



## Your Community Newsletter for September 2024

### *From the Mayor's Desk*

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our recent Community Picnic that took place on September 14th. While the turnout from our local community was lower than expected, the event still brought together a lively crowd, thanks in large part to the passionate group of fans who came to support the talented band Siren's Creek.

Siren's Creek put on an incredible performance, and their groupies certainly added energy and enthusiasm to the day. It's always inspiring to see local talent supported so fervently. We're grateful for their contribution to creating a fun and vibrant atmosphere.

Of course, no picnic is complete without great food, and we were fortunate to have Essential Eats Grazing on-site, grilling up delicious hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats. Tyler Adams worked tirelessly to ensure our kitchen stayed fully stocked, and I know many attendees appreciated the quality and care that went into every bite.

Although we didn't see the resident turnout we'd hoped for, events like these remind us of the importance of coming together as a community. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your participation helps make our town a better place to live, and I encourage everyone to join in future events. Check out the rest of the newsletter for more

events coming up like luncheons, and party clubs for families at the park.

Let's continue to support our local talent and businesses, and make the most of the opportunities we have to connect. Thank you to everyone who attended, and special thanks to Siren's Creek and Essential Eats Grazing for their hard work and contributions.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kent Riden for his outstanding work in replacing and adding much-needed support to the ramp at the clubhouse. His dedication and attention to detail have ensured that the ramp is not only safer but also more accessible to everyone in our community. Kent's generosity in donating his time and skills exemplifies the spirit of service that makes our town special. We are incredibly grateful for his contribution, which will benefit countless residents for years to come.

A big thank you goes out to Karen Townsend for her hard work in clearing the overgrown plants and flowers at the Glenaire sign entrance. Her efforts have truly revitalized the space, making it more welcoming and beautiful for everyone who passes by. I'd also like to express our gratitude to Kaylee Calandrino for adding new solar spotlights and setting up lovely fall decorations, including haybales and mums. Together, their contributions have transformed the entrance into a vibrant, inviting gateway to our community, reflecting the care

and pride we all share for Glenaire.

Don't forget to follow the Facebook group: City of Glenaire, MO for up-to-date events and pictures of things happening around the city.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Missouri Municipal League's 90th Annual Conference in Branson, MO. The event was packed with informative classes and meetings, providing excellent networking opportunities for small cities like ours. I'm also honored to share that I was nominated to the Missouri Mayors Council, a subcommittee of the MML, where I'll have the chance to advocate for our community on a broader scale. Earlier in the year, I accepted the position as secretary to the MML West Gate division.

Alright, folks, real talk: I wasn't sure if I was going to run for mayor again in 2025. Life is busy (who knew?), and the thought of balancing all the responsibilities had me wondering. But then I thought, "Who am I kidding? I'd miss this too much!" From the projects we're working on to the progress we're making, I realized I'd rather be in the thick of it than on the sidelines. So, guess what? You're stuck with me again! Let's keep this momentum going – I'm ready for more fun, growth, and maybe even add some gray hairs! #Mayor2025 #LetsDoThis



## Dennis Lamp

Dennis Lamp, a longtime resident of Glenaire passed away on September, 1st. His family invites you to attend his Memorial Service on October 5th from 11:00am till 12:00pm at the Moment of Truth Bible Church, 310 Randolph Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Glenaire Luncheons– Written by Nancy Maloney

Friends, I must tell you how much I have enjoyed the potluck luncheons at our Clubhouse. What a grand tradition for our little village to be welcoming and supporting of our neighbors. (I also enjoyed this year's picnic with so many new families and beautiful children). The pot lucks are held at noon on the second Wednesday of the even number months, except December, in which it is the evening.

Many things happen in our community due to the efforts of many volunteers. One volunteer opportunity is hosting a luncheon. Some hosts like to decorate. Some like to have a short program (public service information). Some provide musical entertainment. There are many choices. No program is required. I enjoy getting to know the people and, of course, the food is wonderful.

Hosting a luncheon requires only a couple hours of your time. The duties of a host include:

Setting up the tables and chairs

Making coffee and/or other beverages

Getting the paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils.

Greet people as they enter and

directed them to put their pot luck offering down.

Ensuring that the clubhouse is cleaned after the meal. Attendees assist with the clean up and it only takes a few minutes. Lunches are scheduled for the following dates, all of which are Wednesdays.

**Oct. 09, 2024**

**Dec. 11, 2024**

**Feb. 12, 2025**

**Apr. 09, 2025**

**June 11, 2025**

**Aug. 13, 2025**

**Oct. 08, 2025**

**Dec. 10, 2025**

Please call me to volunteer or learn more. I'll be happy to help volunteers learn the routine.

Nancy Maloney 816-289-9106



## Play Club for Young Glenaire Families

Hello! We're Kristine and Apollo, and we've started a play club in Glenaire for families with young children. On Fridays, you'll find us at the Glenaire City Park open space starting at 4 pm, but feel free to drop in anytime and stay as long as you'd like—there's no set end time!

Inspired by The Anxious Generation, our play club is all about helping kids make new friends and learn to enjoy the outdoors. We'll bring a few toys, but the

imaginative games kids create will be the real treat. Join us whenever you can—we'd love to see you there!

## Curbside Limb & Brush Pick-up Scheduled for October 7th

The City is pleased to announce that the curbside limb and brush pick-up will take place on Monday, October 7. We encourage residents to mark their calendars and kindly follow the guidelines set out in Ordinance 408, designed to help ensure a smooth and efficient process for everyone.

Here are the key details to keep in mind:

- **Timing:** Please place your brush at the curb (or roadside if no curb) no earlier than ten days before the scheduled pick-up. Make sure everything is set out by 7:00 a.m. on October 7.
- **Placement:** The butt ends of limbs should face the curb. Trunks should be no more than 4 inches in diameter, and each residence can have up to 12 feet of brush along the curb.
- **Obstructions:** Be sure to stack your brush neatly, at least two feet away from utility poles, mailboxes, hydrants, and other obstacles. Brush cannot block sidewalks, traffic views, or be placed near parked vehicles.
- **Fines:** Please note that residents may be fined if brush is left at the curb for too long after the pick-up.

### Prohibited Items:

- No bags of any kind
- No yard waste such as leaves,

grass clippings, or weeds

- No building materials

This service is here to help with regular yard cleanup, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation. If you need to remove large trees, please contact a private contractor, as this program is intended for smaller brush and limbs.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our city clean!

### Fall Reminders for Safety and Yard Care in Mind

With the arrival of fall on September 22, it's a good time to share some friendly reminders to help keep our community safe and looking its best.

First, as the days get shorter and it starts getting dark earlier, please be mindful of neighbors out for evening strolls, often accompanied by their four-legged friends. Let's all take extra care when driving through the neighborhood to ensure everyone's safety.

The changing season also means it's time to tackle one of the biggest fall chores: leaf removal. As a homeowner, I know the struggle of keeping up with the leaves, especially from large trees like my oak. But staying on top of yard waste is crucial to keeping our culverts and streets clear, preventing drainage issues.

With Glenaire's beautiful, mature trees, leaf and yard debris can quickly pile up. Don't forget to take advantage of the **limb and brush pick-up on October 7**. It's a great opportunity to get ahead of your yard work and make sure our neighborhood stays tidy. Remember— this does not include leaf removal. Let's all do our part to keep Glenaire safe, clean, and beautiful this fall.

### Urban Heights Lake

A Glenaire resident recently uncovered a fascinating piece of the city's history while investigating the natural spring that flows beneath his home. He was excited to share a topography map that revealed Glenaire's rich past, dating back to its early days as a stop on the Interurban Trolley line.

Originally known as the Belleview stop, Glenaire was once part of the longest electric trolley system in Missouri, connecting Kansas City to Excelsior Springs and St. Joseph. The community later became known as Interurban Heights, named after the trolley line. As early as 1912, this area was advertised as "Liberty's Playground" thanks to Urban Lake, a 14-acre semi-natural lake located along the northern side of Lake Avenue. Urban Lake was a popular retreat, offering cabins, tents, boats for rent, fishing, a café, and even an "airdome."

One of the more colorful aspects of the town's history involves the Island House, a notorious spot for evening entertainment. Located on a small island at the south end of the lake, it gained a reputation for vice. Local legend has it that when the Clay County Sheriff had to cross the lake by boat to reach Island House, it gave residents enough time to hide any misdeeds before his arrival.

The area was also a hub for Boy Scout activities, with regional troops using the location as their summer camp, Camp Driftwood. However, the community saw significant changes in 1933 when the Interurban Trolleys ceased operation, and in 1945, after a heavy rainstorm, the earthen dam gave way, leading to the destruc-

tion of Urban Lake.

In 1950, amid Kansas City's expansion northward and Liberty's growth to the south, residents of Interurban Heights decided to form their own independent village. With 101 petition signatures, the Village of Glenaire was officially incorporated on September 13, 1950. Glenaire continued to evolve and became a city in 1994, primarily to install public sewer lines in its eastern section.

The city is zoned residential only, and its City Hall is housed in what was originally the Glenaire Community Clubhouse, dating back to 1921. This building has played a key role in the community's history. Established as the Urban Heights Community Club, it grew from a barn donated by John Robert Smiley, and it became Clay County's first rural club building. Over the years, it has served as a school, court, 4-H meeting place, voting poll, and a venue for both private and public celebrations.

Today, the clubhouse continues to serve as a focal point for community activities, and as a reminder of Glenaire's unique and vibrant history.





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**CALENDAR OF  
CITY EVENTS**

All events listed below are held at the City Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd  
Sept 24- City Board Meeting, City Hall/Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd. at 7:00 PM  
- Curbside Limb and Brush Pick up  
Oct 11 - Glenaire Luncheon 12:00 Noon at City Hall/Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd  
- City Board Meeting, City Hall/Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd. at 7:00 PM  
- City Board Meeting, City Hall/Clubhouse, 309 Smiley Rd. at 7:00 PM  
- Santa Will Visit All Streets in Glenaire Beginning at 9:00 AM

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