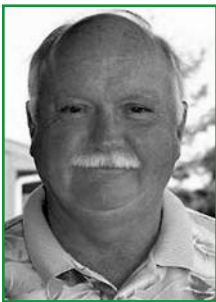


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## Mayor's Report

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### Introducing Your Glendale Public Officials

As you will see, this newsletter highlights your Council members. I'm sure that they do not need introductions, but they put in many hours of hard work to make things happen in the Village and deserve recognition for a job well done.

The design work on the new and improved Village Square is progressing nicely. There was a Town Hall meeting that was well attended on August 20 to review the plan. If you were unable to attend, give Wally or any Council member a call or stop into the Village offices and Wally will be happy to give you an update. Work should start in January or February of next year. Along with the planned updates, we are considering burying the power cables on the Square. In addition, we are submitting a grant request to the State to upscale the parking lot on the east side of the railroad tracks and improve the entrance from Sharon Avenue.

We are also working on finding a use for the Eckstein school (we are still waiting for Princeton to vacate before closing), repairing streets and sidewalks, developing a recycling plan for the Village, upgrading our water plant, excited about a revitalized chamber of commerce, investigating improved signage for the Village, and exploring other projects to enhance the livability for all of us.

We will keep you informed.

## Suggestions & Feedback Welcome!

We value your opinion and ask for your feedback on how we are doing and what we can do to better serve you.

Please send your comments to our Administrator Wally:  
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or the Administrative Assistant Phyllis: [pdepeel@glendaleohio.org](mailto:pdepeel@glendaleohio.org)

Of course you can also call the Village Office (771-7200) or stop by... we have an open door policy and no appointment is necessary. All comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the Mayor and appropriate Council Committee. Thank you!

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## Introducing Your Glendale Public Officials



**DEBBIE GRUENINGER** - Vice Mayor

I have lived in Glendale since 1982 when our family purchased and lovingly restored a pre-Civil War home built in 1858. Until his death in 2008, my husband, Stan, and I were married for 28 fun, wonderful years; 26 of those in Glendale where we met many new friends and volunteered in numerous organizations. Todd and Spencer, Stan's two sons, lived with us and graduated from Princeton High School. We raised our granddaughter, Sara, who also attended Princeton. In addition to Todd and Spencer, I am the proud step-mother of his daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I graduated summa cum laude from the University of Cincinnati with degrees in Management and Marketing and received my Masters and Licensure in Special Education from Xavier University. Currently, I am an intervention specialist for second grade students at Winton Woods Primary North in nearby Greenhills. I serve on the Building Leadership Team and in 2008-09 assisted in writing our Ohio School Improvement Plan.

Over the past eleven years, I have served residents on council. I have been Vice Mayor of the Village for the past two years. As an elected official, residents place their faith in me to make wise choices and exercise fiduciary responsibility in management of village assets. During my eleven years on council, I have only missed one council meeting (due to emergency surgery on my husband). It is very important to be knowledgeable about issues and I attend Glendale Planning Commission and numerous monthly Council Committee meetings. Currently I chair the Police Committee and last year worked with Chief Warman in establishing the Glendale Adopt-A-Family program for families in need that live in Glendale. Over twenty families along with the boy scouts adopted and provided gifts for ten families at Christmas. Working with friends, we've continued over the year to raise resources for the Police to help families when needed. We also re-established the position of Sergeant and promoted Craig Walsh to this position. I also serve on Utilities, Streets and Finance Committees. We have had a busy year on Council as we continued supporting our growing and successful Fire Department, including creation of a First Responder program and terminating our contract with Woodlawn Fire Department for fire support; refining plans to revitalize the village square through grant revenues; acquiring Eckstein School for future use; completing the Waste Water Treatment Plant and updating the Water Treatment Plant. My pledge to all residents is to have a process that is fair, transparent and participatory.



**MONICA ALLES-WHITE** - Councilwoman

I have been a resident of Glendale for the past 17 years with my husband Dr. Michael White and our two children Christopher (23) and Dana (20). We have been members of St. Gabriel's Parish for 25 years where I've served as Eucharistic Minister for the past 20 years. Glendale residents elected me to serve on village council back in January 1998. I have served the village faithfully for the past 12 years.

I like to be well informed before making decisions for the village residents; that is why I attend all village committee meetings regardless of my committee assignment. I am the Fire Committee chairperson for the past two years, as we rebuild our Glendale Fire Department (GFD). Under the strong leadership of our Fire Chief David Moore, I am pleased to announce that we have over 40 active fire fighters that volunteer for GFD! We average eight fire fighters for each run and haven't missed a run since October, 2008.

Unfortunately, our 1980 fire engine can no longer be used as a backup fire apparatus- only as a transportation vehicle. The Chief and Fire committee members are currently investigating options around securing a second fire apparatus.

The other projects that I am currently working on are:

- Overseeing Village Square Improvements.
- Promoting Gas/Electric Aggregations
- Investigating Eckstein Building Developments



**WILLIAM ARONSTEIN, M.D., PH.D - *Councilman***

After retiring in 1999 from academic clinical medicine at the Emory Clinic in Atlanta, Mrs. Aronstein and I moved to the Cincinnati area when I joined the research and development organization of Procter and Gamble Pharmaceuticals. We were very fortunate to discover the unique community of Glendale. Following the atrocities of September Eleventh, I wanted to do something to serve and protect our great Country, and when the opportunity arose, I applied to Council to complete the term of Clerk Treasurer that had been successively held by Joe Hubbard, Randy Stolt, and the late Dr. Bob Boggs. After one year, I was elected to a full term, which I held until appointed to fill a vacancy on Council. As Clerk Treasurer and subsequently Chairman of the Finance Committee, it has been my privilege to oversee the day to day and year to year financial operations of the Village Government. The Village of Glendale's finances are sound, and the daily financial operations of the Village are transparent and efficient.

Our Administration and Staff continue to provide the residents with excellent services, and do it within a tightly managed budget. We balance our budget every year, and while controlling spending, we have over the past few years managed our finances to increase Police staffing levels, revive the Fire Department, support athletic and cultural activities in the Village, and cope with emergencies that have ranged from broken water mains to a major and highly unusual "dry hurricane." We were also ordered to comply with the Ohio EPA requirements for a new waste water treatment plant and water plant. As Chairman of the Laws, Claims, and Miscellaneous Committee, I strive to maintain a fair balance between perceived needs for new or modified ordinances to protect the health, safety, and character of the Village on the one hand, with the right of our residents to be free from intrusive legislation, on the other hand. I try never to forget that heroic, patriotic men and women in uniform are even now defending our Country, our freedom, and our way of life from enemies around the world; those of us at home should strive to keep our Country and our communities worth fighting for. I try to do that by exercising common sense, reasonableness, and good judgment when considering all of the major and minor matters that concern our Village.

**ALAN HOEWELER - *Councilman***

Greetings, I'm Alan Hoeweler and I am one of your six Council representatives. I live with my wife, Arlene, on Greenville Avenue and I have raised a family and managed over 17 businesses these past 23 years. I believe in running Glendale as I run my business operations and I am open to your suggestions, concerns and opinions. I am chairman of the Utility Committee and I represent you in proving exceptional water and wastewater services as a non-profit enterprise. With the 2006 increase in utility rates, we have completed the long awaited (and mandated) improvements to our wastewater treatment plant and are in the beginning of the water treatment plant renovation. We can expect a modest increase in the sewage rates (apx. 3.2%) in 2010 with no increase in water rates. This sewage rate increase will be the first since 2006 and, as always, is necessary to maintain our break-even status as a non-profit utility enterprise. Please contact me at 771-7200 or email me at [hoeweler@glendaleohio.org](mailto:hoeweler@glendaleohio.org) whenever convenient for you.



**RALPH HOOP** - *Councilman*



Since I was elected in 2007, I have been serving as Council chair of the Public Buildings and Recreation Committees. The Public Buildings Committee has held two meetings recently to identify new uses for the shuttered Eckstein School on Washington Avenue. The Princeton

School District recently put the Eckstein property up for public auction, and Glendale was the successful bidder.

For the first half of the 1900s, Eckstein was operated as a separate school for Glendale's African American elementary students. When Glendale schools merged with the Princeton system in the 1950s, Eckstein was closed and has been used only for minor activities and storage for the last 50 years. The Village did not have a specific plan for the Eckstein property when it placed its bid, but wanted to be in the position to work with Village residents to determine a future use for the property that will best benefit our community. Two public meetings about Eckstein have been conducted so far, and minutes from these meetings are posted on the Village web site. Council hopes to make a decision on Eckstein development by end of the year.

As chair of the Recreation Committee I serve as the liaison between the Village and three of Glendale's major community organizations: Glendale Heritage Preservation, Glendale Youth Sports and Harry Whiting Brown. I attend virtually all of the board meetings of these organizations and update these groups about significant events in the Village that will affect them and bring back to the Mayor and Council any questions or concerns from these groups.

As a result of dialog with GYS, the Village is strongly considering replacing the public restrooms at Washington and Summit parks. The restrooms at these recreational parks are old and deteriorated, and these are the main parks used by GYS for intramural sports. Improving these park facilities is one step the Village could take to make Glendale an even more appealing community for young families.

**CHARLES EHLERS, ESQ.** - *Clerk Treasurer*

Glendale was prepared for this "Rainy Day". As many other governments are cutting services, laying off employees, and searching for the proverbial goose that will lay the golden egg (or a flock of such geese), Glendale continues to provide the quality of life that residents should expect from their local government. Our Village has a strong history of a strong balance sheet, efficient operations, and strong leadership, which continues today.

As your clerk treasurer, I have been committed to maintaining a fiscally conservative approach to our Village finances. For example, as many of you may know, Glendale received a large sum from inheritance taxes, and we are assessing the Village's capital needs. Strategies Council and I are deploying include giving priority to those projects in which we can leverage the Village funds through matching grants from other revenue sources and taking advantage of the lower construction costs we are now seeing due to the depressed economy by completing projects today that would have cost 25% more two years ago and will likely cost 25% more when the economy recovers. One of the most enjoyable privileges of serving as clerk treasurer has been the opportunity to further connect with the people and families of Glendale.

Our family of five (my wife, Bobbie Jo, and I and our children Hayden, 5, Rebekah, 5, and Max, 3) is pleased to call Glendale our home. We are especially delighted by the services and programs offered in the community, such as Glendale Youth Sports and HWB activities. It is the residents' commitment to the community and willingness to get involved that gives Glendale a real sense of community that is so difficult to find anymore. Thank you for being a part of the Glendale community, and I look forward to continuing to serve.



**JENNY KILGORE, PH.D** - *Councilwoman*

I live on Chester Road with Tim, my husband of 34 years, in what was the farmer's cottage on the Oaks Estate. We moved to Glendale in 1984, choosing this village as the family friendly community where we wanted to raise our daughter, Erin, and son, Brian. Both Erin and Brian are grown, both graduated from West Point and were commissioned officers in the United States Army. Tim, an architect, served for 11 years as a member of our Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission, as well as has worked with many residents as they planned additions or renovations on their homes. In the late 1980s he had his office on the square where the Blue Bird Bakery is currently located.



While raising two wonderful children I earned a M. Ed. in Gifted Education at Xavier University and a Ph. D. in Educational Leadership at Miami University. I have taught at Landmark Christian School, Southern Ohio College, and currently at Miami University, and Indiana Wesleyan University and the College of Mount St. Joseph in their Masters of Education Programs. I volunteer locally as an admissions representation for the United States Military Academy at West Point and as one of your elected Village council members.

I represent the residents of Glendale, my neighbors, and have done so since 2004 when first elected to Glendale Council; currently sitting on the Finance, Police, and Utilities Committees, and chair the Streets and Public Improvements Committee. Within the Village I represent the its interests by regularly attending and positively participating in:

- the Village of Glendale Council and committee meetings
- the Glendale Chamber of Commerce as council liaison
- the newly formed Mayor's Economic Development Committee.

As important to the quality of life within our Village is the impact of decisions made by other municipalities and organizations; I was invited to become a member and to represent the village's interests by attending and participating in:

- the Executive Board of First Suburbs Consortium, Southwest Ohio
- the Executive Board of Hamilton County Municipal League

I also represent the village's interests by attending and participating in:

- the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
- the Hamilton County Watershed

Being on council has provided the opportunity to interact with the many gracious and giving members of our community who share their talents to further improve what is already a wonderful community in which to live and raise a family. I respect resident concerns, emphasize fiscal responsibility, and encourage resident active participation and positive contributions in determining Glendale's future. I apply my strong sense of ethics and common sense when making decisions, public and private. Please contact me (771-7200 or [kilgore@glendaleohio.org](mailto:kilgore@glendaleohio.org)) at any time that you have a question, concern, or suggestion.

**MICHAEL HONERLAW, ESQ.**  
- *Solicitor*

Mike Honerlaw is the Village Solicitor. He advises and reviews all legal matters that pertain to the Village. He works closely with the Mayor, Administrator and Council to assure that the Village's interests are well protected. He attends all Council meetings as well as a variety of committee meetings and advises Council members on their legal duties and obligations.

When not attending to Village legal business, Mike practices law with his brother Joe at Honerlaw & Honerlaw on Winton Road in Finneytown. He and his wife, Joan Verchot, also a lawyer, have lived on Willow Avenue for 12 years with their two children, Jane and John.



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## Administrator's Project Updates

### Streets and Sidewalks 2009

Each year all of the streets are assessed and those needing the most attention are given a priority. With a budget of just under \$100K per year, it is quite a challenge to keep all of our streets in good repair. Many of you will see spot repairs and patches on your streets. Once repairs are done, we make every effort to then coat the streets for a uniform look... this year we hope to do both to at least two streets in very poor condition. Please see the Council Committee Reports for a list of the streets for 2009.

All of our sidewalks are again being inspected for repairs and branches that obstruct them. We intend to make the repairs and pay for them with Village funds, as we did the last three years. We ask that you keep them clear of dirt, debris, branches and vegetation at all times so that no pedestrian is injured.

### Village Square Grant \$416,160

As you are likely aware, Glendale has held several public meetings to gather input and feedback on our plans to streetscape the Village Square. These improvements include; new sidewalks, café style eating areas on the sidewalk system, new curbs, paving, new trees with expandable cast iron grates, new benches, trash cans, new lights, an electrical system to support holiday events, two drinking fountains with dog features, and more. The last feedback meeting was held on August 20 and the final design plans will soon be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council. Once final plans are approved, the engineer will complete the plans, go to bid and turn the project over to ODOT to commence. Work will likely take place late this year after the holiday season, with minimal impact to residents and merchants being our intention.

### Municipal Parking Grant \$250,000

A grant application has been written to the Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Council, as well as the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to consider financing the expansion and design of the municipal parking lot across from the Village Square. The concepts included; adding a more prominent entrance/exit onto Sharon Avenue with attractive signage, adding landscaping with tree island among the parking spots, improving the entrance/exit.

### Recycling Survey

You have probably heard that we are currently asking the residents to fill out a short survey on their recycling habits as well as their views on recycling in general. Over one quarter of all residents have responded so far, but we need more participation to truly gauge the residents' position on this matter. You may wonder why we are interested in this information. Glendale currently recycles a little over 8% of our total waste, whereas Madiera recycles over 30%, Wyoming over 25% and Blue Ash over 24%. Why do these other communities recycle at least three times as much as Glendale? There is an explanation. All of these communities have recycling pick-up at their residence while Glendale residents only have a drop-off site on Sharon Road.

Recognizing the importance of recycling, a "Green" committee was formed by Mayor Hubbard in June to develop a long term recycling plan for the Village. Several strategies are being evaluated including the possibility of implementing a curbside recycling program. A key part of developing a long term plan is to gather feedback from the residents of Glendale. The survey is posted on the Glendale web site at [www.glendaleohio.org](http://www.glendaleohio.org). Printed copies of the survey are also available at the Village Office. Please take a couple of minutes and let us know what you think. We're counting on your help!

### Glendale Contracts With Economic Development Consultant

In June we contracted with the Hamilton County Economic Development Office (HCDC) for a one year period. There are many ways HCDC can help us, including: assisting the Glendale Chamber of Commerce in their restructuring, guiding and assisting individual business owners in obtaining business loans, being a resource for our businesses, attracting new businesses to Glendale, helping us to develop the land along the expressway with a desirable and compatible development, and much more. Catherine Fitzgerald is our primary contact person and has asked that you contact her if you have any business suggestions that she can work on. She can be reached at [cfitzgerald@hcdc.com](mailto:cfitzgerald@hcdc.com) or 631-8292.

## Glendale Renews Summer Sewage Fee Program

The Village of Glendale, as adopted by Council, will limit the amount of this year's sewage fees by capping them July–September - the months that typically are used to irrigate lawns, vegetation and trees. These normally high usage months are billed in October. With the cap in place, the summer sewage bill cannot exceed more than 30% of what each consumer paid for sewage in April's bill. For example, if your sewage fee was \$100 in March, then the maximum sewage portion of your bill in October would not exceed \$130. The April bill is being used as the basis because it is typically the lowest bill of the year when all water likely goes into the sewer.

Glendale is extensively rebuilding both the wastewater and water treatment plants as mandated by the Ohio EPA which caused our rates to rise substantially in 2006. Fees for water and sewage are calculated and adjusted to meet all expenses as an "enterprise" and the Village is careful to break even after all expenses are met.

The water fee portion of your utility bill remains the same in all circumstances and only the sewage is reduced for those that use more in the summer. Last year the program reduced revenues by about \$25,000, but slightly increased revenues from greater water usage. Should you wish to see what effect this program may have on your upcoming October bill, you may call the Village Office (771-7200) and we can check your past consumption history and give you an estimate or idea of how this program will benefit you.

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## Pet Directory Comes to Glendale

If there is an emergency in your home, how will the Police or Fire Department know your dog or cat is inside? If something happens to you, how will officials know about the subsequent care of your pets?

The idea of a Pet Directory has taken hold in Glendale. This directory will provide the pertinent information officials will need concerning your pets. It will also help everyone if your pet strays from home.

Natalie Lotspeich, owner of the Dog Depot, is working with Glendale resident Janet Lawson to provide this service directory for our police and fire departments. Please contact Natalie at the Dog Depot at 771-WASH for a registration form or call Janet Lawson at 772-2153. You may also email Janet at [jl.lawson2@yahoo.com](mailto:jl.lawson2@yahoo.com) to register your pets as well.

## Did You Know...?

**Town Hall Rental:** Did you know that as a Glendale resident you are entitled to rent the Glendale Town Hall for \$290 per day for your special event? This 1870s building is quite impressive with a newly installed elevator, remodeled restrooms, stage, piano, seating for 100, tables, kitchen with stove and refrigerator and more. Please call Sally at 771-7200 for more details and reserve your special event early.

**Garbage/Trash Program:** Did you know that as a Glendale resident you are entitled to use our garbage truck program? Whether you are clearing out the garage or getting rid of construction debris, we will park a 1-ton truck in your driveway and allow you to fill it to capacity with material that is allowed at the Rumpke landfill. We then pick the truck up the next morning and tip the refuse at the landfill. This popular program costs \$125 (the cost to tip the refuse at the Rumpke Landfill).

**Newborn Glendale Infants Memorialized By Street Trees:** Did you know that the Glendale Park Board will plant a street tree on public property to celebrate and memorialize the birth of a Glendale baby? Each tree receives a small plaque by the tree and parents receive a Mayor's Proclamation.

Last year the following births were celebrated with street trees and parents received a proclamation during the Council meeting on August 3.

Harrison Lewis Henry Curtis	03-06-08
Dakota Mae Graham	03-30-08
Samantha Van Buren	05-30-08
Greta Sawyer	09-07-08
Evan Moses	10-18-08
Luke Anthony Neukam	10-28-08
Lillian Rose Anne-Marie Edmiston	11-11-08
Piper Ruari Everly	11-15-08
Emma Marie Tardivon	12-08-08
Dylan Shafto	01-11-09

If you have a new Glendale birth to celebrate in 2009, stop by the office and see Sally - she has a brief form to fill out to make sure we get the correct information.

## Electric and Gas Aggregation

DEBBIE GRUENINGER, VICE MAYOR

In 1999, Ohio deregulated the electric and natural gas industry allowing local communities, like Glendale, by law to join their residents together to buy natural gas and/or electricity as a group and thereby gain “buying power” to solicit the lowest price for the group’s natural gas and/or electricity needs. This is called Government Aggregation and it is overseen by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Aggregation is when a group of customers join together to form a single, larger customer that buys energy for its members. A large buying group may be able to get a better price for the group members than you can get on your own. Currently there are 63 Ohio communities that have become Government Aggregators.

Ohio’s law allows Glendale to form an aggregated buying group on behalf of its citizens. Glendale, as a Government Aggregator, chooses an outside supplier for all of the customer-members in its group. Glendale would become certified by PUCO for natural gas and electricity. This means Glendale has met strict requirements for doing business in Ohio. There are two options for participating - “opt-in” and “opt-out”. Opt-In aggregation is a program that permits each customer to sign up individually to participate in the program. Opt-Out aggregation is a program that automatically enrolls all local residents, including qualified commercial users, unless they Opt-Out of the program (choose not to be included). The first step for a community choosing this form of aggregation is to place the authorization for the Opt-Out Aggregation on the ballot during a primary or general election.

This November, the Village of Glendale is asking residents to consider passing two issues, an Opt-Out Aggregation for Natural Gas Aggregation and an Opt-Out Aggregation for Electric Aggregation. If approved by Glendale voters, Glendale will form a plan of operation and management. There will be at least two public hearings to allow customers to voice any concerns over the proposed plan. Once Glendale has adopted the plan, each customer to be aggregated must be notified that they will be automatically enrolled in the program unless they specifically elect not to participate. This notification will state the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment in the program. Glendale is required to allow anyone enrolled in the program an opportunity to opt-out every two years without paying a switching fee.

To be eligible for both natural gas and electric aggregation, customers who are already enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP - a payment plan for past-due bills) are not eligible. These customers will be aggregated as a separate group. For natural gas aggregation, the only customers not eligible to participate are those that are

already under individual contracts with suppliers as part of a natural gas choice program. For electric aggregation, all customers (other than PIPP) are eligible. It is important to note that if you are already under a contract with a supplier and Glendale aggregates, you may still be switched to the aggregations’ supplier unless you actively opt-out. That is a decision for you to make and you should talk to your supplier to find out if there are any penalties for early cancellation of the contract.

As an aggregate consumer with the Village of Glendale Government Aggregation, you would still receive one bill from Duke and pay Duke’s distribution charges but benefit from negotiated natural gas and electricity generation rates. The Village would engage in a contract with an Ohio Certified Broker to administer and negotiate natural gas and electric rates for its residents.

The Village of Glendale recently met with Eagle Energy, an Ohio Certified Broker/Aggregator for both natural gas and electricity with PUCO. Eagle Energy currently represents and manages Green Township and Indian Hill Government Aggregation programs. In the event Glendale votes to choose an Opt-Out Aggregation, Eagle Energy will assist the Village in creating its plan of operation and management, assist in the two public hearings and direct the Village through the PUCO certification process in becoming a Government Aggregator. Eagle Energy does not charge the Village for these services and the Village of Glendale has the option to contract with Eagle Energy or another of the 23 Ohio certified brokers. Eagle Energy is directly compensated from the natural gas or electric supplier (generator) and does not charge for their services.

Once Glendale has completed the certification process, public hearings and responses from residents on the opt-out choice, Eagle Energy, if selected as Glendale’s broker, would become responsible for researching alternative suppliers and providing recommendations to the Village. They provide quarterly reports on comparable pricing. In the event they recommend an alternative supplier to Duke, the Village would have 21 days to respond. Eagle would negotiate with supplier flat rates for Glendale customers, switching fees (or lack of switching fees) and one bill for consumers. Eagle stated that Green Township customers, with an average 1000 kw/hour monthly use are saving 8-15% over Duke electric. An additional advantage to aggregation is forming a cooperative with other communities to leverage purchasing power.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Village Administrator at 771-7200 or visit the Public Utilities Commission for Ohio (PUCO) website at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov).

## Fire Chief's Chat



### Fire Department Report DAVID MOORE [dmoore@glendaleohio.org](mailto:dmoore@glendaleohio.org) | 616-9192

On behalf of all the members of the Glendale Fire Department, I hope you are enjoying this summer. Your Glendale Fire Department has been very active this summer and has been working hard to find new ways better to serve you, our customers. Throughout the summer we have been out at many community events

including the Glendale Elementary Carnival, St. Gabriel's Festival, Glendale Car Show, Mt. Zion Church Open House and the Fourth of July Fireworks. Please feel free to stop by and say hello anytime you see us out in the community. We love to give tours of the trucks and our equipment. If you would like us to attend an event you or your organization are hosting call us at 771-7200 to schedule and we will make plans to attend.

In July, we began a new fire fighter recruit class. Ten people enrolled, including three village residents. As you are reading this they are preparing to take their final exam. We plan on hosting another class early next year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Glendale please contact me either by phone or email so we can put them on the contact list for when the class is scheduled. We are always looking for new volunteers, especially village residents. The training is free to village residents and we provide all the needed books and equipment.

In early August the fire department took delivery of a skid pump. This small pump had been placed on the back of our support unit. It allows us flexibility in how we respond to outdoor fires and other minor incidents.

At the end of July, we had responded to 123 fire calls so far this year. That puts us on an approximate pace of 225 fire calls for the year. In addition, we have conducted over 40 fire inspections. If you need a fire

inspection for your business or home please call the fire station at 771-7864. Captain Tony Poll or one of our other state certified fire safety inspectors will schedule a time to conduct your inspection. You can also call the same number if you would like us to test or replace your smoke detectors.

The fire department and Village has recently reviewed and updated our emergency operations plan. Many of the changes that were made came out of citizen input in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike last September. If you would like information on how to prepare your home and family, please visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) for helpful tips. Additionally, we are enclosing in the newsletter a list of local agencies and phone numbers that will help you get information in the event of another large scale emergency.

If you have any questions or there is a way Glendale Fire Department can assist you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### Fire Chief's Emergency Reference Phone Numbers

Fire, Medical or Police Emergencies . . . . .	911
Duke Energy - Electrical . . . . .	651-4182
Duke Energy - Natural gas . . . . .	651-4466
Cincinnati Bell . . . . .	565-6090
Hamilton County Health Department . . . . .	946-7800
Red Cross, Cincinnati Chapter . . . . .	579-3000
Salvation Army, Cincinnati . . . . .	242-9100
Matthew 25 Ministries (Ice) . . . . .	793-6256
Airgas (O2 supplier) . . . . .	563-9400
Lincare (O2 supplier) . . . . .	262-6050
Praxair (O2 supplier) . . . . .	821-2192
Pro2 Respiratory (O2 supplier) . . . . .	469-7702
Rumpke . . . . .	(1-800) 582-3107
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## D.A.R.E. CORNER

### FROM D.A.R.E. OFFICERS DAVE LECOMPTE AND CRAIG WALSH

At this writing, the start of the 2009 - 2010 school year is less than three weeks away. It never ceases to amaze how fast the summer disappears, and we know that our next classes of 5th and 6th grade D.A.R.E. students would agree! As always, D.A.R.E. Officers LeCompte and Walsh are eager to get the year started!

As we begin the new school year, it's important to pass on a D.A.R.E. Parent Alert containing some important information about an extremely dangerous drug, methamphetamine, commonly known as meth, crystal meth, ice or crank, among other lesser known street names. This problem is spreading in the local area, and parents and students both need to know why methamphetamine is so dangerous. Most importantly, it is extremely addictive. 95% of first time users become addicted! Meth affects the brain - it causes mind changes such as depression, delusions, confusion, irritability, insomnia and permanent psychological damage. The damage meth causes to brain cells can result in symptoms similar to those of Parkinson's disease.

Meth causes increased heart rate and blood pressure, often leading to heart failure and use can cause irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, sometimes producing strokes. Some of the more obvious signs of meth use may be rotting teeth, tremors, skin abscesses, acne, twitches and weight loss. Contrary to the street justifications for using meth as a diet aid or for improving study results, meth is an aid to only one sure thing - an early death! Parents, please share this information with your students and students, please share this information with your friends.

If you would like more information about methamphetamine or other drugs of abuse, the following websites are great sources: [www.ncadi.samhsa.gov](http://www.ncadi.samhsa.gov), [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov), [www.teens.drugabuse.gov](http://www.teens.drugabuse.gov), and [www.methfreetn.org](http://www.methfreetn.org). And, as always, if you have questions you can reach us at the Glendale Police Department, 771-7645.

See you in school!



## PROTECTING AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Summer is winding down and, as such, I want to take this opportunity to update village residents on some of the activity that your police department has been involved in during 2009.

I often receive questions on the crime rate in Glendale and my response in the past has been and hopefully will continue to be that crime in the village is low compared to many other municipalities in the county. There are many reasons that Glendale is such a safe place to live, but in my view the primary reason is the partnership that exists between

village residents and the police department.

We always encourage residents to report any suspicious or unusual activity to the police department immediately and as a result of information received, we are often able to intervene in situations before one of our residents becomes a crime victim. I can't emphasize strongly enough the importance of residents staying in close contact with the police department and I encourage this to continue. While our village is a safe place, crime does still touch our village as it does all other municipalities. What follows are some statistics for local crime and related activity from January 1 through July 31, 2009.

### *Glendale Police Activity Update*

Burglary	03
Theft	11
Assault	03
Fraud	03
Auto Theft	01
Telephone Harassment	05
Criminal Damage	12
Domestic Violence	01
Driving While Intoxicated	03
Auto Accidents	48
Traffic Citations	662
Police Calls For Service	3,159

## PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST HOME BREAK-INS

While the above numbers may cause some to believe that we in Glendale don't have much to be concerned with when it comes to crime, the truth is actually just the opposite. Most personal and property crimes are crimes of opportunity. The fewer opportunities we present to criminals, the less likely we are to be victimized. Criminals committing home burglaries do not give great amounts of thought to planning their job and assessing benefits versus dangers. The burglar is looking for an opportunity and does not want to work too hard for success. In fact, the average burglar will spend less than five minutes attempting to break into a residence. This type of criminal is looking for something worth stealing from an unoccupied home that has easy access and low visibility. Knowing this, there are many things that we can do to defeat the average burglar before he even gets started:

### *Fool the burglar by making your home look occupied all the time*

- Use automatic light timers when away from home.
- Place radios on automatic timers and raise the volume so they can be heard outside.
- Lower the sound of the telephone ringer and answering machine so it can't be heard outside.
- Don't leave notes on your doors, this is a sure giveaway.
- Forward your phone calls if you can.
- If you're gone for an extended period, arrange with a trusted neighbor or friend to take in papers, mow the grass, shovel snow, bring in garbage cans, etc.
- Notify the Glendale Police if your house will be unoccupied for an extended period of time.

### *Eliminate Hiding Places*

- Make sure there is good lighting around your parking area.

- Install motion detector lighting around the outside of your house. Be sure to illuminate doors, which are the preferred point of entry for burglars.
- If possible, remove thick bushes and shrubbery from around your house, at least in the areas around windows and doors.
- If you do use bushes and shrubs, consider varieties with thorns to deter potential intruders from hiding in them.
- Consider installing a security alarm system.
- Keep valuables such as jewelry, heirlooms and money out of sight in the house.
- Don't tell strangers your daily routine.
- If you're working out in the yard, leave all doors and windows that are out of your sight locked.
- If you have children, discuss home security with them, including things such as not talking with strangers about their home, its contents or family schedules.

Above all, call the police department if you see suspicious or unusual people or activity

Glendale Police Officers are always minutes away from your residence. We would rather respond to find a situation to be totally innocent and explainable as opposed to having to respond after the fact to find one of our residents having become a crime victim. If you have any crime prevention questions, please call me at the station, 771-7645.

## Chamber Membership Drive

JOIN TODAY!

We are very excited about reorganizing and rejuvenating our Chamber. There are many good things happening in our Village and we feel we can make a big difference to the businesses in Glendale as we work together with the Village and the new Economic Development Group. We will be offering several benefits for the small businesses, better communications about the changes taking place and involvement such as avenues for marketing, better signage, a website to link up our members, more social activities, networking with outside chambers, community affairs, training, consulting and our famous Street Fair.... these are just a few of the things to come. Get to know your fellow merchants!

The more businesses that join us, the more effective we will become!

Right now we're offering special pricing to join the chamber: \$180 for 2009-2010

That's eighteen months at just \$10.00 per month. Support your business community! Pick up a membership application at the Village Square Office or go to our website: [glendaleohiochamber.com](http://glendaleohiochamber.com)

A big thank you to those business & friends who have joined our organization! All supporters will be posted on our website after our membership campaign is completed.

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1995 as a successor to the former Glendale Merchant's Association. The Chamber is made up of members located in both Glendale and surrounding communities. The purpose is to both promote Glendale businesses in the community and to educate the business owners and residents on matters of interest in the business world.

### **Our Mission for the 2009-2010 years is:**

- To better market and promote the Village Businesses
- Develop an identity concept

## GLENDALE CHAMBER ELECTS NEW BOARD & OFFICERS

GAIL DENISE, *President*

DAVE AGRICOLA, *Vice President*

A Village Gift Shop and Offices of Agricola Design

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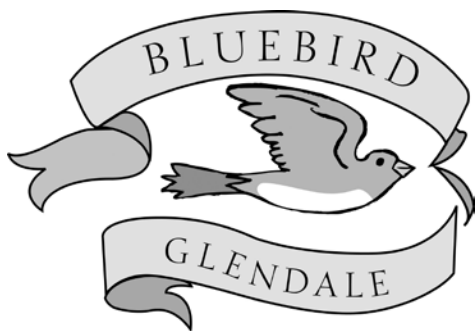
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SCOTT STACEY

Cock and Bull English Pub

## BLUEBIRD BAKERY SOON TO OPEN NEW CAFÉ IN THE SQUARE



Jenny Dennis, *Owner*

**BLUEBIRD BAKERY**

After thirteen years of serving the Glendale community, it is with great anticipation that I announce the expansion of Bluebird Bakery. Based on suggestions from customers, it is my desire to provide for the Village, in addition to the coffee and pastry shop, a casual meeting, gathering and light lunch café. Along with our standard fare of scones, pastries, muffins, coffeecakes, quiches, pies, tortes and cookies, we will soon be offering a light lunch menu of salads, soup and sandwiches.

I am looking forward to completing the project by the fall and appreciate the great response and continued support throughout this new venture.

**45th Annual  
Glendale Streetfair**

*Cherish the old  
& Welcome the new!*

**Saturday, September 26  
from 10 - 7pm**

Pick up an application for your space or booth at the Village office or print one off from the [glendaleohiochamber.com](http://glendaleohiochamber.com) website.

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