

# Village of Glendale Newsletter



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## Mayor's Report

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

It would be an understatement to say that there is a lot going on in the Village right now. Hopefully, the following will answer many of your questions about what's going on.

- **Updated sewer plant** – It's almost completed! The facility improvements have been completed and we are waiting for software to be installed. We will then have a state-of-the-art waste water system we can all be proud of, if one can be proud of a waste water facility.

- **Updated water plant** – It's currently being engineered by ATS Engineering. We have now received loans amounting to \$1.5 million from the State at 0% interest to pay for the engineering effort and upgrades!

- **Proposed retirement home** – The Village Administrator and I have met on a number of occasions with the consultant the Village has retained to discuss approaches and issues facing the Village. Wally has also attended a number of meetings with his counterpart from Evendale to discuss issues common to both Villages. These would include who would be responsible for Fire and Emergency Medical services; as well as, Police protection. It is anticipated that water and sewer would be provided by Glendale which should significantly reduce our water and sewer rates! It is also anticipated that the project would provide significant funding for badly needed improvements in the Village. Is the project still active? The answer is yes. Have we resolved all issues and concerns? No, but we are working on it.

- **Summer watering program** – As many of you know the Council recently passed an ordinance to encourage watering of plants, shrubs, grass, and trees during the summer months. The ordinance caps the amount of the sewage fee you will be charged during the summer billing period based on 130% of the first quarter's billing. We are already finding that water usage during July has been higher than normal, so it's working!

- **Drought damage to trees** – Last year's drought caused a large number of trees in the Village to die. A recent inspection revealed that over 100 trees on public property are dead and need to be removed. It was reported that the last year's high temperatures and winds in combination with drought conditions was devastating. The Village is putting together a program to remove the dead trees and replace as many as possible.

- **Replacement of operating levy** – As most of you know, the Village has two main operating levies which each run for four years that fund the operating costs of our Village. One is the operating levy of 8.9 mills which expires this year and the other is for 8.5 mills that was renewed in 2006. These levies are staggered so that one comes due every two years. The council voted last month to place an 8.5 mill levy to replace the existing 8.9 mill levy on the ballot (*continued on p. 5*)

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## Administrator's Project Updates

### Streets & Sidewalks : 2008

(J. Kilgore, Committee Chair) 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 these are done, we make every effort to then coat the street with the next yearly budget for a uniform look... this year we hope to do both to at least two streets in very poor condition.

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 two years. We ask that you keep them clear of dirt, debris, branches and vegetation at all times so that no pedestrian is injured.

### Sewer Plant Project (A. Hoeweler, Committee Chair)

We are 98% 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 this summer.

### Water Plant Project (A. Hoeweler, Utility Committee)

Now that we know the specific repairs that are necessary in rebuilding our water treatment plant, we have gone to bid to obtain the lowest prices for Phase I; replacing our high service pumps. These are the two very large pumps and motors that send the treated water out of the plant and to your homes and water tower. Our engineer will continue to design and plan for the strategic replacement of other deficiencies over the next two years. This improvement and future improvements are being paid by a 0% loan grant over a 10 year period with debt service being made from water bill revenues.

### Suggestions & Feedback Welcome!

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, Wally Cordes, at [wcordes@glendaleohio.org](mailto:wcordes@glendaleohio.org) or Administrative Assistant, Phyllis DePeel, [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!*

## Glendale Adopts Summer Sewage Fee Program

Effective immediately, the Village of Glendale will limit the amount of this year's sewage fees by capping them for the months of July, August and 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 can not exceed more than 30% of what each consumer paid for sewage in their April bill. For example, if your sewage fee was \$100 in April, then the maximum sewage portion of your October bill would not exceed \$130. If your sewage portion was \$200 in April, your bill will not exceed \$260 in October...and so on and so on. 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.

Ordinance 2008-26 was adopted unanimously by the Glendale Council after several months of review by the Utility

Committee and Administrative staff. This action was taken as a response to the feedback from residents concerned about last year's high summer bills during the severe drought of 2007 when they made great efforts to water lawns and trees.

Glendale is extensively rebuilding both the wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant as mandated by the Ohio EPA and this caused our rates to rise substantially in 2006. Fees for water and sewage are calculated and adjusted to meet all expenses as an "enterprise".

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. We will try this program for one year and evaluate its impact on revenues. We anticipate that the program will reduce revenues, but may be offset by increased revenues from greater water usage.

The goal is to encourage residents to irrigate and water their lawns during a drought; without the fear of exceptionally high

utility bills. Should you water this summer and 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 may benefit you. Also, if you suspect that a high utility bill was caused by a faucet leak that you have had repaired by a plumber, please call us to see if you are eligible for a one-time adjustment on your sewage bill.

## Glendale Park Board Shirts on Sale

(T. Carruthers, Park Board Chairman) The Glendale Park Board has a limited supply of high quality sport shirts, black in color, with the registered Glendale Logo and Glendale name embroidered on them with a complimenting gold stitch. They come in S, M, L, XL and XXL. There are two fabric styles to choose from and they run \$16 and \$17 each. ALL proceeds go directly to the Glendale Park Board to fund new village trees.

## Council Committee Reports

### Street Committee Report, from Councilwoman Jenny Kilgore

As we have all witnessed, this year has been an anomaly. Our service department has committed much time cleaning up after the unusually frequent and fierce storms we experienced this spring; often and regular branch pick-up and chipping has occupied the department over and beyond the regular responsibilities of maintaining our village. Fallen and lost trees on village property are being removed as expeditiously as possible.

Ron Hafner, of our service department, has been preparing for this year's road repairs. During the spring, roadways and sidewalks that need repair were identified. This project then went out to bid; these are expected by late August. The repairs will be completed late summer through early autumn.

The streets identified by Mr. Hafner needing repair are Camp Alley (resurface); East Sharon, Glendale, Greenville, Greenwood, Morse, Walnut (patch work - 5" full depth asphalt repair); Chester, East Sharon, Greenville, West Sharon (patch work - mill 1.5" resurface). Sidewalks will be repaired at various locations throughout the village.

There will also be unanticipated repairs to the Hetherington Bridge. Sink holes were recently discovered and after examination it has been determined that the culvert pipe must be repaired either by replacement or slip lining the existing early 1980's culvert pipe. The project will immediately go to bid with a projected estimated cost of \$70,000.

## Did you know?

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 1870's 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.

Did you also know that as a Glendale resident you are entitled to use our dump 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).

## Police Chief's Chat : POLICE CHIEF DAVID WARMAN | [dwarman@glendaleohio.org](mailto:dwarman@glendaleohio.org) | 771-7645

In speaking with numerous Village residents, many of them have expressed their desire to participate in educational programs offered by the police department. As Police Chief, I am constantly looking for ways to engage our residents. After getting this feedback from the residents, I have begun to assemble some different program offerings to present to the community. The first offering will be a "Rape Awareness and Prevention" seminar presented in cooperation with the Woodlawn Police Department. This program will be held on Saturday, September 27, at 10:00 AM at the Woodlawn Community Center. The Community Center is located at 10500 Woodlawn Boulevard. The program will include presentations by the Woodlawn and Glendale Police Department, as well as speakers from the Rape Crisis Center

and the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. Areas that are going to be covered include: self-defense, safety tips, emotional control, and progressive living. There will also be hands-on training in un-armed self-defense. The program will be free to the public and we are encouraging pre-registration by calling the Glendale Police Department at 771-7645. Residents can also get further information on this program by calling us at the phone number mentioned above. We are confident that this program will be beneficial to our residents. We also hope to present additional programs through the end of this year with topics that will be determined in part by interest expressed by our residents. At this time, potential topics include computer/Internet safety and identity theft prevention.

One way we hope to gauge interest in these programs, as well as get feedback on areas of concern to our residents is by using the Community Oriented Policing survey, which is included on the following page.

I hope that each household in the Village will complete the survey and return it to the Police Department. The Glendale Police Department wants to be as responsive as possible to the concerns of our Glendale residents, and I feel that this survey offers residents the opportunity to express any areas of concern that they might have. The surveys themselves are anonymous, unless you would like a direct response from the Police Department. If you desire a direct response, please provide us with at least a name and telephone number where I can reach you so that I may contact you to discuss your concerns.

# Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Survey *from the Glendale Police Dept.*

1.) How safe is it for you to walk in your neighborhood after dark?

- Very Safe       Safe       Somewhat Safe
- Unsafe       Very Unsafe

2.) Please identify your primary concerns regarding CRIMINAL activity in your immediate neighborhood/street.

*(Rank in order of concern, using 1 as your biggest concern.)*

- \_\_\_ violent crime    \_\_\_ thefts      \_\_\_ gangs
- \_\_\_ vandalism      \_\_\_ narcotics    \_\_\_ other *(see below)*

Please list your concern as well as where it is occurring:

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3.) Please identify your primary concerns regarding NUISANCE activity in your immediate neighborhood/street.

*(Rank in order of concern, using 1 as your biggest concern.)*

- \_\_\_ traffic                      \_\_\_ animal complaints
- \_\_\_ loud parties              \_\_\_ rundown buildings
- \_\_\_ junk/yard cars            \_\_\_ other *(see below)*

Please list your concern as well as where it is occurring:

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4.) What problem would you want solved first in your neighborhood? Please select ONE category only.

- abandoned cars     graffiti       juveniles
- narcotics       prostitution     stray animals
- transients       gangs       loud parties
- traffic       illegal vendors / solicitors / pan handlers
- public drinking     vandalism       other *(see below)*

Please list the problem you would like solved first in your neighborhood if it is not already listed above.

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5.) How satisfied are you with the service provided by the Glendale Police Department?

- Very Satisfied     Satisfied       Somewhat Satisfied
- Unsatisfied       Very Unsatisfied

Please explain: .....

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6.) Please check if you desire a personal response to any area of concern listed above and complete the below information.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Phone : .....

Best Time to Call: .....

7.) Would you be willing to participate in any of the following Community Partnership Programs?

- Neighborhood Watch       Citizens Police Academy
- Civilian Volunteer       Educational Programs
- (Please describe on the lines below.)

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If you are interested in any of the Community Partnership Programs, please provide your name, address and telephone number on the lines below so you we can reach you regarding your programs of interest.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Phone : .....

Best Time to Call: .....

Thank you for your participation. Please return your completed survey to the following address:

**Glendale Police Department**  
Attention: Chief Dave Warman  
301 East Sharon Road  
Glendale, Ohio 45246

Survey may also be faxed to 771-7306, or dropped off at the Police Station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please call if you have any questions: 771-7645

## Village of Glendale Fire Department Recruitment Drive - Summer 2008

We currently have a recruit class underway this summer, consisting of eight new recruits that are either Village residents or Village employees. Your Glendale Volunteer Fire Department will again be hosting a Recruitment Drive during the summer and fall of 2008. Stop by the fire station and see what your fire department offers and talk to some of the firefighters - and consider becoming a volunteer firefighter!

Becoming a volunteer fire fighter means being part of a team that fights fires, saves lives, conducts rescues, assists with fire prevention,

administers first aid, and helps the community. The Fire Service is dedicated to saving lives and protecting property through fire prevention, suppression and public education.

Qualifications to become a volunteer fire fighter include: living within or near the Village, physically fit, available for training twice per month, between the age of 18 and 60, a high school graduate or equivalent, a clean criminal record, and a driver's abstract demonstrating safe driving habits.

Benefits to volunteers include learning new skills, serving your community,

self satisfaction, and future career opportunities. The fire service provides uniforms, protective equipment and free training.

Firefighting is one of the most rewarding professions in the community. If you believe you have what it takes to meet the challenges of our business, we invite you to join our team.

For further information, please contact Chief Walter Cook at 300-3234 or the Village Office and we will get the information to you.

Remember, you can make a difference by giving back to your community!



## D.A.R.E. CORNER

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

Another D.A.R.E. year has come and gone and with it, we graduated another fantastic group of students from our D.A.R.E. program. This year, Glendale Elementary School had 39 fifth grade students successfully complete the D.A.R.E. curriculum. St. Gabriel Consolidated School had 42 sixth grade students successfully complete the program. Every year that we, as D.A.R.E. Officers, have the privilege of meeting and instructing your children, we are reminded of one of the main reasons that we became police officers, that being to help young people learn how to make good decisions and to take responsibility for their own actions. As parents ourselves, we thank you for that opportunity and we are already looking forward to the 2008-2009 school year!

### PARENT ALERT

At this time of year, it's appropriate to reprise a previous parent alert to keep us on our toes. We are now into the teen party season and we, as parents, 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. We need to understand that the stakes are just 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. This includes the possibility of facing criminal charges. There are some things that you can do to help curb these potentially tragic situations:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 and report underage drinking to local police.
- Be at home when your teen hosts a party.
- Make sure that no alcohol is brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Make sure that 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 peer pressure to drink.

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

*(continued from p. 1)* in November. Sounds good so far? Hold on! Due to property re-evaluations the past couple of years the reduced millage will still represent a slight increase in your property taxes. The increase should be about \$35 per \$100,000 in property valuation. The Council members and department heads spent many hours reviewing income and expenses in order to minimize any impact from the levy. Believe me; they are committed to providing the best value for Village services possible. You'll be hearing more about the proposed levy as we get closer to the November election.

### Notice:

Le Petite Cottage will be closed for vacation August 9-26.

## Try Us Again For the First Time

When was the last time you thought of the Village first? For that special occasion, hostess gift, health and fitness, food or home decorating. Glendale is evolving to meet the needs of its residents. With a great variety of established merchants and new ones on the way, Glendale has it all and there is more coming this fall!!

## Did you know?

**Agricola Redesign Studio** has a unique variety of home and gift items ranging from candles to jewelry, mid-priced accessories and furniture for your home. With their “girls’ night out” classes you can learn new ideas for table top, mantle and home arranging. There is something for everyone!

**Century House**, a long standing Glendale tradition, not only carries an up-to-date collection of Vera Bradley but also the perfect gift for any occasion. This lovely shop evolves as the seasons approach, so remember to stop in before the Holidays to see their large collection of Byers Carolers.

**Pink Ink Design Group** creates everything from wedding invitations (done by hand, no less!) to personalized stationery to specialty and Holiday party invitations. The Ladies at Pink Ink create and design for your everyday, holiday and special event needs.

There is more than home fashion and food in Glendale! We have mind, body and spirit needs covered with several Glendale icons: Bob Roncker’s Running Spot, Glendale Massage, Statements Salon, Gargoyle Cycling, Charles Salon and many others.

Visit [www.GlendaleOhioChamber.com](http://www.GlendaleOhioChamber.com) and click on the “Current Members” link on the left side of the page for a complete listing of the vendors and businesses in your community!

**Sherri Kohnle Design at Le Petite Cottage**, being new to the Village, brings decorator touches to refresh your home and hearth. From original artwork to lighting to fabrics and furniture, she has every surface beautifully covered.

**Piazza Discepoli**, a Cincinnati tradition, has a extensive variety of wines for all occasions. Go see Steve for expert advice on matching foods and wine for any meal or event.

**Smith Jewelers**, a long time Glendale merchant, has gifts to please anyone on your gift giving list. Whether you choose from the jewelry displayed in their store or a little something custom made just for your special someone, they are sure to bring a smile to everyone’s face.

**Bluebird Bakery**, another Village favorite, offers a fine variety of cakes, pies and pastries to satisfy even the most fussy sweet tooth. Watch her grow and visit her new location on S. Troy Avenue.

## Maple Knoll Retirement Community Joins Glendale Chamber

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce welcomes Maple Knoll Village as a new member. Maple Knoll Village is a continuing care retirement community located in the heart of Springdale just minutes from Glendale.

Originally founded in 1848, Maple Knoll is home to over 700 seniors who live in independent-living cottages and apartments, assisted living apartments, and skilled nursing. Maple Knoll is also proud

to introduce its newest community “Kensington Place”!

This new luxury neighborhood of 56 apartments will range from 1-bedroom to 3-bedroom dens with 14 different floor plans. Residents have the opportunity to work with our designers to customize the finer details of their homes. The first phase of construction is nearly complete and selections have already started! Guided Tours are available Monday through Friday or by appointment.

For more information on Kensington Place apartments and Maple Knoll Village please call 513-782-2717.



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## The Glendale Chamber of Commerce

### Coming to The Village Square This Fall...

The renovation of the **Iron Horse** under new owner Robin Thomas and Chef Stephan Marcus is scheduled to open mid September. This will allow Glendale and Cincinnati residents the opportunity to experience a new twist on old favorites, with the latest in drinks, casual entertainment, and fine dining that will rival any restaurant in the Tri-State Area!! Come take a Culinary Journey on the Iron Horse.

Also coming to the Village this fall is **The Glendalia**, Cincinnati's first Boutique Hotel featuring six rooms decorated in period furniture that can accommodate short or long-term visits from family and friends. Book your holiday rooms early so you don't miss out on this unique experience!!

With so much here and even more to come, why not visit the Village of Glendale and "Try us again for the first time"!



We are having an all new and exciting Art Show this year as a wonderful addition to our Street Fair among many other attractions. The Art Gallery will be in the new Glendalia Inn with over thirty local artists participating. Our music theme will be Smooth Jazz in the Square. Bring the whole family for fun, shopping, kids' fun & games, great food, funnel cakes, gelato, caricatures and rides!!!

Visit our website for booth applications at [www.GlendaleOhioChamber.com](http://www.GlendaleOhioChamber.com)

Like to help the day of the Fair or have suggestions? Call Gail Denise @ 772-7384 to volunteer!

### Calling all Runners:

The Glendale Street Fair will start at 9:00 AM September 27, with the **Black Squirrel 5K Run and Walk**. Kids can race the train...

For more information or an application for the run, visit the website: [www.runningspot.com](http://www.runningspot.com)

Or stop by the Running Spot at 267 E. Sharon Road in Glendale to pick one up!

# Glendale Chamber Membership Drive

You can still join the Glendale Chamber of Commerce and be a part of it all! If you are a resident or if you have a business, we invite you to join for 2008 and to help make things happen. If you are interested in being a member of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Board, please contact John Smith of Smith Jewelers 772-8113 or email him at [john@smithjewelry.com](mailto:john@smithjewelry.com) to learn more. Applications are available in the Village Office. Just 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, use the attached application. Membership dues are \$125.00 per year for Glendale businesses and \$250.00 per year for outside of Glendale businesses.

The application is also available online! Check [www.GlendaleOhioChamber.com](http://www.GlendaleOhioChamber.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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Cut & return the completed application to:

**The Glendale Chamber of Commerce**  
**30 Village Square | Glendale, Ohio 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!*

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*Glendale, Ohio 45246*

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