

# Village of Glendale Newsletter



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## Mayor's Report

MAYOR JOSEPH C. HUBBARD | [jhubbard@glendaleohio.org](mailto:jhubbard@glendaleohio.org)

### Glendale Public Official Report

As you know Tom Todd retired as Mayor during the March, 2007 Council meeting. Tom was Mayor for 8 years during which we updated the Village Plan for the first time since 1944 and was the driving force behind the outstanding sesquicentennial celebration in 2005. He also presided over the overhauling and successful reconstitution of our Fire Department which, unfortunately, was very traumatic for our Village. Thank you, Tom, for a job well done!

One of the first things Tom was involved in was the hiring of Chief Matt Fruchey. Matt was responsible for making our Police Department one of the best police departments in the State. In addition, Hamilton County recognized his exceptional abilities by making him president of the Hamilton County Police Chief's Association. We owe a lot to Matt's leadership and will miss him. Thank you, Matt, for a job well done!

This brings up the subject of Matt's replacement. The Council and I selected Lt. Dave Warman as your new Chief of Police during the May 7 Council meeting. Dave has done an outstanding job as Police Lieutenant during Matt's term as Police chief. He is a strong family man, possesses strong people skills, and is highly respected by the other members of the Police Department. We are indeed fortunate to have Dave as our new Police Chief.

My vacated position on Council was available for Council to elect a replacement. This position was posted and five very qualified residents expressed interest leaving the Council with a very difficult choice in selecting only one for a term which expires on January 1, 2010. I am happy to report that the Council chose Dr. William Aronstein who had been the Clerk/Treasurer for a number of years.

Because Bill was our Clerk/Treasurer it created a vacancy in his former position. It is the Mayor's responsibility, with confirmation of Council, to appoint a replacement for the Clerk/Treasurer position for the term which expires on March 31, 2008. This position was also posted and three very qualified residents expressed interest. The Council and I selected Charles Ehlers as your new Clerk/Treasurer during the May 7 Council meeting. I hope you will go out of your way to meet these three newly appointed members of the Village government. I also want to publicly thank those who did not get selected for the above positions. These candidates were also outstanding and would have been excellent selections. Thank you all.

### Antique Car & Motorcycle Show

The Third Annual Glendale Antique Car and Motorcycle Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 24 from 11AM until 4PM. It promises to be bigger and better than ever before. We have four sponsors this year: National City Bank, Sweeney Automotives, Kerry Ford and Price Automotive. Trophies will be awarded in 21 different categories. *(continued on p. 2)*

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## Chamber of Commerce : Membership Drive

You can still join the Chamber and be a part of it all. If you are a resident or if you have a business... we invite you to join in 2007 and to help make things happen. If you are interested in being a member of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, please contact John Smith of Smith Jewelers 772-8113 ([john@smithjewelry.com](mailto:john@smithjewelry.com)) so that you can learn more. Applications are available in the Village Office and all you need to do is call Sally at 771-7200. Remember, the Chamber exists to promote Glendale businesses and we need your help. If you would like to support this organization or to join and stay connected with your business community, fill out and submit the enclosed application (page 8). Membership dues in 2007 are \$125 per year for Glendale businesses and \$250 per year for businesses outside of Glendale.

The Newsletter will continue to feature business each season. In this issue, Century House Gift Shop takes center stage! Check out page 5 for their story!

# From Your Administrator's Desk

WALTER CORDES, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR | [wcordes@glendaleohio.org](mailto:wcordes@glendaleohio.org) | 771-7200

**Spring Clean Up Ended April 30** The Village provided a Spring Clean Up that ended April 30. After the 30TH, we ask that no leaves be put out to the curb until the Fall cleanup. Brush, however, may still be put out on the curb in manageable bundles and the crew will chip them about every two weeks and this brush program will remain in operation until the late fall! Oh yes, a piece of dark steel rod was unknowing mixed with sticks this Spring and it caused severe damage to our new chipper machine when the metal met the blades. Thankfully, no employee was hurt, but it costs thousands to repair and we lost several weeks in down time. Please... NEVER mix anything foreign with the brush or stick pile at your curb. Please call the Village Office at 771-7200 if you should ever have questions about when and what items are picked up at the curb. Your observance of our curb pickup policies will continue to keep Glendale a beautiful community.

## Administrator's Project Updates

**Sidewalks** – (E. Swafford, Committee Chair). The remainder of the sidewalks are being repaired for trip hazards and we expect the project to be complete by May 15. As a separate sidewalk project, in the Fall we will bid and implement the replacement of all Glendale sidewalk ramps to ADA specifications (we obtained a full grant for this).

**Sharon & Congress Project** – (E. Swafford, Committee Chair) Cincinnati Waterworks and Duke energy are now finished with their work and we can now complete our original project by paving the intersection and roads leading up to the new traffic light system installed two years ago (grant funds). This will be done by May 15 .

**Sewer Plant Project** – (A. Hoeweler, Committee Chair) We are 15% into the building of your new sewer plant and we have not had significant surprises and there have been no cost overruns to date. The project remains on schedule for a completion by July of 2008.

**Water Plant Project** – (A. Hoeweler, Committee Chair) Our engineer continues to design and plan for the strategic replacement of deficiencies and obsolete processes at your water plant (located across from Ford on Sharon Road). This project is scheduled to be completed over the next three years.

**Inflow and Infiltration Project** – (A. Hoeweler, Committee Chair) This ongoing project, sealing the sewer mains from infiltration of ground/storm water, is approximately 60% finished.

Work to date has literally stopped the backup of sanitary water into basements during heavy rainfalls! This year we have targeted the Albion, Warwick and Hedgerow area to reline aged and leaking public sanitary sewer pipes (all done underground and without digging up old pipes). Next year we will target the Congress Avenue area.

## Upcoming Events with the Fire Department...

April 10, 2007 —CPR Class at the Fire Department. Please call the station at 771-7864 to register. Check out the Glendale Fire Department website at [www.glendaleohiofire.org](http://www.glendaleohiofire.org) for more events and opportunities to get involved.

## Suggestions & Feedback Welcomed

It is often difficult to provide service to so many households and families with diverse needs and expectations. It is our goal to make Glendale your unique hometown and to make your living here a cherished experience for you and your family. 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 the Administrator at [wcordes@glendaleohio.org](mailto:wcordes@glendaleohio.org) or Administrative Assistant [pdepeel@glendaleohio.org](mailto:pdepeel@glendaleohio.org). Of course you can also call (771-7200) or stop by... we have an open door policy and no appointment is necessary. Thank you!

## Leaks Not Only Waste Water, They Cost You Money!

The Village of Glendale would like to offer the following tips and encourage all utility customers to monitor their homes for possible water leaks. The first indication of a leak is an unexplained increase in the usage and dollar amount of your utility bill. If the increase in usage can't be justified, such as extra people in the house, lawn-watering, filling a pool, the possibility exists that a toilet is leaking, faucet is dripping, or there is a break in the water line between the meter and the house. Other sources of leaks can be a sprinkler system, water softener, or the automatic fill on the swimming pool. As a service to all utility customers in the Village, our Utility Department will check your water meter and determine if the leak detector is moving. If it is found to be moving, the Village office has dye tablets available for use in the toilets (the biggest known culprit of water leaks). The Glendale Utility Department is here to assist customers in any way possible to eliminate unnecessary water usage. If you think you have a leak, please contact Phyllis DePeel in the Village Office at 771-7200 for assistance.

## Pooper Scooper Law Reminder

A resident recently contacted me and asked that dog owners be reminded that their pet messes on public sidewalks and private property along the sidewalks must be immediately picked up by the owner. For obvious health reasons, please be prepared when you walk your pet and pick up after them.

## Tree Planting Project of 2006-07

(T. Carruthers, Park Board Chair)

In the winter of 2006 we ordered large street trees and planted them in areas that our Arborist suggested (often between the sidewalk and street and in areas where mature trees had been cut down). This project was finished on April 15, 2007. If the front of your property receives a new tree, please consider watering it during dry times until it can establish roots. Thanks!

## Timely Reminders

Glendale renewed the half-price Glendale resident contract with Queen City Racquet, Pool & Fitness Club. Call 771-2835 to Join!

### Single Plan

One Time Initiation Fee of \$100

\$25/Month

### Family Plan

One Time Initiation Fee of \$150

\$45/Month

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*(continued from p. 1)* Many of the stores will be open in the Village Square and the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and selling soft drinks during the event. Steamin' Joe's will also be serving their smoothies, frozen lemonade and ice tea. A very active committee of Steve Locker, Andrew Bowen, Chief Dave Warman, Allen Bowen and Tom Todd have been working hard to make this a fun event that will present the best of Glendale to all in attendance.

## Chiefs' Chats

**POLICE CHIEF MATT FRUCHEY** | [mfruchey@glendaleohio.org](mailto:mfruchey@glendaleohio.org) | 771-7645

It is with definite mixed emotions that I announce that this will be my final Chief's Chat; I am retiring as Chief of the Glendale Police Department on May 4, 2007. The past seven and a half years have been a highpoint in my twenty-six years in police work. I have been asked several times: Was it worth it? Would you do it all over again if given the chance? The answer is an emphatic "Yes"; I have truly enjoyed all of the various phases of my career thus far, and plan on remaining active in a different role in the law enforcement field (as of this date, I'm not positive what that role will be).

Being the chief of police for Glendale has been a great honor and privilege. It has not always been fun, but it was always interesting. Through the cooperation of Mayor Todd and the village council, I was given the opportunity to build a department of which I am immensely proud. I was able to select several officers and to promote a very competent and loyal lieutenant. Together we worked hard to improve our services to the community, try new ideas and develop a true feeling of ownership among our officers toward the village. By way of illustration, I often am privy to squad room

conversations where I hear the officers refer to their responsibilities in terms of "my streets", "my residents", "my businesses". That level of ownership in ones job is rare and should be a source of great pride to our residents.

We have accomplished a number of significant goals over the past 75 years. The department as a whole developed a culture of cooperation and professionalism that is a driving force behind our continued success. We have advanced noticeably in the effectiveness of our investigative follow-up, and have cracked some very important cases over the years. We created the C.L.E.A.N. Team (Community and Law Enforcement Abating Nuisances) to address property maintenance issues throughout the village. (This has become an emerging problem due to the increase in rental properties and a more transient population). We continued to maintain and expand our programs in the local schools through DARE, Third Grade Safety Belt Program, Officer Phil and participation in the May Fete. Our objective has always been to create a friendly, protective presence to all those we serve.

Do I have any regrets? Not many, but a few. The only one I will *(continued on p. 6)*

**FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL D. FINNEY**  
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### The Month in Review...

This past month our nation was shaken to the core by the shootings at Virginia Tech. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families, students, and faculty of this institution. The loss of life seems so hard to understand, and when it is youth, even more so. Such events often raise questions of the security of our institutions and ourselves. It creates questions of "was there something that could be done", "was there more measures that could be put in place", and the like. There are a number of "what ifs" that could be applied. My feeling is that the university and emergency response agencies did everything they could with the information they had at hand. As we reflect upon this past week, and the events surrounding it, take some time to give thanks also for the safety and security we have here in our community. Such safety and security is a fragile thing. It is something to be cherished and protected. As well, take some time to turn off the television and the computer, and spend some time with those that are the most valuable in our lives- our families and friends. *(continued on p. 6)*

## D.A.R.E. CORNER

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

The 2006-2007 school year is winding down and so are our D.A.R.E. activities for the year. At Glendale Elementary School, our D.A.R.E. graduation was held on March 22, 2007 at the R.E.L.I.S campus. We had a great turnout of students and families and during the event, we were proud to have our essay winners read their work to the audience. This years winners were Olivia Gelder, Joshua Roberson and Sarah Sharood. Congratulations to all of our graduates for a great job! Thanks to Glendale Principal Shannah Kosek and our 5th grade teachers Mrs. Orner and Mr. Collopy for their support and involvement.

At St. Gabriel, our 6TH grade students are wrapping up their D.A.R.E. studies and preparing for our graduation event on May 18, 2007. Our students are working on their essays in which they present their commitment to stay drug free and make healthy choices concerning alcohol and tobacco use.

### PARENT ALERT

We are now well into the annual teen party season and we have already seen dangerous situations develop in some local communities. As parents, we cannot afford to look the other way when it comes to underage drinking, nor can we dismiss underage drinking as merely a right of passage. The stakes are TOO HIGH. Not only do teen drinking events present a clear danger to the teens involved and to the community at large, but parents who allow underage consumption in their home by anyone other than their own family members face severe legal consequences.

There are things that you can do as a parent to help curb these potentially tragic situations:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure no alcohol is brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Make sure no alcohol will be allowed by other parents when your teen goes to their house for a party.
- Create alcohol free activities in your home so teens will feel welcome and not face the peer pressure to drink.
- Report underage drinking to the local police.

Let's work together to make this a fun and safe summer season!

# Council Committee Reports

*From time to time a committee Chairman will have news to share with you and we will publish these project reports in a timely fashion.*

## Meet Your Council Representatives & Officials

Here are your six elected Council representatives, your elected Clerk/Treasurer and your appointed Village Solicitor. All of these Council persons and Officials work for you pro-bono (they receive no compensation). Council meets in the Town Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM. All meetings are open to the public. You can contact any representative by calling them (771-7200) or via the web (they have their own easy to find web page section at [www.glendaleohio.org](http://www.glendaleohio.org)). Committees are assigned to each Council person each January. We encourage you to attend Council or to forward information or concerns to any of these public servants.

### VICE MAYOR : JENNY KILGORE

I am honored to serve the Village of Glendale as Vice Mayor and appreciate the confidence expressed by my fellow council members by electing me to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Hubbard as he rose to fill the position of Mayor.

**Northern Lights Development:** Sharonville held a public meeting on January 23 and a second on March 5 at its convention center on Chester Road to introduce a development plan that would bridge Chester Road connecting the Sheraton Hotel to the convention center, widen Chester Road north of Sharon, expand the convention center, and construct a convention center parking garage that will empty onto Lippelman Road possibly increasing traffic on Morse Avenue, Sharon Road, and Chester Road south of Sharon. The proposal also includes moving high voltage lines from Chester to run the southern length of Lippelman Road.

First Suburbs Consortium held its annual meeting on January 25. Senator Finan and John Taylor (PNC Bank) have begun efforts to commission a new steering committee to research ways to save tax dollars by consolidating services currently contracted individually by municipalities – much like our own efforts to develop a combined fire district. This effort specifically targets cooperation between Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati, but the intention is for it to serve as a model of collaboration for municipalities within Hamilton County. Also discussed was the increase in incidence of property foreclosures and the resulting financial implications to communities. Ohio ranks among the highest in the nation regarding foreclosures. 80% of the loans to acquire these properties are made through brokers – rather than banks or savings and loans exasperating the problem. In 2006 the state passed predatory lending legislation strengthening penalties and is currently

considering property tax legislation and exemptions for the elderly. House Bill 294 includes discussions regarding municipalities hiring their own attorneys to begin the foreclosure process, eliminating sheriff sale requirements, requiring the property owner to pay back taxes before foreclosure, and permitting the municipality to acquire and then sell the property for less than the market price to encourage development and/or annexation to adjacent property.

At its quarterly meeting, April 25, Hamilton County's three commissioners, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Pepper, and Mr. Portune, listened to concerns of member municipalities and renewed their commitment to work closely with local officials to improve the quality of life for current residents and attract new families and business into the county. The discussion included facilitating, at the county level, intra-community collaboration regarding planned developments and creative ways to access funding.

Cincinnati Mayor, Mr. Mallory, spoke of collaboration among city communities and county municipalities to curb crime, attract population, and encourage new business during the January 31 membership meeting of the Hamilton County Municipal League. After the meeting I also spoke with Mr. Bohl, the Stream Specialist for Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. He is willing and available to conduct informational presentations for village organizations. He is interesting and has much information to share and can be reached at 513.772.7645 ext. 15 or [brian.bohl@hamilton-co.org](mailto:brian.bohl@hamilton-co.org)

I was invited to a tour for elected officials at the Cincinnati Underground Railroad Freedom Center on February 28. I have long wished to visit and was grateful to be extended an invitation. The facility is amazing and the tour was informative. Afterward attendees discussed some of the community education outreach programs that the center

**Mayor Joseph Hubbard**  
**Vice Mayor Jenny Kilgore**  
**Councilwoman Monica Alles-White**  
**Councilman Ephriam Swafford**  
**Councilwoman Deborah Grueninger**  
**Councilman Alan Hoeweler**  
**Councilman William Aronstein**  
**Michael Honerlaw**  
*Village Solicitor*  
**Charles Ehlers**  
*Village Clerk-Treasurer*

is designing for implementation in the near future and I shared the Oral History Project currently being recorded in Glendale. The center seemed interested and there might be mutually beneficial ways to collaborate.

This year's Annual Planning Commissioner's Forum was hosted by The Hamilton County Planning Commission-Planning Partnership, April 21, at Drake Conference Center. For the past two years I (Glendale) have been involved in organizing the forum's agenda. The meetings are designed to be very practical, the speaker and round table topics deal with topics of current relevance and interest to communities in Hamilton County, such as green space, impervious surface, walking and bike trails, and attracting 'good fit' business into a community. It was also an excellent opportunity to hear what is going on in neighboring communities and network with planners from those communities.

The Greater Cincinnati Safety Council held its annual CEO Luncheon on April 24; attendance at this event benefits the Village entitling it to a 4% rebate from Bureau of Worker's Compensation. The presentation focused on the wellness benefits of positive attitude and acknowledging the efforts of co-workers and employees. Benefits include employee commitment, increased performance, and a safer workplace.

Fire Committee Reports: The Fire Committee met on February 7 to review and discuss the proposed Fire Department budget. Information was still needed and later collected regarding the amount to allocate for salaries based on the responses in Glendale and the yet unknown number of structure fires in neighboring communities, to which Glendale will be responding, questions regarding Accidental Liability & Blanket Coverage Insurance, and estimated costs to complete renovations of the areas of own Hall used by the fire department.

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*(Council Update from p. 4)* Discussion at the April 4 meeting centered on the purchase, through state bid process, for a pickup to replace paneled truck followed by discussion of eliminating the non-emergency portion of our contract with the Woodlawn Fire Department, covering inspections of local

businesses and schools, monthly fire drills at schools within the village, and wellness programs.

Volunteer Eric Tungate, with 30 years of accumulated fire fighting experience, was recommended for promotion to Fire Captain, we will then have one Fire Chief,

two Assistant Fire Chiefs, and three Fire Captains.

The May 2 Fire Committee Meeting began with a tour of the fire facilities and culminated with a quarterly review of the volunteer fire department budget and training progress.

## Glendale Historic Inventory Update

Every house has a history! With the completion of 130 new historic inventory forms over the last year, 356 resources in Glendale have now been surveyed. The update was carried out by Beth Sullebarger, historic preservation consultant, who presented her findings to the Village Council on April 2, 2007. Copies of the inventory are on file at the Village Office and Glendale Heritage Preservation (GHP). The project was funded by the Procter Fund, GHP and a federal Certified Local Government grant from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Of the 130 buildings surveyed; 112 are within the existing district and 18 are outside the district boundaries. Priority was given to contributing buildings within the existing historic district, including Mid-Century Modern houses on Lake Drive—the Garber House and the Muir House. Outside the district, Sullebarger documented a cluster of houses on West Sharon Avenue dating from 1860 through the 1940s, a cottage on Chester Road, and early-20TH-century period revival mansions on Van Nes Drive.

The purpose of the inventory is to provide owners, members of the Glendale Planning and Heritage Preservation Commission and Village Council, and the community-at-large with information on all contributing buildings in the Glendale Historic District. This will enhance reviews for permits for alterations, new construction and demolition. For properties outside the district, the inventory will encourage their protection through listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or local designation of properties.

Sullebarger considered extending the boundary of the Historic District on West Sharon Avenue, but recommended that buildings there be

considered individually. She cited a Gothic Revival farmhouse at 169 West Sharon as individually eligible. Built ca. 1860, it is one of the oldest houses in the village and retains integrity of design and setting in relation to the street.

Other houses considered for individual listing include the Oaks Farmer's Cottage at 10805 Chester Road, a vernacular Gabled-ell farmer cottage associated with the Procter family. 820 and 840 Van Nes Drive are considered eligible as distinguished examples of high-style Period Revival suburban residences associated with significant families in Glendale.

848 Van Nes Drive is also noteworthy. Built in 1957 by William Mercer Allen, II, it was home to General Edwin Straight (1895-1991) from 1962 to 1982. Straight was a significant figure in World War II, an Army brigadier general who prosecuted hundreds of war crimes cases in Germany. While the house is 50 years old, his association with the house is not within the 50-year period required for listing. The designer, Walter W. Cordes, was a talented local architect known for period revival houses (and grandfather of our village administrator.) The house should be evaluated among his body of work in the future.

Most of the buildings identified in the 2002 survey for future surveys have now been inventoried. Future surveys should document historic outbuildings such as barns, carriage houses, and garages in the district that convey its original rural character and ought to be preserved.

The council referred consideration of landmark designation and protection for areas outside the historic district to the Law Committee for further consideration. If you have questions about the survey please call Beth Sullebarger at 772-1088.

## Glendale's Featured Business



### CENTURY HOUSE *Glendale*

Century House has been part of Glendale's Village Square landscape for over 50 years. Located at 3 Village Square in the historic O'Neil House, Century House offers the Glendale and Greater Cincinnati communities an extensive selection of fine gifts and women's accessories.

Owned and operated since its inception

by Glendale residents, Century House has been owned for the last seven years by Susan Sweeney Kreuzmann and managed by Linda Skirvin. Century House prides itself on offering its customers unique, high quality merchandise that represents the historic richness of its Glendale surroundings. The discerning shopper will find well regarded product lines such as Mariposa, Nambe, Vera Bradley, Pandora and Troll Beads, Lady Primrose Bath and Fragrance, Tusk and Elliot Lucca Fine Leather Goods, Fleurville Baby Bags and an amazingly extensive selection of greeting cards.

What sets Century House apart from other gift stores and mall shops? Our customer service and attention to detail

is our signature. Linda, Diana, Pam and Cathy pride themselves on serving the customer. Helping you find the perfect gift for that special occasion is our pleasure and expertise. And if you'd like to present your gift in a beautiful box with a satin ribbon, we make it happen at no charge.

Century House invites you to stop in, see our newly decorated rooms and find that perfect gift for yourself or that special someone. We will be honored to serve you!

### Century House

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open Monday through Saturday, 10-5

*(Police Chat from p. 5)* mention and still my biggest regret is our inability to date to successfully close the Michael Combs homicide case from 2003. This case remains open, and is actively investigated by our department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department as new information and leads emerge.

I am confident that this case will be successfully resolved in the future. Our personnel have long memories, and they aren't likely to let a case like this fall by the wayside.

My sincere hope for the future of the police department is for it to continue to move forward and always seek to improve our personnel and services. When I was hired back in October of 1999, I was tasked to groom and develop our existing personnel to increase the professionalism of the department and, as a long term goal, to promote the next chief from within. I believe I have effectively accomplished that goal, and I have high hopes that my successor will be drawn from within our ranks. We have a tremendous crew on this department, and they deserve a chance to move up and grow their careers, just as I was given the opportunity to do.

As for me, I have some new adventures to begin. I plan on taking a few months to catch up on some things I have put off but wanted to do. I have several options available, but I am leaning

hard toward working my consulting business on a more full time basis. I also plan on exploring my music and railroad interests on a more in depth basis. However, knowing myself as I do, I am fairly confident that I will be back in a full time law enforcement position before too long. I still love the work, and will be easily lured back by the right opportunity.

I would like to conclude by thanking everyone in Glendale as a whole; residents, business owners and village employees. You have made my years here thoroughly enjoyable, and I have cultivated many lifelong friendships that I pledge to maintain.

This community is what so many others aspire to be. You all have a hand in making this the great community it is. I was deeply honored by the comments at my last council meeting from my police committee chair and friend Debbie Grueninger, who said that "the police department now functions at a new level". I was always taught that, at the very least, leave your organization better than when you found it. I sincerely hope that you feel that I accomplished that with the Glendale PD.

I wish everyone the very best of health and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

Chief Matt Fruchey, *Retired.*

*(Fire Chief Chat from p. 5)* Our loved ones are our most precious gift and should be cherished as such. Take time out this week to rejoice in those that you've had the gift of knowing.

### ***Tornado Season Begins...***

Winter may have been late this year, but it certainly let us know when it did arrive. Thank you to everyone for your support and assistance during the Valentine's Eve snow and ice. Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the storms and potential tornadoes.

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

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## **Progress Report of the New Glendale Fire Department**

As of spring, we now have 20 volunteer firemen on-board with the Glendale Fire Department under the command of Fire Chief Mike Finney. Three of these firefighters are residents; namely, Tom Benjamin, Brian Messmore and Tom Thacker. Every one is interacting well and much training has elevated the abilities to a remarkable level.

As of June 1, we will resume some of the services that we currently are under contract with Woodlawn to perform. The services that our personnel can now do include; fire and safety inspection of all commercial businesses and schools in the Village, monitoring school fire drills, conducting fire prevention measures, performing monthly health stations (free blood pressure tests) in the Village Square, distribution and installation of smoke or CO<sub>2</sub> detectors, emergency removal of fallen trees on roadways or sidewalks, emergency removal of water from basements, flushing and servicing of all Glendale fire hydrants, and more. Call (771-7864) or email [mfinney@glendaleohio.org](mailto:mfinney@glendaleohio.org) if you need any of these non-emergency services. As always, dial 911 if you have an emergency.

## **Facts About Tornadoes:**

- Tornadoes may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 MPH, but may vary from stationary to 70 MPH.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- *Waterspouts* are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.
- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 PM and 9 PM, but can occur at any time.

### **Terms to be familiar with:**

***Tornado Watch*** - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

***Tornado Warning*** - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

Glendale will be holding its annual **Street Fair** this fall- Saturday, September 8. It's looking to be bigger and better than ever!! It'll give you a chance to support your local Glendale businesses all in one location around the square.

If you're interested in being a vendor in the street fair and would like to purchase booth space, contact John Smith of Smith Jewelers (and the President of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce) by email at [info@glendaleohio.com](mailto:info@glendaleohio.com) to receive an application.

Here's a list of the Chamber members so far. If you're interested in becoming a member, feel free to fill out the application on the following page. It will also be available online soon! Check [www.glendaleohio.com](http://www.glendaleohio.com) for details.

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**Express Cincinnati** | Mike and Nancy O'Connor

**Fifth Third Bank** | Bonnie Dooley

**First Presbyterian Church** | Cindy Thumann

**Friendly Stop** | Adam Gilreath

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**Glendale Firefighters Assoc.** | Tom Benjamin

**Glendale Florist & Gifts** | Beth Kautzman Lauter

**Glendale Gaslight Cafe** | Jim Garrison

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**Pink Ink Design Group** | Georgia Graves

**R.L. Repass and Partners, Inc.** | Rex Repass

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**Smith Jewelers** | John Smith

**Sound Entertainment** | Russ & Deb Carpenter

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# The Glendale Chamber of Commerce New Member Application

The application will be available online soon! Check [www.glendaleohio.com](http://www.glendaleohio.com) to download a copy.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 Resident (Glendale Business or Glendale Individual)    \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Non-Resident (Not a Glendale Business)

*Make checks payable to:* The Glendale Chamber of Commerce

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name & Address, if applicable:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut & return the completed application to:

**The Glendale Chamber of Commerce**  
**30 Village Square | Glendale, OH 45246**

A check or money order for your first annual payment should be enclosed in the appropriate amount.  
A new member packet is available at the Village Office. If you have any questions, please call 771-7200.

*Support your merchants and your community - - - Join Today!*

**Village of Glendale**

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