

Village of
Glenwillow

Newsletter

Mark A. Cegelka
Office of Mayor

Dear Residents,



Mayor Mark A. Cegelka

This is the time of year we begin planning our budgets for the upcoming year and review all aspects of Village services. Council began this process at its last meeting and will continue to do so through the rest of the year. In an effort to maintain efficiency at the lowest cost and because we have had very little new housing starts in the Village this year and only limited industrial construction, Council approved a contract with Municipal Building Inspections Services of Bedford Heights to provide building inspections and permit services to the Village. The contract, which was piloted this summer, was approved in September, and will provide all services needed by the Village to maintain our certified building department. If you need assistance with any home or building improvements, please contact the Building Department at 440-232-4380 during regular business hours and they will handle your requests. Please note that the Building Department office has been relocated to the small office building to the east of Village Hall at 29625 Pettibone Road.

In anticipation of the coming winter months, the Village has secured road salt in preparation for ice and snow control. Based on our experience last winter, we have purchased additional quantities of salt to help keep our roads clean to the best of our ability.

The Village has completed its 2014 Summer Concert Series and would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped us provide the wonderful music throughout the summer. Our sponsors include: **CO-AX Technology, Inc., Thomas Limousine, Waste Management, Republic Services, Inc., Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., Hoover Heating & Air Conditioning, Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation (Stratford Commons), and Superior Beverage Group.** We hope that everyone enjoyed the concerts and we look forward to another great series next year.

Last month, Village Council approved a grant request to Cuyahoga County Department of Development for funds to build a Fitness Enhancement Trail along the perimeter of the Donald N. Payne Recreation Complex. The trail, just less than 1 mile, will have various fitness stations along the route. If the Village receives the funds, construction will be done in 2015.

The Village has acquired approximately 3 acres of land on Richmond Road near Pergl Road for the purposes of storm water management. Title for the property transferred last month. Plans for storm water intervention are being developed by the Village Engineer.

Halloween will be celebrated in the Village on Friday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please take extra precaution while driving that night.

I am happy to hear from our residents about these and any of our projects. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 440-232-8788.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 GRADUATES

On Aug. 6th, the Village awarded six scholarships to graduating seniors from Solon High School. The money is provided through Glenwillow businesses who participate in a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement Agreement. Each student received \$1,000. This year's students were: *Kamaal Sorrells, Abigail Clayton, Taylor Fox, Ra'shaan Arnold, Adrianna Liggins and Tyler Hopkins.*



Save the Date For the Annual Village Christmas Party December 17, 2014

Due to overwhelming participation, we will be having our party at Superior Beverage on Diamond Parkway. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm. Please plan to join your Village officials, friends and neighbors at our party. Santa will be making a surprise visit, so be sure to bring your camera. More details to follow in November.

Tips for Healthy Lawns and Waterways into the Fall

It is hard to believe that fall is right around the corner. Did you know that if you make preparations now to help cultivate a healthy lawn for next year, you will be helping to reduce the amount of chemicals you need for your lawn in the future? It's true! Follow these water-wise tips below:

Aerate to introduce oxygen and reduce the incidence of thatch in the lawn. Both mechanical (core) and biological (liquid) methods are effective. Compacted soils can act very much like hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, by reducing the ability of water to absorb into the ground. Aerating your lawn and reducing thatch will help reduce stormwater runoff by allowing more water to soak in, while creating a healthier lawn.

Continue mowing high at 3 to 4 inches and compost grass clippings in place. Allowing grass to grow taller helps the roots to grow deeper, which increases infiltration. This reduces stormwater runoff leaving your property and entering local waterways. Also, taller grass can shade out weeds, reducing the need for weed killers which can wash into local waterways during rain events. Composting grass, by letting clippings fall to the ground (not bagging), helps to provide natural nutrients to your lawn. Also note that you should never sweep grass into storm drains, which lead directly to local streams. Make sure to sweep any grass left on driveways and sidewalks back on to the lawn.

Late summer/early fall is a great time to test your soil for nutrients and pH and add appropriate (if any) amendments. This is a good time to send your soil to a testing lab because you will have time to interpret the results and add amendments now, well before spring planting. Often this is also a "slow" time for labs, so your test won't have to stand in line. Knowing what your lawn needs will reduce the amount of chemicals needed to grow a healthy garden and lawn. This means you will have less waste and help reduce the amount of chemicals that reach our waterways.

PREPARING FOR DISASTERS CAN KEEP YOU SAFE

The goal of National Preparedness Month is to educate the public about how to prepare for any and all emergencies, including natural disasters, public health emergencies and terrorist attacks. During a disaster, help may not be available for the first 72-hours after an emergency event. It is important that you and your family know what to do before, during and after a disaster. Make sure to follow four basic preparedness steps:

- **Stay Informed**
- **Build a Kit**
- **Make a Plan**
- **Get Involved**

Stay Informed:

Being prepared means staying informed. Check all types of media, websites, social media, newspapers, radio, TV, mobile and land phones for global, national and local information. During an emergency, your local emergency management office will give you information on such things as open shelters and evacuation orders.

Build a Kit:

- If disaster strikes your community, you may not have access to food, water or electricity for some time. By taking time now to prepare for this, you will be able to provide for your entire family. Even though it is unlikely that an emergency would cut off your food and supplies for two weeks, consider maintaining a supply that will last that long.
- Be sure to have an ample supply of batteries, gasoline and a generator if possible.
- You may not even need to go out and buy foods to prepare for this, you can use canned goods, dry mixes and other items already on your cupboard shelves.
- Having an ample supply of clean water is a top priority in an emergency. A normally active person needs to drink at least a half gallon of water each day. You will also need water for food preparation and hygiene.
- Store at least an additional half gallon per person for this. If you are unable to store this much, store as much as you can. You can reduce the amount of water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool.

Make a Plan:

Make plans with your family in case you're not together during an emergency. Discuss how you'll contact each other, where you'll meet and what you'll do in different situations.

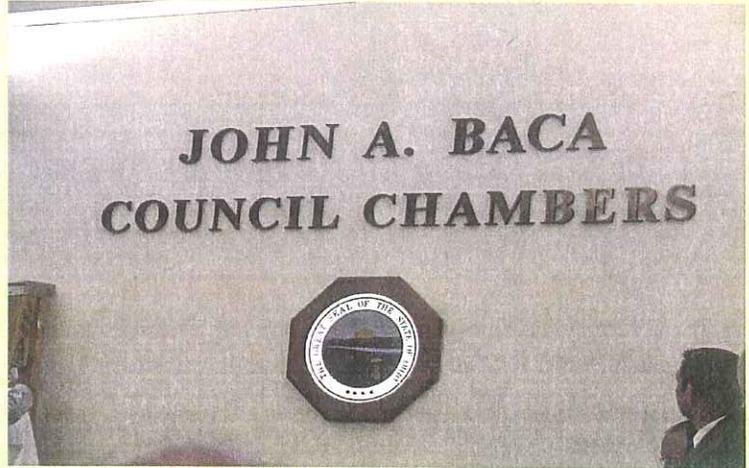
Evacuations are more common than many people realize. Fires and floods cause evacuations most frequently and transportation accidents involving hazardous materials can happen almost anywhere. If you are told to evacuate, have a plan on where to go. Make sure you have several destinations in different directions.

Get Involved:

Look into taking first-aid courses and any emergency response training you see offered to the public and volunteer to support your local community organizations such as the Salvation Army, United Way and the Red Cross. You can also contact the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management to become involved in your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). They can be reached at 216-443-5700.

JOHN A. BACA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Mayor and Village Council held a dedication ceremony on July 2nd naming Council's meeting room the "John A. Baca Council Chambers". John is a long time resident of the Village of Glenwillow. In 1950 he, his parents, and his brother Dennis moved from Maple Heights to live with his grandparents on Pergl Road while their house was being built. In 1953, while in the 5th grade, John met Barb and the two dated throughout high school and married in 1961. In 1969 John built a home for his own family, also on Pergl Road. John and Barb have four children and five grandchildren. In 1966 at the age of 21, John began to serve as a Councilman through 1972, and again from 1984 to the present. John also currently serves as Vice Mayor.



John has always had a deep interest and caring desire for the growth and development for the Village and its residents. Therefore it is only fitting that the Village Council Chambers be named in honor of John A. Baca in appreciation for over 30 years of untiring service, dedication and devotion. Many thanks to John for all he has contributed throughout his years of service.

The Service Department has now added a new 2015 Ford Pick-up Truck to our Service Department's fleet of vehicles.



NOVEMBER 4TH ELECTION DAY VOTING

The Polls Open at 6:30 a.m. and Close at 7:30 p.m. Voting for all Glenwillow residents takes place at Village Hall.



**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION**

Village residents will be asked to consider an amendment to the Village Charter at the election on November 4, 2014. Please review a summary of the amendment below.

Currently, the Village charter requires that all matters be held in meetings open to the public. Since our charter does not allow for any exceptions, there are none. Time to time, it is necessary for Village Council to meet in Executive Session to discuss various matters of importance to the Village in a closed meeting. Some of the matters maybe legal matters with the Village attorney or personnel matters.

The State of Ohio does allow some meetings to be held in closed sessions under certain circumstances if the Council follows a specific procedure. There are only six reasons that a meeting may be closed. They are:

- To discuss personnel matters about a public employee;
- To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes;
- Conference with the Village Attorney on pending or imminent court action;
- Negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees;
- Matters that are to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or state statues.
- Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matter might reveal information that could be used in an unlawful manner.

If Village Council determines it is necessary to go into Executive Session (a closed meeting), they must first be in a regular or special meeting of the Council; move to go into Executive Session and state which reason the closed meeting is needed. The motion must be approved by a majority of the council members present. No formal action can be taken in the Executive Session. Once the Executive Session is over, the Council must reconvene in the regular or special meeting and take any formal action that is needed at that time, if any. The Council may then continue their meeting or adjourn.

The Ballot Language for the proposed charter amendment will read as follows:

“Shall the Charter of the Village of Glenwillow be amended to add Article XV, Section 8 to provide public bodies with the authorization to hold executive sessions for certain specific and limited purposes as provided by State law”.

If you have any question about this proposed charter amendment, please contact any of the Village elected officials:

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

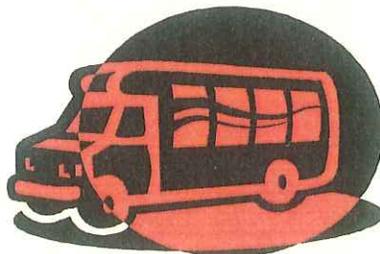
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SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided for Glenwillow seniors who are at least 60 years of age and adults with disabilities by the Senior Transportation Connection. Transportation is available for medical appointments (except following a surgical procedure), routine errands, recreation, religious and social events. For more information or to register, contact the Senior Transportation Connection at 800.983.4782, or Lori at Village Hall at 440.232.8788.

- Transportation is available Monday through Friday with pick-up times from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Travel may be to locations within a 25 miles toward Cuyahoga County, and limited locations in Aurora, Geauga, Lake and Summit Counties.
- Costs are:
 - \$3.00 each way for distances less than ten (10) miles.
 - \$4.00 each way for distances greater than ten (10) miles but less than fifteen (15) miles.
 - \$5.00 each way for distances greater than fifteen (15) miles.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to medical appointments. Reservations must be made prior to 12 noon and at least 72 business hours in advance of your travel date, by calling the Call Center at 800-983-4782 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. An after- hours message line is available for cancellations. Rides can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance. Please have the complete address and phone number of your destination when scheduling your ride.
- Cancellations are required no later than 7 a.m. on the day of the trip.
- Contact the Call Center as soon as possible if you finish your appointment earlier than expected or are aware that you will be later than planned.
- The driver provides door-to-door, elbow to elbow assistance and is not permitted to cross the threshold of the resident's home.
- If assistance is needed, an adult companion may accompany the rider, but must be registered.
- The driver may assist with a limited number (5) of light packages.



COPS CORNER

Halloween Safety Tips for Drivers

Trick-or-Treating will be held on Friday October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Halloween is a fun holiday, but because of increased foot traffic and that Trick-or-Treaters are out at night, the potential for vehicle related accidents with young pedestrians increases four times on this particular night. Streets are literally crawling with all sorts of witches, ghosts, goblins and vampires. This makes for added responsibility for drivers to make sure that they drive safer than normal. Follow these safety tips for Halloween night.



- Don't use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving.
- Pay extra attention, particularly to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road.
- Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas. This will allow you time to break if you see a child dart in front of you.
- Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway, they could be dropping off children.
- Instruct your child to never get into a car of a stranger.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight or glow stick to make them more visible to cars.

Glenwillow police officers will be giving special attention to our residential streets on Halloween night. Officers will also be handing out special treat bags for kids!

Personal Safety

Crime can happen to anyone, from any economic class or cultural background. And it can happen anywhere, even in places that seem safe. There's a lot you can do to protect yourself from crime. In general, you should:

- Trust your instincts. If people or situations seem wrong or potentially dangerous, they probably are.
- Avoid dangerous situations. Use your best judgment about where you go and what you do.
- Go out in public with another person, when possible.
- Work with law enforcement by reporting crimes or suspicious people, cars or situations.

Stay Safe When Using Social Media

- Don't share personal information. For example, when using social media, do not post your phone number, address, the name of your school or workplace, photos of your home or updates about where you are right now.
- Review the privacy and security settings for each site you use. These may limit who can see your posts, profile information, and photos.
- Only "friend" people you know. People online aren't always who they say they are. If possible, verify the identity of a new contact through someone you both know.



Winter Pet Safety Tips

- Never leave pets outside when the temperature drops below freezing. Do not keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time.
- Pets that spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes their energy.
- Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's paws and may be harmful if ingested.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it's sweet taste attracts animals and children.

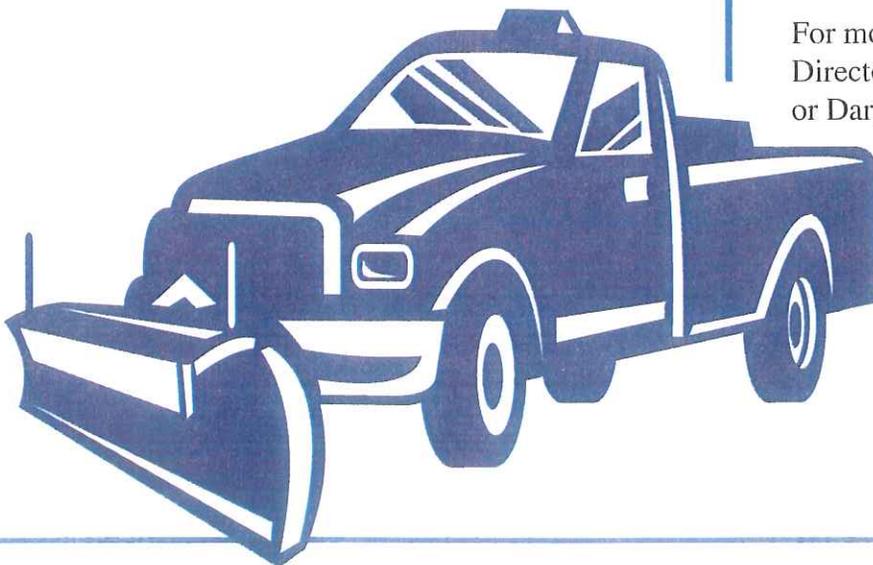
Reminder

There is **NO PARKING** on any residential street here in the Village. With winter coming, our Service Department will be plowing our Village streets and need them cleared of all vehicles. If you are having a party, special event or visitors, please contact the Police Department for parking permission. When 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 makes it difficult for emergency vehicles and school buses to get through safely. The Village Parking Ordinance also prohibits parked cars to obstruct the sidewalk while parked in a driveway. Please be mindful of pedestrians while parking your car.



SENIOR SNOWPLOWING PROGRAM

Snow plow applications were sent to everyone on last year's senior snowplowing list. If you would like to be added to the list or have any questions please contact Lori at 440-232-8788. The application deadline is November 1, 2014.



FALL BRANCH CHIPPING October 20, 2014

The Village will be offering a **FREE** curbside branch chipping collection to residents through Empire Tree Service on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**.

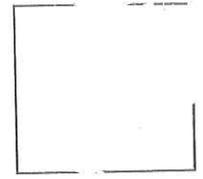
Please have your tree trimming set out no later than 8:00 am on Monday morning. If the collection is not completed on Monday, pick-up will resume on Tuesday.

REQUIREMENTS

- No Stumps
- No Roots
- No Foreign Matter
- Nothing Larger than 7" in diameter
- Cut "Y" shaped branches in Two
- No Firewood – No Logs less than 4 feet long
- Separate small from large branches
- Place "cut ends" of branches towards the road

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

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FUTURE MEETING DATES:

ARB & Planning Commission:

October 8th 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm
November 12th 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm
December 10th 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Council Meetings:

October 15th-7:30 pm
November 5th-7:30 pm; November 19th -7:30 pm
December 3rd-7:30 pm; December 17th -7:30 pm

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A&S Animal Control

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, call the Glenwillow Police
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AFTER HOURS, for emergencies only, call the Solon Police
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