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Ask Mayor Mike

"Ask Mayor Mike" is a regular segment in our weekly digital newsletter, quarterly print newsletter,

and on social media that features community questions answered by Mayor Mike Wilcox. As the City has received several resident questions related to this topic, we are devoting this edition to a Q&A about the City's Flock Safety camera program.

Q: What is the Flock Safety camera program?

A: Like many cities, businesses and neighborhoods throughout the St. Louis region, the Glendale Police Department operates a security camera program that uses automated license plate reader (LPR) cameras placed in locations around the City of Glendale. The City uses Flock Safety cameras that photograph license plates and check them against law-enforcement databases. Flock Safety is one of several national companies that offer this technology.

Q: When were the cameras installed?

A: The City first installed Flock Safety cameras in October of 2022. The cameras operated by Glendale are just a few of the hundreds in the St. Louis region that are collectively operated by neighboring municipalities, businesses and shopping centers, neighborhood associations, and others.

Q: What exactly do the cameras record?

A: Each camera captures only a still image – a "snapshot" – of the vehicle's rear license plate and a portion of the rear of the vehicle.

The cameras do not identify or record who is driving the vehicle, and they only record information that would be publicly visible to anyone observing the vehicle.

Q: How is that information used?

A: Each captured license plate is automatically checked against law-enforcement databases for individuals wanted for felony crimes, stolen vehicles or for vehicles for which an urgent child recovery case – AMBER Alert – is pending. If a plate matches a vehicle associated with a serious crime, officers are alerted to the vehicle's location so they can respond. The cameras are not used to randomly monitor or track the movements of all vehicles traveling through Glendale.

Q: Who can see this information?

A: Wanted-vehicle alert data is only available to law enforcement. It is not accessible to the public. Both City and Flock Safety policies prohibit officers from accessing Flock data for purposes unrelated to criminal investigations. Every search is logged in an audit trail tied to a specific officer, and this data is regularly reviewed by police department administration. Usage statistics and data on how the system is being used is available at <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/glendale-mo-pd->.

Q: How long is the data kept?

A: Captured license plate data is currently kept for 30 days and then automatically purged from the system. This retention practice follows federal agreements between license plate reader companies and the FBI.

Q: Has the program helped solve or prevent crimes in Glendale?

A: Yes, the cameras have been an important tool in investigating and clearing cases, including felony vehicle crimes and property crimes. For example, in late January 2026, Glendale officers with assistance from neighboring agencies located and arrested two individuals on multiple felony charges, including possession of an altered firearm, after a Glendale Flock camera "hit" identified their vehicle, which was wanted on a felony hit-and-run warrant out of St. Louis City. The City's network of LPR cameras is also used to assist neighboring law enforcement agencies or St. Louis County with their criminal investigations.

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2026 JazzFest

Friday, September 18

6 - 9:30 pm

Glendale City Hall



Jazzfest 2026 will be held on Friday, September 18 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music featuring **Mattie Schell** and **Alligator Wine**, along with great food, drinks, and community fun at Glendale City Hall, 424 N. Sappington Road!

Food will be available from **Macis' BBQ**, **Crooked Boot**, **K-Bop**, **Kona Shaved Ice**, and **Boy Scout Troop 360**, which will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs to support its annual activities. **The Glendale Grind** will also be open and selling refreshments. Beverage vendors will include **Slink's Drinks** and **Beer Outside**. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks, with the exception of glass containers.

The **shuttle service** will run from 5:30 to 10 p.m., with parking available at North Glendale Elementary School, the Kirkwood Early Childhood Center, and on permitted neighborhood streets.

Thank you to our sponsors, including **Glendale Chrysler, Stifel, Gilmore & Bell, Westwood Catering Grocery & Deli, Dr. Brown's**, and **Lashly & Baer**, for helping make JazzFest possible!

Yard Waste Disposal Tips

Removing grass clippings and leaves from the street in front of your property is a simple way to help **keep Glendale looking great and protect our local waterways!** As the debris breaks down and makes its way into streams, it can reduce oxygen in the water and harm fish and other aquatic life. Please remind your lawn service, too. **Thank you for keeping Glendale clean and beautiful!**



Police Department Announces Promotions



Chief Robert Catlett

Congratulations to **Chief Robert "Bob" Catlett** on his promotion to **Chief of Police!** Chief Catlett was officially sworn in during the July 20 Board of Aldermen meeting after 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Glendale and its residents.

Catlett began his career as a part-time Dispatcher in 1986, attended the Police Academy two years later, and graduated from the elite Executive Leadership program of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA in 2017.

The City also proudly recognizes the promotion of **Chris Sarantakis** from Sergeant to **Captain/Assistant Chief** on July 20. For 23 years, Captain Sarantakis has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to protecting and serving our community.

Finally, **Keith George** has been promoted to the rank of **Sergeant** after 26 years as a police officer, two of those years with the Glendale Police Department. His promotion took effect on August 24.

We are proud to have these exceptional leaders guiding the Glendale Police Department. Congratulations to all on their well-earned achievements!



*Captain
Chris Sarantakis*



*Sergeant
Keith George*

Road Project Updates

E. Essex Avenue

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has recommended funding for the City of Glendale's application to **reconstruct E. Essex Avenue** between N. Sappington Road and Devon Road.

The proposed project includes these improvements:

- Construction of **concrete curb and gutter** along both sides of the street
- Correction of the street profile to **address the steep slope** on the south side of the roadway at the Edwin Avenue intersection
- Installation of **new sidewalks**:
 - Along both sides of the street between N. Sappington Road and Moreland Avenue
 - Along the south side of the street between Moreland Avenue and Devon Road
- Construction of **new stormwater inlets and piping**
- Installation of **traffic calming features**, including:
 - Two speed humps
 - A raised crosswalk at Moreland Avenue
 - A mini traffic circle at Devon Road

Survey, design, and right-of-way acquisition are anticipated to begin in late 2026, with **construction currently scheduled for 2030**.

N. Sappington Road Preservation Project

The City of Glendale has also obtained federal aid funding to provide **repairs and upgrades to N. Sappington Road** between Manchester Road and Lockwood Avenue.

Work scheduled during the 2026 construction season will include:

- Repair or replacement of deteriorated sections of **concrete curbing and sidewalks**
- Reconstruction of **ADA sidewalk ramps and the decorative crosswalks** at North Glendale Elementary and City Hall

Work scheduled during the 2027 construction season will include:

- Mill and overlay of the **asphalt pavement**
- Installation of an upgraded **flashing red stop signal** with pedestrian-activated traffic stop at North Glendale Elementary School

2026 Proposition S Improvements

Construction of the 2026 Prop S improvements is currently underway. Work is taking place along the 700 block of Glenvista Place, Greenview Drive, Hill Drive, Armstrong Drive, Northarm Drive, Southarm Drive, Halcyon Drive, and Alexandra Avenue. Additional work scheduled for later in 2026 includes minor **pavement repairs, crack sealing, and seal-coating** along Devon Road and Algonquin Estates Road.

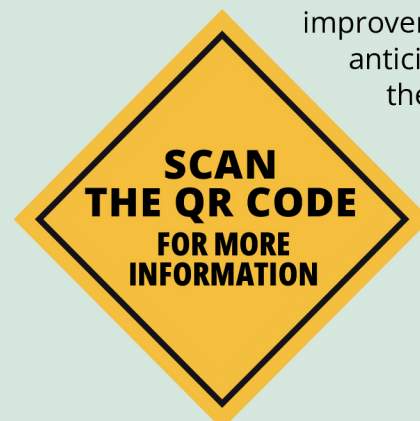


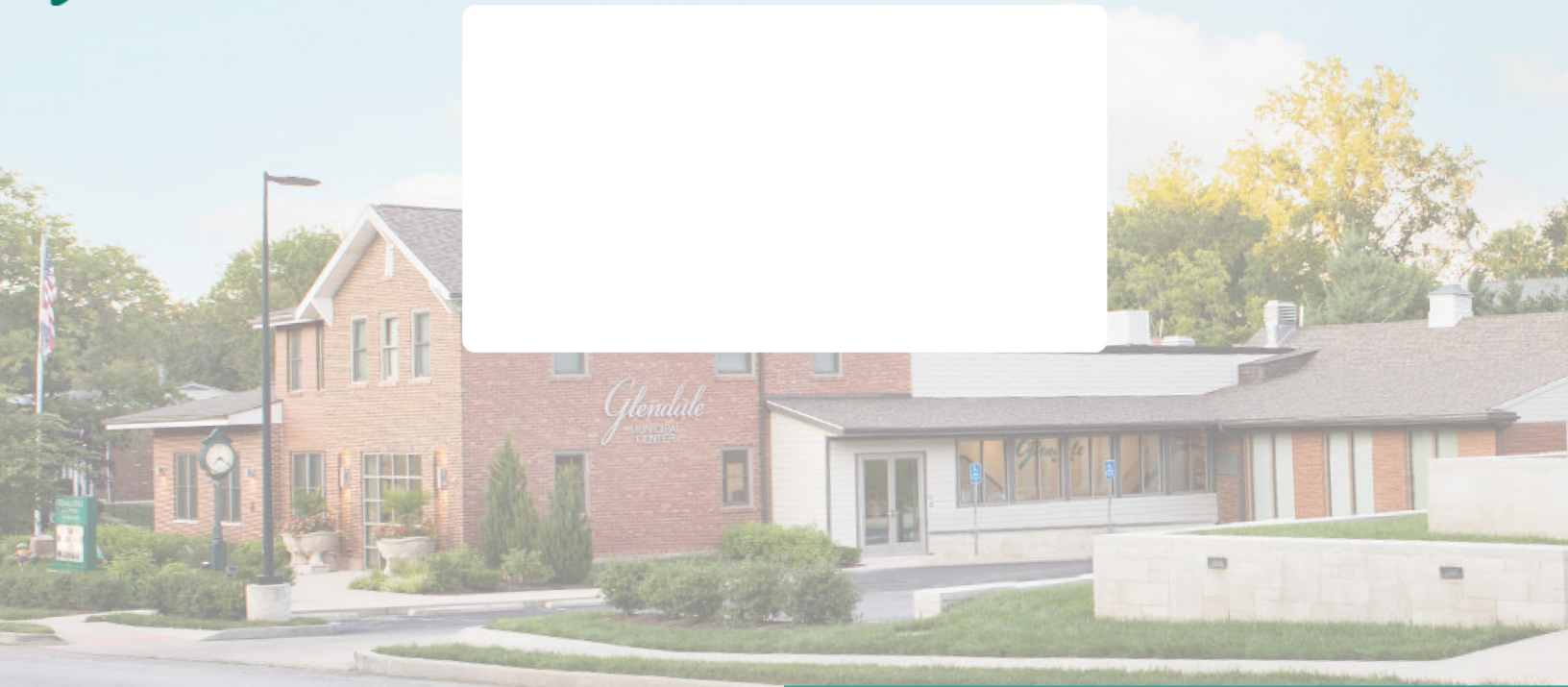
2027 Proposition S Improvements

The city has selected an engineering consultant to design the 2027 Prop S improvements. Planned improvements include:

- Construction of **new concrete curbing, pavement repairs, and street resurfacing** along:
 - 600–800 blocks of Hawbrook Road
 - Oakway Place (sidewalk repairs and upgrades)
 - Park Avenue (sidewalk repairs and upgrades)
 - Luther Lane
 - 900 block of Beverly Avenue
- Minor **pavement repairs, crack sealing, sealcoating, and sidewalk repairs and upgrades** along:
 - Kirkham Avenue
- Replacement of broken **concrete slabs** along:
 - Flynn Forrest Drive
 - Glendale Gardens Drive

Construction of the 2027 improvements is currently anticipated to occur during the summer of 2027.





Ask Mayor Mike

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Q: How was the public notified before the cameras were installed?

A: The resolution approving the camera purchases was included in publicly posted meeting agendas for the Board of Aldermen. In accordance with Missouri's Sunshine Law, those agendas were posted both physically at City Hall and on the City website in advance of the meetings. The contract was discussed by the Board in open, public session, and the Board of Aldermen approved the purchase and installation. Meeting minutes documenting these discussions are available to the public.



HAVE A QUESTION?

Scan the QR code to send it to the Mayor, or send an email to: heymayor@glendalemo.org



Halloween Yard Decorating Contest

Show off your Halloween spirit by entering **Glendale's 2026 Best Decorated Yard contest!** Snap a few photos of your spooky setup and submit them on the city website between **Monday, October 5, and Sunday, October 18.**

Watch for upcoming details on how to enter.

Community voting will run from **Tuesday, October 20, through Monday, October 26.** The winning yard will be announced **Wednesday, October 28,** and featured on the City's social media pages. Get creative, and have a boo-tiful time decorating!

