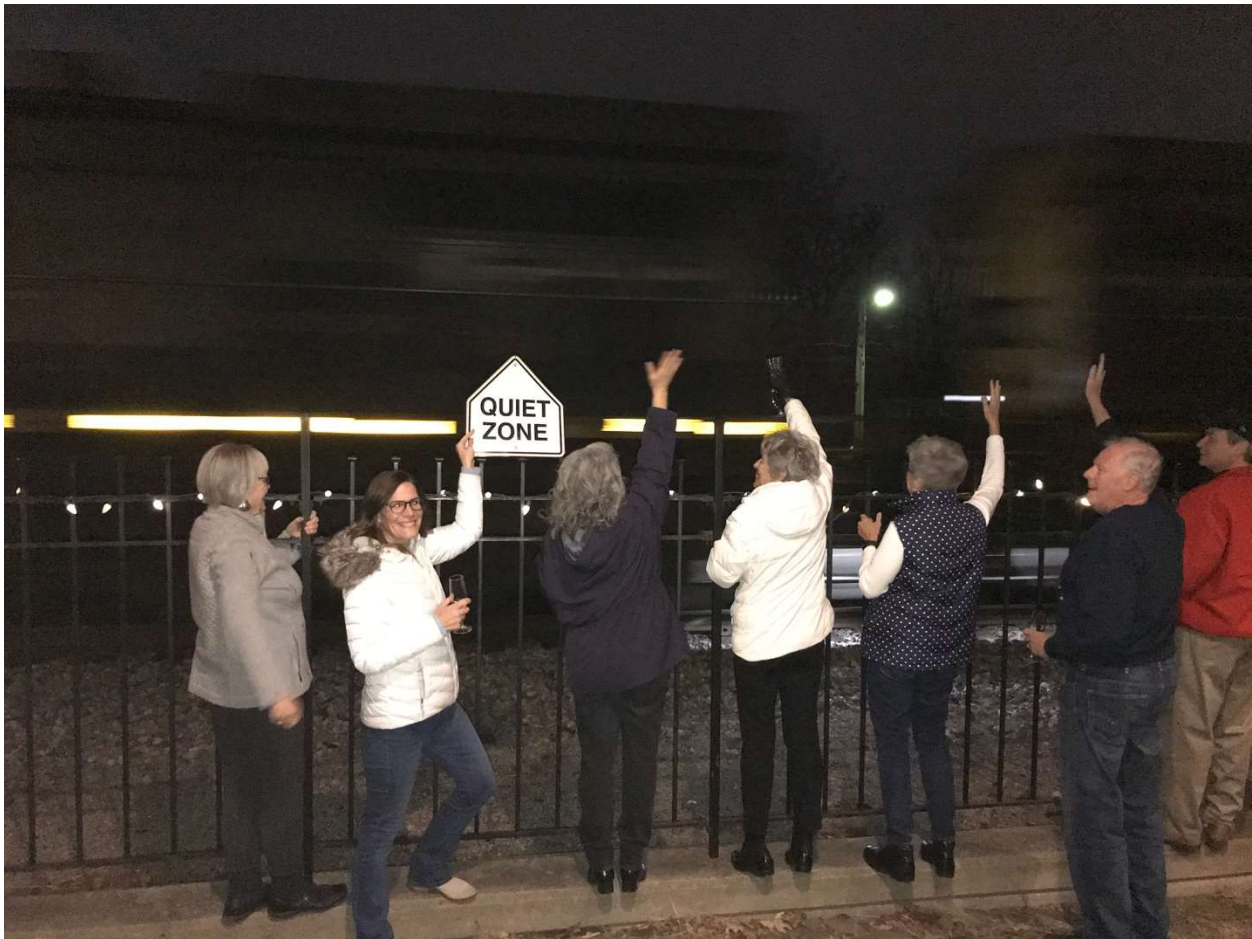


GLENDALE QUIET ZONE IS OFFICIAL EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT JANUARY 10, 2020!

As previously reported, Glendale sent a Notice of Establishment of a New Quiet Zone to all necessary parties on Friday, December 20. On December 30, we received formal notice that CSX Transportation had accepted our Notice. CSX informed us that the Quiet Zone would go into effect on December 10 at 12:01am.

So...shortly before Midnight on December 9, a few residents gathered at the GHP Depot Museum to see if this was really going to happen. It was a long wait. For some reason, the first train did not appear until about 12:40am, it was worth the wait. To the delight of all, the train did not sound its horn at any of the Glendale crossings. The photo below shows the celebration. Not too long afterward, at 1:05am, a second train appeared and it too pass through our Village hornless. At that point, we reminded ourselves that it was way past bedtime for most of us and we shook hand, high-fived, hugged, etc. and departed.



After nearly four years of effort and many more years of discussion, the Glendale Quiet Zone has finally become a reality! It will officially go into effect at 12:01am on Friday January 10, 2020! (That's one minute after Midnight on January 9.) Finally, the 65 trains that go through our Village each day will not routinely sound their horns as they approach our crossings.

Thus, Glendale will become the second community in Hamilton County and the fifteenth in the State of Ohio to have a quiet zone. Mayor Don Lofty cautioned that, “In the beginning, some engineers may not get the message and, in cases of real emergencies, the horns will still be heard. But we have been assured by other communities that have quiet zones that the railroads respect the horn limitations.” In fact several trains have sounded their horns during the morning of Dec. 10, but we plan to reach out to the railroads and ensure that all engineers are reminded of the Glendale Quiet Zone.

Mayor Lofty concluded by saying, “January 10, 2020, will go down as a great day in the history of our Village!”