



Your Community Newsletter for May 2024

From the Mayor's Desk

With the inviting weather, it's hard to not want to go out and enjoy the great outdoors. I've been doing some exploring around the surrounding neighborhoods to seek out trails. There's a few right outside Glenaire. The newest one, and the one still in development, is right outside the new Homestead subdivision. If you take the Campbell Road bridge (by foot of course), there's a new walking bridge to the left that crosses the creek. Though the trail is just gravel right now, you can take that to Buckingham Drive and walk north up to Smiley St to cross back into Glenaire. Depending on where you live in the city, it's about a mile and a half loop.

There are two more walking trails within walking distance of Glenaire, both are toward Canterbury. One is a half mile linear trail called the Wilshire Park Trail and the other is a two-mile loop called the Westboro/Canterbury Greenway. You can find these and others under the Parks & Trails map on Liberty's website.

Do not forget about the Glenaire city park either! Right on Kirkland, it's our peaceful nature nook. There are two large grassy areas perfect for burning off the energy of young kids. There's a walking bridge and trails with several tree variations. With everything turning green and

growing, it's hard to forget we're in the middle of a city.

Taking the dogs for a walk is the highlight of their day, and hopefully yours. Amidst the joy, be sure to clean up any messes left behind by our furry friends. It's a small but essential gesture to preserve the cleanliness in shared spaces and shows respect to fellow walkers.

Following the wet month we had, the grass is growing! Please be mindful to keep your grass mowed. Our ordinances state to keep your property maintained and you can receive a nuisance complaint on the following: a. noxious weeds and other rank vegetation, grass and weeds eighteen (18) inches or higher; b. accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk, building materials, metals, or other things; c. any condition which provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes, and other vermin.

Though all the digging, construction and vehicle equipment is prevalent right now, this will soon end with Google Fiber installed and available to our residents. So far, the crew has been responsive to any requests from mistakes made, such as a street sign knocked over. The construction team does have a number a resident can call to report any issues with follow up. That phone # is: 1-877-454-6959. A ticket will get created with their team.

Thank you all for the continued support.

Farewell for now, Jan Howard!

Jan Howard had served on the Glenaire board for the past 5 years as our financial oversight alderman. With her background in accounting, she was able to jump right in and feel at home looking at the numbers for our City (probably not the way she would word it). Not only did she help with the accounting and fiscal year budgets, she and her husband, Bill, volunteered a lot of their time to help with events within the City. They were up at the clubhouse every year on "planting day" to help beautify the clubhouse flower beds. They were also at every picnic setting up tables and chairs and staying late to help clean up! Jan and Bill also volunteer in the Meals on Wheels program within the City and pick up extra trips if needed. When asked about Jan's time on the board she had this to say:

"I would like to thank the Board of Aldermen and the residents of Glenaire for all the support you have given me during my time serving on the Board. I've learned a lot about what is required to run a city and all the issues that can come up ➡

unexpectedly. We have a wonderful Mayor and Board of Aldermen who are dedicated to helping our citizens and community. I will continue to be involved in our community because I want to see Glenaire thrive and grow. We have a great city with caring citizens. I would encourage all residents to get involved. Without you, our city would not be such a wonderful place to live."

Thank you, Jan, for your unwavering dedication to us.

**Welcome our newest
Alderman,
Brian Chadwick**

Brian grew up in the Kansas City metro and attended Winnetonka High School. He and his wife, Trina, have lived in Glenaire for 20 years! He is an union ironworker who enjoys golfing and fishing. He has two sons- "1 is a dog trainer and also works at the zoo and the other is in the Air Force and we are very proud of both."

Brian loves Glenaire because of the small town feel and how everyone looks out for one another. He's excited to give back to the community and to get involved. Brian lives on Lake Ave, next time you see him out make sure to stop him and say hi!

AWARENESS

Summer is coming sooner than you think, and along with summer comes outdoor activities like ballgames, hikes through

nature, biking, outdoor concerts, and going to the lake. Where does awareness fit into all these outdoor activities? What can be done to help keep you safe? Colonel Jeff Cooper was a United States Marine, instructor, and developer of a color code system which was mostly used by the military and law enforcement to recognize, evaluate, and avoid potential threats. Then it was presented to the general public to learn the same system to prevent all types of confrontations that might come your way and how not to become a victim. The following is the color code system: WHITE-This is a relaxed and unaware state, this would be at home such as watching T.V, reading a book, watching a movie, or just hanging out with the family. The need for heightened awareness of your surroundings is at its lowest state, but you should still have a family plan if things turn into a dangerous, or an emergency situation. YELLOW-This is relaxed alertness but being aware of your surroundings, this would be the state of awareness when you first walk out your front door, by looking around to see if anybody or anything looks out of place and being able to react quickly if needed, but not to the point of paranoia of people or places. This is when you need to pay attention to prevent yourself from being totally surprised by the actions of another person and one of our bad habits is being on our cell phones. This takes our at-

tention away from things that might be of concern which an appropriate emergency response might be necessary for you and your family members to carry out. ORANGE- This is when you have identified a specific threat and your awareness is heightened and your focus should be on that potential danger. This would be when you are out shopping, driving, or at an outdoor activity. What you should be doing is observing other people's behavior, such as: acting nervous, showing aggressive actions, or staring at you or another family member that is with you. When you are out and about you should walk with a purpose and keep your head on a swivel, and constantly looking around and if you notice someone looking your way you should look back and make eye contact which lets that person know you have noticed them. RED-This is when immediate action is required, and you are facing actions that you reasonably believe that harm is coming your way and the need for a response to the threat is needed. This is when you need to be ahead of the game by looking for escape routes to remove you and your family from danger. If you can, before the event, you could scope out the area for escape routes, and positions that give you and your family a solid cover such as walls, and buildings etc. You should also be mentally ready to defend yourself and family, because during this time of danger is when your

brain takes over and gives you the options of fight, flight, or freeze. If you have mentally prepared yourself you will be able to take action and do whatever is available for you to not become a victim. So as you can see, awareness plays a very important part in everyday life. Keep your head in the game by analyzing what is happening around you, and having a game plan in case of danger. This color code system is here to help you remember what to look for which will give you peace of mind during your summer activities.

-Marshall Randy More

Johnson Road Bridge

The Johnson Road bridge is coming along albeit, very slowly. I want to keep you updated on its progress. First, we have money from HUD. HUD is very helpful and is putting on webinars and cohort sessions on how to use their funding. Their major requirement is the Environmental Review. This is taking much longer than we expected. They have several levels of review and unfortunately, we fall into the most extensive. Following is the latest update from our engineer.

“The public comment period regarding the structure reconstruction within the floodway ended on 4/1 and one comment was received from the State NFIP Coordinator restating that this crossing was in the floodway and we will need a floodplain development permit and “No-Rise” Certificate. Other permitting agency coordination is underway. Utility coordina-

tion has commenced to determine utility relocation costs. Additionally, we are fine tuning the sidewalk extents in correlation to project costs. The Environmental Assessment (EA) document is being completed and coordination with the typical permitting actions.”

Most likely it will not be fall until all the permitting is complete and construction can begin. I know it is frustrating and I share your frustration. It just takes time. There is a new bridge in our future.

-Dale Marcell

Culverts

Last month we sent out “nuisance abatement” letters to address issues with culverts throughout the city. Thank you to those that made the effort to correct issues with their culverts. Let me explain a bit what culverts are. They are they pipe running under your driveway that allows rain water to drain through the ditches unobstructed. Over the years there has been some settling of the culverts and this is to be expected, however, some of the culverts have become damaged, bent, obstructed and blocked preventing drainage through the culverts and causing flash flooding in some neighborhoods. It is important to keep them clean and repair any and all damage. Please don’t put leaves or grass clipping in your ditches. Keep them clean and unobstructed to prevent and manage flash flooding. Again, thanks to all that have maintained your culverts. To those of you who have not addressed the “nuisance abate-

ment” please do so now. We are extending the time to repair another 30 days and will address at that time.

-Dale Marcell

Honoring History: The Story Behind the WWI Memorial

As Memorial Day approaches, let's take a moment to appreciate the rich history behind our local WWI memorial—a symbol of remembrance and community pride.

Did you know that this impressive monument was made possible by the swift efforts of the Liberty Memorial Association? In just ten days in 1919, they raised an incredible \$2.5 million, equivalent to \$40 million today!

Dedicated on November 11, 1926, by President Calvin Coolidge, the memorial stands as a tribute to those who served and sacrificed during the Great War. Its significance resonates deeply, overlooking our city skyline. While many may recognize this landmark, I encourage everyone to take a tour and learn about its profound history. Let's reflect on the valor and unity it represents this Memorial Day.

DON'T FORGET— City Wide Garage Sale is set for June 8th. What makes a city wide garage sale successful? A bunch of neighbors looking to re-home their items they no longer need. One person's trash is another person's treasure!



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**CALENDAR OF
CITY EVENTS**

- May 21 - City Board Meeting, at 7:00 PM
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- June 8 - Citywide Garage Sale
- June 12- Glenaire Luncheon
- June 18 - City Board Meeting, at 7:00 PM
- July. 3,4,5 - Legal Fireworks can be fired **only between 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM**
- September 9th—City Picnic

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