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Dear Neighbor:

As I was preparing to draft my June letter, I realized that the most timely topics to cover would be those that you – our Glencoe residents – brought up as I was out and about answering questions leading up to this April’s election. Here’s a recap of the most common topics and issues I encountered:

- **Attracting and retaining businesses in downtown Glencoe** – Many of you mentioned being excited by the marked growth in the downtown area in the last few years—but there is still more work to be done. Our recently approved Downtown Plan—and the recommendations in it—will be used to help attract and retain high-quality businesses. Village staff are more actively working with new and existing businesses than ever before. We will also invite your participation this summer as we begin to review changes to Tudor Court!

- **Holding the line on costs, while maintaining service levels and investing in the community** – Governments everywhere are challenging themselves to do more with less and the Village is no exception. Currently, we are undergoing an extensive analysis of our garbage collection program to evaluate how to continue to provide excellent garbage collection services, but at a lower cost to the Village, and to our residents. The financial uncertainty caused by potential State of Illinois actions with respect to the budget crisis only underscores the importance of our efforts.

**Coming Events & Key Dates**

- **Glencoe French Market**
  Saturdays, June 10 - October 14
  8 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Wyman Green

- **Movies on the Green**
  - Friday, June 9 | *Moana*
  - Friday, July 14 | *Sing*
  - Friday, August 4 | *Lego Batman*
  Wyman Green | Movie begins at dusk

- **Glencoe Sidewalk Sale**
  Friday & Saturday, June 23-24
  9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Downtown Glencoe

- **4th of July Celebration**
  Tuesday, July 4 | See page 9 for details

- **Meet the Machines**
  Saturday, July 22
  9 to 11:30 a.m. | Downtown Glencoe
  See page 5 for details

- **Glencoe Festival of Art**
  Saturday & Sunday, July 29-30
  10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Downtown Glencoe

- **Document Destruction Event**
  Saturday, August 26
  9 a.m.-Noon | Southeast Commuter Lot

- **Village President’s Message**

  The Village would like to welcome Gail Lissner to the Village Board.
  Gail grew up in Glencoe, returning over 30 years ago with her husband to raise their three children. She is Vice President of Appraisal Research Counselors, a Chicago-based real estate appraisal and consulting firm, where she focuses on housing/multi-family market valuation and consulting. She is also an accomplished speaker and author in her field.
  Gail has recently served on the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. As Trustee, she plans to focus on encouraging new businesses to locate in Glencoe and enhance the downtown as well as ensure that the Village continues to provide a high level of service to residents in a cost-effective manner.

**Meet the New Village Trustee**

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Sincerely,

Larry Levin

Village President
Emergency Dispatch Consolidation: What Does it Mean to You?

The Public Safety Department is nearing the end of a process that began in June 2015 when the State of Illinois mandated that emergency dispatch centers serving populations of less than 25,000 consolidate with neighboring dispatch operations. Now nearly two years later, the Village anticipates that our consolidation with the Village of Glenview will be fully effective by the first week of June, nearly a month ahead of schedule.

But what does consolidation mean to you? The first thing to know is that Public Safety services will not change. Glencoe Public Safety Officers will continue to provide 24/7 police, fire and emergency medical services. For those in need of non-emergency assistance, please continue to call the Public Safety non-emergency number at (847) 835-4112. Glencoe staff will still answer these calls during regular business hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

After-hours, Glenview dispatchers will assist as they are able, or they will dispatch on-duty Glencoe Public Safety Officers. Due to the consolidation, the Village will no longer be maintaining the 24/7 Public Safety counter at Village Hall. This has implications both for Public Safety services and for making payments to the Village after-hours. Residents requiring walk-in Public Safety services after-hours or on weekends will have access to a video phone system in the south vestibule and a basic phone system in the north vestibule to link directly to dispatchers in Glenview.

To accommodate residents who are unable to make it to Village Hall during normal business hours, the Finance Department has been working diligently to expand our offering of online payments. Already residents can use the online Payment Center for utility bills, vehicle and pet registration, parking tickets, false alarm invoices, alarm permits and to make donations online—and in the near future, residents will also be able to purchase quarterly commuter lot parking permits online.

Nothing is more critical to the community — and to the Village staff — than efficient and effective emergency services. That is why it has been our goal and our sincere commitment to this community to ensure that services you receive here in Glencoe are of the highest quality.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make the final steps towards consolidation. More information, including FAQs, can be found online at www.villageofglencoe.org. Should you have any questions or issues that arise in the coming weeks, please contact Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski at (847) 835-4112 /clewandowski@villageofglencoe.org.

Community Improvement Corner

The 2017 construction season is gearing up to be a busy one. Included in the Community Improvement Program (CIP) are several important projects.

Stormwater Drainage Improvements

The 2017 Storm Water Drainage Improvements include work in the Greenwood Avenue/Park Avenue and Madison Avenue basin areas as well as the east ramp to the Village Hall. The Greenwood Avenue/Park Avenue and Madison Avenue basin improvements will include the installation of larger capacity storm sewer pipe to relieve the frequency and severity of flooding in the basin areas. The designed improvement at the Village Hall includes a new flood control gate to prevent storm water from flooding the basement. Construction will begin in May and is expected to be completed by end of summer.

In a separate improvement, the Rockgate Lane Ravine Outfall Project will replace and upgrade the storm sewer outfalls from both Rockgate Lane and Hillcrest Drive into a major ravine east of Sheridan Road. The project will also include the armoring of the impacted ravine area to reduce erosion and improve the quality of storm water discharge to the lake. The work on the Rockgate ravine project is expected to be underway by mid-summer and be completed by early fall.

Maintenance Street Resurfacing

Using the results of a pavement condition rating study completed late last summer, and aligning resurfacing plans with other planned infrastructure improvements (i.e. storm sewer, water main), staff has identified 22 Village streets for resurfacing this year based on age and condition. This program includes the grinding and removal of the top 2-3 inches of asphalt, some patching repairs to the roadway base and resurfacing with new asphalt. The project is expected to be underway in July and completed by September.

Water Main Improvements

The 2017 Water Main Improvements project includes water main replacement at four identified locations to improve system reliability and fire flow. Those locations include:

- Sunset Lane – Sunset Lane to south end
- Wentworth Avenue to Mary Street – looping main
- Mary Street – Sheridan to east end
- Brookside Lane to Bluff Street – looping main

This improvement project will be awarded in June and construction is expected to be completed between July and September.

Sidewalk Replacement

Residential sidewalk replacement work will continue in the summer in Area #1 – the northern third of the Village, north of Dundee Road and Beach Road. Residents are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department to report deficient sidewalk locations.

Visit the Village’s website at www.villageofglencoe.org/CIP to view the full 10-Year Community Improvement Program in an interactive map form that includes more comprehensive project descriptions and timelines. Also, stay tuned to Glencoe CONNECT and social media for timely construction updates. Register for Glencoe CONNECT and Village eNews at www.villageofglencoe.org/alerts.
Garbage Analysis Expected Timeline

The analysis of the Village’s garbage collection program is moving forward as scheduled. Phase I of the analysis was completed last fall and involved assessing the current program—detailing operational costs, service levels, long-term capital equipment costs and program efficiencies. From this analysis, a comprehensive cost estimate of the entire program was calculated as a way to benchmark against alternative options, such as the potential of outsourcing the program to a private garbage hauler.

After reviewing the analysis from Phase I—which indicated the high cost of running the program in-house—the Village Board determined that staff should move forward with the program study to identify alternative options that could be more cost efficient, while maintaining (or even improving) service levels. The Village Board also directed staff to engage residents throughout the next phase to assess our community’s expectations and preferences moving forward.

Kicking off Phase II of the analysis, the Village fielded an online survey in March and issued a formal request for proposals (RFP) in April, to collect cost and service level data from private garbage haulers. We are happy to report that the survey garnered over 450 responses—and we thank you for your invaluable feedback! RFP responses were received in late May, and staff anticipates presenting an analysis of the survey and RFP results to the Village Board alongside recommendations in July.

Our engagement efforts, however, are far from complete – look for Village staff at upcoming summer events and stay tuned to the Village’s website, Village eNews, the Village Manager’s Blog and social media for more analysis details and invitations to public meetings. Also, the Village Board hopes to engage you on the topic at their “Coffee with the Board” events over the summer (dates, times and locations are coming soon).

In the meantime, should you have questions regarding the analysis, please contact Adam Hall, Management Analyst via e-mail at ahall@villageofglencoe.org or phone at (847) 461-1115. The full analysis from Phase I can be downloaded online at www.villageofglencoe.org/garbageanalysis.

Tee Time with Stella Nanos

Dear Village Residents:

The Glencoe Golf Club is your neighborhood golf course. Join us to take advantage of the best conditioned golf course on the North Shore—right in your backyard. Competitive daily greens fees, junior golf camps, private golf lessons and clinics are available along with a full menu for you to enjoy in our restaurant. We encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of our first class golf facility minutes away from where you live.

Summer junior golf camps begin the week of June 13 and offer a variety of skill levels to fit your child's playing ability. Half day camps take place Tuesday-Friday. Camps are taught by professional instructors and include on-course training. Each participant also receives five FREE rounds of golf at the completion of camp. Sign up today to reserve your preferred week of camp.

Kicking off Phase II, the Village Club is now offering a PGA Junior League. This league is for boys and girls ages 13 and under and features a team vs. team scramble format in a league setting that provides for a less stressful competition. The emphasis is on the fun, recreation, and sportsmanship of the game for players at any skill level. Participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with friends, like other organized sports. The program begins June 12, all practice sessions and matches begin at 5 p.m.

Kids play FREE at the Glencoe Golf Club this season! What’s better than playing golf with your kids while teaching them honesty, patience and a game they can play for a lifetime? How about doing it for free! All kids 14 and under will play free this season after 5:30 p.m. when accompanied by a paying adult. This is a great way to spend time together while teaching your children a lifelong game.

To sharpen your juniors golf skills the Club is now offering a PGA Junior League. This league is for boys and girls ages 13 and under and features a team vs. team scramble format in a league setting that provides for a less stressful competition. The emphasis is on the fun, recreation, and sportsmanship of the game for players at any skill level. Participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with friends, like other organized sports. The program begins June 12, all practice sessions and matches begin at 5 p.m.

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Stella Nanos, General Manager
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Make this your year to learn to golf or improve your score. The Glencoe Golf Academy offers private lessons, clinics and lesson packages taught by PGA instructors. Our PGA staff will design a personalized lesson program to help you achieve your scoring goals by utilizing the latest in teaching technology. Clinic dates and rates for all of the Academy programs are available online. Please contact the golf shop or visit our website at www.glencoegolfclub.com for more information or to register for any of our programs.

We hope to see everyone out at the course this season!

Very truly yours,

Stella Nanos
NewsBITES: Useful Village Updates & Service Reminders

Annual Water Quality Report

Each year the Village’s Water Utility is required to provide all customers with an Annual Water Quality Report to let consumers know how well the Village’s drinking water meets established state and federal drinking water standards. All water customers are encouraged to review this report as it provides important details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to you in 2016. You can request a printed copy of the Village of Glencoe 2016 Water Quality Report by contacting the Water Plant at (847) 835-4183 or by stopping at the Residents Services Counter in the Village Hall. It is also available online at www.villageofglencoe.org/CCR2016.

Lawn Sprinkling Regulations

Village Code prohibits seasonal lawn sprinkling between Noon and 6 p.m. from May 15 to September 15. Residents are permitted to water lawns during the off hours on an odd/even alternating schedule based on street address and calendar day - odd addresses on odd days of the month, even addresses on even days. Homeowners with newly seeded or sodded lawns can receive a waiver to the restriction for a limited period by contacting Public Works at (847) 835-4111.

Lawn sprinkling can account for up to 30% of the total water usage for the average Glencoe water customer, so be aware of incurring water use. Automatic sprinkler systems can be equipped with WaterSense irrigation controllers and rain sensors to reduce unnecessary water use for lawn irrigation.

Enroll in Automated Bill Payment

No more stamps and late charges when you enroll in the Village’s automated bill payment program for your utility bill! Sign-up to have your payment automatically paid through your banking institution. Get started by filling out an authorization form at www.villageofglencoe.org/pay.

Document Destruction Event

9 a.m.-Noon, Saturday, August 26
Southeast Commuter Parking Lot
Shred and recycle sensitive documents free of charge. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or paper bags. Bring your photo ID to show proof of residency in Cook County.

Meet the Machines

FREE! | 9-11:30 a.m. | Saturday, July 22
Downtown Glencoe
See, touch and explore a variety of trucks and vehicles from Glencoe Public Works, Public Safety and the Park District. Get up close and personal with a fire truck, tractor, police car, ambulance, and dump truck. Vehicles are subject to availability. Be prepared for truckloads of fun!

Chamber of Commerce Summer Schedule

Summer is a Great Time in Glencoe!

The Glencoe Chamber of Commerce has been hard at work, planning for this outdoor time of year. To help you plan for a busy summer, we’ve compiled a list of upcoming events and opportunities, so please put these dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

The Glencoe French Market is returning to Wyman Green, starting Saturday, June 10 and continuing every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 14. The Market was such a success last season, that vendors and residents alike wanted it to last longer! When you come to the Market, you’ll find fresh produce, fruit, flowers and much more, including artisan-made and sourced crafts and imports. You’ll also find your neighbors to visit with, Village Trustees and staff to talk with and Chamber Board members and representatives from a number of Glencoe organizations to meet and greet.

The Annual Sidewalk Sale is returning to the downtown business district on Friday, June 23 and continuing on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Come to the sidewalks along Park and Vernon Avenues to find great merchandise at great prices for browsing and buying. Our own Glencoe stores will have tables brimming with their goods, and additional vendors will join them with their offerings.

The highly regarded Glencoe Festival of Art will be in town on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30. The booths of over 100 professional artists will line Park and Vernon Avenues, with a wide variety of art work that has been vetted to be in the show. You’ll be able to stroll the festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, stopping to admire (and perhaps purchase!) the art, as well as enjoy music, treats and activities for children.

And to add to the summer fun, the Chamber is again sponsoring a raffle during June and into July. We are raffling a stand-up paddle board for fun in the sun at Glencoe Beach. The board is generously underwritten by the Glencoe branch of North Shore Community Bank, and the Glencoe Park District is offering complimentary storage for the board. Raffle tickets will be $10 each or three for $25. Tickets will be available at North Shore Community Bank and Grand Food Center Glencoe. Please check the posters that will be up throughout the downtown business district for more information.

Community Pledge

Recognizing that Glencoe is home to over 9,000 residents of diverse backgrounds, histories and identities, Village President Larry Levin and the Village Trustees adopted a resolution this spring endorsing the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge.

The pledge makes the statement that a community must stand up against any and all discrimination, harassment or hateful acts that are based on race, ethnicity, color, immigration or refugee status, religion or creed, gender or sexual orientation, age, mental or physical disability, veteran status, or other social identities.

Since adoption, the boards of the Park District, District 35, Glencoe Public Library and Family Service of Glencoe have also given their endorsement, alongside hundreds of community members. Learn more at www.villageofglencoe.org/communitypledge.
FROM THE PARK BENCH

Dear Glencoe Friends and Neighbors:
In February, I brought the Park District management team together for a weekend retreat with one goal: to win the National Recreation and Park Association’s Gold Medal Award, which is the industry-equivalent to winning an Academy Award.

The Gold Medal Award honors communities of all sizes throughout the country that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and innovative and creative approaches to designing and delivering superb park and recreation services through fiscally sound business practices. The application process is rigorous, as agencies must demonstrate growth over a three year period in three specific areas: social equity, health and wellness, and conservation. Four finalists in each class are chosen to compete for grand honors each year.

That weekend, we huddled together in a small conference room and spent hours brainstorming. When we looked all we had accomplished in the last three years, we were astonished. The Board, staff and community should be very proud of all the hard work, especially the cooperation from our 35 community partners, which have taken place for the many years leading up to this submittal.

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“In the community while creating amazing experiences for customers. Finally, the process boosts an agency’s networking capabilities through the exchange of valuable management resource information with other applicants and creates an avenue to share best practices.

This week I am excited to say we learned that the Glencoe Park District was named a Gold Medal Award finalist. The honor signifies that we are among the four best in the country for communities under 30,000, acknowledging the phenomenal services, parks and facilities that we provide to the public. In the fall, we will travel to New Orleans for the National Parks and Recreation Association conference, where the winner will be announced, live, during the keynote address.

Wish us luck!
Sincerely,
Lisa Sheppard, CPRP
Executive Director

Historic Clock Tower Restored

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“From the outside, the clock tower maintained its’ traditional look. But inside, the clock is very high-tech. It’s a mini-computer, controlled by a 10” LCD screen. The atomic clock is lightening-protected, automatically adjusts for daylight savings time and power outages, and uses environmentally-friendly LED lights.”
NSSRA Shining Star Award

Glencoe Park District Honored as NSSRA Partner Agency of the Year

It was a night full of celebration on Friday, April 21 when over 300 participants, family members, staff, board members, supporters, and partners came together at the Highland Park Country Club for NSSRA’s Shining Stars Awards & Recognition Banquet. The annual gathering gives NSSRA an opportunity to recognize their outstanding participants, families, staff, advocates, partners, community members, and friends who have truly made a difference the previous year.

During the banquet, Glencoe Park District received NSSRA’s Partner Agency of the Year award for their extraordinary support of NSSRA’s programs, housing Rec N’ Roll Monday – Thursday afternoons, Friday night social programs season after season, and special events. Glencoe also provides spaces regularly for staff training, always welcoming the NSSRA team with a friendly and collaborative hand.

“We are proud of the unique opportunities NSSRA offers our residents. It is an honor to be named Partner Agency of the Year,” said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director.

NSSRA provides and facilitates year-round recreation programs and services for children, teens, and adults with disabilities who live in the partner communities. NSSRA is an extension of ten park districts, two cities and one village in the northern suburbs of Chicago. This partnership includes the Park Districts of Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka; the Cities of Highwood and Lake Forest; and the Village of Riverwoods. NSSRA has been creating an environment of belonging through play since 1970 and has the distinction as the first Special Recreation Association in the country.

Upcoming Projects

**West Park**

Glencoe Park District has partnered with School District 35 to replace the playground at West School. The joint project will include a natural play area for 2-5 year olds as well as a large, universally accessible playground with slides and play panels for 5-12 year olds. The Board approved a construction bid from Elanor Construction at its’ May 2 Committee of the Whole meeting. Construction is slated to begin after school ends for the year and be completed by September.

**Astor Park**

Astor Park, located at 640 Sunset Lane, will get a new 2-12 year old playground structure with slides and play panels. The park will also get new swings, including tot swings, as well as an engineered wood fiber play surface. The Board approved a construction bid from Elanor Construction at its’ May 2 Committee of the Whole meeting. Construction is slated to begin after school ends for the year and be completed by September.

**Lakefront Park**

Lakefront Park is of historic significance and a jewel in the community, therefore the Board of Commissioners and staff are working with AltaManu, the Park District’s architect to develop a Master Plan for the park. At the same time, park district staff are working with engineers on a plan to stabilize the bluff and protect the site’s historical buildings (the Halfway House and Safran Beach House). We anticipate the planning process to take over a year, so you will not see any construction on this park in 2017.

**Future Projects**

The Board of Commissioners will be exploring Master Plan ideas and prioritizing FY18-19 capital projects at a special meeting in July. Please visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.org for meeting details.

Thank You!

The Glencoe Park District would like to recognize retiring commissioners Seth Palatnik and Andre Lerman for their consistent commitment of time, energy, and expertise to the District.

Seth Palatnik completed four years of exemplary voluntary service as an elected Park Commissioner from 2013-2017, serving as Treasurer from 2013-2014, Vice-President from 2014-2015, and Board President from 2015-2016, as well as serving as chair on the Watts Advisory Group and the Central Park Task Force, as well as the Park District liaison on the Glencoe Plan Commission.

“Under Seth’s exceptional leadership during his term of Presidency, he guided staff, commissioners, and the community through a challenging period of park renovation and facility improvements resulting in beautiful and safe recreational areas and technological improvements contributing to a more efficiently run District. We thank him for his service,” said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director.


“As steward of the community, Andre exhibited strong support for the benefits of transparency and protected the Beach as the gem of Glencoe. Thank you for your service, Andre,” said Sheppard.
Welcome New Commissioners

At the April 4 election, Glencoe residents elected three commissioners: incumbent Steve Gaines and newcomers Josh Lutton and Stefanie Boron. The new commissioners were sworn in at the May 16 regular Board meeting.

Steve served as Park Board President in 2016-17, leading the Park District during the Takiff Center roof project, the construction of Kalk, Berlin, and Shelton parks, as well as serving on the Watts Advisory Group. Steve retired from the Chicago Board of Trade and Midwest Stock Exchange and is now the owner of Green Oaks Therapy LLC, where he coordinates staff of independent home care therapists for state licensed Home Health Agencies throughout northern Illinois. Steve has a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

In 2006, Josh Lutton moved to Glencoe with his wife and two sons. As a trustee of Friends of the Green Bay Trail, Josh believes two of Glencoe’s best assets are green space and the lakefront. “I hope to assist the Park District in thinking strategically about how it can best protect, leverage, and expand the use of these resources,” said Josh. In his professional life, Josh is a management consultant, where he helps companies develop strategies to add the most value for their customers. “I believe I can offer the same thinking to the Park District,” said Josh. “I want to help Glencoe take strategic advantage of its unique resources, which are its green space and the lakefront!”

Stefanie Boron is a Supervising Content Developer for National Geographic Learning and moved to Glencoe six years ago with her husband and two daughters. “I really enjoy the feel of our downtown and enjoy spending time there shopping, eating, working at Glencoe Roast, and visiting the library,” said Stefanie. Both of her daughters enjoy playing at Friends Park, in addition to attending Glencoe Park District enrichments, camps, and special events. “I am looking forward to working on the special projects because there are a lot of exciting things happening to bring amenities to the residents. I also look forward to learning about all of the policies,” said Stefanie. “Glencoe is a beautiful and well run community. Like any municipality, we need to be aware of our fiscal sustainability and make decisions with that in mind. However, we also should continue to improve the community with assets that will benefit residents.”

Spend Your Summer At Glencoe Beach

Right in your own backyard is Lake Michigan’s most beautiful spot on the North Shore, Glencoe Beach. The beach is ideal for group and family outings, work picnics, or summer camp groups! Lifeguards are on duty daily during the regular season, which opens Memorial Day weekend.

This year, we will be accepting credit cards for admission and rentals. We also rolled back resident prices on season beach passes. Now, a family beach pass pays for itself in just five visits! Season passes are now available for purchase in-person at the Takiff Center and at the Glencoe Beach. A photo of each family member will be required for every pass holder.

Our community beach is packed with amenities for the entire family to enjoy, including:

- Paul & Ada Safran Sprayground for children to enjoy climbing, splashing, sliding, swinging, and playing
- A large, shaded trellis and five sun shelters available to rent for private picnics, weddings, parties, or special events
- Rent a paddle board, kayak, sailboat, chair or umbrella by the hour at the Rental Hut
- A new beach café, with fresh ingredients and beach blanket delivery
- Two sand volleyball courts, with free volleyball rentals
- Year-round storage for kayaks, paddle boards, and sailboats at the Glencoe Boating Beach
- Complimentary beach cart service (Weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Weekends, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.)
- Enjoy a picnic or party at the beach! Reserve a sun shelter or the trellis for a private space to enjoy with friends and family. The Trellis is available for group parties (up to 75 people!) from Memorial Day weekend through mid-October, seven days a week from 5-10 p.m.
- Sun shelters are the perfect place to enjoy a picnic. Each shelter includes access to a private grill and shaded picnic tables. To ensure a Sun Shelter or Trellis reservation, please call (847) 835-1185 at least seven days in advance.

New Snack Shack!

North Shore Catering & Events will operate Glencoe Beach’s new Snack Shack! The Beach Shack will offer food runners who will deliver your order to your table or beach blanket. You can call ahead for lunch or dinner orders at (847) 421-3700. The Snack Shack will accept credit cards and has the ability to cater private events and beach parties.

The new menu includes a made-to-order gooey grilled cheese bar, featuring thick-cut Texas toast with traditional flavors or signature gourmet offerings. Fridays will feature foot-long hot dogs, with all the Chicago toppings (including chili cheese dogs!). Other highlights include grilled Angus beef burgers on toasted brioche rolls, vegetarian burgers, chicken tenders, cheesy nachos and a selection of frozen ice cream bars. The menu also contains healthy options, including fresh wraps and sandwiches, chilled watermelon wedges, vegetable crudités, and hummus platters.

After your meal, be sure to try the Snack Shack’s signature house-made chocolate chip cookie, served warm with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream and a cherry on top!
Get Your Play On!

The Glencoe Park District has planned a summer full of activities designed for you to “Get your play on!”

GIHP BEACH BASH
2:30-6 P.M. | THURSDAY, JUNE 8 | GLENCOE BEACH | GRADES 5-8
$15 IN ADVANCE ($20 AT THE DOOR)
Celebrate the end of the school year with a party on the beach! Join us for entertainment, Frisbee, volleyball, s’mores and more! Food and drinks included in admission. Please register at GIHP.org; dates subject to change.

FREE! PARK-N-PLAY
6-7 P.M. | THURSDAYS, JUNE 15 (LAKEFRONT PARK), JULY 20 (KALK PARK), AUGUST 17 (SHELTON PARK)
We’re bringing fun events to Glencoe parks! Park-n-Play activities may include outdoor arts and crafts, sports, games and more! In the event of rain, Park-n-Play will be cancelled.

NEW! CARDBOARD REGATTA
4-5 P.M. | SATURDAY, JUNE 24 | GLENCOE BEACH
$10/15 | ACTIVITY #120824-01
Turn paper into a seaworthy vessel! Build a cardboard boat at home and bring it to the beach to race against other boats! Awards will be presented for speed, and team spirit. Teams of two or more must have at least two people sail in the boat. For ages 6-18. Must register by June 16 to participate. See website for detailed equipment lists and rules.

FREE! TOTS-N-TUNES
10-10:45 A.M. | TUESDAYS, JUNE 27 & JULY 25 | KALK PARK AND FRIDAYS, JUNE 16, JULY 7, AUGUST 4 | WYMAN GREEN
Your tot will be dancing and singing along as talented children’s performers take the stage! Sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Library. Rain location: Takiff Center.

FREE! 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
ALL DAY, TUESDAY, JULY 4
Enjoy patriotic games, music performances and more for all ages! Visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for more 4th of July activities, including the Rotary Fun Run, Village Parade, children’s games, live music, Glencoe’s Got Talent and fireworks at Lakefront Park.

NEW! ALL ABOARD! TAKIFF EXPRESS TRAIN DAY
10 A.M.-2 P.M. | SATURDAY, JULY 15 | TAKIFF CENTER EARLY CHILDHOOD WING | $8/10 PER PERSON | ACTIVITY #120120-01
Everyone’s favorite useful engine and friends is visiting Glencoe! Ride the express trackless train, jump in the caboose bounce house and play with model trains. Rain location: Takiff Center.

NEW! AQUATICS CAMP AT GLENCOE BEACH
Spend the summer kayaking, Hobie cat sailing, surfing, and stand-up paddleboarding. During rough days, campers will boogie board or play games on the beach, including volleyball, and baseball. On stormy days, camps move to the Takiff Center for indoor fun.

NEW! SAILING CAMP AT GLENCOE BEACH
New and experienced sailors will enjoy fun and safe sailing adventures on Lake Michigan. Sailors learn the basics of steering, trimming the sail, and balancing the boat in an exciting, hands-on way. Using U.S. Sailing teaching methods, sailors practice land and water drills making Sailing Camp fun, safe and educational.

Go to Summer Camp at Glencoe Beach!

Our new Aquatics Camp and Sailing Camp can be taken alone or paired together for a full day of camp fun. The camps are open to kids ages 9-13. Visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for session details.

FREE! KIDBUCKS GAME SHOW
7-8 P.M. | THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 | KALK PARK
Kidbucks Game Show is a thrilling show where randomly selected members of the audience participate in wild and crazy games. The winner enters the chamber and grabs as many “Kidbucks” as possible as they swirl about the chamber. Catch the fun, excitement and prizes! Rain location: Takiff Center.

NEW! END OF SUMMER FIRE PARTY
7-9 P.M. | SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 | GLENCOE BEACH
ACTIVITY #120826-01 $8/10 R/NR PER PERSON BEFORE AUGUST 24; $10/12 R/NR PER PERSON AUGUST 25-26
Star light, star bright...let’s enjoy the night by fire light! Join us at Glencoe Beach for a fire dancing show, s’mores, and glow-in-the-dark fun! Bring a picnic to enjoy or purchase dinner from our concession stand. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Lifeguards will not be on duty; swimming is prohibited.

Play ball!

On April 28, Andrew and Melvin Berlin threw out the first pitch at the new Melvin Berlin Park. The park, including the new picnic shelter and bathrooms, is now open!
Dear Community Members:

The one constant within the field of education is change. We strive each year to impact growth and change for our students; our staff members have shown an attitude of growth and continual learning as they embrace change; we respond to the change which is required by new Illinois State Board of Education requirements. The ability to embrace and define these changes as opportunities for growth propels District 35 in a positive path. The final days of our school year provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the growth which has occurred and the changes on the horizon for the District.

By nature of our age-centered school design, we support transition across our schools each year. Our team of teachers, principals, and social workers prepare thoughtful opportunities for our students and parents to learn more about transitions before making the change to a new school. We thank our teachers for providing Project Welcome options for our second- and fourth-grade students as they prepare to join West and Central School. We also share a special thank you with Family Service of Glencoe for providing additional opportunities for our parents to learn from others. The focus on support and new learning make these changes manageable and rewarding steps toward independence for our students. The month of May was filled with these programs.

We congratulate two retiring educators, Fay Kovar and Joab Oberlander, and thank them for their combined 53 years of service and countless hours nurturing our children. The dedication and professionalism they shared with our community are the underpinnings that help make District 35 a wonderful place for students and teachers alike. We wish each of them the happiness in retirement they so richly deserve. It is now their turn to move forward, and experience changes beyond our schools.

On June 7, we bid farewell to 139 graduating eighth-grade students. It is with mixed emotions that we watch our students cross the stage; we know they are well prepared for the next step in their educational journey. Our Central School graduates will move forward and embrace the change to high school in a most positive way. As we bid farewell to this eighth-grade class, we look forward to welcoming our second full-day Kindergarten class to South School in August. We are scheduled to open five sections of full-day Kindergarten with 93 students registered for the Fall. This year has represented exciting changes at the Kindergarten level as we refined full-day programming and considered future changes needed to ensure a quality focus on the social and emotional well-being of our youngest learners.

As this school year comes to a close, we also support changes on the Glencoe District 35 Board of Education. We send a heartfelt thank you to Rob Bailey, Eddie Chez, and Marc Glucksman as they served a combined total of 41 years of service on the Glencoe Board of Education. They have each contributed greatly and made a lasting mark on the future stability of District 35. We are pleased to take the lessons learned from our three retiring members as we move forward with our new Board of Education. We welcome three new Board members (Marc Gale, Kelly Glauberman, and Ashley Kain Silver) and two incumbent Board members (Julie Ackerman and Melissa Estes). Our newly elected Board members were sworn in on May 1, 2017.

Please join me in expressing gratitude to our Board of Education, the teaching teams, support staff, and our students for dedicating time and energy toward changes during the 2016-2017 school year.

Enjoy the summer days ahead and time to refresh as a family!

Sincerely,

Catherine Wang
Superintendent
Newly Elected Board Members

Five newly elected members of the Glencoe Board of Education were sworn in at the Board’s May 1st meeting and immediately set about the task of guiding the path of District 35. The five include Marc Gale, new to the Board; Kelly Glauberman, new to the Board; Ashley Kain Silver, new to the Board; and incumbent Board members Julie Ackerman, who has served on the Board of Education since 2013, and Melissa Estes, appointed to the Board last May.

We welcome our new Board members and share our gratitude with the entire Board for their dedication and service to the Glencoe District 35 community.

It is with fondness and gratitude that the school community bids farewell to three retiring school board members.

Mr. Rob Bailey served for 12 years and remained focused on student needs and best practice when discussing student programming and staffing decisions.

Mr. Eddie Chez served for 24 years with a constant focus on student needs while collaboration occurred among the Board, GEA and the administration.

Dr. Marc Glucksman served for 5 years and has challenged District 35 to remain current and consider STEM opportunities for all students.

Each of these Board members has dedicated countless hours in support of the students, families, and staff within District 35. Their voice and wisdom will be missed as we take the next steps in our community.

Before and After School Clubs

Throughout the school year students in District 35 have the opportunity to participate in over 40 school clubs. Teachers and teacher associates apply annually to offer clubs such as Morning Mathematicians, Green Club, Innovation and STEM, School Sports, Debate, Guitar, Sign Language, Chorus Club, and many more. The clubs offer time for students to learn new information, sharpen skills, participate in civic engagement, and work cooperatively with other students. These unique learning opportunities are sponsored through the generosity of the Glencoe PTO.

Students in the 6th grade STEM club learned about the engineering design process to create their own Scribbler machines. During a four week period, students in the club applied problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and prototyping during this project. Often times, students’ creations would not function correctly and students were forced to think creatively to formulate solutions and make adjustments to their Scribblers. Video of the club’s Scribbler machines may be found at http://tinyurl.com/D35-Scribblers. We thank the PTO for funding this experience, and Mr. Pituc and Mrs. Rosenson for providing these learning opportunities for our students.

Retirements

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our two retirees for their service to the District 35 students and school community. In this age of constant change, it is uncommon to celebrate two staff members who have remained in consistent roles for over 25 years each. How lucky we have been to benefit from their support as members of the South School community! We welcome parents and community members to send letters or cards on behalf of the retirees to South School. As we conclude the school year, we asked each of our retirees to reflect on their time in District 35.

Fay Kovar
South School Nurse, 1990 - 2017

“It has been my privilege to have worked for Glencoe Public Schools. I have so many memories it is hard to pick just one or even a few. I always looked forward to coming to work. The children, parents, and teachers all work together in an environment of such caring and good will. I will miss seeing all the happy faces and value every moment spent in Glencoe. Thank you to all of you for your best wishes.”

Joab Oberlander
First Grade Teacher, 1991-2017

“There are too many wonderful moments to be able to single one out. I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to have been at South School for such a long time. I’ve been able to touch the lives of so many.”

Board of Education News & Meeting Dates

At the May 1, 2017 meeting of the Glencoe Board of Election, five Board members were seated and officers were elected for the coming school year. Gary Ruben will serve as President of the Board and Melissa Estes as the Vice President for the 2017-2018 school year.

Board meetings are held in Young Auditorium at Central School and begin at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and the agenda provides opportunities for public comment. Upcoming dates:
- Thursday, June 1, 2017
- Thursday, July 27, 2017
- Thursday, September 7, 2017
- Thursday, October 5, 2017
- Thursday, November 2, 2017
- Thursday, December 7, 2017
- Thursday, January 11, 2018
- Thursday, February 1, 2018
- Thursday, March 1, 2018
- Thursday, April 5, 2018
- Thursday, May 3, 2018
One Book, One District

We are pleased to announce a new initiative to engage our staff members and parents, and to foster a sense of community through reading. Beginning this summer, District 35 will launch the One Book, One District initiative as we select one book to be the annual focus of our professional development for our staff members and parents. Our opening selection is Mindset, by Dr. Carol Dweck. Mindset is a simple idea discovered by Dr. Dweck, Stanford University psychologist, as she reflected upon years of research on achievement and success. Please join us in this journey as we read, reflect and consider how growth mindset may impact teaching and learning across our schools. We will publish parent engagement opportunities throughout the 2017-2018 year to invite parents and community members to join us as we learn together. Staff members will also have the opportunity to engage in deeper learning through summer development sessions dedicated to this topic.

Support the GEF

Did you know that the Glencoe Educational Foundation has funded over 103 interactive SMART Boards in our schools? In preparation for the June 3rd Glencoe Grand Prix and ongoing fundraising initiatives, the Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF) is hosting a raffle and donation drive. All proceeds will support new SMART Board Initiatives in District 35 and needs with our partner schools in Elgin and Chicago. How can you help? Visit https://glencoegef.rallyup.com/gef-2017 to purchase raffle tickets through June 3.

Playground Fun at West School

Our most notable summer project is the installation of a new West School playground. This project has come to fruition due to an outstanding partnership between the Glencoe Park District and District 35. The new playground space will include a poured in place surface, new playground equipment, a new blacktop to serve as a basketball court, four square courts, and a map of the United States. A tree theatre and seating area will be installed to protect two large trees to remain in the center of the playground space. The footprint of the new playground will increase from 3,310 to 5,600 square feet. A key component of the work will address the drainage and water retention which is a limiting factor on the current site. In addition, there will be a natural “discovery space” with climbing areas and play structures. This play area will be comprised of natural materials: mounds, nooks, wooden steppers and logs to climb. The project remains on schedule to begin construction on June 12, 2017, and be completed in August. We look forward to sharing this new outdoor space with the Glencoe community!

Summer Explorations at Central School

Due to fire panel upgrades at South School and West School, the 2017 Summer Explorations program will be held at Central School. The classes begin Monday, June 12 and continue through Friday, July 7. Community members are asked to be mindful of the student foot and bicycle traffic on these dates and during the morning hours. Teachers will assist with student dismissal at Central School. If you have questions about the program, please contact Ms. Christine Pasquesi at pasquesc@glencoeschools.org.

8th Grade Graduation

On Wednesday, June 7, District 35 will honor the graduating class of 2017. The Commencement Ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. in Misner Auditorium. Following the graduation ceremony a reception will be held for family and friends.

Our thanks to the PTO Graduation Chairs, Stacey Michelon, Julie Radner and Michelle Goldish for their planning and preparation for the graduation events. Appreciation is also extended to Dr. Mollet, Mr. Kim, and the 8th grade advisors for their assistance and support.

Last Day of the School Year

The final day of the 2016-2017 school year for Kindergarten through 7th grade is Thursday, June 8. Each school will be participating in Field Day events and ending with an early dismissal:

- South School: 2 p.m.
- West School: 2:15 p.m.
- Central School: 2:25 p.m.

New School Year Move-In Days

Planning is already underway for the start of a new school year. The annual Move-In Day for District 35 students is scheduled for Thursday, August 24. Move-In Day gives students an opportunity to visit the building, deliver supplies and locate their new classroom and locker.

Move-In Day Schedules on Thursday, August 24:

- South School: 1 - 2 p.m.
- West School: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Central School (5th Grade): 2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, August 28, is the first day of student attendance in grades 1 – 8. The first day for kindergarten children is Thursday, August 31.
A Message for the Men of the Community:

Recently I was privileged to attend a YWCA of Evanston/Northshore event for men in community leadership roles. Its purpose was to raise awareness of gender violence as a men’s issue, and challenge us to lead community efforts to combat what is generally regarded as a worldwide public health crisis. The keynote speaker, Jackson Katz, PhD, is internationally renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism on issues of gender, race, and violence. He has long been a major figure and thought leader in the growing global movement of men working to promote gender equality and prevent gender violence. For more information, go to www.jacksonkatz.com.

Why does it matter? The National Coalition of Domestic Violence estimates that every 9 seconds in the US, a woman is assaulted or beaten; 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner; and on a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive approximately 20,800 calls. Furthermore, “domestic violence is prevalent in every community and affects all people…the devastating [social and emotional] consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.”

We men need to talk about this candidly and openly, in courageous conversations. In the ordinary routine of my life, this issue has not always been top of mind. As a man, I have not been a victim of gender discrimination, inequity, abuse, or violence. I have not suffered the indignity of female-related jokes or “locker room talk.” I have not been treated as a second class citizen because of my gender. The talk by Katz opened my eyes to the extent and prevalence of gender violence in our society. His presentation was powerful, moving, and thought-provoking, and urged us to take steps locally to work on this as a community issue.

What can we, as men, do? This issue is multi-faceted and we can easily get overwhelmed with the sheer magnitude of it. MVP Strategies (www.mvpstrategies.net), a gender violence prevention, education, and training organization, has published 10 Things Men Can Do to Prevent Gender Violence. To paraphrase, “we must first have the courage to look inward questioning our own attitudes toward women. We can try hard to understand how our own attitudes and behavior might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work toward changing them. And we can teach our sons how to be men in ways that don’t involve degrading or abusing girls and women (or men).”

We can also make a difference when we choose action over silence. When we see negative attitudes toward women being acted out by others, we can choose to speak up. We can challenge the status quo by confronting friends and family members, by saying “no” to engaging in this behavior, by expressing our discomfort when witnessing it, and setting a boundary. When we see violence perpetrated toward women in any form, we can choose to confront abusive peers.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said “in the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.” Let us not be silent. Let us act boldly and bravely to end all forms of gender violence.

At the heart of our community,

Bill Hansen, MSW
Executive Director
william@familyserviceofglencoe.org

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional or psychological abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence varies dramatically.
Domestic Violence – Right Here at Home

By Lisa Cardonick, FSG Board Member

Glencoe is a wonderful town in which to live, work, and raise a family. We live in a generous and supportive community where neighbors care for and watch out for each other. We have wonderful schools, parks, faith communities, health and other human services that provide necessary educational, spiritual, social, and emotional support to raise healthy families, which in turn helps create a healthy community.

This idyllic picture only paints the positive and beautiful side of our village; it doesn’t tell the whole story. Like all communities, there are behaviors that go on in families, perhaps even in the homes of neighbors or friends, that we don’t see, including instances of domestic violence. If it surprises you to learn that domestic violence occurs right here in Glencoe, it is because it happens behind closed doors and is generally a well-kept secret in families. Domestic violence usually comes to light when public safety is called to a scene where an incident is in progress.

Reported incidences of domestic violence are on the rise. In 2015, Glencoe Public Safety responded to 24 domestic violence calls. In 2016, that number rose to 42—almost double the amount. It is unclear if the frequency increased that dramatically or if more individuals chose to ask for help. According to Richard Weiner, Glencoe Department of Public Safety’s Deputy Chief, even the increased numbers may not truly reflect the amount of domestic violence that is happening in Glencoe. “I believe the (reported) numbers are lower than what is going on and that these are only the ones that we have been called for. I am sure there are many more cases that go unreported,” says Deputy Chief Weiner.

Why are individuals choosing not to report? Often they fear repercussions from their abuser or shame from their family’s name showing up in the police blotter. Deputy Chief Weiner urges individuals to contact public safety for help and guidance during a quiet time. “I would like the public to know how important it is to contact Public Safety sooner rather than later,” says Weiner. “The problem has always been that many victims are reluctant to contact us for fear of it being made public by the press. We get that, but if they come in looking to get questions answered earlier in the cycle of domestic violence, maybe we [may be able to prevent] it from getting to that level. A resident coming in to get questions answered is NOT something the press is interested in nor is it something we share. We, along with Family Service of Glencoe, offer ... alternatives, especially to arrest, beforehand.”

When a crisis does happen, Family Service of Glencoe (FSG) is called to accompany Public Safety to the home. FSG Crisis Worker Brian McHugh, MSW, has worked for over 15 years in the area of domestic violence, providing counseling for children, support for victims, and groups for abusers. According to McHugh, he goes “into a family system that’s off balance, in a state of chaos, confusion” and his role is “to provide stability and support to that system.” He stays with the family until a plan is put in place and every individual is safe. McHugh urges individuals to call for help and stresses that if a child is witness to abuse, that child is a victim and is therefore being abused, too. Many victims don’t recognize that abuse comes in forms other than physical; perpetrators may verbally, psychologically, and/or financially abuse their victims. By reaching out to a therapist, McHugh says that “we can talk to (the victims) about safety planning. We can walk them through how to get an order of protection, go with them to the court house for that order, and provide counseling with the understanding of how difficult it can be to leave their abuser and try to make a new life that is healthier and safe.”

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please reach out to Glencoe Public Safety at (847) 835-4112. Brian McHugh and other FSG therapists are also available to help at (847) 835-5111.

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Vibrant Living Senior Discussion Group

Glencoe senior men and women, please join us for a lively conversation and study on relevant topics in this important season of life. Topics are chosen by participants and may include: emotional and physical health, relationships, life lessons and fears and hopes.

Upcoming Discussion Dates:
12:45-3:15 p.m., June 22
1-2:30 p.m., July 27 & September 21
Hammond Room, Glencoe Public Library
Facilitated by staff counselor Joan Merlo, LCSW. New attendees are welcome.

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Our Fiesta benefit was a success because of your commitment to keep our village strong and healthy.
View event pics at www.facebook.com/familyserviceofglencoe
By Paula Alexander, FSG Villager

Four decades of research and hundreds of studies have proven that the more involved a dad is, the more successful his children will be. A father’s influence can determine a child’s social life, academic grades, and future achievements.

**Involved dads = Successful children**

An article by Dr. Gail Gross states, “a father who is affectionate, supportive and involved can contribute greatly to a child’s cognitive, language and social development, as well as academic achievement, a strong inner core resource, sense of well-being, good self-esteem, and authenticity.” Furthermore, studies reviewed by the Father Involvement Research Alliance show that babies with study's shown by the Father Involvement Research Alliance indicate that babies with involved dads - especially those who are affectionate, supportive and involved - have better outcomes. By school age, these children do better academically and are less likely to have behavior problems.

**Different approaches**

Fathers and mothers have unique and complementary roles in raising children. According to Brett Copeland, a clinical psychologist in Washington, “Fathers encourage competition, independence, and achievement. Mothers typically encourage equity, security, and collaboration.” The National Marriage Project notes that a father’s influence differs from a mother’s style in at least four ways: playing, encouraging risk, protecting, and disciplining.

- **Playing:** Fathers characteristically interact with their kids in the form of physical play. From these exchanges children learn how to regulate their feelings and behavior.
- **Encouraging risk:** Fathers encourage children to take risks to overcome obstacles.
- **Protecting:** Fathers appear to be better at keeping predators and bad influences from harming their children.
- **Disciplining:** Fathers discipline with a firmer hand and are more willing to confront their children and enforce discipline.

**How fathers influence our relationships**

Human beings are social animals and we learn by observing and modeling behavior. Children learn, watch, and emulate patterns of interactions from an early age. These patterns affect how we feel about ourselves and how we develop relationships with others.

**Impact on boys**

- Boys model themselves after their fathers. They look for their father’s approval in everything they do and copy the behaviors they see. Fathers who are loving, kind, supportive, and protective will influence their sons to be like them. If a father is absent, abusive, controlling, or dominating, those patterns will likely be passed on as well.

- Boys who have actively involved fathers tend to have better grades and perform better on achievement tests. They also develop into stable, confident young men.

**Impact on girls**

- The number one factor that determines the level of confidence a girl carries into her adult life is the relationship she had with her dad. Girls will look for, in others, what they have experienced and become familiar with in childhood. Those familial and behavioral patterns give them comfort. Daughters receive signals from their fathers about how they can expect to be treated by men. If dad treats her with respect then her bar of respect will be set high and that is what she will look for in relationships with the opposite sex.

- Interestingly, girls who have good relationships with their fathers tend to do better in math.

A recent study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development indicates that dads are more engaged in caretaking than ever before. Being involved with everyday activities and spending quality time with your children has a lasting impact on them and shows them fatherhood is more than a just being a great provider. Fathers are as important as mothers in their respective roles as caregivers, protectors, financial supporters, and mostly importantly, role models for social and emotional behavior.

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By Jennifer Mesterharm, FSG Villager

Going away to overnight camp is a rite of passage for many kids. While many children eagerly look forward to this time away from home, other kids may find it to be overwhelming. Here are some tips to help prepare them for an enjoyable experience their first time away from home at night.

- Begin with practice sleepovers at the home of a relative, family friend or your child’s best friend to help your child adapt to being away from home at night.
- Review the camp’s brochure or website. Or better yet, visit the camp itself.
- Make sure your child knows whom she can talk to if she’s feeling blue or homesick.
- Get them involved in the packing.
- Teach your child how to handle clothes and toiletries.
- If you know other kids in your area that are going to the camp, have a get together before camp.
- Connect through letters and care packages. If e-mail is an option, use it!
- Keep your conversations positive. Express confidence in your child and excitement for them to experience a new environment and make new friends.

Looking for more advice? Contact Senior Therapist Kathy Livingston, LCSW, at kathyl@familyserviceofglencoe.org or call (847) 835-5111.

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**Preparing for Sleep-Away Camp**
Did you know that the Village provides an electronics recycling drop-off service, free of charge? The drop-off takes place every Wednesday at the Public Works Service Building (325 Temple Court) from 1-3 p.m., by appointment-only. To schedule an appointment call (847) 835-4134 or e-mail Robin Pierson at rpierson@villageofglencoe.org.

6 Simple Sustainable Activities to Try this Summer

Keep green practices front-of-mind this summer with the help of the Sustainability Task Force. Learn more and read the full list at www.villageofglencoe.org/STF.

1. RE-ENERGIZE YOUR ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EFFORTS

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2. KNOW THAT NOT ALL SEALANTS ARE CREATED EQUAL

There is growing regional and nation concern regarding the use of coal tar sealants on private driveways. Driveway seal coat materials come in two basic varieties: coal tar-based and asphalt-based. Coal tar-based sealants contain much higher levels of chemical compounds that impact the quality of storm water run-off as they break down. Ask your contractor to use asphalt-based sealants if you have your driveway sealcoated this year.

3. SHOP & EAT LOCAL

Eating local and shopping for items that are locally sourced is environmentally-friendly. The Center for Urban Education About Sustainable Agricultural reports that in the U.S. on average food travels over 1,500 miles to get to the end-consumers’ plate. Shipping food this far requires additional packaging, adding to our waste, and transportation which in turn adds to our carbon footprint. But by buying locally, you can help reduce this average and help ensure that food can be sourced locally into the future, when we may not be able to rely as much on natural resources to ship our food. A great place to start is in downtown Glencoe and at the Glencoe French Market.

Read about activities #4-6 at www.villageofglencoe.org/STF.