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Newsletter

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*Honoring the Past -
Welcoming the Future*

Dear Residents:

I hope you and your families had a happy Holiday Season and found time to spend with friends and loved ones during this special and busy time of year. I am humbled and honored to serve as your Mayor for the next four years and wish to thank each of you for your support and encouragement. One of my goals for the next term is to enhance the work we are already doing in the area of roads, infrastructure, parks and trails. Our staff has done a great job making incremental improvements throughout the Village by receiving grants to install sanitary sewer lines, build multi-purpose trails and make public right-of-way improvements. All of these improvements make our community more beautiful and a community of choice for both residents and businesses.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

It is with much sadness that our community says "goodbye" to Eric and Lisa Johnson. Eric has served on Council for 16 years, since 2002 as well as Council representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review and Vice Mayor since 2014. Eric has been instrumental in directing a number of projects including a complete re-write of the Village Zoning Code in 2015. Please join me in thanking Eric for his service to our community and wish them much success and happiness in their new home.

Congratulations to the council members who were re-elected: Jeff Adie, Gurvis Smith, Barb DiBacco, Larry Sylver and Don Banas. I would also like to especially welcome our new Council Member Anthony DeCarlo. It is a pleasure to work with all of these people as I see every week how they give unselfishly of their time and energy to our community.

I am happy to report to you that 2017 was a very productive year for the Village. Here are just some of the projects that were completed:

- The Tinker's Creek Trail – South was completed. The trail system expands almost to the southern boundary line and provides for a new trailhead for additional parking.
- Phase I of the Pettibone Road Park was completed which includes site improvements, installation of utilities, parking area and a picnic shelter. Look for Phase II construction to begin this year.
- The property on Pettibone Road formerly known as the DLK property held two industrial buildings that had been vacant for many years. The Village was able to secure a grant from the Cuyahoga County Landbank to demolish both structures and clean up the site at no cost to the Village. The aesthetics of the site were greatly improved with the demolition, grading and seeding.
- Asphalt and concrete repairs were completed on streets throughout the Village to keep them in great shape.

As always, if there is anything I can do to assist you or your family, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

LOCAL INCOME TAX-FILING DEADLINE APRIL 17, 2018

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 17, 2018. For more information about our income tax, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900 or at www.rita.org.

INCOME TAX SERVICE AVAILABLE

It is that time of year again to prepare and submit your Federal Income taxes before the April 17th deadline. AARP Senior Tax Preparation is available to assist you now through April 17th. **There is no charge for this service.** There are a limited amount of appointments. Call the Solon Senior Center to schedule yours at 440-349-6363.

Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition, led by Enterprise Community Partners, will host free tax preparation services. Last year, the free tax preparation services were provided at several locations across Cuyahoga County.

Families and individuals who earned less than \$53,930 annually were eligible to participate. Tax returns are prepared and e-filed by IRS-certified tax preparation volunteers, who also help taxpayers verify if they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and/or other federal benefits.

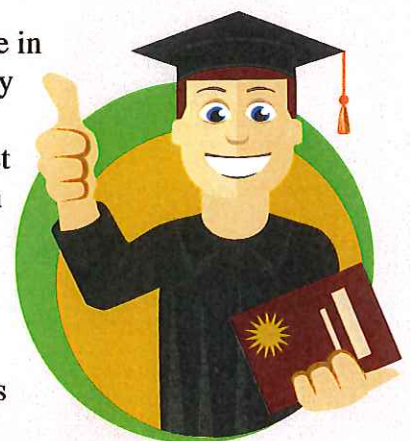
To find out more about the free program and the dates available for 2018, please call Donisha Greene at 216.443.7075.

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. 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.

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 as a way 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.



COUNCIL NEWS

Bedford Municipal Court Judge Brian Melling attended the January 3, 2018 Council meeting to swear in Mayor Cegelka for his four year term starting January 1, 2018. Jeff Adie, Don Banas, Anthony DeCarlo, Barb DiBacco Gurvis Smith, and Larry Sylver were all sworn in as Council Members. Each council member was elected in November and will serve a two-year term starting January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Law Director, Mark Marong was sworn in for his appointment to run concurrently with the Mayor.



At the January Council meeting, Council members were assigned to various committees who consider and deliberate on issues facing the Village.

For 2018, Council Committees are:

Budget/Finance: Chair; Don Banas, Jeff Adie and Barb DiBacco.

Personnel: Chair; Jeff Adie, Chair; 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, Barb DiBacco and Gurvis Smith.

Service Department: Chair; Anthony DeCarlo, Larry Sylver and Gurvis Smith.

Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

(Please note the new time for meetings) 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. The Boards are made of 5 members each.

Architectural Board of Review begins at 5:30 PM.

Planning Commission begins at 6:00PM.

Architectural Board of Review Members:

Mayor Cegelka-Chair

Barb DiBacco-Council Representative

Tim Haupt-Planning Commission Representative

Jerry Eisen-Public Representative

Roberto Pinedo-Architect

Planning Commission Members:

Gregg Bowen-Chairman

Jeff Adie-Council Representative

Tim Haupt-Citizen Representative

Kel Billings-Citizen Representative

Mayor Cegelka

COPS CORNER

SHOP WITH A COP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Glenwillow Police Department, along with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #67, would like to thank everyone who donated to this special event. With your generous support, many children in Glenwillow had the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for themselves and their families. Your donations really made a difference in the lives of so many children in our community and helped make their holiday wishes come true.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:



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AAA TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AAA Community Traffic Safety Awards are presented to participating communities for their efforts to improve local traffic and overall safety. The Glenwillow Police Department was proud to be awarded a Silver AAA Community Traffic Safety Award for all of our accomplishments.

The following programs were completed in "2017"

- Click It or Ticket
- Police & Fire Dept. "Meet and Greet"
- Motorcycle Ohio-Ride Smart
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- Schools Open- Drive Safely
- Halloween Safety
- Stay Alive, Don't Text & Drive
- Helmet Smart- Bicycle Safety
- Electronic Speed Signs
- Community Policing Using Special Bobcat



Award accepted by Lt. Mark Kwiatkowski

COPS CORNER

SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM

The Glenwillow Police Department is proud to offer a Senior Watch Program. This is a program designed to assist senior citizens and disabled adult members of our community. Officers will make a brief visit or phone call on a regular basis checking on your safety, security and well-being. Senior Watch is part of the Glenwillow Police Departments ongoing commitment to the success of our community oriented policing.

SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM



WATCHING OUT FOR YOU

Eligibility Requirements:

- Resident age 65 or older who lives alone, with no family close.
- Resident age 65 or older who lives with a family member who is bed-ridden, handicapped or chronically ill.
- Any adult, regardless of age, who lives alone and is disabled and/or chronically ill.

Participants who choose to join Senior Watch are asked to complete a short application form and to provide emergency contact information and medical information for future reference. All information is kept confidential. There is no fee for this program. Please contact Sgt. Nadette Russo at 440-232-8787 ext. 109 to set up a home meeting.



OFFICER NEWS

Jason Fovozzo started with the Glenwillow Police Department back in March of 1994 as a part-time officer. Jason has also worked for Marc's since 1992 in Loss Prevention. Jason recently left his position there as District Manager and on November 1st, he was sworn in as a full-time patrol officer with our department.

On December 6th, Greg Curtin was sworn in as a part-time patrol officer with our department. Greg recently retired from the Warrensville Heights Police Department in July of 2017 after serving 36 years. Greg's training and experience will be a great benefit to our department.



JUST A REMINDER



There is **NO** parking on any residential street. With the winter season here, it is imperative that the Village streets are clear so that our Service Department can plow and salt the roadways. If you are having a party or special event, please contact the Police Department for parking permission.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE VILLAGE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 13TH AT SUPERIOR BEVERAGE.

It was an overwhelming success with over 300 residents in attendance. The festivities began at 6:30 p.m. with wonderful Christmas music played by Dave Day on the key board and a wonderful selection of Christmas music played by DJ Exousia Sound Mobile, Roberto Pagarigan. The children received a surprise visit from Santa Claus and a special treat from him. Special thanks go to Culinary Chef Kurt Mays and Executive Director Amanda Eberhart from Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation-Stratford Commons for the delicious chili, to Superior Beverage for use of their facility and the great food catered by the Glenwillow Grille. Plans are already underway to make 2018 even better!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Over the last couple years the Village has developed a Community Gardens for residents who would like to plant a vegetable garden over the spring and summer. The Village 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. The Village will have a water source near the garden area. There is no charge for a spot in the Community Garden. The gardens will be located near the new trailhead off of Pettibone Road this year. If you are interested in more information about participating in a Community Garden, please call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788 or email: 1pepera@glenwillow-oh.gov



A special thanks to all the Village residents, employees of Kindred Health Care-Stratford Commons and employees of Pipeline Packaging for participating in the Annual Food Drive.



There was enough food and toys collected to help 8 families in need in the Village.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Recreation Committee is busy planning the Summer Concert Series for the Village. In the past, the concerts have been very successful and a great way to connect with your neighbors and friends. The first concert is scheduled for June 10th. Plans have also begun for the second annual "Movie in the Park" to be held August 11th. A family friendly movie will be featured on a giant inflatable screen with fun activities for kids of all ages being planned. The Community-Wide Garage Sale will be held August 4th. To change things up a bit, residents may set up a garage sale at their home. The Village will have maps of everyone who would like to participate. The maps will be passed out to all shoppers at the new Pettibone Road Park throughout the time of the sale. More details and the full schedule will be posted on our website and will be in the next newsletter.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION (HHW)



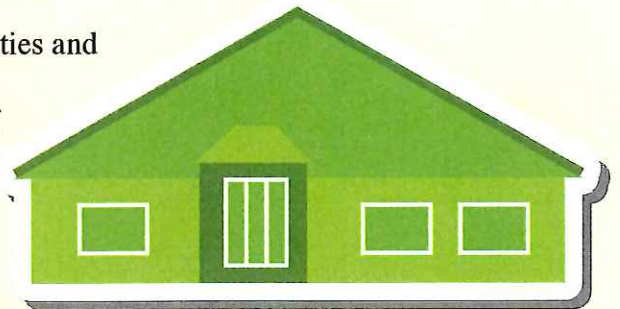
On Saturday, May 12, 2018 the Village will hold its fourth annual HHW collection at the service garage located at 29555 Pettibone Rd. from 9am - 1pm. This program is growing each year, as it provides residents an opportunity to dispose of special wastes that are not permitted in the regular trash collection. Items such as solvent based paint (no latex), used motor oil, pesticides, kerosene, gasoline and chemicals just to name a few, may be dropped off.

Once the collection is over the service crews properly package the waste in large containers provided by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and deliver it to them for proper disposal. More information will follow.

Thank you to those that participate in keeping our environment safe.

SERVICE DEPT

Annually the Service Department performs a variety of regular duties and residential services throughout the Village. Some of these duties include snow and ice control, building & property maintenance of all Village owned buildings, street repair, the community gardens and the seasonal decorating of the Village for fall and Christmas as well as the flower baskets we all enjoy throughout the summer season, just to name a few.



In addition, the department oversee services such as; street sweeping, trash collection, branch chipping, litter control, tree planting & maintenance as well as assisting the parks and recreation committee with the summer concert series held at the gazebo. The leaf collection program and mulch discount & delivery programs were added in 2016 and are very well received by our residents.

With the demolition of the houses on Pettibone Road, the village is in the process of turning the property into a park. Additional restoration work will continue on the property in 2018.

Finally, we now have our own branch chipping equipment that enables us to provide village residents with monthly collection instead of contracting to a private company.

2017 YEAR END REPORT

The Building Department, like other reporting agencies, has a construction year that begins in January and ends in December. Through that period statistical reports are created and are filed with other branches of government.

On the federal level monthly reports are filed with the United States Census Bureau regarding construction of new dwellings, their cost and any changes to local municipal boundaries through annexation.

State-wise, the Ohio Board of Building Standards requires a monthly report and a year-end operational report on staffing, permits, inspection, cost valuations of work and future budgeting.

The Building Department also files a monthly report on permitting to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. This assists tax assessment personnel during the 3-year assessment cycle to make determinations on property values.

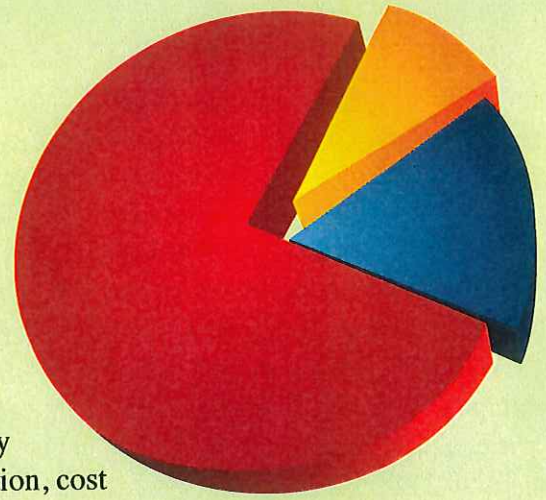
This past year the Building Department issued a total of 87 permits (31 residential and 56 commercial) accounting for over \$24,200,000 in construction valuation and the collection of over \$290,000 in permitting, registration and licensing fees.

Significant permits included 2 new industrial buildings in Diamond Parkway; GED Integrated Solutions and Mantua Manufacturing as well as an addition to InterDesign located on Emerald Valley Parkway. These projects accounted for nearly 500,000 square foot of office/industrial floor space.

Eight permits were issued for tie-ins to the sanitary sewer on Pergl Road, Mello Drive and Annetta Drive.

62 contractors were registered to work in the Village and 7 licenses were renewed for rental properties.

The Architectural Review Board reviewed 22 applications for design review and the Planning Commission reviewed 38 applications for site, landscaping and planning and zoning code amendments.



SPRING BRANCH CHIPPING

The Village will be offering **FREE** curbside branch chipping collection to residents in May. More details of the date and time will be available soon.

For more information, please contact Service Director Sam Scaffide at 440-232-8788 Ext. 116 or Daryl Schultz at Ext. 119

YOUR 911 CELLULAR SAFETY APP

When was the last time you had to call 9-1-1? Maybe you never had to, and until you do, you may not know what happens when you dial those three emergency numbers, but I guarantee it's nothing like you see in the movies.

Since current 9-1-1 infrastructure was built with landlines in mind, calling 9-1-1 from a smartphone often approximates the caller's location based on what cell tower the call is sent to. First responders do their best with what info they have, but usually budgets don't include recreating the 9-1-1 communication system. But fear not, as we have a solution in place for you. The Village of Glenwillow has decided to provide a free safety app to all residents, businesses and guests, which **can give your exact location, down to the building and room number, with the click of a button.** The app is called *Your 911*.

You can **also register for safety alerts** from your community when signing up for Your 911.

This mobile safety app comes with a variety of convenient features and is available in **Google Play and the App Store for FREE.**

Listed below, are the features of Your 911 and a brief description:



If you find yourself in an emergency, press this button to send a call plus location information to your local dispatcher.



The **iReport** feature is still at the level of modification. This will be available to residents shortly, and we will notify you upon completion.



Walking to your car alone at night? Jogging at night? The **FriendWatch** feature helps keep you safe any time, any place. Emergency contacts will be notified if your pre-set timer hits 0:00.



The most recent documents and procedures for Glenwillow will all be in one place – under the **Resources** feature.



The **Services** button will lead to additional convenient features.

With all these beneficial and easy-to-use features, we encourage everyone in the Village of Glenwillow to download Your 911 on their smartphones, and register correctly with the following: Your name, phone number, medical history (*optional*) and up to three emergency contacts. You never know when an incident will happen. All this information can be sent to the nearest emergency responders, with just the click of a button.

For more information, or help on downloading the app, please visit 911cellular.com, or contact Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788.

RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX PROGRAM

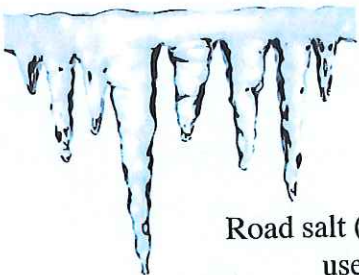
The Residential Knox Box Program entails the provision of a metal box that is secured with a key lock. The Oakwood Fire Department maintains the only key to the Knox Box which opens the secure box. The Knox Box is positioned in the entrance door of the home that is intended for normal access. The key for this entrance door is stored on the inside of the Knox Box. A sticker to identify the presence of the Knox Box is placed on the doors and/or windows of the home to notify emergency responders that a Knox Box is in use.

Eligibility to Participate in the Knox Box Program

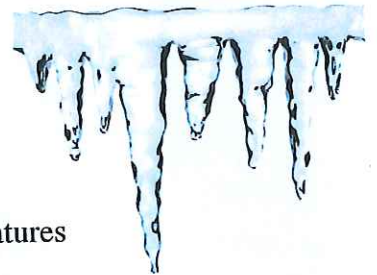
- Resident of Glenwillow
- Permanent or temporary disability
- Spend all or a substantial majority of day alone at home
- Agree to participate in the program
- Sign application and release form

Participation of eligible residents is at **no charge**. Non-eligible residents may obtain a Knox Box by paying a \$150.00 refundable deposit to the Oakwood Fire Department.

Applications for participation in the Residential Knox Box Program may be obtained at Village Hall or downloaded from our website at www.glenwillow-oh.gov. For more information call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov



THIS WINTER, REMEMBER TO USE THE RIGHT S.A.L.T.



STUFF

Road salt (sodium chloride) only works above 15°F. For colder temperatures use and for added traction, or switch to an ice melting product designed to work at colder temperatures.

AMOUNT

Spreading more salt does not improve deicing. One 12 ounce coffee cup full of salt is enough to cover about 10 sidewalk squares. There should be about 3 inches between salt granules. Be sure to sweep up any excess salt.

LOCATION

Salt only belongs on your sidewalk and driveway and never on your lawn, flower beds, the base of a tree and definitely not in a stream! One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of water.

TIME

Salt works best when it is applied before the snow falls or right after snow is removed from your driveway or sidewalk. Never apply salt when rain is in the forecast, as it will wash away into the storm drain and out to our waterways.



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Majority Communications Department

MILITARY RESOURCE FAIR IN BROADVIEW HEIGHTS ON APRIL 20TH

The City of Broadview Heights, the Broadview Heights Chamber of Commerce, and the Broadview Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library are hosting a Military Resource Fair for the benefit of all of our veterans and their families on Friday, April 20th.

The event will take place at the Broadview Heights Community Center and will feature a variety of organizations geared towards helping those who have served our country in any era, their spouses, and families. Throughout the day there will be agency representatives who can help military personnel or their families with benefit questions, employment opportunities, and many other military related areas. The event is completely free and open to the public. Free continental breakfast, Veteran ID's, haircuts, massages, and additional offers will be available to those in attendance.

Date: Friday, April 20th, 2018

Time: 9am-12pm

Location: Broadview Heights Community Center (9543 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights)

Bring: DD 214 or NGB 22 discharge papers. If discharge papers are not available, please bring the social security card of the military personnel.

Please RSVP at www.cuyahogalibrary.org/veterans

For more information, please contact Will London at (614) 644-6041 or
William.London@OhioHouse.gov



LIFELINE SYSTEMS

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

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

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

**FUTURE
MEETING
DATES:**

Village Council Meetings
All meetings start at 7:00 pm

February 21st
March 7th • March 21st
April 4th • April 18th
May 2nd • May 16th

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

February 21st • March 21st
April 18th • May 16th

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