



City of Glenview, Kentucky

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By: Richard M. Breen

The mild winter saved Glenview a lot of money on winter road care, and we will finish our fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 with a surplus in excess of \$80,000. When this money is added to our carryover from previous years we will have achieved our goal of a rainy day fund equal to or exceeding one year's operating expenses. Many thanks to former budget committee chair Nanette Tafel, current chair Dr. Bennett, our CPA Tim Stephens, our able clerk administrator Kacy, along with the rest of Glenview's fiscally responsible Commission. Our little city has a dedicated team that is proud to serve you.

Attached you will find copies of the ordinances adopting the property tax rate for the next fiscal year, and the budget. We unanimously voted to keep the property tax rate the same, which is one of the lowest in the Commonwealth. We considered lowering the tax rate, and we would like to lower taxes, but it is difficult to budget with variables like winter road care that can fluctuate from \$50,000 one year to \$3,000 this year. It was not that long ago that we had three federally declared natural disasters in 12 months: Hurricane Ike in September 2008; the ice storm in January 2009; and a flood in August 2009. Let's hope the next disaster is far off. Meanwhile, we unanimously agreed it was prudent to leave the tax rate where it is.

State law requires cities to have a balanced budget, but there are ways around that with bond issues and other gimmicks. Glenview is rock solid. No debt. No deficit spending. We are proud to serve you, and hope to make you proud of our little community that we call Glenview. Have a fantastic Summer.

From Commissioner Nanette Tafel

With much in the news lately about Louisville's inferior tree canopy in comparison to several other southeastern cities, the removal of many of the Olmsted trees along our parkways, and the lack of trees contributing to climate change (cities without appropriate tree canopies hold the heat from the pavement much longer), we are very pleased that we have so much "green" in Glenview. You may have noticed the new plantings around our signature entrance stone gates at Glenview Avenue and River Road. Southern magnolias, American hollies, an arbor vitae, a sycamore, several dogwoods, boxwoods and a gingko have been planted. We hope to continue replacing trees, as funds allow, along the east side of Glenview Avenue, where there used to be large old trees which were lost over the years to storms and disease.

We would welcome any information you may have regarding trees on your property, such as species, age, interesting information on who planted them and why. This Commissioner is very appreciative of a recent "arbor tour" given at Lincliff and the varied trees planted there. Another small city, Seneca Gardens, boasts a concerted tree planting effort of over 1,000 trees since a 1987 'downburst' toppled many of the old-growth trees. Please email your tree information to nantafel@gmail.com with "Trees" in the subject line. (We would also like to know if any residents have an interest in a "Tree Dedication Program" to support efforts to increase our wonderful canopy and beautify our city. This is strictly in the exploratory stage and merely the seed of an idea).

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By: Clerk Administrator Kacy DeVore

JANUARY'S PUBLIC MEETING

A public hearing in conjunction with a meeting of the Glenview Conservancy was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus on River Road. At the meeting discussion of adoption of an ordinance to establish an overlay district, conservation easements, and a recap of the conservation initiatives that have been accomplished were on the agenda. The City was seeking your input.

Mayor Breen started the meeting with "where we are now". Mayor Breen was elected as Mayor in November 2006, and initiated the Glenview Conservancy which started in 2007 that recommended the city of Glenview explore a Glenview Area Plan (G.A.P.). Metro Councilman Kelly Downard was part of the taskforce on the now adopted G.A.P, which recommended down-zoning and Glenview's consideration of an overlay. The City is now largely downzoned to R1, and the January 24, 2012 public hearing was held for consideration of the overlay component recommended in the G.A.P.

Mayor Breen also serves on Metro Government's River Road Corridor Management Plan Project Team. If an overlay is enacted, it will be done by City of Glenview for the corporate limits area of the city of Glenview, or just the River road corridor through Glenview, or both, or Glenview could decide not to proceed with any overlay(s). Conservation easements were also discussed as a way to preserve green space in our community. There was considerable courteous discussion of all of these issues. The minutes of the meeting are linked to the City Business Page of the City's Webpage: www.glenviewky.gov.

A vote was taken for an Overlay on River Road only; 7 yes, 14 no.

A vote was taken for an Overlay for all of Glenview; unanimously NO.

A vote was taken to investigate Conservation Easements; Yes was unanimous for conservation easement investigation.

No overlay will be adopted at this time. The City may establish a nonprofit corporation called The Glenview Conservancy, and is poised to receive conservation easements and gifts of green space. Please contact us if you are interested in participating in these important conservation initiatives.

RIVER ROAD BIKE LANES

The City of Glenview wants to keep you informed of Metro's plan to add bike lanes to River Road. A copy of the plan is on the City's Business page of the City's website, and is also on the bulletin board at the Glenview Post Office. Metro Public Works wants to move forward with a segmented approach, and has in place a plan with funding to widen River Road and add bike lanes from Zorn Avenue to Indian Hills Trail. The plan requires the removal of 70 to 90 trees along River Road. Mayor Breen reminded Metro Government that it promised it would not piecemeal the project, and he has requested Metro mark the trees it proposes to remove so that we as a community can absorb and respond to Metro's plan. Metro Councilmen Downard and Fleming have written to Metro Public Works with the same message, and we await Metro's reply.

RUMPKE

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 a 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 your container you must stow it, a Glenview ordinance prohibits you from leaving it out.

Trash collection is scheduled two times per week on Mondays and Thursdays. Missed pickups seem to plague our City from time to time. The City requests that you contact Clerk Administrator DeVore to report any problems with trash collection.

DUMPING

There are no public dumping areas for any trash or yard waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves, etc.) in Glenview. If you are dumping anywhere off your property, you are dumping on another resident's property. Please respect your neighbors and either put your yard waste out for Rumpke on Mondays or find a location on your own property for composting.

WEBPAGE

Please be sure and check the City of Glenview webpage for information, and the latest about things happening in the City. Please send Clerk Administrator DeVore your e-mail

address to be added to the City's e-mail news group to receive the City of Glenview's latest news, my email address is clerkadmin@glenviewky.gov.

CRIME WATCH

While Glenview continues to have police patrols to deter criminal activity in our city, your help is also needed. Please be vigilant for any unusual activities you might witness and report them immediately to Homeland Patrol Services, Sgt. Schwab at (502) 376-1203, and me.

TREES

If a tree has fallen across the road first contact Harrod's Creek Fire Department (911 or 228-1351) to report the fall down. Second, call Clerk Administrator Kacy DeVore at 292-1997, and she will follow up with Harrod's Creek Fire Department and/or contact a tree removal service to clear the road. It is the City's responsibility to have public right of way cleared, not private roads; it is not the City's responsibility to remove the debris. Please let the fire department know of any down trees as soon as possible in case there is an emergency.

The City does not have an ordinance on how people are to keep their yard. The City has had calls in the past about trees falling down and how long people take to cut their grass or clean up debris. The City does not want to boss people around on how or when to take care of their property. Please take the good neighbor approach. All the City's ordinances are posted on the City's webpage, www.glenviewky.gov.

SAVE OUR TREES

One of the many nice things about Glenview is our greenery. Many of our trees are in jeopardy due to an overgrowth of vines climbing up their trunks and smothering the leaves. This will ultimately kill the trees. Please check out the trees on your property and cut the vines at the base of tree's trunk. The vines will turn brown and soon fall off. Act now before it's too late.

SIGN REGULATION

Ordinance No. 3, Series 2004 is an ordinance regulating signs in the City of Glenview. Please keep in mind that no commercial advertisement is allowed on any lot, except when a lot (or house) is for sale and 1 sign not more than 5 square feet in size may be placed on the lot for sale only. A Political sign shall not be larger than 5 square feet in size and shall be located only on the lot owned. The height of any sign shall not exceed 3 ½ feet above the original ground level. In addition, signs are not permitted on public

property, streets, rights-of-way, public utility poles, lamp posts, hydrants, trees or public easements. Please visit the City's webpage at www.glenviewky.gov for a complete listing of all the City's ordinances. Please remove all election signs once the election is over.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Your 2012-2013 property tax bill will be mailed out in early July. Please be looking for them. A 5% discount is offered if the City receives payment before October 1, 2012. The face amount is due January 1, 2013.

MSD

MSD is going to repair the creek stone retaining wall with a concrete wall at 4318 Glenview Ave to help the flow of water. The work to the wall is needed because parts of the retaining wall continue to collapse. Re-surfacing of Glenview Ave will wait until after MSD has completed their work. MSD has recently added a drain pipe under Glenview Ave and they are going to re-grade the culverts on the east side of Glenview Ave.

INSURANCE TAX PREMIUMS

Insurance premium taxes have been discussed in the GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER on several occasions. The State of Kentucky provides a tax on insurance premiums. The City must be on record requesting the funds. Glenview went on record several years ago and this valuable 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 bill when you mail in the payment. If you need additional stickers contact the Clerk Administrator, Kacy DeVore at clerkadmin@glenviewky.gov or 292-1997.