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Sunrise Beach Voters to Decide April Ballot Issue

Village of Sunrise Beach voters will be asked to approve additional bonding capacity for the Water and Sewer system at the April 8 municipal election. The ballot question is as follows:

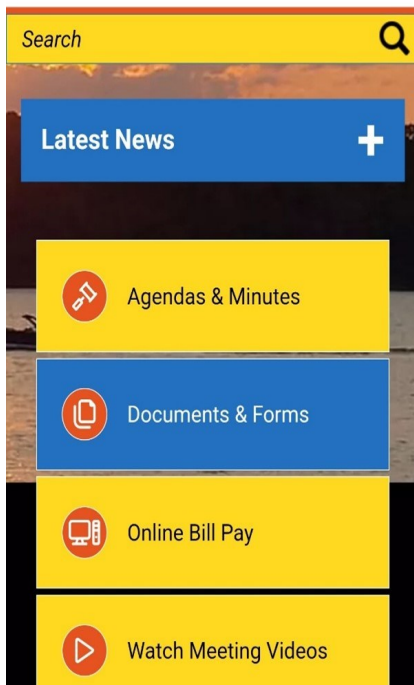
Shall the Village of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, issue its Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping, extending and improving the Village's combined waterworks and sewerage system, including the acquisition of real estate and easements related thereto, the cost of operation and maintenance of said system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the Village from the operation of its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all future extensions and improvements thereto?

The ballot initiative represents a continuation of the program that was first approved by voters in 2009, when \$8 million in bond issues were authorized to finance the Village's new water and sanitary sewer system. The Village has since constructed its system to many parts of Sunrise Beach, though future phases remain in the works. The Village has used \$6.8 million of the original \$8 million bond capacity to date, and is requesting an additional \$15 million in bond capacity with the new ballot question. If approved, the Village anticipates using the Missouri State Revolving Fund (SRF) program for future phases, similar to how the past phases were constructed. A factsheet on the issue was mailed to Village registered voters earlier this month, and is also posted on the City website: <https://www.sunrisebeachmo.gov/media/336>.



New Website Goes Live

The Village recently upgraded its website, www.sunrisebeachmo.gov. The new site has improved functionality, providing users with better access to a range of information. The site is a work-in-progress, with more content being added on an ongoing basis. The site allows easy access to meeting agendas and packets, meeting livestreams (both live and archived), online bill pay, and various forms and applications. Email addresses for elected officials and City staff is also easily accessible.



Welcome Kale Onstott!



Please join us in welcoming Kale Onstott, the newly hired police officer for the Village of Sunrise Beach. Mr. Onstott recently completed his law enforcement training and joined the Department in time to patrol during St. Patrick's Day weekend. Mr. Onstott is the sixth full-time officer for Sunrise Beach; his position was authorized by the Board of Trustees in the most recent fiscal year budget. Welcome Kale!

Greetings from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

As we welcome spring, we are continuing to build on the growth and future planning of our beautiful City. We have been updating websites, zoning codes and infrastructure plans to prepare for more improvements in the city. We already have a future “street” plan and our next Water and Wastewater plan. What is the next big step? Citizen participation in the future of Sunrise Beach. We want to begin working on a Comprehensive Plan for the City. This deserves a Focus Group of concerned Citizens to make it happen. We will focus on:

- ◆ Existing Conditions of our City (residential, commercial, agriculture and public areas)
- ◆ Goals and Objectives of our City (direct expressions of community wants)
- ◆ Implementation Strategies to achieve these goals (how and when to achieve)
- ◆ Future land use map (Our Future Sunrise Beach)

It will be a series of group meetings to learn about our needs, wants and abilities to grow Sunrise Beach for the future. Please send me an email if you wish to be a part of this team.

Respectfully,

Susan Schneider, Chairman

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Website content needed!

Do you have any photos that just say “Sunrise Beach?” If so we’d like to see them. Lake scenes, landscapes, photos of various business and community resources, are all welcome. In particular we would love to see historical photos or other materials, as we plan to develop a special history section of the website. Books, articles and other similar materials are also welcome. Please feel free to reach out to Steve Roth, City Manager, at steve.roth@sunrisebeachmo.gov, or call 573-374-8782 for more information.

Village Monitoring SEMA Floodplain Mapping Project

The Village is keeping a close eye on a floodplain mapping project currently underway in the Lake region. The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has been working on a remapping project for several years, which recently has come under scrutiny from local elected officials, realtors and others. The Village has not taken an official position on the issue, but in general we are wary of any increase in the floodplain in the Lake area, and we would join Rep. Jeff Verneti in his recent calls for the project to be put on hold, or scrapped altogether. If the mapping project does proceed, the Village will receive official notifications from SEMA, which will be passed along to affected property owners and the general public.

Office Hours

Regular City Hall office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. People may leave payments in the after-hours dropbox located outside the building at 16537 N. Highway 5. **Please note that our summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.**

Sunrise Beach in the Community

Village officials and staff are making an effort to be more visible in the community, participating in a number of community events recently. We had an entry this year in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on the Bagnell Dam Strip and also was in the Laurie Fair parade last fall. We will be at the Lake West Business Expo on March 29, and will be the host sponsor of Coffee with the Chamber May 1 at Lake West Chamber. We also plan to participate in career days this spring at Camdenton High School and School of the Osage in April. The Police Department also participates in various community initiatives, including the Holiday Shop with a Hero. We have a very giving community; it’s our honor to give back!

Project to Codify Village Ordinances is Nearly Complete

The Village is nearing completion of a major project to codify its ordinances and make them readily available to the public. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to take final action on the project at its April 14 meeting. The project has been several months in the making and has been a partnership with General Code, which handles codification projects throughout the country. The project essentially codifies the Village's existing ordinances, some of which date back to its original incorporation in 1954, and combines them with provisions of Missouri statute and certain model ordinances pertaining to municipal government. The Village has also updated certain ordinances which were out of date or no longer compliant with provisions of Missouri law. Prior to the codification project, the Village ordinances were kept in paper binders at City Hall and were only available upon request. Codification will make the ordinances readily available to staff, including police officers in the field, as well as the general public. A copy of the draft code may be found online at the following: <https://www.sunrisebeachmo.gov/media/311>. Once it is formally adopted by the Board, a full copy will be available on the City website under the "Government" tab.

MoDOT Projects Affecting the Lake

The Village stays in regular contact with the Missouri Department of Transportation, and in particular with Danny Roeger, MoDOT area engineer for Camden County. The following is a brief summary of MoDOT projects, based on recent discussions with Mr. Roeger.

When will the toll bridge plaza work be finished?

The temporary signals and lane changes should be done by the end of March. The total project completion is currently scheduled for May 1.

How much has traffic increased on Route MM since the toll bridge "opened" (ie no more tolls)?

Traffic counts in general are up about 40 percent in the past year. We are also seeing an increase in commercial truck traffic. The peak traffic day is ... (probably not a surprise) Friday.

What is in the plans for the Route MM-TT-F corridor into Sunrise Beach?

No major construction is in the current MoDOT plan. However the project is on the "Unfunded Needs List" for Camden County (as determined by Lake Ozark Council of Local Governments), which could potentially lead to some improvements over the next few years.

What about Highway 5 through Sunrise Beach (and beyond)?

Unfortunately there are no widening or third-lane improvements scheduled for Sunrise Beach in the near future. However this corridor also could potentially move up the list in future years, depending on traffic counts and other factors.

No CDBG Grants This Year

The Village recently learned that it was not selected for two state grants it had applied for, requesting assistance for the paving of Beachwood Drive, American Legion Road and Eddie Avenue. The news came as a surprise to the Village, which felt it had a strong chance to receive at least one of the two grants (Community Development Block Grants, available through Missouri Department of Economic Development). Upon review with state officials, the Village was told that 80 grants were received and 37 were awarded, with five communities actually receiving multiple awards. No city in the Lake region was selected for funding, and the nearest awardee was Russellville, south of Jefferson City. Of the 37 awards, 21 were in the southeast part of the state. On the plus side, it does appear that the Village remains a good fit for the program, and has tentative plans to apply for the next round later this year.



Did you know?

The Hurricane Deck bridge was originally constructed in 1934, shortly after Bagnell Dam was completed. Prior to the bridge construction, vehicles crossed the Osage River by ferry. The Hurricane Deck bridge was originally a toll bridge, with the cost reportedly at 40 cents per each car and driver, plus five cents per each passenger. The bridge was one of only three of its type built in Missouri, with the other two also being built over the Lake of the Ozarks (the Grand Glaize bridge and Niangua Arm bridge). The Hurricane Deck bridge was noted for its beautiful construction and quickly became one of the Lake area's most iconic features. It was replaced by a new bridge in 2013.

POLICE BEAT



From the desk of Scott Craig, Chief of Police

Welcome back happy campers! I know that many of us thought winter would never end, but here we are, spring is finally upon us and the lake is officially open for business! (Well part of it is until Ameren raises the water level) I hope you all are ready for some sunshine, boat rides and, of course, people asking if they can borrow your boat.

We have been keeping pretty busy with some significant investigations, but we haven't forgotten the importance increasing public safety, by providing increased patrols! We are excited to welcome Officer Onstott, who's joined our ranks, bringing us up to a total of six officers. While we're still not quite at 24-hour coverage, having a sixth officer means we're more available to respond to calls for service, patrolling and maybe even helping you find that missing flip flop that's always just out of reach. We are expecting a very busy season and anticipate our DAILY traffic counts to drastically increase! We will be working closely with MoDot to keep an eye on how traffic is flowing, creating action

plans, in efforts to better serve the Sunrise Beach area while reducing traffic crashes.

With the winter season decreasing traffic, it gave us a chance to level up! (It hardly feels like we have an "off season" anymore.) Our officers have been taking part in some great training opportunities, making sure we're ready for whatever might come our way. Because, you know, you never know when you'll have to track down Grandma after she's gone missing from bar hopping! (Seriously, this happens... Granny gotta get her twerk on!)

Remember that road conditions update we posted in February, that went viral? It has over 200,000 views, over 5,000 reactions, more than 1,000 comments, almost 1,000 shares and was highlighted on KOMU 8. At this point, I think we're only a few cat videos away from being internet famous! Be sure to follow our Facebook page to see all the fun information that we put out! Heck, we might just start getting sponsorship offers from Banana Boat and KrispyKreme!

I love connecting with the public, even if I can't always keep up with the latest TikTok trends. If you have any ideas on how I can further connect with our community, or if you just want to swing by with your favorite dad joke please reach out! For example, what do you call fake spaghetti? An impasta. Yep, still got it...

I am looking forward to a great summer season and as always, buckle up, put the phone down and be safe Sunrise Beach!

Chief Scott Craig
Sunrise Beach Police Department

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