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VILLAGE
OF
AIRPORT
DRIVE

The Village News



*Give Thanks with a
Grateful Heart!!*

What's new in the Village

At the August 25, 2022 Trustee Meeting, the Board formally accepted Reed Thompson's letter of resignation as a Trustee and appointed former Trustee and Chairman James Paul to complete Reed's term until the April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election. The Trustees welcomed back Mr. Paul's experience and wisdom to the Board. The April 4, 2023 General Municipal Election is right around the corner. On that date, terms will expire for Chairman Terry Myers and Trustee Ray Bryant. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, filing for candidacy begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Municipal Building. You must be a US Citizen, at least 21 years of age, and a resident of Airport Drive for at least one year prior to April 4, 2023. Candidates must file an affidavit with the Missouri Department of Revenue declaring that they are not delinquent in filing or payment of state taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, or real property taxes. Please bring your ID when filing. The deadline for filing is December 27, 2022. Please note the office will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022 and Monday, December 26, 2022 for Christmas.

Internet Options

Deputy Clerk Sharon Clark researched available internet options in Airport Drive. We have spoken with Craw-Kan Telephone several times, asking them to bring their internet service to the Village, they do not foresee availability in Airport Drive for at least five years. Optic Communications is working to bring high-speed fiber internet to Carl Junction. We have reached out to Optic as well to bring service to our area. We will continue to encourage both of them and others to install dependable high-speed internet service in Airport Drive. Liberty Connect is available, but only for business accounts.

Name of Provider	Contract Required	Connection Type	Phone Number
HughesNet Gen5	Yes	Satellite dish	855-892-2377
T-Mobile 5G	No	Wireless	855-292-1605
Wisper	No	Wireless	800-765-7772
Optimum (formerly Suddenlink)	No	Wireless	866-347-4784
Rise Broadband	No	Satellite	877-958-8117
Mediacom	Yes	Cable	855-330-4184
Liberty Connect	Yes	Fiber Optic	888-748-7828

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- ◇ December 22, 2022
- ◇ January 26, 2023
- ◇ February 23, 2023

The Office will be
closed on the
following dates:

December 23 & 26
Christmas Holiday

January 2, 2023
New Years 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.

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.

MODOT will pick up and dispose of **large debris** and/or **dead animals** on Highways 43 & 171. Please call 888-275-6636 or 417-895-7600.

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

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.

Unless posted otherwise, the **speed limit** on all of the Village streets is **20 MPH**. Please do not speed, especially through residential areas.

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.



Fats, oils, and grease, known collectively as FOG, represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines. Please do not put the following items down the drain.

**Butter * Cooking Oil * Grease * Lard * Margarine * Shortening
Food Scraps * Meat Scraps**

When **FOG** is dumped down the drain, it forms large thick grease balls that clog pipes.

PLEASE - CAN IT. COOL IT. THROW IT AWAY.

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 into the trash.

Wipe out 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 of cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces.

A few words from Sgt. Crossley...



Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Hello Village of Airport Drive!

This is my first attempt at a newsletter. I would like to start by introducing myself due to being new to the Village, taking over supervisory duties from Sgt. Roughton in August of this year. I have been with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office since June 1995 when I began my career in the detention center. I was promoted to the Patrol Division in 2000 and Sergeant in 2003. I have served in several divisions while at the Sheriff's Office, including Detention, Patrol, SWAT, K9 and even a short stint as a Lieutenant in charge of public relations among several other duties. A few years ago I realized that the position of Sergeant in the Village may one day come open; I decided at that time if it did, that this is where I wanted to continue my career. I have met several residents and business owners in the short time that I have been here, it is NICE working in an area that appreciates their law enforcement officers and wants us here. I look forward to meeting others residents in the future!!

So here we go, getting ready for the approaching holidays. The holidays bring out thieves more than usual. They watch for patterns of people coming and going, mail delivery times, and unlocked vehicles with visible items. I would recommend tearing down boxes of high value items. Don't leave your purse or other expensive items in your vehicle where they are visible and please secure your vehicle, even when parked outside your residence. Be aware of suspicious vehicles and people in your area, the advantage of a small, close knit community is that you know who does not belong here. If you have concerns about something suspicious, please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the other Deputies to check it out.

Here are a couple more reminders for the holiday season. If you are ordering merchandise online, please think about having it delivered to someone you know is home during the day, so it's not left outside. Believe it or not, there are those who would walk right up to your porch and steal your packages. If you're not going to be home to accept the delivery it might be a good idea to have it delivered to FedEx or UPS facilities and arrange to pick it up there. It was also recently brought to my attention that some residents have been leaving their garage doors open when not at home. Please reconsider this as it not only allows would be thieves' access to what's inside your garage but also to your residence. We will be diligent in patrolling the neighborhoods; however, also think about doing your part to deter would be thieves.

Some other things to think about, it's time to check your heating units. We don't know how winter will be this year, having your heating unit checked to make sure it's working properly would be a great idea. Make sure any outdoor pets are properly cared for during the

cold season. By Missouri state law, pet owners are required to provide adequate shelter, clean water and wholesome food. We need to make sure they have shelter that is warm and safe if they are going to be left outside. If you see any animals possibly being neglected, don't hesitate to contact us to check on them.

In the short amount of time that I have been in the Village there has not been a lot of crime reported. We have been mostly dealing with traffic violations in the evening hours, mostly speeding. I have noticed that these offenses have been committed by those who do not live in Airport Village. I appreciate the work my Deputies have been doing to try and deter this behavior from those passing through this community. There have been a few calls of shoplifting from the local grocery stores but nothing serious. I believe this is due to the diligence of those living in the Village contacting law enforcement when they see something out of place, I thank you for that!!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or come by the office. I'll do my best to assist you any way that I can. Please report any suspicious vehicles and persons and watch out for your neighbors. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas!!!

One last thing, if you need to speak with a Deputy please contact dispatch at 417-359-9100 as we are not always at the office, I try to stay out visible in the community as much as possible. For emergencies, please call 911. Calling the Village Office to try and speak with a Deputy slows down our response time and could take away seconds we need to either solve a crime or deal with a life threatening issue, also it is not the Village Office responsibility to deal with law enforcement calls. No call is minor or a bother to me, I would rather you call and it turn out to be nothing than it turn out to be something serious.

I am really enjoying working in Airport Village and look forward to meeting other residents and business owners! Feel free to come by my office or wave me down when you see me driving through your neighborhood, I would enjoy visiting with you!!

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!!! Thank you all for being great citizens!

Sgt. Tom Crossley
Jasper County Sheriff's Office



Wonder what they are building at Fir Road & Highway 171, across from Harp's Food Store?

Gambino's
Pizza

Village of Airport Drive
presents

DEC. 17th
4pm to 6pm

Airport Village
Municipal Building

Meet
Santa Claus

GET YOUR PHOTO WITH SANTA
FREE - photos will be emailed to you!!!



Airport Drive's Christmas Lights Contest



It's time to show and share your Christmas Spirit! Residents of the Village of Airport Drive are invited to decorate the exterior of their homes and yards to celebrate the holidays. Judges from the Village Staff will view all decorated properties by December 21, 2022. Judging will be based upon creativity and overall holiday theme. Prizes will be awarded to the top three decorated homes during the December 22, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting. This is your chance to show off your creative side to your neighbors and make the holidays brighter for everyone!

1st Place \$75.00 2nd Place \$50.00 3rd Place \$25.00

*Village of
Airport Drive*

**LEAF
PICK UP**

**STARTS MONDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2022
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 2nd, 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 first six months ended June 30, 2022						
	General Fund	Street Fund	Capital Improvements	Sewer Fund	Safety Tax Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund
Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	2,861,949.44	51,440.00	1,367,189.15	356,505.75	11,593.87	87,603.68
Revenues Collected						
Business Licenses & Permits	38,009.16			300.00		
Fines & Forfeitures	5,420.50					
Franchise Fees	15,313.98					
Grant Receipt						843.88
Interest Income	3,713.48	25.02	6,599.47	1,357.34	15.02	44.53
Motor Vehicle Taxes		15,213.21				
Operating Transfers In						
Other	632.00					
Sales Tax	311,198.69		153,817.51		153,728.57	
Sewer Charges				127,709.85		
Total Revenues:	374,287.81	15,238.23	160,416.98	129,367.19	153,743.59	888.41
Expenditures Paid						
Abatement of Code Violations	330.00					
Animal Control	132.16					
Bank Fees	28.01					
Capital Outlay		176.50				
Copier Expense	636.90					
Deposits Refunded						
Dues and Memberships						
Education & Training	596.50					
Election Costs	367.79					
Fire Protection					47,839.50	
Fringe Benefits	1,890.04			210.02		
Inspection Fees	5,200.00					
Insurance	690.00					
Internet & Computer Services	6,481.46			918.00		
Law Enforcement & Training					108,469.92	
Legal Notices	798.88					
Miscellaneous	6,097.11					
Office Expense	1,380.24					
Operating Transfers Out						
Postage	443.03					
Professional Fees	42,434.98	5,551.97		4,563.59		
Public & Employee Relations	863.99					
Repairs & Maintenance	4,408.86	5,620.00		31,746.59		
Salaries	38,184.56			4,677.86		
Sewer Fee to Carl Junction				80,247.72		
Telephone	671.54					
Travel & Mileage	337.99					
Utilities	2,827.60			1,766.31		
Village Street Lights		7,030.30				
Total Expenditures:	114,801.64	18,378.77	-	124,130.09	156,309.42	-
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	259,486.17	(3,140.54)	160,416.98	5,237.10	(2,565.83)	888.41
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	3,121,435.61	48,299.46	1,527,606.13	361,742.85	9,028.04	88,492.09

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 Fax: 417-623-7839

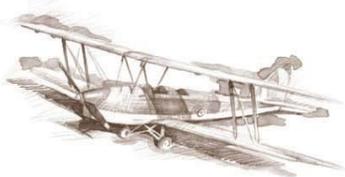
We're on the Web
www.airportdrivemo.com

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.

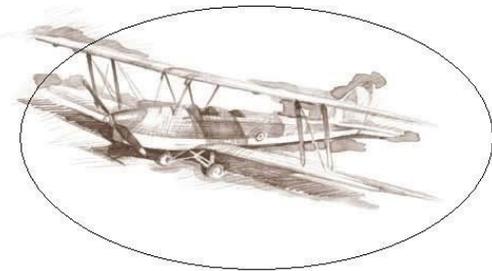
Board of Trustee Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.

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) (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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NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**CELEBRATING
75 YEARS
OF AIRPORT DRIVE
1947- 2022**

The 75th Birthday of the Village was celebrated on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Everyone gathered on the back lot and enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, music from the Silverado Band, bounce houses, face painting, snow cones and giveaways from 30 businesses, inside Airport Drive and nearby cities.

We would like to thank the Picnic Committee - Rose Paul Sue Bozung Melody Dhooge Denise Winans Debie & Marvin Heckert for working all year planning, pricing, shopping, cooking food, and seeking donations; and on the day of the Picnic, setting up for the event and cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for giving the committee the support necessary to organize the Picnic!

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING
BUSINESSES FOR PROVIDING
OUR DOOR PRIZES:**

Derek Snyder of Warten, Lee & Fisher, LLC
Clayton Cristy of Olsson Engineering
Southwest Missouri Bank * Ozark Nursery
Mosa Food Truck * Community Bank & Trust
Henkle's Ace Hardware * Ocean Adventures
Sweet Emotions Bakery * Countryside Florist
Babe's Drive In * Jordan Dhooghe, Fathom Realty
Discount Smokes & Liquor * Culver's in WC
El Charro Restaurant * Joplin Outlaw's Baseball
Hurricane Carwash * Granny Shafer's Restaurant
Harp's Food Store * Orient Express in WC
Footprints & Friends, Too * Wayside Furniture
Nomad Brew * Jennafer Johnson, Edward Jones
Cutting Loose Graphics * Bailey's Restaurant
Airport Drive Express Lube * Sharon Clark
Woody's Smokehouse * Stone's Corner Sonic
Walmart Neighborhood Market * 4 State Flags