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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Board of Aldermen

First & Third Monday
7:30 p.m.
City Hall Auditorium

City Hall Open House

Noon to 4 p.m. April 27
City Hall

National Day of Prayer

7 p.m. Thursday, May 2
City Hall

JazzFest

6 to 10:30 p.m. May 24
City Hall parking lot

**Ice Cream Social/
Glendale Night Out**

6 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 23
North Glendale School
765 N. Sappington Road

Firehouse Run

8 a.m. Oct. 27
City Hall parking lot

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JazzFest 2019 to mark 20th on May 24

Glendale will celebrate its 20th annual Glendale JazzFest from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 24.

The Glendale JazzFest is the City's premier community event, and now that the City Hall/Firehouse construction project is over, the city will host JazzFest once again on the City Hall property at 424 N. Sappington Road.

The event will encompass both the upper south parking lot and lower north parking lot as well as Sappington Road. City officials are very excited to bring JazzFest back home.

JazzFest will begin the evening with the Funky Butt Brass Band, which takes traditional New Orleans brass tunes and adds a contemporary twist. Singer Dean Christopher then will thrill the crowd with his "Frank Sinatra, Rat Pack" style. Headliner Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers will complete the event with their own style



Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers

of "hot jazz, hokum and low-down blues."

Parking will be available at the North Glendale Elementary School parking lot, the Kirkwood Early Childhood Center parking lot and side streets throughout the city. The city will provide shuttle service

from both school locations throughout the evening.

Residents are welcome to bring their own refreshments (no glass, please), but as usual, local businesses and vendors will sell food and drink. Some additional new vendors will participate this year.



Dean Christopher



The Funky Butt Band

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents:

It is an exciting time to be living in Glendale. Construction has concluded on our new Fire Station and City Hall remodel and staff is eager to show them to the community.

Glendale also continues to be a highly desirable community to live in and has even been recognized on multiple recent occasions for its high quality of life.

Our Fire Department was recently upgraded to a Class 2 ISO rating. Previously having a Class 4 rating, the new Class 2 rating should bring a decrease in insurance rates of about 6 to 8 percent to homeowners and local businesses. Congratulations to our Fire Department, and keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Firefighter Keith Schilling on his recent recognition as the

2018 Employee of the Year and Police Sgt. Chris Sarantakis for being recognized with the 2018 Community Service Award. Later in this newsletter, you can read about their contributions to the community, which reflect very well on their dedication and heart. Congratulations also are in order for Fire Lt. Mike Blevins for his heroic actions on New Year's Eve assisting the Ave family. Well done!

As I mentioned above, Glendale continues to be very highly rated as a place to live in Missouri. Multiple groups have ranked Glendale highly on various measures in 2018 including the following:

- 1st on Best Places to Live in Missouri by Home Snacks in 2018
- 4th on Safest Cities in Missouri by Home Snacks for 2019
- 17th on Top 20 Safest Cities in Missouri by Safe Wise for 2019.

Mark your calendars for noon to 4 p.m. April 27 for an open house of the renovated municipal facilities and fire station. City

staff will host a cook-out, so come grab a hot dog and a bottle of water and enjoy touring the new facilities. I think they are a real point of pride for our community, and I'm sure you'll agree.

I would like to remind and invite everyone to attend the 20th annual JazzFest on the evening of Friday, May 24 as we welcome the event back to the City Hall parking lot. Please come out and enjoy the family-friendly festivities with your friends and neighbors with music from some of St. Louis' best acts.

Finally, as you may have noticed on your April ballot, I elected not to run for re-election this year. I want to say thank you to the residents of Glendale for their support over the years. It has truly been an honor to serve the community first as an Alderman and then as Mayor since 2005. I wish Mike Wilcox the best of luck as he steps into the position in early May.

Warmest regards,
Richard Magee

City answers common questions about Better Together proposal

By now you likely have heard about the Better Together plan to restructure the governments of St. Louis County and St. Louis City into a single unified government. Below are a few of the common questions we have received about the Better Together proposal and how it would affect Glendale. Please contact City Hall if you have further questions about the impact of this plan.

Q. Would Glendale continue to be a city if the Better Together plan is approved?

A. Glendale and other municipalities would continue to exist in limited form as "municipal districts"; however, many aspects of the City would change, such as police and public works. As residents of a municipal district, Glendale residents would continue to elect a local mayor and board of aldermen. The mayor and board would have limited ordinance-making authority and would serve as the plan commission and board of adjustment. The exact

remaining authority of Glendale's mayor and board of aldermen under the Better Together proposal is unclear at this time.

Q. How would services change? What would happen to the Glendale Police and Public Works Departments?

A. The new Metro City would assume responsibility for the provision of several services currently provided by Glendale. These include, but are not limited to, police, courts, business licensing, transportation and public works, and economic development. Glendale would not be allowed to provide services in these areas and as such would no longer have its own court, police or public works departments. All employees in those departments would initially become employees of the new Metro City at the same rank/title and pay as they had in Glendale, but what happens after that is unclear. Glendale would be permitted to continue providing trash collection (en-

terprise) service through its contract with Republic Services. Glendale also would retain the ability to provide fire and EMS services, as well as parks and recreation.

Another factor driving changes in service would be the new taxation structure imposed by the plan. Glendale would no longer automatically receive most sales tax revenue, leaving it that much more dependent on property taxes and other fees.

Q. What would the new Metro City government look like?

A. The new government would be a unified structure over all of St. Louis City and County. The seat of government would move from Clayton to downtown St. Louis, with offices distributed throughout the county. A metro mayor, prosecutor and assessor would be elected at large in partisan elections to four-year terms. Four deputy mayors would be appointed by the

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High school shop class helps city on construction project

Early this year, Glendale’s Public Works Department enlisted the aid of Kirkwood High School to help construct an addition to its equipment storage building.

The department wanted to extend the building in order to house some pieces of equipment and various items used during the city’s special events. The special events supplies were kept in an aged storage trailer, which will be hauled away, said Terry Jones, superintendent of Public Works.

The storage building, called a pole barn, includes large wooden poles, similar to many of the other outbuildings the department has constructed over the years. One post required special, angular cuts the city is not equipped to make, Jones said.

For help with the cuts, the city turned to Kirkwood High School.

Bill Bensinger, a science teacher with the school’s Engineering and Technology Department, tasked and led a group of wood shop students with design and construction of a custom jig, which was then attached to a large ban saw. The jig held the post in place and allowed for the proper cut angles to be made.



Teacher Bill Bensinger leads Kirkwood High School wood shop students in making special cuts to a post with a jig, shown below the post.

The students were very happy to take on the challenge and Bensinger was excited to teach the students something they normally wouldn’t learn, Jones said.

“The City of Glendale’s Public Works

Department would like to thank Mr. Bensinger, Associate Principal Michael Wade, and all the KHS students who worked on this project,” Jones said.



Kirkwood High School shop students work on a pole to be used in a City storage building addition.

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metro mayor with authority over Public Health and Safety; Economic Development and Innovation; Community Development and Housing; and Community Engagement and Equity. Finally, a 33-member Metro City Council would be elected to four-year terms in partisan elections. Better Together estimates that the new Metro City Council seats would cover approximately 40,000 residents each. In addition to providing the municipal functions mentioned above, the Metro City also would be responsible for providing all former county services, such as recording deeds and managing elections.

BURNING ISSUES

Greetings! What a crazy winter, it seemed as though it would not end. It did, and here we are into the renewal of spring. I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the happenings with your fire department over the winter. Then I will offer our safety message.

New pumper in service

On Nov. 2, 2018, we officially placed in service our new pumper. The new 2018 KME Predator replaces the 1999 Pierce Saber. The new pumper has a higher pump capacity, more equipment storage capacity and enhanced safety systems.

The occasion was marked with a traditional “push-in” ceremony. In the days of horse-drawn fire engines when an engine company was ready to go into service and the horses were undrawn, the members would push the engine back into quarters. This was the last step after housing the horses. This meant that the engine was ready for service. Members of the Fire Department and Board of Alderman were on hand to usher in a new era for the Glendale Fire Department. Fox 2 News was there for the occasion and included it as part of their morning telecast that day.

Award-winning firefighters

Two members of the department were presented with awards over the winter that were very much deserved.

In December, firefighter/paramedic Keith Schilling was presented with the city’s highest honor, being named 2018 Employee of the Year. Firefighter Schilling was nominated for this honor by his co-workers for his hard work and the dedication he gives to the department as well as the citizens he serves. Firefighter Schilling has served the Glendale citizens since March 2008. He also is responsible for care and maintenance of the department’s self-contained breathing apparatus, department communications, and any IT needs of the department. Firefighter Schilling has been in or around the field of emergency services for most of his life, and his care and dedication show in his work. The Glendale



PUSH IN: Glendale firefighters and city officials celebrate the placement in service of a new 2018 KME Predator pumper at the new firehouse.

Fire Department is fortunate to have Keith within its ranks.

In January, Lt. Mike Blevins was presented with a proclamation for his efforts in providing assistance to a family after their vehicle sustained a crash. Lt. Blevins was heading to his residence in Perryville after working his shift, when he noticed a passenger car leave the roadway on southbound Interstate 55. Lt. Blevins stopped and provided emergency care until local agencies could arrive. One of the occupants of the vehicle sustained serious injuries, and all members of the family credited Lt. Blevins for his compassion and level head to help lower the stress of the incident.

These two individuals embody the spirit of the members of the Glendale Fire Department. While these two were recognized at this time, all members of the Glendale Fire Department possess the qualities that personify the department’s desire and willingness to serve. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts, Firefighter Schilling and Lt. Blevins.

Woodard Fire

In February, the City of Glendale assisted the City of Rock Hill Fire Department on one of the largest commercial structure fires in the area since the Golde’s fire in 1978. Around 1 a.m. Feb. 17, Glendale firefighters responded to the 9600 block of Manchester Road for a three-alarm commercial structure fire at Woodard Restoration Co. Members of the Glendale Fire Department performed fire suppression, command and water supply operations along with 13 other departments to try to bring the blaze under control. Glendale was on the scene for approximately 12 hours. No one was injured, but the building was completely destroyed by the fire. The cause of the fire appeared to be accidental.

Safety Message

Spring is a time of severe weather. This spring, the National Weather Service is predicting severe flooding due to record snowfalls in the country. The Glendale Fire

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POLICE BEAT

Home Improvement Scams

As spring gets into full swing and summer is rapidly approaching, the Glendale Police Department warns residents of the potential for home improvement scams. There are many home improvement scams to which homeowners can be vulnerable if not aware of these gimmicks.

Homeowners should be suspicious of contractors who offer a “one-time deal” while they are just “passing through” or “doing work” in the neighborhood. Also beware of contractors who want payment upfront or to go buy supplies to complete the job. Reputable contractors should have adequate supplies to complete the work and want to ensure you are satisfied with their work before payment is required.

A few of the common schemes used by contractors or individuals trying to make a quick buck at your expense are listed below:

Driveway Sealants — The scam artist will use cheap materials to seal your driveway. The so-called sealant will often wash away after only a few rainstorms.

Chimney Repairs — The scam artist will offer to clean your chimney at a low cost, but will “find” other problems while completing the job. Often the costly repairs suggested are not needed.

Gutter Cleaning — The scam artist will offer to clean your gutter of debris at a low cost but will suggest other costly repairs for problems that are often non-existent. Or they will not clean your gutter at all, then demand payment.

Roof Repairs — The scam artist will offer roof repairs that are not needed or will use substandard materials that could cause other problems to your roof.

Yard Work — The scam artist will offer to complete yard work at a low cost and often does not complete the job or requires payment before the work is done.

Distraction Scams — Another way these predators can steal from you is to distract you at your front door or in your yard while an accomplice enters your home through a rear door or alternative access point.

It is very important that residents are

Sarantakis gets Community Service Award

Sgt. Chris Sarantakis of the Glendale Police Department received the 2018 City of Glendale Community Service Award at the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon held in December. Each year, Sgt. Sarantakis leads the Glendale Police Department’s fundraising efforts for the Missouri Special Olympics and Kurt Warner’s Winter Warm-Up Coat Drive.

The mission of Missouri Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. In addition to facilitating the fundraisers, Sarantakis has persuaded city personnel to take part in the Polar Plunge, another Special Olympics fundraiser.



Sgt. Chris Sarantakis (left) accepts the Community Service Award from City Administrator Ben DeClue and Mayor Richard Magee (right).

Kurt Warner’s Winter Warm-Up coat drive started in 2001 as a one-day drive prior to a Rams football game and has turned into an annual two-week community-wide effort with hundreds of drop-off locations on both sides of the river resulting in approximately 15,000 coats collected each year. The organization accepts new and gently used winter coats of all shapes and sizes. Operation Food Search, St. Louis’ largest free food and personal care nonprofit distribution center, distributes the coats collected to their network of schools, shelters and social service centers.

aware of these scams and aware of their surroundings when being confronted by individuals who want to steal from them. Remember, not all contractors are scam artists trying to steal from you, but it’s important that you protect yourself and property. If you ever question a contractor or company’s reputation, contact the Better Business Bureau for reviews and the business’s rating.

Vacation Watch

Going on vacation? Is your house vacant for some other reason? Let the Police Department know.

If you are taking a trip or will not be at home for an extended period of time, please contact the Glendale Police Department to put your address on the Property Watch List. Police officers will make periodic checks of your residence to make sure it is secure. While you are not home, make sure to stop or forward your mail, stop newspaper deliveries and make the home appear “occupied” by using lights on timers, radios set to a talk radio station to make it sound as if there are people inside, having the lawn cut, etc. Also, let your neighbors know you will be gone so they can keep an extra eye

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ON THE STREETS

2018 proved to be another busy year of street and utility improvements, and 2019 is shaping up to be the same.

Last year Missouri American Water replaced the aged water mains along the 800 block of Brownell, Luckystone and Edwin avenues and portions of Hawbrook Avenue.

MSD performed Project Clear work throughout the city to eliminate storm and sanitary sewer cross connections, with extensive work along portions of Warwick and Glenbrook lanes and Chelsea and Brownell avenues.

City crews were busy replacing curbing along portions of Berrywood and Southridge drives, and Springfield Court. When complete, these streets, along with Yosemite Drive and Cheyenne Court, were resurfaced with the Nova Chip product.

The city also reconstructed Venneman Alleyway. This stretch of roadway was not a candidate for resurfacing as the underlayment of the road was insufficient.

Last, city crews began the process of installing new curbing along Berry Oaks Lane, but work was put on hold for the winter months.

In 2019, crews will complete work along Berry Oaks Lane and perform

curbing repairs along portions of Bismark Avenue, Belvedere Lane, Wingfield Road, Flower Hill Drive and Flower Hill Court.

After all curbing work is complete, each of these streets will be resurfaced with Nova Chip. The city's three-year resurfacing schedule is available on the city's website: <https://www.glendalemo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/3-Year-Resurfacing-Schedule-2018.jpg>.

The city also will reconstruct Idlewild Lane from Chelsea Avenue to Hillard Road using the same process employed in Venneman Alleyway.

Federal grant projects

The city has submitted two Surface Transportation Program grant applications. STP grants are federally administered and provide funding to state, county and local governments for the preservation or improvement of roadways.

The first application requests funding for crosswalk replacements, curb and sidewalk repairs, and resurfacing of North Sappington Road from Manchester Road to Lockwood Avenue.

The second application is a partnership between the cities of Glendale and Kirkwood, requesting funds for the reconstruc-

tion of East Essex Avenue from North Sappington Road to the Glendale/Kirkwood border, with new sidewalks continuing into Kirkwood, ending at Dickson Street.

East-West Gateway Council of Governments will notify the city during the summer whether the grants are approved. If approved, the work would not take place until 2021-22.

St. Louis County work

St. Louis County plans two large-scale projects in Glendale in 2019.

- The County plans to replace the box culvert underneath Lockwood Avenue at Luther Lane. This work will require a lengthy Lockwood Avenue detour. Although the schedule has yet to be determined, St. Louis County reports this work may take place during the second half of 2019.

- The County and City of Glendale hope to begin construction of new sidewalks along North Berry Road between Brownell Avenue and Grammercy Lane. A new pedestrian culvert is needed, and that also may require a detour along North Berry Road. Again, a work schedule has not been set, but could potentially begin in late 2019, continuing into the spring of 2020.

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out for anyone or anything suspicious in your neighborhood.

Overnight Parking Prohibited

The Glendale Police Department reminds residents that parking of any vehicle on public streets within the City of Glendale is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. daily. Residents who need variances to park on the street overnight may contact the Glendale Police Department at (314) 965-0000 or find the variance form on the City of Glendale's website at www.glendalemo.org. But please note that

variances will not be approved for longer than six months at a time.

Barking Dog Ordinance

The City of Glendale has been long known as being a pet-friendly community. However, the Glendale Police Department often receives calls for habitual barking dogs. We ask that you be considerate to your neighbors and bring your animals inside when you hear them making excessive noise.

City of Glendale Municipal Ordinance 210.170, titled Noisy Cats and Dogs, states, "Any cat which by continual screeching, calling, mewling or any dog which by continual barking, howling or

yelping or chasing vehicles shall annoy any neighborhood, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and any owner of such cat or dog, upon being notified to do so by any officer of the Police Department of the City, shall take such action as may be necessary to prevent the cat or dog from continuing the acts constituting the nuisance ..."

This ordinance obviously was created to set guidelines for pet owners and protect the peace of those living around them. So please be considerate and pay close attention to your pets while they are outside. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Glendale plants 98 street trees thanks to \$17,000 TRIM grant

The City of Glendale has planted 98 street trees and trimmed 13 ash trees, thanks to a \$17,000 Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forest Council.

The grant was approved last October and, in January 2019 the city issued a contract to Happy Tree Service using Outdoor Creative Design to do the work. The planting and trimming were completed in February.

As the ancient Chinese proverb goes, “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best time is now.”

Glendale loves trees. But, like people, trees get old and die. Or perhaps they stand in the way of progress or come crashing down in a storm.

It’s important to keep planting trees to replace those that are lost. Trees add beauty to neighborhoods, help with water run-off issues, shade homes, promote community togetherness, and reportedly even heal the sick.

Trees that grow in towns and cities are known as “urban forests.”

Generally speaking, local governments are responsible for the portion of the urban forest that grows within its rights of way. Rights of way include the strips of land

between a house or business property line and the street, usually between 3 to 8 feet in width and also known as “tree lawns.” Trees in the rights of way are commonly referred to as “street trees.”

Glendale has 1,824 street trees of 99 differing types.

Street trees are considered an element of infrastructure, the same as utility lines, streetlights and streets.

Most Glendale residents are aware of the city’s recent efforts to make improvements to the city’s infrastructure by way of water main and other underground utility replacements, curbing installations and replacements, and street resurfacings. To date, all infrastructure improvements along streets that intersect North Sappington Road north of Kirkham Avenue are complete, with the exception of the urban forest.

To finalize the infrastructure improvements along these streets, in March 2018 the city sent a flyer to each home emphasizing the importance of a healthy urban forest and offering up to two free trees to each homeowner.

The city offered five types of native, nonfruit-bearing trees, selected by the city’s Tree Board. The selections placed an emphasis on an array of striking fall colors and historical success as street trees.

By the sign-up deadline, 69 homeowners had requested 98 trees. The city then requested approximately \$17,000 of grant funding to purchase and plant the trees through the Missouri Department of Conservation’s TRIM program. The grant application also requested funding to trim 13 ash trees.

The newly planted trees are small today, but in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”

The city hopes to repeat this process as infrastructure improvement programs continue to progress through the city in years to come.

39th Firehouse Run a success, 40th run set for Sunday, Oct. 27

The 39th annual Firehouse Run, held last Oct. 28, was again a success with more than 400 runners enjoying a warm autumn day.

The City of Glendale was able to make sizable donations to BackStoppers, Responder’s Rescue, Kirkwood Area Perpetual Scholarships and Glendale-Kirkwood Kiwanis, and Kirkwood Explorers thanks to all the participants.

City officials thanks all the event sponsors, including Russo’s Catering, John Jackson Neighborhood Real Estate, Mastorakos Orthodontics, Westwood Catering (Hanneke’s), Lindell Bank, Woodard Cleaners, Algonquin Country Club, Breadsmith, Trainwreck Saloon, Mike Duffy’s, St. Louis Bread Co., Johnny Mac’s Sporting Goods, Brennan Group, American Cleaners, Auto Spa, Vitale’s Deli, Glendale Chrysler, Caravus, PNC, Hoffman Plumbing, J.E. Reddington, Laurie’s Shoes, Weis Design Group, McArthur’s Bakery, Einstein Bagels, Dunkin and Villa di Maria Montessori.

The event organizers give special thanks to Ken Finnerty, a Glendale resident

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Department supports the National Weather Service campaign of “Turn Around Don’t Drown!” Many unseen hazards can lurk under water. Obstacles such as large trees or even parts of structures can be hidden under water. Roadways are prone to wash away under water, and that condition may not be seen from above the water. What appears to be a fully operational road with water on it may actually be completely washed out.

According to FEMA:

- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and potential stalling.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles.

•Two feet of rushing water will carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pick-up trucks.

Be cognizant of road conditions and surroundings. Do not take unnecessary risks. Driving through standing water is never a good idea.

Last, we here at the City of Glendale Fire Department consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the great citizens of Glendale and Warson Woods and hope that citizens consider these safety tips to help ensure their safety at home and on the road.

Curtis VanGaasbeek
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and Kirkwood High School cross-country coach, for his emcee duties and prize distribution. Organizers also thank North Glendale Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies for their distribution of water bottles at the finish line and water-filled cups to runners mid-race and their assistance with all the snacks enjoyed by the runners.

Not enough can be said for the CERT members and other volunteers who staffed all the corners, the Public Works Department for setting up the routes, Police Department for ensuring the runners' safety, and everyone else who helped in countless ways.

The 2019 run is planned for Sunday, Oct. 27, with start and finish lines at Glendale City Hall. The City is in great need of a volunteer(s) to assist with planning for the 40th Annual Firehouse Run. Interested parties should contact City Hall at 965-3000.

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