

Mark A. Cegelka
Office of Mayor

Village of
Glenwillow

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Newsletter

Dear Residents,

I trust you and your families are having a great start to a new year and looking forward to spring being just around the corner. The winter months are typically used for assessing current conditions of the Village, planning for new projects, determining annual budgets and overall planning for our community. The staff is busy making plans for capital improvements in all departments, Summer Concerts, enhancements to our infrastructure and ascertaining outside funding available to help pay for needed projects.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

I wanted to give you an update on the Austin Powder Bridge Replacement. We anticipated the project was to be completed and the bridge opened by end of 2012. Due to unforeseen ground conditions, the contractor and Cuyahoga County Engineer's office needed to redesign and reprice the project. This project is being paid for by the County, with only a small portion paid by the Village (\$40,000) and thus is managed by the County as well. The Village Engineer and I are working closely with the County and the contractor to ensure that our interests are represented. At this time, we expect work to continue in March and the project should be completed by the end of June. If there are any changes to this schedule, we will post them on our website.

Over the last several months, we have spent considerable time on the proposed FirstEnergy Substation. A detailed update is on page two for your review. The Ohio Power Siting Board held a hearing in Glenwillow on Jan 30th, which was attended by a few residents. The Ohio Power Siting Board met during the month of February in Columbus to further determine the course of this project. As soon as any decisions are made, we will make sure it is posted on our website Home Page.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this project or any Village concerns, as always, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

LOCAL INCOME TAX-FILING DEADLINE- APRIL 15, 2013

The Village of Glenwillow has a 2% income tax. All persons over 18 years of age working in the Village of Glenwillow and all business entities doing business in the Village are subject to the local tax.

Glenwillow residents are granted 100% credit up to 2%, for municipal tax withheld or paid to another municipality. **All residents over 18 years of age must file an annual return whether tax is owed or not.**

R.I.T.A. tax filing deadlines are the same as the Federal and State taxes- April 15, 2013.

For more information about our income tax, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900 or at www.rita.org.

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UPDATE ON FIRST ENERGY'S PROPOSED SUBSTATION

As you know from our previous correspondence and communications, we have been working expeditiously to create the best possible solution to the request of FirstEnergy to the Ohio Power Siting Board to build a new Substation here in Glenwillow. Village Council, my staff and I have had numerous meetings with company officials to create a win-win scenario relative to this project. While most of us here in the Village would prefer that this facility not be located in our community, the reality is that the proximity of the existing substation, the new power lines that will be built and the demand for more reliable power, does not allow us that opportunity. Thus, we have developed an amicable agreement between FirstEnergy, Premier Development Corporation (current owner of the proposed substation property) and the Village. This agreement was approved by Village Council at its meeting on February 6th. In summary, the Agreement calls for:

Amicable resolution of the project by all parties;

- FirstEnergy will pay the Village a one-time stipend of \$60,000 upon approval of the project to be used to improve the Village parks and any adverse impacts we determine are needed;
- The Village will not raise any further objections to the proposed station and will remove its official "opposition" to the project in front of the Ohio Power Siting Board.
- FirstEnergy will agree to review the suggestions made by our Landscape Architect, and take them into consideration as they develop the final landscape plan for the site.
- As a supplemental agreement, the Village has also negotiated with Premier Development Corporation, the current owner of the property for an additional stipend of \$30,000 which will also be used to further enhance our Village Parks and minimize any impacts from this project. Once the project is approved and the Village is confident that these funds will be available to us, we will begin setting the plans for using these funds later this year and next year.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Purchasing a house or other property is the biggest investment most people will make in their lifetime. Knowing exactly what you are buying should be an important part of the process. Often times this aspect of the purchase is clouded by confusing legal jargon and stacks of paperwork. Both novice and veteran homebuyers can struggle with how to unravel the tangle of paperwork and understand their future property.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust, private non-profit organization or a government agency that limits certain land uses while protecting others. Landowners retain the title and certain rights to the property. This means that if there is a conservation easement on your property you may own the entire parcel but there are restrictions placed on portions of the parcel. In many instances the original land developer agreed to a conservation easement before any of the parcels in a

subdivision were even sold. This agreement then passes along through the deed to every subsequent owner.

How can you tell if there is a conservation easement or other restriction on the property you own or are intending to purchase? There are some key words included in the language of the property deed that should pique your awareness. An example of the type of language one might see states: "Free of all encumbrances whatsoever except, conditions, limitation restrictions and easements..." If you were to see this type of language in your deed it should prompt you to further investigate if there are any encumbrances.

A conservation easement in your backyard can be a great thing. It means that the natural areas and the view that you fell in love with will remain undeveloped forever. More importantly the unique ecosystem and wildlife habitat will be protected and preserved. Reprinted from Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter, On the Land, Fall, 2012.

VILLAGE RECEIVES GRANT TO INSTALL PERVIOUS PAVEMENT

The Ohio EPA awarded the Village a Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) Grant in the amount of \$53,358 to improve the parking lot in and around the Village Service Department garage located next to Village Hall. The primary goal of the SWIF grant is to establish innovative storm water management projects that demonstrate ways water quality can be improved, thereby preserving and protecting local water resources. This funding will be used to resurface 5,600 square feet of existing asphalt pavement and drain it to a 2,000 square foot parking area comprised of porous asphalt that allows water to soak through to the ground. This effort will promote the infiltration of storm water runoff back into the ground. This is runoff that normally would be piped directly to a nearby watercourse. This project will also include a specially designed turf swale that will treat runoff from the parking lot during significant rain events and will also serve to remove pollutant from snow pile melt water during winter months. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of summer. Many thanks to Mike Henry and the team at Chagrin Valley Engineering for their hard work in securing this grant on behalf of the Village.

COPS CORNER

SHOP WITH A COP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The Shop with a Cop Program had another successful year. Glenwillow was able to take 6 children shopping and was able to purchase gifts for 2 other children in the village.

Special thanks go out to:

**Village resident
Norma Hummer-Miner and**



Marous Brothers
CONSTRUCTION

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SAFETY TIPS

We are fast approaching St. Patrick's Day, when everyone is Irish for a day! Many of us will be wearing our green shirts, Leprechaun hats and shamrock socks for a day of celebration. Oh, and let's not forget the green beer! But whether you go out to celebrate at a local pub or are hosting a party at home, remember these St. Patty's Day safety tips to ensure your day is full of lucky charms!

- Don't bring valuables to celebrations. Bring only what is needed such as a drivers license, money and a cell phone.
- If you are attending an event with a large crowd, such as a St. Patty's Day parade, be aware of your surroundings and locate where you can go for help if necessary.
- If you plan on drinking, don't drive! Protect yourself and others by having a designated driver and make sure everyone wears a seatbelt!
- If you are the designated driver, watch out for intoxicated walkers who pay no attention to traffic lights or crosswalks.
- Use public transportation or take a cab to and from your location so that you can avoid leaving your car in an unfamiliar place overnight.

- If going out with a group of friends, have everyone "buddy up" to make sure they get home safely.
- Stay hydrated and fed. Make sure you don't drink on an empty stomach (eat a corned beef sandwich!). Be sure to consume water or non-alcoholic beverages in between the green beer.
- Never leave drinks unattended! You never know what someone may put in it.
- If you're hosting a party, have guests turn in their keys to you when they arrive. That way you can ensure that everyone has a safe ride home. Also be prepared to let your guests stay the night as an alternative.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, please don't hesitate to contact law enforcement. Remember, police want to keep the roads safe so that everyone gets to and from their destination safely.

There are plenty of fun things to do on St. Patrick's Day with family and friends, but it's important to have a high level of awareness when it comes to safety. Good health and happiness is the real pot of gold!

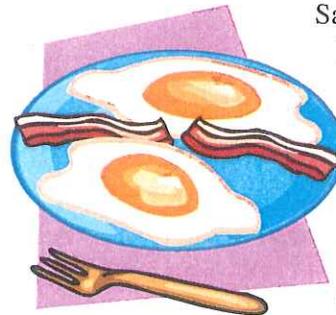
CHIPPING / MULCH

Each spring, the Village provides chipping and mulch services to residents (donated by Republic Services). **The spring branch chipping services will begin on Monday, May 20th** (and again in the fall on Oct. 14th). Crews will be out collecting branches to help you spruce up your lawns for spring. The Village is also anticipating providing free mulch again this year in the beginning of May. The details will be announced in April. Please check our website or call Village Hall for more details.

SENIOR VAN SERVICE

The City of Solon will provide van service for our senior residents Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at no charge. If you need transportation outside of Glenwillow or Solon, services are available each day during the week, except Tuesday, between 8:30 am and 3:15 pm. The cost for out of the area service is \$3.00 for less than 10 miles; \$4.00 between 10 and 15 miles and \$5.00 if you need to travel over 15 miles. Please call 440-349-6363 for more details and to schedule any needed transportation.

SAM'S CLUB BREAKFAST



Sam's Club, located at 23300 Broadway Avenue near I-271, would like to invite all Glenwillow residents to a free breakfast on **Tuesday, May 21 from 7:30 - 9:30 am.**

Sam's Club routinely opens their doors to area residents to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast, discount shopping and other amenities at the store once a year. You do not need to be a current member to attend. This event is open to all residents as a goodwill gesture from the local store. There will be no sales pitch to join the club either. If you are not a member, you will be able to purchase items on that day. Thank you to Willie Hinton, the manager of Sam's Club, for hosting this fun event. Please call Pat or Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788 for reservations by Monday, May 13th. Children are welcome.

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ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Oakwood Fire Department is having its annual Pancake Breakfast. Bring the entire family out for pancakes and sausage and greet the Easter Bunny & Sponge Bob!

Where: Oakwood Fire Station

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24th

Cost: \$5.00 adults / \$2.00 for kids 12 & under

OPEN TO ALL!

INCOME TAX SERVICE AVAILABLE

It is that time of year again to prepare and submit your Federal Income taxes before the April 15th deadline. AARP Senior Tax Preparation is available to assist you now through April 15th. There is no charge for this service. Call the Solon Senior Center to schedule your appointment at 440-349-6363.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Council Meetings

March 6th-7:30 pm; March 20th- 7:30pm;

April 3rd-7:30 pm; April 17th-7:30 pm

Architectural Board & Planning

Commission:

March 13th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

April 20th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

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A&S Animal Control

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, call the Glenwillow Police Department 440-232-8787 9am-4pm

AFTER HOURS, for emergencies only, call the Solon Police Department non-emergency at 440-349-1234