

December 5, 2012 - Mayor Glover Back at Government Plaza

Mayor Cedric Glover was back at Government Plaza late today for the first time since seriously injuring both of his legs during a slip-and-fall accident Oct. 3.

Staffers warmly greeted the Mayor with hugs, kisses and hearty handshakes as he made his way to his 2nd-floor office, using a walker for support. The office homecoming was cut short by the stack of documents awaiting his signature.

Mayor Glover had been working from his hospital room the past several weeks, fulfilling his administrative responsibilities as well as participating in conference calls and using his laptop and Blackberry to respond to email and make assignments. He said he is eager to become fully immersed in discussions about the 2013 budget, which is set for final approval next week by the City Council.

“I am looking forward to having substantive discussions with the Council about ways to generate more money to fix our streets,” Glover said. “I believe we have the opportunity now to do more than just patch a few streets here and there and I’m sure all of us can agree that a pay-as-you-go approach is the least effective option.”

Mayor Glover also said he’s optimistic that voters will turn out in force Saturday (Dec. 8) to support the sales tax renewal for fire and police services. Additionally, the Mayor said he’s confident that councilmembers will continue to fund the successful summer jobs program that employs hundreds of youth all over the city.

The Mayor was released from Christus Schumpert Medical Center late Monday evening and spent his first full day at home Tuesday re-adjusting to his surroundings and establishing the routine associated with his outpatient care. Mayor Glover will spend several hours each week in physical therapy as he recovers from the October 15 surgery performed to repair his ruptured quadriceps tendons.

“The team of professionals at Christus Schumpert took excellent care of me during my extended stay and I can’t say enough good things about the level of professionalism and skill they displayed each and every day,” Mayor Glover said. “It’s inspiring to know we have such an outstanding health-care facility with such a talented group of care givers right here in the city of Shreveport. Although I am hopeful this will be my first and last serious injury, I must say I could not have asked for a better hospital to meet my needs.”

Mayor Glover will continue to balance his time at the office with his physical therapy but plans to attend critical meetings as needed.

“I know there was speculation about the length of time I was out of the public light, but I can assure you that was only necessary because of the catastrophic nature of my injuries,” Mayor Glover said. “During that time, I was fully engaged in city business and I am looking forward to being even more engaged now that my mobility is improving and I am physically back in the saddle.”

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