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DATES TO REMEMBER:

National Day of Prayer
7 p.m. Thursday, May 7
City Hall

JazzFest
6 p.m. Friday, May 22
City Hall parking lot

Ice Cream Social
6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21
North Glendale School

Board of Aldermen
7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays
City Hall Auditorium

CITY HALL CLOSED
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25

Independence Day
Friday, July 3

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 7

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Voters to decide April 7 on Prop E, property tax increase for pension fund

On January 21, 2020, the Board of Aldermen voted to place Proposition E, a pension-dedicated property tax increase, on the April 7 ballot. This tax applies to all taxable property in the City of Glendale and is an increase of an existing pension-dedicated property tax levy.

Official Ballot Language

Shall the City of Glendale, Missouri, impose a tax upon all taxable property within the City at a rate of not more than twenty-four (24) cents per hundred dollars assessed valuation for the purpose of funding the pensions of all full-time City employees, including police, fire, public works, and city hall personnel?

Issue background

As the costs to retain and recruit quality employees continue to rise, the City is faced with challenging financial decisions. The largest of these challenges is the underfunded Police & Fire Pension Plan.

The proposed solution to the current Police and Fire Pension underfunding is Proposition E. The current voter-approved pension-dedicated tax rate has been in place since 1984 and has never been increased. Today, the annual revenue generated by the current rate of 6.9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation does not cover the annual



Glendale firefighters hose off their vehicles at the new firehouse.

recommended contribution to the Police and Fire Pension plan and covers none of the public works and administration personnel retirement plan.

Q: What is Proposition E?

A: The City of Glendale has placed Prop E on the April 7 ballot. If approved, Proposition E would increase the pension-dedicated property tax for the purpose of funding the pensions of all full-time City of Glendale employees, including police, fire, public works and city hall personnel.

Q: Why is Proposition E on the ballot?

A: Since the 2008 financial crisis, the City-managed Police and Fire Pension plan has re-

mained severely underfunded. Like many other local municipalities, Glendale's budget consistently runs very tight as healthcare and other costs continue to rise. This has not allowed the City to sufficiently fund the current pension plan. Approval of Proposition E will allow the City to move all police and fire employees to the Local Government Employees Retirement System, known as LAGERS, and resolve the underfunded status of their existing pension. It is believed that moving to LAGERS will aid in the recruitment and retention of quality long-term employees who are seeking the security

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Mike Wilcox

Dear Residents,

It is an exciting time for the City of Glendale as we welcome new staff, say good-bye to others, wrap up major projects and work to keep Glendale as one

of the best places to live in Missouri.

I'd like to recognize Alderman Tom Schoemehl for his 10 years of service as a member of the Board of Aldermen. Being a member of the board is not easy. It involves making difficult decisions and giving up more free time than most understand. Alderman Schoemehl has given of himself freely for a decade but has elected not to seek re-election. Thank you for your service to Glendale.

Next time you stop by City Hall to pay your trash bill or pick up a permit, please be sure to say "hello" to our new Office Assistant/Social Media Coordinator Britny Lacy. Britny joined us after Gretchen Logue left at the end of 2019. We were

sorry to see Gretchen go, but Britny has been a great addition to our staff.

Congratulations are in order to Court Administrator Cassy Kollmeyer on her recent recognition as the 2019 Employee of the Year and to Public Works Superintendent Terry Jones for being recognized with the 2019 Community Service Award. Glendale is lucky to have dedicated employees such as Cassy and Terry.

Thank you to the residents of Queen Anne Place and Warwick Lane for their patience while the Queen Anne storm-water channel project was underway. I'm proud of how that project turned out and look forward to partnering with MSD again in the future.

We are not alone in recognizing the great community we have. For the past several years, Glendale has made various "Best Of" lists, including Best Place to Live in Missouri and Safest Communities in Missouri. We were honored in January to be named the No. 1 Best Place to Live in Missouri by HomeSnacks.net. I've always said that Glendale is the best kept secret in St. Louis County, but if we keep making lists such as these, we won't be a secret much longer.

You might have read in the paper or seen on our website that the Board of Aldermen has placed "Proposition E" on the April 7 ballot. The "E" in Prop E stands for "Employees," as this ballot measure, if approved, would increase our pension tax levy in order to achieve full funding for our Police and Fire Pension and transition to the LAGERS retirement plan currently available for our Administration and Public Works employees. More information on Prop E is available in this newsletter or on our website at www.glendalemo.org.

Finally, I would like to remind and invite everyone to attend the 21st annual JazzFest on the evening of Friday, May 22. Please come out and enjoy the family-friendly festivities with your friends and neighbors featuring music from some of St. Louis' best acts.

As always, thank you for your continued interest and involvement in our community.

Best regards,

Mayor Mike Wilcox

21st Annual JazzFest set for May 22 in City Hall lot

Glendale will celebrate its 21st annual Glendale JazzFest from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 22.

The Glendale JazzFest is the City's premier community event. The city again will host JazzFest on the recently renovated City Hall property at 424 N. Sappington Road.

JazzFest will feature performances by three local bands known for their jazz interpretations. Entertainers will be announced closer to the event.

Residents are welcome to bring their own refresh-

ments (no glass, please), but food trucks and Westwood Catering will sell food and drink on the premises.

The event will encompass both the upper south parking lot and lower north parking lot at City Hall as well as Sappington Road.



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 night.



Prop E FAQs

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and stability the LAGERS retirement plan affords.

Q: What is the City's plan for the additional revenue generated by Proposition E?

A: If Proposition E is approved, it is the intent of the City to transition all full-time City employees, including police and firefighters, to the L6 level of the Missouri LAGERS. LAGERS will accept administration of the frozen Police and Fire Pension plan conditional upon the City achieving 100% funding of that frozen plan via fixed payments over the next 15 years. Paying down the Police and Fire Pension underfunded status represents a significant amount of the money raised from this proposal.

Q: Why LAGERS?

A: LAGERS is the largest retirement system in Missouri that serves local government employees. LAGERS membership includes over 60,000 police officers, firefighters, public works personnel and administrative staff from nearly 700 public employers in Missouri. This includes many municipalities in St. Louis County, such as Webster Groves, Rock Hill, Town and Country, Shrewsbury and Crestwood, to name a few. The LAGERS internal professional investment team manages over \$8 billion in retirement assets with

a current funding level of 94.9%. In addition to financial stability, LAGERS will provide current and future Glendale employees a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to their LAGERS retirement benefit. This is something not currently provided under the City of Glendale managed Police and Fire Pension plan.

Q: How much will Proposition E cost Glendale residents?

A: The current pension-dedicated property tax is 6.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Voters last approved the City's pension rate in 1984, and it has not been increased since then. Moving employee retirement benefits to LAGERS will require an additional 17.1 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The average home in Glendale is valued at \$350,000. This means that the additional cost for the average homeowner is \$114 annually, or \$9.50 per month.

Q: Why so much of an increase?

A: The current Glendale pension property tax rate was established in 1984 at 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Since that time, the levy has been rolled back to 6.9 cents per \$100 valuation due to increases in property values. This rollback is required under the Hancock Amendment, which does not allow cities to collect more in taxes simply because home values went up. A nominal increase is allowed for inflation, so therefore the overall amount raised from this tax has remained relatively steady even as



Glendale firefighters work a vehicle accident.

Glendale has seen more employees retire and its workforce expand during this time. The proposed rate of 24 cents per \$100 valuation will bring Glendale's pension levy to the level necessary to ensure that Glendale employees have access to a financially stable and secure retirement plan now and into the future.

Q: Will Glendale employees be required to contribute to their LAGERS retirement?

A: Yes. All Glendale employees will be required to contribute 4% of their salary to the LAGERS plan. This is an increase over what they contribute today to the City-managed pension plan and current LAGERS plan.

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Mike Wilcox, Mayor
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Glendale MO 63122



Public Works staffers (from left) Josh Akers, Terry Jones, Kevin Tipton and Ian Martin



Glendale Police officers staff an information booth at a community event.

POLICE BEAT

Home improvement scams

As spring approaches, the Glendale Police Department would like to warn our residents of the potential for home improvement scams.

There are many different home improvements 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 common schemes are used by contractors or individuals trying to make a quick buck at your expense. Some of these schemes include:

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

Chimney Repairs — The scam artist offers to clean your chimney at a low cost but then finds other costly repairs while completing the job. Often the repairs suggested are not needed.

Gutter Cleaning — The scam artist offers to clean your gutter of debris at a low cost but finds other costly “problems” that often are nonexistent. Or they will not clean your gutter at all, then demand payment.

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

Yard Work — The scam artist offers 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

Local counties play important role in Census

Although the 2020 United States Census is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, states and counties — including St. Louis County — play an important role in its success.

Why is the Census so important? The U.S. Constitution mandates that the country take a census of the population every 10 years to count every living person in the U.S. Participation in the Census is required by law. First conducted in 1790, the Census uses the results to determine the number of congressional seats for each state and distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and other support to states, counties and communities for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Individuals can complete the Census by mail or phone and, for the first time in 2020, will have the option of completing it online. Census staff also will go door-to-door in communities, distributing forms.

Census Timeline

- **March 12-20:** An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census will be sent in the mail. Some households also will receive paper questionnaires.
- **March 16-24:** A reminder letter will be sent.
- **March 26-April 3:** If you haven’t responded yet, a reminder postcard will be sent.
- **April 8-16:** If you still haven’t responded, a reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent.
- **April 20-27:** If you still haven’t responded, a final reminder postcard will be sent before the Census Bureau follows up in person.

Should you have any questions, please contact the City’s website at www.glendalemo.org for useful links about the process or the U.S. Census Bureau website at www.census.gov.

alternative access point.

It is very important for citizens to be 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, but it’s important to protect yourself and your property. If you ever question a contractor or company’s reputation, contact the Better Business Bureau for reviews and the BBB rating.

Keep your vehicles safe

The Glendale Police Department once again sends a kind reminder to the citizens of Glendale to keep their personal property safe.

Like many other local municipalities, the City of Glendale at times experiences thefts from vehicles parked in our community. Many times these thefts can be prevented. A theft from a vehicle is often a crime of opportunity. The criminals respon-

sible often lurk on streets or parking lots looking for valuable items left unattended inside vehicles. They then enter these vehicles to steal the items.

The Glendale Police Department urges residents of our community to ensure their valuable items (such as GPS devices, iPads, iPods and laptop computers) are not left unattended inside personal vehicles.

Also, do not leave keys to your home or vehicle inside your vehicle. If at all possible, please bring these items into your home instead of leaving them in your car. If they have to be left in the vehicle, please ensure that they are out of sight (inside the trunk or glove box).

In addition, please consider locking your vehicles. As mentioned earlier, a theft from a vehicle is a crime of opportunity. If you don’t leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle and it is locked, you are less likely to be victimized by these opportunistic criminals.

Police Department seeks to register community camera systems

Do you currently use private video surveillance at your home or business? If so, we would like to hear from you.

Video surveillance is one of the most effective methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing and registering your video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something the Glendale Police Department values highly.



How does it work?

The Community Camera Registration Program allows residents and business owners to register locations and capabilities of their security camera systems with the Glendale Police Department. Using this information, when a crime occurs, the Glendale Police Department will know the locations of nearby video cameras and be able to collect video evidence and follow up on leads.

What are the benefits of registering your camera?

Because criminals are caught in the act of committing the crime, video surveillance footage is simply one of the best methods to catch and prosecute suspects. As crimes occur nearby, many residents

Glendale police welcome Officer Brian Koenig

The City of Glendale welcomes Brian C. Koenig as the newest member of the Glendale Police Department, effective Sept. 16, 2019.

Officer Koenig, 31, is a resident of the City of St. Louis and a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and St. Louis Community College. He also graduated from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in 2012.

He has been in the law enforcement profession for a little over seven years, previously serving with the Chesterfield and Rock Hill police departments.

Koenig is engaged to be married.



Off. Brian Koenig (left) and Chief Jeffrey Beaton

and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have potentially vital video evidence.

By registering your camera system with the Glendale Police Department, officers can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you will be contacted by the Glendale Police Department only if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera and if police personnel believe viewing your video footage will assist in the investigation.

Registration

If you would like to register your security camera system with the Glendale Police Department and allow officers to contact you should a crime occur within the immediate area, it's easy. Simply fill out the online form at www.glendalemo.org.

Terms and conditions

The information you provide regarding your camera systems will be for official use only. Your personal information will remain confidential and will not be distributed except as required by law or court order.

If necessary, the Glendale Police Department will contact you directly, using the information provided by you at the time of registration, to request the appropriate video surveillance footage. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity collected by the Glendale Police Department may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding.

Under no circumstances shall the registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the City of Glendale and/or the Glendale Police Department through this program.

This program is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw consent to view video footage from your camera system at any time by calling the Glendale Police Department.

www.glendalemo.org

ON THE STREETS

2020 is shaping up to be one of Glendale's busiest years on record with several street projects planned, underway or wrapping up.

Resurfacing schedule

The city recently announced an updated street resurfacing schedule extending through 2023. This year Cambridge Court, Elmwood Drive, Chain Ridge Road, Clif Side Court, Clif Side Drive and Grammercy Place will be resurfaced. New asphalt curbing and deteriorated concrete curbing will be installed or replaced as needed throughout the spring and summer months, prior to the resurfacing work, which generally takes place in September or October. For more information regarding the resurfacing schedule, please visit www.glendalemo.org.

STP grant for North Sappington improvement

Recently, the city submitted its third grant application for maintenance and improvements along North Sappington Road to the Surface Transportation Program (STP), a federally funded grant providing 80% of overall street improvement costs. This application requested funds for resurfacing, crosswalk replacement and concrete sidewalk and curb replacements (as needed) along North Sappington Road from Manchester Road to Lockwood

Avenue. Projected cost of this project is \$862,846.40. The coordinating authority, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, is expected to make grant notifications during the third quarter of 2020. If approved, construction would take place in 2024.

East Essex reconstruction

The cities of Glendale and Kirkwood continue to move forward on the joint East Essex Avenue Reconstruction and Sidewalk Installation project. Glendale and Kirkwood were awarded an STP grant in 2019 for the reconstruction of East Essex Avenue from North Sappington Road to the Glendale/Kirkwood city limit line, and the construction of new sidewalks on the north side of East Essex Avenue from the city limit line to Dickson Street. This work will provide much-needed road and sidewalk network improvements. The total projected cost of this project is \$973,213, with Glendale's share at \$133,624 and Kirkwood's share at \$61,019. Construction is slated for 2022.

Manchester Road

In August 2020, Missouri Department of Transportation will issue a bid document seeking proposals for work along Manchester Road from Big Bend Boulevard to Kirkwood Road. A contract is expected to be awarded in September 2020 with work beginning in March 2021.



AFTER: The completed Queen Anne Place stormwater project.

The scope of the project includes the installation of new concrete ADA-compliant sidewalks along the entire stretch of both the north and south sides of the road and a complete resurfacing and restriping.

While MODot has not yet decided on which end to start, sidewalk work will take place primarily at night, with one-lane restriction in each direction nightly. Crews are expected to work block-by-block, finishing as they progress down the road and are not expected to spend more than two to three weeks in front of any one business. Business approaches are expected to be removed and replaced one-half at a time, maintaining access at all times. Once all sidewalk work is complete, the road will be resurfaced as one project.

The necessary permanent and temporary easements have been acquired, and underground utility replacements and/or conflict resolutions are currently underway. This project is expected to continue for a minimum of two years (two construction seasons).

North Berry sidewalks

Earlier this year, St. Louis County kicked off a sidewalk installation project along a portion of North Berry Road. This portion, which lies between Brownell Avenue and Grammercy Place, was the only portion along North Berry Road from Manchester Road to Lockwood Avenue that was missing sidewalks.

It is also the most difficult portion of North Berry Road on which to install sidewalks due to the need to cut back a steep embankment on the west side of the street between Grammercy Place and Clif Side Drive, and to replace the bridge along



BEFORE: The area behind Queen Anne Place during flooding.

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North Berry Road just north of Clif Side Drive. The new bridge will be wider and will include a pedestrian walkway.

All public utility companies have been or will be moving and/or adjusting their respective utility lines, most of which will require a lane or full road closure between Algonquin Estates Road and Hillard Road.

This project is expected to continue for the majority of 2020 with prolonged closures throughout.

For more information regarding the North Berry Road Sidewalk Installation Project, please contact Carl Sexauer, St. Louis County Inspections Supervisor, at 314-615-1150.

Water line replacements

In early 2020, Missouri American Water sought bids to replace the aged water mains along Cornelia Avenue from North Berry Road to Parkland Avenue, Austin Place from Cornelia Avenue to Willow Oak Lane, Green Tree Lane from North Berry Road to Austin Place, Willow Oak Lane from North Berry Road to Austin Place, East Essex Avenue from North Sappington Road to Devon Road, and the 1100 block of Brownell Avenue. American Water expects this work to begin in the second or third quarters of 2020, possibly extending into the first quarter of 2021.

Queen Anne Place stormwater project completed

In January, following several years of planning and six months of construction, the city and MSD completed a mutual aid stormwater improvement project along the rear property lines of 14 homes on Warwick Lane and Queen Anne Place. This area suffered from extreme flooding due to a pipe from Queen Anne Place openly discharging into backyards.

The city and MSD worked to create a water flow channel along the rear property lines, which now conveys water from the open pipe to a larger storm water system underneath North Sappington Road.

MOSQUITO LIFE CYCLE
ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS

PREVENT MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME

GET RID OF STANDING WATER!

Mosquitoes lay eggs in and near standing water. You can lower the number of mosquitoes around your home by eliminating standing water and preventing it from coming back.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITO BITES

Help prevent bites by wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and using an approved mosquito repellent according to the directions on its label.

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Active ingredient	Some brand name examples*
DEET	Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon
Picaridin (also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and Icaridin)	Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States)
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	Repel
IR3535	Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart

* Insect repellent brand names are provided for your information only. The Saint Louis County Department of Public Health does not recommend or endorse any name brand products.

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(314) 615-4284

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The area behind Queen Anne Place in the rain during the reconstruction process.



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