

Glendale 2nd District Report

October 5th, 2009



As September ends, October is certain to be a busy month for the City of Glendale. As I meet and talk to many of the residents, I am in awe at how much each of you are committed to growth and continued improvement of the City of Glendale. Your ideas, concerns and feedback are excellent and they make it easier for me to work for you on the Common Council. Our City truly is built on the strength of its citizens. Thank you for your support.

I want to take a moment to re-cap the month of September City business and give you a brief introduction to what October has in store.

Please feel free to contact me with your opinions or concerns relating to City of Glendale issues. I look forward to seeing you at the Common Council meetings.

Bender/Port Washington Rd. Construction Project

As some of you may already know, the City of Glendale and the Common Council has approved a construction project at the intersection of Bender and Port Washington Road. The North/South lanes of Port Washington Road are being rebuilt to create a dedicated left turn lane in both directions. The congestion at this

intersection, primarily on Port Road going North and South, have prompted the City to take action and attempt to re-construct the intersection. This Port Washington Road improvement will add three lanes both north and south on the road. Construction time will be approximately four weeks.

MMSD Permit Extension – Mill Road

The work being done by MMSD on the corner of Sydney Place and West Mill Road was scheduled to be completed in early September. However, the Common Council has approved a permit extension to November 30th due to a slight delay in the completion of the project. MMSD has indicated that their remote electronic monitoring and control system, as well as more extensive demolition than was initially anticipated have caused the delay for the completion of this project by early September. MMSD believes that work at Sydney Place and West Mill Road will be complete in November.

DOT – Green Bay Ave. Project

My last report indicated that the Green Bay Avenue construction project was approximately 3 weeks behind schedule according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The project is nearing completion and is estimated to be complete with the road work by mid to late October. Median and landscaping will still be necessary, but road work should be complete in October.

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Green Tree Road Traffic Study

As I indicated in last month's report, River Hills is considering the closure of Green Tree Road at either Jean Nicolet or River Road, near the Glendale Market. In many ways it seems that this issue has become somewhat emotional for residents living along the road based on perception rather than fact.

The City of Glendale has been working toward an effective resolution that will be beneficial to the residents of River Hills and Glendale alike. Because of this, the City of Glendale has decided to hire a traffic engineering firm to perform a comprehensive, independent traffic analysis of West Green Tree Road. This analysis will be complete by early December.

It is my opinion that a careful study of facts regarding this issue, will lead us to a better understanding of how to move forward and make a decision regarding traffic control or traffic calming, rather than road closure.

Glendale City Budget 2010

As I mentioned in my report last month, every municipality in the State of Wisconsin is entering a tough budgetary period. With the passage of Act 28 in the State of Wisconsin Budget, shared revenue decreased to municipalities and state provided services increased. The sagging economy has also played a major role in the decrease of tax revenues for municipalities.

Keep in mind that the City of Glendale and I am very aware of the

economic conditions facing each one of us and as we prepare this budget, I will do everything possible to hold the line on any increases to City residents.

Calendar of events for October

- Plan Commission Meeting Tuesday October 6th 7:00pm
- Common Council meeting Monday October 12th 7:00pm
- Common Council Meeting Monday October 26th 7:00pm

I urge all of you to try and attend Common Council Meetings throughout the month.

Please encourage others to join my email list or visit the Glendale website to read this report.

Sincerely,

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