

Todd retires as Glendale mayor

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GLENDALE - After eight years as mayor of Glendale, Thomas Todd retired from the position and swore in Vice Mayor Joe Hubbard as the new mayor March 5.

"I've enjoyed being your mayor for the past eight 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," Todd said.



Todd, a retired family physician and a Glendale resident for more than 45 years, was asked in 1991 by former Mayor Harry Matthews to join council and complete the remainder of resigning Councilman James Kloth's term.

Todd ran for re-election and was eventually appointed to the position of vice mayor at the beginning of the Jan. 11, 1999 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.

"When he first told me he wanted to be mayor I was in his doctor's office. I'm not sure what position I was in, but I knew I couldn't say anything," said Hubbard with a chuckle.

"When he told me, I thought it was the right thing to do and I'm glad he did it."

Todd supervised many capital improvements, married more than a hundred couples, obtained unprecedented grants, developed a new village plan, obtained three Ohio Historical Markers, produced the Glendale sesquicentennial celebration in 2005, and played a role in recently bringing back an all-volunteer fire department.

Hubbard, after being sworn in, listed a number of issues facing the village: a new wastewater plant, the upgrade of the water treatment plant, selection of a new police chief in May, getting the new fire department up and running, the potential development of 40 acres of the Landmark Baptist property and finding an affordable way to implement a railway quiet zone.

"Most important of all, however, is the need for a time of healing," he said, referencing the controversial disbanding of the fire department last year.

Jenny Kilgore was voted as the new vice mayor, but councilmembers Nikki White and Debbie Grueninger voted no; White nominated Grueninger for vice mayor.

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