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# Newsletter

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**Honoring the Past -  
Welcoming the Future**

Dear Residents:

Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that 2021 came and went with its difficulties. I'd like to thank Village Council, my Staff, and the employees for continuing to safely and responsibly keep moving forward and getting things done. Despite the continued health concerns, everyone continues to work together to make Glenwillow one of the best kept secrets in Northeast Ohio and a place you can feel proud to call home. First, I would like to say I am humbled and honored to serve as your Mayor for the next four years and want to thank each of you for your support and encouragement. I would like to congratulate Council Members Jeffrey Adie, Don Banas, Anthony DeCarlo, Barbara DiBacco, Gurvis Smith and Larry Sylver on their re-election. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve with such a professional and supportive group who give unselfishly their time and commitment to the Village.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

As we begin another new year we are already working on many exciting projects and making plans for our Village. The final design for the Veteran's Memorial, to be located at the Pettibone Road Park, is almost complete. The project will be split up into two phases. The first phase, beginning this year, will consist of installing an entry way and pavers leading to an eternal flame. The second phase will begin in 2023, and will consist of installing monuments, flags and landscaping. Also on the horizon is the installation of a pavilion and a restroom facility at the Community Gardens along Pettibone Road. The Village secured a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from Cuyahoga County's Community Supplemental Grant (CDSG) program for the project. I am happy to say that my administration is always actively applying for and successful at securing grant funding that enables and assists us to improve our community.

Another exciting project I would like to share with you are plans to construct a new Service Garage complex. The Village contracted with R.E. Warner & Associates as the architect to help plan and design the building. The new garage will be located at 28555 Pettibone Road. A new garage will allow the department to store all the vehicles and equipment out of the elements, provide a bigger area for maintenance of vehicles and equipment, a cold storage area to store seasonal equipment and an office space. We hope to finalize plans by June and break ground later on this year or early next year depending on supply chain issues. See page 6 for a picture of the proposed structure. Watch for updates as we progress on this project and others.

I hope you enjoy and look forward to these quarterly newsletters as we try to communicate important announcements and information to you as well as keep you informed on happenings throughout the Village. I am honored to have earned your trust and support to serve this community for another four years. As always, my door is always open for questions, comments, or ideas.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor



## FOR 2022, COUNCIL COMMITTEES ARE:

<b>Budget/Finance:</b>	Chair-Don Banas, Jeff Adie and Barb DiBacco
<b>Personnel:</b>	Chair-Jeff Adie; Don Banas and Barb DiBacco
<b>Safety:</b>	Chair-Barb DiBacco, Jeff Adie and Gurvis Smith
<b>Infrastructure/Capital Improvements:</b>	Chair-Don Banas, Anthony DeCarlo and Larry Sylver
<b>Building/Housing:</b>	Chair-Gurvis Smith, Larry Sylver and Anthony DeCarlo
<b>Recreation:</b>	Chair-Larry Sylver and Gurvis Smith
<b>Service Department:</b>	Chair-Anthony DeCarlo, Larry Sylver and Gurvis Smith

Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Check the website for meeting updates.

The Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission meet every third Wednesday of each month. The purpose of these Boards is to promote the orderly and harmonious development of the Village while ensuring the level of quality of all constructed projects.

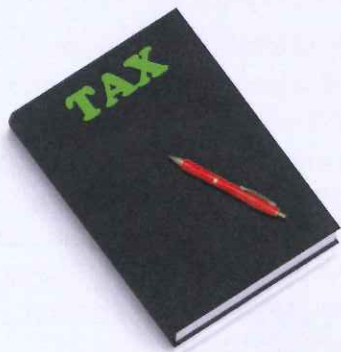
### Planning Commission begins at 5:30PM

Planning Commission Members:  
Tim Hauptert - *Chairman*  
Jeff Adie - *Council Representative*  
Scott McColl - *Citizen Representative*  
Mayor Cegelka

### Architectural Board of Review begins directly after Planning Commission or 6:00 PM.

Architectural Board of Review Members:  
Mayor Cegelka - *Chairman*  
Barb DiBacco - *Council Representative*  
Tim Hauptert - *Planning Commission Representative*  
Jerry Eisen - *Public Representative*  
Roberto Pinedo - *Architect*

## INCOME TAX SERVICE AVAILABLE



It is that time of year again to prepare and submit your Federal Income taxes before the April 18th deadline. AARP Senior Tax Preparation is available to assist you now through April 18th. **There is no charge for this service.** There is a limited amount of appointments (Mondays Only). Call the Solon Senior Center to schedule yours at 440-349-6363.

### LOCAL INCOME TAX-FILING DEADLINE-APRIL 18, 2022

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 income 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 18, 2022. For more information about our income tax, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900 or at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com).





## THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT ADDED A NEW VEHICLE TO THEIR FLEET. A 2022 FORD F250 WITH A NEW PLOW.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight Saving Time begins again on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2:00 A.M. At this time, clocks are turned forward one hour. A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as Daylight Saving Time begins and ends.

1. Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.
2. Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.
3. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.
4. Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old and add new batteries.

Village of Glenwillow residents can obtain a free smoke detector from Village Hall Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Lori at 440-232-8788.



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Community Gardens were created for residents who would like to plant and grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables. The garden area is located at 28875 Pettibone Road. Each plot of land is tilled initially, and each participating resident is responsible for planting, watering, weeding and harvesting their plot.

Plots will be rented out on a first come first serve basis by **submitting an application and a refundable deposit of \$35.00.**

For more information or to receive an application, please call or email Lori at 440-232-8788 or email [lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov](mailto:lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov)  
Or visit our website at [www.glenwillow-oh.gov](http://www.glenwillow-oh.gov)



## **NOPEC: CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CUSTOMERS SHOULD START TO SEE REFUNDS**



The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) announced that the first installment of the refunds, averaging \$26.91 for residential customers, should be appearing as bill credits on this month's Cleveland Electric Illuminating bill.

Non-residential customers received \$2.68 per MWh, according to a news release. The remainder of the refund will be paid out to customers as credits on their electric bills over the next five years.

The average FirstEnergy residential customer will receive a total of \$85.71 paid in installments, the release stated.

The refunds come as a result of consumer advocacy by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and NOPEC led to a historic settlement at the PUCO resulting in FirstEnergy refunding \$306 million in "significantly excessive" profits to 2.1 million customers, according to the release.

The settlement involves profits cases under a 2008 utility ratemaking law known as Senate Bill 221, which requires refunds of charges for "significantly excessive" utility profits.

Previously the most any electric utility was required to refund to consumers for "significantly excessive" profits was \$43 million from AEP Ohio about a decade ago. The 2008 law limits electric utility refunds to "significantly excessive" profits and allows electric utilities to keep excessive profits.

### **The refund installments will be as follows:**

- \$1.87 per month (\$22.44 annually) per consumer  
(for \$80 million in total will be credited in 2022, through a monthly bill credit).
- \$1.40 per month (\$16.80 annually) per consumer  
(for \$60 million in total will be credited in 2023, through a monthly bill credit).
- \$1.05 per month (\$12.60 annually) per consumer  
(for \$45 million in total will be credited in 2024, through a monthly bill credit).
- \$0.58 per month (\$6.96 annually) per consumer  
(for \$25 million in total will be credited in 2025, through a monthly bill credit).



# UTILITY SHUT-OFF SCAM

Don't fall victim to a utilities scam!



Scammers posing as electric company employees are calling Cuyahoga County residents and threatening them with immediate utilities shutoffs if they don't pay. The threat of losing power can scare people into wiring money or making a phone payment before they've had time to think the call through.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs wants you to know it's OK to hang up on these calls. Any utility that plans to shut off your service will send you a written notice, not spring the news on you during a phone call.

Scammers have in the past used the names of First Energy, the Illuminating Company, Cleveland Public Power, Dominion East Ohio and Cleveland Water. Consumers who receive these calls should hang up and report them to the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs at [consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us) or by calling 216-443-7035.

## How to protect yourself:

- Don't panic. Utilities don't make cold-calls about shut offs. They will always send written disconnection notices.
- Be skeptical of the Caller ID. Scammers may spoof their numbers.
- Know that disconnections are typically not scheduled at night or on weekends.
- Be wary if anyone asks you to pay a bill using a wire transfer, prepaid card or gift card. Those are payment methods most utilities don't accept, but scammers like because they're hard to trace.
- Never give account information to someone who calls you.
- If you believe you may owe, contact your utility using the number from your bill, not one provided by a caller.

Contact the **Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs** ( 216-443-7035 ) to report or ask questions about scams.

## GLENWILLOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Village of Glenwillow is pleased to offer scholarships to our students who reside in Glenwillow and graduate from Solon Public Schools or Private Schools. This money is donated from companies who have opened businesses in the Village with the assistance of various tax incentives that we are authorized to offer. This money is set aside for the scholarship program created by Village Council many years ago. Each year, the Village and a representative from the Solon Schools review the tax incentives to ensure compliance with the program. Village Council established the scholarship program to help the youth of our community. Students who have graduated from High School while living in Glenwillow for at least one year will be awarded \$250.00 per year with the maximum amount of \$1,000.00. Students must attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university in order to be eligible. Applications will be sent out in March to graduating seniors. If you are graduating and do not receive an application, please contact Lori at Village Hall: 440-232-8788 or email [lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov](mailto:lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov).





## PROPOSED SERVICE GARAGE



Glenwillow  
A Village of the City of Glenwillow

Option One

R.E. WARNER  
& ASSOCIATES INC.

## DO NOT PUT SNOW IN THE STREET!

Residents and plowing contractors should not shovel, plow, or blow snow from private property onto or across any Village Street. This delays the process of clearing the streets by causing our Village snowplows to unnecessarily re-plow and can make it more dangerous for drivers passing by. Nor should snow be blown onto your neighbors' property. It is also the responsibility of the owner of a parcel that abuts a sidewalk to remove the snow from the abutting section.

### Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances state:

- (1) No person shall push, carry, shovel, blow or otherwise remove snow across or over a dedicated right of way and deposit the same upon the private property of another or deposit the same in such a manner as to impede ingress and egress to private property.
- (2) No snow or ice removed from sidewalks or driveways or driveway approaches to the dedicated right of way shall be deposited so as to obstruct the view from any street, intersection or driveway approach, nor be pushed, carried, shoveled, blown or otherwise removed into or across the dedicated right of way nor shall any of such snow or ice be deposited in the dedicated right of way.
- (3) No fire hydrant shall be covered with snow or ice removed from sidewalk or drive approaches; and
- (4) Snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited on private property in such a manner that it does not obstruct the view at intersections.



## STREAM-FRIENDLY SNOW REMOVAL



We are often aware of rainwater and runoff in the summer months. The puddles and mud make it hard to overlook. But stormwater pollution carries on into the winter months as well. In northeast Ohio, snow and ice removal is a fact of life, but the methods we use can have an effect on the health of our streams. Remember, when the ground is frozen, it acts as an impervious surface, and pollution is more likely to run into a nearby stream or storm drain. Below are some simple ideas for keeping your sidewalk and driveway safe and keeping stormwater runoff cleaner.

**MANUAL SNOW REMOVAL** - Even if you are going to salt, remove as much snow as possible first. Break out the shovel, snowblower, and garden hoe. Chemical deicers work best on a thin layer of snow or ice. If you are using a snowblower, be careful with the gas as you fill up the tank. The garden hoe can be used to scrape ice, but shouldn't be used to chip at the surface - it can chip the concrete.

**TRY ADDING TRACTION** - Instead of getting down to bare surface, consider if there is enough traction in the snow. Small amounts of sand can be used to increase traction, but too much sand will cause problems in the stormwater system. Sand should not be used in areas that drain directly into the stormwater system.

**MORE ISN'T BETTER** - Do you need access to every door of your house, or can you just de-ice the one you use every day? Does the entire patio need to be bare, or do you just need a path across it to the driveway? The recommended application rate for rock salt is about a cup per square yard. Adding more won't speed up the melting. Calcium chloride works at one cup per three square yards. Combine deicers with scraping, especially in the late afternoon when things are at their warmest.

**SKIP THE FERTILIZER TREATMENT** - In the past, people have been advised to use fertilizers or other urea-containing products to de-ice with the theory that it would end up fertilizing the lawn as well. Unfortunately the ground is frozen and the grass is not taking up nutrients, so most of that fertilizer runs off in the melt water. Overuse of fertilizer can also burn vegetation, especially conifers and evergreen broadleaf plants such as azalea and rhododendron the next time you remove snow. Be wary of glycol - Many 'pet-safe' products contain ethylene glycol or propylene glycol. Both are toxic to aquatic organisms, and ethylene glycol is also toxic to mammals. They both decrease the amount of oxygen in streams, and break down into other potentially unsafe chemicals.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER

Please be diligent in protecting your property. While our Police Officers are vigilante at patrolling our streets, please help out by locking your vehicles, removing valuables that are visible and remove garage door openers when parked outside of your garage to prevent access into your garage or home. Never leave credit/debit cards, your wallet, your purse or cash inside your vehicle. If you keep your registration and insurance cards in your glove box, make sure to keep it locked. These can contain your personal information and can give thieves the address to your home.





# COPS CORNER

## LEASH LAW

All dogs, regardless of age, breed or size, must be on a leash when walking. Dogs are not permitted to run loose upon any public place. Owners must also keep their dogs physically confined or restrained on private property by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision or secure enclosure to prevent escape. The intent of this law is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect your pet.



## NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

No—Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to raise awareness and funding for cancer prevention or other selective charities. The Glenwillow Police Department proudly participated in this campaign and raised over \$500. This money has been donated to The Gathering Place, located in Beachwood, Ohio. The Gathering Place is a caring community that supports and educates individuals and their families currently coping with cancer.

## PARKING REMINDER

There is **NO PARKING** on any residential street in the Village of Glenwillow. Now that winter is here, it's imperative that residents follow this ordinance. It is very important that the Service Department have full access to our streets for plowing and salting.



If you are having a party, work done on your home, a special event or having a large number of visitors, **please contact** the Police Department for parking permission. Once 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.

Officers routinely patrol our residential streets. During patrols, officers closely monitor the streets for parking violations. Officers will enforce our Village parking ordinances by issuing a written warning to first time offenders, and citations to repeat offenders.



# THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON DRIVING

Just one drink before driving can put you and others in danger, because alcohol impairs thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination.



## BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION

## PREDICTABLE EFFECTS ON DRIVING

<b>.02</b>	Decline in visual functions, decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time
<b>.05</b>	Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations
<b>.08</b>	Reduced concentration, short-term memory loss, lack of speed control, reduced information processing capability, impaired perception
<b>.10</b>	Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately
<b>.15</b>	Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing

- Never drink and drive.
- Don't let someone get behind the wheel if that person has been drinking.
- If you're hosting a gathering, make sure everyone has a sober ride home.
- Always wear your seat belt. It's your best defense against impaired drivers.
- Call 911 if you see a drunk driver

## WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICER

On December 1st Mayor Cegelka swore in Rodney Gist as part-time Police Officer. Rodney is currently a full-time officer in the City of Twinsburg and is on the Summit County Fugitive Task Force. He enjoys community policing and interacting with the community. Officer Gist will make a terrific addition to our department.





## THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FILL OUR HOLIDAY GOODY BAGS

For the second year in a row now we have not been able to host our Community Holiday Party. The event was our way to celebrate community spirit, show our appreciation to you, our residents and visit with families, friends and neighbors. In place of the party we once again, provided a \$50.00 Giant Eagle gift card to every household and a Holiday Goody Bag filled with treats. This was our way of assisting our residents during this global health crisis and bring some holiday cheer. We hoped you enjoyed it.

Thank you to all who helped fill our bags; Glenwillow Grille, Superior Beverage, McDonalds, Southern Glazer's, King Nut, Kellogg's and Mantua Rize Manufacturing.

## SHOP WITH A COP

We want to thank everyone who donated to the annual "Shop With a Cop" program. "Shop With a Cop" allows children the opportunity to see our law enforcement in a different atmosphere and promote positive relationships with them. The program is funded through generous donations. Each child is provided with a monetary gift card to purchase gifts for themselves or their family members allowing for a more enjoyable holiday season. Thank you to all that donated and to Marous Brothers Construction, CO-AX Technology, Amazon/A&C Logistics, the family of Norma Hummer-Minor and Resident Peggy Mask for your generosity.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT

who does a terrific job beautifying the Village. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the Christmas lights throughout the Village during the holidays. They are always working hard and planning ahead for the next season.





## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Santa made his way through Glenwillow on a fire truck on December 19th to make a surprise visit. He stopped at more than 25 homes and delivered more than 50 gifts to children throughout the Village. Thank you to all who participated and to the Oakwood Fire Department for help making this special event possible.



# Thank You!

Thank you to the employees of Pipeline Packaging and Cleveland Steel Container who adopted several families in the Village and donated toys, clothes and miscellaneous items to help provide them a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to our residents and members of the Odd Fellows Camp and Lodge for the donations of food and miscellaneous incidental items. Because of your generosity and kindness, we were able to help out several families in the Village and give them a wonderful holiday season. The Village is blessed to have so many wonderful individuals.



## GROWING UP IN GLENWILLOW, OHIO IN THE 1950S MEMORIES OF AN AUSTIN POWDER KID

My name is Bill Sykes and I lived in an Austin Powder company house from 1952 to 1959. I have a younger sister, Barb (Sykes) Zorc who is about a year younger than me. When my family moved into 7390 Cochran Rd, I was 3 years old and when we left in 1959, I was 10 years old. The house we lived in is described as the old Glenwillow Hotel which was originally constructed to house male employees of the Austin Powder, Co.

By the 1950s, the house had been converted to a two-family apartment house. The house was L-shaped with the front half being parallel to Cochran Rd. and the back half being situated 90 degrees to the rear of the front half.

When we first moved into the house, our family occupied the front half which featured running water but no indoor toilet. We used the outhouse which was located across a cinder driveway. Needless to say, using the outhouse was very inconvenient. I don't have a clear memory of living in the front apartment because I was quite young. However, I do remember a man named Mr. Bonner who came in a horse drawn wagon and regularly cleaned out the outhouse with a shovel. Instead of wearing the usual attire for a working man who shoveled out outhouses, Mr. Bonner wore a skirt. I can't remember if perhaps it was a Scottish Kilt, but for a very young boy, it seemed unusual. I'm speculating that Mr. Bonner's job was to clean out all of the outhouses on the Austin Powder properties.

The Sykes family lived in the front half and another family, whose name I can't recall, lived in the back half. One day I was riding my tricycle in the driveway that the two families shared. An argument occurred and an intoxicated member of the other family recklessly backed out of the driveway and ran over me and my tricycle. Fortunately, the structure of the tricycle supported much of the weight of the car and I was not seriously injured. Because of this incident, the other family was forced to move from the house and we moved into the back half apartment which featured an indoor toilet. The fact that I was run over by a car meant that we now enjoyed an indoor toilet! I guess the old adage about when presented with lemons make lemonade is true in this case. In addition to an indoor toilet, the back half apartment featured a malfunctioning coal furnace, a wood fired boiler for hot water, an attached garage, 2 bedrooms, and a leaky roof. Because it was a former hotel, there were many vacant rooms, but they were located in the upstairs of the front half. For much of the time that we lived there, the front half was unoccupied, no doubt because of the lack of an indoor toilet. Austin Powder charged our family \$8.00 per month for this luxurious apartment.

Our next door neighbor was Carl Schmalzle (spelling?) and his family. Carl was a superintendent at Austin Powder and as I recall, a very nice man. My mother called Carl, "Boss". The superintendent's house is still standing and I believe is owned by the Village of Glenwillow. Carl was a very cool customer. I can remember a time when I was burning our trash in a 55 gal. drum, I accidentally set the adjoining field on fire. I was 7 or 8 years old and I thought the entire town would burn to the ground. Carl appeared with a rake and was unconcerned about the situation. He said let it burn and his only concern was to keep the fire away from the houses and the water pump house which was located at the top of the hill above our houses.

My mother's name was Ann Sykes and she was employed as a production worker for Austin Powder. Working conditions were somewhat primitive because working with explosives meant that there were many separate buildings involved in the production process. If an accident occurred, the damage would be limited to a small area. Unfortunately, accidents did occur during her time of employment, but fortunately for us, she was never involved. I remember when she came home from work, her clothes always had the odor of the black powder being used in the production process. It was dangerous work. My father's name was Bill Sykes, Sr. and he was



employed as a union Carpenter in the Cleveland, Ohio area. His parents, my grandparents, lived in Oakwood Village, Ohio, only a few miles away.

The Austin Powder company houses were located on Cochran and Pettibone Roads in Glenwillow. Our house and the Schmalzle house were the only two houses located on the west side of Cochran Rd. There was a line of houses on the east side of Cochran Rd. beginning across from the Schmalzle house and extending down the hill to the railroad tracks. In 2021, these houses still exist. On Pettibone Rd. on the south side of the Cochran/Pettibone intersection stood an abandoned school house. The school house and a line of houses on the south side of Pettibone Rd. down to the railroad depot have been removed. On the north side of Pettibone Rd. from the Cochran Rd. intersection was another row of company houses which extended to the post office/general store. (now in 2021 called the Glenwillow Grill.) These houses remain in place. When we first moved to Glenwillow in the early 1950s, the post office/general store was still being used as a post office. The building was later abandoned. There was an additional company house on the north side of Pettibone Rd., approximately where the village hall parking lot is now located that was used as a church. It was later removed. To my knowledge, both the schoolhouse and church were abandoned before our stay in Glenwillow. At one time, the schoolhouse must have been used as an apartment because a childhood friend from Macedonia, Ohio said he was born in that schoolhouse. Farther east on Pettibone Rd. in close proximity to the Austin Powder plant were a few double family company houses.

The farm was located on both sides of Pettibone Rd. just east of the Austin Powder plant. I remember the main part of the farm including the farm house and pasture was located on the north side of Pettibone Rd. On the south side of the road was a large barn and a catfish pond that featured many colorful catfish. There were a large number of blackberry bushes on the north side between the pasture and Pettibone Rd. We used to sneak down the side of the hill and pick our share of blackberries. The farm had a few cows and this preceded the arrival of the beefalo.

Searching through my memory, I will list as many Glenwillow and Austin Powder people as my 72 year old brain can recall. I will also list brief notations about each person and family:

- Mr. Hirschman - lived directly across from the Schmalzle house on the east side of Cochran Rd. He drove a Model A Ford which my sister Barb and I nicknamed "Gabriel." Mr. Hirschman died during our stay in Glenwillow. Mr. Hirschman's son, Willy Hirschman was a union carpenter and also the Glenwillow Constable.
- The Yonkers family - lived in the last house on the east side of Cochran Rd. at the bottom of the hill. Tootie Yonkers and Gene Yonkers were brother and sister and both worked at Austin Powder for many years. Gene Yonkers died in his sleep during our stay in Glenwillow. Growing up, Tuttie's nephew's, Jim and Jon Yonkers were our playmates. Jon eventually worked as a truck driver for Austin Powder and Jim became a City of Cleveland policeman.
- The Meggyesy family - lived on a small farm on the south side of Pettibone Rd. slightly west of what is now Bond. St. There were 6 children, 5 boys and 1 girl. Anyone living in Glenwillow in the 1950s certainly could not be considered wealthy, but the Meggyesy's really struggled financially. Youngest son Joe delivered the Cleveland Press to help make ends meet and they raised cows and pigs on their small farm. Son Dave went on to play in the NFL for the St. Louis Cardinals football team and wrote a book, "Out of Their League" in 1970 about his football experiences at Solon High School, Syracuse University, and the NFL. He was instrumental in establishing the NFL Players Association. Son Dennis became a Solon High School state wrestling champion in the heavyweight division.



- The Risko family - lived on the south side of Pettibone Rd. just before the railroad tracks across the street from the post office/general store. Mr. Risko was in supervision at Austin Powder and I believe the children attended St. Rita's school in Solon.
- The Snyder family - After Mr. Hirschman passed away, The Snyder family moved into his house across the street from Carl Schmalzle on the east side of Cochran Rd. Roy Snyder worked for Austin Powder and was referred to as the "shooter." I believe he was involved with the training of personnel who used the Austin Powder explosives. The Snyder children were Terry and Roy, Jr.
- The Adams family - lived in the front half apartment of the Glenwillow Hotel after our family moved into the back half. Mack Adams was a production worker for Austin Powder. His children were Chuck and Helen.
- Elsie Cross - Was a production worker who worked with my mother at Austin Powder. She lived in a house on the south side of Pettibone Rd. that was later torn down.
- Suzie Bourninal - Lived in the house next to the post office/general store and was a production worker for Austin Powder.
- The Queen family - lived on the east side of Cochran Rd. I don't recall the parent's name, but 2 of the children were our playmates named Wayne and Sandy. Sandy has since passed away and Wayne was badly wounded in Vietnam. As of this date, Wayne lives in Northfield Center, Ohio
- Jill (Veleba) Sell - Jill Sell lived in the Odd Fellows Camp on Cochran Rd. She was a close friend of my sister Barb and later became a writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and also a freelance writer. Upon my mother's death in 1998, Jill wrote a newspaper article about my mother. She described when Tinker's Creek overflowed and the bridge into the Odd Fellow's Camp became impassable, sometimes Jill could not get home from school. Jill would then stay at our house and my mother would treat her like a member of our family.
- I must mention our dog Lucy. She was a pure bred Collie and was very friendly with all of the male neighborhood dogs. She provided many litters of puppies for happy neighborhood children.

For a boy growing up in Glenwillow in the 1950s, it was truly a memorable experience. We had Tinker's Creek, many other playmates, lots of wooded areas, and several abandoned buildings to occupy our time. We certainly were not rich but we didn't really care.

These are just my memories and should not be considered as researched work. The spelling of names is suspect and I'm relying on a 72 year old brain to remember events that occurred in a small company town over 60 years ago. I thought this might be a good opportunity to document some of the history as I remember it growing up in Glenwillow in the 1950s.

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