.

A few words from Sgt. Crossley...

Hello Residents of Airport Drive.

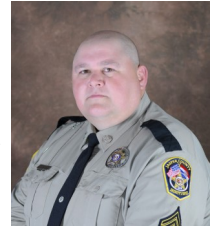
Wow, what a year! As we close out 2022 we look toward a productive, positive, and safe 2023. I want to first thank Deputies Henry and Kolbeck for their hard work and commitment to the safety of the Village of Airport Drive. I also want to thank the community of Airport Drive for being so supportive not only of the Deputies but also of me during the transition to being the Supervisor over here; I truly enjoy working in the Village. Going into a new year, as always, we will look back on the successes, challenges, and areas to improve from the previous year.

A 2022 Annual Report has been completed to keep our community informed of crime and traffic reporting as well as trends over the last couple years. I will have a copy of the report at the Village Office for viewing or I can email you a copy if you wish to contact me at tcrossley@jaspercountysheriff.org.

In 2022 the Deputies of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office responded to 997 calls for service within the boundaries of Airport Drive. They conducted 1,274 traffic stops; 198 citations were issued with 1076 warnings for traffic violations. There were 38 calls to report stealing, two burglaries and one robbery. These stats show me that Airport Drive is a safe place to live and raise your family.



Jasper County Sheriff's Office



We are also trying to be more involved in the community by attending local events. Last year we attended the Trunk or Treat event at The Front Page. In December we invited Santa Claus to the Village. Children who attended were able to get their photos with Santa as well as enjoy refreshments which were provided by the Village Clerks. We are looking for events to attend this year, if you have an event coming up and would like a Deputy to attend, please contact me.

As I have said in the past newsletter, if you need the assistance of me or one of my Deputies, PLEASE call dispatch at (417) 359-9100. This will prevent any delay in response as we get the information directly from dispatch if we are not in the office. This also creates a call history of any events so we can look back on previous responses if needed. Although Sue and Sharon are great to work with, it is not their job or responsibility to field calls for Deputies.

Once again if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you for all the support I've received from everyone I have met so far and I look forward to the new year!!!

Sgt. Tom Crossley
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

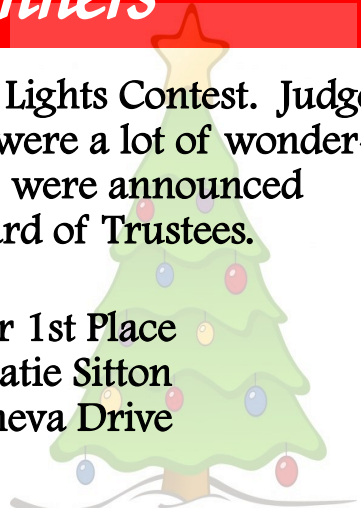


2022 Christmas Lights Winners

Judges picked the top three homes for the 2022 Christmas Lights Contest. Judge Kara Charbonneau said the competition was tough, there were a lot of wonderfully decorated properties. The top three decorated homes were announced during the December 29, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees.



\$75.00 for 1st Place
Dean & Katie Sitton
6421 Geneva Drive



\$50.00 for 2nd Place
Roy & Patricia Farley
6478 Park Circle



\$25.00 for 3rd Place
Phillip & Linda Rappa
5938 Pearl Street



SPRING into FREE!!!

APRIL 21 2023
7:30 am – 6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

CBT's Annual Big Event

5570 N Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801

www.cbthomebar File Explorer

Member FDIC



Republic Services has notified Airport Drive of the annual modification of the rates for trash service for 2023. The monthly rate will change as of February 1, 2023, instead of the normal January 1st. Currently the annual CPI for Water, sewer and trash is 4.7%, however the maximum increase per our contract is 3%. This will bring the residential rate that is paid to Republic to \$11.35 per month. An additional cart is \$5.30 per month. Your second quarterly bill may show the additional amounts for February and March not invoiced in the first quarter. According to Republic's customer service, you will not be charged a late fee for any amount under \$1.00.

Republic appreciates the partnership they have formed with Airport Drive and look forward to another successful year. Republic Services values their relationship and prides themselves in providing excellent service to the citizens of Airport Drive.

Republic's Customer Service number is: **800-627-1717**




Carl Junction Community Connect

Together, Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness & Response

CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR PROFILE TODAY

www.communityconnect.io/info/mo-carljunction

1 Create an account

Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number and address.

2 Enter the info that matters most

Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

3 Help your Fire Department when seconds count

That's it. Just keep us updated when things change overtime so we can always be prepared.

WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION CAN I PROVIDE?

Any information you provide through Community Connect is completely voluntary and based on what you are comfortable sharing. We have made it easy for you to know what may be important by organizing your secure portal into buckets of information you can enter.




Your Property



Your People



Your Needs



Your Pets

HOW SECURE IS MY DATA AND HOW IS IT USED?

Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.



Community Connect is **Safe & Secure**

Founded in 2020, Smartlock Self Storage has built 30 new self-storage projects. As of 2022, Smartlock has more than 15 self-storage projects in active development.

Armed with the latest technology and modern internal processes, and partnered with leading vendors in the industry, the company has created a business model focused around maximizing automation to create a 100% customer self-service business across the South and Midwest. Smartlock Self Storage builds and operates fully automated storage facilities, outfitted with the best technology the industry has to offer, including best-in-class doors, automated lighting, a modern camera system, a feature-rich website, and a smart entry system to create a simple rental process for customers. Simply rent online, download the app, and access your unit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Co-founder Jonah Hall wanted to create a completely different class of service, professional, cutting-edge and most importantly self-service.

“Joplin 1”, Smartlock Self Storage’s first purchase in Airport Drive is located at 5171 N Main Street Road, in the former location of the Fancy Flamingo Flea Market. The tentative opening date for Phase One climate controlled facility is the first quarter of 2023. The building also has 5,000 square feet of retail space available for lease. For more information on this, please reach out to leasing agent, David Glenn at (417)359-6868.

“Joplin 2”, at 5571 N. Main Street Road, includes non-climate controlled drive up units that are available for leasing through their website www.smartlockselfstorage.com. In addition, this location has 24,887 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 8,000 sq. ft. of retail space in the front of the building. For more information on these sites, contact David Glenn at (417)359-6868.



Water usage information for the year of 2022 was requested from Missouri American Water, Jasper County PWS #1, and the City of Carl Junction. Village Engineer Clayton Cristy is working with Carl Junction and their engineers to determine how much water is entering into their system and future sewer rates for Airport Drive.



In April we will request water usage information from the water companies for the first three months of 2023 to calculate averages for all residents and businesses. If you have experienced leaks or unusually high water usage during January, February or March of 2023, please contact the office. We will work to find the most accurate amount of water that entered the sewer system.



Building Permit Reminders



Planning to work on your home or property soon? Please contact the Village Office before work begins.

A Building Permit is required if you are building a new home, tearing out or building new walls, re-wiring, re-plumbing, re-roofing or building decks or fences. According to Section 400.020, no building or structure can be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a permit issued by the Village Office.

If you hire someone to do the work, all contractors must be licensed to work in Airport Drive. Please instruct your contractor to contact the office before work starts. Contractors must provide proof of insurance before a license can be issued. There is a list of contractors already licensed to work in Airport Drive on our website: airportdrivemo.com.

Or call the office at 417-623-6744 to see if your contractor is licensed in Airport Drive.

MAILING ADDRESS:
 Village of Airport Drive
 25150 Demott Drive
 Joplin, Missouri 64801
 Phone: 417-623-6744
 Fax: 417-623-7839

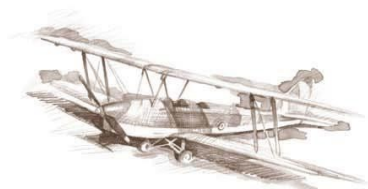
We're on the Web
www.airportdrivemo.com

To receive the Newsletter, occasional updates, or notifications from the office or Sgt. Crossley by email, please share your email address with us at 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

Terry Myers, Chairman:	417-385-7320	April 2023
Mark Rains, Chrmn Pro Tem:	417-825-4218	April 2024
James Paul, Trustee	417-781-9736	April 2024
Ray Bryant, Trustee:	417-782-3996	April 2023
Kara Charbonneau, Trustee	314-818-9312	April 2024

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.

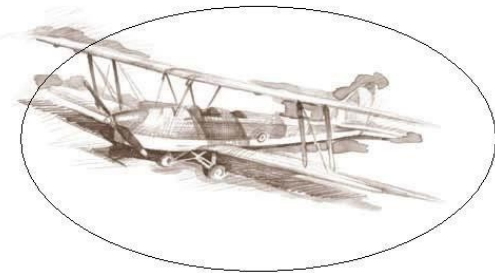
Board of Trustee Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.

Emergency and Other Numbers

Emergency—911

Jasper County Sheriff Dispatch	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

Village of Airport Drive
25150 Demott Drive
Joplin, Missouri 64801
(417) 623-6744



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Statewide Tornado Drill 2023

When is the Drill Held?

Missouri's 2023 statewide tornado drill will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity for Missourians to practice their sheltering plans and ensure readiness in case of a severe weather emergency while at home, work or school.

How to Participate

At 10:00 a.m. on the day of the drill, NOAA Weather Radios set to receive the Routine Weekly Tests (RWTs) will alert listeners that the tornado drill has begun. Outdoor warning sirens will also sound across participating communities in Missouri. At this time, participants should practice taking cover in their designated shelter.

Schools, businesses and families are all encouraged to participate in the statewide tornado drill. Schools are encouraged to use the tornado drill as an educational tool for students by incorporating tornado facts and meteorological information and safety tips into their lesson plans.

Missouri's annual Statewide Tornado Drill is part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week, which includes:

Monday – Have a Plan/Receive Weather Information Day; Tuesday– Tornado Safety Day, including a statewide tornado drill at 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday – Lightning Safety Day; Thursday – Hail/Wind Safety Day; Friday – Flood Safety Day

The National Weather Service St. Louis Forecast Office has compiled information about all these weather threats and the safety measure to take in response at its [Severe Weather Preparedness Week site](#).

StormAware is using Facebook and Twitter to help provide severe weather facts and safety information in the days leading up to and during Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Please like the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency's Facebook page at facebook.com/MissouriSEMA and follow on Twitter at twitter.com/MoSEMA.