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*Honoring the Past -
Welcoming the Future*

Residents:

Happy New Year to you and your family! With the holidays behind us, my staff and I are working on making 2016 a great year. We are working on many projects and plans for our Village that will make us the best community to live and work. Before I tell you about some of these plans, I would like to give you a brief update on Village officials.



At the January 6th Council meeting, Bedford Municipal Court Judge Brian Melling administered the oath of office to the Council members who were all re-elected in November. Council member Eric Johnson, was elected Vice-Mayor for the year as well as Council's representative to the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board. A list of all the council members and their contact information can be found in the green box to the left of this letter. Feel free to contact them for assistance or information. At the same meeting, I am happy to announce that Council continued the employment of several key staff positions for 2016. The following staff were re-appointed:

- Lori Pepera as Clerk of Council;
- Peggy Spraggins as Economic Development Director;
- Mike Henry of Chagrin Valley Engineering as Village Engineer;

These individuals will continue to work with our entire team to provide the best services possible to our community.

As mentioned, some of our plans for 2016 will include several projects to enhance our Village with improvements to the intersection of Cochran and Pettibone Roads; improvements to the railroad crossing on Cochran Road; and completion of the fiber optic cable in the industrial areas of the Village. Another important project that will be completed in spring is the update to the Zoning and Building Code of the Village. This document is the "guidebook" for future development in our community and it is very important that we cover all aspects for our businesses and residents. The Village hired CT Consultants from Mentor, Ohio as our consultant to work with staff to ensure that we make the needed amendments to our code. Council will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendments on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm. We would like to hear your comments on this document. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

My staff and I are happy to help you with any issues or concerns you might have. Please feel free to contact us for assistance.

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor

Local Income Tax-filing Deadline - April 15, 2016

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 15, 2016. For more information about our income tax, please contact R.I.T.A. at 440-526-0900 or at www.ritaohio.org.

Council News

Council members were sworn in for their new terms of office on January 6, 2016, by Bedford Municipal Court Judge Brian Melling. Each council member was elected in November and will serve a two-year term through December 31, 2017.

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

For 2016, Council Committees are:

Budget/Finance: Eric Johnson, Chair; Don Banas, and Jeff Adie.

Personnel: Jeff Adie, Chair; Don Banas and Barb DiBacco.

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

Infrastructure/Capital Improvements: Don Banas, Chair; Eric Johnson and Larry Sylver.

Building/Housing: Gurvis Smith, Chair; Larry Sylver and Eric Johnson.

Recreation: Larry Sylver, Chair; Barb DiBacco and Gurvis Smith.

Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Check the website for meeting updates.



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 12th. Plans have also begun for the Annual Classic Car Show, to be held July 17th, and the Community-Wide Garage Sale to be held August 20th. More details and the full schedule will be posted on our website and will be in the next newsletter.

Income Tax Service Available

It is that time of year again to prepare and submit your Federal Income taxes before the April 18th deadline. AARP Senior Tax Preparation is available to assist you now through April 18th. 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.

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 special programs were completed in "2015"

- 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



Parking Reminder

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 Dept. for parking permission.



Senior Watch Program

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

Eligibility Requirements:

- Residents age 65 or older who lives alone, with no family close.
- Residents 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 charged for this program. Please contact Sgt. Nadette Russo at 440-232-8787 ext. 109 to set up a home meeting.

Senior Watch Program



Watching Out For You

Zoning and Building Code Update

Village Council, staff and CT Consultants from Mentor, Ohio, are working on an update and reorganization of the Village's Planning and Zoning Code and Building Code. This process started in April of 2015 and will conclude this Spring. The need for this update and reorganization was suggested to Village Council by our Law Director, David J. Matty.

Council will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:30pm to discuss the proposed updates to the Planning and Zoning Code and Building Code.

A copy of the proposed amendments can be found on the Village's website at www.glenwillow-oh.gov or by requesting a copy at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Birthday Celebrations

Mayor Cegelka recently helped two residents of Stratford Commons celebrate special birthdays. Happy Birthday to Clara Malanowski who turned 105 years old on November 28th and to George Eckles who turned 100 years old on December 22nd. Congratulations to both as we wish you continued happiness and health.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

February

Consider reducing the size of your lawn. Start planning to add a rain garden, wild flower meadow, vegetable garden or outdoor entertaining area.

Fall in love with your lawn!

Start planning for spring by visiting home and garden shows, great places to look into new products and news ideas.

DID YOU KNOW?

For every 3 inches of snow the soil temperature goes up 1 degree. More snow leads to warmer soils and an earlier planting season.

March



Spring Mower Maintenance Checklist

- Sharpen mower blades
- Check filters and replace if necessary
- Clean spark plugs and replace if necessary
- Clean the deck
- Set the blades at 3 or 4 inches

MOWING MARCH MADNESS

- Get your lawn mower ready for the busy season ahead (see checklist above).
- Every 3 years, soil test in Spring (or late Fall) to determine what nutrients need to be added to the soil. Testing saves money, time and prevents over application of nutrients.
- Lightly rake the lawn to remove compacted grass and snow mold caused by excess moisture.
- Start a compost pile with the first grass clippings of the season. Subsequent clippings should be left on the lawn as nature's fertilizer.



DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show mowing your lawn to a height of 4 inches prevents crabgrass as effectively as a chemical herbicide.

Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week

Don't Let March Winds and April Showers Leave You Unprepared

March 20-26 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, and the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management urges everyone to be prepared for severe weather. Here are important severe-weather safety facts and tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

Tornadoes

Tornadoes cause an average of 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries per year in the United States. They can produce wind speeds in excess of 200 mph, and can be as large as 1 mile wide and stay on the ground for 50 miles. Tornado Watch: Be Prepared! Tornado Warning: Take Action!

Know your community's warning system and how to pick a 'safe room' (Ex: basement, storm cellar or interior room on the lowest floor with no windows). Before bad weather occurs, prepare for strong winds: remove diseased and damaged limbs from trees; secure lawn furniture, trash cans, and hanging installations that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.

Most importantly, know the tornado danger signs — dark, often greenish clouds, a wall cloud, cloud of debris, large hail, a funnel cloud or a roaring noise.

Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms can occur frequently in the spring and summer and can include high winds of over 125 miles per hour. Hail can also occur and can range from pea-sized to larger than a softball. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, and lightning results in an average of 55-60 deaths and 300 injuries per year in the United States. More than 80% of lightning fatality victims are male, typically between the ages of 15 and 40. The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months. Remember, if thunder roars, go indoors. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

Watch for storm signs: darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing winds. Always take shelter in a building or a vehicle with the windows and doors closed securely. Do not take a bath, shower or use plumbing during a thunderstorm. Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

Flooding

Flash flooding is the number one weather-related cause of death, resulting in an average of 90 deaths per year in the United States. Flash floods can occur suddenly. Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice and head for higher ground when a flood warning is issued.

Remember the mantra — **Turn Around — Don't Drown!** Do not attempt to move through flood waters. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off of your feet. Most vehicles, including SUV's and pickups, can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water. If you are caught on a flooded road, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground.

Family Emergency Plan

6 Assemble a disaster supplies kit with items you may need in case of an evacuation or if you need to shelter-in-place. A complete list of items can be found at ready.cuyahogacounty.us.

Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week Continued

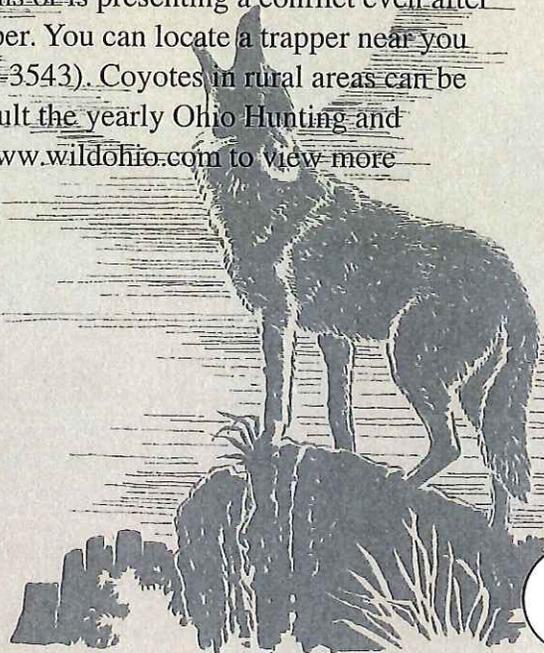
Meet with your family to create a plan. Select emergency phone numbers and meet-up locations: a spot outside your home and a location away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

Practice your plan. Install safety features in your house, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Inspect your home for potential hazards and items that can fall, break, or catch fire. Learn CPR and first aid; how to use a fire extinguisher; and how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.

For more information on severe weather safety, visit the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management's web site at ready.cuyahogacounty.us or contact the Office of Emergency Management at 216-443-5700 or at ema@cuyahogacounty.us.

A Coyote is in your backyard. What should you do?

1. Coyotes are common throughout Ohio's 88 counties in both rural and urban settings. There are no wild wolves living in Ohio.
2. Identify that the canine is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. If you determine that the animal is a stray dog, contact your county dog warden.
3. If you do have a coyote on your property, remove all "attractants" to possibly deter the coyote from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around the grill. Coyotes prey primarily on small mammals such as rabbits and mice. Small pets may also be taken. Keep small dogs and cats inside or stay with them at night when coyotes are most active. Coyotes are curious, but generally fearful of humans. Clap your hands and shout to scare off coyotes that are investigating your yard.
4. If the coyote visiting your yard seems to lack a fear of humans or is presenting a conflict even after removing attractants from your yard, contact a nuisance trapper. You can locate a trapper near you by calling the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543). Coyotes in rural areas can be controlled through legal hunting and trapping methods. Consult the yearly Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for more information. Go to www.wildohio.com to view more information online.



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 the Village is 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. \$250.00 per year will be awarded to students who have graduated from High School while living in Glenwillow for at least one 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.

Building Department News

The Building Department issued 99 permits in 2015 with a construction value of just over eight million dollars. Significant projects for the year include the occupancy of a new 15,000 square foot office/warehouse facility housing Swagelok Abbott Valve on Diamond Parkway; A natural gas fueling conversion project at the Waste Management facility on Richmond Road and most recently the issuance of permits for a 40,000 square foot office/warehouse on Victory Parkway which will be the new home for the Fastener Tool Supply. The Building Department transitioned from an outsourced building department management service to an employee based department in late September. Hours of operation, applications and forms can be found on the Village website.

Thank you to all who attended

Thank you to all who attended the Village's Annual Christmas Party held December 16th 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 the Solon High School Orchestra, great food catered by the Glenwillow Grille and a surprise visit from Santa Claus. A special thanks goes to Culinary Chef Kurt Mays and Executive Director Amanda Eberhart from Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation-Stratford Commons for the delicious chili, and to Superior Beverage for use of their facility. Plans are already underway to make 2016 even better!



A Special Thank You

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A special thanks to all the residents and employees of Kindred Health Care-Stratford Commons and TTI Floorcare for participating in the Annual Food Drive. There was enough food and toys collected to help 7 families in need in the Village.

Protect Your Home

Stop pipes and meters from freezing before the cold winter weather strikes

A message from Cleveland Water

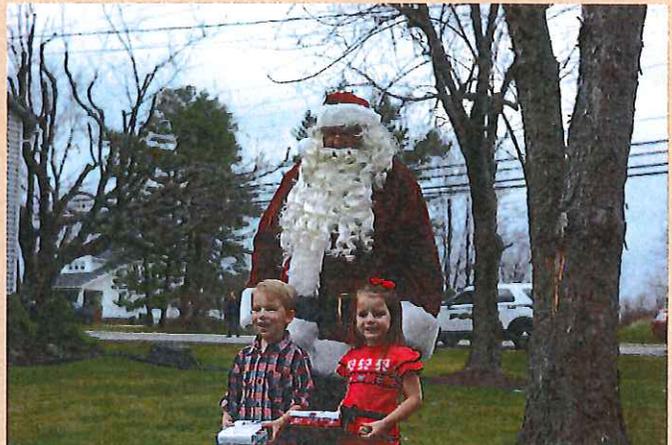
With winter upon us, take these simple steps to keep your water pipes from freezing when temperatures drop:

- **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.** Detaching the hose allows water to drain from the pipe. Otherwise, a single hard, overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.
- **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas.** If you have pipes in an unheated garage or a cold crawl space, wrap the water pipes before temperatures decline. Hardware or building supply stores will have wrapping materials available.
- **Seal off doors, air vents and cracks.** Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. Do not plug air vents that your furnace or water heater need for good combustion.
- **Leave a pencil-lead-thin stream of water flowing during really cold weather.** During the worst of a cold spell, allow a small flow of water to run from the faucet that is furthest from your meter. Water flowing throughout the pipes in your home continuously can help prevent faucets or water pipes from freezing.



Special Delivery

Santa made his way through Glenwillow on the Oakwood fire truck on December 12th to make a surprise visit. He stopped at more than 25 homes and delivered more than 60 gifts to children throughout the Village. Thank you to all who participated and to the Oakwood Fire Department for help making this special event possible.



COPS CORNER

SHOP WITH A COP "2015" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Glenwillow Police Department, along with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #67, would like to sincerely thank all of the wonderful people who helped donate to this special event. With your generous support, our police department was able to sponsor three children and purchase additional gifts and necessities for several other children in our Village. Our goal was to bring cheer into the Holiday Season for everyone involved. With all of our combined efforts, we truly succeeded.

SPECIAL thanks go out to:



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The Law Office of Stephen W. Wolf, LLC
WolfsLaw.com

Michael Henry, Chagrin Valley Engineering

Euclid Car Company

Cleveland Metroparks

The Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing the deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. A portion of South Chagrin Reservation is within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Glenwillow, and a deer herd reduction is planned for this reservation. From 12 Noon to as late as Midnight, on several days during the period of mid-January through mid-March, the main body of South Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public. The safety protocol that has been successfully utilized by Cleveland Metroparks from the beginning of the program will continue. Safety remains the number one goal of the natural resource management team and the highly skilled and trained marksmen. The police department will be notified prior to the initiation of management. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program. All shots will be fired from elevated trucks or tree-mounted platforms using noise-suppressed rifles. In addition to the posted closure signs, all residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the program. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to insure that the deer management program is safe, humane and effective. If you have any questions, please call 216-635-3295.



FREE Mulch Program

Once again Republic Services, the Village's waste hauler, will be generously donating free mulch for residents' yards this spring. The mulch will be available in May. Each resident will receive up to 1 ½ yards of mulch to spread in landscaped areas of their yard. To reserve your mulch please call Lori at: 440-232-8788 or email lpepera@glenwillow-oh.gov

Community Garden

The Village has developed a Community Garden for residents who would like to plant a vegetable garden over the spring and summer at 28555 Pettibone Road. 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. If you are interested in more information about participating in a Community Garden, please call Lori at Village Hall at 440-232-8788.

FREE Curbside Branch Chipping

SPRING BRANCH CHIPPING – MAY 16, 2016

The Village will be offering **FREE** curbside branch chipping collection to residents through Empire Tree Service on **MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**.

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 branched 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.

Take action and be prepared with Village of Glenwillow's CodeRED Emergency Notification System



Now is the time to ensure you are enrolled to receive critical CodeRED emergency messages from The Village of Glenwillow during September's National Preparedness Month. Notifications are provided at no cost for all Village residents. Village of Glenwillow officials will send out CodeRED alerts related to any potential storm activity, evacuations and shelter locations making it an essential preparedness tool to stay safe.

Those who have already enrolled to receive CodeRED alerts but have recently moved or changed telephone numbers are encouraged to visit the Village website at www.glenwillow-oh.gov and click on the CodeRED logo to update their contact information.

We need to be able to reach our community in case of emergency. Be proactive and make sure we have your contact information in the CodeRED database so you can keep yourself, your family and your property protected in case of a real emergency.

During enrollment, citizens may customize if they would like to receive general alerts in addition to emergency alerts and how they would like to receive them. Citizens are encouraged to save the telephone number 866-419-5000 in the telephone's contacts to easily identify when a CodeRED emergency alert is being delivered.

Those without internet access may call Village Hall at 440-232-8788 to subscribe to receive CodeRED messages by supplying their information over the phone.

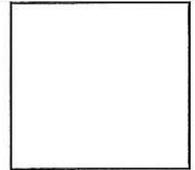
Our number one priority has always been to keep our citizens safe. The only way to do that is to get them better prepared and the best way to be prepared is to be informed using the CodeRED system.

Citizens are also encouraged to download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app to receive free location-specific emergency, general and missing person notifications sent by public safety officials as they travel to other CodeRED communities that represent all 50 states and Canada. Visit iTunes or Google Play to download the app.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Village Council Meetings
All meetings start at 7:30 pm

February 17th • March 2nd
March 16th • April 6th • April 20th
May 4th • May 18th

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

February 10th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th

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