

Your Community Newsletter for November 2023

From the Mayor's Desk

Happy Fall Ya'll! It's such a refreshing time of year with the leaves changing and swapping out your summer clothes to winter gear. Bring on the snow! Well, that can wait a couple months.

With colder weather and temperature changes comes our immune systems playing tricks on us! Be mindful of what affects you and how. I love drinking Emergen-C year round because it makes me feel hydrated and sets my stomach straight. Stay healthy!

I went down to Branson right before Halloween to a MPR conference. Midwest Public Risk provides the city's workman's comp and property insurance. They've been a great resource to us for several years. I've attended their conference for, I believe, 4 years now. This is fun for networking and classes based on employee hiring and retention, HR practices, health & wellness, and an overall update on new laws. I've made great connections over the years with fellow acquaintances. I've reached out to them on a few occasions for guidance on city processes and ordinances.

Did you know Santa is coming to Glenaire twice this holiday season? He has seen the excitement on your children's faces and said one time is not enough! Glenaire will host their second annual Holiday Dinner. This will take place of the luncheon, so

instead of it being at noon, it will be at 6pm on Wednesday, December 13th.

That following Saturday, December 16th, Santa on the fire truck will be here going through town!

It is the *Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Mark your calendars and get the kids ready! On December 16th, Santa normally leaves Pleasant Valley Fire Station about 9:00 AM and heads straight to Glenaire. He will be riding on one of the fire department vehicles with his sirens blaring, so just listen for him to be getting to your street. He will visit every street and will get off the vehicle and talk to every child, listen to their list and give them each a bag of goodies. He and his helper (the Mayor) will also pose for pictures, so get your cameras ready. Please post pictures to the city's Facebook page!

This is an extra service the Pleasant Valley Fire Department gives the City each year at no extra charge. It brings such joy to the children and makes us all smile to see how excited the kids are. It gets us all in the Christmas spirit. Be sure to say "thank you" to the men and women who protect our lovely little City.

Glenaire's 2nd Annual Holiday Dinner Party

WHEN: Wednesday, December 13th 6pm-8pm

WHAT: Our bimonthly "luncheon" moved to dinner style! This potluck style dinner is to gather neighbors, residents and friends. There will be a craft station set up for all to make ornaments and picture frames.

Please bring a side dish to share, the city will provide an entrée, there's always a good variety so bring whatever you choose. It can be homemade, store bought and even out of a can- we don't mind!

Santa will be here at 7pm to take pictures and meet with children to get their wish list.

Any questions please reach out to Cathy 816-792-4907



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Winter is here and we need to start to think about preparation, as we all know here in Missouri the weather changes all the time. Here are a few problems winter throws at us and some solutions:

- Snow- usually we have around 2 inches or a little more, so start thinking about getting those snow shovels ready. If you have trouble with snow removal, make contact with neighbors and ask if they can help you ahead of time, or make contact with a service so they can put you down on a schedule.
- Freezing rain- this causes the most problems. It can bring down power lines, trees, and cause slick roads and sidewalks. Start thinking about ice melt for drives and walks. Stock up now while stores have plenty and the cost is reasonable.
- Slick and icy roads- when the snow is just a dusting or 2 inches, it doesn't take long for traffic to pack it down and turn the roads to ice. If you can stock up on extra water and food to last 3 days or longer, you may not need to get out until the roads are in better shape without putting yourself in dangerous situations.
- Powerlines- now would be the time to look around your property for lose limbs or dead trees that might break and pull down powerlines. You can trim limbs back, or cut down the dead trees, or contact a tree trimming company for assistance. Other good

items to have is battery operated flashlights, radio, and a fully charged cell phone. A beneficial item is a generator if you can get one.

- Frozen pipes– long stretches of cold weather affects water pipes. You can use heat tape on pipes that are close to outside walls, or areas that have little or no insulation. You can also run a small heater in those areas to keep air warm enough to keep pipes from freezing.
- Vehicles- now is the time to check your vehicle to make sure your antifreeze level is good so the water won't freeze and cause damage to your vehicle's motor. Check your windshield wipers; bad wipers will not clear snow or ice and will interfere with your vision. Check your windshield wiper fluid, keep it full and keep extra on hand. Check your tires make sure they have enough tread to get a good bite in the snow.
- Pets- remember all your pets need to be sheltered from the wind, snow, and rain. If possible, keep them inside during extreme cold weather. You can put extra hay or straw in dog houses and even place a cover over the front door to help keep warmth inside. Remember to keep your pets with water, you can buy heated water bowls which solves the problem of it icing over quickly in extreme temps.

Randy More—Marshall

The Effect of Rainfall on Our Community

Hello fellow residents. I want to focus on an issue that has been highlighted by recent heavy rain-

falls. We have been in a drought of sorts in 2023. That doesn't mean that we haven't had rainfall, just not enough at the right times. Recently we have had two major storms that dumped a lot of rain in a relatively short amount of time. On August 13th, we received over 5" of rain in just a few hours. Again, on September 23 we received 2.81" of rain in just over 30 minutes. This has caused some flooding in our streets and in our fellow residents' yards. We cannot control how, when and how much rainfall we get but what we can control is some of the effects of heavy rainfall. We are seeing more and more of our ditches and culverts getting plugged and overflowing.

First, let me address the drainage ditches that run in front of most of your homes. We have noticed more and more that grass clippings, leaves and other debris have been accumulating in drainage ditches. Some of you are filling your ditches with grass clippings and leaves. We must correct this situation. Please don't let grass clippings and leaves accumulate in your ditches. This restricts the flow of runoff and contributes to flooding. This is especially critical this time of year with the leaves falling from the trees. Please remove any debris from your drainage ditches.

Second, and this is more serious, many of the culverts that run under your driveways have become plugged and damaged. If you have metal culverts, some are bent and obstructed. Some have rocks or bricks that are causing the obstructions. Others are just plain plugged up from leaves and grass clippings accumulating from drainage ditches. This is causing runoff to be redirected to streets and flooding of some resident's yards.

To this end, we are asking you to

help by clearing out your culverts. Repair them as needed and make sure they are clear and unrestricted. In the coming weeks, we will be sending notices to those that the culverts are mostly and completely plugged. This is a violation of city ordinances and you will need to get these corrected. To those of you that will receive letters, please correct the problem and maintain your culverts going forward. To the rest of us, check your culverts regularly and clean and maintain to prevent future problems. Glenaire is a great community. Let's all work together and keep it great!

Dale Marcell
Alderman – Streets and
Ditches

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING
SAFETY and SECURITY**

As the holidays approach, the shopping stores are going to get more crowded, which means more jostling through the stores while carrying your jacket, juggling countless bags and trying to keep your children or grandchildren from breaking anything you can't afford to buy. This is the best opportunity for criminals to come out looking for prospective victims, don't make yourself look like an attractive target to criminals as they can grab wallets, purses, or your bags. These tips can be used throughout the year, but we seem to let our guard down until we hear or read about staying safe while shopping during the holidays.

- Try to use front pockets for cash and credit cards, also limit the amount of cash you bring, and try to only bring one or two credit cards.
- Try to consolidate your purchases into one or two shopping bags, it is easier to track one or two than several different sizes.

Make them so you can carry them with one arm or hand.

- Never leave your property unattended, not even for a minute, it takes less than that for your property to disappear in a crowded store.
- Try to walk to and from your vehicle with another person. Bring a friend to shop with you, or if you are shopping alone, walk near other shoppers.
- If you are shopping alone and leaving the store at night or feeling uncomfortable, ask the store clerk, or store security to escort you to your vehicle.
- Never use the video arcade as a babysitter. Some of these arcades are located right in front of the store entrance, predators are on the prowl for unattended children. More than 100,000 children are abducted every year according to the National Centers for Missing and Exploited Children. Keep an eye on your children especially while in stores. It is ok to let children look around and have fun while they shop, but they also need to understand that it's important to stay near their parents and to be alert.
- Have a meeting point set up for older children in case you get separated.
- As shopping demand increases, so do crowds. Don't park in poorly lit areas. Always look for a parking spot that is the closest to the store or the main street with a lot of traffic, and has good lighting, not only around the vehicle but also to and from the store entrance.
- When walking through the parking lots, be sure that you are aware of your surroundings. Avoid texting and playing on your phone. If you expect someone is following you, go back to the store and ask for security.

- Remember where your car is parked. You don't want to be wandering around a parking lot looking for your vehicle, this is what criminals are looking for.
- Have your keys in your hand and ready to unlock your vehicle as quickly as possible, you don't want to spend a lot of time searching your purse or pockets for keys.
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times.
- If you are going to different stores, place your packages in the trunk- out of sight, out of mind.
- Save your most expensive or large purchases to a one stop shop, then return to your vehicle and return them straight home.
- Avoid the weekend rush of shopping if possible, especially when shopping with children. It is easy to lose children among large crowds, try shopping during the weekdays when it's typically less crowded.
- Always check and recheck when using a credit card that you have been given back your card and a receipt of your purchase.

Randy More—Marshall

Season's Greetings

**As the year comes to a close,
we hope you can look back at
the year 2023 with good
memories of time spent
enjoying family and friends.**

**As we enter into this special
Holiday Season, may you
experience much peace, hope,
joy and love;**

**And a New Year filled with
good health, prosperity and
much happiness.**

Happy Thanksgiving



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**CALENDAR OF
CITY EVENTS**

All events listed below are held at the City Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd unless otherwise notated
 Nov 21 - City Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
 Dec.5th - First Day for Candidate Filing for 2024 General Municipal Election
 Dec.13th- Glenaire Dinner 6:00 PM
 Dec.16th - Santa on the Fire Truck throughout all the streets at 9:00 AM
 Dec.19th - City Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
 Dec. 26th - Last Day for Candidate Filing for 2024 General Municipal Election
 Jan.16th - City Board Meeting at 7:00 PM

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