

**MAYOR'S REPORT
VILLAGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES
2016**

VILLAGE - GENERAL

Clerk-Treasurer, John Earls did not seek another term in Office and Council selected Marilyn Duke to replace him, effective April 1.

Memorial Day Parade was held May 30 with large turnout. Theme was honoring Viet Nam Veterans.

In response to rising number of accidents at intersection of Congress Avenue and Springfield Pike, the Village worked with ODOT to have the pavement on Southbound Congress milled at no cost to the Village. Accidents have declined dramatically.

On Aug 13, organizers (all current and former residents of the Village) held the 5th annual Fosdick (music) Festival. Despite the rain, over 200 people attended.

Volunteers, led by Dave and Rachel Schmid and trustees of Glendale Heritage Preservation, repainted nearly half of the lampposts in the Village. The remaining posts are to be done this year.

October 17, after preliminary work by a committee of private citizens led to an offer from the Ohio Rail Development Commission to allow a Quiet Zone in the Village in exchange for certain measures by the Village, the Mayor appointed a Special Committee to continue this work. An application has been filed with the GPHPC to approve changes in the Village Street Plan and other measures in early 2017.

Thanks to diligence and frugality of Village employees, Glendale ended the year with a surplus of \$132,199 in revenues less expenses.

Glendale middle School students submitted a plan to Council and the Village to establish small libraries in 3 places at various

locations in the Village. The project is called "Village Volumes" and the students are preparing final design proposals for the Village.

On Nov 9, residents approved a renewal of the existing 10 mil levy by a margin of 70% for to 30% against.

In 2016 there were 4 births reported and 24 deaths.

GRANTS

In April, Glendale Fire Department received a \$230,000 grant with a 5% match by the Village from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, for Breathing Air System purchase and filling equipment.

New Rescue Tool (Jaws of Life) purchased in part with \$12,500 grant from private donor with a match by Village

The Glendale Police Department was also awarded \$4100 for the State Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated Enforcement program for 2016 and a new \$1000.00 radar system for our vehicle

The Village was awarded a 4-year cash grant of \$100,000 annually with no match required for a new School Resource Officer. The Glendale Police Department assigned Officer Sheldon (Tony) Rox as the first ever School Resource Officer in the Village.

The Village was awarded a 4-year cash grant of \$12,000 annually with no match required for a School Crossing Guard. Resident Bob Denny was selected for this position.

In 2016, the Village completed a four-year program of removing ash trees that were either infected with the emerald ash borer or threatened with such. In all, some 330 trees were removed under this program, which was financed by a private grant of payments to the Village and vendors totaling \$31,500 annually with a \$6500 match from the Village.

The Village continues to receive an annual \$10,000 private grant for the planting of new trees and seedlings. Last year 52 trees were planted and 500 seedlings were distributed.

Hamilton County Storm Water District is funding \$125,000 toward two Glendale storm water improvement projects at Oak and Greenville & Albion totaling \$175,850 in construction costs. (Glendale's Local Match is \$50,850).

Grants received from Glendale Municipal Road Funds and Hamilton County Engineer's office for \$57,050 to cover engineering design services for the Sharon Road Bridge replacement project. Village is continuing to pursue grants for the actual repairs.

OPWC Grant application has been submitted for \$199,500 of sewer I/I (Infiltration and Inflow) reduction projects. We are seeking 78% (\$154,500) in grant funding with 22% (\$45,000) local match to be paid from existing street funds. This project will be ranked with other small governments submitting projects at the state level in February 2017.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Glendale FD received a Class 2 rating from Insurance Services Office (ISO), up from Class 3 rating. GFD is of very few volunteer fire departments in Ohio to achieve this rating.

The GFD Facilities Sub-Committee completed its study of improvements and renovations in the Fire Station and submitted its findings and recommendations to the Fire Committee.

10/12 GFD held its annual Skyline Night Fund raiser for Glendale Firefighters Association.

10/8 Fire Department Open House – First year for this event. Will hold every year during fire prevention week.

11/12 Point of Dispensing (POD) Drill with Hamilton County Public Health Department.

Glendale FD radio acquisition, upgrades and reprogramming, in which radios were donated and the programming was done by Hamilton County and the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association at no cost to the Village.

In December, the Department moved the historic Ahrens Fox truck and the Model A Chief's Car to environmentally controlled space, so that future generations can enjoy them in the Memorial Day Parade and other events

Joint Live Fire Training with Woodlawn, Lincoln Heights and Wyoming (April 9, & 10) and with Colerain Twp, Forest Park, North College Hill, Mt Healthy, Springfield Twp, Greenhills and Woodlawn (April 11, 12, 13)

Assisted Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center in staffing Black Lives Matter Rally/ Tensing Trial/ Trump Victory Tour

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lt. Dave LeCompte retired and Sgt. Craig Walsh was promoted to Lieutenant. Officer LeCompte returned as a part-time officer with responsibility for the DARE program, which was reactivated in all three Glendale Elementary Schools.

In March, Officer Josh Hilling was involved in a shooting incident on Interstate 75 while defending himself from a knife-wielding subject. Officer Lynn McKee arrived on the scene soon after Officer Hilling, and together, they were able to avoid further injury to the subject, who was found to be wanted for murder in Baltimore, Maryland. This incident brought positive attention to the Village both nationally and internationally due to training the he received within the police department. Both Officers received "Officer of the Month" awards from the Hamilton County Police Association.

Officer Hilling was awarded the "Medal of Honor" for his "Act of Bravery" by the Village of Glendale

Officer Lynn McKee was awarded the "Medal of Valor" for his actions

as well by the Village of Glendale

Lieutenant Craig Walsh was named the "Officer of the Year" for 2015 in April of 2016

All Officers completed the yearly State of Ohio mandated In-Service Training requirements on time and with high scores.

The Village received a grant for the purchase of Tasers that included training for all officers for addition use of force protocol.

On October 30, Lt. Craig Walsh and Chief Dave Warman arrested three subjects wanted in connection with a multi-state burglary spree.

The Glendale Police Department was ranked 5th in Hamilton County by Cincinnati Magazine, for providing the safest communities in which to live out of 600 plus communities in the Tri-State area

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Installed sump pump in basement of Eckstein Building to prevent damage due to storm water.

Paved entrance in front of Town Hall to allow for better access for disabled persons.

Increased mowing of greenbelts from 1/3 to 2/3.

Repaired lamppost that on Sharon Ave that was damaged when struck by car that was fleeing Sharonville Police.

Provided support and assistance for project to paint lampposts in the Village.

UTILITIES

There were no discharge violations from our lagoon into Town Creek. This substantial improvement over previous years was due to several factors, including renovation of old clarifiers to handle heavy inflows of storm water.

There were no instances of flooded basements attributable to sewer system, due to improvements in pipes and treatment facility.

There were no violations on our drinking water monitoring.

Completed major repairs, including, sewer line repair on Congress Ave, water main break on Sharon Ave, and rebuilding of Little Creek Lift station control panel. Also repaired 12 water leaks.

Replaced much needed fire hydrant on the corner of Sharon and Willow

Saved \$8,000 getting main line sewer cleaned by finding and using different contractor

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

To keep our residents informed, the Village sent 362 emails in 2016. There are 793 subscribers to the Village email list, up from 713 subscribers at beginning of the year, an increase of 11.2%. (We hit 800 subscribers in January 2017!)

Published full color newsletter in April.

Sought and evaluated Request for Proposals with staff, Clerk-Treasurer and Council for selection of Bank Depository and merchant services (new credit card processor as well).

The Park Board added two new members, Jody Skowronek and Joe Moravec. Member Bob Carey is becoming a Certified Arborist and members Joe Hubbard and Joe Moravec will graduate from the Tree Commission Academy, which is run by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Assisted utility department with master planning and coordination with engineers and funding opportunities for water and sewer plant and system needs. Work with Kevin Bell and Phyllis DePeel to prepare annual budget and rate-setting model.

Conducted Public Records Management & Disposal per State guidelines.

87 residential permits and 8 commercial permits issued by the Building Department as follows:

- 7 new homes**
- 7 residential alterations**
- 2 demolitions**
- 19 accessory structures**
- 10 residential fences**
- 9 residential roofing**
- 34 Residential HVAC**
- 5 Commercial signs**
- 2 Commercial HVAC**

Property maintenance addressed: 72 total, 1 citation issued, 2 foreclosures, 3 properties mowed and assessed

2 Board of Appeals and 1 Conditional Use application processed. Several Review meetings related to Landmark and PDO - still in progress

Negotiated and adopted Natural Gas aggregation contract and assisted residents with energy aggregation questions.

Purchased new photocopier for \$3,000 under budget and negotiated new service agreement that saves approximately \$600 a year from previous agreement.

Negotiated new merchant services contract that saves the Village approximately \$1,000 a year.

Updated 'Drinking Water Supply Contingency Plan' for 2016/2017 and distributed copies as necessary.

Worked closely with various planners and officials from Hamilton County Planning and Development revising the Village zoning map

Conducted studies of wages of 18 job titles and paid holiday leave schedules in 29 municipalities

Completed and submitted the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government performance evaluation

Completed Tree City USA application for 2016

Submitted claim cards for Duke class action lawsuit settlement