



City of Glenview, Kentucky

GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER FALL 2007

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By: Richard M. Breen

I hope all is well with you and your family. I have three things I want to tell you about; the Glenview Conservancy, the City's web page, and our plans for snow and ice removal this Winter.

The Glenview Conservancy had its first meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the Knights of Columbus on River Road. Many thanks to these citizen volunteers for their work to better Glenview, and preserve our rural character. At the first meeting the Conservancy heard from four officials with Louisville Metro Environmental Trust. The Conservancy will meet periodically over the coming months, and then forge recommendations to your City Government about conservation, traffic controls, and enhancements to Glenview's entrances.

The City's new web page is up at www.glenviewky.gov. This is the City's official web site, and we own the domain which had to be approved by the U.S. Government in order to get the .gov address. We have also set up an e-mail news service to provide subscribers with the latest information about Glenview events. If you would like to subscribe to the news service, please send your e-mail address to Kacy White our City Clerk at Kwhite@glenviewky.gov. Fortunately, there is very little crime in Glenview, but when something occurs please let us know so we can inform the rest of the citizenry. If one neighbor has a break in, it would be good for the other neighbors to know that there has been a problem.

Lastly, I have some bad news. Lawnco is out of the snow removal business. When I got the letter I immediately called Steve Sauter to see why he dropped us. We are not alone, Steve is getting out of the snow removal business completely, and sent out 90 letters including 28 to small cities. We were always at the top of Lawnco's list, and it will be hard to replace the special care and attention they gave to Glenview. I want to commend our City Administrator, Leonard Heydt, who worked very hard to find Lawnco's replacement.

I hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

GLENVIEW UPDATE

By: Leonard Heydt
City Administrator

SNOW REMOVAL

In early July Glenview received notification that Lawnco was withdrawing from the snow removal business. This notice surprised the City, as we had no idea that Lawnco was planning to immediately terminate approximately 90 contracts. The City went to work and identified about 10 vendors who had the equipment and financial stability to be able to do the work. Glenview's specifications were threefold. The vendor had to be financially stable, had to be able to give Glenview priority service and needed to be available to contract with residents interested in driveway service. During the discussion process all but two vendors declined Glenview's business citing numerous factors ranging from downsizing their operation, adding no new customers or not being able to handle Glenview on a priority basis.

The exhaustive search led Glenview to Vaughn Construction Company owned by Michael Vaughn. The service provided by Lawnco will be hard to match but we think that Vaughn Construction can do it. Vaughn plans to service Glenview with three trucks instead of the two utilized by Lawnco. They will operate much the same as Lawnco and will be in the City as soon as problems start to develop. It is only realistic to expect some glitches, but Vaughn has been driving through the City with me to gain knowledge of the road system. Vaughn Construction will be available to plow residents driveways on a first come first served basis and only after all Glenview streets have been treated. Anyone desiring to check with Vaughn Construction about making winter arrangements should call Leonard Heydt, The City Administrator, at 292-1997.

THE POLES ARE GONE!

The electrical service and phone wires on Glenview between River Road and the Post Office are buried, and the utility poles have been removed. In what turned out to be a long process, the City was able to avoid utility poles on both sides of Glenview by working closely with the Louisville Water Company, LG&E, and BellSouth to have the electrical buried which powers the pump at the well. The large green transformer box is temporary, and will be removed along with the wellhead next year when the Water Company's test is complete.

DAMAGE IN GLENVIEW

During the past several months the City has experienced damage to roads, signs and bridges. In some case's people have contacted us and given a description of the offender or offending vehicle. The City needs your help in identifying those responsible for damage. The stonework on the bridge on Arden Road at Woodside was damaged twice over the summer. Early this Fall a large truck did considerable damage to the pavement

before the open house until the open house is over. Yard signs advertising work being done in a home is the number 1 violator of the ordinance. Commercial signs are not allowed in Glenview. Please tell your contractor that they cannot post a sign in your yard. Political signs on your property are constitutionally protected. It would be nice to put them up no sooner than 30 days before the election and remove them promptly after the election. Political signs will be removed if they appear on public property or Glenview right of way. Lastly, some people are using City sign poles to attach signs, e.g., lost cat. When the tape is removed, the paint peels off the sign pole. Please do not attach signs to City property.

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES

Insurance premium taxes have been discussed in the *GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER* on several occasions. The State of Kentucky levies a tax on all insurance premiums. A portion of this tax is returned to the City. The City must be on record requesting the funds. Glenview went on record several years ago and this valuable new revenue stream has helped to keep the Glenview property tax rate extremely low. Please make sure your agent or insurance company is aware that you live in Glenview. This is extremely important if you have a zip code other than 40025. If your insurance company is not aware that you live in Glenview the tax revenue will go to Metro Louisville by default. Attached are a few more stickers for your premium payments. Just affix them to the premium notice when you mail in the payment. If you need additional stickers contact the City Clerk, Kacy White at Kwhite@glenviewky.gov.

LONGVIEW LANE REPAIRS

The City has recently observed some long cracks in the pavement on Longview Lane. These cracks extend for about 40 feet on the right side of the road about halfway up the hill. The City's engineer has concluded that the street is slowly shifting down the hillside, caused by loose subsoil and poor drainage. Glenview will be repairing this unbudgeted problem, which may cost \$10,000. When these repairs are made, traffic will be maintained but may be briefly interrupted. Residents will receive a written notice about a week before the repairs are to commence.