

# Glendale 2012 Accomplishments

(Reported January 7, 2013)

1. Voters approved an operating levy with a 1.5 mill increase which partially offset revenue lost from reduced property valuations.
2. To resolve challenging financial issues caused by reduced revenue, the Finance Committee met 18 times during 2012. In addition, voting on the renewal levy took place at 6 Regular and Special Council meetings. Two Town Hall meetings were conducted to inform residents about the status of Village finances, and extensive background material was posted on the Village web site.
3. A balanced operating budget for 2013 was developed despite revenues that were only 93% of 2009 receipts. Personnel reductions in Police and Administration were significant parts of reducing costs.
4. The Village contract Post Office was closed to reduce operating costs.
5. "Soft" billing insurance for certain fire services was adopted to provide additional revenue.
6. A special event form/procedure was adopted which includes billing for village services for non-village events.
7. The Village was awarded an OKI/ODOT grant for 80% of the cost of construction of streetscape improvements on E. Sharon Ave near the Village Square.
8. The Village has applied for OKI/ODOT grant funding for signal and school zone improvements on Congress Ave. at Sharon Ave. and at Washington Ave.
9. The Rumpke contract for Curbside Waste and Recycling collection was renewed.
10. Water and wastewater rates were reviewed and increased.
11. Construction of the Water Plant improvement project was completed.
12. An EPA wastewater discharge permit was renewed in December after intensive discussion with the Ohio EPA throughout the year to agree on additional equipment and procedures to reduce wastewater overflow during storm events.
13. A restricted storm sewer line on West Sharon Ave was identified and replaced.
14. The Summit Park baseball playing fields were improved.
15. Roadway projects near the new Princeton Middle and High School campus were reviewed by Planning and Council.
16. A road improvement project at Lippleman and Greenwood funded by the City of Sharonville was reviewed by Planning and Council.

17. Property at 1169 Cole Ave was acquired due to tax foreclosure and the Village applied for a demolition grant through Hamilton County.
18. Public improvements in Phase II of Carruthers Pond development were dedicated and accepted.
19. After public hearings and Planning and Council votes, resolutions were adopted for building projects at Christ Church and Bethany School.
20. The second year of electric and gas aggregation was completed with significant energy savings for Village residents.
21. The annual Tree City USA award was received for the 16<sup>th</sup> time.
22. Village IT services including email and website hosting and content were updated.
23. Public Records policy and Rules of Council were reviewed and updated.
24. 48 Ordinances and 6 Resolutions were acted upon.
25. Local ordinances were codified.
26. A Village newsletter was published.
27. The Village hosted the annual Memorial Day Parade with remarks by Mayor Emeritus Joe Hubbard on his childhood remembrances of the Pearl Harbor attack. A moving tribute was presented by former Glendale resident Lt. Aaron Frankovic in memory of three comrades from his unit who were killed in action in Afghanistan during the combat tour which Lt. Frankovic had just completed.
28. The Village hosted the seventh annual Antique Car and Motorcycle Show followed by a Cincinnati civic Orchestra performance in village Square.
29. The third Beer Wine and Food Festival was conducted in Village Square as a benefit for The Cure Starts Now foundation. More than \$17,000 was contributed for cancer research as proceeds from this event.
30. The Village sponsored a Shakespeare production at the Harry Whiting Brown Community Center in August.
31. The Chamber of Commerce organized the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Street Fair in Village Square.
32. The Chamber also produced the third "Light Up the Square" Christmas festival in December.
33. Harry Whiting Brown hosted a Glendale home tour in December.
34. John Earls took office as elected Clerk/Treasurer

35. Scott Thurman was appointed to the Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission
36. Joe Hubbard was appointed to the Park Board
37. 11 new Firefighters were appointed to the Glendale Fire Department: Richard Scott Lerman, Ed Hess Jr., Mike Stewart, Nicholas Meinken, Sara Moore, Joshua Cole, Bryan Wells, Tara Bedacht, Alex Arevalo, Tony Lainge and Nicholas Gehring.
38. Joseph P. Hubbard retired after 5 years of service as Glendale Mayor, 7 years as a Council Member and 1 year as Clerk/Treasurer. A Council Resolution recognized his service.
39. Jenny Kilgore retired as Glendale Council member after 8 years of service. A Council Resolution recognized her service.
40. Charles Ehlers retired as Glendale Clerk/Treasurer after 5 years of service. A Council Resolution recognized his service.
41. Don Latta retired after 45 years of service as a Village employee. Don was the last Village employee who was a Village employee during his entire working career. A Mayoral Proclamation recognized his service.
42. Lenton Delow Williams, 2009 winner of the Joseph P. Hubbard "Officer of the Year Award", retired after 27 years of Police service. A Mayoral Proclamation recognized his service.
43. Crossing guard Bill Lovatt retired after 18 years of service as a Village employee. A Mayoral Proclamation recognized his service.
44. Thomas H. Carruthers IV passed away in November 2011 and a 2012 Council Proclamation recognized his lifelong contributions and dedication to the people of the Village of Glendale.
45. The Glendale Youth Sports Boys Basketball team was presented a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of becoming the Level 6 Champions
46. Princeton senior Claudia Saunders was presented a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of her outstanding athletic, academic and community service accomplishments.
47. Pastor Kendall A. Logan was recognized by Mayoral Proclamation for his service to the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Glendale.
48. The Ole School Reunion event was recognized by Mayoral Proclamation for bringing together Glendale's African American community for nine consecutive years.
49. Howard and Jean Constable were recognized by Mayoral Proclamation for achieving their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
50. 2012 Births: Caden Douglas Graham, Emma Lynn Waldruff, Jack Smiles Cook, Grace Olivia Holtz, Rowan Eleanor Brewer

51. 2012 Deaths: Ronald E. Tooson, Annabelle M. "Ann" Koehler, Walter Ben Cripe, Marta Lobert, Sylvia Crossty, Jeanne K. Greene, Rick Spaulding, James (Jim) Schreiber, Marcus (Dale) Freeman, JoAnne DeMarse (DeDe) Brinker, Marjorie Lucas, Stephanie Alles, Grace Olivia Holtz, Arlyn Johnson, Darlene Ervin