

CITY OF GLADWIN

NEWS & VIEWS—WINTER 2019



ELECTION OVER—SIGNS GONE— MOVING FORWARD

The holiday season is now going strong and the City Council and I will be working together to go over plans to fix South Arcade Street and eventually South Silverleaf Street. The Iron Removal plant is moving forward as they have already done some early testing and they plan to be online Spring of 2020.

Our downtown businesses have decorated their storefronts beautifully for Christmas. “Thanks” goes out to the Historical Society and Bill and LaVel Smith for getting our large Christmas tree and decorating it for the tree lighting. I would also like to thank the ladies for all the hard work they do to keep the Festival of Lights Parade going year after year. Thank you to the our Police Officers who do a wonderful job of keeping the City safe and also thank you to our DPW crew for all that you do to keep our City clean. It makes a City grow and prosper when everyone works together to better our Community.

God bless everyone including our Veterans and Happy Holidays to all!

Dee Jungman

City of Gladwin Mayor

“In emergency situations, seconds count and the swift identification of addresses is essential...” A letter containing this statement was provided to nearly one hundred residents as the City of Gladwin Police, the Zoning Administrator and the Alternative Education class undertook a project to install reflective 9-1-1 signs completely free of charge. The kernel of this concept started with discussions at the City of Gladwin Safety Committee meetings. City police, noting concerns with the lack of easily identifiable house or address numbers canvassed the city making a list of nearly one hundred fifty addresses which lacked clearly visible addresses. After contacting Gladwin High School, Zoning Administrator Weaver procured one hundred signs and posts which Mr. Josh Christiansen of Gladwin’s Alternative Education class had volunteered to assemble and install. Chief Eric Killian, Officer Kyle Binger and several Alternative Ed students installed the signs ensuring that emergency personnel will be able to quickly assist city residents and visitors alike in emergency situations. Plans are being made to continue the project this spring, installing the remaining fifty signs. The City of Gladwin wishes to thank Mr. Christiansen and his students for their work numbering, assembling and installing the signs. I could not be more proud of our staff and school partners for finding a way to accomplish this project with the limited resources available.

Christopher Shannon, City Administrator

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Snow Removal: Snow covered and icy sidewalks make it dangerous for everyone to get around.

Snow removal is the responsibility of the property owner, both residential and commercial.

Please help make our City sidewalks passable in the winter months, especially for Students walking to and from school and for those using amigo-like devices. Let's help each other out and make our community accessible for everyone.



WINTER TAX BILLS:

It's one of the certainties of life... That the winter tax bill that finds our mailboxes



every year without fail is now due and payable without penalty until Friday, February 14, 2020. You can mail your payment or bring it into City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The drop box may be used for payments by check only. After February 29th penalties increase and the payment can then only be made at the County Treasurer's office.

PARKING ON CITY STREETS:



The City DPW crew would like to remind residents that there is no parking on any City Streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. throughout the year. This time is reserved for road workers to sweep streets and to plow and remove snow. Some find this most evident during the winter months when their car strangely disappears after a snow storm. Vehicles left in the right-of-way restrict snow removal on streets. When necessary, police will tow vehicles at the owners expense.

2020 CENSUS

Please remember if you live in Gladwin County for 6 months and a day each year, please report that your residence is in Gladwin County when completing your 2020 Census survey. Federal funding opportunities are often tied to population counts. Your accurate reporting will help Gladwin County receive the funds we are entitled to in regards to: road improvements, transit, health services and 55 government agencies/programs that operate in Gladwin County.

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2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Regular Meetings are generally the first and third Monday, below is the schedule with day changes indicated.

January 6th & 20th

February 3rd & 17th

March 2nd & 16th

April 6th, 20th, & 29th (budget workshop)

May 4th & 18th

June 1st, 15th & 24th (year end)

July 20th

August 3rd & 17th

September 8th (Tues) & 21st

October 5th & 19th

November 2nd & 16th

December 7th & 21st

RECYCLING AND TRASH REMINDER:

Reminder that trash pick up is every Thursday and recycling is every other Friday unless there is a Holiday. Please have your carts out by 6:00 a.m.

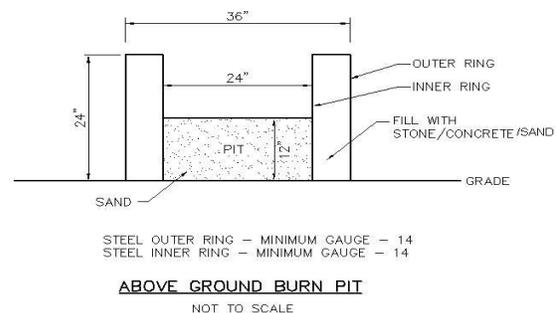
Once pick up has taken place please remember to bring your cans up away from the street curb as it makes it easier for the DPW to clean the streets.

Please see enclosed calendar for pick up dates.

Did you Know???

In the City of Gladwin it is against the law to:

- * Have more than two (2) dogs or two(2) cats at your residence
- * Allow your animals to run loose
- * Park in your front yard
- * Build without obtaining a permit
- * Create loud noise, have loud parties
- * Emission of smoke or fumes which irritate, annoy, or constitute a nuisance to others living in the neighborhood is prohibited.
- * Fire pits are NOT to be used to burn leaves, furniture, etc.
- * Fire pits need to meet City Ordinance requirements (Ord. 92.21)



Ordinances can be viewed at www.gladwin.org

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Project Rising Tide Wrap Up

The City of Gladwin has accomplished several projects this past year. Through Project Rising Tide the City has received \$46,000 in grant awards and has leveraged an approximate \$2,500 in donations. Community input and grass roots outreach is an important part of Project Rising Tide and a goal for any community. Over 1,200 points of contact with residents were engaged through initiatives held by the City through community meetings, online surveys, and community events.

To help accomplish City Projects, the City has reached out and partnered with several agencies. The following State departments have partnered with the City in starting dialogues to complete or start projects. They include the MEDC, DNR, MSHDA, EGLE, and MDOT.

Regional agencies have also been engaged as well. These include EMCOG, Gladwin County Community Foundation, Gladwin Rotary, Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce, Gladwin County Historical Society, and the Gladwin County EDC. These agencies along with State departments have been vital in starting and completing projects throughout the year.

This past year the City and Project Rising Tide has focused on creating a strong foundation to enable Gladwin to prioritize and tee up projects for funding and completion. The projects that have been completed this past year include a Gladwin Housing Assessment, a Gen Z Survey, a new Master Plan, and rebranding of the City and community. These projects have created a foundation to help the City Council prioritize projects for the future and enable the City to apply for additional Federal, State, and regional grants.

In addition to the deliverables from Project Rising Tide, the City's Community Development Fellow assisted the City by consulting on additional community projects. This consultation included project management, grant writing, research and analysis, as well as community outreach. Projects that were added to the program included working with the Parks Commission on a new Parks & Recreation Plan, requesting and leading a new Website Redevelopment, assistance with RRC projects, work with community organizations, as well as assisting with the Historical Marketplace. Project Rising Tide is still currently working on leveraging an additional \$1.2 million dollars for community projects. The progress completed in this past year has been extraordinary and the picture of the future is bright.



Happy Holidays



From the Mayor, City Council, and Staff at City Hall

Dee Jungman—Mayor

Mike Smith— Mayor Pro Tem

Nancy Bodnar—Council Member

John Caffrey—Council Member

Dave Crawford—Council Member

Carol Darlington—Council Member

Roger Gardner—Council Member

Sarah Kile—Council Member

Linda Winarski—Council Member

Chris Shannon—Administrator

Kim Bruner—City Clerk

Julie Shearer—Interim Treasurer

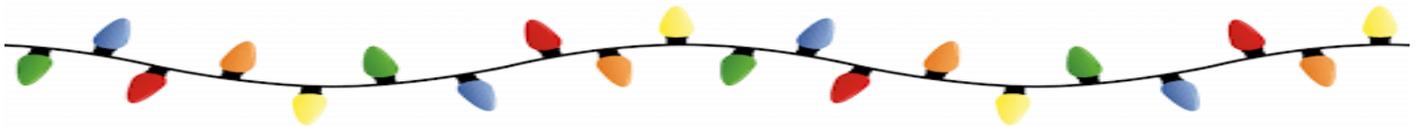
Karen SeKrenes—Utility Billing Clerk

Gale Inscho—Office Assistant

Darcy Bellinger—Accounts Payable

Bernadette Weaver—Assessor & Zoning

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