



## City of Glenview, Kentucky

### ***THE GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER*** ***SUMMER 2008***

#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE** **By: Richard M. Breen**

Glenview is a gem, a wealth of natural resources bounded along one border by River Road, the only Kentucky Scenic Byway in Jefferson County. When I ran for Mayor two years ago, I promised to work to preserve Glenview's rural character in harmony with development. Conservation plans are beginning to take shape in the form of a Glenview Area Plan ("GAP").

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the City of Glenview and Jefferson County start a new fiscal year, a task force will be appointed to study a voluntary GAP to preserve Glenview's rural character. We are starting a process that will involve regular reporting to you, and meetings open to the public to seek your input. Much work has already been done by the Glenview Conservancy, a volunteer steering committee, that has met five times in the last year, and heard from numerous speakers, including the developers of a new subdivision called Glenview Park on the late Dr. Harthill's horse farm.

Glenview has already taken steps to close Woodside Road where it meets the private Arden Service Road, and heads toward the new subdivision. Contrary to what you may have read in the newspaper, the closing will not affect you in any way unless you have been motoring on Dr. Harthill's driveway, through his horse farm, then out Cabin Way to Lime Road. Two wooden stakes mark where the gate will cross Woodside. The other section of private road with the speed bumps that links Woodside to Arden Road and Glenview Avenue will remain open.

The developer knows that his new subdivision cannot legally connect to the privately owned Arden Service Road. The developer's plan has always called for creating a cul-de-sac on his end. When Woodside is closed at the Arden Service Road, and the gate goes up, access will be eliminated to a one block section of privately owned road, closed at the other end by the developer. The benefit to Glenview will be no incursion of construction traffic or new subdivision traffic.

The GAP would not be coming into reality without the kind support of Metro Councilman Kelly Downard, who has dedicated \$15,000.00 of his discretionary funds and secured \$10,000.00 of other Metro Louisville money to fund the plan, along with Glenview's contribution of \$5,000.00. Councilman Downard's interest and support is greatly appreciated. The tax assessed

value of real property in Glenview exceeds \$200,000,000.00, which means vast sums of our tax money go to the State school system and Metro Louisville. The return of tax revenue to our City to conserve our rural character along the only Scenic Byway in Jefferson County will benefit all of the public, and is a worthy goal.

Your City of Glenview Government voted unanimously to maintain the same tax rate for the eighth consecutive year at .13 cents per hundred. We also unanimously approved a balanced budget that preserves the surplus, and only spends what we receive in revenue. Many thanks to our Commissioners for their cooperation and unity in advancing the City's business. Copies of both the tax ordinance and budget ordinance are attached, to meet our legal publication obligation. Your Government is dedicated to keeping taxes low, and living within our means while taking steps to preserve this gem called Glenview.

## **Glenview Update**

**By: Leonard Heydt  
City Administrator**

### **PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE**

Glenview has recently learned that some of the streets in Glenview are privately owned. An opinion by the Glenview City attorney casts doubt as to whether or not the City can spend public money to repair private roads. It was originally thought that the City could not continue to plow the snow on the private roads. However, the City of Glenview Commission has voted to continue snow and ice removal for the entire City, just as we always have, in the public interest of connectivity and safety. If Glenview has previously plowed your street, whether private or public, then the City will do so next winter. Glenview continues to study public vs. private issues which will be further analyzed when we begin work on the Glenview Area Plan.

If you live on a private road in Glenview, and have a neighborhood association, please make sure that Kacy White, the City Clerk, has the name and contact information for the leader of your association. You can contact her at 473-0579 or [Kwhite@glenviewky.gov](mailto:Kwhite@glenviewky.gov).

### **WOODSIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

MSD has made improvements to the drainage situation along Woodside Road by adding more drains and reestablishing some clogged drains. MSD has spent \$30,000 to date and has promised additional work when funds become available in the new fiscal year which starts July 1, 2008. At least one other drain has to be added and some work along the side of the road. It is hoped that the drainage work when complete will stop the flow of water that causes potholes and other damage to the road. Meanwhile the City of Glenview has patched the potholes, and the road is in pretty good shape.

MSD will not maintain the new or reestablished drains. You can be a good neighbor by helping keep the drains clear. If you live near a drain, try and keep it shoveled to avoid clogs and the backup over the road that causes damage.

You should feel good about Glenview's water quality. The MSD Engineer and the Louisville Water Company Engineer have all complimented the good water quality of our streams and run off.

### RUMPKE

Periodically, Glenview experiences difficulties with RUMPKE. Missed pickups seem to plague our City from time to time. The City requests that you call the City Administrator at 292-1997 to report these problems. The City tracks and logs complaints so that next year when we discuss renewal of our sanitation service contract the City will have the information necessary to make informed decisions. We currently pay RUMPKE about \$10,000.00 a month or a \$120,000.00 a year, which is over 1/3 of our annual budget.

The City has received some inquiries regarding yard waste. Yard waste is scheduled for Monday pickup. The yard waste must be at the end of your driveway, in a container that can easily be picked up by 1 person or it must be cut and tied in 3- foot bundles. RUMPKE at no charge will provide a green 95 gallon container on wheels for your yard waste; please contact RUMPKE at 568-3800. After RUMPKE empties the container you must stow it, a Glenview ordinance prohibits you from leaving it out.

### RECYCLING

The city has received some inquiries regarding recycling. Last December Glenview closely studied recycling options with RUMPKE. RUMPKE has a logistical problem in Glenview. RUMPKE does not have a small truck to use in those areas of the City that have narrow roads. To provide recycling to those areas the small truck currently used for garbage pickup would have to return for another run after all the trash has been picked up. RUMPKE is not going to buy another truck to serve about 100 houses so the existing truck will have to do double duty. Regular size trucks could provide service for the homes located directly along Lime Kiln Lane.

The costs involved are high. As of last December the unofficial estimation of costs revealed that Glenview would need to pay roughly \$13,000 per year for recycling. Back door recycling would cost approximately \$41,000 per year. The figures would need to be corrected based on an actual house count to determine exactly how many homes would be served by the small truck.

RUMPKE has indicated that **RECYCLING IS AVAILABLE TO THE HOMEOWNER** on a direct bill basis. The charge would be between \$5.00 and \$10.00 per week depending on curb or back door service. Individual recycling would probably not be available in the areas served by the small truck.

## **GLENVIEW AVENUE TEST WELL**

The Louisville Water Company test well located at River Road and Glenview Avenue has served its purpose and is slated for removal. The apparatus should be removed and the area restored by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **GLEN PARK STREETLIGHT**

The long awaited replacement streetlight has been installed and the intersection of Glen Park and Lime Kiln is once again well illuminated. Several months ago the existing utility pole mounted streetlight was removed along with the utility poles. The removal of the utility poles was done to enable Glenview Springs to have underground utilities. After months of opinion sampling, planning, legal issues and the City Administrator's two-month leave of absence due to illness the City signed a contract with LG&E and the new light is now operational. Hopefully, the concerns of the residents have been addressed .

## **PEDESTRIANS**

Many residents are taking advantage of the beauty of Glenview and are taking walks. Between the walkers, bicycle riders and motorists our streets can be a challenge. Glenview urges everyone to remember to walk on the left facing traffic, and to keep your dog on a lead on your left. Drivers are urged to slow down and yield to pedestrians. Bicycle riders are reminded to follow all traffic laws while riding in Glenview.

## **A PERSONAL NOTE**

It has been my privilege to serve Glenview for over 6 ½ years as the very first City Administrator. Along the way I have met many residents in person, over the phone or by email. Together we have solved many problems and unfortunately left a few unsolved.

Glenview is blessed to have so many wonderful and caring people. During my recent extended illness and recuperation many residents took time to call, send cards and to visit me. I thank you all for your prayers and support.

With a bit of sadness I will be stepping down from my position. My last day serving Glenview residents will be July 31<sup>st</sup>.

As many of you know I was a member of The Harrods Creek Fire Department for 39 years. (27 as Chief) combining my fire department service and my tenure as Glenview City Administrator I have served Glenview directly or indirectly for 45 ½ years. I will miss you.

Leonard Heydt

City Administrator