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Office of Mayor

Village of
Glenwillow

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Newsletter

Dear Residents,

I am writing this as we begin to close out 2012 and begin planning for the New Year. As always, we have been busy with many different projects and programs, all of which will enhance our community and quality of life. You have noticed all the construction projects currently going on in the Village. Our engineer has been updated by Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works with a tentative revised schedule regarding the Austin Powder Bridge Replacement Project. The Austin Powder Bridge Replacement Project scheduled to be completed by the end of this year has been rescheduled for completion in late spring of 2013. The Broadway / Richmond Road alignment project is off to a good start with the underground work being completed now. The road will be re-opened by December 10th to through traffic until spring. The Pergl Road Sanitary Sewer project will continue through the winter. Many thanks to all the residents for cooperating with the inconvenience of these construction projects. In the meantime should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Village Engineer at 440.439.1999 or my office at 440.232.8788.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

Village Council and I are continuing to work with FirstEnergy on the proposed electric substation for our community. Council and I have met with officials from FirstEnergy in hopes to work out the best possible solution to this project. I will keep you informed as we reach resolution in this matter. Please check our website for up-to-date information.

By now you have seen the Holiday decorations in the Village. Many thanks to the Service Department for making improvements to the displays and taking such great care in putting them up to help us all celebrate the Holiday Season.

On the back of this newsletter, you will see an invitation to the Village Annual Christmas Party. As always, we will have festive holiday food, a visit from Santa and fun with neighbors and friends. Please try to join us for the party. Additional parking is available at the Recreation area off Austin Powder and behind the Village Center businesses on Pettibone. I am looking forward to seeing you all on December 19th.

As always,
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

SUMMER 2013 INTERNSHIPS AT THE CLEVELAND CLINIC

The Cleveland Clinic is offering high school students paid internships for summer of 2013. The Clinic offers a variety of programs to learn about science, medical professions and research. For more details about the criteria and to apply, go to: www.clevelandclinic.org/civiceducation The deadline to apply is January 4, 2013.

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COPS CORNER

KEEP YOUR SNOW BUNNY SAFE THIS WINTER SEASON!

Safety Tips When Sledding:

- Children should always wear a helmet. A bicycle helmet is acceptable for sledding, but not for other snow sports.
- Children need to look around and avoid stationary objects, such as trees, fences and posts.
- Sledding should always be done in a well-lit area and with adult supervision.
- Sleds should be a durable plastic and fit the child's size.
- Children should sit up and face forward with their feet in front of the sled.

Children are most apt to get frostbite on cheeks, ears and noses. When playing outside in the winter, children should wear the following:

- A hat that covers the ears.
- A scarf or mask to cover the mouth and face.
- Mittens, which are warmer than gloves.
- Water resistant clothes and boots.
- Numerous layers to hold in heat.

Remind children that if their clothes get wet or their skin begins to sting or feels too cold, it is time to come inside and warm up.

Use Your Head! Adults and children should always wear helmets when skiing or snowboarding. This will help prevent head injuries from falls and collisions.

BE CAREFUL OF TELEPHONE SCAMS

Your personal information is important! Guard your social security number, bank account and credit card numbers, driver's license or state identification number. Some criminals trick you on the phone to obtain your personal information. The criminals then take your information and use your credit cards, access bank accounts or open new ones. A real bank or credit company will never call you and ask for your social security number or bank account numbers over the phone.

How To Avoid Telephone Fraud

- Donate only to recognized charities. Ask the caller to send more information.
- Reject high pressure sales methods. Ask the caller to send more information.
- Do not do business with anyone who offers to send a delivery service to collect your donation or payment for something you have not yet ordered or received.
- Be careful making a donation or buying a service in exchange for the promise of a guaranteed sweepstakes or lottery winning.
- Be careful of phone calls or e-mails saying that a friend or relative is in a faraway place and needs money to help him or her. This may be a scam. Criminals are using this scenario more and more. Be sure to check with the friend or relative first before sending money.
- Do not pay to collect sweepstakes winnings. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Criminals are using this scam often.
- Ignore all phone solicitations to play a foreign lottery.

SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM



The Holidays are just around the corner! The Glenwillow Police Dept. will be participating again this year with the 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 police, and participate in other fun activities. This program has been a great success in the past and we hope to raise enough money again this year. This has been a wonderful experience not only for the children, but for the officers involved. This program is funded through a raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The Grand Prize is a 50" color flat-screen TV; 2nd Prize is an iPod and 3rd Prize is \$100.00 in cash. The drawing is held on December 20, and the winner does not need to be present. If interested in purchasing raffle tickets for this event, please contact the Police Dept. at 440-232-8787. Have a wonderful Holiday Season from the Police Department!

CONNECT 4 SENIORS CHORE REFERRAL PROGRAM

The Village participates in the Chore Referral Program along with the Cities of Solon, Chagrin Falls, and the Village of Bentleyville. This program provides seniors citizens with referrals for dependable paid workers. You will be provided with up to three separate referrals for the type of work you need done such as carpentry, general handyman, painting, and others. Your referrals will have gone through reference checks by the staff of the Solon Senior Center. You may then contact the referrals to discuss your needs. You decide and hire whomever you choose. The Chore Referral Volunteers will continue ongoing reference checks, by following up with you and others who have utilized the Connect 4 Seniors Chore Referral Program. They will contact you to find out if the job was completed and if the outcome was acceptable. Please call the Solon Senior Center at 440-349-6363 for more information or a referral.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Service Department has accomplished many major projects in 2012, through our staff and outside contractors. One of the major challenges during the summer drought was trying to keep all of the beautiful flowers alive. Our staff did a great job taking the drought seriously and making sure the flowers were watered. We received numerous compliments on the beauty of the area because of their work. We have been busy wrapping up fall projects, while preparing for the 2012/2013 winter season. Our snow plows and salt spreaders have been sandblasted and painted, and the vehicles have had their preventative maintenance check and are ready for snow and ice control.

As you will see, the Village is decorated for the holidays with some new lights and modifications to our displays from last year. Making the Village festive is important as we celebrate the holidays.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Through a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Authority, the Village was able to enhance its website with more detailed information on recycling products and materials. There is a very long extensive list explaining how to properly dispose of everyday household products such as appliances, frying oils, tires, and used computers. There is also a new "button" on the home page entitled: "Recycling" for easy access to the information.

Village Council also authorized us to place a paper receptacle at Avery Lake in order to encourage recycling of paper products such as newspapers, junk mail, phone books, magazines, hard and soft bound books, and cardboard. The receptacle is owned by River Valley Paper Company who pays the Village for the products based on the current market rates. When residents drop off these paper products, we all help the environment as well as earn money for the Village. Please remember to recycle your items on a regular basis.

UTILITY BILL INFORMATION

Each year residents are asked to select a provider of both natural gas and electric service. Most companies offer a variety of rates some being fixed for a specific period of time while others are variable adjusted on market costs. There are several resources for you to determine the best selection for you and your family.

The best resource is through the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) and their Apples-to-Apples Comparison Chart. You can find this information on their website at: www.puco.ohio.gov. On the home page, you will see a column entitled: \$ Save Money. Click on the "Apples to Apples" line and you will be able to determine the best choices for your budget. If you don't have access to a computer or would like assistance in using this website, stop in at Village Hall and we will be glad to assist you.

The Village is a partner in NOPEC, which is a consortium of 120 communities who work together to get lower rates from both FirstEnergy and Dominion Gas Companies. For information about your gas service, please call 888-848-7914 and for information about electric service, call: 877-204-0426. More information on NOPEC can be found on their website at www.nopecinfo.com

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO ROAD SALT THIS WINTER

Keeping roads and parking areas free of ice and snow is an essential part of modern life. However, road salt – one of the main tools used to achieve this task – contains chloride as its principal ingredient. Chloride does more than melt snow and ice; it can harm local lakes and rivers. Other minor ingredients of commer-

cial road salt include arsenic and cyanide. Overusing chloride can also damage residential greenery such as grass, plants, and trees, reversing any beautification efforts you have made.

As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water. Waters from a deiced area contain high levels of chlorides, which do not degrade, and there is no cost effective way to remove it. Excessive levels of chlorides can severely impair the ability of plants to absorb water and nutrients. These negative effects are common to both aquatic and terrestrial plants in residential gardens, landscaped areas, and rivers. Fish and other aquatic organisms are then impacted because of polluted habitats.

Roads must remain clear to protect public safety, and in no way is it being suggested that we cease the application of road salt. However, many communities are already employing alternative technologies to deice their roads, such as anti-icing, which applies salt brine to roads when a storm is forecasted, and prevents the formation of ice. Residents can use a similar treatment method by purchasing a deicing alternative to salt available from some grocers or hardware stores. If you must use salt, consider the "Just Enough" principle – applying just enough salt to keep your driveway and sidewalks ice-free.

Steps to help reduce the impacts of road salt:

- Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Your family is invited to join us on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm for our annual Christmas Party. It is a great way to celebrate the holiday season with your neighbors and friends. We will provide refreshments and a visit from Santa. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take pictures with Santa. We would ask that you bring a non-perishable item of food or boxed goods, paper products or cleaning supplies for families in need in our community. We will also be accepting winter clothing items such as scarves, hats and gloves. There is a container in the lobby of Village hall for any donations. Items can be dropped off anytime. We hope to see you at the party on December. 19th .

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Council Meetings

December 5th-7:30 pm; December 19th- 7:30pm;
January 2nd-7:30 pm; January 16th-7:30 pm

Architectural Board & Planning

Commission:

December 12th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm
January 9th-5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

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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