

# Village of Jefferson



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## New VOJ Website

Good news - the Village is moving to the twentieth century. Our new website is up and running. If you haven't already done so, why not check it out --- [villageofjefferson.com](http://villageofjefferson.com) will take you to the public area of the website. If you wish to download any of our files such as indentures, pool forms, architectural control forms, past news letters, ect. you will need to sign in as a resident. When logging on the first time, enter the homeowners lastname.firstname. Your password is capital "L" followed by your lot number. An example would be doe.john and then L100. Once you have logged in, you can change both your user name and password. You may call the office or a board member to get your original user name and password. Once you change your name and password, you will have to request a new one through the website, if needed.

We are working on an advertising page where residents can have their availability for yard mowing, babysitting, carpentry, ect. posted on the site. Residents will also be able to have postings for rental homes, for sale or trade items, free items, yard sales, ect. We need 48 hours notice for the posting. The Village reserves the right to reject any posting that we deem inappropriate.

When calling the office to post your ad, have your wording ready. This is *your* ad. So far we only have one resident utilizing this feature but hope many more will take advantage of it in the very near future. Remember this feature is for individual residents only. No business advertising is allowed in this section. Why not look or post here first?

## WE HAVE AN ENTRANCE SIGN AT LAST!!!

After months of promises, work, and overcoming many obstacles, the Village now has an entrance sign for the first time in many years. We are very proud of the sign and appreciate all the residents who called to express their pride too. Getting the sign seemed like a simple task, but much effort went into obtaining and installing it. We couldn't be happier with the results. We think it is one of the best in the county and should be here for many, many years.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

As always, board directors are elected in June. Directors for plats 1, 3, 5, & 7 will be elected this year. Incumbent Plat 1 director Antoinette McCauley had announced she will be seeking re-election. Incumbent Plat 5 director Ron Sanders will also seek re-election. Plat 7 has not had a representative on the board for some time.

If you wish to run for any of the above Plat director positions, contact the office as soon as possible or get the rules and forms from the website. Letters of intent with signatures must be postmarked by the second Saturday of April.

Additionally, Plats 2 and 8 have no director. This is not an election year for those plats but you may become a director by appointment. Again, check the website or call the office for the appointment procedure.

Whether elected or appointed, residents must be current with their assessment and not be in violation of any restriction in the Book of Indentures. Other Requirements may apply. Directors receive stipends (credit) equal to their annual assessment for serving on the board.

## **HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

With the warmer temperatures, many residents will be starting home improvement projects. Remember to submit Architectural Control forms as required. You may call the office or check the website for forms or information regarding when you need approval and when you do not.

When starting a project, try to get it completed as soon as feasible. Now is a good time to get yards cleaned up before the weather turns really hot and humid. Remember, grass taller than 10" is in violation of the book of indentures and can be mowed by the Village. The minimum charge for this service is \$50.00. It is far cheaper for a resident to hire someone than to let it grow to the point the Village must mow it.

All Christmas lights and decorations should be stored by now. Unlicensed and derelict vehicles are not allowed in the Village – even in private drives. Trailers cannot be parked on common ground or grassy areas. New signs have been posted regarding ATV's and other motorized vehicles on common ground. The Village received \$1000.00 last month for reimbursement for damage to the common ground and will continue to prosecute when necessary.

## **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the ballpark. Watch for the sign reminding residents of the date and time. We will have approximately 1500 eggs filled with candy. Age groups this year will be 0 – 3, 4 – 6, and 7 – 12 years old. Each age group will be awarded several prizes.

Remember to bring your camera to take pictures of your children with the 8' wooden chicken and Easter bunny. The turnout for our hunt has been growing by leaps and bounds. Make sure you are on time. We will start promptly and the eggs are found pretty quickly. Hope to see everyone there.

## **VACCINATION CLINIC AT BALLPARK**

Circle of Life Animal Hospital will again be offering discounted animal vaccinations at the ballpark on April 30, 2011 between the hours of 11:00 am and noon. Circle of Life has provided this service for a number of years. Thanks Circle of Life!!

## **STREET REPAIRS**

The Village currently has \$5,000 in the budget for street repairs. Much of this has already been spent trying to keep up with potholes. We are currently looking at alternatives for financing street repairs but have nothing definitive at this time.

## **ANNUAL BUDGET**

The annual budget was approved by the Board of Directors at the February 2011 meeting. A copy of that budget is available with this newsletter and is also available on the website.

## **ASSESSMENTS**

Assessments for 2011 are due by March 31, 2011. If you are paying after that date, you will need to call the office to get the amount due including interest. Interest is assessed at 20% per annum as set forth in the Book of Indentures.

Assessments cannot be paid at the pool. Lifeguards are not employees of the Village and are not authorized to accept assessments. Likewise, assessments cannot be paid in cash. The Village accepts checks and money orders – no credit cards. This is not a new procedure, in fact, it has been in effect for several years. Payments are only accepted through the P O Box, not in person. This policy is for your protection.

## **POOL PASSES**

If you have not already done so, remember to send your application for pool passes in as soon as possible. Everyone who wishes to use the pool must submit an application for either new passes or 2011 stickers.

Applications received by May 15, 2011 will be available for pick up at the pool on opening day, May 28, 2011. Applications received after May 15, 2011 may take up to two weeks for processing. You **must pay a guest fee** to use the pool if you do not yet have your pool pass.

### **CHANGES TO NEWSLETTERS**

Some residents may have missed the announcement that our newsletter frequency was changing from bi-monthly to quarterly as a cost cutting measure. The first newsletter under this change should have been for the first quarter 2011. We were unable to do this because we needed to enclose the annual budget that was not approved until February. We could not print in March because we needed to announce the board of director incumbents who were running for re-election. That decision was not due until the March 2011 board meeting. We are seeking solutions for this glitch in the first quarter newsletter. Watch for updates regarding the newsletter and/or the appointment and election procedures for board members.

We apologize for any inconvenience our growing pains may have caused and appreciate residents patience while we seek solutions.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual board of directors meeting will be Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Pool. All residents of the Village are welcome to attend. If you wish to discuss a topic, call the office by noon on June 1, 2011 to place the topic on the agenda. Discussions are limited to 5 minutes per resident.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011 at the Windsor Branch of Jefferson County Library. To have a topic placed on the agenda, call the Village office by noon of the Friday before the board meeting. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated.**

**The Village of Jefferson posts meeting notices in the newsletter and on the website. You may also call the office for meeting dates. Any other notice is unauthorized and historically, has been in error. You may want to double check before making an unnecessary trip to the library.**