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Honoring the Past -Welcoming the Future Dear Residents:

I hope everyone had a fun and enjoyable summer season. It always seems as soon as the school year begins the days start getting noticeably shorter and the warm weather starts coming to an end. Fall is fast approaching, and the holidays will soon be here. This year has been busy with varying projects throughout the Village. The first being the completion of the new Municipal Service Center. The Service Department is settled into the new building.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

Having all of our equipment underneath one roof has enabled the department to be more organized, functional and efficient. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate with us at our grand opening earlier this year.

Second, thank you for your patience as we completed road projects on Pettibone Road and Austin Powder. We are continually looking to maintain and improve the infrastructure by making needed repairs to our roads with our annual Concrete and Asphalt Programs. I know at times it can be inconvenient, but regular maintenance ensures any hazards are promptly addressed, reducing the risk of accidents. Well maintained roads and visible lines make navigating easier, especially in harsh weather.

We are always trying to come up with plans that not only enhance the Village but also the quality of life for you, our residents. With pickleball becoming widely popular, the addition of the pickleball courts has been exciting. The courts are completed and are being used daily. It is a fun sport and great exercise for all ages. If you've never played, grab your friends and neighbors, and try it! To continue enjoying outdoor activities, try our newest trail, the Tinkers Creek Trail North. The .35-mile trail begins on Richmond Road adjacent to the Cleveland Metroparks Hawthorn Parkway and opens up to an area of Glenwillow that was previously inaccessible to the public.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletters as much as I do writing them. It is important to keep you apprised of projects, upcoming events the Village offers and information we think is useful. We are incredibly lucky that we can accomplish so much in our community. My door is always open. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or ideas.

Sincerely,

Hark A. Cegelka

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

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NOVEMBER 5TH - PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

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.

LEAF COLLECTION

The weekly leaf collection service will begin in October and continue through November weather permitting.

Residents are asked to follow a few simple guidelines to help keep this service cost-effective and efficient for all:

- Leaves must be out no later than 7:30 AM on Mondays, in order to guarantee collection in that round.
- Leaves should be placed on the tree lawn in neatly stacked piles (grass area within 10 feet of the pavement edge).
- Where a ditch exists along the pavement edge, leaves should be placed **ON THE STREET SIDE** of the ditch rather than behind or in the ditch.
- Piles must be free of stumps, branches, grass clippings and other yard waste such as briars, vines, and anything with thorns in order to be collected.

The Service Department will pick up only those materials that conform to the above guidelines.

For more information, please contact Lori at 440-232-8788

SENIOR SNOWPLOWING PROGRAM

Snowplow applications were 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 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov. The application deadline is November 1, 2024. To download a copy of the application please visit our website at: www.glenwillow-oh.gov and click on Download Permits & Forms



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 6 PM - 8 PM

Officers will be giving special attention to all our residential streets during this time. Officers will also be passing out "Treat Bags" to children (While supplies last).

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Halloween is a fun holiday, but because of increased foot traffic at night, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases. 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.

TRICK-OR-TREATING TIPS

- Children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Plan a safe route so you know where older children are at all times.
- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they are examined by an adult.
- Instruct your child never to go into the home of a stranger or get into a stranger's car.
- Make sure you or your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS



Every year we look forward to showing how much we value you, our residents. Therefore, just as we did last year, we are putting together "Christmas bags" filled with a \$50.00 gift card to Giant Eagle and other goodies. The gift card is from the Village of Glenwillow and is our way of assisting our residents. You may pick up your "Christmas bag" Saturday December 7th or Sunday December 8th between 11 AM to 2 PM at Village Hall. There is one bag per household. If you cannot make either of these days, please call Lori at the Village Hall at 440-232-8788.

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 on Sunday December 15th 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. To register for this special occasion, please purchase a gift for your child or loved one, wrap it up, and drop it off at Village Hall with the name and address clearly marked for who and where Santa will be delivering. You will be contacted by one of Santa's helpers just before he will arrive at your home.

For more information, please contact Lori at Village Hall at: 440-232-8788 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov
The last day to register is Thursday December 12th

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



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK - CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 A.M**. At this time, clocks will "fall back" one hour, giving us more daylight in the dark autumn and winter mornings. 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.



Jada Andrews, Ethan Greenberg, Marianne Chang, Andrew Indradjaja, Helen Wang, Kathryn Lee Not in attendance: Fernando Alfonso Chong Diaz, Toni Stith, Sal Buldum, Austyn Pittman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATED SENIORS WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS!

Congratulations to our 2024 graduating seniors who received a scholarship from the Village on August 7th. 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. There were 10 graduating seniors who were eligible for scholarships from the scholarship program. A total of \$9,500 was given out. It was an honor and a privilege to recognize such an accomplished group of young people. We wish all the students much success as they start a new chapter in their lives.



Do Not Put Snow in the Street!

Citizens 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.

PARKING REMINDER

There is **NO PARKING** on any residential street in the Village. Winter is approaching, **it is imperative that residents follow this Village Ordinance once it starts snowing.** It is important that the Service Department is able to have full accessibility to our streets for plowing and salting. If you are having a party, work done on your home, a special event or having visitors, **please contact** the Police Department at 440-232-8787 for parking permission. When permission is granted, be sure to park on the side of the street, opposite the fire hydrants. Parking on both sides of the street is prohibited.



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE COOLER WEATHER

Autumn is a great time to get your house in shape for the cooler and colder months ahead. There is plenty of good weather ahead to inspect your home and perform minor maintenance tasks that will prolong the home's performance and reduce energy costs. Keep in mind that heating and cooling amount to nearly 50% of the energy costs in a home. Proper sealing and insulation can save on heating and cooling costs.

Here are some home maintenance tips that will keep your home running in peak condition all winter long.

Exterior

Check foundation for cracks and caulk around the areas where masonry meets siding; where pipes or wires enter the house, and around the windows and door frames to prevent heat from escaping. Caulking and sealing openings are one of the least expensive maintenance jobs (as well as one requiring the least amount of skill). Openings in the structure can cause water to get in and freeze, resulting in cracks and potential mold build up. Winter can bring very harsh conditions resulting in water or ice damage. A careful check of the outside structure combined with inexpensive maintenance can save money in the long run.

Install storm windows and doors and remove screens. Before storing, clean and repair screens and place in a dry area.

Inspect exterior walls to see if any paint is peeling or blistering on the house or outbuildings. Peeling paint is a sign that the existing paint film is failing and can no longer protect the siding of the building. Left uncorrected, the siding itself will deteriorate, leading to expensive repairs in the future.

Ensure the roof is in good shape. Inspect for missing and loose shingles. Ice, rain, snow, and wind combined with rapidly changing temperatures and humidity can wreak havoc on roofs. The roof is the first defense in protecting your home. Without it functioning properly, water damage can occur. This causes deterioration to insulation, wood, and drywall, making electrical,

plumbing and HVAC systems vulnerable. It is better to proactively deal with repairs in the fall than to discover a leaky roof during a snowstorm. Have a roofing professional check the condition of your roof.

After leaves have fallen, clean out the gutter and downspout system by flushing them with water. Inspect joints and seams and tighten brackets if necessary. Clogged gutters are one of the major causes of ice dams. Replace old or damaged gutters with new ones that have built-in leaf guards.

Check the weather-stripping on your garage door and exterior doors. Make sure the seal between the doors is tight to prevent drafts.

Interior

Air leaks from windows and doors are easy to find by moving your hand around the frame. Applying weather stripping and caulk to these areas will help cut down on drafts. Check basement windows for drafts, loose frames or cracked panes.

Have your heating system checked by a licensed heating contractor. Optimally this should be part of annual maintenance of the heating (and in the spring, the cooling system). Heating systems will use fuel more efficiently, last longer and have fewer problems if properly serviced. It is a good idea to clean your humidifier regularly during the heating season. Bacteria and spores can develop in a dirty water tank resulting in unclean moisture misting out into your room.

Wood-burning and gas-fired fireplaces should be checked that they are in proper operating condition. The chimney should be checked (and cleaned as necessary) by a licensed chimney sweep. A clogged chimney poses the risk of a chimney fire, which can be ignited by burning creosote which is a combination of wood tar, organic vapors, and moisture buildup

Lastly, remember to change the direction of your ceiling fan to create an upward draft that redistributes warm air from the ceiling in the cooler months.

WHO OWNS WHAT?



Ownership Guidelines 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:

- 3. Weatherhead and Insulator This is the point where our electric lines connect to your home.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Meter Base Your meter is mounted in this box.
- Fuse Box or Circuit Breaker Box This is the main service panel that houses your fuses or circuit breakers.
- 7. 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.

ROBOCALL BASICS

Auto-dialed calls that deliver a prerecorded message

Legal robocalls: Calls from your doctor's office reminding you of an appointment, your child's

school with weather-related information, etc.

Illegal robocalls: Calls that you have not consented to, that generally try to get you to pay for something or give away personal information.

Signs of an Illegal robocall

- The call appears to be coming from your same area code but has no connection to the area.
- The call urges you to act quickly.
- The caller requests payment by wire, prepaid money card or gift card.

DO

- Register your phone number(s) with the Do Not Call Registry online at www.DoNotCall.gov or by phone at 888-382-1222.
- Research services offered by your phone provider to block unwanted calls.
- Install a trusted and reliable app on your cellphone to block or warn of suspicious calls.
- Add trusted phone numbers to your contacts.
- Limit the people and businesses with whom you share your phone number.

DON'T

- Answer an incoming call when you don't recognize the number.
- Provide personal or financial information over the phone.
- Interact with the caller in any way. Don't press numbers or speak to anyone.
- Call back unfamiliar phone numbers.
- Always rely on caller ID.

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ROBOCALL FAQS

Q: Are robocalls legal?

A: Some robocalls are legal, such as calls from your doctor's office reminding you of an appointment. But other robocalls are illegal — and often used in scams.

Q: I'm on the Do Not Call Registry. Why am I still receiving calls?

A: Many robocalls are placed by scammers who do not check the Do Not Call Registry before calling.

Q: Why am I getting so many robocalls?

A: New technology has made it very easy for scammers to operate. Scammers can now make calls over the internet (known as VoIP) and place thousands of calls at a time at a very low cost.

Q. What are common signs of a robocall scheme?

A: Many robocall schemes impersonate a government agency, such as the IRS. Other ploys focus on extended vehicle warranties, credit card interest reduction rates or medical devices. In almost all pitches, the caller expresses urgency for you to act.

Q. Why does my caller ID look like the call is coming from my area?

A: This is known as spoofing, a tool scammers use to entice you into answering. With spoofing, scammers hide their real information and use your area code and exchange, or another trusted phone number, to pretend to be legitimate.

Q. Should I pick up or press a number to tell the person to stop calling me?

A: No. By picking up or pressing numbers, you confirm that you have a live phone number. This might cause you to receive more robocalls.

Q. What can I do to stop the calls?

A: While there's nothing that is guaranteed to stop the calls, there are apps offered to combat robocalls. Be sure to download apps from trusted sites, or contact your carrier for recommendations.

Q. What should I do if I receive an illegal robocall?

A: JUST DON'T ANSWER. Let the call go to voicemail and then research what is said on the voicemail to see if it's legitimate.

For more information or assistance visit www.OhioProtects.org or call 800-282-0515.



SHOP WITH A COP

It's hard to believe, but the Holidays are just around the corner! The Glenwillow Police Department will once again participate in the George Murray FOP Lodge #67 "Shop with a Cop Program". For every \$150.00 raised, one child from our community will have the opportunity to go on a shopping spree with our Police Officers followed by a fun pizza party.

This program has been a great success in the past and we hope to raise enough money again this year so that several children can experience this wonderful opportunity.

If interested in purchasing raffle tickets for this event, please contact the Police Department at 440-232-8787. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!

NO SOLICITATION

The best way to keep solicitors from knocking on your door is to display "No Soliciting" signs. 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 a 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.

HOUSE WATCH

If you are planning a vacation or will be gone from your residence for a while, the Glenwillow Police will check on your home in your absence. For this service, please come to the Police Department and fill out a security form.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Village Council Meetings All meetings start at 7:00 pm November 6th • December 4th January 2nd

Planning Commission Starts at 5:30 pm & **Architectural Review Board** Starts at 6:00 pm November 20th • December 18th January 15th

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

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