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HAZELWOOD CITY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Voters in the City of Hazelwood re-elected two current members of the council while also choosing two new candidates for vacant seats.

Bob Aubuchon (Ward 2) and Warren Taylor (Ward 6) ran unopposed while Councilmembers Dan Herin (Ward 4) and Mary Singleton (Ward 8) chose not to seek another term. They were succeeded by Kelly Wadlow and Jen Hatton.



Bob Aubuchon



Warren Taylor



Dan Herin



Mary Singleton

First elected in 1997 for an unexpired term, Aubuchon begins his tenth term. Alderpersons Taylor and Singleton were elected in 2008 while Herin just completed his first term.

Both new and re-elected members took their oath of office at the April 19th meeting along with City Courts Judge Patrick Monahan. During the same event, Councilman Taylor along with retired Councilmember Singleton received their 15 years service award from Mayor Matt Robinson.

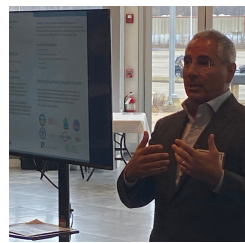


City Clerk Julie Lowery administers the oath of office to Ward 4 Councilmember Kelly Wadlow



Jen Hatton, newly elected Ward 8 Councilmember, is sworn into office by City Clerk Julie Lowery

ICP HOSTS HAZELWOOD BUSINESS PARK EVENT



Chris Semarjian, Owner of ICP, gives an overview of the plans for Hazelwood Business Park.

Cleveland-based Industrial Commercial Properties LLC (ICP), a leading developer of commercial, office and industrial properties, hosted a special broker event in late February to showcase their plans for the Hazelwood Business Park.

Formerly known as the St. Louis Mills Mall, ICP has already begun the \$80 million redevelopment that will turn the site into one of the most prime industrial and commercial office locations in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

Company officials have contracted with local brokers Dan

Lesinski and Billy Spence of Newmark Zimmer to market the 1.3M SF property.

Chris Semarjian, Owner of ICP, stated the Hazelwood property is a natural fit for the company.

“We have successfully utilized our expertise in the adaptive reuse of defunct retail at six other locations throughout the Midwest, remaking them into transformative hubs for business. Redeveloping the former mall into Hazelwood Business Park will cultivate economic development, new jobs and increased income taxes for the City of Hazelwood. It will also encourage further new development in the surrounding properties, completely remaking the entire area,” Semarjian stated.

He also noted other major reasons for their interest was its Midwest proximity and the ability to partner with key local professionals.

Our team recognized the Hazelwood area as a great place to do business and we are utilizing local contractors and service providers for this redevelopment. In addition, engaging the expertise of Steadfast City and Newmark Zimmer increased our comfort level with this project,” Semarjian added.



Steadfast City is a St. Louis based cutting-edge economic and community development consulting firm that assists both communities and developers to identify the best possible outcomes for redeployed properties.

ICP purchased the majority of the site in late 2022 and immediately began discussions with city officials to redevelop the property. Company officials anticipate much of the renovation will be completed by the 3rd Quarter of 2023 with a desire to announce its first tenants around the same time.



Steadfast City Founder Doug Rasmussen discusses property assets.

RECYCLE DAY SET FOR JUNE 10TH

The City of Hazelwood’s 12th Annual Recycle Day will be June 10, 2023 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Village Square Shopping Center parking lot. Residents may drop off most electronics, car parts, waste oil, antifreeze, and scrap metal for recycling. Paper shredding will also be provided, with a limit of 2 boxes per car. Residents may recycle ONE older-style tube TV or TWO flat screen TVs/monitors for free as funding allows. Fees will apply for additional TVs or monitors. Tires may be recycled for \$3 per car tire or \$5 per larger tire.

We are partnering with Republic Services, Citishred, Auto World, and Spectrum Ecycle. Funding for this project is being provided through a grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and by a grant from Saint Louis County Department of Public Health utilizing County landfill surcharge funds.

For more information, please visit www.hazelwoodmo.org/RecycleDay.



PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES

Congratulations to the City employees who received promotions, celebrated anniversaries and to our newest hires!

Promotions:

- Austin Bishop - Police Officer
- Tim Burger - Police Captain
- Lucas Claborn - Police Officer
- Kenny Eckardt - Lieutenant
- Mark McKeon - Police Major
- James Sieve - Police Sergeant

New Hires:

- Victoria Callahan - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Cameron Chivetta - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Todd Delaney - Maint. Worker
- Charley Kell - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Maxwell Kelly - Fire Fighter/Paramedic
- Aaron Neff - Police Officer
- Brandon Nolting - Maint. Worker
- David Schack - Police Officer
- DeAndre Simpson - Maint. Worker

Anniversaries:

- Dan Barr - Animal Control Officer (10 Years)
- Patricia Cowan - Program Specialist (5 Years)
- Victoria Hall - (Parks & Rec. Ranger (20 Years)
- Ray Higginbotham - Parks & Rec. Custodian (5 Years)
- Christopher Jimenez - Police Officer (5 Years)
- Matthew Mankus - Fire Captain (10 Years)

Retirements:

- Eric Kiehl - Fire Captain
- Glen Robinson - Law Enforcement Info. Specialist



CITY EVENTS

Yoga
(Check Calendar for Dates & Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Senior Yoga
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Chair Yoga
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Zumba
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Senior Fitness Training
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

City Council Meetings
First and Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Memorial Day Holiday
May 29th
All City Offices are Closed

Independence Day Holiday
July 4th
All City Offices are Closed



DARE Officer Ed Novak and Police Chief Jim Hudanick visited the 5th Grade class at Garret Elementary along with teachers Scott Kratzer, Jennifer Davis, Brian Haldaman and Principal Eric Melton.

PANATTONI, CITY CELEBRATE AVIATOR SUCCESS

Panattoni Development Company and the City of Hazelwood recently hosted a special event celebrating the completion of Aviator Business Park.

Located at the former Ford Motor Company site, Aviator Business Park is a 155-acre infill development. Panattoni Development acquired the site in 2008 and has since constructed over 5,000,000 SF of high quality industrial and logistics space. The site now boasts globally recognized tenants like Amazon, Silgan Plastics, Rivian and International Food Products.



"This is a celebration of perseverance and vision," stated Mark Branstetter, Partner with Panattoni. "Our team took the challenge of redeveloping this site at the beginning of a severe economic collapse and created one of the most dynamic locations in the greater St. Louis metropolitan region."

PARKS TO HOST THREE FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS

The Hazelwood Parks & Recreation Department will once again host three summer Food Truck Nights, featuring live entertainment at Howdershell Park. Each Food Truck Night will be on a Tuesday evening from 5:00-8:00p.m. with plenty of picnic tables for dining. Attendees can bring their own lawn-chairs and blankets if they wish. You may bring your own refreshments, or purchase beverages in the park. NO GLASS PLEASE. Come out and enjoy great music, great food and a great community. The events will be held on:

May 23rd - Entertainment by FreSH Rain with food trucks from Homestyle Grill, Cajun Seduction, Cluck Oink Moo Sliders, Fia Bazin BBQ and Scoops N More.

June 27th - Entertainment by All For Nothing Band with food trucks from Taste Budz-Street Dogz, Speedway Eatery, DaGoat, Tuk Tuk Thai, Street Sweets

July 25th - Entertainment by South Side Johnny Band with food trucks from Cajun Seduction, Speedway Eatery, Picture Perfect Paninis, Angie Burgers and Enoch's Funnel Cake Express.

SINGLETON, AVIATOR TO RECEIVE NCI AWARDS

North County Inc., a regional economic and community development advocacy organization representing north St. Louis County, will recognize a group of impactful leaders and businesses at their 46th Annual Leadership Breakfast. Two of the winners have direct ties to the City of Hazelwood.

Mary Singleton, who recently ended her illustrious career on the Hazelwood City Council after serving 15 years, will be recognized with a Public Service Leadership Award while Panattoni Development Company will receive the Business Development Leadership Award for its successful completion of Aviator Business Park.



Singleton and Mark Branstetter, who will be representing Panattoni, will receive the awards at the organization's May 12th breakfast.

"Celebrating champions of North County is always an honor. We are excited to recognize the many dedicated people, businesses, and organizations working to improve our community, better the lives of others, and advance the local economy," said NCI President and CEO, Rebecca Zoll.



LIMB PICK UP PROGRAM RESTORED

The City of Hazelwood recently restored the popular limb collection program. The first pick up began the week of March 13th and will continue until the week of May 15th. The program was eliminated in 2020 due to the serious financial constraints the city was experiencing and remained non-operational through the COVID pandemic.

City Manager Matt Zimmerman stated the program was restored for because of two major factors.

"We know limb collection is a high priority for residents and our hope was to eventually return this service. First, we were able to bring back limb collection due to the recent election in the Robertson Fire District. While no settlement has been reached, we have an improved dialogue with the new board and are hopeful that an agreement will be found that will benefit all parties."



"Zimmerman added, "Secondly, while our financial future is still tenuous, we have been able to restore some stability due to past cost cutting moves."

The City Manager stated his hope is to not only continue the limb collection program every spring but to also re-establish leaf collection in the fall.

Zimmerman added, "I want to emphasize that implementing both of these programs for the long term is solely dependent on an agreement with the Robertson Fire District Board of Directors and the continued strengthening of our financial condition."

To see the schedule, go to: <https://www.hazelwoodmo.org/603/Limb-Collection>.

STREET, SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM TO BEGIN

It is that time of year again for the city's Street and Sidewalk Repair Program. Watch for updates soon on what is on the list for this summer.



POLICE ENROURAGE PROTECTION FROM SCAMS

The Hazelwood Police Department is warning citizens that scam artists are prevalent in many ways. They are encouraging everyone to educate themselves about these fraudulent activities and to protect themselves.

- 4 Signs That It's a Scam:
- Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know
 - Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE
 - Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately
 - Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way

- Tips to help avoid a scam:
- Block unwanted calls and text messages
 - Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request you didn't expect
 - Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or using a money transfer service

Scams are performed via email, text and/or phone call. Be prepared and be safe.



NOW HIRING

FOR 2023 WHITE BIRCH BAY SEASON

Positions Needed:

- Lifeguards
- Concessions
- Front Desk

Contact Aquatic Supervisor Jeff Knowles
314-513-5073
jdknowles@hazelwoodmo.org

Dreaming of summer already?

So are we!

That means we are accepting applications for the 2023 White Birch Bay aquatic season! We are hiring lifeguards, concessions, and front desk staff.

Apply by email or picking up a copy of an application at the Hazelwood Community Center!

- Benefits
- American Red Cross Lifeguard certificate paid for
 - Only counts for lifeguard candidates
 - One set of uniform
 - Amazing pay
 - And more!

For more information, contact Aquatics Supervisor Jeff Knowles at 314-513-5073 or email him at jdknowles@hazelwoodmo.org



COUNCIL UPDATES

- Approved making the Green Committee an official city board.
- Approved participating in a FEMA sponsored floodplain buyout program for residents impacted by the July 2022 flood.
- Waived penalties for MiTek on their Chapter 100 project in Hazelwood.
- Officially swore in Jim Hudanick as the new Police Chief.
- Approved a petition for a Special Land Use Permit for the Cement Masons Local 527 for the operation of a new Vocational/Trade School in Park 370.
- Approved a change to the city's ordinances allowing the sales of adult use marijuana in accordance with the new law passed by Missouri voters.
- Approved a proclamation honoring Katherine "Kitty" Harrison for being named 2023 Board Chair of the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce.

**WE'RE
HIRING**

The City of Hazelwood has a number of job openings for interested parties. The City offers competitive wages with a number of outstanding benefits.

To find out more, visit www.hazelwoodmo.org/273/Employment-Opportunities

FIRE CHIEF TO RETIRE, REPLACEMENT NAMED



Fire Chief Dave Herman

Hazelwood Fire Chief Dave Herman has announced his retirement effective May 5th. Herman is a 3rd generation firefighter – and has two sons that continue to carry this tradition in the St. Louis region – was named Hazelwood's Chief in January of 2017.

He began his 43 year career in 1979 with the Glendale Fire Department. Herman also served in the Manchester Fire District (now West County EMS & Fire) and the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District, where he was named Fire Chief in 2003.

As Hazelwood Fire Chief, Herman noted some of his greatest accomplishments was the ability to recruit and train new firefighters despite very stiff competition

along with replacing and updating equipment. In addition, he expressed great pride in not only the professionalism of those serving with him, but especially called out the department for their achievement of rescuing 136 residents during the 2022 flood.

During his storied career, Dave has numerous commendations and citations for heroic action in saving local citizens during emergency situations. He is the past president of the Greater St. Louis Fire EMS Officers Association.

City Manager Matt Zimmerman has appointed Deputy Chief Dan Luley as Herman's replacement.

Dan started his career as a paramedic with Christian Hospital in June of 1987. While working at Christian Hospital Dan attended St. Louis County Fire Academy graduating in November of 1999. Soon after graduating, Dan was hired by the Hazelwood Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic on December 20, 1999.

After serving 13 years as a firefighter/paramedic and a certified front line firetruck back-up driver/operator; Luley was promoted to the department's Deputy Fire Chief in March of 2012.

Deputy Fire Chief Luley also has several commendations and awards for his professionalism as a firefighter/paramedic and Deputy Fire Chief.



Deputy Fire Chief Dan Luley

Dan resides in Florissant with his wife Lisa and when not on duty they enjoy spending time with their four children Rob, Chris, Danielle and Kaitlyn and grandchildren Jessica, Christopher, Courtney, Madilynn, Colson, and Cooper.

GETTING READY FOR SPRINGTIME

As the grass turns green, our Code Enforcement Department reminds everyone about the following rules:

- Grass/weeds should be maintained below 8" in height.
- Trash cans must be stored behind the front building line of your home (not in front of the garage door).
- Exterior maintenance of property must be kept up, including cleaning of siding and removal of vegetation from gutters.
- Do not park your cars on unimproved surfaces or grass. Cars must be parked on hard surfaces such as asphalt or concrete and not blocking sidewalks.

For more details, go to www.hazelwoodmo.org/224/Code-Enforcement.



HAZELWOOD DAY COMING SEPTEMBER 9TH!

Once again this year, the city will host the third annual Hazelwood Day on Saturday, September 9th in Howdershell Park. The event will run from 3:00-9:00 pm. This family friendly event will feature free activities for all ages and fantastic entertainment. The event will include:

- Two inflatable obstacle courses, one for small children and one for kids of all ages.
- The annual Random Draw Partnering Horseshoe Tournament.
- Free Bingo for prizes.
- A balloon artist who will create free sculptures.
- Free entertainment - the headliner for this year is
- The Fabulous Motown Revue!! They will perform from 6:00-9:00p.m.
- City information and big tractors and trucks to climb on!
- Food Trucks!

Keep an eye out for updated information as it becomes available.



The Fabulous Motown Revue will be the headline act at Hazelwood Day.



The Hazelwood Historic Preservation Commission recently hosted the local chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa teaching sorority. Commission members gave presentations about the Knobbe House and the Little Red School House. They also led a tour the Utz-Teson House.

PARKS OFFERS MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTION

Hazelwood Parks and Recreation has Martial Arts Instruction available for everyone age 7 and over. You can learn several Martial Arts skills, including Judo, Jiu Jitsu, and Karate, with an emphasis on Tae Kwon Do. Classes are instructed by USMA Certified Black Belts. All skill levels are welcomed. Advance in rank is possible through regular participation.

Lessons for those age 7-12, Karate Kids, meets on Thursdays, June 15th - August 31st from 6:30-7:30p.m. Fees to participate are \$50 for Hazelwood Residents and \$60 for Non-Residents. A continuing session will be held September 12th - September 14th



For ages 13 and over, Adult Karate, lessons are held on Thursdays, June 15th-August 31st, 7:30-8:45p.m. Fees to participate are \$60 for Hazelwood Residents and \$70 for Non-Residents. A continuing session will be held September 21st - December 14th.

All classes are held at the Hazelwood Community Center. Participants should wear comfortable clothing to class. The instructor will provide optional Karate uniform information at the first night of classes.

SHOW ME THE "MONET"

Release your inner artist and creativity with every brush stroke! Hazelwood Parks and Recreation is teaming up with BrushCapades STL to bring painting classes to the Hazelwood community this summer. BrushCapades instructors will be on hand at the Hazelwood Community Center to lead you through the completion of your very own masterpiece.

On Friday, June 16th, beginning at 7:00p.m., painting enthusiasts, age 16 and over, will be given step by step instructions to complete their 16" x 20" rendition of "Paris at Night." Fees to attend are \$37 for Hazelwood Residents and \$42 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is June 6th.

On Friday, July 21st, beginning at 6:00p.m., ages 5 - 12 years, will be given the same step by step instructions to complete their 11" x 14" rendition of "Giraffe." Those artists under the age of 8 should bring an adult assistant along with them. Fees to attend are \$32 for Hazelwood Residents and \$37 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is July 14th.



Firefighter Eric Kiehl received a proclamation and standing ovation for his 41 years of service to the Hazelwood Fire Department and his impending retirement. Many members of the department attended the ceremony to honor Eric.

PROP M APPROVED

In April, Hazelwood voters approved Proposition M; a ballot measure permitting the City to impose a 3% tax on the retail sales of marijuana.

Recreational marijuana was legalized in Missouri in late 2022 by a statewide vote. However, local governments were required to obtain voter approval to tax the sale of the product.

It is estimated, the tax will generate approximately \$150,000 per year for Hazelwood.

Per the State of Missouri, the tax will not be imposed until October of this year. The City anticipates the first disbursement from the tax will be received in December.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS TO RETURN

The City of Hazelwood is excited to announce the return of July 4th fireworks this summer.

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, July 4th at White Birch Park at approximately 9:30 pm (weather permitting). Parking in White Birch Park will be restricted to only those with a permit.



A free shuttle bus will be available starting at 7:00 pm running from Armstrong Elementary and Hazelwood West High School to the park.

Spectators can bring food and drink into the park, however; glass containers, fireworks and weapons are strictly forbidden.

For safety concerns, no food trucks will be in the park.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Doug Littlefield stated that J&M Displays, a respected vendor who has performed in previous July 4th Hazelwood events, contacted the city about a sudden opening. Noting the difficulty of securing a fireworks contractor on Independence Day, the city immediately began preparations of finalizing a contract and presenting it to the city council.

Littlefield stated, "We were very fortunate to be presented with this opportunity. Given the high demand for fireworks, many thought we would not be able to secure a vendor for a long time. Luckily, a spot became available and we took immediate action."



CITY ISSUES STATEMENT ON POWERPLEX

Big Sports Properties, the owner and operator of POWERplex, recently announced it has withdrawn its application to redevelop the former St. Louis Mills Mall.

In late 2022, Cleveland based ICP, LLC purchased the majority of the property and began discussions with Big Sports Properties about continuing the project with readjusted site parameters. Unfortunately, an agreement could not be reached.

In a statement, City Manager Matt Zimmerman said, "over the past several years, we have worked with Dan Buck and his team with a mutual desire to make POWERplex a reality. Unfortunately, due to a number of obstacles, many out of everyone's control, we could not get this project across the finish line."

"We commend and thank all who participated in the venture and wish Big Sports Properties nothing but success as they search for a new location," he added.

Zimmerman stated that while the loss of POWERplex is disappointing, the city is very excited about its partnership with ICP LLC and the plans they have underway at what is now called Hazelwood Business Park.

"ICP has a proven track record at redeploying former retail malls and turning them into viable facilities for light manufacturing, warehousing and office tenants. We are confident Hazelwood Business Park will be successful and look forward to showcasing the growth and jobs that will result from ICP's work."