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Newsletter

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Honoring the Past -
Welcoming the Future

Dear Residents:

As I was driving through the Village this week, I noticed how green and colorful the foliage and plantings are as we head into the end of summer. I routinely receive emails and calls commenting on the beautiful aesthetics of the Village. The colorful flags, flower baskets and floral ground plantings create a picturesque and appealing community. All these items are well thought out by our Service Department staff, who takes great pride in their work. Many thanks to the Village crews for handling these tasks over the last several years.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

I am well aware of the inconvenience of the road construction we have all experienced the last several months, but I am happy to say that that is all coming to an end as the majority of the road projects have been completed. The Pettibone Road / Cochran Road intersection improvement will make the area much safer as the widening will allow for a larger radius for trucks and other vehicles. It is critical that we take care of our roads each and every year so that we have a community we can be proud of. I think we all appreciate the excellent condition of our roads when we travel to other communities and experience cracked and crumbling roads. Many communities are not as fortunate as us to have the funds to properly maintain and upgrade the roads.

The following road projects were completed or will be completed by the end of summer:

- Pettibone Road / Cochran Road Intersection;
- Pergl Road Resurfacing;
- Richmond Road Railroad Crossing;
- Various concrete road replacements; and
- Various asphalt road replacements.

Don't forget the branch chipping service runs until the 3rd Monday in October. Take advantage of this free service as you prepare your lawn for fall and winter.

Many thanks to the Recreation Committee of Council who planned the Summer Concerts, Movie in the Park and the Village wide Garage Sale. I think we have had our best turnout ever at these events. A special thank you to all of our sponsors who helped provide wonderful music throughout the summer. Our sponsors include: *Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., Matty, Henrikson & Greve LLC, Carpet Country Flooring & Design Center, Waste Management, NOPEC and Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation (Stratford Commons)*. The additional prizes and programs make these events a great time to enjoy our community with neighbors and friends. We look forward to next year's program.

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATING SENIORS

On August 1st the Village awarded scholarships to 12 graduating High School Seniors from the scholarship program that the Village offers. The Village is pleased to offer these scholarships to students who reside in Glenwillow and attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university after graduation. The money is provided through Glenwillow businesses who participate in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement. Each student was eligible to receive up to \$1,000. A total of \$12,000.00 was given out. It was a pleasure to recognize such an accomplished group of young people. Good luck to these graduates as they move toward the next chapter in their lives. A complete list of all the graduates is listed below.



Pictured: Thomas Wilks, Erin Hsu, Cassidy McColl, Naiya Patel, TiOlu Oresanyo, Jesse Durham, Darius Harrison
Not Pictured: Kiley Haupert, Peyton Hilderbrand, Qi Lin Mai, Tony Zhang, Coralin Li

RTA SERVICE IN GLENWILLOW

In June, RTA extended bus 41 Route to include the newer industrial areas of Glenwillow. The bus now goes south on Cochran Road until Pettibone Road and then into Diamond Parkway Business Park. This extension allowed RTA to service the businesses located on Diamond or Victory Parkway. Buses on this route, run about 21 hours per week and service the almost 5,000 employees here in our Village.



In order to encourage ridership at the most affordable cost, RTA has created a program call "Ready to Ride. This program allows for new riders to take a "trial ride" for two weeks for free to see if public transportation will accommodate their work schedules. The best part of this program is that a personal Transit Assistant will help them plan their trip to minimize their ride time from their home.

RTA also has a second program for employers who will offer a pre-tax program for transportation through payroll deductions of using a FSA account.

The last program offered by RTA is a "Guaranteed Ride Home" which will give you a ride home in case of any mid-day emergency. This is a great program to ensure that you get where you need to be in a timely manner at no additional cost to you.

For more information about these programs, please call Jim Frick at RTA at 216-356-3958 or email him at NJFRICK@gcrt.org.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Once again the Village of Glenwillow will be sponsoring the annual food drive during the Holiday Season. We will accept non-perishable food items and toiletries for families in need in our community. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to Village Hall. Donations can be made through mid December. We are happy to share that there has been a great amount of participation in the past allowing us to help out several families.

If you know of a family in need or for more information please call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TiOlu Oresanya has been a resident of Glenwillow for the past 10 years, and an active member of the community.

Throughout her high school career she has been an active part of the Greater Cleveland political conversation through her work at The City Club of Cleveland. She is the outgoing president of The City Club of Cleveland's Youth Forum Council, an avenue that she has used to create dialogue for Cleveland's youth on a myriad of topics. Under her leadership the Youth Council's membership doubled in size, and continued to cover important, controversial issues. While working at The City Club, TiOlu moderated several forums including a panel discussion at Case Western Reserve University's Tinkham Veale Center in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Schubert Center. Along with all this, TiOlu was a successful member of the Solon High School speech and debate team.

She has also received several awards of distinction for her volunteer work and leadership at Stratford Commons Nursing Home. TiOlu is a high school graduate, looking forward to studying accounting, at the University of Pittsburgh this fall. Best of luck to TiOlu in all her future endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 2018 6:30 PM **NEW LOCATION**

Once again the Village will be hosting its' annual Christmas Party. This year, the party will be at a new location; **Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood Village located at 1 Mt. Zion Circle, off of Broadway Avenue.** Please plan to join your Village officials, friends and neighbors at our party. Santa will be making a surprise visit to the children so be sure to bring your camera. More details to follow in the coming months.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Don't miss the opportunity to surprise someone you love with a special delivery from Santa Claus and his elves as they travel through Glenwillow on a Fire Truck. You must register for this special occasion. Delivery date will be in December with more details to follow. For more information please call Lori at Village Hall at: 440-232-8788.



COLLECTION OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND REFUSE REMINDER (CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 952.02)

No recyclable materials, garbage or refuse to be picked up by the Village for disposal shall be placed at the street side or anywhere on the front lawn or in the front driveway for pick up before 5:00 p.m. on the day before pickup, nor left after nightfall on the day of the pick-up.

SENIOR SNOWPLOWING PROGRAM

Snow plow applications and information will be sent to everyone on last year's senior snowplowing list. If you would like to be added to the list or have any questions please contact Lori at 440-232-8788. The application deadline is November 1, 2018. To download a copy of the application please visit our website at: www.glenwillow-oh.gov



COPS CORNER



Trick-or-Treating will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm. Officers will be giving special attention to all the residential streets during that time. Officers will also be passing out "Treat Bags" to the children. (While supplies last)

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Halloween is a fun holiday, but because of increased foot traffic and that Trick-or-Treaters are out at night, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases on this night. Streets are literally crawling with all sorts of witches, ghosts, goblins, vampires and all other sorts of costumed people. This makes for added responsibility for drivers to make sure they drive safer than normal.



- Don't use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving on Halloween night.
- Pay extra attention, particularly to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road.
- Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick-or-treating hours.
- Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway, they could be dropping off children.

PARKING REMINDER

There is **NO PARKING** on any residential street here in the Village. Now that winter is approaching, it is imperative that residents follow this Village Ordinance. It is important that the Service Dept. be able to have full accessibility to our streets for plowing and salting. If you are having a party, special event or visitors, please contact the Police Department for parking permission. When permission is granted, be sure to park on the side of the street opposite from the fire hydrants. Parking on both sides of the street is prohibited.



ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS

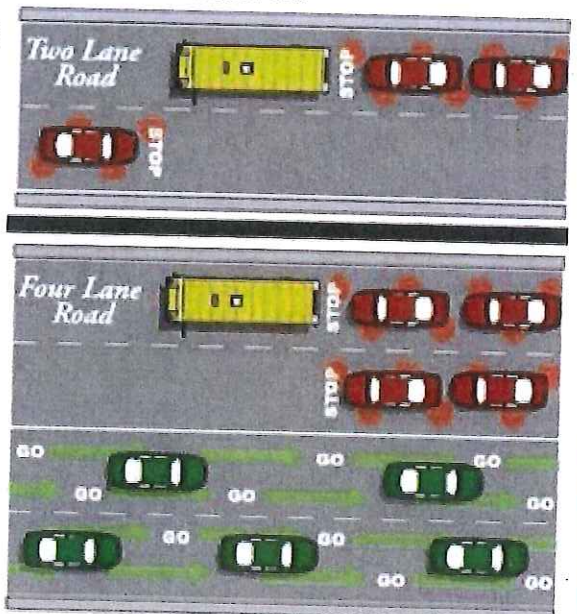
Three electric speed signs have been set up at various locations throughout the Village and will rotate on a regular basis. This equipment is intended to alert drivers of their speed. It is our goal to slow traffic, reduce motor vehicle crashes and keep our Village streets safe.



BACK TO SCHOOL: SHARING THE ROAD SAFELY WITH SCHOOL BUSES

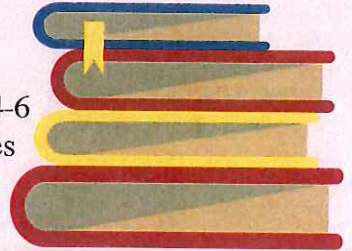
School days bring congestion; Yellow school buses are picking up children; kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings; hurried parents are trying to drop off their kids at school before going to work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school. ***It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.***

- If you're driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing.
- School buses use **yellow** flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. **Red** flashing lights and an extended stop sign signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus. Remember, traffic **must stop**.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert. Children often are unpredictable and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



HOMWORK HELP AT THE SOLON BRANCH OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free after-school homework help is available at the Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 34125 Portz Parkway from 4-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when school is in session. Laura DiBarto, who is an educator by training, is Solon's homework mentor, assisting students in grades K-8 with questions that they have about their homework. An open house for the 2018-2019 school year is being held Monday afternoon, September 17 from 4-6 p.m. to allow parents and students to meet Laura and ask any questions they may have about the Homework Mentoring program. Homework help begins on Thursday, September 20, also from 4-6 p.m. No registration is required. For information on additional programs and services available through Cuyahoga County Public Library and the Solon Branch, please see www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Solon Branch at 440-248-8777.



RECENTLY THE VILLAGE PURCHASED A 2018 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSPORT LOOSE MATERIAL AND TO USE FOR SNOWPLOWING.



POLICE BIKE PATROL

The Glenwillow Police Department has now added a Fuji Police Special 29 bike to our patrol fleet.

This bicycle is equipped with front and back digital LED patrol lights. It will primarily be used for community policing, but also to assist officers get to off road locations when needed, whereas; the police bicycle can sneak in through what would ordinarily be considered inaccessible vehicle entry points. Look for Officer Corbets on your residential streets, the bicycle path and at community events.

2018 Paving Programs

In order to maintain good roads throughout the Village, the Pavement Repair Programs will be getting under way in August and will run through the end of the month. The Village will spend almost \$270,000 on both concrete and asphalt programs with \$62,000 being reimbursed by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works. Ronyak Paving Inc. will be performing the asphalt repairs and DRS Construction will be doing the concrete repairs. The repair programs will include repairs on several of the side streets and main routes throughout the Village. The work will include replacing crack sealing, concrete slabs, sidewalks, curbing and asphalt pavement.



Pettibone & Cochran Road Intersection Improvement

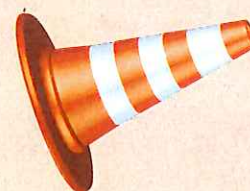
The intersection improvement was completed in mid-August by TC Construction Company. This intersection is a critical cross roads for the Village which services a majority of the industrial area in the Village. The intersection has been repaired several times over the last few years but it was determined to perform a complete reconstruction this year. The total construction cost of the intersection reconstruction was approximately \$425,000. Fortunately, the Village was able to secure funding from Ohio Public Works and Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works which reduced the Village portion of the construction to approximately \$75,000.

Pergl Road Reconstruction Phase 2

The final phase of the work within the Pergl Road Subdivision, which started in 2011 with the start of the sanitary sewers, has now ended. This project included the reconstruction of the last 1,300 feet of pavement replacement east of Richmond Road. We greatly appreciate the resident's patience during this work which added sewer access to all property owners on Mello, Annetta and Pergl Roads, and reconstructed the pavement as well.

Richmond Road Railroad Crossing Improvement

This project will include the replacement of the railroad crossing and the pavement leading up to the crossing along with some drainage improvements. We are scheduled to begin construction in early October and complete by the end of the year. This project included coordination and funding from the Village of Glenwillow, Village of Oakwood, Cleveland Commercial Railroad (CCR), Cuyahoga County Department of Development (CCDD) and the Ohio Rail Development Corporation (ORDC). The estimated cost of construction will be approximately \$190,000. Of the estimated construction cost, the Village(s) have secured \$100,000 from CCDD, \$70,000 from ORDC and \$4,000 from CCR.



NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION DAY VOTING

The Polls Open at 6:30 a.m. and Close at 7:30 p.m. Voting for all Glenwillow residents takes place at Village Hall.

PASSPORT AND PHOTO SERVICES

Every Cuyahoga County Public Library branch is an official Passport Acceptance Facility for the U.S. Department of State.

- passport processing and photo services 7 days a week.
- No appointment necessary.
- The passport application process can take 20-60 minutes per applicant. More time may be needed for complex cases involving citizenship, parental guardianship or last-minute travel. You may be asked to return at another time if the passport acceptance agent cannot complete your application prior to closing.

NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECT BREAKS GROUND

On June 7, Westminster Capital investors in Lake Forest, Illinois held a groundbreaking for a state-of-the-art industrial property on 30 acres on Victory Parkway in the Diamond Business Center Park. Westminster will own the new building, called Victory Commerce Center, and hopes to lease it to one or two national tenants. Plans approved for the building call for a 434,000 square foot facility with 32-foot clear heights, 52 docks, LED lighting and parking. The building is expected to be completed in 1st quarter of 2019. At this time, the owners and brokers of the building are working to secure the tenant(s) for the facility.



Village Council and the Solon School Board approved a business incentive package including a Community Reinvestment Tax Abatement to secure this project for our community. We are pleased that Westminster Capital chose to build this new Class A building and to invest in our community to help us continue the industrial development in the Village.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUNDING PROGRAMS

NOPEC is an organization that works to provide a competitive environment of energy costs for both residential and small business consumers. They work to bring reliable, stable and lower energy cost to their customers.

They are offering programs to help small businesses save on energy costs, the STEP Program and the Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (PACE) Program.

Here is a summary of both these programs:

In the STEP Program, NOPEC will provide low cost loans for projects in the range between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a fixed interest rate of 3%. They also offer long-term financing. Eligible projects are:

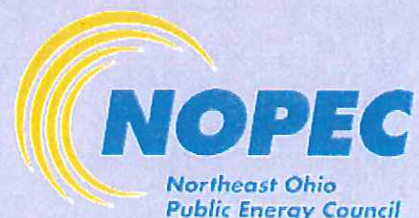
Energy Efficiency Improvements (HVAC, windows, doors, roof, lighting)

- Geothermal Energy projects
- Solar-photovoltaic (roof-top and ground-mounted solar arrays)
- Solar-thermal Water Heating Systems

The PACA Program allows a commercial property owner to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvement projects through assessments on their real property tax bills. Energy efficient improvements can increase the value of the property. The assessment stays with the property if it is sold before the assessment is paid.

Eligible Projects for the PACE Program are:

- Energy Efficiency Improvements (HVAC, windows, doors, roof, lighting)
- Geothermal Energy projects
- Wind Energy projects
- Solar-photovoltaic (roof-top and ground-mounted solar arrays)
- Solar-thermal Water Heating Systems
- Biomass Energy or Gasification projects



Please contact NOPEC at 855-667-3201 for more information about these programs.

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**New time for
Council Meetings
7:00 PM**

**FUTURE
MEETING
DATES:**

Village Council Meetings
All meetings start at 7:00 pm

September 5th • September 19th • October 3rd
October 17th • November 7th • November 21st
December 5th • December 19th

Architectural Review Board
Starts at 5:30 pm &
Planning Commission
Starts at 6:00 pm

September 19th • October 17th
November 21st • December 19th

All meetings are open to the public.

**Check our Website for an
agenda of each meeting at
www.glenwillow-oh.gov**

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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