



Your Community Newsletter for March 2023

From the Mayor's Desk

As we welcome the month of March, we have some exciting updates and developments to share with you. It's been a busy time for our city, and we are thrilled to report that many positive changes have taken place recently.

Firstly, we are happy to announce that an abandoned house in our city has started the process of getting cleaned up. This has been a long-standing issue in our community, and we are proud to see this eyesore finally worked on. We hope this will improve the safety and aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood. Though there's still more work to be done, it is headed in the right direction.

We also have some changes in our city government to report. Kent Riden, our Building Permit Alderman, has retired after six years of dedicated service to our city. We are grateful for his hard work and wish him all the best in his retirement. We are excited to welcome Debbie More, who will be on the ballot to take his place. We are confident that Debbie will continue to serve our community with the same dedication and commitment as Kent did.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Robin Young is running for the Sewer Alderman position again. Robin has been an integral part of our city's government and has done an excellent job in the past. We have no doubt that she will continue to work hard to ensure that our board meetings go smoothly and provide many useful suggestions to us.

On a personal note, I am proud to announce that I am running for Mayor again. I believe that my experience and passion for our city make me the best candidate for this position. I am committed to working hard for our community, and I look forward to your support.

Finally, I recently took a trip to Jefferson City for the MML Legislative Conference. I had the opportunity to meet with the staff of Senator, Lauren Arthur, and the staff of our new Senator, Denny Hoskins. Both senators were in an active session so I just met with their staff, who are all so sweet! I also met with our House Representative, Chris Lonsdale. I'm confident that this will benefit our community and ensure that our voices are heard at the state level.

We are proud to announce that Boy Scout Troop 228 has been hard at work doing project proposals for our city to earn their Eagle badges. The troop will be involved in park beautification and trail improvements, making our park a more beautiful and enjoyable place for all. They will also take on the important task of installing new street signs in our city, ensuring the safety and efficiency of our roads. We commend these young men for their dedication and commitment to making our city a better place. Their efforts are a shining example of the positive impact that our youth can have on our community. You can follow this project on our Facebook page once it starts. Search for "City of Glenaire, MO" on Facebook.

As always, we appreciate your support and involvement in our city. We believe that with your help, we can continue to make positive changes and move our community forward.



Alderman Riden to Retire

To my fellow Glenaire residents, Six years ago, I was appointed as an alderman in Glenaire by our "excellent" city clerk Ann Tucker. I honestly was very hesitant to agree to any commitments after being retired for several years. Initially, I felt like a fish out of water, but it didn't take long to feel welcomed by our Mayor and fellow board members.

I now feel it is time for some other good citizen of Glenaire take over my position and return to full-time retirement in April.

I appreciate all of the cooperation I've had from the residents that have filled out building permits over the years. Sometimes it is hard to understand why we must follow building codes and ordinances, but they are for safe building practices, and correct and safe placement away from lot lines and other buildings. These regulations keep our city looking great and property values up!

Thank you all!

Kent Riden

Alderman, Building Permits.

Municipal Election is April 5th

6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Glenaire has the following ballots at this election:

Vote for Three
<input type="radio"/> Frankie Petty
<input type="radio"/> Robin Young
<input type="radio"/> Debbie More
<input type="radio"/> Write In _____

There's a New Bridge a Coming

We have officially received approval of our funding requests. I'll give you a breakdown of the two funding options we have received.

The first funding was pushed through by Congressman Sam Graves. I can't say enough about how his office championed this project. When few local leaders gave us any attention at all, his office came through. It is funded through HUD's **"FY2023 Community Project Funding Initiative"**. We recently received a letter from HUD confirming that the funding is in place. We are now studying the requirements for the grant and getting the necessary paperwork completed. Since this is Federal Funding, we have very strict guidelines to follow. We just finished a Webinar with a 30,000-foot view of what the funding entails and the required steps we need to take to receive our funding. Required will be a full environmental study. We are working with Great River Engineering to get everything in order. The grant is for \$500,000 that we can use for the bridge replacement. Our earlier estimate was approximately \$550,000 and it has most likely gone up since then due to construction inflation.

The second funding is through STBG, Surface Transportation Block Grant. This has come through the Mid America Resource Council (MARC). This has been a long process. This is for \$512,000 and requires a matching fund

from Glenaire of at least \$134,000. This is a much bigger project. It involves adding a sidewalk to the bridge and a sidewalk from Liberty Drive to Lake Avenue. We received aid in getting this funding from Missouri State Senator Lauren Arthur. Many thanks to her office in helping move our project forward. As a side note, due to recent redistricting, Senator Arthur is no longer our Senator but that didn't stop her from pushing this project. These are also Federal Funds and we have to meet very strict requirements to us this funding. Also, this funding is not immediately available. It will most likely available the end of this year.

What we are currently doing is determining whether these funds can be used together or if we have to choose one over the other. We should know this in the next couple of months. One thing we do know is that the first funding requires no matching funds from Glenaire. We will most likely have some out-of-pocket expenses, but this should be minimal. With the second funding, we will be required to come up with at least 20% matching funds. The funding includes the opportunity for safer streets with adjacent sidewalk but at a much greater cost.

We will keep you posted as we move forward. This is exciting news as the funding has become a reality. I invite you to contact Congressman Grave's office to express gratitude for his commitment to this project. His contact information is below.

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Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms are very common around our area and we need to get ready for our spring storms that affect a lot of residents each year, between the lightning, strong winds, hail, flash flooding, and tornadoes, of all the problems thunderstorms produce flash flooding is responsible for more deaths annually than the rest of the thunderstorm dangers. What is a severe thunderstorm watch? Well it tells us when and where thunderstorms are likely to happen, watch the sky and listen to your radio or watch the TV for any further information and if a severe thunderstorm warning might be issued in your area. What is a severe thunderstorm warning? Well it is issued when a weather spotter has reported it, or has been detected by radar, and a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, remember warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property if you are in the path of the severe thunderstorm. Here are a few facts on thunderstorms: Thunderstorms may occur in a single storm, clusters, or in a line one after another. Thunderstorms produce heavy rain for about 30 minutes up to an hour. Thunderstorms are more prevalent during warm, humid conditions. Thunderstorms are about 15 miles in diameter and last about 30 minutes. Thunderstorms that are produced every year only about 10 percent are classified as se-

vere. Thunderstorms are classified as severe if it produces hail size of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter and has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado. How do you calculate the distance thunderstorms are? Well you can count the seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thunder and then divide by 5 this will give you distance in miles. What do you do if a thunderstorm is approaching? Secure anything outside that could blow away and cause damage to your property or neighbors property. Secure any windows like pulling down window blinds, pulling curtains closed, this will help protect you from flying glass. When thunderstorms are in your area, get inside your house, if you are out from home get inside a building, or your car, try to stay away from metal objects and fixtures.

Randy More
Marshal & Emergency
Management Director

The Glenaire Luncheon is April 13, 2022

It is that time again to have our bi-monthly Glenaire luncheon. The luncheon will start at 12:00 Noon and like always it will be hard at our Clubhouse located at 309 Smiley Road. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish, but please do not feel obligated to make it from scratch. Everyone knows with crazy hectic schedules making a homemade casserole is not always an option. I am a personal

fan of Sam's Club bakery goods!!!

In order to try to entice more people from our community to attend we have come up with a great plan. For anyone who attends the April luncheon you will be put into a drawing to win a "**FREE**" half day Clubhouse rental. We will have index cards in the kitchen and we encourage everyone to enter. With Spring and Summer right around the corner I'm sure we can all find a reason to celebrate. Luncheons are a great time to get reconnected with your neighbors after the long winter. We've also had a few new families move into Glenaire and we would love to meet all of you.

The luncheon is truly show how Glenaire has kept our small town feeling. I can promise you I have not heard of any other cities in our community that offer such a fun and community building opportunity. I really hope to see some new faces this April and of course I look forward to see our regular attendants.





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**CALENDAR OF
CITY EVENTS**

****All events listed below are held at the City Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd**
 Tuesday, April 4th– Municipal Election, 6am-7pm at Liberty Community Center 1600
 S Withers Rd Liberty MO 64068
 Wednesday, April 12th– Luncheon, noon
 Tuesday, April 18th– Board of Aldermen Meeting, 7pm
 Tuesday, May 16th– Board of Aldermen Meeting, 7pm
 May 6th - HHW Collection at Walnut & Liberty Independence MO

****Unless another address is listed ****

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