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*Honoring the Past -
Welcoming the Future*

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It's hard to believe another year has gone by. Now that the holidays are behind us, plans are already underway for enhancements to Village roads, parks, public spaces and acquiring new equipment. As we move forward with new projects, we are always looking at ways to make the Village more environmentally and socially sustainable, ensuring the projects and programs we offer foster a welcoming environment for everyone. Projects completed that have met these goals are the addition of ADA improvements to Village Hall and the replacement of LED lights throughout the Village. The Village has been fortunate to be able to secure grants to help fund improvement projects. I am happy to report that the Village received a grant from Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$150k for the replacement of the playground equipment in Donald Norman Payne park to include ADA accessible equipment. We will begin the design of the site improvements this month with completion by Spring of 2026.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

With the completion of the pickleball courts, we are looking at other improvements we can make to our trails and parks, including a new gazebo at Avery Lake. We have partnered with the Cleveland Metroparks to improve the connection at Hawthorne Parkway to make the trails more accessible.

We are always looking to make improvements and maintain our roads. The Village received funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission and Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$750k in grants for improvements to Cochran Road. This will be part of the 2025 Concrete and Asphalt Programs.

I would like to say thank you to our Service Department for the wonderful job lighting up the Village for the holidays. I hope you had a chance to drive through and see the Christmas lights or stop for a photo-op. The department works hard beautifying the Village for us all. Planning for next year has already begun to make it even better!

I hope you find these newsletters informative. Our goal is to keep you apprised of projects, plans and programs we offer along with useful information. As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your Mayor and my door is always open for suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cegelka
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor



LOCAL INCOME TAX-FILING DEADLINE - APRIL 15TH, 2025

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 15th, 2025. For more information about our income tax, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900 or 1-800-860-7482 or visit their website at: www.ritaohio.com

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

Real estate property taxes are billed twice a year, with the first payment due February 20th. As of now, the bills have not been sent out but should be sent by the end of January.



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.



TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A \$10,000 one-time financial assist is available to qualifying residents who are struggling with property taxes.

To qualify for direct assistance, you must:

- Maintain a primary residence in Cuyahoga County with an active certified tax delinquency
- Be the primary or joint owner
- Be aged 70 years or greater
- Have a household income of less than \$70,000 per year
- Establish a delinquent tax payment contract for any remaining delinquency
- Participate in the Easy Pay installment payment program for future taxes
- Participate in housing counseling services with CHN Housing Partners, including a counseling session, completion of a budget, and demonstration of ongoing ability to pay Taxpayer Assistance Program

The \$10,000 must be used for:

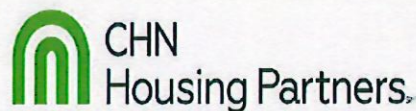
- Payment of certified delinquent property taxes
- Payment of late property taxes
- Payment of current property taxes
- Payment of foreclosure fees and court costs related to a pre-existing foreclosure
- Satisfaction of pre-existing tax lien certificates

CHN Housing Partners will process applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Assistance is available one time per household.

For questions or to apply contact:



Cuyahoga County Treasurers Office
216-443-7400, Option 1
treascomment@cuyahogacounty.us
www.cuyahogacounty.gov



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CHN Housing Partners
www.chnhousingpartners.org



DONATIONS FOR RESCUE VILLAGE

Rescue Village Slumber Party

Friday: February 14, 2025 | 6 pm - 6 am

Fundraise \$1,000 for shelter animals!



Even a small amount goes a long way to helping our four-legged friends to a better life. Rescue Village answers the call of abused and neglected animals without government funding.

This Valentine's Day, February 14, 2025, *our long-time resident, Laura Bunjevac* will be snoozing with the animals at Rescue Village, at its annual Valentines Slumber party fundraiser! For 12 hours, she will be in a kennel with a rescue dog or cat to raise awareness of what it is like for the animals in the kennel, their care, and hopefully get a few adopted. You may also see Laura around the neighborhood with her two rescue pups.

Please consider helping Laura's efforts and help support Rescue Village's efforts through a donation today.



Scan the QR code OR go to www.fundraise.rescuevillage.org

WHAT DOES YOUR DONATIONS MEAN FOR THE ANIMALS?

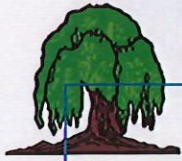
\$150	PROVIDES FOOD FOR ALL CATS & DOGS FOR A WEEK
\$100	PROVIDES TREATS FOR TWO WEEKS
\$100	COVERS MICROCHIPS FOR 18 ANIMALS
\$100	PROVIDES 31 CAT CASTLES
\$75	SUPPORTS 1 WEEK AT THE SHELTER FOR A DOG/CAT
\$50	COVERS MICROCHIPS FOR 9 ANIMALS
\$50	HELPS PROVIDE TOYS
\$25	HELPS PROVIDE TREATS

DID YOU KNOW?

Rescue Village is a 501 C(3) non-profit addressing animal homelessness through humane investigations, shelter programs, spay and neuter, and community engagement initiatives.

Rescue Village averages over 2,000 intakes into the shelter a year.

Rescue Village's shelter veterinary clinic performs over 2,000 spay/neuter surgeries annually across the shelter program, low-cost spay/neuter, and trap, neuter and return programs.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FILL OUR HOLIDAY GOODY BAGS

Our annual Community Holiday Bag Giveaway was once again well received. The event is our way to celebrate community spirit, show our appreciation to you, our residents and visit with families, friends, and neighbors. The Village, once again, provided a \$50.00 gift card to every household and a Holiday Goody Bag filled with treats. This is our way to bring some holiday cheer to all!

Thank you to all who helped fill our bags; Glenwillow Grille, Superior Beverage, CoreMark, McDonalds, and King Nut.

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS

We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming generosity of donations for our annual food drive. The support from you, our residents, was truly incredible. With the generosity and kindness given, we were able to help out several families in the Village and provide them with some joy this holiday season. The Village is blessed to have so many wonderful individuals.

***A special thank you to:
Officer Ed Smith, Ron and Cheryl DiBacco,
The Odd Fellowes Camp, Pipeline Packaging,
and CoreMark.***

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 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.



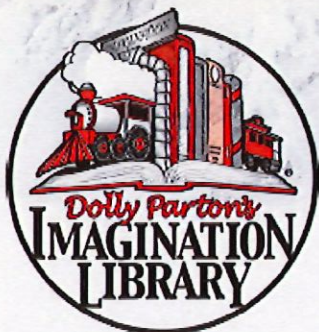
SANTA MADE A SPECIAL VISIT



Santa made his way through Glenwillow on a fire truck on December 15th to make a surprise visit. He stopped at more than 20 homes and delivered more than 60 gifts to children throughout the Village. Thank you to all who participated and to the Oakwood Fire Department for helping to make this special event possible.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF BOOKS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio - A FREE Book Gifting Program



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a program that mails free books to children from birth to age five. The program aims to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

To register a child for the program, you can visit the program's website: www.OhioimaginationLibrary.org

After registering, it can take up to 12 weeks for the first book to arrive. After that, books will arrive monthly.



RECYCLE YOUR BROKEN OR BURNED-OUT HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Do not place holiday lights in curbside recycling. Recycle light strings, extension cords and power supplies at a special recycling drop off.

Do not place holiday lights (tangles) in your curbside recycling. Tanglers, including holiday lights and power cords, cannot be recycled in your home recycling bin and will cause problems and shutdowns at the local recycling facility.

Year-Round Drop-Off at the Solid Waste District

Recycle your broken, burned-out strings of lights, power strips, and power cords year-round at the Solid Waste District. The District accepts strands of lights at **4750 East 131 Street in Garfield Heights**. Drop off light strings in the building vestibule during business hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

No bags or boxes in the recycling bin, please. Place items loose in our vestibule drop box and take all bags, boxes, and containers home with you. Light strings are recycled by a Cleveland company to benefit the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Lights for Lions program. Artificial trees, solar lights, and outdoor spotlights are not accepted.



Cuyahoga County

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

CuyahogaRecycles.org



WELCOME THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS



Damien Russell

Part-Time Police Officer

On November 6, 2024, Mayor Cegelka swore in Part-Time Police Officer Damien Russell. Officer Russell has worked for Lakewood Police Department for two years in basic patrol. He received a degree from Malone University and attended Lorain Community College for Police Academy training.



James Cervik

Part-Time Police Officer

On November 6, 2024, Mayor Cegelka swore in Part-Time Police Officer James Cervik. Officer Cervik recently retired from the Solon Police Department after serving 33 years. He is a certified radar, O.C. spray and firearms instructor. He brings years of experience to the Glenwillow Police Department and will make a great mentor for our younger Officers.



Charles Gortz

Part-Time Police Officer

On November 6, 2024, Mayor Cegelka swore in Part-Time Police Officer Charles Gortz. Officer Gortz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in Criminology and Justice Studies and graduated from Kent State's Police Academy in August 2024.





SHOP WITH A COP



The Shop with A Cop program was huge success this year. Thank you to all who bought tickets and donated to this wonderful event. We were able to raise \$1,800 that allowed two of our Officers to take six local children on a shopping spree. They were able to select presents for themselves and family members. Afterwards, the children attended a pizza party. Eighteen local Police Departments participated in this community outreach program. Thank you, Officer Smith, and Officer Torres, for heading up this wonderful event!

SCAM SQUAD - HOW TO SPOT & PREVENT SCAMS



SCAM SQUAD

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, Ohio
Department of Consumer Affairs

Scam Squad is a financial fraud task force in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which unites nonprofits, social service agencies, and local, state, and federal law enforcement in the fight against scams.

HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Telephone and mail continue to be among scammers' favorite tools for stealing money or personal information. If someone tries to panic or rush you, it's ok to hang up. Watch for these common scams.

Arrest Scams

If you get a call, text or email telling you that you're about to be arrested, it's a scam.

Avoid Home Repair Scams in the Wake of Storms

Consumer Affairs urges homeowners to avoid home repair scams in the wake of damaging storms.

Job Related Scams

Fake Job Scams are common. Learn to spot and avoid job scams.

Jury Duty Scams

Police never call people to threaten them with arrest for missing jury duty. Learn how to protect yourself.

Utility Shut off Scams

Calls or texts that threaten you with immediate electric or water shut-offs are scams.

Watch for Turnpike Text Scams

If you receive a text claiming that you owe Ohio Turnpike fees, it's a scam.

Report Scams:

Call Scam Squad at 216-443-SCAM (7226) to talk with an investigator 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday. Or report online at: <https://cuyahogacounty.gov/consumeraffairs/scam-squad/report-a-scam>



LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL

When you renew your license plates with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle, 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.



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.



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 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.

(Source, Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT TRASH & RECYCLING: Please have your trash and recycling containers out by 7 AM on Mondays. Republic Services, the Villages Waste Hauler, will now start pick up for Glenwillow between 7AM and 8AM.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Village Council Meetings

All meetings start at 7:00 pm

February 5th • March 5th
April 2nd • May 7th

Planning Commission

Starts at 5:30 pm &

Architectural Review Board

Starts at 6:00 pm

February 19th • March 19th
April 16th • May 21st

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