

**MAYOR'S REPORT
VILLAGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES
2017**

VILLAGE - GENERAL

Council – After many years of service to the Village, Councilman and former Mayor, Ralph Hoop resigned from Council. After interviewing a number of candidates, Council selected Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Duke, to replace him

Marilyn Duke resigned as Clerk-Treasurer to assume her new position as Councilwoman. Resident, Mike Burnham was good enough to serve as a temporary replacement. Council split the Clerk-Treasurer position into two separate functions. After interviewing candidates, Council chose Rebecca Terrell to be Clerk and Michael Beaugrand to be Treasurer.

Memorial Day Parade was held May 29 with large turnout and near-perfect weather. Thanks go to Bett Kooris for another superb job of organization and all those who assisted her and participated.

In May, the Village joined some 50 communities in litigation challenging SB 331, which severely restricted local regulation of cell phone tower locations. The court granted plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and defendants have appealed.

In May, the Village leased the building at 38 Village Square to the CF Bank of Columbus, replacing Fifth-Third Bank, which had ended its lease of the property.

On June 14, Loretta Rokey informed the Village that she would leave in 30 days to take the position of Administrator for Pierce Township. After an extensive search and interviews of a number of highly qualified candidates, the Mayor, with the advice from Council, offered the position to former Administrator, Walter Cordes, who we are happy to say, accepted it.

Volunteers, led by Dave and Rachel Schmid and trustees of Glendale Heritage Preservation, continued their work on

repainting the lampposts in the Village. Only 17 of the 118 lampposts in the Village remain to be done.

Efforts continued to establish a Quiet Zone. Highlights were: (1) GPHPC approved the changes in the Village Plan; (2) the Quiet Zone Committee raised more than the targeted amount required for the Village's share of safety improvements; and (3) at the meeting of August 28, Council approved an ordinance to create the Quiet Zone. Work is proceeding on the improvements.

Thanks to the diligence and frugality of Village employees, Glendale ended the year with a surplus of \$110,846 in revenues over expenses.

In 2017, 6 births and 15 deaths were reported to the Village Office. As we often suspected, some people were not aware of the Village's desire to know about births and 5 of the 6 came to us after a Village-wide special request.

GRANTS

Ohio Fire Marshal Grant for EMS Equipment in the amount of \$1000 with no match by the Village.

Ohio BWC Grant for Gear Extractor/ Gloves and Hood Equipment in the amount of \$11,660 to be matched by the Village in the amount of \$2332.

The 4-year cash grant of \$100,000 annually with no match required for a new School Resource Officer was renewed following very positive reports from the three major schools in the Village. GPD Officer Sheldon (Tony) Rox continues to serve as the Village's first ever School Resource Officer.

The 4-year cash grant of \$12,000 annually with no match required for a School Crossing Guard was renewed. Resident Bob Denny is continuing to serve in this position.

Grant of \$164,250 for Inflow and Infiltration reduction in sanitary sewer lines with a Village match of \$63,050. Project is currently under construction to pre-form point repairs and sewer lining to help reduce the village I&I issues.

Grant to repair bridge at Sharon Avenue and Little Creek Lane from OPWC in the amount of \$243,000, to be matched by the Village in the amount of \$81,000 and by a Municipal Road Fund Grant in the similar amount of \$81,000; total project costs being \$405,000.

Grants for Oak Rd and Albion Ave culvert replacement in 2018 funded through a Hamilton County Municipal Road Fund grant of \$82,680 and Village-matching funds of \$50,000.

Grants of \$15,000 for the removal of dead or dying trees and \$10,000 for the planting of new ones was received from a private foundation.

Several grants were obtained by GPD including, D.A.R.E grant for the 2017 school year for \$377.00; Bike Helmet Grant to purchase 200 bike helmets worth \$1500.00; and Continuous Professional Training (CPT) grant received from the State of Ohio for \$4780.00.

Total grants for 2017: \$727,247!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

GFD Captain, Tim Burns, passed away on May 17 at the far too young age of 48. His death, widely attributed to cancer caused by exposure to smoke and chemicals during his time in the fire service, has been taken by many as a wake-up call for the need to improve protective gear for those who put their lives on the line to protect us. A number of members of Village Government attended his funeral service and a plaque in his honor has been installed at the Glendale Fire Department.

GFD made 343 Dispatched runs, of which 195 were for fire call and 148 were for Emergency Medical Assistance.

Members of GFD logged 38,571 Volunteer Hours, which at \$24.14/hour represents a value of \$929,800 to the Village.

GFD members served in many area organizations, including Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Board Member (Vice President); the Health Collaborative Disaster Coalition; Cincinnati Airport Disaster Committee; Hamilton County Threat Assessment and Risk Management; the Ohio Hospital Association – Mass Casualty Response Planner; and Ohio Fire Chiefs – Volunteer Departments (Board Member).

GFD made and oversaw repairs on the historic Ahrens-Fox Fire truck and arranged for it to be housed in a climate-controlled facility, until permanent storage can be found.

When the long-running and very popular Glendale Pancake Breakfast nearly came to an end due to the inability of the sponsoring organization to find a chairperson, GFD stepped in and ran a very successful event.

Other events run by GFD included an Open House; a Fund Raiser at Skyline Chili – Tri County; Flu Shots provided by Mercy Hospital; Narcan training FD & PD; AED Training – Police and Administration; and Point of Dispensing (POD) Drill.

New Electronic Fire Reporting System was installed.

New Village Network Computer System installed at the Village Office and GFD

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Joshua Hilling was named “Police Officer of The Year.”

Officer Jerry Barnell received the “Medal of Merit” award for capturing a kidnapper who had taken a child from its home in Forest

Park. Officer Barnell chased on foot and arrested the suspect, who was also wanted for a double homicide in Columbus Ohio.

Officer Steve Keist was promoted to Sergeant.

Retired Officer Delow Williams was rehired by the Police Department as a Part-Time Patrolman.

Glendale Police provided over 75 Back-to School Backpacks for the children in the Glendale Community. Each Backpack was filled with every school supply needed for the entire school year.

2017 Food drive at Kroger's in Woodlawn provided over 2000 canned goods and gift cards to Village residents.

Glendale Police officers, along with Village volunteers, including the apparently tireless Bev Rieckhoff, provided 25 Glendale Families with a wonderful Christmas Holiday.

Glendale Police Department was awarded the "Gold Star Award" for D.U.I enforcement within our community. This was an improvement over the "Silver Star Award" awarded in 2016.

Construction began on the Police Department for a new entrance allowing people with disabilities better access into the station.

The state of Ohio recognized all Glendale Police officer for completing mandatory state training requirements on time and with scores of 100% proficiencies.

Glendale Mayor's Court received a perfect State of Ohio audit on its Mayor's court receipts.

Three new office spaces were created on the third floor of the police station (in house) saving the village thousands of dollars in cost. GPD extends special thanks to the Glendale Public Works Department for the excellent work on this project.

PARKS

Installed 2 new drinking fountains at Washington and Summit park with funding provided by the Glendale Garden Crafters Club.

Painted and repaired wooden playground equipment at Washington, Summit, Lake and Cleveland Parks.

Painted of part of fencing along St. Edmond Park with supplies provided by Landmark Baptist Church.

Built a 550 gallon mobile tree and plant watering system that also can be converted into a salt brine applicator for pre-treatment of streets for snow and ice with funding provided by the Glendale Garden Crafters Club.

Cleaned soot and mildew from the old water tower at the Village monument.

Installed a new decorative 3-tiered self-filling fountain in our Village square island with funding provided by the Village Gardeners Club of Glendale.

Planted wild flowers along railroad tracks and in other places throughout the village.

Distributed free 500 assorted tree saplings; purchased 50 tree watering bags with funding provided by Glendale Park Board.

Collected: 912 cubic yards of yard waste and dead leaves, 570 cubic yards of brush chipping totals, 120 cubic yards of loose year waste.

Rebuilt the transmissions for the chipper and leaf machine.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Removed bat guano and bat control program within the Town Hall.

Continued soffit and stairs repair at the Town Hall, Police Dept. and Train Depot.

Completed installation of 2 new offices, new hallway, lighting, electrical, telephone, and computer upgrades on the 2nd floor of the police Department.

Painted and outfitted Police Dept. old locker room into a secure gun storage and maintenance room.

Started police Department ramp addition and improvement project.

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

STREETS

Completed final preparation steps for the Oak Rd and Albion Ave culvert replacement in 2018.

Finalized last details for the reconstruction of the Sharon Rd bridge project. (Awaiting Cincinnati Water main replacement) This project is funded through a HCED grant and village matching funds.

Replaced of 2 outdated guardrails on Chester Rd.

Removed approximately 65 public trees along with trimming and pruning of another 175 trees within public right of ways and public grounds.

Completed trimming back of brush lined street through out the village.

Replaced approximately 120 square yards of street surface.

Completed purchase of a 2018 model 7400 International snow removal truck. Outfitting of snow equipment will be finished mid 2018.

UTILITIES

Designed Lead and Copper Mapping for the Ohio EPA and were told by the Ohio EPA that they were using our mapping as an example for other communities to follow.

Currently under construction in improving our wastewater SCADA (automated control) system.

Working with our engineers (EES) created an interactive computer model for the village water distribution system. This will help the village make decisions to strategically replace water mains to strengthen the distribution system with respect to fire flows and alternate routes to the water tower.

Collected 24 bacteria samples from the drinking water distribution system (required 2 each month by the EPA) all 24 samples came back negative. All 11 of our Lead samples came back non-detectable limits.

East well cleaned along with upgrading the electric service to the well to help reduce electric cost.

0 work related injuries within the Utility Department

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

To keep our residents informed, the Village sent 299 emails in 2017. There are 842 subscribers to the Village email list, up from 795 subscribers at beginning of the year, an increase of 5.9%. Our overall opening rate for 2017 (whether or not the email is opened or ignored) was 39.5% compared to the average open rate of 25.7% for government emails. On average, 333 people read each of our emails. The highest opening rates, lately, have been around 61.0% on the topics of the Quiet Zone and UDF.

Published full color newsletter in June.

Successfully passed the biennial (every two years) financial audit required by the Auditor of the State of Ohio.

Village issued 76 residential permits and 13 commercial permits issued by the Building Department as follows:

2 new homes

32 residential alterations

0 demolitions

5 accessory structures

6 residential fences

4 residential roofing, siding or gutters

27 Residential HVAC

4 Commercial signs

9 Commercial HVAC & alterations

Permit Revenues were \$56,541 in 2017

Property maintenance addressed: 55 total, 0 citation issued, 2 foreclosures, 0 properties mowed and assessed

Renewed Gas and Electric Aggregation resulted in average savings of 13% to Village residents.

The Planning Commission and Council approved the application of Bethany School for new buildings on its property.

Completed Tree City USA application for 2017, which has been approved for the 22nd consecutive year and, in 2017, we received our 7th Annual Growth Award, recognizing the Village's efforts to increase its tree protection and promotion efforts.