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HAZELWOOD HIGHLIGHTS

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ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 3

Are you registered to vote?

Make sure you are registered to vote. If you have not registered, visit

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/voterregistration> to get registered.

Are you voting in person?

If voting in-person is preferable or necessary, make sure you minimize your COVID-19 risk, including wearing a face covering, maintaining at least a six foot distance from other voters and election judges, and staying outdoors as long as possible before entering the location.

What is on your ballot?

View your sample ballot at www.stlouiscovotes.com.

Where is your polling place?

You can vote at any polling location in the county. Look up polling locations at www.stlouiscovotes.com.

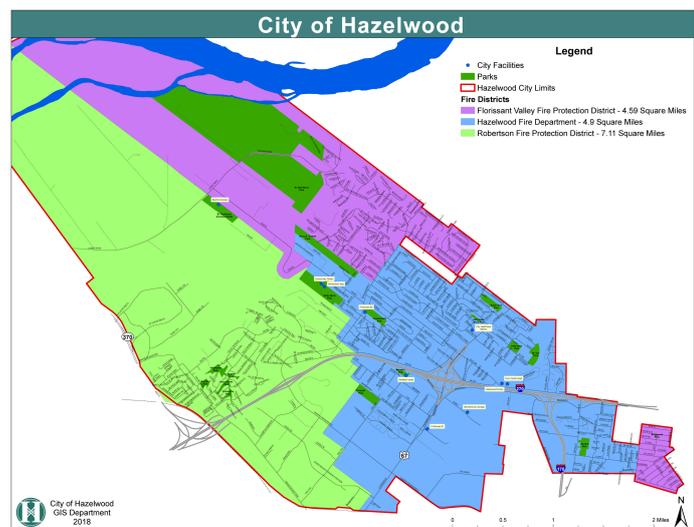
FIRE SERVICE FUNDING

The City of Hazelwood is sending out printed surveys to a number of Hazelwood residents to learn their preference for fire services and funding.

As a reminder, when the voters approved annexation into the City in the early 1990s, the law at that time maintained that residents could keep their current fire service provider and the City would act as a conduit between those fire service providers and the residents. Now, Hazelwood is served by three fire agencies:

- Hazelwood Fire Dept. (middle area of town - shown in blue)
- Robertson Fire Protection District (west side of town - shown in green)
- Florissant Valley Fire Protection District (north and far east sides of town - shown in purple)

Since the annexation, the City's payments to the fire districts have increased significantly because the voters in the districts have approved tax rate increases. Because the City acts as a conduit between the fire districts and the residents, the residents do not pay - the City pays the rates. And because of this, when the cost of fire service increases in any one district, ALL Hazelwood residents end up paying for it out of the City's General Fund.



TAKE THE SURVEY AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FIRE SERVICE FUNDING AT

www.hazelwoodmo.org/FireService

COUNCIL CALL-OUT: STREET SEALING

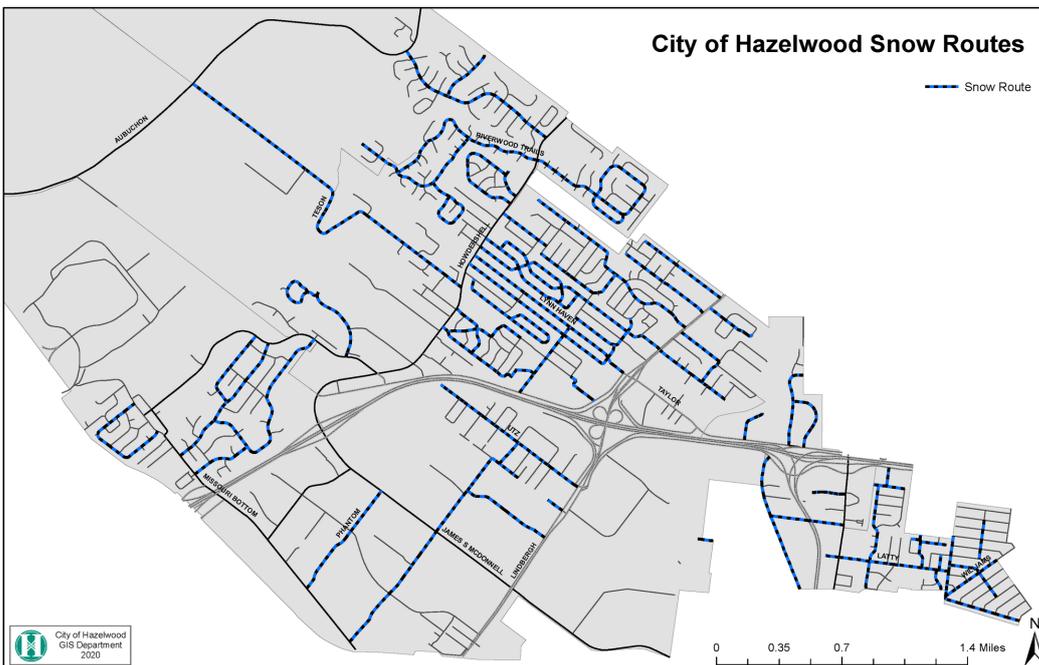
Council approved a contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials (CAM) for \$65,842 for street sealing for this year. The City's street sealing project helps preserve the existing pavement, reducing the need for more costly projects such as overlays or full reconstruction of the road.



The picture above shows a test section of asphalt in the City. On the left is the untreated asphalt, or the road that has not been sealed. On the right is the treated asphalt that has been sealed.

EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

City crews work hard during winter months clearing City streets of snow and ice. During snowstorms, residents are asked to remove all vehicles from the streets in order to make plowing smoother for all involved. Vehicles that remain on designated snow routes after prior warnings will be towed at the owner's expense. Whenever four inches or more of snow is predicted by the National Weather Service, the City will declare a Snow Emergency Alert. City crews will work around the clock to first clear emergency snow routes, and then all connected side streets and intersections. Please remember that due to budget cuts, snow plowing response times may be slower.



COUNCIL UPDATES

- Council authorized an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to install the Hazelwood logo on the new Lindbergh Blvd. overpasses.
- Council passed an ordinance establishing the 2020 Property Tax rates. The specific rates, which have remained fairly consistent over the years are a levy on every \$100 of assessed valuation of property.
 - Residential property rate is \$0.989;
 - Commercial property rate is \$0.992;
 - Agricultural property rate is \$0.895;
 - Personal property rate is \$0.976.
- Council approved a contract with M & H Concrete Contractors for \$473,446.80 for Hazelwood's sidewalk and street improvement project. This is the largest sidewalk and street concrete panel replacement project the City has undertaken in several years.

DETER PACKAGE THEFT

Have you been doing some online shopping lately? Doorstep package theft is the ultimate “crime of opportunity” and thousands of packages are stolen off of doorsteps every year, most of which are not recovered.

1 Security Cameras: Home security cameras cannot stop crime, but they can help catch the criminals by providing information such as suspect and vehicle description, license plate information, direction of travel, and time of theft. This vital information can significantly increase our chances of identifying the thief, as well as possibly link them to other crimes in the area.

2 Alternate Delivery Options: Major retailers provide secure methods of delivery, such as Amazon's Lockers. It is easy to use, and if you are okay with taking the extra step of picking your packages up away from home, this is an excellent way to avoid package theft. You can also ship packages to your workplace, though we recommend checking with your supervisor to ensure you are within policy.

3 Network with Neighbors: Get together with neighbors. Agree to look out for strangers in the neighborhood and keep an eye on deliveries at each other's homes. You may be able to have packages delivered to a neighbor who will be home or, you can ask a neighbor to grab a package off your porch if you are alerted to a delivery via a security camera or delivery notification.



WINTER WARM-UP: VEHICLE SAFETY

Most vehicle thefts occur when people leave their vehicles running while unattended. Follow these tips to help protect your vehicle from theft:

1 Never leave your car running while unattended. This is an open invitation to thieves who only need a few seconds to get into your car and drive away with it. Once a thief is inside your car, there is often very little you can do.

2 Do not leave your keys in your car or inside your garage. About 20% of stolen vehicles had the keys left in the ignition, the cup holder, or the center console. If a thief can get to your keys, they can get your car. Never hide a spare key inside your car - make sure you keep them in a secure location inside your home. Never leave keys to other vehicles inside another vehicle.

3 Do not leave valuables, personal documents, credit cards, or cash inside your car. If you have to store valuable items in your car, put them in the trunk or hide them from view. Whenever possible, store your valuables BEFORE arriving at your destination as thieves may be watching.

4 Lock your car and roll up the windows. About 50% of stolen vehicles were left unlocked. If your car is unlocked or the windows are not rolled up, a resourceful thief can get inside and steal your car or have access to anything inside the car. **Do not make it easy for them.**

5 Use your garage. If you have a garage, park your car inside and keep the garage locked. This makes it much harder for a thief to get access to your vehicle.

PRO-TIP:

Take your garage door opener inside if you park in your driveway - if a criminal does break into your car, they will not be able to enter your home through the garage.



6 Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel or brakes to make it more difficult for car thieves to drive the vehicle.

7 Install an anti-theft security system. Many newer vehicles have some form of anti-theft system. You can also purchase an after-market system with different security features, allowing you to customize your system based on needs and price.

8 Park in well-lit areas. More than half of all vehicle thefts occur at night. It is easier to steal your car if it is in an area with no one around or an area where thieves can conceal their activities. If possible, park in high-traffic, highly visible areas.

9 Installing a vehicle tracking device or an immobilizer. The police can use these devices to find your vehicle if it is stolen. Certain vehicles already include these devices. If your vehicle does not have one, you can have it added as an option. Immobilizers interrupt the three circuits that are required to start and operate your vehicle: the starter, ignition, and fuel supply systems. These circuits can only be reactivated by a specially coded microchip in the key issued to you when you purchase your car.

10 Use your emergency brake when parking, making your car more difficult for thieves to tow away.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK: OCT. 4 - 10

Across the country, fire departments usually celebrate fire prevention throughout the month of October. Normally, firefighters spend time at schools and daycares, showing educational videos, demonstrating different ways to keep families safe at home and at school, and allowing students to see the equipment used by firefighters. This year, the celebrations look a little different.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4 - 10. Battalion Chief Dan Leichenauer is working to set up virtual visits with students. The Fire Department is also working on prerecorded lessons available for schools to use online with their students or in class.



Hazelwood firefighters work with students during Fire Prevention Week in 2019.

GREAT SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Oct. 15 is International ShakeOut Day, a day dedicated to earthquake preparation and increases awareness of earthquake safety.

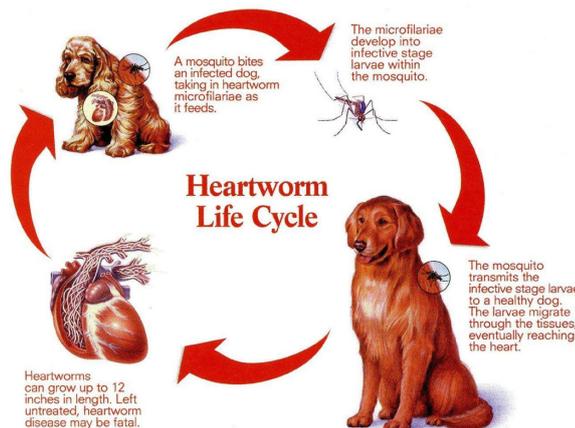
Everyone should know how to protect themselves during an earthquake. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down or drops something on you. Practicing helps you respond quickly. Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects.

- If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:
 - DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!), Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.
 - Stay indoors till the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings, you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops.
- If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops.
- If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Find out more at www.shakeout.org.

MOSQUITOS AND HEARTWORM

Did you know? Mosquitos can transfer heartworms to your pet and the process to remediate them is long and expensive. Help prevent heartworms by giving your pets heartworm preventative medicine to kill the baby larvae, keeping them from maturing into adults. Even if you do not have any pets, you can help by keeping standing water and pools cleaned to prevent mosquitos.



FALL LEAF REMINDER

The City has eliminated the Fall Leaf Collection program. Here are some alternate suggestions for getting rid of your leaves this fall:

- Contact Republic Services to arrange for weekly curbside collection. Their fee is \$9.30/month. You can call Republic Services at 636-947-5959 or find more information on their website at www.RepublicServices.com.
- Drop your leaves and other compost material at St. Louis Composting. Find out more at www.stlcompost.com.

PROJECT UPDATES

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, several projects have continued around Hazelwood. Here's a brief update:

- Artur Express completed their facility in the Park 370 Business Park and has moved in.
- Aviator Business Park:
 - Amazon leased Building 9.
 - Building 8 is ready for leasing.
- Hazelwood TradePort has leased out their three fully constructed buildings and are starting work on their next two buildings.
- Village Square: the developer continues to give the iconic shopping center a face-lift with facade, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Both Dollar Tree and Axes Physical Therapy recently opened in the center.

DETER PACKAGE THEFT

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4 Parcel Box: A number of companies are now building secure lockboxes that allow various mail carriers to deliver your packages and place them in a concealed and secured container. This measure has a significant effect on reducing theft as packages are not visible once delivered and secured in a weatherproof, locked container. Many of these containers can be secured to your property and locked after delivery.

5 Require a Signature: As part of the online checkout process, you may have the option to require that the package can only be delivered with a signature. If you are able to be home during the delivery, this requirement adds a layer of security because it prevents your package from sitting unattended on your doorstep for any length of time.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- The City will be starting the concrete street and sidewalk improvements project this fall. If you have questions contact Nikki Miller, Project Development Coordinator, at 314-513-5031.
- I-270 North Project:
 - MoDOT continues to work on the Lindbergh bridge with an expected completion date of June 2022.
 - Pershall Road is closed between Ford Lane and Polson. Please follow the marked detour.
 - Find more information at <http://www.i270north.org>.



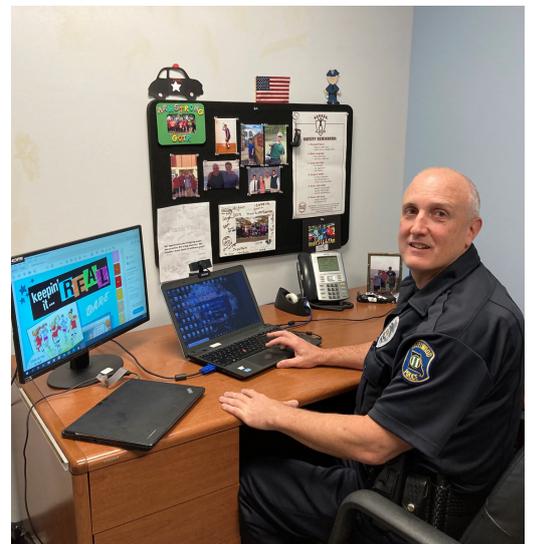
AROUND THE HOUSE: PREPPING FOR FALL

- Grab a ladder and clean your gutters to prevent overflow and water damage to your house.
- Check your house weather-stripping to prevent heat loss and lower your utility bill.
- September and October is an excellent time to plant trees. Be sure to call MO1Call to have the utilities located in your yard and marked before digging.
- If you have a fireplace, make sure to have your chimney cleaned to help prevent house fires.
- Have your furnace checked for the winter and change its filter regularly to help improve its longevity and increase efficiency.
- Fall is the time to aerate your lawn, allowing nutrients to get the roots. Seed bare spots and/or over seed entire lawn. If you do this, be sure to water 1" per week and apply nutrient rich fertilizer.
- Rake leaves to allow the sun to reach the grass and prevent fungi from growing.

RETHINKING DARE DURING A PANDEMIC

This year has been a year of firsts. In the midst of the pandemic, the Hazelwood Police Department and the Hazelwood School District collaborated to explore ways to provide DARE to the students. DARE helps students to make safe and responsible choices both in a school environment and out of school - or in this case in a virtual school environment. DARE also provides children a positive space to speak with and build relationships with Police Officers.

After consulting with the principals and teachers of Armstrong, Garrett, McNair, and Russell Elementary Schools, Officer Ed Novak developed a virtual program. The Hazelwood Police Department's Virtual DARE Program is up and running. The students are receptive to the material. In some cases, they have even helped guide Officer Novak through virtual teaching! With the students being able to contribute as well as learn, a new and interesting partnership has developed that will improve the DARE Program even after in-person teaching resumes.





PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN AGAIN!

Hazelwood's playground equipment will be re-opening for visitors on Monday, Oct. 5. In accordance with the St. Louis County-approved re-opening plan, the City will be doing the following:

- The playground equipment at Aubuchon, Howdershell, Musick, Pershall, Queen Ann, White Birch, and Truman Parks will be cleaned and disinfected three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- The playground equipment at Brookes, Friendship, Little White Birch, Red Bud, Rock Pointe, and St. Cin Parks will be cleaned and disinfected two times a week on Tuesday and Thursday.
- No cleaning will be done on the weekends and holidays.
- The playground equipment will be cleaned with Virex, an EPA registered disinfectant.
- The bathrooms will remain closed until further notice.

If you use the playgrounds, please abide by the following rules:

- STAY HOME if you or a member of your group have symptoms or are feeling sick.
- Playground equipment is only open during daylight hours, dawn to dusk.
- Patrons should sanitize hands before and after using the playgrounds.
- Social distancing is required.
- Face masks are required, except for children at play.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



Masks modeled by Amani AlBalushi, recipient of masks from Krshul and Ridenhour.

Hazelwood's Community Enrichment commission awarded a Community Service Award to Judy Krshul and Sue Ridenhour, Hazelwood residents and sisters, for making over 3,300 masks for family, friends, neighbors and anyone else who needs them during the pandemic. They also donated several masks to the Siteman Cancer Center, Lutheran Senior Services, and the Easter Seal Society.

The Community Service Awards are presented each month to members of our community who give generously of their time, talents, and resources for the betterment of Hazelwood and our residents. To nominate someone for the award, provide the name, address, and reason why you feel this person or organization deserves the award. Submit your nominations to Pam Reynolds at pfreynolds@hazelwoodmo.org.

CITY EVENTS

City Council Meeting
Oct. 7 | 7:30 p.m.
City Hall and via Zoom

27th Annual White Birch Classic Disc Golf Tournament
Oct. 10 | 10 a.m.
Disc Golf Course

City Council Meeting
Oct. 21 | 7:30 p.m.
City Hall and via Zoom

City Council Meeting
Nov. 4 | 7:30 p.m.
City Hall and via Zoom

Brush Capades
Nov. 6 | 7 p.m.
Hazelwood Community Center

Veterans Day - City Offices Closed
Nov. 11

City Council Meeting
Nov. 18 | 7:30 p.m.
City Hall and via Zoom

2-Man Turkey Toss Disc Golf Tournament
Nov. 21 | 10 a.m.
Disc Golf

Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
Nov. 26 & 27



SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Several employees have celebrated their service anniversaries with the City over the past few months. We thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to the City!

35 Years:

- Lori Routh, Telecommunications Supervisor, Police Department

15 Years:

- Jason Corson, Police Officer, Police Department
- Captain Veronica Dolan, Fire Captain, Fire Department
- Lara Hall, Police Officer, Police Department
- Sergeant Scott Schnurbusch, Police Department

5 Years

- Samantha Alfano, Telecommunications, Police Department
- Jennifer Chappie, Court Administrator, Municipal Courts

PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES

Congratulations to the City employees who received promotions and to the City's newest hires!

Promotions:

- James Cook, promoted to Deputy City Clerk from part-time Code Enforcement Officer

New Hires:

- Preston Billingsley, Police Officer, Police Department
- Kate Crimmins, City Planner, City Manager's Office
- Kyle Hunt, Police Officer, Police Department
- Joseph Povich, Police Officer, Police Department
- Ryan Ratica, Police Officer, Police Department

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Lori Routh

After 35 years, Telecommunications Supervisor Lori Routh retired Oct. 1! She began as a Police Dispatcher, working her way up to Administrative Supervisor, supervising all of the Telecommunications unit. During her time, Routh led her group through radio equipment changeovers, 911 system upgrades, and a telecommunication room renovation. Routh worked through seven compliance audits of the department. Routh also represented Telecommunications during three Police Department CALEA certifications.

Thank you, Lori, for 35 years of service to Hazelwood and our community. We wish you great health, much travel, and all the best in your retirement!



Earl Bradfield

City Planner Earl Bradfield retired Aug. 31 after serving 18 years with Hazelwood! Bradfield oversaw all zoning developments in the city, including special land uses and the rezoning for Aviator Business Park and Hazelwood Logistics Center. He created the City's medical marijuana zoning regulations and the newly updated native landscaping ordinance. Additionally, Bradfield planned and ran the City's yearly electronic recycling and shredding event, was the floodplain administrator, served as staff liaison to the Green Committee, and wrote the staff planning reports for Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustments, and the City Council.

Enjoy, retirement and your travels, Earl! Thank you for your service!

Parks & Rec Special Events:

Register at www.hazelwoodmo.org/ParksandRec/Register

Brush Capades

Join us for an escapade-with paint and brushes! Through this one artist led session you will complete a 16" x 20" painting of "Sailing at Sunset" to brighten your home. All supplies are provided. Bring your friends, refreshments, and snacks to make it a night out! This will be a socially distanced activity.

Date: Friday, Nov. 6

Registration Deadline: 11/1

Location: Hazelwood Community Center

Age: 18 and over

Fee:

\$30 Resident

\$35 Non-Resident

Time: 7 p.m.



2-Man Turkey Toss Disc Golf Tournament

Two-man teams will compete through 3 rounds of disc golf with a different format for each round.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 21

Location: White Birch Park

Age: All ages

Fee: \$20 Resident | \$25 Non-Resident

Time: 10 a.m.

