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LIMB COLLECTION STARTS IN APRIL

Public Works will start its very popular limb collection the week of April 14th and end the week of June 16th.



Residents should stack trimmings at the curb by 7:00 am the Monday morning of their designated week with the cut ends facing the street. City crews will collect brush on each street one time only during the schedule collection week. Branches should not be cut into short pieces. Do not put any wire, metal, trash, garden waste or other debris in the brush. This could cause serious injury to the crew and damage the chipper.

Trimmings done by a contractor must be removed by the contractor and not left for city crews to pick up. No stumps or limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter will be taken. If you have questions, call (314) 839-3700, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

CITY NAMES TIFFANY PAUL HR MANAGER

Interim City Manager David Leezer announced the appointment of Tiffany Paul as the city's first Human Resources Manager.

"Due to changes in the workplace, it was important to have a full-time professional handling personnel matters. Our management team was united in determining Tiffany was the best person for the job," Leezer stated.

Prior joining the city, Tiffany oversaw HR operations for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. She was also employed as the Manager of Human Resources for University City. She received her BA, MA and MBA from Lindenwood University and was welcomed to Hazelwood by Mayor Matt Robinson and the City Council in late January.



LEEZER NAMED INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Mayor Matt Robinson and the Hazelwood City Council appointed David Leezer as Interim City Manager, effective November 1, 2024. Leezer has served as Assistant City Manager - Economic Development since June of 2022.

He was named to the post upon the retirement of Matt Zimmerman.



He moved to the St. Louis region over 25 years ago and served in a number of local government positions in both St. Louis and St. Charles Counties.

Leezer received both a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Eastern Illinois University with an emphasis on Public Administration. He is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) and has received the designation of Fellow Member (FM) from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

He and his wife, Pat, are the parents of one son - Nathan - who resides in Boston with his wife and son.

The appointment will run until July 1, 2025.

CHIEF LULEY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



Fire Chief Dan Luley was recently recognized for his 25 years of service to the City of Hazelwood

A native of North County, Luley started with the Hazelwood Fire Department in December of 1999 as a Firefighter Paramedic and eventually achieved the rank of Fire Chief in May of 2023.

Luley was celebrated at a recent city council meeting by Mayor Matt Robinson and the City Council. His family joined him at the ceremony.



CITY LEADERS SPEAK AT HOA MEETINGS

Three Homeowner's Associations (HOA) recently invited Council members and City staff to update the residents about activities taking place in Hazelwood. Council members Lisa Matlock (Ward 5) and Jen Hatton (Ward 8) spoke to respective HOA members and were joined by Public Works Director David Stewart, Police Chief Jim Hudanick, Code Enforcement Officer Heather Wright and Interim City Manager David Leezer.

They spoke on various topics ranging from safety, city finances, street repairs, code issues and city services.

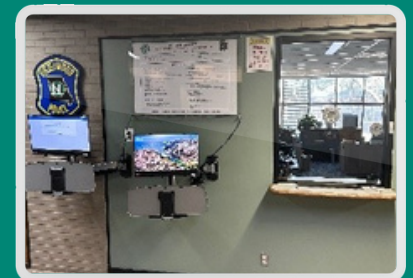


LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local election will take place on Tuesday, April 8th. in the region for various city and school district candidates.

In Hazelwood, Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be on the ballot along with positions on the Hazelwood School Board.

To find out more regarding what will be on the ballot, go to the website of the St. Louis County Board of Elections.



NEW PORTALS

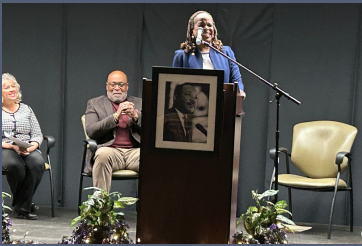
Two new self-service portals have been installed in the lobby between Finance and Police Records. Residents will be able to use this devices to apply for permits, inspections, licenses and other services.



POLAR PLUNGE

The Hazelwood Police Department braved the frigid waters at the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge at Creve Coeur Lake in Maryland Heights. Fifteen Hazelwood Officers participated in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge this weekend and raised nearly \$8,000 for Special Olympics Missouri athletes.

The Hazelwood team took home the Golden Plunger for Best Team Costume for their Hazelwood West football jerseys and won Law Enforcement Team Award with the Most Funds Raised.



MLK CELEBRATION

The Hazelwood Community Enrichment Commission hosted its 23rd Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 19th at Civic Center East. Missouri State Representative Stephanie Boykin served as the keynote speaker. Musical entertainment was provided by the GBC Praise Bank, The Alexander Family Praise Dancers and Mr. Donald Williams.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



On April 26th, 2025, the City of Hazelwood Police Department will participate in the National Drug Take Back Program. Our collection site once again is in front of the City Hall Complex. We will be collecting between the times of 10am and 2pm.

We are collecting Controlled and non-controlled and over the counter medications.



Illicit substance such as marijuana or methamphetamine are NOT a part of this initiative.

Needles, sharp objects, liquids or inhalers are not accepted. In addition, we will not collect batteries, vape pens with non-removable batteries.

MODOT PUBLIC MEETINGS

MoDOT hosted an open house at Civic Center East on the proposed improvements to Route 67 (Lindbergh Blvd.) between Missouri Route 367 and Interstate 270. The project includes three separate tranches that will resurface the existing roadway, replace or rehabilitate bridge surfaces and make updates to the corridor's pedestrian infrastructure to meet ADA requirements. The segment that impacts us the most runs from New Halls Ferry to I-270 and will include:

- Resurface approximately four miles of pavement.
- Upgrade the existing sidewalks and curb ramps to meet ADA requirements.
- Construct new sidewalks in front of Phillips 66, Firestone Complete Auto Care, and the utility substation.
- Replace existing entrances to meet ADA requirements.
- Reconstruct traffic signals at Trotterway Dr., Target entrance, North Waterford Dr./Thunderbird Ave., New Florissant Rd., St. Jean St., West Washington St./Charbonier Rd., and Elm Grove Ave.
- Replace the acceleration lane on Lindbergh Blvd. northbound between Taylor Rd. and Elm Grove Rd. that was removed as part of the I-270 improvements.
- Make connection between existing sidewalk along the north side of Lindbergh Blvd. and the existing switchback for the Great Rivers Greenway Sunset Greenway Trail at the bridge east of Patterson Rd.
- Replace all ground mounted and affected overhead corridor signage.

They are anticipating this work to start in the Spring of 2026 and completed by late Fall at an estimated cost of \$11.3 million. The entire project is anticipated to take two years complete and will end in 2028. The website for the project is: <https://www.modot.org/us-route-67-corridor-upgrades-st-louis>



FIRE DEPARTMENT AIDING OUR CITIZENS

“Access Life” and an “All Hazard Weather radio are just two of the many community support programs operated by the Hazelwood Fire Department.

Access Life allows the department to place a lockbox outside a residence with a push button code which holds a key for the house. The code will only be available to our dispatchers who will relay the information to the Hazelwood Fire Department when 911 is called. This will allows a first responder access to the home if no other entry point is available. Call the Hazelwood Fire Department at 314-731-3424 or email Hazelwoodfirefighters@gmail.com for more information.



In addition, the Department’s Emergency Management team was awarded a grant to purchase an all-hazards weather alerting radio. which includes the batteries, a pillow shaker, and a strobe light to help alert the hearing impaired of impending severe weather at night. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) awarded grant, can help reduce the risk of injury and death during severe weather by providing the all-hazards weather alerting radio, a pillow shaker, and a strobe device to the hearing impaired. To be eligible, the recipient must be a resident of the City of Hazelwood and either they or a member of their family is hearing impaired. To find out more, call the Hazelwood Fire Department at 314-731-3424 and ask for Battalion Chief Gerard Hagedorn or email him at glhagedorn@hazelwoodmo.org.

EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN FITNESS CHALLENGE

In an effort to promote better health, the City’s Wellness Committee began a new program to encourage fitness by employees.

“The idea first came to the city by the Fire Union during contract negotiations last year,” stated Interim City Manager David Leezer. “We thought it was such a great idea, we incorporated it into all of our agreements and expanded it to included non-bargaining unit employees.”

Liberty Thompson, a Hazelwood resident and Certified Fitness Coach was brought in to teach employees the proper way to workout to avoid injury. She also helped coach the employees during the fitness challenge.

“Our goal is for the employees to use this as a first step for year-round fitness. We recognize a healthy lifestyle benefits both the employee and the city,” Leezer added.



RETIRED FLAG BOX



The Police Department has installed a new Flag Retirement Box in City Hall. This box provides a respectful and proper way to retire old, weathered, or unused American flags. If you have a flag that is worn or tattered, simply drop it off in the box, and it will be retired with the dignity it deserves.



City crews are conducting hot mix patch repairs to city streets where needed. It will take place throughout the entire city but we are addressing specific concerns reported by residents. Our recently purchased asphalt patching machine has improved efficiencies with this work with less downtime for repairs.