

Glendale 2nd District Report

September 3, 2009



I am personally committed to keeping the residents of the 2nd District informed about all key City of Glendale issues. That is why I want to make sure to have monthly communications to my constituent e-mail list as well as posting this 2nd District Report on the Glendale Website. I think that it is vitally important to keep the residents of the City of Glendale informed and involved in current city business. Your ideas, opinions and feedback are crucial for me to represent your concerns on the Common Council. I have begun the process of meeting with some of you in the District and will continue to do so. This will be an ongoing process over the next several weeks. 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.

Green Tree Road Closing

As many of you may or may not know, River Hills is considering the closure of Green Tree Road at either Jean Nicolet or River Road, near the Glendale Market. The residents living along the road are concerned about litter, speeding and an increased potential for accidents. The City of Glendale and in particular Mayor Tepper and Mr. Maslowski has offered to help River Hills work through this issue without closing Green Tree Road. The offers of joint police

enforcement, implementation of stop signs and even possible development of a roundabout have been offered as alternatives to closure.

This is an issue where Glendale does not have much leverage, because the portion of Green Tree Road in question resides in River Hills. However, from a Glendale perspective and in my opinion, Green Tree Road is vital to the efficient and effective response from the North Shore Fire Department and other emergency services to the rest of the North Shore Communities. The road is also an important busing route for Nicolet High School as well as being an important route for residents coming and going to the Glendale Market. The concerns citing litter, speeding and potential accidents can be made of any road within a city's limits. Enforcement of current laws as well as working toward an effective resolution that will be beneficial to the residents of River Hills and Glendale is critical in solving the concerns of River Hills, not the closing of Green Tree Road.

Road Construction Updates

The Road construction project of West Good Hope Road, east of the Milwaukee River is ahead of schedule according to County officials. The County is attempting to complete this construction project before the end of October.

Additionally, the Green Bay Avenue construction project is approximately 3 weeks behind schedule and DOT officials are hopeful for an early October completion date.

As a side note, Good Hope Road construction in the City of Milwaukee, west of North 76th has an expected completion date of the beginning of October.

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North Shore Library Expansion

Monday August 31st the North Shore Library Board held a joint meeting of the elected officials of Fox Point, Bayside, River Hills and Glendale to review proposals for possible expansion in 2010-2012. The North Shore Library is an important service provided to the whole North Shore Community, but it is also important for each municipality involved to completely understand the financial impacts these proposals will have on the residents. Proposal studies are ongoing as a result of this meeting.

North Shore Fire Department

On August 24th 2009, the Glendale Common Council passed and adopted a resolution approving the North Shore Fire Department "Capital Equipment" budget for 2010-2011. This is a wonderful intergovernmental service that is provided to Glendale and the rest of the North Shore Community.

Glendale City Budget

The City of Glendale will soon begin the 2010 City Budget, with many issues affecting municipalities as a result of Act 28 passed in the State of Wisconsin Budget. Just to give you a flavor here are some of the issues confronting the City for this budgetary period:

1. 3.5% shared revenue decrease in 2010 and 2011 will be equal to 2010 payment
2. 42% increase in State purchased street salt for 2010.

3. State "Tipping fee" increase from \$5.90 to \$13.00 per ton of solid waste disposed in a landfill.

These are just a few of the big hitters, plus the normal electric, natural gas and health care increases that confront every household budget.

Smart Growth Plan – City of Glendale

August 19th marked the 1st in a series of public information meetings concerning the City's Smart Growth Plans. Public participation is crucial during the planning process. The City Smart Growth Plan is a comprehensive plan that seeks to achieve a balance of development and use of resources, creation of economically competitive opportunities, and the building of strong local neighborhoods that foster a sense of community. Public participation is crucial because ideas and opinions from the residents provide the feedback necessary to prioritize and incorporate necessary City development opportunities. I urge you to attend the next public meeting scheduled for October. I will keep you posted.

Estabrook Dam

I couldn't leave this issue out of my report. I have had many conversations with officials and citizens' concerning the Dam and this is what I know from talking with County Supervisor Theo Limpscomb, State Representative Sandy Pasch and Glendale Alderperson Weise. On September 1st and 2nd, a 2 day debris removal permit was granted by the DNR for cleanup of the debris in front of the dam. Theo Lipscomb is attempting to apply for a Dam safety Grant for extensive cleanup of debris and toxin removal surrounding the Dam area. Removal of debris in front of the dam is the top priority as it could develop into a

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potential flooding issue in the spring. The E.P.A. and the DNR are scheduling a PCB/Toxin removal cleanup around the area of Lincoln Park within the next 6-8 months. Removal or Repair has not yet been determined, but I can tell you that Supervisor Lipscomb has worked tirelessly on this issue that affects much of the 2nd District. He is certainly an advocate and an asset to have at the county level.

Citizens Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department will be offering their 15th Citizens Police Academy starting Thursday October 1st. The CPA meets from 6:30pm to 9:30pm once per week for 10 weeks. Individuals applying must be 18yrs of age and live or work in Glendale. For more information, contact Joel Dhein at 414-228-1741 or pick up a CPA application and brochure at the Glendale Police Department.

Crime Trends – 2nd District Glendale

In the month of August there were 56 police calls in the 2nd District, not including regular traffic stops. Suspicious behavior, theft, noise violations and disorderly conduct were some of the miscellaneous calls throughout August. Remember however, that July saw a rash of vehicle thefts in the city of Glendale and some surrounding North Shore Communities. Our city is built on the strength of our citizens. Every day, we encounter situations that call upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. We are all stewards our city, community and neighborhoods, so we should make a commitment to watch out for each other's homes, and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. Below are some Safety tips to remember, courtesy of the Glendale P.D.

- Close windows, lock doors. Take your possessions with you. Leave NOTHING in your vehicle.
- Remove your keys from the ignition even if you will only be away from your vehicle for a few seconds (at a gas station for example).
- Do not leave your garage door opener and registration in your vehicle. These items can be used by thieves to find and gain access to your residence.
- **Keep Your Car's Interior Clear.** You make it easy for thieves if you leave your belongings visible through the windows of your vehicle. Make sure to put these away, either in your house or hidden in the trunk. This especially includes purses, electronics such as laptop computers or MP3 players, luggage, and shopping bags.
- If you see someone or something that looks suspicious, call the Glendale Police Department Dispatch at (414)962-4619. Trust your instincts!

For Your Information

Please visit the City of Glendale Website for current information and news. I will also be posting a 2nd District Monthly report in the Common Council 2nd District section of the website.

Also be aware that the Fall 2009 newsletter is available on the City of Glendale website. Please let me know if you would like a print version of the city newsletter and I would be happy to drop a copy off at your residence per your request.

Please visit often: www.glendale-wi.org

Calendar of events for September

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- Community Development Meeting
September 8th 7:00pm
- Common Council meeting Monday
September 14th 7:00pm
- Common Council Meeting Tuesday
September 29th 7:00pm

I urge all of you to try and attend Common Council Meetings throughout the month. It is the best way for residents of the city to make public comments and give feedback to the Council on issues that are not on the agenda.

Thank You

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you on the City of Glendale Common Council. I appreciate all of the feedback that I have received thus far and hope that I have a chance to speak with many more of you to hear your thoughts and opinions on issues concerning the city. Everyone I have met and spoken to have been extremely supportive and I could not be happier to work for all of you. I want to thank Al Tomson and Joe Colacino for their continued direction and support that has made this transition easier for me and hopefully for all of you. I would also like to thank the Glendale Police Department and Joel Dhein for helping me with 2nd District crime reports and trends that I have used and will continue to use in my monthly correspondence.

Please encourage others to join my email list or visit the Glendale website to read this report. I will always have a paper copy for anyone that wishes to have the print version as well.

Sincerely,

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