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Office of Mayor

Village of
Glenwillow

March 2012

Newsletter

Dear Residents:

This edition of our Newsletter is the Annual Report for the activities and services of the Village for 2011. We are proud of what we have accomplished this last year and would like to share it with you.

As you can see from the number of calls the Police Department handled to the activities in the Service and Building Departments and the projects managed by the Engineering staff, we have been very busy. I am also very pleased to report the activities the Oakwood Fire Department handled for our residents and businesses. It has been one year since we began the contract with Oakwood Fire Department and I am happy to say we are all very pleased with the arrangement and the service we have received. Many thanks to Chief Jim Schade and his department for ensuring such a smooth transition.

Our Finance Director, John Veres reported that the Village carried over \$1.3 million in the General Fund. The Village uses carry over funds to stabilize the finances until next year monies are distributed from Cuyahoga County (property taxes) and we receive income tax receipts from R.I.T.A. This amount of carryover is larger than it has been during the last couple years and represents a stable, healthy community. We also analyzed some of our expenditures over the last three years and noted that our wages and personnel expenses have decreased approximately 3% over the last three years. However, health care expenses have risen approximately 24% over the same time period. Rest assured, similar to all businesses, we are working with our employees and vendors to manage these costs.

We have many construction projects planned for 2012 and will keep you informed as to the work and the impact it may have on your daily life. We hope to award contracts for the Pergl Road Sanitary Sewer Project Phase I and Richmond Road/Broadway Alignment sometime this Spring. Cuyahoga County Public Works Department is currently seeking bids for the Austin Powder Bridge Replacement and is hoping to award the project by early summer. During construction, the current plan calls for Austin Powder Drive to be closed north of the railroad tracks and will remain open south of the railroad tracks to Pettibone Road. For up to date details on this construction, please refer to the Village's website.

Sincerely,
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R.I.T.A. Filing Deadline - April 17, 2012

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 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.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In January 2011, the Village entered into a contract with the Village of Oakwood for Fire and EMS Service. Thanks to the professional work of the department, the transition was seamless for our residents and businesses. Here is a recap of last year's activities:

Total Staff of Oakwood Fire Department	Fully trained personnel - 54 (Fire Fighter II and Paramedic certification)
Number of staff on duty per shift	6 staff working 24/7 Plus Chief and Asst. Chief during day shift
Number of Emergency Medical Calls	Oakwood - 944 Glenwillow - 88
Number of Fire Related Calls	Oakwood - 296 Glenwillow - 28
CPR Classes	Oakwood-Glenwillow-27 total
Fire Safety Classes	Oakwood-Glenwillow-12 total
Free Smoke Detectors distributed	Oakwood- Glenwillow Approximately 700 homes total



The Village of Oakwood Fire Department is pleased to be of service to our residents and businesses. If you have any questions or need additional information about the Fire services, please contact Chief Jim Schade at 440-232-6695.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Service Departments performs regular duties such as snow plowing, building & property maintenance, street repair, tree maintenance, and lawn mowing & landscaping of all Village land and properties.

Last year, the Service Department completed the following projects:

- Renovation of the garage at the Building Department to what is now known as the Pavilion. This garage has been transformed into a Pavilion by replacing many parts of the siding on the building. Windows and electricity were added and new garage doors installed. The final touch was painting the entire building inside and out.
- Replanted vegetation in the Bio Swales at Village Hall to assure proper filtering of rain water.
- Painted the interior of the Police Department.
- Hired seven student seasonal employees to help with grass cutting, mulching and litter control throughout the summer.
- Reconstructed four ADA ramps on Austin Powder Drive. They were completed in the fall.
- Assisted Superior Beverage Company with a cleanup day.
- Delivered 200 yards of free mulch to Village residents, courtesy of Republic Services.
- Maintained the fire hydrants by flushing and painting them. This project will be completed in 2012.
- Monitored the tree planting program in the right of way on various streets and Village properties.
- Worked with the Court Community Services program that provided personnel to pick up litter along Village roadways on a monthly basis.
- Upgraded the electrical lighting on the Pettibone Road Bridge.

Some of the 2012 projects include:

- Painting the Pettibone Road Bridge.
- Upgrade the Avery Lake Gazebo area with trees and other landscaping.
- Enhance various public areas throughout the Village with landscaping and signage.
- Continue the planning of the tree planting program.



WARNING SIREN



The Village of Glenwillow participates in the Southeast Regional Tornado Siren system. This program has placed sirens in eight neighboring communities to notify the public of a hazardous situation. When the sirens go off, residents are encouraged to seek more information from television, radio and/or

national weather service's alerts. The siren in Glenwillow is located on Pettibone Road just west of Bond Street. It is placed in a location where it should be heard by the entire village. The system will be tested the first Saturday of each month at Noon. The siren will be activated for one minute. **IN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY, THE SYSTEM WILL BE ACTIVATED FOR THREE MINUTES.** When the testing siren is activated, please do not to call the Police & Fire Emergency 911 number to ascertain the cause.

CONDOLENCES

HARRY LEE BRAGG, former council member and resident of Glenwillow passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2012. He served over 20 years on Village Council. Mr. Bragg was born July 19, 1936, in Tioga, WV, and was one of 16 children.



Mr. Bragg moved to the Solon area in the late 1950's. He worked for Cyrus Eaton Farms and later Austin Powder Farms. Mr. Bragg is survived by his wife, of nearly 51 years, Kathleen (nee Hanson) Bragg, whom he married on May 13, 1961. He is also survived by his sons, Jack and Brian Bragg, of Tampa, FL and daughter, Pam Kasunic of Aurora, OH, and is the loving grandfather of four.

Mr. Bragg was an active member of Village Council serving when the development of the water, sewer lines and the extension of Cochran Road occurred. On behalf of everyone at the Village, we extend our sympathies to Mr. Bragg's entire family.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS WITH SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health has informed the Village that they are reviewing the cost to maintain sewage operations and manage the Household Sewage Treatment Systems. After a review of this program, the Board feels it has become necessary to raise the annual cost to homeowners who have septic systems to cover the cost of the annual inspections. They anticipate this fee to increase with the 2012 - 2013 permits. They are currently requesting comments on this proposed fee increase. If you would like to comment, please contact John McLeod, Director of Environmental public Health Services at 216-201-2001 Ext. 1200; or Colin Johnson at Ext. 1212.

BEDFORD HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER RATES

Most of the sanitary sewers in Glenwillow are served by the City of Bedford Heights. The Village has had a long term contract with the City for this service. Rates are determined by the City of Bedford Heights on a regular basis. Both Residential and Commercial/Industrials rates have been increased. Here are the rates for the next three years; the Village of Glenwillow has a local charge of \$8.33 MCF and a \$3.24 MCF maintenace fee. The local rates have not been

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Residential rates per MCF	\$44.45 per MCF	\$47.65 per MCF	\$49.00 per MCF	\$53.50 per MCF
Commercial/Industrial	\$46.50 per MCF	\$49.25 per MCF	\$51.05 per MCF	\$56.05 per MCF

increased. These rates will take effect in the second full billing quarter of 2012. The Homestead Exemption is again offered to those residents who qualify for the program. Also, the Summer sprinkling Program will be effective for all residential users, May 1st and ending September 30th each year. If you have any questions about these rates or your service, please contact David Pocaro at 440-786-3201 or see the website www.bedfordheights.gov/wastewater for details.

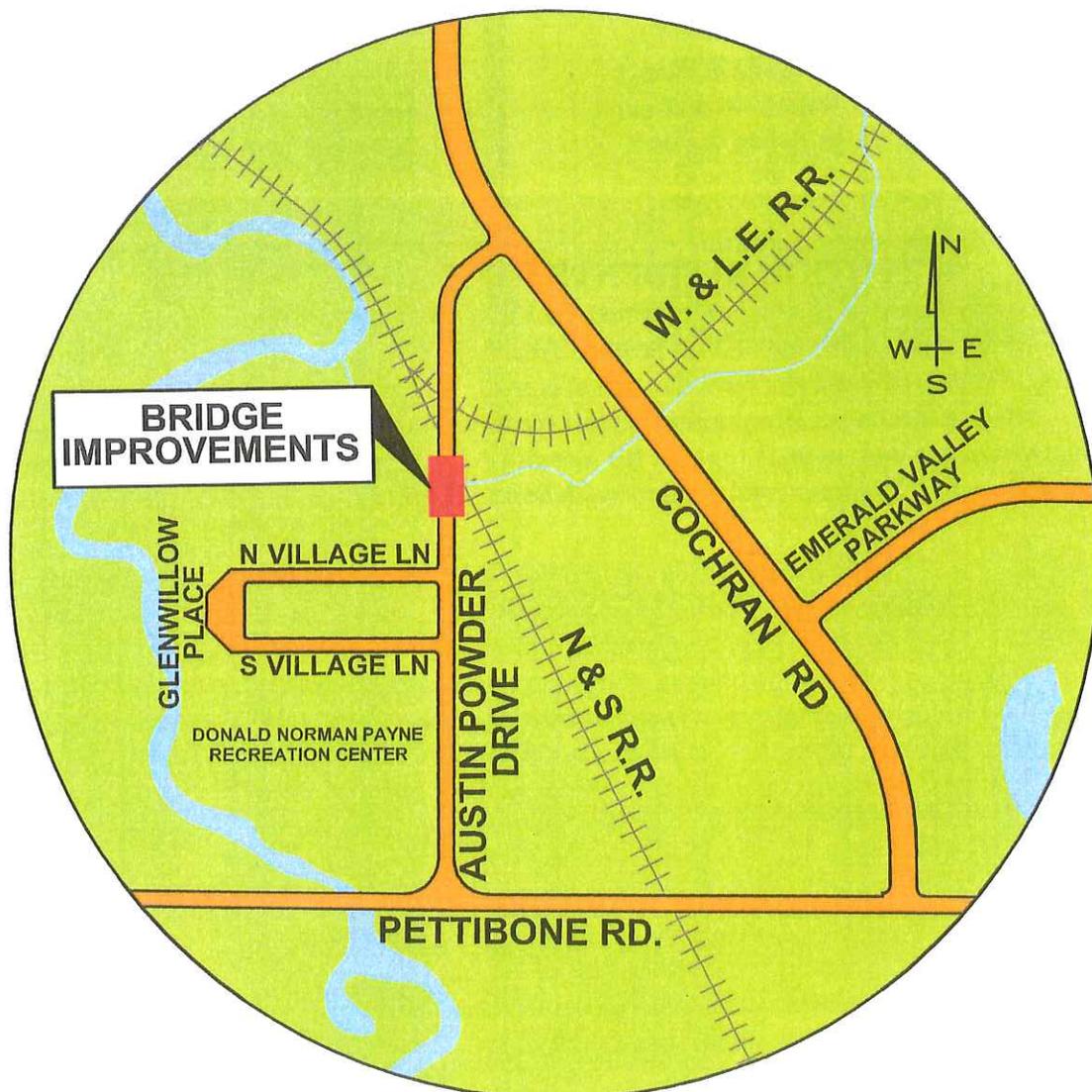
AUSTIN POWDER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works will be replacing Bridge No. 137 on Austin Powder Drive (C.R. 110) within the Village of Glenwillow. The work area, located just south of the existing railroad tracks, will include the complete removal and replacement of the bridge, abutments and other appurtenances as required. The new bridge will be a box beam bridge with stamped concrete side walls, architectural black metal railings with matching lighting fixtures – similar to the bridge on Pettibone Road just west of Austin Powder.

The estimated cost of construction will be approximately \$1,050,000. The Village of Glenwillow will only be responsible for a small portion of the estimated construction cost (\$37,000) and the County will be responsible for the balance.

The County has already initiated the bidding process and they are expecting to begin construction in June 2012 and complete all work by the end of the year. Although Austin Powder will be closed to through traffic all residents and businesses through the Austin Powder Corridor will have access at all times. A detour will be posted to route all through traffic around the construction site.

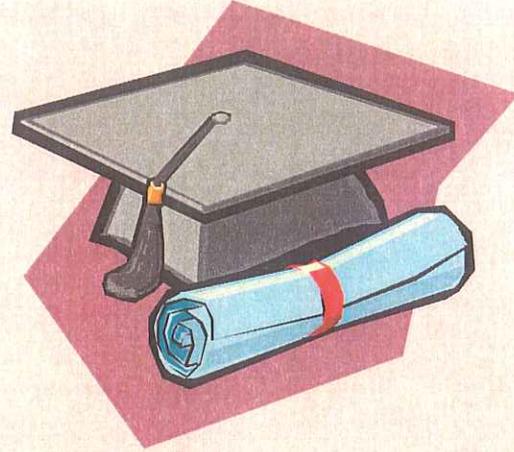
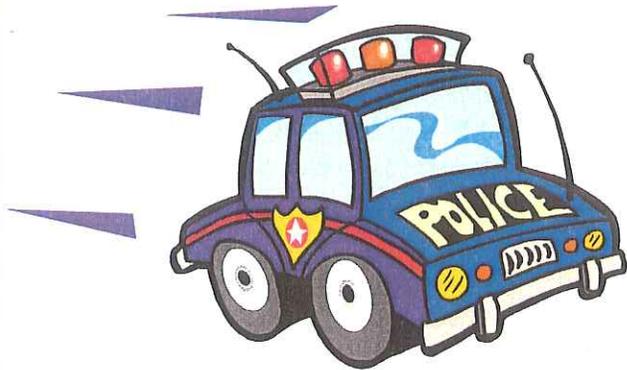
Should you have any question or require additional information during the construction process please feel free to contact our Village Engineer at 440.439.1999.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Glenwillow Police Department patrols the Village 24/7, utilizing four marked patrol cars and consists of 4 full time and 14 part-time police officers. In 2011, the department responded to 957 calls for service, issued 667 traffic citations and made 78 arrests for various offenses. All four marked patrol cars are equipped with radar for measuring vehicle speed, mobile data terminals, in car video cameras and automatic external defibrillators (AED Units) to assist with a cardiac emergency. Officers routinely check closed businesses, homes when residents are on vacation and on senior citizens as they patrol the Village.

The Glenwillow Police Department is a member of the Valley Enforcement Group (VEG) a consortium of 14 area police departments providing a special weapons and tactics team (SWAT), a hostage negotiation team, a technical crash investigative unit and continued professional training for police officers. Several members of the Glenwillow Police Department have received the necessary training and are members of these specialized units.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following college students who received a scholarship from the Village in December. Students who graduate from Solon High School while living in Glenwillow are eligible for the scholarship. Students are awarded \$250 for each year they lived in the Village while attending Solon High School, with a maximum amount of \$1000.

The Village wishes all of these students success in their college careers.

Ashley Bunjevac	Michael Miller
Tyree Davis	Frank Nasseri
Victoria DiBacco	Regis Palmer
Stephanie Fields	Briana Pepera
Nathaniel Huff	Kevin Prewitt
Cody Jewett	Nora Victoroff

GLENWILLOW PLACE

(North & South Village Lane and Glenwillow Place Residents)

In 2008, Anbrook Homes purchased the unbuilt lots in the Glenwillow Place Subdivision from Whitlatch & Company when they filed bankruptcy. At the end of 2011, Anbrook sold the twelve lots to Drees Homes, a large national home builder of single family homes headquartered in Kentucky with offices in many large metropolitan areas including Cleveland. They are currently building in numerous suburbs in Northeast Ohio. Drees Homes will be building the remaining homes upon their sale. Company officials have presented various model designs to the Architectural Board of Review last month. They will be required to build homes in the same architectural style and design currently built in the subdivision and found in the Village's Zoning Code. Some homes may have some minor variations to comply with current building standards or available products. The Village looks forward to having Drees Homes work in the Village and complete the subdivision. For more information about Drees Homes, please visit their website at www.dreeshomes.com.

HEALTHY YARDS AND HEALTHY WATERWAYS



Rainwater that does not soak into the ground washes across our lawns and gardens, picking up chemicals and debris along the way until it reaches a storm drain.

These storm drains

empty untreated water into local creeks, rivers and lakes. Applying more chemicals to our yards than is absolutely necessary, such as fertilizers and pesticides, can be harmful to the plants and animals that depend on these water resources. This can affect us by increasing the cost of cleaning the water for drinking and recreational use, and by reducing the use of these water resources for fishing, swimming and other activities. Follow these easy tips to create a healthy yard AND protect our waterways:

- **Plant native plants!** Native plants have adapted to the conditions of the area and require fewer chemicals for growth and pest management.
- **Compost!** Help reduce debris that enters and decays in our waterways. As large amounts of organic matter (such as leaf litter) decays, it uses up much of the life-sustaining oxygen in the water, which can lead to poor water quality.
- **Harvest rainwater!** Rain barrels can be used to capture some of the water that falls on your rooftop – diverting it away from the storm sewer system and allowing it to be reused as water for your plants.
- **Use lawn and garden chemicals correctly or switch to alternatives!** Be smart with your use of fertilizers and pesticides. Follow instructions on the packaging closely and avoid using chemicals when wet weather is in the forecast. Switching to organic lawn care methods not only creates a better environment for your family but will help you protect your watershed!
- **Don't mow too short!** Keep your grass at 3½ inches or higher. This helps to shade out weeds, thereby reducing the need for herbicides, and it increases the depth of grass roots, which will help water soak into your lawn better.

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For more information please visit:
www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISPOSAL

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Authority has begun a new program to dispose of hazardous wastes in our community. They are offering a free service to properly dispose of any items that are deemed hazardous such as oil.

In order to take advantage of this program, all you need to do is to call the Glenwillow Service Department at 440-232-8788 ext. 116 and schedule a time to drop off any items that you would like to dispose. The Service Department employees have been trained in handling these items and will remove them from your vehicle. The Service Department will then take the items to the Solid Waste Authority facility in Garfield Hts. for proper disposal. Residents are not permitted to take the items directly to the Solid Waste facility. It is important that you schedule a time for drop off with the Service Department.

Here is a list of items that are *accepted* at the facility:

- 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
- Mercury, fluorescent bulbs
(6 ft. length max.)

Materials *NOT accepted*:

- Latex paint
- Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares
- Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, sharps
- Radioactive waste (i.e. smoke detectors)
- Tires
- Electronics, appliances
- Business or commercial waste

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 you 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.

PLEASE KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN

When walking your dog in our parks or on the multi-purpose trail, please remember to clean up after your dog.

There are waste stations throughout the trail and parks for your convenience. It is important that we all maintain our areas for the betterment of the community.



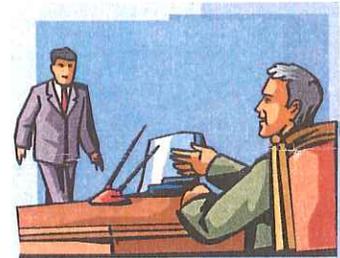
COUNCIL NEWS

Village Council held their organizational meeting of 2012 on Jan. 4 and re-elected John Baca as Vice Mayor. Mr. Baca has served on council for over 30 years and is very well versed in all Village business. Ms. Lori Pepera was re-appointed Mayor's Court Clerk and Ms. Elaine Lowe was re-appointed Clerk of Council for the coming year.

Council also selected Committee Chairs for 2012 as follows:

- Budget/Finance - Eric Johnson
- Safety - John Baca
- Building & Housing - Donald Banas
- Infrastructure - Joe Barber
- Recreation - Larry Sylver
- Personnel - Jeff Aide

Village Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public and any change in the schedule is posted on the Village website at www.glenwillow-oh.gov



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

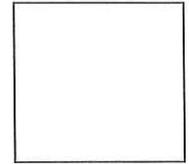
The Building Department is responsible for enforcing the zoning code and state building codes in the Village. The Department reviews building plans, issues permits, registers contractors, performs building and zoning inspections and responds to a large number and variety of inquiries from residents, contractors, and developers.

Activity	2010	2011
Staff - Full time	2	2
Building & Zoning Assignments	594	257
Commercial Permits Issued	51	40
Residential Permits Issued	29	36
Contractor Registrations	94	119
Inspections to contracted community (Walton Hills)	N/A	23
Annual revenues from all activity	\$263,354	\$34,988

Building Department responsibilities expanded into two new areas during 2011. Legislation recently enacted requires the registration, inspection and licensing of all rental properties within the Village. Sixteen properties were registered and inspected during 2011. Also, the Village of Walton Hills contracted with Glenwillow to perform inspection services on an as needed basis. During 2011, 23 inspections were performed generating revenue of \$805.

The Building Department's customer service attitude and concern for the well being of the residents is our primary focus. We know that our efforts have served to preserve residential and commercial property values and safeguard the health and safety of the Village residents through the inspection process.

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**ACTIVITIES FOR THE
MONTHS OF
MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

March 7 & 21, 2012-
Council Meetings @ 7:30 pm

April 4 & 18, 2012-
Council Meetings @ 7:30 pm

April 6, 2012-
Village Hall Closed-Good Friday

May 2 & 16, 2012-
Council Meetings @ 7:30 pm

May 28, 2012-
Village Hall Closed-Memorial Day

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