

Village of
Glenwillow

Newsletter

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Residents:

I hope that you are doing well over the winter months and anxiously awaiting the arrive of Spring like we are here at Village Hall. Over the last several months, we have been very busy with snow and ice removal activities, maintenance items and planning for 2011. The Village has spent over \$40,000 on just road salt. Our Service Department staff of 4 full-time and seasonal part-time snowplow drivers, strive to do a great job for the Village making sure that our streets are safe during the snowfall events. We will continue to try to do the best job possible this season, as the snow and ice has been especially difficult. Looking forward to spring, the staff is currently planning various road projects and equipment needs for the coming year. It is important to make sure that we maintain our facilities and roads all year to keep them in the best shape possible.



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

My staff and Village Council have been working hard on obtaining grant monies for the Village to help us stretch our tax dollars as far as possible. We have been very successful over the last several years. In 2010 and 2011, the Village has received the following grants:

- Cuyahoga County Dept. of Development Playground Grant - **\$35,000.**
- Ohio EPA Surface Water Grant - **\$63,000.**
- Richmond Road/Pettibone Road/Broadway Ave Alignment DOPWIC Grant for - **\$353,000** plus an additional loan with 0% interest (pending).
- Recycle Grant from Cuyahoga County Dept. of Litter Control - **\$850.**
- Municipal Energy Program - Grant to perform energy audit - **\$5000.**
- NOPEC Powering Our Communities Grant - Up to **\$50,000** (application pending at this time).
- Cuyahoga County Dept. of Development CDBG - Richmond Road/Pettibone Road/Broadway Avenue Alignment - **\$150,000** (application pending at this time).
- Cleveland Indians Grant - **\$5,000**

The total received in grants for 2010 and 2011 is over **\$450,000** with an additional \$200,000 in grant requests under review.

I am happy to report that our businesses are doing well as income tax revenues are coming in as projected by our Finance Department. We will be working closely with our businesses this year to make sure we are doing everything we can to help them be as successful as possible.

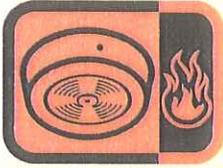
I am also pleased to report that the transition to the Oakwood Fire Department has gone very smoothly. They are responding expeditiously to our calls for assistance and providing excellent service.

Please feel free to stop in Village Hall or give me a call if you have any ideas on projects for our Village. I would like to hear from you.

MARK A. CEGELKA - MAYOR



OAKWOOD VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION FOR SMOKE DETECTORS



Smoke detectors are one of the best safety features you can buy and install. Smoke detectors placed in homes have saved thousands of lives, but several problems exist:

- 12% of homes without detectors have more than one half of the fires
- It is essential that a third of the detectors in place are not working, often due to failure to replace a worn out battery.
- Many homes do not have as many smoke detectors as are needed to protect the occupants properly.

In the interest of promoting safety, the Village of Oakwood's fire chief has a supply of free smoke detectors to every household in the Village of Glenwillow. Please call the Village of Glenwillow at 440-232-8788 to pick up (or we can drop off) your smoke detectors.

LICENSE PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES & TRUCKS



Please remember when renewing your annual license plate or sticker, make sure you state that you live in GLENWILLOW so the Village can receive its portion of the license tax fee. Glenwillow shares a zip code with Solon so many times it is registered incorrectly. The registrar will indicate the community name on your registration if you tell them. There is no increase in tax to you. If Glenwillow does not receive its share, it will go to another community.

RESERVE AT TINKERS CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Meeting Saturday, March 12, 2011

The annual meeting of our Homeowners Association will be held on March 12, 2011. Coffee and pastry will be available at 9:30 AM and the business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and should conclude by 11:15 AM. Please attend so you can meet your neighbors and help us govern our association. There will also be an opportunity to talk with Mayor Mark Cegelka and representatives from the Police and Fire Departments. Recent changes in the fire service mean that Oakwood, rather than Solon, is now our fire service provider. Information will be available regarding this and other Glenwillow Village services. The meeting will be held

at Stratford Commons, 7000 Cochran Road - 2nd floor. The HOA trustees hope to see you there. - Don Banas, Scott Devine & Byron Hopkins; HOA Trustees

LIFELINE PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lifeline, the leading medical alert service provider, has long been committed to helping seniors live independently at home. The standard Lifeline Service provides fast access to highly trained, caring Response Associates at the push of a button, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The pendant-style Help Button automatically places a call for help if a fall is detected and a subscriber is unable to push his or her button because of being disoriented, immobilized, or unconscious.



Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service with AutoAlert Option

Village Council has approved funds to pay for up to 15 residents to use this service (there are 8 spots still available). To start participating in the Lifeline Program, please call Daisy Walker at 440-232-8788.

KNOX BOX

The Village of Oakwood will supply Knox Boxes to residents in the Village of Glenwillow upon request for no charge. The Knox Box is a small, door-mounted safe that holds building and house keys for firefighters and EMTs to retrieve in emergencies. The Fire Department can hold the master key so they can quickly enter a building or house without having to force entry.

Knox Boxes simplify key control for the Fire Department. Each indestructible box features a special high-security lock and key. The lock restricted locking system guards against unauthorized key duplication. A sticker to identify the presence of the Knox Box is placed on 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 at least 65 years of age
- Permanent or temporary medical disability
- Spend all or a substantial majority of day alone at home
- Agree to participate in program
- Sign application and release form
- Participation of eligible residents is at no charge

Non-eligible residents who are under 65 may obtain a Knox Box by paying a \$150.00 refundable deposit to the Oakwood Village Fire Department. The Fire Chief reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any individual who desires to participate in the residential Knox Box Program.

Applications for participation and for more information about the Knox Box Program, please call Village Hall at 440-232-8788.

The Solon Times

H. Kenneth Douthit III, *Publisher*

Commentary

Tough stance on fire pact

According to Solon Fire Chief William J. Shaw, the neighboring Village of Glenwillow, which had a contract with the city for fire services for many years, accounted for 3.5 percent of his department's calls in 2009. Based on the fire department's 2010 budget of \$6.388 million, the village's portion of those costs would run about \$223,580.

A good amount of the Solon department's budget is fixed, including the operation of three fire stations and maintenance of highly specialized, expensive vehicles and equipment, with or without providing service to Glenwillow. Even so, the village's latest contract amount of \$76,272 for 2010 was a mighty good deal, and it was understandable that the city would want a better return on the excellent services it provides.

But based on the longtime relationship between Solon and Glenwillow — including a shared school district and, more importantly, a shared enterprise zone — as well as the income it provided, the wisdom of chasing the village away with a hard-nosed contract demand is questionable.

Glenwillow has opted instead for a 15-year contract with the Village of Oakwood at a base annual fee of \$200,000 with an escalator of 2 percent. It determined that Solon's proposal, which included a per-call fee, in addition to its new base, plus a cancellation clause, would be costlier and less reliable. Unlike Solon, which was motivated by the 1988 enterprise-zone agreement to provide fire and dispatch services to Glenwillow, Oakwood has no incentive to lose money on such a contract. There must have been some negotiating room for Solon to offer a more attractive deal that also would have been in its own best interest.

As it is, the Solon Fire Department's 2011 budget will be missing at minimum the \$80,085 it would have collected from Glenwillow under the old contract and perhaps as much as the \$200,000 that Oakwood will collect this year in the new contract.

With a full-time force of 60 members, a 3.5 percent reduction in calls by the Solon Fire Department would translate into a net loss of two employees. Although the city intends to absorb the costs of maintaining those positions for the time being, some retirements are anticipated.

Despite the past benefits it has received by attracting scores of industries, thousands of jobs and millions of tax dollars through its enterprise-zone agreement with Glenwillow and Oakwood, Solon's leadership has turned its focus toward a penny-pinching future, wherever that might lead.

GLENWILLOW'S SANITARY SEWER SERVICE RATES FOR 2011

Quarterly Customer Service Charge:

\$7.00 charged by the City of Cleveland-Water Portion

\$4.82 charged by the City of Cleveland-Billing Fee



	Bedford Hts Sewer Rate MCF +	Maintenance Charge MCF +	Local Sewer Charge MCF =	TOTAL MCF CHARGE
Residential	44.45	3.24	8.33	56.02
Commercial/ Industrial	46.50	3.24	8.33	58.07

- For the above, the City of Cleveland bills and collects on the quarterly water bill. The \$44.45 MCF and \$46.50 MCF goes to the City of Bedford Heights for sewage treatment (Glenwillow sewer lines are tied in with the city of Bedford Hts. Treatment Plant).
- The \$3.24 MCF goes to the City of Bedford Heights for cleaning and maintenance to sewer lines and pump stations in Glenwillow.
- The \$8.33 MCF goes to the Village of Glenwillow to be put into the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund as a local sewer charge to be used for future sewer improvements.

VILLAGE COUNCIL CORNER

Village Council has been very busy at work in the new year. Here are some highlights of the legislation that was approved:

- Reappointed staff for 2011: Elaine Lowe as Council Clerk, Bob Zahuranec as Street Commissioner, Peggy Spraggins as Grant Consultant, Katherine Holmok of URS as Landscape Architect and Lori Pepera as Mayor's Court Clerk.
- Amended the Fire Code to reflect the change in fire service with Oakwood Village.
- Appointed Glenn Andrews and Laura Bunjevac to the Tax Incentive Review Council.
- Reviewed and adopted the 2011 Budget.
- Authorized the Mayor to enter into a new contract with Lifeline Systems Company for 15 residents to receive the service.
- Approved application for various grants including energy audits and recreation improvements.



2011 INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Just a reminder to all residents that the Village requires mandatory filing of annual income taxes by April 15 of each year. The Village contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to process the income tax collections and reports. Residents who are at least 18 years of age or older and who earned income must file the forms even if the tax has already been paid through payroll deductions. The Village has a 2% income tax rate; however, residents are granted a 100% credit for any income tax that has been paid to another community.

R.I.T.A. provides all the required forms and e-filing along with additional information on their website at www.rita.to. If you have any questions or need assistance with filing the forms, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900. Residents may also call the Finance Department at Village Hall at 440-232-8788 with any questions.

STRATFORD COMMONS – KINDRED HEALTHCARE



Welcome to Stratford Commons-Kindred Healthcare. Kindred's centers have consistently been recognized for providing quality care through both their short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing services.

Their wide array of services enable their patients and residents to receive the medical care they need, the restorative therapy they require, and the support they and their families deserve. Stratford Commons-Kindred Healthcare serves many types of patient and resident needs- from short-term rehabilitation to traditional long-term care. The Stratford Commons – Kindred Healthcare and resident councils meet regularly to ensure that their residents' needs are being met to their satisfaction.



Stratford Commons – Kindred Healthcare works with the patient's physicians, their staff, including medical specialists, nurses, nutritionists, therapists, dietitians and social workers to establish a comprehensive treatment plan intended to restore their patients to their fullest practicable potential.

Stratford Commons – Kindred Healthcare knows that choosing the right center for your healthcare needs can be overwhelming. For a valuable resource in your decision making process for you and your family, please check out their website at www.stratfordcommons.com. In addition, please feel free to call Janet Harst, Executive Director at 440-914-0900 to schedule a tour. Stratford Commons – Kindred Healthcare has been in Glenwillow since October, 2001.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Chief Hagquist, Sgt. Nadette Russo, Sgt. Frank Jodlowski and Lt. Michael Megyesi

Congratulations are in order to three of Glenwillow's Police Officers who were promoted at the Council Meeting on January 19, 2011.

Corporal Nadette Russo was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt. Russo was appointed by former Mayor Donald N. Payne in 1999. She has served as the coordinator of the "Shop With A Cop" program and takes on extra responsibilities to ensure the safety of children. She has received several departmental commendations for service and actions while on duty.

Corporal Frank R. Jodlowski was promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Jodlowski was hired in Glenwillow in 1996. Chief Hagquist stated Sgt. Jodlowski has the dedication, training and experience and has demonstrated the skills necessary for this advancement.

Sergeant/Detective Michael J. Megyesi was promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Megyesi has been with the Glenwillow Police Department since 2000. He has been in law enforcement for over 25 years in various capacities and his experience and leadership has been invaluable for our community.

The Village of Glenwillow is very fortunate to have officers of their caliber as part of our community. We wish them all the best in their promotions!

On February 2, 2011 at the Council Meeting, three Part-Time Police Officers were sworn in: Officers Dan Biada, Victoria Miavitz and Edward Thyret, Jr. All of the Part-Time Officers have been previously employed in the Village of Glenwillow.



RUBBISH SERVICES



Rubbish services are provided by Republic Services of Cleveland. They collect rubbish in the Village on Mondays of each week. If a holiday occurs on a Monday, service will be the next day. Memorial Day (May 30th), Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day (September 5th) are on a Monday; therefore, Tuesday, the day after the holidays, will be the pick-up day. Please place your rubbish near the curb after 5:00 PM on the day before pickup. For larger items, such as sofas and recliners, call Republic Services of Cleveland in advance so they will be prepared to pick up these items at 216-441-6300. Air conditioners, refrigerators and other appliances containing Freon should be removed by a certified technician. The technician will attach a sticker to the appliance acknowledging removal of the Freon. The appliance can then be placed by your front driveway for pickup.

FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Recently enacted legislation will allow the Village to closely monitor vacant and foreclosed properties and to inspect safety issues in properties offered as rental units. The legislation regarding foreclosed structures requires the person or corporation filing a foreclosure involving real property to register the property with the Village and provide information on who will be responsible for maintaining the property during the term of the foreclosure. The rental legislation requires the property owner to have the property inspected annually to assure that the property is a safe living environment. The owner may then obtain a rental license from the Village at a cost of \$100. per rental unit per year. This legislation will make Glenwillow a safer and pleasant place to live. For more information, contact Mike Skvasik at 440-232-4380.



Dominion

Rose Dziak, Manager, Local Government Affairs, is the representative for Dominion. She is the person to contact if you have questions concerning Dominion or any problems or answer questions with respect to billing, property restoration, gas rates, etc.

She is available to talk to senior groups, community meetings or one-on-one to explain gas costs, Dominion procedures and policies. Please feel free to contact Rose Dziak at 216-736-6201 or email her at Rose.P.Dziak@dom.com and she will be happy to accommodate your request.

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Meeting Dates

Council Meeting

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Architectural Review Board

2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm

Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday at 7:30pm

For current information on meetings:

Visit our website at:

www.glenwillow-oh.gov

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

• **Daylight Savings Time** starts on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Turn your clocks forward one hour.

• The Village of Glenwillow will be closed on **Friday, April 22, 2011** in observance of Good Friday.

• The Village of Glenwillow will be closed on **Monday, May 30, 2011** in observance of Memorial Day.

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