

VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI
NEWSLETTER
February 2011 Edition

PAST DUE: Personal Property, Real Estate and Business Personal taxes were due by December 31, 2010. If you have not yet paid, you should pay the tax bill as soon as possible to avoid any further penalties. A 1% penalty is assessed each month that the bill is outstanding. If you did not receive a bill you should call Clay County Assessor's office at 407-3600. It is your responsibility to fill out an assessment form annually.

PAST DUE: Dog License – Dog license applications were due by January 31st. Bring proof of rabies vaccination to City Hall and pay a fee of \$5.00 plus penalty of \$2.50 for dogs that have been spayed or neutered and \$12.50 for a dog that has not been spayed or neutered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 1 Farmer's Market Opens
- MARCH 26 Pancake Day at the Community Building
- MARCH 31 Meet the Candidates night 6:00pm Community Building
- APRIL 5 Election Day, vote at the Community Building
- JUNE 4 Village Wide Garage Sales
- JUNE 11 Village Wide Clean Up

WELCOME BACK DOLLAR GENERAL

Dollar General is now back in business in the Village of Claycomo. After being closed due to flood damage, the Dollar General has reopened its doors. Please remember that shopping in the Village helps the Village by keeping tax dollars local. Tax dollars help with the purchase of fire and police vehicles.

Snowstorm Hits Claycomo

The snowstorm that came through February 1st and 2nd put a stop to business in the Village of Claycomo and surrounding Northland as almost a foot of snow hit the area. The Village fared well thanks to the **SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT** which took to the streets, clearing them quickly so that residents could get out and about and emergency personnel could get to residents as needed. Other communities around Claycomo are still dealing with snow covered streets as of this printing, but Claycomo streets are clear and driveable. **Thank you Charlie Ward and the Special Road District crews for your snow removal efforts!!** Special thanks to Public Works employee **Jeff Holman** for his efforts during the snowstorm.



WELCOME BACK SGT. HUNT



The Claycomo Police Department is pleased to welcome back Sergeant Van Hunt. Sgt. Hunt returned from a tour in Afghanistan recently. Sgt. Hunt started his law enforcement career by attending the Blue River Police Academy in Independence Missouri in 2000. He worked for the Cass County Sheriff's Department and the Peculiar Police Department before being hired by Claycomo in January 2007. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2009. Sgt. Hunt has been a member of the Missouri National Guard since 1997. He is a combat engineer and was deployed to Iraq in 2004 / 2005. He served a tour in Afghanistan last year and returned to work in Claycomo last month. Sgt. Hunt is assigned to the Traffic division as a Motorcycle officer. If you see Sgt. Hunt out patrolling on the motorcycle give him a wave and thank him for his service to his country.

Matt Counce
Chief of Police

CLAYCOMO SENIORS

Meetings are held at the Community Center behind the Police Station the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Noon. Bring a potluck dish and table service and enjoy lunch with your neighbors. Stay for games and conversation.

For information or to RSVP, contact May Chapman at 452-4045.

MEETING SCHEDULES

The **Board of Trustees** meets the second and fourth Monday night of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Building. The meetings are open to the public.

The **Economic Development Committee** will meet the third Monday of each month at 2pm in the Community Building.



Candidates for the Board of Trustees for the upcoming April 5th election include: Greg Thompson, Christine Rogers, Linda Powell, Jim Stoufer and Marina Barker. Biographies of the candidates are below.

GREG THOMPSON

This is not my first time running for the office of Trustee. I have served on the Board of Trustees for one two-year term.

I decided to run for the Board of Trustees because Village residents asked me to run. I believe that I have the skills and interest to fill the Trustee position.

I am retired. My family grew up here. I am still a resident along with my mother.

I want to continue to be a part of the Board, working for the residents to get the most for their tax dollars.

I realize how successful businesses are run; the same concept applies for a Village trustee position.

LINDA WINTER-POWELL

This is Linda's first time running for a seat on the Village Board of Trustees. When asked why she is running for this position she shared that she thinks it is time for new voices, fresh ideas and different priorities.

When asked about herself Linda shared: "I grew up in Claycomo. My mom, LaVerne was secretary at Oak Ridge for over 20 years. My dad, Bill, served as a trustee for many years. I went to NKCHS; Baker University, where I pledged ZTA, and served as historian my junior and senior years. I was president of People to People my sophomore year.

I moved back to Claycomo 15 years ago. I have 2 children, Walt and Suzanne. I served as their room mother, was on the PTA Board as historian and was V.P./ fundraising chair of the Winnetonka Band Parents, exceeding our \$10,000 goal.

In 2004 I joined the Park Board, in 2008 became the secretary and treasurer. I initiated and was project manager for the French drain, new trail and stair railing in Keeney Park and the Village Green entry sitting wall and rock garden. I helped to organize and work both Concerts in the Park and worked all the Movies in the Park. I am the only member of the EDC to attend every meeting. I initiated the "VOTE TUESDAY" banner. I hope that helped to get out the vote in the last election.

I believe that my experience has prepared me for a new role as trustee. I have attended the last 3 years of budget meetings and feel there is a need for more transparency and accountability. I will say no to wasteful spending. I hope to help create more community activities that make our Village more welcoming to new residents and businesses.

I am running with Chris Rogers. We feel Claycomo needs to be revitalized. We feel we can ignite that spark. With a shift in priorities we feel we can open our Village to richer possibilities."

MARINA BARKER

I have been a Trustee for the Village of Claycomo a total of 5 terms; one term was served as Chairman Pro-Tem. I am running for Trustee because I continue to enjoy being involved in my community. I like being a part of seeing that things are maintained and kept current in our Village and making sure that we are running our Village with the required checks and balances.

I have lived in the Village of Claycomo for 30 years. My husband, Alan Barker owns Barker Heating and Cooling, located in Claycomo. We have a 16 year old son, Garrett who is a sophomore at Winnetonka and is active in the Winnetonka Pride Band and Jazz Band. I am a member of Towerview Baptist Church where I have enjoyed teaching Sunday school and served on the Stewardship Team. I am a mother and a homemaker and I enjoy working outdoors at my home. I have participated in volunteer activities including the "Concert in the Park", Stream Team, Adopt a Family, and employee gatherings. I also assisted in the city hall training when the administration changed over, sharing my knowledge to keep the Village going during a time of struggle, change and growth.

My goals for the next term are to maintain the checks and balances that have been put in place by the current Board and administration and continue to find the best ways to meet the budget needs. We must maintain the integrity of our police and fire departments that we currently have in the Village of Claycomo and work to keep it a safe and pleasant place to live.

During my past terms I have assisted the Village in getting back on track as required by state agencies in the areas of finance and audits, EEOC and personnel policies, updating ordinances and policies in order to keep the Village current. The Village Board has worked to provide fun free events for residents in the Village such as Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, and keeping our trash service free for all residents. I am always looking for information and new ideas and suggestions to continue to make our Village a better place to live. Often residents contact me with questions regarding current issues pertaining to our Village. I enjoy the opportunity to share the information that I have obtained over the years. Residents benefit from a Trustee who is experienced, one that can hit the ground running so to speak, on the topics that are important for moving the Village forward. Thank you for your past support. I hope I will have the opportunity to continue to serve you.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Residents have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the Board of Trustees and ask them questions in an open forum setting on March 31, 2011 at 6pm in the Community Building. Please come out and get to know the candidates before you vote! Feel free to submit questions for the candidates ahead of time by email to csmall5@kc.rr.com or drop them off to Clerk Small at city hall.

**PANCAKE DAY
MARCH 26
Community Building**

CHRISTINE ROGERS

This is Christine's first attempt at running for a position on the Village Board of Trustees. When asked why she is running she stated "I decided to run for the trustee position to help bring opportunity and involvement to the Village and to help it to become a more inviting and attractive community."

When asked to tell a bit about herself she shared: "I have been a lifelong resident of Claycomo and have worked for several years with my mother, Pat Desko, former owner of Pat's Pet Center and currently working with her in Pleasant Valley at Paw's Grooming. I have 3 wonderful children who are all involved with competitive sports and am a member of the parks board here in town."

Her goals for the Village include: "To help make Claycomo more visible to the outside cities by highway, website, signs, etc. I would like to see improvement made in the appearance of Claycomo by painting the bridge black, and painting the streetlights black to match the bridge down the center of Claycomo. I would like to see more cleanup by the highway and all over and would like a better understanding on what help I can give to this community."

Christine also wanted to add "We could cut costs in some areas to improve community appearance, opportunity for business, keep tax low, services for our residents, help with elderly needs and help for more events and family oriented services. Fountains, bushes, and plants by the highway would be nice.

JIM STOUFER

I am currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and I have served on the Board of Trustees for 9 terms. I decided to run for the position again to continue to serve our residents with common sense and hope for the future. Prior to serving as a Trustee, I served on the Park Board, Zoning Board and Funfest Committee.

I have lived here for 24 years and have participated in volunteer opportunities in the Village such as cleaning the creeks on the Stream Team, helping with events in the parks, assisting residents who are unable to do things such as mow, snow removal, remove water from flooded basements and any other issues that arise that come to my attention. I also serve on the Northland United Way Board of Directors. I enjoy time with my grandchildren, fishing, camping and helping people. I am engaged to be married in the fall and have 8 kids and 9 grandkids.

My long term goals for the Village are to continue to move our Village forward, to make services better for residents and businesses alike, and to move into the future with careful planning to protect our employees, residents and businesses, to keep taxes as low as possible and to keep our emergency services well trained and equipped to be there for you whenever needed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for 18 years! I have been Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 16 of those 18 years. I am very proud of the positive changes we have made in Claycomo, from 69 highway to our City Hall and Fire Station, our beautiful parks, the library, the readiness of our emergency services, our insurance rating, and our plans for the future.

The knowledge that I have gained over the years regarding ordinances and issues that are important to residents is a huge benefit when serving as a Trustee, a representative of the people. I am asking that you vote for me and allow me to continue to serve you.

Trash Talk

Trash is picked up in the Village on **Mondays**. Residents have the opportunity to purchase **recycling containers** on their own at a small monthly fee. If you ever have an issue with your trash pickup please contact Clerk Small at 816-452-5539.

If you are interested in the **recycling program, yard waste disposal or other item removal other than regular trash day items** please call Allied Waste at **913-279-6005**. Jim Knox is the Claycomo representative.

PARK BOARD

The parks have been in hibernation mode during this long white winter. Let's hope that groundhog thinks we are about done with this weather. The parks await!!

This spring you will see that we have added two more adult swings in Keeney Park. We also plan to add rock mulch to the Keeney entrance. We already have installed a beautiful rock sitting wall and a rock mulch garden on Thornton Lane, at Village Green Park. These additions will save thousands of tax dollars since we no longer will need to continually add wood chip mulch to our gardens. It will free up time savings for the public works department as well.

The park board has worked hard and stayed within our tight budget, while looking to the future incorporating these money savings ideas. We are proud of the new metal stair railing, Village Green entrance, Keeney's paved trail and portable toilet corral. We feel we have made the park safer, more attractive and welcoming. All these new features will last for years to come.

Please plan your social events in our parks. To reserve the gazebo in Keeney Park on Poe, or the shelter house in Claycomo Park on Randolph Road, go to city hall, with proof of Claycomo residency to get a reservation slip to post. At Keeney you can play horse shoes, basketball and tennis (bring your own equipment). At Claycomo Park you can play basketball or softball. Both parks feature playgrounds for the kids. Enjoy and thanks for helping keep our parks clean.

Playfully, Linda Powell, Park Board Secretary, on behalf of your other park board members: Greg Dorsey, Sheila Newland, Dan Joy, Chris Rogers and Marvin Sampson.

Snow Ice Cream

When Chief of Police Matt Coonce was a child his mom helped he and his siblings make snow ice cream every winter. He says that it taste almost like homemade ice cream!! Here is the recipe to share with your kids:

2 eggs	1 and 1/5 cups sugar
Tablespoon of vanilla	1 can evaporated milk
Mix ingredients and add clean snow to desired consistency	

FARMER'S MARKET

A Farmer's Market will be open on Tuesdays beginning March 1st and running through the end of October in the city hall parking lot. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the market please fill out the application below and return it to city hall.

Village of Claycomo
Farmer's Market
115 East US 69 Hwy, Claycomo, MO 64119
816-452-5539/816-529-1611
Fax 816-453-1852

Farmer/Vendor Application

The Village of Claycomo is interested in providing a farmer's market to residents and visitors to Claycomo. Our mission is to bring locally grown foods and farm products to the consumer. Vendors will be provided with a 10'x10' area in the parking lot of the city hall and community building. Hours of operation are anytime between 7:00am and 6:00pm every Tuesday through the end of October.

Name _____

Farm/Business Name _____

Business Type (check all that apply) Fruits/Vegetables Dairy Fish
 Meat Baked Goods Prepared Foods Crafts Nursery Products
 Herbs Eggs Other

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Website _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Please list the products you will be selling:

I _____, understand that for the 2011 season there is no fee associated with the Claycomo Farmer's Market. I understand that I am allotted a 10'x10' space to set up and sell my products. I understand that I am responsible for the quality and safety of what I sell.

Vendor Signature

Date

JUNE 4th Village Wide Garage Sales

7:00am to 5:00pm (see the registration form in this newsletter)

JUNE 11th Village Wide Clean Up

Residents have the opportunity to do some "Spring Cleaning" to remove large items and trash from your residence. The trash service the Village provides to you allows for a cleanup day to be held at no cost to the residents. Items can be left at your curb or can be taken to the city hall parking lot to be placed in a dumpster.

Please remember that this is for **VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY**. Please bring Claycomo identification with you if you plan to use the dumpster. The dumpsters are available beginning at 7:00am. After four dumpsters have been filled the clean up drop off site will close.

Items not accepted: tires, appliances, paint, yard waste or household hazardous waste. For information on Household Hazardous Waste please contact Jeff Holman at 816-529-1050.

IMPORTANT GARAGE SALE INFORMATION

The Village wide garage sale is set for Saturday, June 4th from 7:00am to 5:00pm. The Village advertises this event in the Sun newspaper.

The Village would like to offer space in the City Hall parking lot for garage sale space. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and bring it to City Hall no later than June 2nd so that we can ensure that you are assigned a space.

Name: _____

Address of Sale: _____

Where are you posting signs: _____

Do you plan to set up your sale in the parking lot at City Hall? Yes or No

***Signs** are not to be placed on 69 Hwy, they must be free standing (not on existing poles) and may be put up no sooner than 24 hours before and must be taken down within 24 hours after the sale. You must have permission from property owners if you put signs on their property.

GARAGE SALE LIST

If you are planning to hold a garage sale on June 4th please fill out the form above and submit it to the Village Clerk no later than June 2nd to have your address on the garage sale list. This list can be picked up at City Hall on June 3rd.

Any questions please contact Village Clerk Cindy Small at 816-452-5539

VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Non-Emergency Numbers

Village Clerk Cindy Small	816-452-5539
Police Clerk Carla Brumitt	816-452-4613
Court Clerk Dawn Coonce	816-452-4539
City Hall Fax Number	816-453-1852
Fire Station	816-452-4612
Public Works Jeff Holman	816-529-1050

Clay County Senior Services can assist senior citizens in our area with a variety of services. Seniors or their family may contact Clay County for information at 816-407-3600

HAVING A GRADUATION, WEDDING RECEPTION, RETIREMENT PARTY, CORPORATE MEETING, DANCE, BIRTHDAY PARTY, HOLIDAY PARTY, REUNION, OR TRAINING CLASSES?

****Book your parties and events at the Community Building****

Community Building Fees:

Residents rate \$100 Non-Resident rate \$500 Deposit \$250

Cleaning \$100 (mandatory on Friday & Saturday)

Security for events serving alcohol \$30 per hour with a 4 hour minimum

The building holds a maximum of 300 people with clean restrooms, and kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS SHARON VANTUYL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Sharon Vantuyl was honored by the Board of Trustees in December 2010 with the Volunteer of the Year award. The Board honored Sharon for her dedication to the Village of Claycomo Parks and Streams. Sharon has been on the park board for about 13 years and began the Friends of the Park Stream Team #3062 a few years ago. Her dedication to the streams and educating herself has benefited the Village on numerous occasions.



Pictured above is Sharon Vantuyl at one of the Stream Team Clean Up events in Mildred Keeney Park and Mill Creek.

VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOSTS MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WEST GATE DIVISION DINNER MEETING

The Missouri Municipal League (MML) serves municipal governments in many ways, including researching ordinance information, going to bat for municipalities on legislative issues and guiding municipalities through ever constant changes by providing training for trustees and clerks.

Claycomo hosted the January 2011 meeting on January 20th. Almost 75 people were in attendance, including mayors and aldermen from surrounding municipalities. Dinner was served by one of the favorite local restaurants, El Sombrero. The guest speaker for this event was Ford Motor Company Plant Manager Dale Wishnousky. He spoke of the history of Ford Motor Company and how important the Claycomo/Kansas City plant is to the entire Northland. Tony Rinehart, Ford Governmental Affairs was also on hand to answer questions. Chairman Stoufer provided the welcome and introductions for the evening. Dr David Schanuel gave the invocation, Jeff Holman provided the set up and Clerk Small handled organization of the event. The Westgate Division hosts four meetings a year, each one held at a municipality in the area.



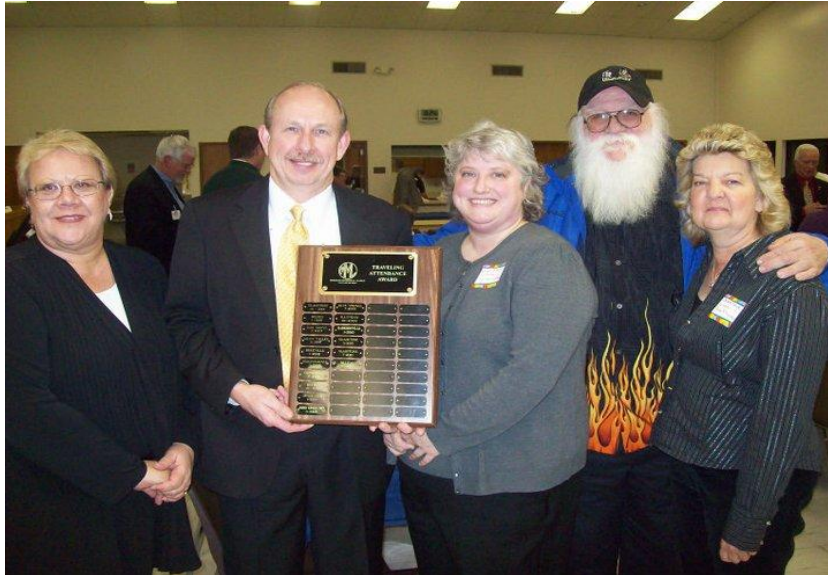
Dr. David Schanuel



MML Guests



Claycomo Clerks Brumitt and Panich



Trustee Barker, Chairman Stoufer, Clerk Small, Trustee Vantuyl and Trustee Taylor holding the Traveling Attendance Trophy



Guest Speaker Ford Motor Company Plant Manager Dale Wishnousky shares the history of Ford Motor Company and El Sombrero catered the event. Matt, Larry, and Jeannie provided wonderful service.



Fire Chief Stewart and Building Inspector Holman

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes household cleaners, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, paints and paint-related products, and other common products. Signal words such as DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION are required on the labels of hazardous products. These products are hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic. **These items cannot be thrown out with your regular trash.**

If your community is a member of the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, please access any of the mobile events or permanent facilities located in Lee's Summit and Kansas City. For more information please call 816-474-8326 or visit www.recyclespot.org.

If you live in a community that is not a member of the collection program, there are other options for some materials. The list below may help you get started. You may also properly dispose material at the mobile events and at the Lee's Summit HHW facility for a fee. (CLAYCOMO IS **NOT** A MEMBER OF THE COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2011)

Batteries

Batteries can be properly disposed of ,a number of local businesses such as Interstate Batteries, Batteries Plus and Battery Patrol. A complete list may be found on www.recyclespot.org. Battery recycling range from car batteries to small button cell batteries

Used Motor Oil

Many area service stations and retail stores recycle used motor oil including Jiffy Lube, O'Reilly's, Advance Auto Parts, and other parts and service stations. Generally they will accept up to five gallons per visit for proper disposal free of charge.

Paint

Latex paint can only be accepted by trash haulers if it is solidified. To solidify paint mix it with clay kitty litter until it is hard. Other paints, such as oil based paints must be disposed of properly at a household hazardous waste facility.

CFLs

Compact Florescent Light bulbs can be disposed of at prominent home improvement retailers including Lowe's and Home Depot.

Electronics

Some communities within the MARC region offer electronic recycling events throughout the year. Certain retailers such as Best Buy and Office Max will accept electronics for recycling businesses for a nominal fee. See www.recyclespot.org for more details.

Pharmaceuticals

Check with your local Walgreens or pharmacy for a mail back envelope to properly dispose of medicines. We do not recommend throwing pharmaceuticals down the drain.

For more information visit www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM (8326)