



GLENDALE CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Aldermen
7 p.m.
1st & 3rd Monday
City Hall Auditorium (live)

Firehouse Run
8 a.m. April 24
City Hall campus

Friday's Food Trucks
4:30 to 8 p.m. Fridays
Beginning May 6
City Hall Campus

JazzFest
Friday, October 7
City Hall parking lot

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EMERGENCY **911**

Firehouse Run returns: 42nd Annual set for April 24

The 42nd Annual Firehouse Run is back again live and will be held Sunday, April 24 at the Glendale City Hall.

After missing two years due to COVID, we will host the event again at the City Hall campus. We look forward to seeing everyone who had been involved with this event through the years.



The run schedule remains the same as it has been for many years.

There will be a 1-mile walk/run starting at 8 a.m. and a 2- and 5-mile run at 8:25 a.m. After the event, we will offer attendance prizes, snacks and an awards



ceremony. The last time the City held the run, over 400 runners and walkers participated, and \$5,000 was donated to St. Louis Backstoppers and Kirkwood Area Perpetual Scholarship Fund, Responder Rescue and the Glendale-Kirkwood Kiwanis Club.

Runners can pick up an entry form at Glendale City Hall, download a form on the City's website, www.glendalemo.org or sign up using the Big River link on the city website. Packets will be available beginning Monday, April 18 through Sunday, April 24. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the run may call City Hall at (314) 965-3600.

Everyone is welcome to run or cheer on their favorite runners.



JAZZED: A crowd fills the street for a long-delayed JazzFest last October. Moving forward, JazzFest will be held in the fall. The 2022 JazzFest is set for Oct. 7. See the Mayor's Message on Page 2.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents,

2022 seems to be the year of the long winter, as we have had several late-season snow

events that have slowed spring's momentum and created many long hours of work for our employees, particularly in Public Works. I'd like to thank our Public Works crew — Terry Jones, Josh Akers, Kevin Tipton and Ian Martin — for their tireless work in keeping our city roads clear and safe this season, and I hope that many of our residents will do the same when they see these dedicated employees out working in the community.

Speaking of Public Works, the City was recently awarded federal grants for two major road projects: a joint project with Kirkwood related to the installation of sidewalks and reconstruction of East Essex Avenue from Dickson to Sappington, and the reconstruction of Sappington Road from Manchester Road to Lockwood Avenue. The East Essex project is further along in the design process and is slated soon to have a public meeting in which residents can review the initial plans and offer feedback. Keep your eyes peeled on our website and Facebook pages for dates and details on that meeting.

Normally this time of the year, the City would be gearing up for JazzFest, however, beginning in 2022 we've decided to change up our events calendar a bit. The Firehouse Run event is moving to April 24 this year and JazzFest is now scheduled for the early fall on Oct.

7. This was based on the feedback we received from residents during last year's fall JazzFest and a desire to refresh both events. Additionally, our Friday's Food Trucks event will return this spring — stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details on that event. See Page 3 for story.

I hope you will join me in offering congratulations to Fire Department Lieutenant/Paramedic Greg Kozlowski on his selection as the Mike Pounds Employee of the Year for the City of Glendale. In addition to receiving the Employee of the Year award, Greg was recently promoted to Lieutenant and serves as our Medical Officer. Also please offer your congratulations to Police Officer Darren Hicks, who received our Community Service Award. Darren's selflessness and work with Special Olympics make him a very well-deserving recipient of this award. I'm proud of our employees and the dedication they show to this community and to other people.

Finally, I'm really excited to announce that the City recently authorized a contract to develop a new, modern website. Our new site will contain better meeting information and historical documents, will be fully searchable and fully functional on mobile devices, and will integrate with our social media platforms. I know our residents are going to like it, and I look forward to seeing it roll out later in 2022.

Please continue to be safe and stay healthy, and we look forward to seeing you at our great Glendale events this year!

Mayor Mike Wilcox

New assistant joins City Administrator's staff

Antonia Arias-Magallon joined the City of Glendale in October 2021 as Assistant to the City Administrator. From Rockford, Illinois, Arias-Magallon held an internship in Hazelwood before joining the Glendale administrative staff.

Arias-Magallon will work on accounting matters, assisting Finance Director Dan Lawrence, City Administrator Ben DeClue, and Deputy City Clerk Joanne Carr in many administrative duties.

Her first project was developing a Request for Proposals for an update and procurement of a new city website.



Antonia Arias-Magallon

She will finish her master's degree in public administration at Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville within the year.

Friday's Food Trucks returning to Glendale this spring and summer

Friday's Food Trucks will be back beginning Friday, May 6, and ending in October, following JazzFest, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 7.

The city looks forward to hosting a variety of savory and sweet food trucks. Savory offerings will include Farmtruk, which offers farm-to-table comfort food; Speedway Burger Truck; TUKTUK, which offers Thai cuisine; Seoul Taco Truck; One Dish Wonders, with a variety of casseroles, hotdogs and nachos; Zia's Pizza; Homestyle Grill, a BBQ truck; and returning SNS Goodies.

On the sweet side, we look forward to Holy Crepe, St. Louis Kettle Corn, Coffee Culture and returning Fire and Ice, selling Serendipity Ice Cream.

The City will pause the food trucks event in July and the beginning of August due to the humid and hot conditions; however, if there is enough interest, a Friday or two could be booked.

The weekly events will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. or when the food runs out. We look forward to seeing residents enjoying a summer evening, partaking in Friday's Food Trucks goodness.



Glendale recognized as Tree City USA for 2021

Glendale was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to

effective urban forest management. Glendale has been awarded this prestigious designation every year since 2013.

and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits. More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Glendale achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: presence of a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community for-

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Employee Spotlight

The Glendale Fire Department is proud to introduce the newest members of the Fire Department:



Olivia Beste

Olivia began her career as a firefighter/paramedic with the Glendale Fire Department on Nov. 24, 2021. She is a graduate of the St. Louis County Fire Academy and previously worked as a paramedic in the Washington, Missouri area. She is from Washington where she currently resides with her family. She has been assigned to “A” shift.



Ryan Zangara

Ryan began his career as a firefighter/paramedic with the Glendale Fire Department on Dec. 16, 2021. He is a graduate of the St. Louis County Fire Academy and was previously employed as a paramedic for the Lincoln County Ambulance District. Ryan also is a graduate of the Rankin Technical College, specializing in auto mechanics. He currently resides in St. Charles County. He has been assigned to “C” shift.



Neil Ayres

Neil joined the Glendale Fire Department on March 14 as a firefighter/ paramedic. A graduate of the St. Louis County Fire Academy, Neil began his career as a firefighter/ EMT with the Union Fire Protection District. He was also previously employed as a paramedic for the Meramec Ambulance District. Neil is currently pursuing his associate of arts degree in emergency medicine with St. Charles County Community College and finishing Fire Instructor 2 training with Missouri University. He lives in Cottleville with his wife, two daughters and one annoying, yet loveable Yorkie. He has been assigned to “B” shift.

Polar Police

On Feb. 19, Police Chief Jeff Beaton and Officer Darren Hicks participated in the Polar Plunge fundraiser benefiting Missouri Special Olympics. They were among



the stalwart crowd who jumped into Creve Coeur Lake on a 30-degree day in summer attire.

The Glendale

Police Department Team raised about \$1,800 for the cause. The money raised supports Missouri Special Olympics athletes.

The theme for this year’s Polar Plunge was “Freezin’ for a Reason.”

POLICE BEAT

Beware of Home Improvement Scams

As spring arrives, the Glendale Police Department warns our residents of the potential for home improvement scams. There are many different 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 they require payment.

These are a few common schemes used by contractors or individuals trying to make a quick buck at your expense:

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 rain storms.

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

Gutter Cleaning — The scam artist will offer to clean out your gutter at a low cost but will find other costly 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 another individual involved enters your

home through a rear door or alternative access point.

It is very important that you are aware of these scams and aware of your surroundings when being confronted by individuals who want to steal from you or your family. Remember, not all contractors are scam artists who are 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 their rating.

Business License Reminder

All Home Businesses are required to obtain a business license with the City of Glendale

The Home Business License Flat Fee is \$25 per year.

All Pet Owners in Glendale are required to obtain a Pet License for Cats and/or Dogs.

Pet Tags cost \$3 on an annual basis and can be picked up at City Hall.

All Contractors are required to obtain an annual business license.

The annual license fee is \$25
Call City Hall (314)965-3600 or check out the web site for all applications:
www.glendale.org

ON THE STREETS

City to pursue a third federally funded street project

The City of Glendale will seek a third Surface Transportation Project through a federal program this year. The city currently has two active STP projects.

The Surface Transportation Program is a federally funded cost-share program that accepts applications from government agencies to improve or maintain eligible roadways and bridges within their jurisdictions. The program provides agencies with 80% cost reimbursements.

The first project is a partnership between the cities of Glendale and

Kirkwood, entailing the reconstruction of E. Essex Avenue from the intersection with N. Sappington Road continuing west to the Glendale/Kirkwood limit line. This work will include the construction of continuous sidewalks, new curb and guttering, stormwater collection improvements, and repaving. From the city limit line, new sidewalks will continue west into Kirkwood, ending at Dickson Street. This project is slated for construction in 2023 and carries an overall project cost of \$973,213. Glendale's share is \$133,624, and Kirkwood's share

is \$61,019.

The second active STP project focuses on the preservation of N. Sappington Road between Manchester Road and Lockwood Avenue. Deteriorated or broken sidewalk and curbing sections will be replaced along with all decorative crosswalks, and the street will be repaved. This project is slated for construction in 2024 and carries an overall project cost of \$1,105,500. Glendale's share is \$221,100.

The City of Glendale recognizes the dire need to make improvements along E. Essex Avenue between N. Sappington and Devon roads. However, this stretch of roadway is not currently eligible to receive federal aid, and given the costs outlined above, the city cannot afford to make these improvements using city funds. Therefore, the city's engineering firm will take necessary steps to apply with the East/West Gateway Council of Governments to reclassify this stretch of roadway as STP eligible.

Traffic counting will begin once the water main replacement project along E. Essex Avenue is complete and traffic habits return to normal. Traffic count data will be included in the reclassification application and submitted to E/W Gateway for review.

If the reclassification is approved, the city plans to immediately submit an STP application request for the reconstruction of E. Essex Avenue from N. Sappington Road to Devon Road.

City may seek another TRIM grant to replace dying trees

Glendale's Tree Board recently conducted a meeting to discuss a potential 2022 TRIM grant application that is expected to focus on the replacement of dying trees within the landscaped area along the north side of Kirkham Avenue, near N. Berry Road.

It wouldn't be the first Glendale application for a Tree Resource and Improvements Program grant sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. TRIM is a competitive cost-share program that provides up to 75% of tree-related project costs.

In 2020, the City of Glendale applied to the MDC and the Missouri Community Tree Council requesting funds to update the city's Street Tree Inventory using the TRIM grant program.

Street Tree Inventories provide cities with 28 tree-inspection data points on each publicly owned tree in the city. MDC approved the city's 2020 request, and the tree inventory data was collected and delivered to the city in November 2020.

The city then used the collected data to assemble a list of potentially hazardous trees throughout the city. Those were then inspected by the city forester to determine a need to prune or remove.

The city then sought bids to remove five hazardous trees and prune four more. Happy Tree Service was selected to perform the work at a cost of \$17,739.41. The city then applied to the TRIM program, and the request was approved. The work took place in late 2021, and MDC is expected to reimburse the city \$13,304.36.

City bestows annual staff awards to firefighter and police officer

Employee of the Year, 2021

At the end of every year, the City of Glendale asks all employees to nominate a fellow employee for the Glendale Employee of the Year Award. In December 2021, Firefighter Greg Kozlowski was nominated and awarded the 2021 Employee of the Year award. Firefighter Kozlowski has served the Fire Department as the Department Medical Officer with duties including the liaison between the City of Glendale Fire Department and Mercy/Medical Control as well as making sure the supply of drugs and narcotics necessary for patient care is adequate and up to date.

Firefighter Kozlowski also serves as the duty officer coordinating EMT/paramedic licensing within the department. He acts as the uniform officer for the Fire Department and as part of this position,



Firefighter Greg Kozlowski received the 2021 Employee of the Year



Darren Hicks (left) accepts the 2021 Community Service Award from Mayor Mike Wilcox.

he is invaluable with the orientation and outfitting of new employees. In addition, Kozlowski is an outstanding paramedic whose care for the patient is second to none. The City of Glendale applauds Firefighter Kozlowski for his outstanding employment service to the Fire Department and Glendale as a whole.

Community Service Award, 2021

Also at the end of every year, the City of Glendale asks all employees to nominate a fellow employee for the Glendale Community Service Award. In December 2021, Officer Darren Hicks was nominated and awarded the 2021 Community Service Award.

Officer Hicks has volunteered with the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts over the past several years with his son and has enthusiastically represented the Scout Troop throughout his tenure with the Glendale Police Department while serving in his law enforcement duties. Officer Hicks also volunteers his time as coordinator for the Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run, whose proceeds fund year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Hicks' outstanding service to the community has warranted the title of Glendale's Community Service Employee of the Year for 2021.

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