



City of Glenview, Kentucky

THE GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

MAYOR'S MESSAGE By: Richard M. Breen

At the May 20th, 2009 meeting, your Glenview Commission unanimously enacted the property tax rate ordinance, and budget ordinance for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Copies of the ordinances are attached to meet the state law requirement regarding publication of new ordinances. We have kept the tax rate the same at .13 cents per 100, the rate that has been in effect now for nine years in a row, and which is among the lowest in the state.

This budget is pretty much the same in terms of income, and expenses as last year's budget. We are beholden to a winter road care cost which is impossible to predict. Were it not for FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Ike, and the January ice storm, our public works expenses would have been far over budget. FEMA saved us. What we do on public works is governed by our winter road care costs because we only have so much money. I promise to continue to do everything I can to live within our means, and keep our taxes the lowest in the state.

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to complete the River Road Survey. Over 85 households have responded, and I am reading every one. Your Clerk Administrator will be tabulating all of the results in spreadsheet form. The first public meeting of the River Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, the formal name for the River Road study, is scheduled for June 16th, 2009 at the Gingerwoods Event Hall (formerly Greencastle Baptist Church) 7611 Rose Island Road, Prospect, KY. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00-7:30 PM.

The Glenview Area Plan (GAP) has also started its work. Metro Councilman Kelly Downard submitted the names of seven of us, who were appointed by Mayor Abramson to the GAP. The process is in its infancy. We have selected a consultant, the same firm that worked on the Mockingbird Valley and Wolf Pen Plans. The objective of my work on the committee is to preserve Glenview's rural character. You will be kept fully advised of our work, and there will be public meetings.

Hope you have a nice summer.

GLENVIEW UPDATE

**By: Kacy White
Clerk Administrator**

Ice Storm Debris Clean Up/ FEMA

The City hired Twin Mac to clean up the debris from the ice storm, they did a great job and were finished by Derby. The City had to get approval from FEMA in order to get 87% reimbursement for hiring Twin Mac. I got a cost proposal from Twin Mac for \$45,000.00 to have the debris removed. Then I met with Mike Simms, Project Specialist for FEMA, and gave him a tour around the City. The City had 12,100 CY of debris (more than all of Shelby County!) FEMA approved Twin Mac's proposal on April 14, 2009, the Commission voted unanimously to hire Twin Mac on April 15, 2009, and Twin Mac started removing the debris April 16, 2009. FEMA will reimburse the City 75% of the expenses, while the State will reimburse us 12% (which is a total of 87%). Glenview will only be responsible for 13% of the debris clean up cost (which is about \$6,000.00). The Commission thought it was in the City's best interest to hire Twin Mac, instead of waiting on Metro to ensure that the debris would be collected by Derby.

Glenview Avenue Wall thanks to MSD

MSD installed a boulder toe wall (large boulders) on each side of the creek between River Road and the Old Railroad Easement. Section by section the wall has been caving in over the years, requiring ongoing repairs by MSD. Installation of the boulders will be a permanent fix. City Engineer Mark Adams, and I had numerous meetings with MSD. The total project cost \$60,000.00, paid for by MSD with no cost to Glenview. Next fall the City will be working with the Landsdowne Neighborhood Association to decide whether or not to plant trees along the creek. Some like the open vista as it is. I welcome your comments at kwhite@glenviewky.gov.

Damaged Sign Repair

Some of the City's street signs were damaged during the storms. Commissioner Lisa Barr is working with the City's Engineer, Mark Adams, to replace the damaged signs, and add other appropriate warnings. The Commission is considering replacing the damaged signs with reflective ones. The contractor is not easy to work with and we are looking for a new contractor who can match the old signs. Thank you for your patience.

Thanks Neighbor

Many thanks to Pam Scott at the Post Office, who observed a large passenger bus drive over and break the Post Office septic tank lid. The City went to considerable expense last year to install a new septic tank with a new lid. Pam approached the driver, got his

information, and provided it to the Mayor so that we could recover the loss. Many thanks to our good neighbor at the Post Office.

City's Web Page

The City of Glenview's web page is www.glenviewky.gov. The City Business page on the web page is a great way to keep up to date on what is going on in the City. Please send me your e-mail address at kwhite@glenviewky.gov, to be added to Glenview's news list.

Potholes

Potholes on Glenview Ave and Woodside Road have just been patched.

Police Patrol

The City wanted to make you aware that starting July 1, 2009, Metro Sgt. Jamey Schwab will be taking over Police Patrols for the City. His company is Homeland Patrol Services, LLC, their number is 502-376-1203, homelandpatrol@insightbb.com. We look forward to having him work for the City.

RUMPKE Renewal

The City has just renewed our contract with RUMPKE for another year of service. 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 Clerk Administrator at 292-1997, or e-mail kwhite@glenviewky.gov to report these problems. The City tracks and logs these complaints.

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. 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. 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.

Conservation Contributions

Many thanks to Alberta Allen and her daughter Missy Kelly for their conservation work on their property along Glenview Ave. In keeping with the suggestions of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, they are eradicating the fescue which will be replaced with clover. Closer to the woods they might establish several rows of sunflowers. Both plantings will provide many benefits to wildlife, and the clover will be especially beneficial for the apiary on the Allen's property. The City is very appreciative of these conservation minded measures.

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. 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.

Insurance Tax Premiums

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, all 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 Clerk Administrator, Kacy White at kwhite@glenviewky.gov or 502-292-1997.