

2009 Accomplishments

(Reported Jan. 4th, 2010)

- 1.) Awarded OKI Transportation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$416,160 to improve traffic in, through and around the Village Square with construction to commence in the spring of 2010.
- 2.) Employees given up to 4% cost of living merit raise.
- 3.) Centennial Garden Club completed the "Tree Walk" self guided tour.
- 4.) Strengthened enforcement ability of property maintenance ordinance.
- 5.) Added the smokehouse located at 965 Laurel Avenue to list of historic buildings.
- 6.) Received 13th annual Tree City USA Award *and* Growth Award.
- 7.) Fire Department received \$15,000 grant for a skid pack.
- 8.) Norwegian film crew produced a documentary about "Eric", a Norwegian who lived in the village and died in action in World War II.
- 9.) Firefighters Brian Messmore and Tony Poll promoted to Captain.
- 10.) Modified deferred compensation program to allow employees to borrow against their accounts.
- 11.) The village received \$99,581 from FEMA as reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of Hurricane Ike.
- 12.) The village received \$1,946,599 million in inheritance taxes for the VPGL.
- 13.) The fire Department began serving the village as a stand-alone fire department in April.
- 14.) Entered into a 1-year contract with Hamilton County Development Company to help reinvigorate the Chamber of Commerce.
- 15.) The village received a 100% Achievement Recognition Award from The Bureau of Workers Compensation and BWC costs were dramatically reduced.
- 16.) Hosted annual Memorial Day Parade with Captain Brian Kilgore as the keynote speaker and Sam Allen as Grand Marshal.
- 17.) Created the position of Sergeant within the Police Department and promoted Craig Walsh to fill that position.
- 18.) The failed Oak Rd culvert was rebuilt in conjunction with the Village of Woodlawn.
- 19.) "Traffic Calming" tests conducted by the Police Department - portable speed humps in strategic locations.
- 20.) Work completed at the Waste Water Treatment facility and brought in under budget.
- 21.) Entered into contract with Cricket Communications to install an antenna on the water tower that will generate an income of \$1,900 per month for the next 30 years with an annual 4% growth factor, totaling \$1,000,000 over that period.
- 22.) Awarded a stimulus grant of \$261,000 for paving and storm water improvements along Sharon Avenue from Morse Avenue to the railroad tracks.
- 23.) Hosted 4th annual Antique Car and Motorcycle Show followed by a performance of the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra in the Village Square.
- 24.) New apparatus floor installed in the fire station.
- 25.) Joined The Center for Local Government health insurance pool, estimated to save the village \$32,000 in 2009.

- 26.) 2009 Street Program implemented within budget.
- 27.) Sponsored "Shakespeare In The Park" at the Harry Whiting Brown Community Center.
- 28.) Hosted the 45th annual Chamber of Commerce Street Fair.
- 29.) Purchased historic Eckstein Building and land for \$65,000.
- 30.) Researched and advertised for bids for a new pumper.
- 31.) Fireman's Ball program held in December.
- 32.) Gas and Electric Utilities Aggregation passed by voters and implementation began.
- 33.) Received \$12,000 grant to repair/replace the culvert on Congress Avenue near Lake Avenue.
- 34.) Mayor performed 3 weddings in the Village.
- 35.) Newborn tree program initiated. Celebrated the births of Dylan M. Shafto, Jallyn Parrish, Louise Peyton Hubbard, Alexander Ford Hal, Jaidyn Washington, Harrison Lewis Henry Curtis, Dakota Mae Graham, Samantha Van Buren, Greta Sawyer, Evan Moses, Luke Anthony Neukam, Lillian Rose Anne-Marie Edmiston, Piper Ruari Everly, Emma Marie Tardivon, Dylan Shafto
- 36.) Lowered the village flag to half-staff to mark the passing of Yvonne Campbell, Neva Emison, Rev. Richard Waldrop, Laura Dunlap, Lucille Tooson, Larry Skowroneck, Robin Reid, David Edwards, Barbara Parks, Herbert Rees, Cora Lee Williams, Richard McCracken, Eugene Cornett, Alfreda Sinkfield, Clair Busam, John Kohnle, James R. Heekin II and Herbert Wengler.
- 37.) "Light up Glendale" event held in the Square in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce; including choirs from our churches.
- 38.) Village of Glendale awarded a total of \$887,000 in grants in the year 2009.
- 39.) Established an Economic Development Commission to include the Chamber of Commerce and hired HCDC.