

VILLAGE OF GLENDALE

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES

Administration and Departmental Highlights

Celebrated the retirements of two long-time Village employees: Administrator Walter Cordes and Finance and Personnel Assistant Phyllis DePeel.

Appointed David Lumsden as Village Administrator on April 1st. David previously worked with the Village as a part-time intern, before returning in a full-time capacity in 2019.

Promoted Clerk Sally Wilson to the position of Executive Finance Assistant as of April 1st.

Welcomed Spencer Hawkins to the Village staff as an Administrative Clerk. Spencer's role includes assisting residents in-person and by phone, as well as processing utility billing.

Completed the required biannual audit of Village financial statements and accounts by the Auditor of State's Office. As expected, the audit showed no evidence of fraud or intentional malfeasance. The Auditor's letter stated that,

“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to [in the audit letter] present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts, disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type as and for the year ended December 31, 2019....”

A copy of the audit report can be viewed at www.glendaleohio.org/auditreport.

Successfully bid and awarded the contract for the improvement of the Cleveland Park playground equipment to DWA Recreation, in the amount of \$94,632.

Entered into an electric utility agreement beginning August 2021 for the purchase of electricity under the terms of the Village's electricity aggregation program, with significant savings for Village residents.

Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission and Village Council each held public hearings to consider the application of the property owner at 313 E. Willow for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a short-term rental dwelling at the property. Following the meetings and public input, the application was denied.

Glendale Planning and Historic Preservation Commission and Village Council also received an application from the property owner of 42 Washington Avenue for a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a convalescent home at the property. After several public hearings, the application was withdrawn as the property was transferred to the Cincinnati Preservation Association for renovation and use.

Passed legislation to rename the “Glendale Park Board” to the “Glendale Urban Forestry Board” to better capture the work of the Board to improve the urban forestry canopy for the Village of Glendale.

Awarded status as a Tree City USA for the 26th year in a row.

Completed the Sharon Rd./South Troy watermain replacement. A new 10” line now runs from Chester Road to Town Hall, connecting with a previously installed main running from Town Hall to the water tower on Route 4. Timing project to come after payoff of existing loans avoided need for additional rate increase.

Following replacement of water main, awarded a contract of \$582,686 to John R. Jurgensen Co. for the repaving and restriping of Sharon Avenue from Route 4 to Chester Road. Crews began work in October and completed the repaving in early November. The new surface eliminates sinking manholes, new striping and traffic patterns, as well as a smoother transition at the Sharon Avenue bridge near Little Creek.

Appointed Arleen Hoeweler to the Urban Forestry Board August 2nd to fill the vacancy of Bob Carey who stepped down.

Received \$114,231 in American Rescue Plan funding for public projects. This funding will be used for the replacement of stormwater infrastructure along Hedgerow and Albion Avenues and for stormwater studies for future improvements in that area, including the installation of a detention/retention basin in the Oak Street greenbelt.

Awarded \$300,000 in grant funds from SORTA for the replacement of traffic signals at Sharon Avenue and Route 4. Work will begin in 2022 on this project.

Distributed 123 emails to the Village Newsletter email list of over 1,000 subscribers. This is a slight decrease from 2020, where 147 were sent (many related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Village’s response). The Village continues to enjoy a very engaged audience, with over 75% of subscribers frequently opening and reading email newsletters.

Restarted [This is Glendale](#) as a method to communicate important information and public interest stories to those inside and outside of Glendale. Donations to the Village permitted the hiring of a resident, Christian Appleby, to assist with production.

Police Department

Retirement of Chief Warman and Patrol Officers Rox and Cordes

Promotion of M. Craig Walsh from Lieutenant to Acting Chief

Promotion of Stephen Keist from Sergeant to Lieutenant

Officers Lee and Herring were promoted from part time to full time status

The Glendale Police Department became part of the Ohio Collaborative and received final certification in such areas as, Use of Force, Recruitment and Hiring, Community Engagement, Body Worn Cameras, Bias Free Policing, Vehicular Pursuit,

Police Department purchased new Axon Body Cameras

The Glendale Police Department received Crisis Intervention Training

The department attended ABEL (Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement) Training

The department attended Riot Control and Response training

The department began use of Daily Training Bulletins for all officers in Lexipol

Another successful year for the Back-to-School Drive and the Needy Family Christmas fund

Successful year for SRO (school resource officer) in all schools

Successful year for School Crossing Guard

Fire Department

296 Fire Responses; 174 EMS Responses; 43,926 Volunteer Hours - The Current Estimated National Value of Each Volunteer Hour Is \$28.54 (43,926 hours @ \$28.54/ hour = \$1,253,648.04 value to the Village of Glendale)

Served as a source of information for the Village Government regarding Covid – 19 and conducted COVID Booster Vaccinations at the fire station for Fire and Police personnel.

Kitchen remodeling completed; FD Grill Out – First use of new kitchen and plaza area

Engine 245 completed major repair

Training: Drivers Training Class; EMT Basic Class; Live Fire Training “Fire Blaster” Ohio State Fire Marshal; Incident Command Training; Firefighter 1 class and Volunteer Firefighter Class completed

Glendale Emergency Operations Center is established and now functional

Events: Community Volunteer event; Memorial Day; Princeton Homecoming Parade; Bethany School Trunk or Treat; GFD Open House; Creekwood Condominiums – Meet your Fire Department & Home Fire Safety Inspections; St Gabriel School Fire Station Visit; Firehouse Expo – Columbus – Boot set up – Cancer Prevention; Sharonville Touch A Truck

Planning – GFD SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) Analysis; County Fire Departments Strategic Planning; Hamilton County MCI Planning Committee; Hamilton County EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Partners in Preparedness Meeting – County Wide Meeting

New Support 45 now in service for EMS Response and Cancer Reduction applications
Railroad Incident Class

Sharonville EMS now providing EMS services for Glendale residents.

Cincinnati and Hamilton County Firefighter Memorial Service

Water Donation from Nestle – 600 cases of water * Donated 300 cases to Western Kentucky from Tornado damaged areas; Additional Water Donation from Anheuser-Busch; Water Donation from Sam's Club – Directly from our local Sam's Club

IAFC (International Association of Fire Chiefs) Annual Conference – Chief Hardwick Board of Directors

Onboarding of new firefighters. Establishing mentors interdepartmentally.
Turnout gear evaluations and uniform evaluations.

GFD's current situation is being dominated with the COVID 19 pandemic. From getting protections in place for our fire department staff to getting protections for the community. Our staff was depleted with many members testing positive or being exposed to people with COVID throughout the year. Fire departments across the county are doing the same. We vaccinated many members this year to help get control of the problem. We are minimizing staff in the station to help in managing the situation.

Awards and Grants: International Association of Fire Chiefs – Illness and Injury Prevention Award for our Cancer Reduction Program; Lexipol – Policy Compliance Award – For Excellence in Fire Service Policy Management; Factory Mutual – Fire Prevention Award – Commitment to protecting our community & Grant; Ohio EMS Grant; Worked on Grant for Truck Replacement.

Public Works

Streets: Paving and marking of Sharon Rd from St R4 to Chester Rd. By a MRF grant

Grant for Traffic signal replacement at Rt 4 and W. Sharon Rd. from Sorta Metro group.

Tree maintenance trimming and removal of power line undergrowth provided by Duke Energy.

Refuse collection totals:

Yard waste (leaves) 600 yards.
Brush chipping totals 620 yards.
Loose totals 25 yards.
Leaf mulch distributed 175 yards.

Public Buildings

Restoration and repairs of gutters, soffits, windows and door. Sealing and painting of all paintable surfaces in Town Hall, Police Dept, Police Garage.

Cleveland Park

Installed new playground set, sidewalk and landscaping. Possible by a Hamilton co CDBG grant.

Assisted in construction of Picnic shelter for an eagle scout project by Maxwell Ehlers, which he designed and constructed. All cost were met through public donations.

Summit/Washington Parks: New sports equipment possible through a Proctor Grant coordinated by GYS:

John Deere backhoe front loader bucket tractor.
Repair and paint the A diamond bleachers and dugouts.
Set of aluminum bleachers.
New netting and Astro turf for the batting cages.

Greenspace and right of ways

Upper greenbelt continued clearing and improving terrain for a possible location for a proposed Dog park.

Tree management and maintenance along right of ways and public properties.

29 Dead or failing Trees removed
43 new Trees planted
Trimming along all park property lines.
Free tree give away - total 500 various specious.
Continued increasing the numbers of wild flower plots around the Village.

Park and Urban Forestry Board

1st annual Glendale volunteer day. Where a number of projects were started and or completed.
Painting of the picnic shelter at Washington Park.
The iron fence along the train depot.
Cleaning out and mulching of flower beds around the village.

Planting wild flowers around the village.
Trimming and cleanup of park equipment and greenbelts.

Utilities

Welcomed Chris Milne to the Utilities Department staff. Chris assists with plant operation as well as meter reading and other day-to-day duties of the department.

Completed the Sharon Rd./South Troy watermain replacement. A new 10" line now runs from Chester Road to Town Hall, connecting with a previously installed main running from Town Hall to the water tower on Route 4.

Following complaints about low pressure, crews completed the 2" waterline replacement on Grove Avenue.

Received zero violations on our EPA required testing for drinking water. This includes non-detect results for PFAS. A copy of the Village's water quality report can be found at www.glendaleohio.org/ccr.

Began work to establish a Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance Program (CMOM) for the Village of Glendale sanitary sewer system. The first project was underground locating of all water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines in the Village of Glendale. This work was funded by a 0% interest loan through the Ohio Water Development Authority Water Pollution Control Loan Fund.

Continued work on leak detection and repair, reducing estimated unbilled water from an average of 44.7% to 42.9% per quarter. Average production also dropped from an average of 32 million gallons per quarter in 2020 to 27 million gallons per quarter in 2021.

Work continues on leak detection and repair, as well as other methods, such as water meter replacement, to improve the accuracy of the quarterly billing.