



City of Glenview, Kentucky

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE
By: Richard M. Breen

TAX CUT

Your Glenview government unanimously voted for a one-time property tax cut of 25%. Normally the discount is 5% if you pay your property taxes early. This year the discount for early payment will be 25%. If you don't pay early you will owe the full bill. The rate remains the same, \$.13 per hundred, one of the lowest in the Commonwealth. The discount is a onetime thing this year.

Glenview has realized its goal of accumulating a reserve of one year's operating expenses, and then some. When I came into office on January 1, 2007, we were already over budget on public works, and only halfway through our fiscal year. Now, because your Commissioners are very fiscally responsible, and with the help of winter road care savings from milder weather, we've been able to; keep the tax rate low, realize our goal of saving up one year's operating budget for emergencies, and cut taxes this coming year with the discount approach.

Some might ask, "Why not lower the tax rate?" The answer is the late Gov. Thelma Stovall, and HB 44 which she enacted as acting governor in a special session of the Legislature she called when Gov. Carroll left the state. HB 44 prohibits property tax increases greater than 4% without publication of the proposed tax increase. A single objector requires the proposed increase to be placed on the ballot for voter approval. In other words, it is a lot easier to cut the tax rate than it is to raise the rate. However, we can reduce taxes by increasing the discount on an annual basis without cutting the tax rate, and review it on an annual basis. Since, we never know what natural disaster or emergency is ahead of us, this approach seemed most provident.

I hope you had a nice Derby, and I wish you and your family a safe fun 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 trees on the east side of Glenview Avenue, and we are replacing trees along the west side as well. These are native species and will be 'paired' along the avenue for variety and color interest.

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. 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).

Nan Tafel, Commissioner

GLENVIEW UPDATE
By: Clerk Administrator Kacy DeVore

PRIVATE VS. PUBLIC

When the City of Glenview started work on the Glenview Area Plan (G.A.P) in 2009, our consultants studied the history of our roads, and learned that almost half of Glenview's streets are private roads. If you go to our webpage (www.glenviewky.gov) and click on the City Business Page, there is a link that will take you to the G.A.P, and on page 24 is a map showing which roads are public and private. The distinction is important because legally Glenview should only spend tax dollars on public roads. Two private road's owners have approached Glenview and requested dedication. The dedication process is spelled out in City Ordinance No 3, Series 2010 found on the City's webpage. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis, after the City's Engineer has investigated and reported. There will be a public meeting in advance of any vote to dedicate a private road, so that you can comment if you wish. The Ordinance and G.A.P are part of our best effort at preserving our rural character, and conserving Glenview's limited financial resources.

Some private roads are marked with private road signs, but you are not prohibited from driving those roads. Private road owners may not close their roads if they have been open to the public long enough for an easement to occur. State law permits the City of Glenview to dedicate a private road and make it a public road if it has been open to the public for a certain amount of time. City Ordinance No 3, Series 2010 is Glenview's effort for a balanced harmonious approach. Glenview will not force a private road to become public unless all of the abutting owners of the private road comply with the ordinance and petition Glenview to make the road public.

On the other hand, Glenview will not expend public funds to maintain a private road whose owners have decided to keep the road private. If you live on a private road, Glenview will not be filling your potholes or resurfacing your road any more than we would your driveway. Yes, we all pay the same property tax rate, but the cost of your private road was less when it was constructed than a road that meets public road standards. If you get winter road care, police patrols and the garbage collected now, those services will continue.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Your 2013-2014 property tax bill will be mailed out in early July. A 25% discount is yours if the City receives payment before October 1, 2013. The full amount is due after that until January 1, 2014, then penalties and interest kick in.

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 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.

Garbage collection is 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 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 if you would like to be added to the City's e-mail news group to receive the City of Glenview's latest news: the address is clerkadmin@glenviewky.gov.

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, not private roads cleared; it is not the City's responsibility to remove the debris from a private road. 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 about how long people take to cut, clean up and pick up the fallen debris. The City has never taken a position on this because we don't want to boss people on how or when

to take care of their yard. 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 their trunks. The vines will turn brown and soon fall off. Act now before it's too late.

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.