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The Village News



Election News

The next General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. There will be many items to vote on, but Airport Drive Trustees will not be on the ballot. On that day, terms will expire for Trustees Mark Rains, Kara Charbonneau and James Paul. We have three residents that filed for candidacy for the election: Mark Rains, Claren Holmes, and Denise Winans. Because Village residents approved not holding an election if the number of candidates equals the number of open positions, the candidates shall assume the responsibilities of their offices at the same time and manner as if they had been elected. Mark Rains, Claren Holmes and Denise Winans will be sworn in at the Special Meeting in April, after the election. The March 28th Meeting will be the last meeting for Trustees Jim Paul and Kara Charbonneau. Jim Paul has served the Village well for 22 years as a Trustee and as a past Chairman. Kara Charbonneau has served from 2022 to 2024 and always made the needs and concerns of our residents her top priority. Thank you Jim and Kara for jobs well done!

Send a Hug!

Bob Wolfe, the owner (and Employee of the Year!) of Always Buying Books, 5357 North Main Street Road, has been helping school kids in nearby districts with negative account balances, by donating to purchase their future lunches. So far he has made donations to 23 school districts in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. In many districts, if a student's lunch account goes too far into the negative, the child will be given an alternative lunch. It is different from what others are eating, and it's rarely the child's fault. Bob is trying to help.

In honor of Valentine's day, we would like to give our residents a chance to help Bob and school kids. Residents can send "hugs", a bag of Valentine candies, to other residents. Take the coupon below with a donation of at least \$1.00 for school lunch programs to Always Buying Books. If you would like for your donation to go to a particular school district, you can write that in. If you can't stop by the store, call us, we will ask our Jasper County Officers to pick up your donation.

Send "hugs" to a neighbor for fun, to say thanks for helping, or to show appreciation for their friendship. It's just a fun way to spread a little joy.

Please send "hugs" to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

for school district: _____

Sender: _____

(you can sign or send anonymously)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- ◇ February 22
- ◇ March 28
- ◇ April 25

February 19

Office Closed for Presidents' Day

March 10 Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 29 Office Closed for Good Friday

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Updates & Reminders

Meetings for the Village of Airport Drive are held at the Municipal Building on the 4th Thursday of each month (except November & December), and are 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.

Auditors Gene and Matt Mense have started the **Audit** of year ended **December 31, 2023**. The Financial Report for 2023 should be available in the next newsletter.

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.

All **ditches must be maintained** by the resident. Trees, bushes, brush, debris, and leaves need to be kept out of the ditches so water will freely drain.

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**.

A CPR class will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024 at the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. Josh Jones will be teaching an American Heart Association Class that will include: Adult, Child, & Infant CPR,; AED and Basic First Aid. Attendees successfully completing the class can earn their BLS Card. The cost for the class is \$75.00. If you would like to attend, please call the office at (417) 623-6744 or email Clerk Hirshey at Sue@airportdrivemo.com.



Republic Services has notified Airport Drive, per their contract, a modification of the current rate happened on the anniversary date of the agreement, January 1st, 2024. The annual CPI for Water, sewer and trash is 5.6%, however the maximum amount per agreement is 3%. This will bring the residential rate that is paid to Republic to \$11.69 per month and an additional cart is \$5.46 per month. Republic appreciates the partnership they have formed with Airport Drive and looks forward to another successful year. They value their relationship with the Village and pride themselves in providing excellent service to the citizens of Airport Drive.



When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator
Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater
Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters
Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



A few words from Sgt. Crossley...

Happy New Year Airport Drive Residents!!!

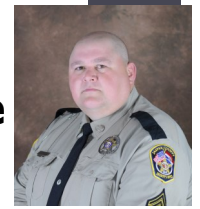
2023 was a great year!! Some personnel changes will soon be occurring with our staff, Deputy Linder has decided to take employment with her family's business, she will be greatly missed as she did an amazing job here in the Village and I wish her great success!!! In March, Cpl. Ben Carrier will take over duties as the night patrol Deputy. Cpl. Carrier will be a good addition to our group, he is an experienced officer and I know he will do an outstanding job. We have also added a Stalker Speed Trailer to assist with monitoring traffic speed and assist in high traffic areas. We were able to secure a grant through the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety – SWMO Coalition for the purchase of the trailer. I have received several positive comments from residents about the trailer; we are currently working on programming so that we can collect data to assist us in patrolling the Village better.

The 2023 Annual Report for the Village has been completed to keep our community informed of crime and traffic reporting as well as trends over the last couple years. If you would like to view a copy, please email me at tcrossley@jaspercountysheriff.org.

Deputies of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,137 calls for service within the Village, these



Jasper County Sheriff's Office



numbers do not include self initiated activities such as traffic enforcement, 619 traffic stops were conducted with 55 citations being issued and 564 warnings.

During the year our Deputies have received several recognitions for the community events which have been hosted in Airport Drive. We have several ideas for events this year, we would really like to encourage the residents to come out and participate with us. Please follow the Village of Airport Drive Facebook page for updates on upcoming events.

If you need assistance from me or one of the Deputies, PLEASE call dispatch at (417) 359-9100. We are not always in the office, however, by calling dispatch this creates a call history, but also prevents any delay in us receiving your information. Sue and Sharon are great to work with, however, they have a lot of responsibilities running the Village day to day functions, it is not their responsibility to field calls for Deputies.

Once again if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, I look forward to visiting with our residents. Thank you for all the support and please think about coming out and visiting with us during one of our events.

Sgt. Tom Crossley
(417) 356-5133 on duty cellphone

Sergeant Crossley's Annual Report for 2023 is available on our website: www.airportdrivemo.com



New Sewer Rates go into effect February 1, 2024



On January 25, 2024 the Trustees adopted Ordinance 01-24 to increase sewer rates. Sewer rates had remained unchanged since September 2020.

The chart below shows the new Base Charges.

The rate charged per 1,0000 gallons of water used will increase from \$3.25 to \$4.25.

	Gallons Used	Base Charge
All Residential		\$ 30.30
Commercial 0	less than 1,250	\$ 52.00
Commercial 1	1251 - 5,000	\$ 70.00
Commercial 2	5,001 to 15,000	\$ 95.00
Commercial 3	15,001 to 124,999	\$ 125.25
Commercial 4	125,000 & above	\$ 250.00

The average used for billing is from usage at each property for the months of January, February, and March. We will request reports from the water companies in April. Once new averages are calculated, they will be used for the following approximate 12 months for sewer billing. The average usage of all residential properties is used for well users and newly constructed residences.

If you had a water leak, filled a pool or hot tub, or experienced an unusually high water usage in January, February, or March, please contact the office. We always try to determine the most accurate amount of water entering the sewer system and bill accordingly.

The increase in the usage charge will be used for future maintenance and expansion endeavors. The Infiltration & Inflow Study is complete. Using smoke testing, cameras, and acoustic sounding, TREKK Designs provided a list of possible infiltration openings that will need to be repaired. Overall the sewer system is in good shape. But it is also over 30 years old in some areas. It's better to prepare than to have to repair.

Building Permits & Contractors

If you plan to work on your home, business, or property, please contact the Village Office before any work begins. A Building Permit is required if you are building a new home or business, changing the footprint of a structure, building or tearing out walls, work that involves electric wiring and/or plumbing, building decks or fences. No building or structure shall be erected, moved, added to or structurally altered without a permit. All contractors must be licensed to work in Airport Drive. If your contractor is not licensed in Airport Drive, ask them to contact the office. They must provide proof of general liability and workman's comp insurance. This helps to protect the residents and businesses in Airport Drive.



The Board of Trustees amended Section 400.050 of the Code of Ordinances on October 26, 2023, amending fees for plan reviews and inspections. The schedule of fees is below.

The fee for a Building Permit and Site Plan Review for Non-Commercial/Industrial (Residential) is \$125.00, plus \$30.00 for each anticipated inspection. The inspection fees are collected as a deposit. Any unused deposit will be refunded after the approved final inspection. Any unpaid fees will need to be paid prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

The fee for Commercial and/or Industrial Site Plan Review is \$275.00. Inspections for commercial projects is \$55.00 each.

The Fee for a Sewer Tap inspection is \$150.00, for residential or commercial projects.

New fences require a permit, \$60.00 for residential properties and \$110.00 for commercial/industrial properties. The fees are for two inspections; a lot inspection and a final. Repairing an existing fence does not require a permit.

A roofing permit is required to re-roof a house. The fee is \$60.00 for two inspections for residential properties, for the underlayment and the final.

You can download applications for Building Permits, Sewer Tap Permits, and Contractor's Licenses from our website: www.airportdrivemo.com Or stop by, call or email the office.

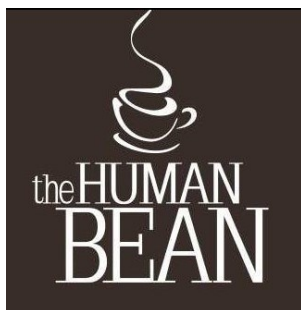
VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE BUSINESS LISTING

Restaurants & Food Service		
Restaurants & Food Service	Location	Phone Number
Babes Drive In	5018 N Main St Rd	417-623-4497
Casey's General Store	5869 N Main St Rd	417-781-5721
Domino's Pizza	6015 N Main St Rd	417-614-0707
El Charro Restaurant	5781 N Main St Rd	417-626-0433
Fat & Happy Inc	5806 N Main St Rd	417-659-6070
Gambino's Pizza	101 Village Landing	417-649-7979
Guadulajara Mexican Grill	6039 N Main St Rd	417-317-7768
Harps Food Store	25685 Fir Road	417-621-0363
Heavenly KS Donuts	6023 N Main St Rd	469-600-8809
Sonic of Stones Corner LLC	24949 Demott Drive	417-624-3397
Subway	6019 N Main St Rd	417-659-8766
Walmart Neighborhood Market	25145 Demott Drive	417-208-0113
Woody's Smokehouse	25124 Demott Drive	417-781-9800
Auto Services & Fuel Stations		
Auto Services & Fuel Stations	Location	Phone Number
Airport Drive Express Lube Co. LLC	5462 N Main St Rd	417-781-4810
Casey's General Store	5869 N Main St Rd	417-781-5721
Harps #168 Fuel Station	25685 Fir Road	417-621-0363
Pristine Clean Auto Detailing	5174 N Main St Rd	417-317-6245
Wal-Mart #4470 Fuel Station	25145 Demott Drive	417-208-0113
Woody's Smokehouse	25124 Demott Drive	417-781-9800
Banking & Financial Services		
Banking & Financial Services	Insurance	Insurance
Community Bank & Trust	5570 N Main St Rd	417-624-0557
Jennafer Johnson - Edward Jones	5898 N Main St Rd, Ste 108	417-623-2547
Southwest Missouri Bank	5935 N Main St Rd	417-623-0400
Insurance		
Insurance	Location	Phone Number
Andrew Golian American Family Insurance	5898 N Main St Rd, Ste 107	417-781-5533
Health & Wellness		
Health & Wellness	Location	Phone Number
Advance Family Eyecare	5832 N Main St Rd	417-623-7900
Margie's Health Naturally	5112 N Main St Rd	417-781-6597
Mercy Clinic Stones Corner	6151 N Main St Rd	417-781-0408
Mercy-Go Health Urgent Care	6055 N Main St Rd	417-717-8846
North Main Therapy Center	5065 N Main St Rd	417-629-2563
Stone's Corner Pharmacy Inc	6059 N Main St Rd	417-624-6593
Marijuana Dispensary		
Marijuana Dispensary	Location	Phone Number
Vert's Neighborhood Market	25733 Fir Road	417-612-8371
Art & Music Studio		
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Jubilee Art Studio	6551 N Main St Rd	417-438-7312
Studio 88	6326 N Main St Rd	417-827-3555

LOCAL SHOP



VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE BUSINESS LISTING		
Child Care	Location	Phone Number
Debbie Bryant Daycare	5795 Elm St	417-850-0049
Footprints & Friends Too, LLC	5601 N Main St Rd	417-627-1936
Retailers	Location	Phone Number
Rodger Smith Inc., 5 Star Food Equipment	5154 N Main St Rd	417-624-1100
Always Buying Books	5357 N Main St Rd	417-781-1720
Appliance King	5532 N Main St Rd	
Cutting Loose Graphics	5645 N Main St Rd	417-626-2700
Discount Smokes & Liquor	5277 N Main St Rd	417-624-3031
Dollar General Store #23203	25994 Fir Road	417-717-8435
Etcetera	5215 N Main St Rd	417-291-5379
Front Page Inc	5557 N Main St Rd	417-438-0089
Good Dog Pet Services	6035 N Main St Rd	417-781-3647
Harps Food Store	25685 Fir Road	417-621-0363
Jake's Memorial Day Flowers	5325 N Main St Rd	620-231-2264
Restore for Habitat for Humanity	5201 N Main St Rd	417-782-7467
Ozark Nursery of Joplin LLC	6361 N Main St Rd	417-623-0224
R & S Memorial Decorations LLC	5557 N Main St Rd	417-732-6263
Trimline Barns	5018 N Main St Rd	417-359-6800
Walmart Neighborhood Market	25145 Demott Drive	417-208-0113
Services	Location	Phone Number
DAV Transportation Services	5898 N Main St Rd	417-623-0670
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	5898 N Main St Rd, Ste 112	417-208-3030
Furniture Rescue	5467 N Main St Rd	417-206-2057
Good Dog Pet Services	6035 N Main St Rd	417-781-3647
Republic Services	1715 E Front St, Galena	620-783-5841
Salon 53 Eighty	5380 N Main St Rd	417-825-1495
Smartlock Self Storage - JPL One	5571 N Main St Rd	417-246-3602
Smartlock Self Storage - JPL Two	5171 N Main St Rd	417-246-3602
Social Climber Pro, LLC dba SCP Agency	499 W Fountain Rd	417-483-0144
Southwest Grinding Co Inc	5735 N Main St Rd	417-781-1814
The UPS Store 34970	6031 N Main St Rd	417-659-8410
Westport Inn, LLC	3817 N Main St Rd	417-529-1002



The Human Bean Coffee Drive-Thru at 5799 North Main Street Road and the Let's Go Carwash at 5958 North Main Street Road are nearing completion. We hope to have more information about both to share in the next newsletter!!



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 25150 Demott Drive
 Joplin, Missouri 64801
 Phone: 417-623-6744
 Fax: 417-623-7839

We're on the Web
www.airportdrivemo.com

To receive your sewer bill, Newsletters, 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 2025
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 2025
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.

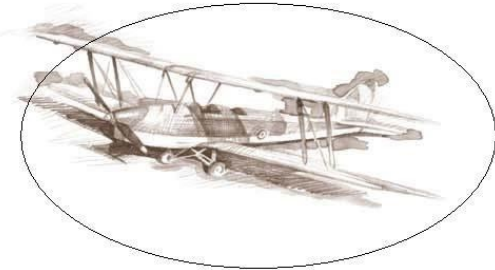
Board of Trustee Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.

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) (Pickup on Monday)	800-627-1717
Spire (MO Gas Energy)	800-582-1234
Webb City Post Office	417-673-4346
Wisper Internet	800-765-7772

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25150 Demott Drive
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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Christmas Lights Contest Winners!

Airport Drive Residents shone brightly again this year! Sergeant Crossley said the competition was really tough to narrow down to three winners. His top three were announced at the December 21, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting:



First Place
Marvin & Debie Heckart
25897 Richey Avenue



Second Place
Roy & Patricia Farley
6478 Park Circle



Third Place
Ray & Debbie Bryant
5795 Elm Street