



## VILLAGE of GLENDALE

GLENDALE, OHIO 45246

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December 30, 2015

Dear Glendale Residents,

Listed on the following pages are some of the significant accomplishments of your Village government during 2015 as well as other notable events that happened in Glendale. I think you will find it worthwhile to reflect upon the past year in your community.

My term as your Glendale Mayor is closing. I have been just one of the people who volunteer their efforts in many capacities to maintain our village as a desirable place to live. It has been an honor and privilege to serve.

In the new year Don Lofty will become Mayor and I have every confidence he will work with our residents and Council to maintain the operations and character of our village.

Best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Ralph Hoop  
Mayor, Village of Glendale

## Glendale 2015 Accomplishments

(Reported January 4, 2016)

- 1) The Village dedicated a plaque in honor of Glendale resident and Cincinnati Fire Apparatus Operator Daryl Gordon who on March 26 gave his life in the line of duty while saving others from an apartment fire.
- 2) Don Lofty was elected to a four year term as Glendale Mayor starting in 2016.
- 3) Dave Schmid and Ralph Hoop were elected to four year terms on Council.
- 4) Alan Hoeweler was appointed to Council following the resignation of Debbie Grueninger.
- 5) Meredith Murphy was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals following the resignation of Hugh Garvin.
- 6) The Village completed 2015 operations within budget and without using inheritance tax principal. The Village passed the bi-annual state audit of finances with flying colors.
- 7) Forty four ordinances and seventeen resolutions were approved by Council.
- 8) The GPHPC reviewed 34 applications for Historic District exterior renovations.
- 9) After four public hearings the GPHPC unanimously approved Findings of Fact for a Preliminary Development application submitted by Drees Homes for homes on Landmark Baptist Church property. Village Council held two public hearings on this recommendation, but Drees withdrew their application before a Council vote.
- 10) Construction was completed at the wastewater treatment plant for renovation of our two old clarifiers. This completes all construction projects currently required by the EPA. After two major rainfalls in late fall, for the first time in recent years there were no requests to pump basements.
- 11) Oak Road was repaved using funds received from state gasoline sales tax and vehicle registrations.
- 12) A derelict structure on Lincoln Avenue was demolished and a lien placed on the property to recover costs.
- 13) The Residential Building Code was updated using the International Residential Building Code as a model with modifications specific to Glendale.
- 14) An ordinance was passed regulating Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces.
- 15) Legal procedures were followed to complete the sale of Maple Avenue, a "paper" street.
- 16) Ordinances were passed adjusting Water Tap and Sewer Entry Fees.
- 17) Wastewater rates were increased to match needs for operations and loan payments.
- 18) A Resolution was passed supporting the Princeton City School District and their opposition to State of Ohio redistribution of tax revenue.
- 19) Princeton Viking Village was dedicated with the auditorium named in honor of the Glendale Matthews family.
- 20) The Public Records Commission met twice, drafted internal email guidelines, updated the Police records disposal schedule, and responded to 10 public records requests.
- 21) An Ordinance was passed accepting the dedication of Albion Lane, Clarke Court, Walnut Avenue, Greenwood Avenue, Glen Meadow Court and Linden Avenue and the dedication of Mathews Court Subdivision. The Village accepted the donation of property at the entrance to Little Creek subdivision.

- 22) Bartlett and Company was selected to provide portfolio management service for Glendale investment funds.
- 23) Kleingers Group was selected to provide civil engineering service for the village.
- 24) Electric and gas aggregation was continued for a fifth year with modest energy savings for residents.
- 25) The Administrator distributed 352 broadcast emails to residents during the year to keep them informed about events in the Village.
- 26) A Village newsletter was published which included the annual drinking water quality report.
- 27) The Glendale Police Department continued their annual Family Assistance programs including 1) the Back to School Supply Drive; 2) the Can Food Drive; 3) the Christmas Assistance Drive.
- 28) Federal, State and Local audits of the Police Department found 100% compliance.
- 29) GPD received the 2015 Hamilton County "OVI" Task Force award for OVI enforcement.
- 30) The GPD received a \$1500 State award for continuing professional training and also received a donation of 200 bike helmets that were distributed at the Glendale Elementary May Fete festival.
- 31) For the first time the Fire and Police Departments organized a missing child search using the Urban Search & Rescue Squad. The child was found safe outside the village at a relative's house.
- 32) The Glendale Police and Fire Departments completed an extensive "Safety Audit" for the Sisters of the Transfiguration and Bethany School.
- 33) Stricter hiring and testing requirements were put into place for the volunteer Fire Department.
- 34) The Glendale community supported resident Kelli Reisen with her successful "Save the Murals" campaign to relocate ceramic murals from the old Princeton High School before it was demolished.
- 35) Glendale Heritage Preservation hosted the 24th annual Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall.
- 36) The Andy Caress 5K Block the Sun Run was held in May.
- 37) William Carruthers, Sgt. First Class, U.S. Army (ret), provided remarks at the 2015 Memorial Day ceremony.
- 38) The Village hosted the tenth annual Antique Car and Motorcycle Show followed by a Cincinnati Civic Orchestra performance in Village Square.
- 39) The Village sponsored a Shakespeare production at the HWB Community Center in August.
- 40) The Chamber of Commerce organized the 51st annual Street Fair in Village Square which, for the first time, included a Wine & Beer festival.
- 41) The HWB Community Center hosted the Spooky Pooch event at Washington Park in the fall and a Village Christmas event at the HWB Scout House with Santa arriving on a Village Fire Engine.
- 42) The annual Tree City USA award was received for the 19<sup>th</sup> time.
- 43) Debbie Grueninger was given a Proclamation recognizing her sixteen years of service as a Councilmember.
- 44) Will Kreidler left Village Council after serving for four years.
- 45) Hugh Garvin was recognized by Proclamation for 64 years of service to Glendale. Hugh is a fourth generation Glendale resident who has lived in the village his entire life. He was elected to Village Council in 1951 and served for 24 years, including time as Vice-Mayor. He was

appointed to the Glendale Planning Commission in 1956 and served until 1994. He was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 1978 until 2015.

- 46) William A. Carruthers received a Proclamation to recognize his contribution to the village in organizing the annual Memorial Day Parade for fifty years.
- 47) A Proclamation recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eckstein School, which opened in 1915.
- 48) A Proclamation recognized the Glendale Garden Club, formed in 1915, as the oldest club in the village.
- 49) A Proclamation recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of long-time resident Cledith Bowling Humbach.
- 50) A Proclamation recognized the 70<sup>th</sup> annual Turner-Wilson Family Reunion.
- 51) A Proclamation recognized the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Finale restaurant, a local icon.
- 52) A Proclamation honored Rebecca Fenner Terrell for her years of service transcribing GPHPC minutes.
- 53) A Proclamation recognized Fabian Schmahl for his efforts in bringing a portion of the Berlin Wall to Cincinnati.
- 54) Tony Rox was recognized as the 2014 Joseph Hubbard Police Officer of the Year.
- 55) Chief Kevin Hardwick was elected Vice President of the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs association and became one of only sixteen fire chiefs in Ohio to have both Ohio Fire Chief and Ohio Fire Executive credentials.
- 56) The Fire Department internally promoted Ed Hess and Steve Schmidt to the rank of Captain.
- 57) Twenty-one new Glendale Firefighters were appointed: Christopher Amyx, David Amyx, Ben Burton, Laura Courts, Zachary Doran, Anthony Dryden, Kris Freppon, Joseph Green, Christopher Gregory, Andres Harmon, Steve Hendickson, Bradley Herrin, John Moore, Whitney Nichols, William Russo, Erin Sarvis, Anna Sebastian, Charles Solomon, Melissa Thomas, Austin Walter, Brian Weinel
- 58) Trees were planted and Proclamations presented recognizing births in the village: Arianna Rebecca Herbst, Kai Magnus Baldrige, Jordan Sweis, Josephine Sunny Banker, Owen Robert Holtz and Rowen Gee
- 59) 2015 Deaths: John M. Bohlander, Cooper Burchenal, John J. Burchenal, Earl Eugene "Gene" Burt, Jean Clipson, Jean Constable, Jane Hamilton Garvin, , Daryl Gordon, Barbara Hoekenga, Cledith Carol Humbach, Aileen R. Judd, Jean Ruth Kathman, Marvin Manning, Lynn Martin, Jeanne E, Matthews, Colleen Williams Mercer, Ronald Meridy, Ruth Gordon Noone, Sharon K. Phifer, Ashley S. Todd, Barbara Vanover, Rosalie Walters, Donna Kay Warfield