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## VILLAGE of GLENDALE

GLENDALE, OHIO 45246

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### **Frustrated Resident Asks Why do the Trains Keep Blowing Horns Now that we have a Quiet Zone?**

The Quiet Zone has been in effect for over a month now and I think most of us are relieved that the train horns have decreased substantially. Still, we are frustrated that some trains are still blowing their horns as they pass through the Village. Here is an email that I sent recently to a frustrated resident that will clarify the situation.

Dear Resident: Mr. Cordes passed along your comments about the continuing train horns after the quiet zone has been in effect for over a month. I share your frustration, even though the number of train horns has decreased greatly since Jan 10.

We always knew that, even in a quiet zone, trains could blow their horns in certain situations: emergencies such as people, vehicles, etc. on or near the tracks, and stopped trains to warn any crew member who might be investigating the cause of the stoppage. Our goal is to ensure that these are the only situations in which trains sound their horns.

We have filed complaints with the railroads when a train sounds its horn. Where the railroad cannot find a good reason for the horn, we are told that the crew involved has been warned against repeat actions. We continue to be alert for instances of illegal horns.

I understand that you live near the tracks. This puts you in an ideal place to help us. When you hear a train horn, try to get the company name (usually CSX or Norfolk-Southern), the engine number of the lead engine (sometimes there are more than one), and check the track area for any sign of a need for a warning. You can then send this information to my attention and Mr. Cordes' at the Village Office. We will take up the matter with the appropriate railroad.

Don Lofty, Mayor