Construction progressing on new fire station and renovated City Hall complex

Construction activity on Glendale’s new fire station next door to City Hall has steadily progressed since construction began in midsummer. Site excavation, utility line relocations and the remediation of poor soil are complete. Footings and foundation work began in late September, and the building is now beginning to rise out of the ground. The fire station is scheduled to be completed by midsummer 2018.

Renovation work on the interior of the old City Hall administrative offices and auditorium began in June. Administrative staff was relocated to a temporary office trailer in the north parking lot of City Hall. Demolition on the main floor of City Hall is complete, and necessary reinforcements to the termite-damaged wood structure have been made. A large hole has been dug to create an elevator pit for a new three-stop light-use elevator to make the City Hall auditorium, main floor and the lower level of the police station accessible to people with disabilities. The framing of new interior walls inside the main floor of the City Hall is now complete. These walls form much-needed new space for the Police Department, which will be expanded to occupy the old City Hall administrative offices in addition to the existing lower level of City Hall. Phase I of renovation, including the auditorium, is anticipated to be completed in February 2018. The renovation of the existing Police Department on the lower level of City Hall is anticipated to take place over the coming winter and spring and will include the addition of a police sally port to bring the police department up to current standards and provide a secure enclosed area to transport prisoners to and from the police station and police vehicles.

Once the new fire station is complete, the old City Hall administrative offices will be available for use by the police department. The old City Hall auditorium will be available for use by the community, and the lower level of City Hall will be available for use by the police department.

Firehouse Run set for Oct. 29

The 38th Annual Firehouse Run will be held Sunday, Oct. 29 beginning at the Glendale Presbyterian Church parking lot. Due to the construction at City Hall, the event has been moved down the block and will use Moreland Avenue in addition to the church parking lot.

A 1-mile walk/run will start at 8 a.m. and 2- and 5-mile runs will kick off at 8:25 a.m. Post-event festivities will include attendance prizes, snacks and an awards ceremony.

Last year, over 500 runners and walkers participated, raising $6,000 to donate to St. Louis Backstoppers, Kirkwood Area Perpetual Scholarship Fund, Responder Rescue and the Glendale-Kirkwood Kiwanis Club.

Runners can pick up an entry form at the Glendale City Hall office trailer, download a form on the City’s website, or sign up using the Big River link on the city website. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the run may call City Hall at 314-965-3600.

For the third year, the Glendale Presbyterian Church will host a free pancake breakfast following the run. Everyone is welcome.
Mayor’s Message

Dear Resident:

It has been an exciting summer in Glendale with the historic groundbreaking on the new fire station and improvements to the old City Hall and police station. I’m happy to report that the new fire station is still on track for completion by summer 2018 with improvements to City Hall to be completed by the end of 2018. I would like to express my appreciation to the citizens of Glendale for your overwhelming support to this critical investment into the City’s public safety facilities and its ability to provide safe and reliable services well into the future.

Speaking of public safety, I congratulate Capt. Bob Catlett on his graduation in June from the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, which is a 10-week professional law enforcement training program designed to improve administration, standards and knowledge in police departments. Glendale has been fortunate to have someone of Bob Catlett’s caliber and talent these past 30 years. Please be sure to read the article about Captain Catlett on page 4.

Congratulations as well to Curtis VanGaasbeek for his appointment on Sept. 5 as Glendale’s new Fire Chief. Former Fire Chief Briescher retired from Glendale in July, and we wish him the very best in his future and thank him for his outstanding service to the City. Chief VanGaasbeek has been with Glendale for 11 years, serving as one of the three fire captains for the past four of those years. We look forward to Chief VanGaasbeek’s continued service and leadership in his new role.

Once again, it has been an exciting summer, and I was delighted to see it come to a close with our biggest turnout to date at the Ice Cream Social, which was held on Aug. 25 at North Glendale Elementary due to the ongoing construction at City Hall. Thanks to Dr. Todd Benben and everyone at the school for hosting this year’s event.

Friday, Aug. 25, 2017 was also proclaimed by the City to be Grow Glendale Gorgeous Day in the City of Glendale. Grow Glendale Gorgeous is a group of community volunteers who beautifully plant, maintain, and water over 50 pots and planters around the City in addition to other planting beds, including those at City Hall. Thanks to GGG for their incredible work in helping to make Glendale one of the most beautiful communities in St. Louis.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the City’s annual Firehouse Run at 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 and the annual tree lighting ceremony and visit from Santa at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Note that due to construction, the Glendale Presbyterian Church has graciously agreed to host both of these events at the church, 500 N. Sappington Road, one block north of City Hall.

Warmest Regards,
Mayor Richard Magee

City meetings relocated to Glendale Presbyterian Church during construction

Since May 5, 2017, the City of Glendale auditorium has been unavailable for meetings. All municipal meetings are held at the Glendale Presbyterian Church during construction of the new fire station and renovated city hall.

The church is located at 500 N. Sappington Road, where parking is available for meetings. The church entrance is on the northeast side of the building, and an ADA-accessible ramp is available.

Should you have any questions, please contact Glendale City Hall at 314-965-3600.

New businesses in Glendale

Mattress Tech
10042 Manchester Road

Mattress Tech is a luxury sleep shop in the St. Louis area with the largest selection of luxury memory foam, latex and adjustable bases in the state.

SNAPOLY
10028 Manchester Road

LEGO® Themed and Robotics Classes, Camps and Birthday Parties

Snapology offers a wide variety of fun programs for children ages 1 to 14. Each program is designed to achieve specific academic enrichment and social development objectives while emphasizing playful, hands-on learning. From fun LEGO-themed programs to robotics to engineering to animation, Snapology has something for everyone.

Morganti Dental
10038 Manchester Road

Dr. Suzanne Morganti is relocating her dental practice to Glendale on the southwest corner of Manchester and Sappington roads. Due to the sale of the building housing her downtown Kirkwood office, she took the opportunity to move into a modern facility in Glendale, where she will welcome new and current patients. An opening is anticipated for mid- to late October.

Construction

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station will be renovated to become the new City Hall administrative offices. This work is anticipated to take place in the summer and fall of 2018 after the Fire Department moves into its new building. The new City Hall lobby will preserve some of the layout and history of the original 1926 fire station, including the original fire pole and stair banister.

Completion of all phases of the fire station and city hall/police station project is projected for late December 2018. For more updates and construction photos, please visit www.glendalemo.org/firestationupdates/.
Longtime residents Carl & Gerti Cori brought Nobel prize to Glendale

In 1947 the newest Nobel Prize winners in Physiology could be found in the sleepy little suburb of Glendale. Carl and Gerty Cori, both professors at Washington University, lived with their son, Tom, in a modern home on Berry Road. Their path to the Nobel Prize was paved with teamwork, attention to detail, and rigorous scientific method.

Both were born in 1896 in Prague in what was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Carl Ferdinand Cori was born into an academic family, who moved when he was young to the city of Trieste on the Adriatic Sea. There his father headed the Marine Biological Station.

Gerty Theresa Radnitz was born into a middle-class family. Her father was a chemist specializing in sugar refinement. Her culturally sophisticated mother counted Franz Kafka in her social circle. Gerty was tutored at home until high school. After graduation she passed the entrance exam for medical school. She and Carl met in 1914 at the German University in Prague, where Gerty was one of only a few female students. Carl was quiet and reserved, and Gerty was more extroverted, but they shared a love of outdoor activities and laboratory science.

During World War I, Carl was drafted into the Austrian Army, serving first with the ski troops and later as a frontline medic, while Gerty continued her studies. Carl and Gerty married shortly after they were awarded doctorates in medicine in 1920. The couple moved to Vienna where, Gerty found employment in a pediatrics hospital and Carl worked in a research lab. Post-World War I life was grueling, and Gerty suffered from severe malnutrition due to food shortages. Because she was female and Jewish, it was also difficult for her to obtain a university position.

Such circumstances led to the couple’s decision to emigrate to the United States. In 1922, Carl was hired as a laboratory researcher by the State Institute for the Study of Malignant Diseases in Buffalo, New York; six months later Gerty took a position there as an assistant pathologist. In Buffalo, the Coris began to collaborate on their research into how the body converts carbohydrates, then uses or stores them as sugars for later use. The couple became naturalized citizens of the United States in 1928.

By the early 1930s, the Coris were looking for university positions, but few universities would hire both of them. Carl was recruited by Washington University to become the chair of the Pharmacology Department. The university prohibited the hiring of two related faculty members, so Gerty started as a research fellow, not a professor, in Pharmacology.

The Coris bought an acre lot in Glendale in 1934 and commissioned local architect Harris Armstrong to build them a home. Their only child, Thomas, was born in 1936. Both Coris continued to work for Wash. U in the classroom and the laboratory. In 1946 Carl was appointed as the Biological Chemistry Department Chair, and Gerty became a professor in his department. They continued their research into how the body uses sugar (glucose) and stores it as glycogen. They were awarded the Nobel Prize for their research on glycogen metabolism and its implication for diabetes and other diseases.

Shortly before the Nobel award, Gerty was diagnosed with myelosclerosis, an incurable form of anemia. She continued to work until her death in 1957. Carl remarried in 1960. He retired from Wash U in 1966 and moved to Boston to conduct research at Massachusetts General Hospital. He died in 1987.

Both Coris received numerous awards.
Glendale Police Captain Catlett attends FBI National Academy

Glendale Police Capt. Robert A. Catlett Jr. attended the prestigious FBI National Academy training program this spring, graduating June 7.

Catlett recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Glendale Police Department.

The FBI National Academy, established in 1935, provides advanced investigative, management and fitness training to senior officers who are proven leaders in their local organizations. It was created in response to a 1930 study by the Wickersham Commission that recommended the standardization and professionalism of law enforcement departments across the country through centralized training. The courses, which are held in Quantico, Virginia, include law, intelligence theory, behavioral science, forensic science, terrorism/terrorist mindsets and leadership development. Students also forge lasting connections that strengthen global law enforcement partnerships.

Graduates of the 10-week program may join the FBI National Academy Associates, whose members work to continue developing higher levels of competency, cooperation and integrity across the law enforcement community. Connections between academy graduates can lead to interstate and international cooperation in cases of runaways, fugitives and other investigations.

Participation in the academy is by invitation only, through a nomination process.

Catlett began his career with Glendale in 1987 as a dispatcher and was hired as a full-time officer on Jan. 4, 1988. He has served in the ranks of patrolman, corporal, sergeant and captain. He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and theology, a master of arts degree in business, a master’s degree in divinity and a doctoral degree of ministry in pastoral administration. He is an ordained priest and bishop in the Ecumenical Catholic Church, USA.

New city notification system now available

The City has entered into an agreement with Nixle to provide emergency notifications to report water main breaks, power outages, road closures and events to residents who subscribe to the service. Participation is 100 percent voluntary and FREE and residents can opt out at any time. When subscribing, residents choose how and when they want to receive the notifications (phone, text, email or other).

To subscribe, go to www.nixle.com and enter the keyword “glendalemo” or text “glendalemo” to 888777.

Ameren scam alert

The Glendale Police Department is aware of a scam recently taking place in our area that threatens immediate disconnection of utility service unless a payment is made from a pre-paid debit card. In this scam, a customer receives an unsolicited phone call from an individual who falsely claims to be an Ameren representative. The scammer warns that Ameren will disconnect the customer’s electric service if the customer fails to make a payment — usually within a short time frame. Scammers have even duplicated the Ameren Interactive Voice Response system, so when customers call back the phone numbers provided by the scammer, it sounds like a legitimate Ameren phone number. Some of these criminals also use caller ID spoofing to replicate Ameren’s customer service number.

Red flags for scam activity include:

The thief becomes angry and tells the customer his or her account is past due and service will be disconnected if a large payment isn’t made — usually within less than an hour.

The thief instructs the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit or credit card — widely available at retail stores – then call him or her back to supposedly make a payment to Ameren.

The scammer asks the customer for the pre-paid card’s receipt number and PIN number, which grants instant access to the card’s funds.

How to protect yourself

Ameren never asks or requires a customer with a delinquent account to purchase a pre-paid debit card to avoid disconnection.

Customers can make payments online, by phone, electronic check, mail or at pay-in-person locations.

Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification by mail with the regular monthly billing and by phone several days in advance — never a single notification hours before disconnection.

If you suspect someone is impersonating

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Fire Chief Briesacher retires after two stints, new chief named

Glendale Fire Chief James Briesacher retired in July, following many years of working for the City.

Chief Briesacher was hired as a firefighter with the Glendale Fire Department in April 1979, left the department as a fire captain in May 2003, and became fire inspector with the Pacific Fire Protection District.

Following the retirement of Fire Chief Larry Zeitzmann in 2015, Briesacher was asked to consider the role as “part-time” fire chief for the City. Briesacher’s character and professional reputation were such that he was the first individual considered by the City when the need for a new fire chief arose, and he accepted the position as fire chief in May 2015.

Briesacher’s remarkable achievements in just two years as fire chief include providing key leadership on the research, planning, community education and development of Glendale’s first new fire station in over 90 years. The chief oversaw several other lasting changes and improvements to the department, such as the implementation of a successful firefighter training program in partnership with the West County Fire Protection District, the planning and procurement of the department’s new fire pumper apparatus, and the hiring, promotion and recognition of top talent.

Briesacher provided outstanding leadership within the Fire Department and throughout the community, always representing himself and the department with the very highest degree of honesty, openness and professionalism.

Mayor Richard Magee and the Board of Aldermen, presented Chief Briesacher with a proclamation honoring his service to the City on July 24.

The City expresses grateful appreciation to Jim Briesacher for his dedicated leadership and service to the City of Glendale spanning over 38 years.

New Chief and New Firefighter

The City of Glendale has promoted Fire Capt. Curtis VanGaasbeek to chief effective Sept. 5. He has been with the Glendale Fire Department for 11 years, the past four as a captain.

He previously served as paramedic firefighter with the City of St. Louis Fire Department for five years and previously spent four year as a firefighter with the Mission Township Volunteer Fire Department in Topeka, Kansas.

The fire department also welcomed new firefighter Rob Spencer in July.

Chief Curtis VanGaasbeek

Firefighter Rob Spencer

Spencer is a graduate of the St. Louis County Fire Academy and is a certified and trained paramedic. He fills the opening left by Matt Hawkins, who was recently promoted to Lieutenant, following the departure of Chad Wagner. Spencer previously worked with Abbott Ambulance.
Glendale has seen a vast number of infrastructure improvements completed, underway and initiated during 2017.

**Storm water and Creek Improvements**

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District kicked off the year with a large, highly visible storm water improvement project, beginning in rear yards along Austin Place and continuing into Westborough Country Club golf course. That project caused a detour of Lockwood Avenue traffic between North Sappington and Berry roads. The purpose of the project was to eliminate rear yard, sidewalk and street flooding issues along portions of Austin Place, Parkland Avenue and Lockwood Avenue.

MSD officials also have notified the city that in the coming months they will be issuing contracts for the construction of Infill and Inflow Reduction projects along portions of Juanita, Brownell and Chelsea Avenues; Glenmoor and Warwick lanes; N. Sappington Road; and Monier Place. These projects are intended to prevent storm water from entering into the sanitary sewer system, which historically results in overloaded sewer mains, causing basement flooding during times of heavy rains. MSD will send notifications in advance of construction to residents in the area of these projects.

The city’s engineer, Weis Design Group, completed the design and specifications for the construction of storm water improvements within the cul-de-sac of Moreland Avenue, adjacent to a creek. At this location, the street has begun to erode into the creek, necessitating unsightly temporary measures. The scope of the project entails the construction of a cellular block wall along the creek embankment, installation of new storm water inlets and landscaping, and replacement of the street surface within the cul-de-sac. The city issued a construction contract this fall, and the project is expected to be completed before winter.

The city also has contracted with the city engineer for the design of a second creek improvement project between Queen Anne Place and Warwick Lane. At this location, a dry creek (a creek that only contains water during times of rain) overtops its boundaries, causing rear yard flooding issues and property damage, and even has undermined several trees, which subsequently fell onto one home. Weis Design planned to perform the survey work in the fall and design work over the winter. Next spring, the city will seek bids for construction, which is slated for completion in 2018. Upon completion, MSD will reimburse the city for the construction costs.

**Water Mains**

Missouri American Water continues its efforts to provide safe, reliable water services and to prevent water main breaks by replacing aged water mains. In 2017, water mains were replaced along Lisa Kay and Hill drives; Juanita Avenue; Springfield and Luther courts, Hawbrook Road; and the 900 blocks of Chelsea and Venneman avenues and West Oak and Glenway drives.

**Curbing and Streets**

2017 also marks the third year of the city’s curbing installation/replacement and street resurfacing program. This year, all or portions of curbing were installed or replaced and the streets resurfaced with nova chip along Lisa Kay Drive, Albert Avenue, the 900 block of Victoria and Alexandra Avenues, and the 900 to 1100 blocks of Glenway Drive and Warwick Lane.

**Street Signs**

2017 also marks the end of a five-year project to replace all the street signs in Glendale with new signs in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The manual regulates that all signs must meet a minimum retro-reflectivity requirement.

**Trees**

Finally, in the city’s community forest, a commonly overlooked area of infrastructure, city crews performed a myriad of tree pruning and hazardous tree removals. The city has applied for grant funding though the Tree Resource Improvement and Management (TRIM) program with the Missouri Department of Conservation for the removal of two large oak trees in the city. Grant results will be posted by MDC later this fall.
Thanks to all Grow Glendale Gorgeous donors and volunteers

Grow Glendale Gorgeous would like to thank all of our generous donors and tireless volunteers who helped make this another successful year! With the lack of rain in July and August, our volunteers really stepped up and doubled their watering efforts to keep the plants healthy and happy. It was amazing to see our community come together and give their time to better our city. Everyone in Glendale should take pride in how gorgeous our wonderful city looked this summer.

Even as we take time to celebrate our success, it’s time to start planning for next year. Grow Glendale Gorgeous is beginning its annual Fall Capital Campaign to raise funds to continue the plantings throughout the city for next summer. With the completion of City Hall and the new Fire Station on the horizon, 2018 will definitely be a big year. The new buildings will greatly increase the amount of flowers and plantings needed to continue to beautify our city.

GGG relies 100 percent on donations from Glendale residents. Every donation, no matter how big or small, goes a long way, so please fill out the enclosed donation form so we can continue to Grow Glendale Gorgeous.

GGG is always looking for more volunteers to help with workdays and with watering during the season. The more volunteers we have to water, the more plantings and neighborhood projects we can complete around the city. If you are interested in having containers or gardens in your neighborhood, GGG will purchase the flowers and plant them as long as you commit to watering them throughout the season. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to growglendalegorgeous@gmail.com.

Again, GGG would like to thank the many generous donors for their support and the many volunteers who have given their time to help plant, weed and water the beautiful flowers. This is definitely a community effort and would not be possible without all of your tremendous support.

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an Ameren employee, end the conversation and immediately call Ameren Missouri at 1-800-552-7583. Customers also should follow Ameren on social media to receive the latest updates on scams.

Feel free to share this video link featuring interviews with scam victims: https://youtu.be/fL3mNwJP0ks.

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and recognitions for their work. They were the third couple to win a Nobel Prize. Gerty was the first American woman so honored and the third overall. Their biochemical research lab attracted the work of other young scientists, six of whom also later won Nobel Prizes. The Coris have a Star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

The Cori House in Glendale is significant not only because it was the home of two Nobel Laureates but also because it is one of the earliest examples of an International-style residence in St. Louis. The home was designed by Harris Armstrong (1899-1973), a prominent St. Louis architect who was just beginning to attract attention in the area for his home, office and institutional designs.

The International style was a break with the architecture of the past. Unlike traditional buildings supported by exterior walls, International buildings were buttressed by a lightweight structural skeleton. Exterior walls could then simply enclose the interior space, and windows could wrap corners or be eliminated.

The two-story Cori House was originally painted white but has weathered with time. The second story is set back from the first and the bricks are patterned with vertical and horizontal stretchers and headers. A figure of a man fashioned of brick sits at the corner of the parapet above the front door, which is hooded by a cantilevered canopy with triangular cutouts. The front door itself contains inlaid panels in a diamond pattern. The house features a balcony on the second story and screened porches on both stories.
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