

Glendale Mayor Retires

At the end of the March 5th, 2007 Council meeting Dr. Thomas U. Todd announced that he was resigning to allow more time to be with his wife Diane, family and to travel. Dr. Todd has been Mayor of Glendale since Dec. 30th, 1998 and his term was to expire January 1st, 2008. Vice Mayor Joseph C. Hubbard was given the Oath of Office as Mayor and will finish out the remainder of Dr. Todd's term. Councilperson Dr. Jenny Kilgore was appointed Vice Mayor.

Tom Todd, a retired family physician and a Glendale resident for over 45 years, began his political career in 1991 when former Mayor Harry M. Matthews asked him to join the Village Council and complete the remainder of resigning Councilman's James Kloth term. Smitten by the pleasure of giving back to his community, Todd ran for re-election and was eventually appointed to the position of Vice Mayor at the beginning of the Dec. 30th, 1998 Council meeting, only to become Mayor one hour later when Alexander Brockmeier surprised everyone by announcing his early retirement at the end of the same council meeting.

As Mayor for the past 8 years Tom Todd has supervised many capital improvements, married over a hundred couples, obtained unprecedented grants, developed a new Village Plan, obtained three Ohio Historical Markers and produced a remarkable Glendale sesquicentennial (1855-2005) celebration that included civil war re-enactments and a Morgan's Raiders play. His most recent accomplishment was his role and direction in bringing back an all volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Joseph Hubbard (hubbard@glendaleohio.org) reported that the Village would advertise the Council vacancy and he would accept letters of interest up to March 20th and encouraged any resident interested to apply. Council will appoint the new councilperson at the April 2nd meeting *for the remainder of the term*.

Mayor's Retirement Speech

March 5, 2007

Dear Council, Staff and Residents,

After 8 years and 2 months, it is time for me to resign the elected position of the Mayor's office and let our Vice-Mayor, Joe Hubbard assume the duties of this lofty position. I am not going to leave town and will be available, as I am sure you all will be, to help him carry on and keep Glendale operating smoothly.

I've enjoyed being your Mayor for the past 8 years and I think we have accomplished many things together to carry out Glendale's vision, of retaining the gracious characteristics of this Historic Village. Undoubtedly the most important project during my term as Mayor was the creation and production of our Glendale Village Plan 2000. To have over 150 Glendale residents working on different committees certainly helped to outline a plan that will be a yard stick to guide Glendale for the next 15 years.

I look fondly at the many activities we all participated in, as we had a year long celebration for Glendale's Sesquicentennial in 2005. Restructuring of our Police and Fire Departments were both very worthwhile but, time consuming functions. The dedication of 3 Historic Plaques from the Ohio Historical Society will leave a lasting imprint on our Landmark Historic Village.

I thank all of you for your help as we carried out all of these activities as a team. I especially want to thank Wally Cordes, Mike Honerlaw, Bill Aronstein, Mat Fruchey and Mike Finney (the new kid on the block) for their excellent guidance and consul. I also can't forget Sally and Phyllis for their humor and efficient work output.

Now I need a motion and a second to accept my request.

Sincerely, Mayor, Thomas U. Todd, M.D.