



GLENDALE CONNECTIONS

FALL 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Aldermen
1st & 3rd Monday
Via Zoom — see website
for access codes

Firehouse Run
November 1-30
Virtual

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Fire Dept.	965-7097
Public Works	968-8157

EMERGENCY **911**

Halloween and COVID-19: Staying safe and having fun

Glendale officials have received many calls and emails asking whether Halloween will be canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As Halloween is not a City of Glendale sponsored event, we have no real authority to do so but do want to help anyone wishing to participate have a good and safe time.

Normally, many of us would be busy making plans to buy candy, decorate pumpkins and pick out costumes, but this year we all need to make sure that we are planning holiday fun that is safe and responsible. Below are some tips for having a safe Halloween this year, whether you are a kid or just a kid at heart.

- Avoid large events and gatherings of people. It may not be much fun to turn down an invitation to a haunted house, a costume party or a Trunk or Treat, but limiting contact with oth-

ers and avoiding large group gatherings is essential in basic COVID-19 safety. Consider virtual parties and parades instead and gather with your friend groups online. Also remember that costume masks are not effective substitutes for your cloth or N95 masks. Look for ways to integrate your cloth mask into your costume for maximum protection.

- If you want to hand out candy or other Halloween treats, please do so responsibly by using individual treat bags or by hanging candy on a clothesline or arranged on a table rather than using a communal bowl. Do not allow children to congregate on your porch or walkway and avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters. You should be set up outside rather than having anyone enter your porch, knock on your door, or ring

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41st annual Firehouse Run goes virtual

The 41st Annual Firehouse Run will be run throughout the month of November in the City of Glendale on the usual race routes but will be managed and tracked virtually.

With the continuing spread of COVID-19, City officials decided to work with Big River Race Management in the virtual world in order that all our interested runners could participate and



all the charitable organizations could continue to benefit from your support. All proceeds will be donated to the Backstoppers, Responder Rescue and the Glendale-Kirkwood

Kiwanis Club in equal measure.

T-shirts will be awarded to all participants following the close of the run the

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents,

When I became Mayor last year, I never would have imagined that we would be in

the midst of a worldwide pandemic that has affected so many of our lives in so many different ways. These changes have had an impact on nearly every facet of our regular lives — many have lost their jobs or are no longer working in an office, kids are experiencing virtual learning and not playing organized or school sports, and people have lost dear friends and family members to the COVID-19 disease.

Many of our cherished traditions have been affected, such as the regrettable cancellations of JazzFest and the Ice Cream Social for 2020. Despite the disappointments of this year, I am still hopeful for the future and know that when COVID-19 is controlled we will all once again enjoy the events and strong sense of community that makes Glendale such a great community. I am truly appreciative of all of the efforts by our residents and staff to keep everyone safe and healthy as we navigate these uncharted waters, and I cannot wait to get back to normal in 2021.

Despite COVID-19's impact on our community, we continued to make progress on a wide variety of projects this year, including:

- The Berry Road sidewalk project is underway and is expected

to be completed by December 2020/January 2021. While this is a St. Louis County project, we are all appreciative of the patience of all the residents affected by this work.

- City crews are working on widening Austin Place and installing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps.
- The Board of Aldermen approved a contract for dispatching and ambulance services from the City of Kirkwood set to begin January 1, 2021.
- The City has begun the process of moving the Police and Fire pension fund to LAGERS, which will provide a more stable and secure retirement for our first responders.
- Police continue to educate on our “Lock It or Lose It” campaign. Please be sure to lock your cars and not leave any valuables in sight.

Despite COVID-19, one of my favorite Glendale events, the Firehouse Run, is still being planned as a “virtual race” this year. Even though we may not be able to have

the usual crowds for the race this year, you can still participate during the month of November and show your Glendale pride with a special T-shirt. You can find more information about how we're adapting the race for its 41st year elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website at www.glendalemo.org.

We also are excited to announce that the fall newsletter has a new format. Beginning with this issue, it will be published in color, and it has a new title, “Glendale Connections.” We were able to find a printer who could publish Connections at a reasonable price in color for all our residents.

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy and look forward to seeing everyone at our Glendale events next year. As always, thank you for your continued interest and involvement in Glendale. Without all of you, Glendale would just be another small town and not the special place we all love.

Mayor Mike Wilcox

Firehouse Run

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week of Dec. 1. We look forward to seeing everyone who had been involved with this event through the years. The run remains the same as it has been for many years.

The race will include a 1-mile walk/run and a 2.2- and 5-mile run course during the virtual event. Registration will be handled at City Hall or through Big River Race

Management (<https://brrm.com/>). We are hoping a software app will be available to all runners to monitor their pace and allow for real-time photos. During the first week in December, we will have T-shirts available for all participants.

Registration and additional information will be available on the City website at www.glendalemo.org.

Welcoming Glendale’s two new alderwomen

The City of Glendale welcomes two new alderwomen to the Board this year.

Alderwoman Lisa Capshaw Cushing was elected June 2, following the retirement of Alderman Tom Schoemehl, who represented Ward 1 for the past 10 years.

Cushing grew up in Chaffee, Missouri, and attended the Univer-

sity of Missouri-Columbia, where she received a bachelor’s degree in accountancy in 1985 and a juris doctorate degree in 1988.

She has lived in Glendale for 30 years. She and her husband, Kevin Cushing, have three children.

Alderwoman Cushing was sworn into office June 22.

The City of Glendale thanks Alderman Tom Schoemehl for all his contributions to the city and appreciates his representation of Ward 1. Please share in our congratulations and best wishes for a long and prosperous retirement.

Alderwoman Sarah Vitale was appointed to her aldermanic post in Ward II on Sept. 8, following the resignation of Alderman Mike Baugus, who left the Board of Aldermen upon the sale of his home on Glen Elm Drive.

Vitale attended Whitfield High School and holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Dickinson Col-



Alderwoman Sarah Vitale

lege in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She also attended St. Louis University Law School. She is a trial attorney with the Missouri State Public Defender System. She and her husband Mike have two children.

Alderman Baugus had represented Ward II since 2015. Please share in our good wishes and thanks for his work for the city.



Alderwoman Lisa Capshaw Cushing

Halloween

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your doorbell. You also should have some hand sanitizer at the ready for quick use.

- Follow all CDC and St. Louis County Health Department guidelines for Halloween. St. Louis County has published their guidelines here: <https://stlcorona.com/news/dph-covid-19-update-1012020/>.
- CDC guidelines for Halloween can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

- If you are uncomfortable participating or just do not want to take part in the Halloween festivities, simply turn your porch light off and remain indoors.

Finally, if you have any questions about Halloween safety this year, please do not hesitate to contact the St. Louis County Health Department for guidance at 314-615-2660.



POLICE BEAT

Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal

The City of Glendale and Glendale Police Department are participating in the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (P2D2) Program, sponsored by the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District, Missouri American Water and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The program also is funded in part by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The Missouri P2D2 Program is designed to help protect the environment and citizens' health by prop-

erly disposing of unused drugs and medication. The nonprofit program collects and disposes of medications responsibly.

How does the Missouri P2D2 Program work? Bring your unused prescription drugs and/or over-the-counter medicines to the collection box located in the lobby of the Glendale Police Department. The program is free and anonymous.

Items Accepted:

Prescription medication
All over-the-counter medications
Pet medications
Vitamins and supplements
Medicated ointments, lotions or creams

Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
Homeopathic or herbal remedies
Suppositories

Items Not Accepted:

Illegal drugs (street drugs)
Needles/Syringes with needles
Sharps
Thermometers
IV bags and tubing
Personal care products
Hydrogen peroxide
Aerosol cans and inhalers

For more information or a detailed drop box location map, please visit MissouriP2D2.org.

Lock your car or lose your stuff; register your surveillance camera



The Glendale Police Department has adopted the "LOCK IT or LOSE IT" educational campaign, in response to an increase of thefts from unlocked vehicles in Glendale and the surrounding communities.

A theft from a vehicle is often a crime of opportunity. The criminals responsible lurk city streets or parking lots looking for valuable items left unattended inside unlocked vehicles. They then enter these vehicles to steal the items.

The Glendale Police Department urges residents of our community,

to ensure your valuable items (such as GPS devices, iPads, iPods and laptop computers) are not left unattended inside your vehicles. Also, DO NOT leave your house or car keys inside your vehicle. If at all possible, please bring these items into your home with you. If items have to be left in your vehicle, please keep them out of sight (inside the trunk or glove box).

Here are some tips to help protect your vehicle and your personal property:

Lock It

Please make sure that all of your vehicles left outside and unattended have the doors locked and the windows rolled up.

Hide it

If you have to leave property

inside your vehicle, don't leave it in plain sight. Instead, we urge you to take the time to bring valuables inside your home.

Register your camera

If you have a Ring, Nest or similar home surveillance camera system, please consider registering it with the Glendale Police Department. The footage from your system may be valuable to a criminal investigation.



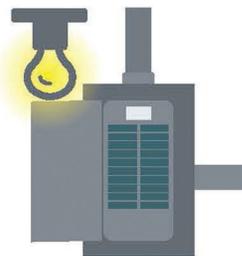


Be fire smart

with electricity in your home.



There are approximately **45,000** home electrical fires each year.



Half of all home electrical fires involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.



Home electrical fire deaths peak between **midnight and 8 a.m.**



Peak months for electrical fire deaths are **November through March.**

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.



Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.



Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.



For more information about electrical fire safety, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org/public-education.

ON THE STREETS

North Berry Road remains closed during construction project

North Berry Road has been closed between Brownell Avenue and Grammercy Place since March to allow for the replacement of water and natural gas lines, installation of new stormwater inlets and stormwater pipes, and replacement of the creek bridge crossing between Clif Side Drive and Hillard Road. The project includes both vehicular and pedestrian crossings, construction of a large retaining wall between Clif Side Drive and Grammercy Place and construction of new sidewalks between Brownell and Grammercy.

Since the closure began, Brownell Avenue, Hillard Road and Clif Side Drive no longer connect directly to North Berry Road. This has been a major disruption to daily life, not only for the public but for those who live close to the road closures and detour routes.

St. Louis County is managing this project, with some input from the city focusing mostly on traffic control. The County provides written project updates, which are posted to the City of Glendale website at www.glendalemo.org.

St. Louis County expects all



work to be complete and road closures to end in January 2021. For questions, please contact Carl Sexauer, St. Louis County Inspections Supervisor at 314-615-6684 or CSexauer@stlouisco.com.

Manchester Road sidewalk and street reconstruction to take two years

A construction project for new sidewalks and pavement is underway along Manchester Road from Big Bend Boulevard to Lindbergh Boulevard.

The Missouri Department of Transportation project began like most, with the replacement or relocation of underground utilities, which is expected to continue through January or February 2021.

MoDOT plans include issuing a contract for the reconstruction

work in September 2020 with the work beginning in February or March 2021.

At press time, MoDOT had not selected the end on which to begin, but once underway, the project is expected to continue for up to two years, with restoration work taking place as the project progresses. With Glendale being located in the middle of the project, residents should expect work along Manchester Road in Glendale within the

first year of the project, regardless of the starting point.

MoDOT reports that most of this work will take place during the overnight hours and will require at least one lane closure nightly.

The City of Glendale will post updated information on its website and social media platforms as it becomes available.

For questions or concerns, please contact MoDOT at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-3363).

City to widen portion of Austin Place

Just before the onset of fall, the Public Works department began a project to widen Austin Place between Cornelia Avenue and Lockwood Avenue.

This stretch of road, which dates to Glendale's early years, measured

anywhere between 15 to 16 feet in width, depending on where the measurements were taken.

Those who live on or regularly use this road are familiar with the need to hop the curb to pass a parked car or delivery vehicle.

Those unlucky enough to meet the waste hauler on this street may have had to back up or drive into someone's driveway.

This problem exists no more.

The purpose of this project was

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Glendale's 2020 TRIM Grant to fund tree inventory update

In early 2020, Glendale applied for a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council.

The grant application requested funding to update the city's street tree inventory and additional funding to continue its efforts to help control the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer by removing three declining ash trees and prune three additional ash trees.

The city's street tree inventory has become an invaluable tool for identifying hazardous trees so these trees can either be removed or pruned to prevent loss of life and/or property. The last street tree inventory was performed in 2013 and

the information contained in that current inventory is now outdated. A new inventory will provide updated information regarding the health of each tree within Glendale's rights of way. The inventory also will identify newly planted trees and trees that have been removed since the last inventory was conducted.

The city has used the 2013 inventory to identify and remove 73 hazardous trees and to plant and prune hundreds more. The funding for some of this work was provided by additional TRIM grants since 2013.

The TRIM program provides up to 60% of tree-related costs, but Tree City USA communities, such as Glendale, receive an additional 15% of reimbursement, 75% overall. This year's TRIM project costs



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totaled \$10,333, of which \$8,041 will be reimbursed by the Department of Conservation.

The city will issue a contract to Davey Resource Group to perform the street tree inventory and to Happy Tree Service to perform the tree removals and pruning work. All work is expected to be completed by April 2021.

Reconstruction project planned for East Essex Avenue

East West Gateway Council of Governments has approved funding for a federal grant for a reconstruction project on a portion of East Essex Avenue.

In early 2020, the City of Glendale applied for a Surface Transportation Program grant administered by East-West Gateway. The federally funded grant program provides up to 80% of construction costs and up to 100% of engineering costs related to eligible street improvement projects.

The application, submitted in cooperation with the City of Kirkwood, requested funding for the reconstruction of East Essex Avenue from North Sappington Road west to the city limit line with Kirkwood,

and the installation of new sidewalks along East Essex to Dickson Street. Preliminary designs include new sidewalks, concrete curb and guttering, ADA-compliant sidewalk approaches and pedestrian crosswalks, and an asphalt overlay.

The city is currently working to select an engineering firm for project design and construction management.

The city will post a notification for a public hearing in the latter half of 2021. A one-year construction time frame is slated for April 2023 to April 2024. However, it's doubtful the work will take that long, said Terry Jones, Superintendent of Public Works.

Austin Place

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not to provide a thoroughfare for those who want to avoid the nearby North Berry Road/Lockwood Avenue intersection, but rather to give Glendale drivers the ability to pass one another with ease and for residents of Austin Place and their guests to park their vehicles without fear of their cars being struck.

Therefore, the new width was set at 18 feet throughout, which provides necessary room for parking and passing but maintains the original feel of the neighborhood.

By widening the roadway, the city also was able to replace the sidewalk ramps within the intersection of Trevillian Avenue and Austin Place with ADA-compliant ramps and widened the turning radii within the intersections of Austin Place at both Cornelia and Trevillian avenues.



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