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**Honoring the Past -
Welcoming the Future**

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year to you and your families! With winter upon us and spring around the corner I like to stop and reflect on all we accomplished last year and look forward to the projects we have planned for this year. Some highlights of our accomplishments in 2022 were:

- Installation of a restroom and pavilion with underground utilities at the Community Garden area located on Pettibone Road.
- Completed ADA improvements to Village Hall.
- Received \$38,565 in grant money for the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Program from the County Planning Commission. We were able to plant 117 trees throughout the Village.
- Made improvements to the Tinker's Creek Trail including construction of a new outlook.
- Improvements to Cochran Road
- Phase I of the Pettibone Road Sanitary Sewer Project was completed. Phase II will begin this spring to connect the last section of the Village to sanitary sewers.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

The end of 2022 brought on some changes for our Staff. After eleven years of service, Service Director Sam Scaffide has set his sights on becoming Mayor of the City of Twinsburg. After seven years of service in the Village, Building Official Bob Rodic has decided to continue his career full-time in another municipality. Both Sam and Bob have been an integral part of our Village Staff and their contributions and commitment to the Village are to be commended and will not be forgotten. Good luck to both of them as they start a new chapter. We would like to introduce you to our newest Staff members, Service Director Bob Girardi, and Building Commissioner Braden Thomas. Both have previous municipal experience, and we are happy to have them as part of our team.

Projects my Staff and I have been working on for 2023 are :

The plans for the new Service Center Complex that will be located at 28555 Pettibone Road are progressing. After interviewing four contractors in July, the Village contracted with Ruhlin for the construction of the facility. Ruhlin along with the Architect R.E. Warner & Associates have finalized the design of the facility and coordinated the site plan. A construction site trailer is on site and utility coordination has begun. The new 20,500 sq. ft. facility will be able to house all of our service equipment and vehicles out of the elements as well as a more functional area for maintenance of vehicles. The facility will also be home to the Service Department and Building Department offices. Watch for updates as the project progresses. We hope for completion by the end of the year!

The design for the Veteran's Memorial has been finalized. The Village applied for and received \$50k from the County from the Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG) Program for the project. Phase I of the project consists of grading the site, adding pavers and a sidewalk and a monument with an eternal flame. This portion of the project is expected to be completed this fall.

Restoration of the Falls Junction Train depot is set to continue this year with installation of decking and landscaping. The train depot is a great and unique addition to the park area. We are excited to be able to restore a piece of Glenwillow history.

The Recreation Committee has been busy planning the Summer Concert Series and other events for this year. Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy music at Avery Lake every other Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the summer. Below are the dates for the 2023 Summer Concert Season. Look for more information inside this newsletter for other events planned for this spring.

June 11th - June 25th - July 9th - July 23rd - August 6th - August 20th

Please take the time to review the information in this newsletter and watch our website for Community updates at www.glenwillow-oh.gov and reach out to me with any questions or if there is anything I can do to assist you or your family.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cegelka

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor



FOR 2023, COUNCIL COMMITTEES ARE:

Budget/Finance:	Chair-Don Banas, Jeff Adie and Barb DiBacco
Personnel:	Chair-Jeff Adie, Don Banas and Barb DiBacco
Safety:	Chair-Barb DiBacco, Jeff Adie and Gurvis Smith
Infrastructure/Capital Improvements:	Chair-Don Banas, Anthony DeCarlo and Larry Sylver
Building/Housing:	Chair-Gurvis Smith, Larry Sylver and Anthony DeCarlo
Recreation:	Chair-Larry Sylver and Gurvis Smith
Service Department:	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 Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board 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. The Boards are made up of 5 members each.

Planning Commission begins at 5:30 PM.

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

Architectural Board of Review begins at 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.

Call the Solon Senior Center at 440-349-6363 for more information.





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 the Mayor and 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 a graduating senior and do not receive an application, please contact Lori at Village Hall: 440-232-8788 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov.

RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX PROGRAM

This program is offered as a courtesy for our senior citizens and disabled adults. The Knox Box is positioned on the entrance door of the home that is intended for normal access. The key for this entrance door is stored inside the locked Knox Box. Oakwood Village Fire Department maintains the only key to the Knox Box which opens the secure box.

If you would like to participate in the Residential Knox Box Program, please contact Lori at Village Hall to obtain an application at 440-232-8788 or lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov





SPECIAL DELIVERY

Santa made his way through Glenwillow on a fire truck on December 18th to make a surprise visit. He stopped at more than 25 homes and delivered more than 65 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!



WELCOME NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL



Welcome to our new Building Official Braden Thomas. Braden has over 20 years of construction industry experience and 8 years of building department expertise. One of his top priorities is public safety and looks

forward to working with you on your building or housing related issues. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Building Department.

Email: bthomas@glenwillow-oh.gov or call the Building Department directly at 440-232-4380.

WELCOME NEW SERVICE DIRECTOR



Welcome to our new Service Director Bob Girardi. He retired as Service Director from Pepper Pike after 22 years of service and has a total of over forty-four years of experience in all facets of municipal

service and management. Bob is a board member and past president of the Northern Ohio Service Directors Association and is a great addition to the Village staff.

To contact Bob Girardi, Service Director, please email bgirardi@glenwillow-oh.gov or call 440-232-8788 Ext. 116.



Learn to design and install your own rain garden and become the rain garden expert in your neighborhood.

**BECOME A
MASTER RAIN
GARDENER**

LEARN HOW TO DESIGN
AND INSTALL YOUR OWN
RAIN GARDEN!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Five in-person classes
- Course guide
- Knowledgeable instructors
- Route to certification
- Optional field trips

CONTACT US

 kchapel@cuyahogaswcd.org

 216-503-1257

REGISTRATION & DETAILS
tinyurl.com/4fapb96d

**IN-PERSON COURSE
MARCH 1 - APRIL 5, 2023
SOUTH EUCLID
COMMUNITY CENTER**





neomasterraingardener.org

When: March 01 through April 05 from 10:00am - 1:00pm

Where: South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Drive South Euclid, OH 44121
Train to be a Master Rain Gardener!

Learn to design and install your own rain garden and become the rain garden expert in your neighborhood.

Class Details: The Master Rain Gardener (MRG) course includes five (5) classes over a six-week period. All classes will be held at the South Euclid Community Center on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00 pm. The end time may extend depending on the optional field trip location(s).



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the residents and employees in the Village and members of the Odd Fellows Camp for the generous 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 provide them with a wonderful Christmas. The Village is blessed to have so many wonderful individuals.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Our popular community garden is back. It is conveniently located at 28875 Pettibone Road. Join your neighbors to grow some fresh food and have some fun! The Service Department will see that each plot of land is tilled initially and then each participating resident will be responsible for planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting the crops. A great addition to the garden area this year is a restroom and pavilion.

To reserve a plot or If you would like more Information please call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov



LIFELINE SYSTEMS

The Village has a contract with Lifeline Systems for 15 monthly services for our senior citizen residents. This service allows residents to call for assistance with the push of a button worn around your neck or as a bracelet.

If you or a neighbor can benefit from this service, please call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788.



A FirstEnergy Company

WHO OWNS WHAT? OWNERSHIP GUIDE FOR YOUR HOME'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

When your home's exterior electrical system is damaged, it's important to understand which components are our responsibility and which are yours. If you receive overhead electric service, we are responsible for the following components:

1. **Service Drop** – The wires running from the utility pole to your home.
2. **Electric Meter** – Measures your electricity use in kilowatt-hours.

You own and are responsible for repairing the following:

1. **Weatherhead and Insulator** – This is the point where our electric lines connect to your home.
2. **Service Entrance Cable** – The wire that extends from your weatherhead to the meter and from the meter to your fuse box or circuit breaker box.
3. **Meter Base** – Your meter is mounted in this box.
4. **Fuse Box or Circuit Breaker Box** – This is the main service panel that houses your fuses or circuit breakers.
5. **Household Wiring** – The interior wiring that distributes electricity through your home. As a customer, it's also your responsibility to maintain open access to the meter and keep obstructions away from power lines that extend from the utility pole to your home. If trees on your property grow near power lines, don't prune or remove them yourself. Consult with a tree contractor who is qualified to work around electric equipment.

We all play an important part in making electricity safe and reliable. This fact sheet contains general ownership guidelines.

For more detailed information, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/builders-contractors, or call 1-800-589-3101.



Save the Date!

Community Shred Event, Computer Round up &
Household Hazardous Waste Collection

April 29th, 2023 - 9am until 1pm

Residents can drop off paper shredding, old computers, equipment, and hazardous waste at Village Hall - 29555 Pettibone Road

The Village Service Department will be on hand to help unload boxes or bags to be shredded or to unload your computers.



ACCEPTABLE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT:

- Computers - Desktops, Towers, Laptops
- Computer Monitors - LCD and CRT
- Computer Components - Hard Drives, Circuit Boards, etc.
- Computer Peripherals - Keyboards, Mice, USB Drives, Speakers, Cables, Cords, etc.
- Printers - Laser and Ink Jet, Toner and Ink Cartridges
- General Office Equipment - Scanners, Fax Machines, Paper Shredders, etc.
- Phones-Cell Phones, Smart Phones

NON-ACCEPTABLE EQUIPMENT:

- NO Televisions
- NO Household Appliances - Toasters, Blenders, Vacuums, Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, etc.
- NO Items Containing Liquid Mercury - Thermometers, Thermostats, etc.



ACCEPTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS

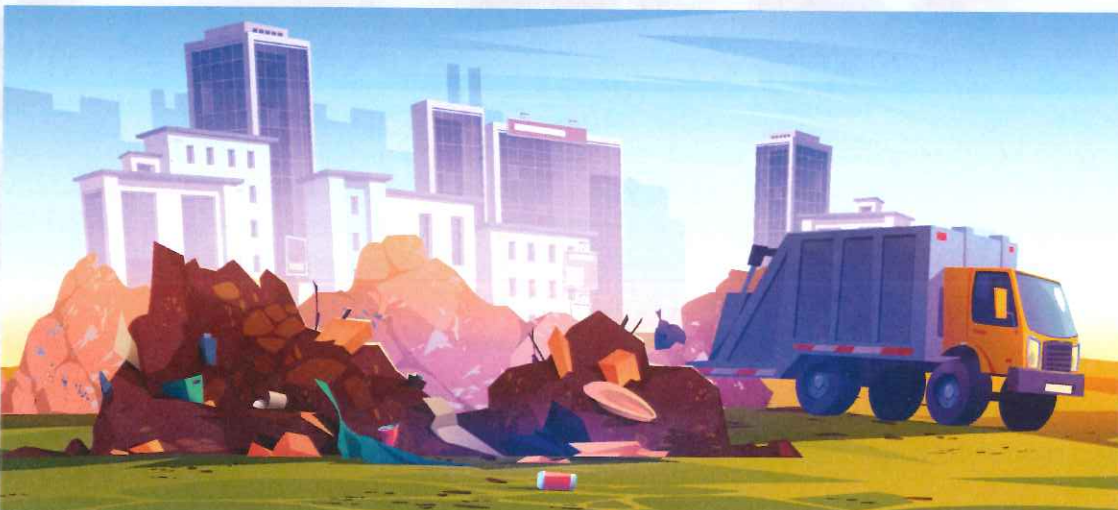
- Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
- Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
- Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine
- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Caustic household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
- Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
- Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid

NON-ACCEPTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS

- Latex paint
- Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares
- Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, sharps
- Radioactive waste (i.e. smoke detectors)
- Appliances, electronics
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Business or commercial waste

To dispose of these materials please contact the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at 216-443-3749

For more information visit the website at www.cuyahogaswd.org





LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

When you renew your license plates with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, please remember to make sure you tell the clerk or indicate online, that you live in **GLENWILLOW**. (not Solon) The Village receives its portion of the license tax fee which is used to repair our roads. Since Glenwillow shares a zip code with Solon, many times the plates are registered incorrectly. There is no difference in the tax if you are listed with Solon or Glenwillow. Please help us earn the money for which we are entitled.



LOCAL INCOME TAX-FILING DEADLINE: APRIL 18TH, 2023



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, 2023.

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

NO SOLICITATION

The best way to keep solicitors and unwanted guests from knocking on your door is to display "No Soliciting" signs. By posting a sign, you are exercising your right to refuse uninvited visitors. Village code section 741.04 prohibits solicitation of any residence with a "No Soliciting" sign posted. The Village is currently partnered with NOPEC to participate in a No Solicitation program. You do not have to be NOPEC customer to participate in this program.

To sign Up go to www.blocktheknock.com. NOPEC will only use your information to manage the Do Not Knock Registry. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please call Village Hall at 440-232-8788.



A FEW HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

1. Check or install smoke detectors & CO detectors.

Take precautions to make sure that your home is safe. Your home should have a working smoke detector inside each sleeping area, outside the common area of the bedrooms and every level of the home, including the basement.

2. Maintain your kitchen and Appliances.

Spilled foods and liquids associated with cooking, prepping and serving meals can eventually do damage to surfaces and attract unwelcomed guests. Take some time and clean those hard-to-reach areas where these things tend to gather. Make sure that your dishwasher is properly functioning and nothing is leaking under the kitchen sink.

3. Clean Humid Areas

Your bathroom and shower areas, if not properly ventilated can cause all sorts of mold and mildew issues. Check your bathroom exhaust fans to make sure that they are working properly. If you do not have a bathroom exhaust fan, always open a window when using the shower. Check caulking around showers, bathtubs, sinks and toilet bases and make repairs when needed.

4. Walk through your entire property

Often times rarely used spaces in your home get ignored. Take some time once a month to do a walk through to check for leaks, insects, frost or other possible issues that cause damage to your home. The best defense to costly home repairs is a good offense.

5. Pay attention to your plumbing

Inspecting your plumbing system regularly should be an important part of your house maintenance. Do a visual inspection and look for signs of damage, leaks, corrosion or running water. If you spot any of these issues, consider proactively replacing the part or calling a professional for assistants.

6. Obtain permits when required

Typically, general maintenance work is not going to require involvement from the Village Building Department. However, if you are replacing a major appliance, installing a fence, or shed, or considering a small to large remodel. Its best to start with the Building Department to get an understanding on what process may be required for your project.

Please feel free to call 440-232-4380 or email me at bthomas@glenwillow-oh.gov for more information.



SHOP WITH A COP

The Glenwillow Police Department, along with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #67, would like to thank everyone who donated to this special event.

This was a wonderful opportunity to spread the Spirit of the Holiday Season with our young people. Not only was it an emotional and rewarding experience for officers, it was a great learning experience for the children. Your donations really made a difference in the lives of so many children in our community.



**Ptl. Desmarteau
& Sgt. Russo**

**A SPECIAL
THANKS TO:**



NO PARKING

There is **NO PARKING** on any residential street in the Village of Glenwillow. 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.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

3 PAYMENT METHODS TO AVOID

Only imposter scammers will demand that you pay debts, fines or fees with:

- Money wires
- E-currencies such as Bitcoin
- Retail or e-tail gift cards

Government agencies, tech companies and utilities do not accept these payments.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS

Scammers usually want money or your personal information. Watch for scams disguised as:

- Offers to help you get stimulus payments or grants
- Threats to arrest you or seize your accounts
- Calls or emails from sheriff, IRS or any government agency

Never pay or reveal private info (your Social Security or account numbers) to someone who contacts you!

Consumer Affairs and Its Scam Squad Partners Fight Fraud.

Report a scam or talk to an investigator

216-443-SCAM (7226)

Ask a question

216-443-7035 (main)

consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us





SWEARING IN OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER



Mayor Cegelka swore in Edward Smith on February 1st as a part-time Police Officer. Officer Smith is currently a full-time Corrections Officer with Bedford Court as well as a part time Baliff. He has also worked for the Cleveland Clinic for 27 years. He has training in Supervisory and leadership positions. He will make a great addition to the department. Welcome Officer Smith!

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS



If you are leaving on a vacation, the Police Department is willing to keep an eye on your home. Call the Police Department at 440-232-8787 and request a "Vacation House Check Request" form.



PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER

Please be diligent in protecting yourself and your property. Many surrounding communities have seen a number of thefts from cars, mostly from unlocked vehicles. Criminals seem to be targeting areas where there is a good easy supply. While our Police Officers are vigilant 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 a garage and always be aware of your surroundings.



3,142 NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED BY DISTRACTED DRIVING IN 2021

WHAT IS DISTRACTED DRIVING?

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

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New time for
PC 5:30 PM &
ARB 6:00 PM

**FUTURE
MEETING
DATES:**

Village Council Meetings
All meetings start at 7:00 pm
March 1st • April 5th • May 3rd
June 7th • July 5th

Planning Commission
Starts at 5:30 pm &
Architectural Review Board
Starts at 6:00 pm
March 15th • April 19th • May 17th
June 21st • July 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