# THE GLENVIEW NEWSLETTER Spring 2010



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

On April 13, 2010 at 5:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus there will be a public meeting on the City of Glenview's conservation initiative called the Glenview Area Plan, ("GAP") to preserve our rural character. It is distinct from Metro's River Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, where I have represented you at two meetings a month for the last 18 months. Both plans have been moving forward, but on different tracks. Metro's vast plan stems from its desire to bike lanes on River Road. The **GAP** started with the Glenview put Conservancy hearing speakers who founded the Mockingbird Valley Road Plan, and recommended the City of Glenview craft our own neighborhood plan. approached Metro Councilman Kelly Downard for his assistance, and his support has been tremendous. The GAP proposal is now ready for your review.

One of several important GAP recommendations is to permit private road owners in Glenview to petition to dedicate their roads with the cost of maintenance to Glenview. The tragedy of the Christmas Day fire raised again this big issue for our little city. As a fire truck was leaving, it hit the narrow bridge on Longview. The bridge was severely damaged, but passable. The next day I met Glenview's traffic engineer at the site, and he told me the bridge had to be replaced, that it was no longer safe for heavy vehicles. Longview is a private road, and bridge costs are the responsibility of the road's owners. When Rockledge, also private, was damaged by a tree, Glenview's City Attorney said we could not spend public funds to fix it. I met with our Rockledge neighbors to tell them they needed to form a neighborhood association and pay for the repairs themselves, and they did.

One difference between Rockledge and Longview is the fire department's insurance company has to pay for the damage to the bridge. But then our traffic engineer suggested that I contact MSD. The bridge was technically not a bridge, he said, but a culvert, because it spanned less than 20 feet. It was arguably a drainage project, and MSD's responsibility. I called MSD, and within days MSD had inspected Longview, and agreed to replace the culvert at MSD's expense. The work has now been completed. The sum of Glenview's cost was for our traffic engineer's time to evaluate the damage, and to place weight restriction signs. MSD paid an estimated \$75,000 for the new bridge. Glenview's annual budget is only \$350,000, so private road costs like the bridge would be a big issue for us.

There are also important recommendations to preserve our rural character in the GAP. You will soon receive a postcard about the April 13, 2010 public meeting on the GAP, with an Internet link to the proposed plan. I ran for Mayor to preserve our rural character, and look forward to all your comments. I hope you and your family are well, and have a good Spring.

## **GLENVIEW UPDATE**

# By: Kacy White Clerk Administrator

## **CITY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Dr. Ted Steinbock resigned in late February after serving the City for 5 years. We approved and swore in his replacement, Commissioner Deborah Reiss, at the March meeting. Welcome Debbie. Thank you Ted for your invaluable volunteer service to Glenview.

#### **RUMPKE**

The City's contract with Rumpke is up for renewal June 30, 2010. The City can extend the current contract for two more years or can go with a different (cheaper) contract that includes recycling. The Glenview Conservancy was highly interested in adding a recycling program to Glenview. Please go to the City's website <a href="https://www.glenviewky.gov">www.glenviewky.gov</a> to view the results of the Conservancy survey. If the City chooses to go with recycling, Rumpke will provide each residence with one, 65-gallon recycling cart on wheels, and it will be collected at the rear of the residence. Please go to <a href="https://www.rumpkerecycling.com/">http://www.rumpkerecycling.com/</a> for more information on Rumpke's recycling program.

Please write Clerk Administrator Kacy White or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:kwhite@glenviewky.gov">kwhite@glenviewky.gov</a> about the option you prefer for the City of Glenview:

**Option A**: Garbage pickup twice a week (Monday & Thursday) with yard waste collection on Mondays (current contract).

**Option B**: Garbage pickup and yard waste collection on Mondays only, with recycling pickup every other Thursday.

#### **HOMELAND PATROL SERVICES**

The City of Glenview contracts with Police to patrol regularly throughout the City, if you see anything suspicious please call them, Homeland Patrol Services, Sgt. Schwab at 376-1203. The City wanted to inform you that during January a subject named Brian Hodges was getting into mailboxes in the Glenview/Northfield area and taking checks. The subject was changing the names on the checks to his name before he would cash them. Some people are still just finding out they had money taken from their bank accounts. If this has happened to you please report it to Homeland Patrol Services. The City also wanted to make you aware of a break-in on Glen Bluff in mid February.

## **WOOSIDE ROAD**

Louisville Paving will resurface Woodside after July, 1 2010. Until then the City will do a quick fix of pot holes on Woodside and in other places in the City.

#### **WEBPAGE**

Please be sure and check the City of Glenview webpage for information, and the latest about things happening in the City. Some residents were being directed to the old page that has recently been taken down, so there will be no more confusion. Please send Clerk Administrator White your e-mail address if you would like to get added to the City's e-mail news group to receive the City of Glenview's latest news, her e-mail address is <a href="kwhite@glenviewky.gov">kwhite@glenviewky.gov</a>.

#### **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 White at Kwhite@glenviewky.gov or 292-1997.

## **PLEASE JOIN GLENVIEW'S PET ALERT**

I'm organizing a neighborhood "Pet Alert" program to help find missing pets and/or to locate owners of those found, and I need your help. If you wish to participate, please send your

name, address, home telephone number and email address to: <a href="Petalert40025@gmail.com">Petalert40025@gmail.com</a>. Your information will be secure and alerts will be sent as blind copy. How it works: If your pet is missing or you've found one in the area, you will send an email to <a href="Petalert40025@gmail.com">Petalert40025@gmail.com</a> describing the animal, where it was found/lost and how you can be contacted. I will then email everyone on our alert list.

I will need a little time to organize this effort. When the program is in place, you will be notified. Be advised that Pet Alert provides information on missing and/or found pets ONLY. <u>It is not a rescue</u>. Hats off to Terry Jones and Cathy Gill who have offered to help.

Thank you, Laurie Birnsteel