

## Your Community Newsletter for January 2024

### *From the Mayor's Desk*

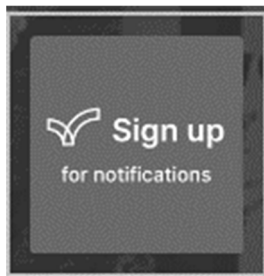
#### Happy New Year, Glenaire family!

December was such a fun month for me as Mayor of our city. We held our second annual holiday dinner and had a very good attendance. There were new families, familiar faces and lots of smiles! There are lots of people to thank for the success of the event in which I could not, and would not, do any of this without you.

Santa came through on his fire-truck in December also. Santa asked me to join and help, and I couldn't say no! This is a great opportunity for me to meet more residents and see more faces. I understand the kids were there to see the big guy, Santa was the main attraction, but I enjoyed being there anyway as a "reindeer". While out, Pleasant Valley spread the word about their new Emergency Notification System. This provides real-time announcements whichever way you choose. "This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods."

I decided to sign up and here's how you do it- go to [www.pleasantvalleymmo.org](http://www.pleasantvalleymmo.org) and click on "Sign up for notifi-

cations".



From there, you can create a new account or sign into an existing account. Under the form, fill out your standard information and where it asks for "Location Name" put Glenaire, Missouri. It will then verify your address on a map. If it is not correct, you can drag the marker where it should be. You choose a way to receive notifications- email, text messages, or calling. The types of alerts that pulled up for me to check were all weather related:

#### Alert Subscriptions

##### Weather Alerts

- ▶  Wind (1)
- ▶  Flood (3)
- ▶  Winter (6)
- ▶  Non-Precipitation (2)
- ▶  Severe (3)

Since signing up, I have received notifications about all that snow and cold that came through!

On a Tuesday in December, your board members, mayor,

clerk and attorney sat in the clubhouse for 4.5 hours to complete the 2024 budget then had a board meeting. It was a long day! In this newsletter, you will find a copy of the 2024 budget. One of the many benefits of being a Glenaire resident is that we offer our residents a limb and brush pick up. We will continue to do that in 2024 so be on the lookout for that around the first Monday in October.


Of course, a big piece of the budget talk was our Johnson Road bridge. You can see Dale Marcell's article with more details. Another portion of the budget will be used on the maintenance and upkeep of the clubhouse/city hall. We had guesstimated to see about \$7,000 in clubhouse rentals but the actual was north of \$10,000. The board believes the website has helped tremendously with that and we expect to go up from there.

We have not found anyone to run on the board of alderman come April. Jan Howard, is fully retiring! We're looking for someone to be the alderman that oversees the sewers. This entails going to a monthly board meeting, answering various emails and calls, and helping residents with sewer questions (which do not come up as often as you think). If you'd like to be a part of a team that works for the common good of our residents, please contact us! You will be trained before taking on the po-

sition. This will require about 5 –7 hours a month of your time.

Have a healthy winter!

### **The Love Luncheon**

 Our next luncheon is Wednesday, **February 14th** at noon. Come join us at the clubhouse for a festive meal with the people you love-fellow Glenaire residents! Roxane Davis and I are hosting. We will decorate, prepare the drinks and plan a game or activity of some sort. Please bring a dish to share with everyone, we'll take care of the rest!

### **Did You Know?**

Republic Services, our trash company, offers a senior rate in the trash and recycling bundle. Republic Services currently sends an invoice per quarter to residents. The quarterly senior rate will decrease your bill by 3.4% which comes out to save you a couple dollars.

All residents have the option to minimize their 95 gallon trash bin to a 65 gallon trash bin. All recycle bins are 65 gallons.

-FRANKIE PETTY

### **Update of Johnson Road Bridge Project**

At our last City Council meeting in December, Lindsey Chaffin was invited and gave an overview of the proposed project to the entire council. Lindsey is a Vice President with Great River Engineering and they are who we have chosen as our

engineers for the project. The total project is estimated at a cost of \$1,075,000. We have received funding in the amount of \$1,012,000 and have a matching fund that we have to come up with of \$102,400. Depending on overages and construction, we have enough to cover the entire project.

It is important to remember that we have received two sources of funding for the bridge project. One source is from HUD's Community Development Fund and the other is the Surface Transportation Block Grant from MoDOT. HUD is fairly straight forward but they have different requirements than MoDOT. The money is for the bridge replacement. The MoDOT funding comes with some "strings" attached.

The "strings" involve improving the safety of the bridge and surrounding approaches to the bridge pertaining to pedestrian safety. What we have proposed to MoDOT is installing sidewalks the entire length of Johnson Road, from Liberty Drive to Lake Ave. The sidewalks will run on the west side of Johnson Road and there will be a sidewalk designed into the new bridge. This will greatly enhance safety for the many walkers that use our community for daily exercise and students

as they walk to bus stops. This is a great opportunity to upgrade our pedestrian safety. This will also require the relocation of some services, such as: electric utility poles, natural gas line across the Johnson Road bridge, telephone lines, cable television lines, etc. This will encompass use of front yard space from some of the residents along Johnson Road. A successful completion of this project, using MoDOT funding, will greatly enhance our chances of receiving future grants. For this reason, it is critical that we follow the parameters of the plan that they have approved.

We will have updates at all upcoming City Council meeting. We are still in the planning stage and there will be more to come.

I have heard some concern from residents about how long the project is taking and that the scope of the project is larger than it needs to be. I live on the south side of the bridge so I am fully aware of the inconvenience of the bridge being out. I have explored many options from repairing the structure, replacing the structure, and just eliminating the structure. Any way we look, it costs money. Money the city does not have. The only option is to ask for funding. I have explored many sources

of funding and had hit brick walls. It wasn't until I approached Congressman Sam Graves and made a last-ditch effort to MoDOT that the funding has come forward. The funding comes with conditions and that is what has driven the bridge estimate. I am happy to discuss the project with any of you and we will continue discussion at upcoming City Council meetings.

I appreciate you reading this article and hope you have a better understanding of the project and why we have gone the direction we have chosen.

-Dale Marcell

### **The 2024 Operating Budget**

The Board of Aldermen have approved the following budgets. We will have 3 separate budgets: General Operating Budget, Road Budget and Sewer Budget. These changes have been approved by the auditor.

#### **OPERATING BUDGET**

**Jan. 1, 2024 through  
Dec. 31, 2024**

#### **Income**

Missouri State Taxes	\$27,500
Taxes Real Estate	\$36,380
Taxes RR Utility	\$0
Taxes Franchise	\$42,000
Clubhouse Rental	\$8500
Building Permits	\$500
Interest Income	\$10

Municipal Fines	\$0
Meals on Wheels	\$1,638

**Total Income  
\$116,528**

#### **Expenses**

Board of Elections	\$450
Clean up-Limb & Brush	\$2500
Administration	\$110
Advertising	\$150
City Clerk	\$18,000
CPA-Auditor	\$2,000
Dues & Publications	\$2,000
Education & Seminars	\$1,500
Legal	\$3,000
Treasurer	\$7,800
Building Inspections	\$500
Fire Protection	\$4,250
Clubhouse Maintenance	\$15,000
Clubhouse Remodeling	\$0
Directory	\$0
HWH Collection Program	\$0
Public Land Improvement	\$6,000
Meals on Wheels	\$1,547
Newsletter	\$405
Postage	\$1,200
Office Equipment Expense	\$1000
Parties/Contest	\$200
Payroll Expenses	\$2,200
Police Protection	\$11,000
Snow Removal	\$7,500
Clubhouse-Natural Gas	\$1,500

Clubhouse-Electricity	\$1,250
Clubhouse-Water	\$300
Clubhouse-Trash Service	\$250
Telephone/Internet	\$1,700
Utilities-Street Lights	\$5,900

**Total Operating Expenses  
\$116,528.00**

#### **ROAD BUDGET**

#### **Income**

Liberty Special Road District	\$9569
Contingency	\$13,001.56

**Total Income  
\$22,750.56**

#### **Expenses**

Maintenance & Replacement	\$22,570.56
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**Total Expenses  
\$22,570.56**

**Total Operating Expenses  
\$22,570.56**

#### **SEWER BUDGET**

#### **Income**

Billing Income	\$106,756
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**Total Income \$106,756**

#### **Expenses**

Billing Expense –PWD #2	\$3956
City of Liberty Filtration	\$91,372
Repairs & Maintenance	\$11,419

**Total Expense  
\$106,756**



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**CALENDAR OF  
CITY EVENTS**

All events listed below are held at the City Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd  
\*\*Unless other address is listed \*\*

Jan.23 - Last Day for Candidate Filing for April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election  
Feb.14 - Glenaire Luncheon 12:00 Noon  
Feb. 20 - City Board Meeting, City Hall/Clubhouse  
Mar.19 - City Board Meeting, City Hall/Clubhouse  
April 2- Municipal Election, \*\* Liberty Community Center 1600 S Withers Road  
Liberty MO 64068 816-439-4360  
April 10 - Glenaire Luncheon 12:00 Noon at City Hall/Clubhouse

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