



City of Glenview, Kentucky

GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2007

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By: Richard M. Breen

The City of Glenview Commission unanimously voted to maintain the current tax rate of .13 cents per \$100.00, and unanimously adopted a balanced budget. A copy of the budget ordinance is attached. We have kept our low tax rate for seven consecutive years. Few cities in Kentucky have lower rates. Many thanks to Commissioner Nan Tafel, who chaired the Budget Committee, and all of the Commissioners for unanimous votes on every motion this year.

By now you should have received your tax bill. If you have not received your tax bill, please call our City Clerk, Kacy White at 473-0579. I want to thank Kacy for her hard work. She was able to get the bills early from PVA, then get them in the mail to you earlier than in previous years, with a return envelope for your convenience. Enclosed are stickers she printed for you to affix to your bills for homeowners insurance, auto insurance, life insurance etc. Please put a sticker on every insurance payment. Insurance Companies pay the tax, and the state sets the rate. The sticker will help make sure your company sends us our share of the tax, instead of to Metro Louisville.

Glenview is on a fiscal year, and the new budget took effect July 1, 2007. The new budget provides funds for a traffic engineering firm to give us recommendations for traffic controls to preserve our rural character, and money for planting the next generation of trees on Glenview and Woodside. The new budget also provides funds for the City's web page, which unfortunately we must rebuild from the ground up, for reasons that I will not go into here. Because of expensive fixed obligations like garbage collection, we have little money for discretionary spending.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write about the City's proposed mowing ordinance. Your input was very important. In all we received 23 responses; 20 opposed to the ordinance and 3 in favor. One letter in particular I want to share with you:

"I was one of the original Commissioners for the City of Glenview on the date of its incorporation. The purpose of incorporating the City of Glenview was to provide services to the citizenry of Glenview, not to restrict their activities or the activities of persons whom they may employ. Enactment of

certain ordinances, such as the above proposed, only impinges upon the property rights of the citizens of Glenview and in my opinion, is to be avoided at all costs."

After due consideration the Commission decided not to re-enact the ordinance. Instead, we decided to encourage everyone to adopt a good neighbor policy. If you have a lawn service, please have them work during business hours. If you have a problem with when your neighbor mows, talk to your neighbor about it. Let's try to avoid legal code enforcement action, when we can.

On July 17th 2007 a biologist from Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Lisa Barr, and I will be touring the City. The biologist will give us a written report with recommendations, nothing mandatory. Kentucky's DF&W is nationally recognized and acclaimed, and should be able to give us some helpful suggestions on conservation, plantings and habitat programs.

Clerk Kacy White has also enclosed other stickers with contact information for City services. I hope you have a great Summer.

GLENVIEW UPDATE

By: Leonard Heydt
City Administrator

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX

The City of Glenview receives a very important revenue stream from the State tax on insurance premiums. It is imperative to let your insurance company know that you live in Glenview. This is particularly important if your zip code is 40222. This tax is levied on any insurance premium. We have enclosed stickers to place on your insurance bill. If the insurance companies do not know you live in Glenview, the money is sent to Metro Louisville. This income stream is very important, and helps Glenview maintain a low property tax rate.

THEFTS

In the past month there have been thefts on Arden Road and on Brittany Woods Circle. A generator was stolen from Arden, and on Brittany Woods Circle golf equipment and an ipod were taken from a car. We also had a report of an uninvited man coming to a home to inspect the air conditioner. You are the first defense against theft. Keep your garage doors closed and locked, keep your cars locked with any valuables out of sight. Burglars may also take your garage door opener from your car and come back later to enter your home through the garage. Should you see strange vehicles in your area or see any suspicious activity please call the police at 574-LMPD (574-5673). Should you experience a theft please notify the City Administrator at 292-1997 AFTER you have notified the police.

PARKING ON THE STREETS

The City of Glenview has an ordinance restricting on street parking. Basically, parking on the street is allowed for a short duration or for occasional social events. Overnight parking on the streets is not allowed. On street parking is a difficult problem on cul-de-sacs such as Roundhill Road and Aura Road. The parking causes vehicles to drive into the planted areas resulting in damage. Recently several boxwoods were damaged on Aura Road. Parking on or near the cul-de-sacs will block fire equipment from getting through. We also received complaints about vehicles regularly parking on Brittany Woods Circle. Please refrain from parking on Glenview's roadways.

LAWN MOWING

The City Commission has listened to the majority of Glenview residents who expressed an opinion and has not instituted any lawn mowing restrictions for Glenview. As you may recall the previous ordinance was declared invalid due to an administrative error. At this time there are no plans to pass any type of mowing ordinance. The Commission is of the opinion that lawn mowing should be voluntarily restricted on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and late evenings. During the summer months our residents enjoy entertaining outdoors, grilling out and just plain relaxing on the patio. Noisy lawn mowing detracts from these summertime pleasures. Be a good neighbor and, if possible, schedule your mowing at other times.

DEDICATE A TREE

This Fall Glenview will be replacing trees on Glenview Avenue and Woodside Road. In the future trees will be planted whenever possible to replace valuable trees that have been removed, or have fallen during storms. Glenview would like to start a program that would allow residents to donate a tree to the City in return for the placement of a marker on the tree remembering a family friend or loved one. If you would be interested in such a donation please contact Commissioner Tafel at 423-1083, nantafel@insightbb.com; or the City Administrator at 292-1997, ret1201@msn.com

BARKING DOGS

The City receives several complaints a year about dogs barking. Any dog will bark occasionally but the dogs that bark for long periods of time are the ones that generate complaints. If you are having problems with incessant dog barking let your neighbor know about the problem. If that doesn't work, call the City Administrator or Animal Control. Animal Control will prosecute to enforce county laws. A simple bark collar will train a dog to control barking.

LIME KILN LANE BRITTANY WOODS CIRCLE DRAINAGE

MSD has finally awarded a contract to Kendall Wiehe Construction to repair the drainage problem at the corner of Brittany Woods Circle and Lime Kiln Lane. Glenview has persevered for over two years with the help of some citizens who have maintained contact with MSD regarding this longstanding problem. Thanks to all for their help.

THE LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY PROJECT

Louisville Gas and Electric has completed the wiring for the test well at Glenview and River Road. Some work still needs to be done to run the telephone cable through the conduit and eliminate the telephone poles on the west side of Glenview Avenue. The arrival of the large transformer was a bit of a surprise to Glenview officials. It was generally understood that everything would be underground. This transformer is temporary and will be removed once the testing is complete. The City is working with The Water Company to place adequate screening to shield the equipment.