City of Glendale

GLENDALE GUIDE

Summer 2009

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Glendale Night Out

6:30 p.m. July 21 City Hall parking lost

Ice Cream Social

6:30 Sept. 4 City Hall

GATOR Ride

5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 City Hall parking lot

Firehouse Run

8 a.m. Oct. 25 City Hall

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Royal to build new bank in Glendale

Royal Banks of Missouri plans to build a new bank adjacent to its current building at 9990 Manchester Road, east of Sappington Road.

Bank officials hope to occupy the new building by late November.

The all-brick, 3,240-squarefoot building will be located on the westernmost portion of the existing Royal Banks' lot. The new one-story bank will include two covered drive-up lanes occupying an additional 620 square feet of space.

"We're trying to establish a standard in the system, so we're building new banks on the model that we built on Delmar," said Karen Davis, Executive Vice President/Chief



A rendering of Royal Banks of Missouri's new building to be constructed near the bank's current site.

Courtesy of Langton Associates

Financial Officer/Cashier at Royal Banks of Missouri.

The building is designed after a prototype of Royal Banks'

new University City South branch on Delmar Boulevard.

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New alderman Wilcox settles in to Ward II seat

New Ward II Alderman Mike Wilcox aims to keep Glendale a great place to live and to make sure residents are informed and can communicate openly with the Board of Aldermen and the City Hall staff.

"We have a community spirit here that I have not experienced elsewhere," said Wilcox, who took office in April. "I ran for Alderman because I love this community. We cannot imagine living any other

place. My job is to serve the community and do whatever I can to make sure each resident's voice is heard."

Wilcox defeated incumbent John Benz and candidate Sally Cook with 53.5 percent of the vote in the April 7 election.

Wilcox, a category development manager



Mike Wilcox

for Nestlé Purina Pet Care, holds a bachelor's degree in financial management from the University of Missouri–Columbia and a master of business administration degree from Webster University.

"So far, I am surprised by the number of issues we are discussing on the board," said the political newcomer. "But I am not surprised by the wonderful transition and how I was welcomed by the Mayor and the other members of the board."

In the spirit of open communication with residents, Wilcox has started a Facebook page called "Citizens of Glendale, MO." At press time, the page had more than 42 members.

Although new to elective office, Wilcox has

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents:

As we begin the summer season, it is again my pleasure to report to you the many great things that make Glendale the community of choice in St. Louis County.

You cannot talk about summer in the City of Glendale without thinking of the many very poplar community events that are scheduled. On May 22, the community celebrated its 10th Annual JazzFest, which broke another attendance record with nearly 3,000 people in attendance. We will hold our Glendale Night Out event in July and our annual Ice Cream Social and GATOR Ride in September. Also, don't forget that Glendale residents and their guests have access to the Kirkwood Aquatic Center at affordable resident rates.

I am pleased to announce that Royal Banks is moving forward with plans to construct a new, all-brick, 3,240-square-foot bank building next to its existing bank at 9990 Manchester Road. This new bank building should be completed before the first of the year. The City also continues to see new investment in its neighborhoods with a steady stream of applications be-

ing reviewed by our Architectural Review Board for home additions and new home construction.

One of our most important jobs, which I personally take very seriously, is the stewardship of your precious tax dollars. On June 15, the Board of Aldermen approved the City budget for FY 2009-10, which maintains existing service levels, provides a modest wage increase for our employees and sets aside \$240,000 in Capital Improvement and General Fund dollars toward the funding of the Kirkham Avenue Improvement Project. This dollar amount is the first of three installments to be set aside for this project, which is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2013. Also, after careful study by the City's Fire and Police Pension Board, the Board of Aldermen approved changes to our Pension Fund's investment strategy to provide for a slightly more conservative asset mix while taking advantage of growth opportunities created by market conditions. I want to personally thank each member of the Fire and Police Pension Board for their hard work in monitoring and protecting the cash value of the City's Pension Fund during these challenging times.

One of the reasons Glendale is such a special place is because of our dedicated workforce. This newsletter highlights a number of our employees. I would like to make special mention of Capt. Gary

Woepke, who was recently recognized for 40 years of service to our City. I hope you take the opportunity to read the article highlighting Gary's many contributions to our City. I also want to recognize another champion of Glendale and personal friend, Assistant Fire Chief Don Bley, who retired on May 1 after 34 years of service. Don was a tremendous asset to our organization and community, and we wish him and his wife, Rose, the very best during Don's retirement.

The April City election re-elected Ward I Alderman Kay Sullivan, Ward III Alderman Deb Voss and myself, all of whom ran unopposed. I want to welcome newly elected Ward II Alderman Mike Wilcox to his first term on the Board and I look forward to his contribution. As your Mayor for the past four years, I have been blessed to work with a very dedicated and talented Board of Aldermen and I appreciate the aldermen's many contributions. Lastly, I would like to thank you, the Citizens of Glendale. Your concern for our community and your neighborhood, your commitment to your property and your volunteerism is what sets our community apart. Have a great summer.

Warmest Regards, Mayor Richard Magee

Board of Adjustment decides citizen appeals on zoning matters

Among the City of Glendale's several Boards and Commissions on which citizens serve is the Board of Adjustment. Just what does it do and what does it adjust?

The Board of Adjustment hears appeals from residents who are seeking variances under the Glendale zoning regulations for some home improvement projects.

The projects might include home additions, driveways, fencing and others. If the City will not issue a permit for a project that would run counter to zoning requirements, the citizen must seek a variance by filing an appeal to the Board of Adjustment, which will hear testimony and decide the case.

"The Board of Adjustment sits to hear

appeals from residents," said Board Chair Tom Lane. "For example, a resident may want to add an addition onto their house. However, the addition may penetrate the front, side or rear yard setback. If so, the City will not issue a permit to build without a variance from the Board. The individual must then file an appeal. The appeal must demonstrate a 'hardship.""

Hardship refers not to a personal hardship, but to the difficulty of overcoming some legal requirement such an easement or another zoning law, Lane said.

Minutes are kept of each meeting and appeal, and typically a court reporter is present to take the notes, Lane said.

An appeal must receive four yes votes

from the five-member board before a variance can be granted. If an appeal is denied, the citizen may appeal the decision to the St. Louis County Circuit Court.

The Board meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month if any appeals have been filed. The Board hears an average of 15 to 20 appeals per year, Lane said.

Members are appointed by the mayor and serve five-year terms. The other current members are Katherine Bozoian, Ken Finnerty, Sally Lefler and Larry Voss. John Frisella serves as an alternate. Lane, the president of Woodson Development Co., has served on the Board since 1995.

Deputy Chief celebrates 40 years as Glendale police officer

Capt. Gary Woepke recently celebrated his 40th anniversary as a member of the Glendale Police Department.

The Glendale Board of Aldermen honored Woepke, who also is deputy chief of the department, with a resolution on March 16.

"Capt. Woepke has distinguished himself in the law enforcement community as a highly dedicated leader committed to the highest ideals of professional law enforcement," said Mayor Richard Magee. "He has a genuine passion for traffic safety that has elevated the standards of the entire department in this critical area. Through this passion, Glendale streets have remained safe, and traffic accidents have been held to an absolute minimum during his 40 years of service."

After serving in the U.S. Army, Woepke was hired March

16, 1969 as a Glendale police officer. He was promoted to sergeant in 1971, lieutenant in 1999 and captain/deputy chief in 2000. He holds a bachelor's degree in legal justice from Maryville University and a master's degree in public administration from Webster



Capt. Gary Woepke (front left) accepts an award from Mayor Richard Magee for 40 years of service.

University. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Woepke provided key leadership in running the day-to-day operations of the department during Chief Richard Black's absence after surgery last year. He has become the "go-to" person for handling a wide range of difficult community issues that require extreme tact and diplomacy, Magee said.

Woepke also has excelled in the handling of code enforcement complaints and often takes on special projects, such as parking and traffic control management during the 2008 presidential election campaign.

Just because he has reached the 40-year mark doesn't mean Woepke has any intention of retiring from police work any time soon.

"I have truly enjoyed my career in law enforcement for the City of Glendale," Woepke

16, 1969 as a Glendale police officer. He was promoted to sergeant in 1971, lieutenant in 1999 and captain/deputy chief in 2000. He serve the residents of this fine city in the future."

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Bank From Page 1

It will have 16 parking spaces, and unlike the old building, it will be tied into the Metropolitan Sewer District's stormwater drainage system. The modern construction also will allow for better handicap accessibility.

Royal Banks officials at first planned to demolish the old two-story bank and build a retail strip center along with the new, smaller bank. But efforts to attract a developer for the strip center were unsuccessful, so Royal Banks now plans to sell the old building and the 44,800-square-foot lot on which it sits.

The bank doesn't need all the space in the old building and rents the second

floor to tenants, Davis said. "We're not really landlords, and we want to focus on banking," she said. Records are stored at the headquarters on Olive Boulevard in University City.

The existing bank was built in 1967 by Westside National Bank. Royal Banks, which was founded in 1964, bought Westside and the property in June 1980.

The Glendale Board of Aldermen recently approved the bank's plan to subdivide the property into two lots. The new bank will sit on a 21,686-square-foot lot.

Langton Associates is the architect for the project, and Paric Corp. is the construction contractor.

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been active in community service for several years. His activities include serving as past president of the local Mizzou Alumni Association chapter, co-chair of Scouting for Food, co-chair of North Glendale Elementary School Trivia Night, head coach of Mary Queen of Peace youth baseball for three years, former chair of the Webster Hills United Methodist Church council and founding member of The Gathering United Methodist Church.

A four-year resident of Glendale, Wilcox has lived in St. Louis County for 13 years, previously in Shrewsbury and Des Peres. He is a suburban Chicago native and met his wife, Libby, who is from Webster Groves, while they were both attending Mizzou. They have two children.

POLICE BEAT

Safest City designation

The City of Glendale is listed at the 53rd Safest City in America of cities with populations of 5,000 to 50,000 and is considered the Safest City in the State of Missouri. Glendale has been on the "Top 101 Safest Cities" list for seven years in a row.

The website City-Data.com collected and analyzed data from numerous sources, including crime data, demographics and others, to compile the list.

This designation is a testament to the high level of cooperation between Glendale residents and their Police Department.

The Police Department congratulates to residents for helping to make the City of Glendale the safest place in Missouri to live and work.

Glendale officers take the plunge

Glendale Police Officers Chris Sarantakis and Matt Mason were among 632 brave men and women from around the area who donned costumes and swimwear to take a chilly dip into Lake St. Louis in February.

Their "Reason for Freezin": the athletes



Glendale Police Officers Chris Sarantakis (left) and Matt Mason warm up after taking the Polar Bear Plunge.

of Special Olympics Missouri. This year's Polar Bear Plunge raised \$130,000. The Plunge is a project of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is planned by Special Olympics Missouri in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies.

The Torch Run's mission is to raise money to provide year-round sports training and Olympic-style competition for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities. The training provides the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience the joy of being a winner in life.

The money raised, more than \$1 million statewide, enables the Missouri Special Olympics to serve 22,000 athletes, who represent 42 percent of Missourians with mental retardation, at no charge to the athletes or their parents.

ADT Select Link

In the modern world, municipalities sometimes need to get information to citizens as soon as possible. To facilitate this need, the city has partnered with a rapid communication system called ADT Select Link.

The system will deliver emergency messages to the communication method of each citizen's choice. Should the city need to notify citizens of an important matter such as a hazardous spill, severe weather or criminal activity, the system would send messages by home phone, cell phone, text message, fax or e-mail. In addition, ADT Select Link may be used to keep citizens up to date on important community-wide information or changes related to citizen groups.

Citizens will be entered into the system using an information form available at City Hall or by contacting Sgt. Bob Catlett at 909-3005 or reatlett@glendalemo.org.

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He attributes his professional longevity to the creative work environment fostered by Chief Black and other city officials.

"Without a doubt, the quality of people I work with and those whom I have the pleasure to serve influences my attitude and morale and thus greatly affects and improves my performance," Woepke says.

"I would consider helping people during a time of crisis — whether it's a little problem or one of great significance — as my favorite part of police work."

Woepke received the Police Department Employee of the Year Award from the Kirkwood American Legion in 1977 and was recognized as Glendale Employee of the Year in 1998.

"I have never considered my police employment as 'just a job,'" he says. "It has

been a truly enjoyable vocation."

Woepke and his wife, Beth, have lived for 39 years in Glendale, where they raised four children. In his

spare time, he is an avid, low-handicap golfer. He fondly recalls serving as a Kirkwood Khoury League (now Kirkwood Athletic Association) manager and coaching area children in baseball and soccer at North Glendale School for more than 17 years.



BURNING ISSUES

Assistant Fire Chief Don Bley retired May 1 after 34 years with the Glendale Fire Department.

"He has been a leader in so many different aspects of the fire service," said Fire Chief Larry Zeitzmann. As training officer for Glendale, Bley was named Training Officer of the Year by the St. Louis Area Fire Chiefs Association; was instrumental in developing the Monsanto Fire School in St. Louis County; and assisted in the development of firefighter rescue classes taught throughout the county and the state. He developed a "Rescue Drag Tarp" that has since been produced and sold to fire departments throughout Missouri and has attracted the interest of the Department of Defense for use by troops on the battlefield, Zeitzmann said. Bley also was instrumental in developing disaster preparedness and emergency action plans for Glendale and Warson Woods.

Capt. Steve Siebert has been promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. Filling the captain positions created by Bley's retirement and Siebert's promotion are former lieutenants Matt Cash and Brad Kauffeld, who received the highest and second-highest scores, respectively, on a series of rigorous promotion tests, exercises and interviews. Bryan "Chad" Wagner and Curtis VanGaasbeek have been promoted to those lieutenant positions.



Retired Assistant Fire Chief Don Bley



Glendale's Inflatable Fire Safety House will debut July 21 at Glendale Night Out.

The promotions became effective in second Community Emergency Response early June.

Team (CERT) class with basic skills to as-

Safety House

The Fire Department plans to give its new inflatable Safety House a public debut on July 21 at the Glendale Night Out event

The Inflatable Fire Safety House is a 21-foot tall, two-story, fully air-inflated structure used to teach children fire safety through interactive tours. The first floor of the house features a fireplace that can deliver artificial smoke to simulate a fire, a stove, a microwave oven and even a kitchen sink. The second floor contains a bedroom, where children practice staying low and crawling through an open bedroom window.

Large graphics and pictures throughout the house introduce more than 20 safety tips.

The Safety House was purchased in April with funds left over from a \$29,545 grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security after the purchase of fire-fighting equipment.

The Safety House will be offered to area schools for fire prevention education.

Second CERT class graduates

Sixteen citizens from Glendale, Warson Woods, Kirkwood and Webster Groves graduated on May 30 from Glendale's

second Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class with basic skills to assist in a disaster when emergency services are not immediately available.

The class learned such skills as how to turn off a gas meter, shut off electric to a building, use a portable fire extinguisher, apply basic first aid, determine if a building is safe to enter and perform light search and rescue for victims who may be trapped in a collapsed building. Participants also learned how to help people cope with emotional issues that arise during natural or manmade emergencies. All CERT members receive a manual and a backpack containing personal protection gear and other equipment.

The 20-hour course, held in five four-hour segments, includes both lectures and hands-on training.

CERT members were pressed into service during the May 22 JazzFest to assist with crowd and traffic control.

To apply for a future CERT class, contact Capt. Chuck Helle at 965-7097.

Firehouse Run

8 a.m. Oct. 25 at City Hall

Entry fees: \$15 individuals; \$40 family of three; \$5 additional member.

Registration: www.glendalemo.org; 314-888-1453; 314-965-3600.

Packet pickup: Oct. 24.

News to Know

Kirkwood pool welcomes Glendale residents

Glendale residents and their guests are welcome to use the Kirkwood Aquatic Center in Kirkwood Park, West Adams and South Geyer roads, at resident rates.

Glendale pool users must obtain an ID card from the Kirkwood Parks and Recreation Department.

The pool is open weekdays through Monday, Aug. 17 from noon to 7:30 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. From Aug. 18 through Monday Sept. 7, the competitive and family pools only will be open weekdays 4 to 7:30 p.m., but all pool areas will be open weekends 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All areas of the Aquatic Center are available for rental to groups after public session hours and lesson activities until 11 p.m. Rates are based on the size of the group and the facilities reserved. Call 314-822-5859 for rental information.

For more information, contact the Kirkwood Aquatic Center at 314-984-6971 or visit Glendale's website at www.glendalemo.org or Kirkwood's website at www.ci.kirkwood.mo.us/parks/pool/main.htm.

Mosquito fogging now in progress in Glendale

Fogging for mosquitoes is now in progress every Tuesday and Thursday evening, weather permitting. The Public Works Department began fogging in May and will continue through fall.

Fogging begins around 9 p.m. and lasts until all streets have been sprayed, usually about three hours. The Department also will spray larvacide in the creeks and stormwater drains every 30 days to help control mosquito infestation in areas where there is standing water.

If you have any questions regarding our fogging procedures, contact City Hall at (314) 965-3600.



Denise Thimes sings with Terry Thompson's Jazz Alive Band at JazzFest.

JazzFest, Denise Thimes draw large crowd

Nearly 3,000 jazz fans attended Glendale's 10th annual JazzFest, held May 22 in the City Hall lower parking lot.

The free event, hosted by KFUO-FM Radio's Don Wolff, featured music by three local groups and refreshments from Westwood Catering, Gelato di Riso and Schlafly Beer.

The headliner, jazz singer Denise Thimes, was backed up by pianist Carolbeth True and The Terry Thompson Swing Alive Band. Swing Alive, featuring vocalist Dean Christopher, also played a set, and the St. Louis Stompers opened the show with Dixieland jazz.

The JazzFest is presented by the Glen-

dale Women's Club in association with the City of Glendale and is produced by Terry Thompson Productions. Underwriters included Missouri Baptist Hospital, Des Peres Hospital, Allied Waste, Hoffman Plumbing, The Todd Organization, AmerenUE, Inflatable Images, Laurie's Shoes, Miken Technologies, Pulaski Bank, Schlafly Beer, Algonquin Golf Club, The Fire Works Restoration Co., Leach BP Service, Office Essentials Inc. and Weis Design Group.

The concert was filmed by HEC-TV, which carries episodes of Wolff's live radio show.

Third GATOR cycling event set for Sept. 26

Riders of bicycles, tricycles and strollers are invited to participate at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the third Glendale Annual Twilight Open Ride, known as the GATOR ride.

The family-friendly event for residents of Glendale and surrounding areas is intended to promote active family lifestyles and community events in Glendale.

The rides, which include a 0.4-mile Toddler Trail and a two-mile Family Frolic through Glendale streets, will be followed by a concert, refreshments, fun and socializing.

Registration check-in and pre-race festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Late riders will be allowed to begin between 6:30 and 7 p.m., but no riders will be allowed to commence any route after 7 p.m.

Last year, more than 100 riders participated.

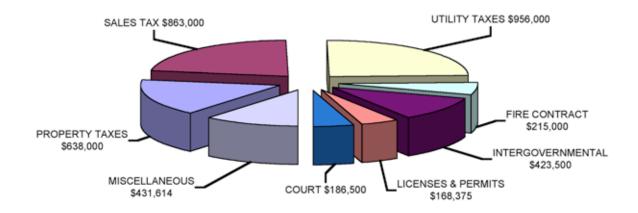
To register, call 966-1018.

www.glendalemo.org

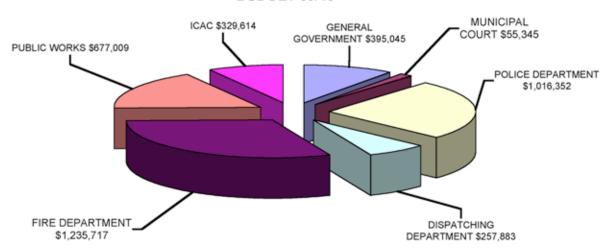
CITY BUDGET NEWS

Below is a summary of the 2009-10 General Fund Budget for the City of Glendale.

SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET 09/10



EXPENDITURE DETAILS BY DEPARTMENT FOR THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET 09/10



Revenue Percentages		Expenditure Percentages	
Property Taxes	16%	General Govt.	10%
Sales Taxes	22%	Court	1%
Utility Taxes	25%	Police	26%
Fire Contract	6%	Dispatch	7%
Intergovernmental	11%	Fire	31%
Licenses & Permits	4%	Public Works	17%
Court	5%	ICAC	8%
Miscellaneous	11%		



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