

## Glendale 2013 Accomplishments

(Reported March 3, 2014)

- 1) A balanced operating budget for 2013 was adopted despite revenues that were only 93% of 2009 receipts. Personnel reductions in Police and Administration were significant parts of reducing costs.
- 2) Glendale was honored with a Proclamation by the City of Hamilton for providing assistance to Hamilton during the greatest weather disaster in Ohio history, the Great Miami River Flood of 1913.
- 3) In May Michael Besl was selected by the Mayor and Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Brian Messmore, who resigned for personal reasons.
- 4) In the 2013 Fall election Michael Besl and Jenny Kilgore were elected to four year terms on Council.
- 5) David Moore resigned as Glendale Fire Department Chief and was succeeded by Kevin Hardwick. Two Assistant Fire Chiefs were also selected – Danny “Mike” Reenan and William “BJ” Jetter. A Proclamation was presented to retiring Chief Moore which recognized Dave’s contribution to the reestablishment of the Fire Department. Chief Emeritus Thomas Thacker was also presented a Proclamation in recognition of his 30 years of service to the Department.
- 6) Glendale Fire Chief Kevin Hardwick provided overall coordination of a Hamilton County Mass Casualty Drill which involved emergency responders from across the Tri-state.
- 7) Forty ordinances and eighteen resolutions were acted upon by Council.
- 8) The Administrator distributed 509 broadcast emails to residents during the year to keep them informed about events in the Village.
- 9) Two Village newsletters were published.
- 10) Public Records policy and Rules of Council were reviewed and updated. Two summer interns sorted through old records and organized records for disposal
- 11) The Rumpke contract for Curbside Waste and Recycling collection was renewed.
- 12) The third year of electric and gas aggregation was completed with significant energy savings for Village residents.
- 13) The annual Tree City USA award was received for the 17<sup>th</sup> time.
- 14) The Village passed a state audit inspection of its financial records with essentially no internal issues.
- 15) A Planning Ad Hoc Land Use Committee chaired by Rachel Schmid solicited comments on land use by distributing a questionnaire which achieved a 25% response rate from Village households. After analyzing this input, the committee held 8 public meetings. A Final Report was presented with recommendations for 1) business development, 2) residential development, 3) Washington Ave/Eckstein School, and 4) East side of Glendale/Landmark property.
- 16) The Sharon Road Streetscape project north of Village Square was awarded an OKI/ODOT grant for 80% of the construction cost and the project was constructed and completed during the year.
- 17) After review by Planning and Council, the HWB Community Center constructed and dedicated a new performance pavilion on their property near Village Square.
- 18) After review by Planning and Council, a new activity center/gymnasium was constructed and dedicated at Bethany School.
- 19) A road improvement project at the intersection of Lippleman and Greenwood was funded by the City of Sharonville and constructed.
- 20) Carruthers Pond Phase II public improvements were completed, dedicated and accepted.
- 21) A school zone warning signal and Congress traffic light improvement project at Sharon and Coral was approved for 80% construction funding by OKI/ODOT with installation expected in 2014..
- 22) A demolition grant for Village owned property at 1169 Cole Ave was approved and the house was removed.
- 23) Property at 94 Washington was purchased for lien value after foreclosure to prevent ownership transfer to the State of Ohio.

- 24) Demolition of a privately owned house on Cleveland Ave was approved by GPHPC and removed with private donations.
- 25) Extensive discussion took place between the Village and a developer concerning a potential housing development on the southern portion of Landmark property in Glendale.
- 26) Water and wastewater rates were reviewed and increased to match needs for utility operations and improvement loan payments.
- 27) The Water Plant improvement project was closed and loan amortization was begun.
- 28) The Village started implementation of additional Wastewater treatment improvements agreed to in December 2012 after intensive interaction with the Ohio EPA. These improvements will reduce the frequency of untreated overflow to Town Run Creek during major storm events and provide better wastewater treatment when high flows occur during storm events.
- 29) The Village solicited Requests for Qualifications for engineering services related to wastewater, water and storm water and Environmental Engineering Services (EES) was selected for assistance with future projects from among four highly qualified firms.
- 30) With assistance from Environmental Engineering, successful applications for low interest and zero interest loans were made to OWDA and OPWC for the Equalization Basin and Clarifier rebuild projects.
- 31) A construction contract was awarded for the Equalization Basin pumping system project.
- 32) Sam Allen passed away in December 2013 and a Proclamation recognized his lifelong contributions and dedication to the people of the Village of Glendale.
- 33) Lifelong resident James Kloth was presented a Proclamation on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 34) Sherri Kohnle was presented a Proclamation in recognition of her service to the Village as President of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.
- 35) Joe Epplen was presented a Proclamation recognizing his leadership as an educator at the St. Gabriel Consolidated School.
- 36) The Village hosted the annual Memorial Day Parade with well received remarks by retired Navy Captain Steven Brainerd.
- 37) The Village hosted the eighth annual Antique Car and Motorcycle Show followed by a Cincinnati Civic Orchestra performance in the Town Hall.
- 38) In July the Village hosted a brief ceremony on Village Square in acknowledgment of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's passage through Glendale during the American Civil War.
- 39) The Village sponsored a Shakespeare production at the HWB Community Center in August.
- 40) The fourth annual Beer Wine and Food Festival was conducted in Village Square as a benefit for The Cure Starts Now foundation
- 41) The Chamber of Commerce organized the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Street Fair in Village Square.
- 42) The Village hosted a Santa on the Square event for Glendale's young children.
- 43) Nine new Firefighters were appointed to the Glendale Fire Department: Cody Bookman, Brian Bradford, Carole Castillo, Joshua Fraser, Ian Grubb, Jesse Hellweg, Joshua Hennessy, Shane Staudigel, Dustin Pelopida,
- 44) 2012 Births: Creed Breckenridge Collier, Abigail Elizabeth Cooper, June McCoy, June Ulland, Addison Von Barga
- 45) 2012 Deaths: Samuel Marston Allen, Alice Rose Bucheit, Jaqueline L. "Jackie" Campbell, Mary Margret Carroll, Peter J. Cassinelli, Homer L. Cullom, June (Elliott) Dillon, Thomas "Toby" Francis, Donna (Coy) Hoffman, Mary E. Johnson, Carlisle (Sandy) Knowlton, Elizabeth "Liz" Carruthers Larson, Dr. John W. Rawlings, Patsy Hanlon Simons, Dorothy M. Slaughter, Eugene Richard (Dick) Slaughter, Eugene Smith, Michelle Tooson, Charles Edward "Scrappy" Vail, Ashley F. Ward