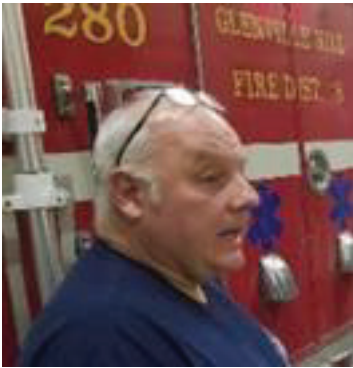




District Eight *a newsletter of the* **Glenville Hill Fire District #8** *April 2018*

Meet the Chief



Chief Craig Myers together with his family resides on Ridge Road in our District. Craig has been involved in the volunteer fire service since 1979, joining the

Glenville Hill District in 2010. He has served as a Lieutenant for two years (2012-2013); promoted and served 3-years as Assistant Chief (2014-2016); and serves since January 2017 as our Chief. Prior to joining Glenville Hill, Chief Myers was a member of the Beukendaal Fire Department, where he also served in several roles, including Fire Chief.

Chief Myers continues to improve himself by taking external training courses. Most recently, he completed over 258 hours of outside training, including his New York State certification as an Emergency Medical Technician in the Spring of 2016. Several of his personal and firefighting professional qualities include self-discipline, self-motivation, an ability to work positively as a leader of a group working toward a common goal. We are all honored to have Craig Myers as our Fire Chief.

Open House Planned

The Glenville Hill Fire District and Company will host an open house at the firehouse as part of "Recruit New York" on Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Stop in and meet our dedicated volunteer firefighters without having to dial 911. We will be at the firehouse providing tours and answering your questions. New volunteers are always welcome – visit and have your questions answered on how you too can help your neighbors.

Fire Company Transfers Vacant Land to District

GHFD Fire Company members by a majority vote agreed at their November 2017 monthly meeting to transfer 28 (+/-) acres of vacant land surrounding the existing firehouse and picnic pavilion for \$1 to District residents. The land was donated to the Company by the Crawford family many years ago.
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FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WILLIAM BENOSKY, CHAIRPERSON
DIRK FRANCOIS, VICE CHAIRPERSON
JAMES SLINGERLAND
THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN
ARMAND CANESTRARO

Firehouse non-emergency number (518) 377-3002

The process of completing the transfer is presently underway and includes an updated survey, deed and lot-line adjustment combining the Company donation to the existing District parcel.

Senator Tedisco Visits



Senator Jim Tedisco recently visited and toured the firehouse with Chief Myers, Assistant Chief Manocchi and several Commissioners in January. The Senator discussed available funding sources and reviewed our equipment and building needs. Together we shared our vision for the District. He vowed to support that vision and work with us in the development of a future plan. We are excited to partner with Senator Tedisco and further explore available funding options to assist our District and the dedicated 21 active volunteer firefighters providing firefighting, rescue and EMT services here in the Glenville Hills.

District Commissioners Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the firehouse
All residents are welcome.

Glenville Hill Fire District Future

The present firehouse was built in 1955. At the time of its construction, the building construction was bonded for \$15,000. It has served both the Fire District and its volunteer Company well over the past 60-plus years it has been in use. Since being built, many NYS and National Fire codes have evolved. District 8 has complied with the best of its ability working within the confines of its original footprint, however, there remain several deficiencies in the building that result in safety concerns.

It is time to move forward and provide a compliant, safe environment for both the District's equipment and the volunteer firefighters who serve us every day. The Fire Commissioners continue to research several Grant funding sources, including their contacting both State and Federal Legislators to help address our concerns.

District Commissioners together with volunteer Company members are in complete agreement; the District does not need, require or want an expensive brick and mortar firehouse that costs millions to construct. The goal is to improve firefighter safety, provide workable apparatus bays and create an accessible location to accommodate district residents for such things as was needed last fall when Police Chief Janik addressed residential break-ins. More information will be forthcoming as the planning process progresses.

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Glenville Hill Auxiliary News



Meet the Officers

President: Patty Manocchi

Vice-President: Karen Jendzeizyk

Treasurer: Perina Guzzo

Secretary: Julie Myers

Kick-off Event of the Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast with Santa

On December 2nd, the auxiliary kicked off their very first pancake breakfast since reorganizing as a group! Pancakes were poured, flipped and served (along with scrambled eggs and sausages) in what was one of the several anticipated events of the holiday season for the community. The finale of this great event was the visit by Santa which was thoroughly enjoyed by kid and adult alike! There was also a 50/50 which was won by Megan Smith!



MEETING INFORMATION

The Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the firehouse. All are welcome (yes men too!), and we would love to have new members come aboard and support our fire department and community.

***We also have junior members age 13 and up!*

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