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VILLAGE
OF
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The Village News



What a year!

The Trustees are always busy, but this year has really had them hopping. COVID-19 has forced everyone to make changes to adapt to new ways of living their lives while still performing required duties; at work, at home, at school, at church and with their families. The Board has worked diligently to function as normally as possible, abiding by social distancing and safety precautions, as they take care of all tasks and matters that come before them.

On August 4, 2020 the Primary Election was held. The ballot included Proposition A, asking qualified voters to impose a 1/2 of 1% Sales Tax for Public Safety. The Jasper County Clerk Charlie Davis reported these results:

Yes 135 (65.22%) No 72 (34.78%)

The new sales tax will go into effect January 1, 2021. As promised to Village Residents, a request has been made to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office to assign a third full time officer to Airport Drive. The third officer is expected to start mid-November. The estimated cost for three officers for 2021 is \$222,133.14.

The Carl Junction Fire Protection District has provided their annual cost for services in 2021. The Jasper County Clerk suggested they use only the personal property valuations in their protection district, instead of county wide. The assessed amount was 12% less than the 2020 amount. Airport Drive will pay the CJ Fire Protection District \$81,889.67 for fire and emergency medical services in 2021. The Trustees requested quotes from the cities of Joplin and Webb City for fire and emergency medical services, but voted to stay with the Carl Junction Fire Protection District.

Village Attorney Derek Snyder is working with the attorney for the Jasper County Public Water System District #1 on an intergovernmental agreement. The Trustees are working on options to try to improve the water system and to be able to install fire hydrants in areas where there are none, for improved fire protection in Airport Drive.

Phase One of the Street Overlay Project is completed. The Board plans to overlay the remaining streets in 2021. There is also a project planned to widen Bland Avenue east of Main Street Road. This project includes increasing the turning radius of the intersection of Elm Street and Bland Avenue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- ◇ November 19
- ◇ December 17
- ◇ January 28, 2021

**The Office will
be closed on the
following dates:**

**November 26 & 27 -
Thanksgiving**

**December 24 & 25
Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day**

**January 1, 2021
New Year's Day**

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Updates & Reminders

Meetings for the Village of Airport Drive held at the Municipal Building 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.

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**.

New Sewer Rates

After months of reviewing information, the Trustees adopted Ordinance 16-20 on September 24, 2020, to increase sewer rates charged to Airport Drive's sewer users. Trustee Terry Myers assisted Engineer Jerald Norton to calculate the new rates. The City of Carl Junction increased the rate charged to Airport Drive by 7.7%. To match the increase taken by Carl Junction, the Trustees increased the amount charged per thousand gallons of water used from \$2.90 to \$3.25. The base rates charged remained unchanged and are listed below:

	Gallons Used	Base Charge
All Residential		\$ 29.30
Commercial 0	less than 1,250	\$ 51.00
Commercial 1	1,250 - 5,000	\$ 69.00
Commercial 2	5,001-15,000	\$ 94.00
Commercial 3	15,000 & more	\$ 124.25

The average water usage for residences is 3679 gallons per month. The monthly bill for that usage is \$41.26, an increase of \$1.29. Just a reminder, if you have had a water leak, filled a pool, or had an unusually high water bill, especially in the months of January, February or March, please call the Village Office and let us know.



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

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.

The Mense CPA Firm, LLC has completed a Financial Statement for the first six months of 2020. See page 6 for the statement.

Self-response and field date collection operations for the **2020 Census** ended October 15, 2020. The Census Bureau reported 99.9% of housing units had been accounted for in the 2020 Census.

With the passage of Proposition A in the August 4, 2020 election, the **Sales Tax Rate** will change to **7.45% on January 1, 2021** in Airport Drive. The General Fund will receive 1% and the Capital Fund and Safety Tax Fund will each receive .5%.

We have added a **calendar to our website**. Check out upcoming meetings and events, such as leaf pick up, election dates, and office closures. If anyone has suggestions for additional items or functions they would like to see on the website, let us know!

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

-William Arthur Ward



Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude.



Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words.

Gratitude is shown in acts.

-Henri Frederic Amiel

A few words from Deputy Henry and Sergeant Roughton....



Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Hello wonderful citizens of the Village of Airport Drive!

Deputy Henry here with an update of things and hopefully some helpful tips to get you through the holiday season.

Firstly, some of you may be unaware, but Sgt. Roughton had knee replacement surgery in July and is well on the road to recovery so keep her in your thoughts. Secondly, we will be adding a third deputy to work here in the village during the overnight hours and that deputy should be starting with us in November.

As many of you know the holiday season is quickly approaching and in turn means lots of packages and goodies will be delivered to your porches and stoops. Those packages are prime targets of thefts. So, if possible be diligent about when your order comes in and maybe speak with your neighbors about collecting your packages and doing the same for them. Also make sure you are locking your vehicles when going in for the night. Unlocked vehicles are also easy pickings for thieves.

If you are a victim of a theft the best thing to do is contact the Jasper County Sheriff's Office by calling our dispatch at (417) 359-9100. This will get an officer to you as quickly as possible to get a report done for you.

Have a great holiday season!
Deputy Justin Henry
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Hi Folks,

Just thought I would share a few words. I've made it back finally! I missed everyone. Deputy Henry held down the fort while I was away and did a great job!

I thought I would add a few notes to Deputy Henry's letter.

Winter is upon us. Please be cautious about the holidays. As Deputy Henry mentioned, packages are probably going to be delivered to your porches. Please put some thought in how you want to handle that. Have a neighbor pick them up or maybe have it delivered to your place of employment. You can probably pick the packages up at the offices for FedEx or UPS as well.

Let's keep our animals in mind, They need shelter, food and water if they are kept outside. If we are cold, they are cold. I know dogs such as Huskies, German Shepherds, or other long haired dog adapt to cold weather, but please be mindful of the temperature. Don't forget about your cats as well.

You all are great folks and I rarely have to say anything to anyone about their pets. It's just a reminder for your busy lives.

It's hunting season and deer will be on the run. Please take extra time when driving. Be prepared and watchful for any animals in the roadway.

I'm glad to be back with all of you and look forward to seeing you soon. My working hours vary, but mostly Monday thru Friday, between 6:00 am to 3:30 pm. Deputy Henry will be back to the afternoon shifts and we are working to get our third full time officer for overnights. Thank you for being awesome people and a great community to work in. I wish everyone a happy holiday season! We will visit again after the first of the year.

Sergeant Melissa Roughton
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

WHO WANTS TO BE A TRUSTEE?

The General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the Village of Airport Drive Municipal Building. On that date, terms will expire for Trustees Terry Myers and Ray Bryant. If you would like to serve your community as a Trustee, filing will begin on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Village Municipal Building at 25150 Demott Drive, Joplin, Missouri. Filing will end on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The following are the requirements to file for Trustee: You must be a United States Citizen, a resident of Airport Drive for at least one year prior to the election, and twenty one years of age or older. Please bring your ID when filing. Candidates must file an affidavit declaring that they are not delinquent in filing or payment of state taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes or real property taxes with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

Trustees are elected to two year terms and serve the Village at large. They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless posted otherwise; and for special meetings as needed.

The Trustee position is a non-compensated job. These residents must make time to meet at least once a month to serve the community. They work as a group to create policies and make decisions for the benefit of the Village.



You can't miss it, the bright green food truck just east of Sonic Drive In on Highway 171. MOSA Hibachi & Sushi Japanese Express has been open since September, serving a wide variety of sushi from basic rolls to deep fried rolls, hibachi combos and specials with sides and sauces, all conveniently packed up and served in takeout containers. The Hibachi menu includes Chicken, Steak, Shrimp and Sukiyaki Steak.; plus sides of fried rice, vegetables, spring rolls and Yum Yum Sauce. The Sushi Menu includes basic rolls, California, Hollywood and Shrimp Tempura, avocado, cucumber, crab meat, spicy tuna and spicy crab. All of the Sushi Rolls are completely cooked. They also offer deep fried rolls. If you haven't tried it yet, you should!

Open Monday thru Saturday

11:00 am to 3 pm &

4:30 to 8:00 pm

Closed on Sundays

417-437-5742

Thank you!

The Budget Committee met on October 21st to create a proposed Budget for 2021. A great big Thank you to Residents Mark Johnson, Janie Liles, Carolyn Longerot and Mike Warman for serving on the committee!



**REPUBLIC
SERVICES**



Republic Services contract for collection and disposal of residential trash will end on December 31, 2020. During the September 24, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting, bids for service from WCA - Joplin Hauling and Republic Services were opened and reviewed. The Trustees motioned to accept the bid from Republic Services for a five year contract to begin January 1, 2021. The cost for residential service in 2021 will be \$10.70 per month. Annual adjustments will be based on the Consumer Price Index for water, sewer and trash, not to exceed a 3% increase.

Internet Options

Internet options for residents and businesses have been limited for quite a while. Mediacom offers cable, internet and phone service in our area, but there are a lot of service interruptions. Resident Jeff Howe wanted to let other residents know that Mediacom is supposed to reimburse their customers for any service outages. Be sure to contact Mediacom at 1-855-633-4226 any time you lose service to request a refund for the outage.



What are other options? Wisper and Aire Internet offer wireless services. Their phone numbers are listed on page 6.

Craw-Kan Telephone from Girard Kansas offers fiber internet and serves an area around Asbury and to the east. They don't foresee coming to this area in the next year; but said anyone interested in service can go to their website and fill out the form to request service. They will track the number of requests they receive for service in our area. If enough residents show interest, they could start installing lines towards our area.

For more information, their phone number is 800-362-0316.



The Village Municipal Building is getting a new sign! Keep watching ...

LEAF



PICK UP

Village of
Airport Drive

MONDAY

DECEMBER 14, 2020

PLEASE HAVE LEAVES AT THE CURB BY 6:00 A.M.

No Tree Limbs, Trash or Rocks

Leaves must be out to the road right-of-way

(Within 5 feet of the road)

Leaves must be in wind rows

(A row about 2-3 feet wide and then as long as it needs to be)

Do not cover Water Meter Lids or Manholes

Do not mulch leaves

No bagged leaves, this is a vacuum system

If your leaves are not picked up by the end of the day on December 14th, please call the office. We will contact Carl Junction to pick them up.

If you have any questions or concerns,
please call the office at 417-623-6744.

Village of Airport Drive Financial Report					
For the six months ended June 30, 2020					
			Capital		Total
	General Fund	Street Fund	Improvements	Sewer Fund	Memo. Only
Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2020	2,179,837.63	60,249.01	1,067,869.09	248,641.23	3,556,596.96
<u>Revenues Collected</u>					
Business Licenses & Permits	5,145.00			115.00	5,260.00
Fines & Forfeitures	2,078.00				2,078.00
Franchise Fees	14,679.28				14,679.28
Interest Income	10,025.43	77.68	6,789.09	1,384.83	18,277.03
Motor Vehicle Taxes		12,664.45			12,664.45
Other	2,103.98	152.00			2,255.98
Sales Tax	262,829.72		129,321.27		392,150.99
Sewer Charges				127,434.67	127,434.67
<u>Total Revenues:</u>	296,861.41	12,894.13	136,110.36	128,934.50	574,800.40
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>					
Animal Control	97.58				97.58
Capital Outlay	-			-	-
COVID-19 & Stimulus	47,195.97				47,195.97
Deposits Refunded	25.00				25.00
Education & Training	454.25				454.25
Election Costs	416.58				416.58
Fire Protection	22,870.10				22,870.10
Fringe Benefits	3,069.99			373.38	3,443.37
Inspection Fees	675.00				675.00
Insurance	700.00				700.00
Internet & Computer Services	3,731.97			832.66	4,564.63
Law Enforcement	76,537.05				76,537.05
Legal Notices	291.89	90.00			381.89
Miscellaneous	3,842.83			79.98	3,922.81
Office Expense	2,273.87			-	2,273.87
Postage	417.96				417.96
Professional Fees and Dues	24,524.83	8,001.27		4,378.77	36,904.87
Repairs & Maintenance	5,432.74	1,420.00		4,869.20	11,721.94
Salaries	23,891.99			3,077.70	26,969.69
Sewer Fee to Carl Junction	-			72,968.56	72,968.56
Telephone	545.90				545.90
Utilities	2,331.31			1,921.81	4,253.12
Village Street Lights		6,409.53			6,409.53
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	219,326.81	15,920.80	-	88,502.06	323,749.67
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	77,534.60	(3,026.67)	136,110.36	40,432.44	251,050.73
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	2,257,372.23	57,222.34	1,203,979.45	289,073.67	3,807,647.69

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

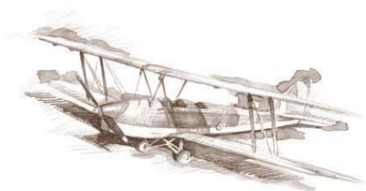
We're on the Web
www.airportdrivemo.com

**To receive the Newsletter,
 occasional updates,
 notifications from the office
 or Sgt. Roughton 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

Jim Paul, Chairman:	781-9736	April 2022
Terry Myers, Chrmn Pro Tem:	385-7320	April 2021
Mark Rains, Trustee:	825-4218	April 2022
Reed Thompson, Trustee:	529-9418	April 2022
Ray Bryant, Trustee:	782-3996	April 2021

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.

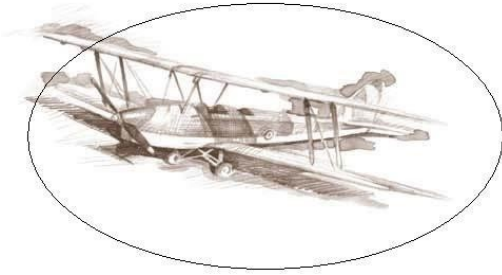
Board of Trustee Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every
month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.

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

Village of Airport Drive
25150 Demott Drive
Joplin, Missouri 64801



NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE

Are you saving your receipts?



We still have \$20 Gift Cards and Gift Certificates to award to shoppers of Airport Drive businesses. Collect 5 receipts from 5 different Village businesses to draw for a \$20 gift card/certificate to a local establishment.

Bring your receipts to the office at 25150 Demott Drive. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For questions, please call 417-623-6744.

This is part of the Economic Stimulus Program. The expenses for the program have been submitted to the Jasper County Commission for reimbursement through CARES Act Funding.

