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VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor:

Our Village has a long history of proving exceptional services, a legacy your Village Board is committed to maintaining. We are also committed to spending your tax dollars wisely. The Village Board fervently upholds these commitments to the community, constantly encouraging Village staff to seek new means of providing high-quality public services in a cost-efficient manner.

Nearly 18 months ago, the Village Board asked staff to conduct a comprehensive garbage collection program analysis. The study found that the present method of providing garbage collection services is unsustainable – in cost, in ability to incorporate industry best practices and in environmental impact. For years, the Village’s garbage collection program has been funded through quarterly fees paid by residents and a subsidy from the General Fund (using property tax dollars) of more than $450,000 per year. Over the next 10 years, the Village would need to invest nearly $1.5 million in garbage collection equipment. The analysis underscored that because garbage collection must take priority over all other Public Works services, Public Works must consistently staff the garbage program with three full-time employees, sometimes requiring staff to be diverted from other operations, ultimately deferring maintenance in other areas of our infrastructure. The choice was complicated: continue subsidizing garbage collection with property tax dollars, or consider a dramatic fee increase so those property tax dollars could be invested in other areas of our infrastructure maintenance.

Adding to this the uncertainty in State finances and how that might continue to impact Glencoe, the Board sought alternatives to provide the high-quality services residents enjoy today, while avoiding the difficulties raised by the current service model. Staff collected resident feedback (via an online resident survey and other tools), which it used to build an RFP in order to field competitive proposals from private garbage haulers. With these proposals in hand, staff calculated the costs of outsourcing our garbage program and evaluated opportunities to redirect our current staff to increase other critical maintenance activities. View the reports online at www.villageofglencoe.org/garbageanalysis.

After thoroughly considering the best way to retain our current garbage collection services – and offer new, enhanced services – the Village Board voted on August 24 to approve a contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS), the Village’s current recycling service provider, for garbage collection services, beginning November 1, 2017.

LRS will continue offering once weekly or twice weekly curbside or top-of-drive collection, as well as new options that residents supported in the online survey, such as food scrap composting during yard waste season and a second annual clean-up day. In short, we are able to provide new, enhanced services while avoiding dramatic cost increases for you, with quarterly rates remaining flat for once-weekly curbside collection users (approximately 50% of the current program) and only moderate increases for those top-of-drive service users.

By outsourcing collection to LRS, we are able to continue providing the same service options that exist today, add new services, align our collection program with the efforts of the Sustainability Task Force by offering food scrap composting as a new waste diversion program and transitioning to a clean CNG vehicle. Additionally, we are able to reassign employees presently assigned to garbage collection to other operations, such as water system maintenance, sewer cleaning and tree trimming, where we currently need additional resources to maintain our infrastructure.

Over time and through attrition, we will consider ways to reduce the size of the Public Works Department as workloads change. Later this fall, both the Village and LRS will be in contact with you about transitioning to the new program—read more about what to expect in the insert. I encourage you to follow development of this program on the Village’s website and social media outlets.

The Village Board remains deeply committed to being responsible fiscal stewards for the community and we will continue our tradition of providing exceptional municipal services in a financially-responsible manner. I believe that LRS is capable of delivering the same – or better – customer service standards to which you have become accustomed. I know change can be difficult, but I am confident that the Board made the right decision for our community and that we will realize multiple benefits while maintaining the high-touch, high-value garbage collection services that our residents value.

Sincerely,

Larry Levin
Village President
**NewsBites:** Useful Village Updates & Service Reminders

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**Parkway Leaf Collection**

The Village’s annual fall curbside leaf collection program begins mid-October and continues through the end of November. Stay tuned to the Village’s website and social media for a start date and check back regularly for an area map and estimated progress schedule. Contact Public Works at (847) 835-4134 with questions.

If you are participating in the program, please remember the following:

- Pile leaves in a row along the parkway in front of your property. Leaf piles in the street are a traffic hazard and clog the storm sewers, which can cause flooding.
- A long, low row of leaves is better than a single large pile and helps limit the blowing of leaves into the street or back to the yard.
- Crews will work continuously through November, making four to five passes through each neighborhood. Place leaves at the curb by Monday, November 27 for the final collection pass.
- Residents who use a landscape contractor are urged to have the contractor remove leaves at the time their yard is serviced (this is often included).

As a reminder, the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers is permitted from September 15 to December 15. Commercial landscape maintenance contractors may operate 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday to Friday and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Work is prohibited on Sundays and holidays.

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**Private Pool Pumping & Draining**

With the swimming pool season closing, the Village reminds pool owners of the Village’s requirements regarding pool draining and pumping. All pool pumping requires a Village permit, and all pool water should be properly de-chlorinated and pH neutral before it is pumped into the Village’s storm sewer system. Pool contractors are also required to submit field test results on the treated pool water to the Village. Questions regarding the Village’s pool pumping regulations should be directed to Public Works at (847) 835-4111.

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**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**

**Daylight Savings Ends Sunday, November 5**

As you move clocks and watches back on Sunday, November 5, use the end of daylight savings time as a reminder to change the batteries in all your home’s smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and to check that they are functioning properly.

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**September is National Preparedness Month**

“Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.”

Glencoe Public Safety Officers do an incredible job of keeping us safe, but they can’t do it alone. We must all embrace our individual responsibility to be prepared – in doing so, we contribute to the safety and security of our neighbors as well. Learn how at www.ready.gov.

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**Deer Population Survey**

**Respond by Monday, October 2 at:**

www.surveymonkey.com/r/glencoedeerpop2017

Public Safety requests your input regarding the deer population in our community.

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**Help Prevent Vehicle Burglaries**

In recent months, Glencoe has experienced numerous vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts during the overnight hours. All of the targeted vehicles had been left unlocked by the owners. Glencoe remains an easy target for auto theft and auto burglary, mainly because many vehicles remain unlocked overnight. Criminals are very aware of this and keep returning to Glencoe in search of unlocked vehicles. Many of them are habitual criminals and many have been known to be armed and use the stolen vehicles to commit additional and sometimes violent crimes. Should they be encountered, these violent criminals pose a threat to community members as well as our Public Safety Officers.

Take these simple steps to secure your property and significantly reduce the incidence of these crimes of opportunity:

- Always lock and secure unattended vehicles.
- Ensure that valuables left inside are hidden from plain view.
- Do not leave the keys or key fobs inside the vehicle.
- Close and lock home and garage doors and windows, especially overnight.
- Remain alert at all times.
- As always, if you see or hear suspicious activity, please call 9-1-1 to report it immediately.

Please contact Public Safety with questions at (847) 835-4112.

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**Halloween Safety Tips**

To make sure that even the scariest Halloween ghouls and goblins have a safe day, remember the following safety tips:

- Check that your child’s costume is flame retardant and fits well so as to not be a tripping hazard.
- Try make-up instead of masks – makeup is more comfortable and won’t obstruct vision. If your trick-or-treater does wear a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Give your child a flashlight, glow stick or put reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Remind your child to never, ever enter into a stranger’s house or car for treats.
- Tell your child not to eat any treats until you’ve given the okay. This way you can check for any problem candy and take your pick of a piece or two!
- Instruct groups to stay together and make sure at least one child has a cell phone. A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.
- Plan a safe route with your older children so you know where they are at all times, and give them a time to return home.
- If your child is carrying a prop, make sure that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Instruct children to be safe while crossing streets and to obey all traffic signs.

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**Pumpkin Collection and Disposal**

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, November 8
Public Works Garage, 325 Temple Court

Need an environmentally-friendly place to discard your Halloween pumpkins? The Village will again host a one-day pumpkin collection event and will dispose of the pumpkins at a special composting facility. Please remove any lights or candles from your pumpkins. Contact Public Works at (847) 835-4134 with questions.
Fall into Fun with the Glencoe Chamber

By Sally Sprowl
Glencoe Chamber Executive Director

Although we are now moving into the fall season, one summer event is continuing, and that’s the Glencoe French Market. The Market will continue every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 14. Come over to Wyman Green to get your farm fresh vegetables, fruit, locally-sourced flowers and freshly baked breads.

Next on the agenda is that fun-filled, treat-filled Halloween Hello on Tuesday, October 31. Kids from toddlers through junior high students will be offered candy at stores and businesses displaying a Halloween Hello poster in their windows.

Then, before we know it, the holidays will be here. In Glencoe, we kick off the holiday season with the traditional Light the Village Lights. Families will come to the intersection of Park and Vernon Avenues at dusk on Friday, November 24 to enjoy caroling, a visit from Santa, treats and the magic moment when the downtown business district is suddenly aglow. Stay tuned to the Chamber website www.glencoechamber.org for more information as the holidays draw near.

Finally, while shopping this fall, be sure to take advantage of all the services, dining options and goods that our Glencoe businesses have to offer! Remember: What stays local, grows local!

What You Should Know About Glencoe Youth Services

By Jennifer Adler
President of the Glencoe Youth Services

As I sat down to write this piece, I asked myself what should people know about GYS and SNAP? Answer: I asked my amazing daughter Ava Mae to tell me about GYS—tell me what it means to you. Here’s what she said:

- I know I will never be bullied.
- Snacks! They have the best snacks and I love to go there and eat.
- Everyone from 7th grade to high school are welcome, and have to get along.
- There are always two grown-ups there if we need them!
- They can help me with anything that I have going on in my silly 12-year-old head.
- There is a program called SNAP (Special Needs Adult Pals) that I can volunteer at every week!
- It is a safe haven.
- Games—all the time and all the kinds!

I loved her responses so much, I knew I had to share them with you. What I like the most is her experience is not different than any of the other 7th to 12th graders that are in our unique community!

The GYS facility is open after school, Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. and we are closed on Sundays. On average, GYS has about 250 local Glencoe kids “drop-in” per month to the facility. Glencoe Youth Services is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and we are 100% funded by the community, through both donations and local grants. We also operate SNAP, a weekly free social program for adults with disabilities.

How Can I Help?

There are a number of ways you can help and become involved. Donations are vital for our survival, but, so is participation. Sponsor a meal for the SNAP program (dinner is a big part of our Tuesday night activities). We are always looking for volunteers for our ever growing Board of Directors or simply help with an after school program.

I am proud to be a part of such an incredible organization, and I look forward to growing GYS and SNAP in our next 45 years. Please consider giving to this great cause at www.glencoeyouthservices.org.

Community Improvement Corner

The 2017 capital improvements project season is in full gear. Updates on the key Community Improvement Program projects are as follows:

Stormwater Drainage Improvements

The 2017 Storm Water Drainage Improvements in the Park Avenue and Madison Avenue basin areas include the installation of larger capacity storm sewer pipe intended to relieve the frequency and severity of flooding in these two neighborhood basin areas. This project was substantially completed as of early September. A flood control gate will be installed in the Public Safety ramp on the east side of the Village Hall as part of this project, and this work is expected to begin construction in September and be completed by end of October.

Work on the Rockgate Lane Ravine Outfall Project has been delayed by permitting, and is expected to be underway by mid-September.

Maintenance Street Resurfacing

Maintenance resurfacing improvements on 22 Village streets is underway and should be completed by the end of September. 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.

Water Main Improvements

Work on the 2017 Water Main Improvements project, including water main replacement at the following locations, is expected to be underway in early September and be completed by the end of October.

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

Sidewalk Replacement

Residential sidewalk replacement work in Area #1, which includes the northern third of the Village, north of Dundee Road and Beach Road, was completed in August.

Stay tuned to Glencoe CONNECT and social media for timely construction updates.
Tee Time with Stella Nanos

Fall golf at the Glencoe Golf Club is a great way to enjoy the autumn colors on the tree lined fairways of the golf course. We invite you to come out and take advantage of the last days of mild temperatures before the snow flies and to participate in our special events and lesson programs this fall.

Keep your game in shape throughout the year with golf programs for both children and adults. After school programs will be taught throughout the fall and winter to help your children continue to improve their golf swings. Winter instruction will also be offered in our clubhouse utilizing V1 Video Analysis and a Flightscope 3D Golf Simulator. This is a great opportunity to keep your game in shape during the winter months or to fine tune your swing for your winter destinations.

The 11th Annual Glencoe Open will take place on the weekend of September 16-17. This is a 36-hole competitive stroke play tournament open to all individuals with a handicap of 18 and under. This is the most popular event of the season so please sign up early as the field fills up quickly.

The Senior Fall Classic will be held on Thursday, October 7 and is open to all golfers ages 60 years old and up. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and includes 18 holes of golf, contests throughout the course and an awards luncheon following golf. Bring your friends out to enjoy this non-competitive, fun filled event.

On Saturday, November 4, the Hard Course Day & Chili Open will take place. The golf course will have the pin positions set up in the most challenging locations and a chili lunch will take place following this event.

We hope to see everyone out this fall to enjoy the golf course, events and lesson programs that are offered at the Glencoe Golf Club.

The Glencoe Community Garden: Our Own Green Goodness Oasis

By the GCG Gang

Ever wonder what’s behind that beautiful hand-crafted cedar fence along the Green Bay Trail next to Phil Thomas Park? Next time you go by, please open the gate. You’ll find a fabulous green oasis where North Shore community members gather to harvest, plant, experiment with innovative gardening and composting techniques, learn and share ideas and have fun working together. The Greenhouse functions as a growing laboratory where three unique hydroponic systems are thriving. Powered by solar energy and irrigated with rain, any of these systems can be duplicated in your own home. Come be part of it! With the slogan “we grow it, we give it away and compost the rest,” the Glencoe Community Garden is an openhearted place for everyone to join!

Now through October is a great time to help in the Garden—the harvests are the biggest, the compost chopping is in full swing and the soil weeding and turning is a must. Bring your group (scouts, advisories, clubs), get your community service hours (confirmation, bar/bat mitzvahs) and/or have a family and friends service outing. Contact the GCG to arrange your own special day and time to come help by e-mailing gcgarden18@gmail.com.

Regularly scheduled Harvests are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-9 a.m. and Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-Noon with Composting on Sunday mornings, 10 a.m.-Noon. Be sure to mark your calendars for GCG’s Farm Fit Clean-up Day on October 21 at 10 a.m.

The Garden partners with social service agencies throughout the city and suburbs to supply fresh food to people in need. This year’s crop should total nearly 4,000 pounds and at least 1,000 gallons of our community’s kitchen scraps will be saved from landfill! Don’t miss the chance to see all that Glencoe has to offer at the GCG while it is in full bloom.

Save the Date!

FGBT’s 7th Annual Buckthorn Barbecue

Featuring: Wendy Paulson
Global Conservationist and Educator
October 18, 2017• 6-9p.m.
Chicago Botanic Garden
Find us at www.gbgtrail.org and on Facebook
**Gold Medal Finalist**

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), is pleased to Glencoe Park District as a finalist for the 2017 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Musco Lighting LLC has been a proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program for more than 10 years.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class for state park systems awarded on odd numbered years.

Glencoe Park District is a finalist in the Class V category (less than 30,000). This is the first time Glencoe Park District has competed for the National Gold Medal.

All finalists were tasked with creating a 5-minute video to introduce their Park District’s unique and outstanding qualities to the country. Over 100 Glencoe residents participated in filming our video, which is available to watch at www.glencoeyparkdistrict.com.

After the finalists competed for the Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, the seven Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the NRPA General Session at the 2017 NRPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, September 26-28, 2017.
Park Updates

West Park Update
This summer, construction at West Park was in full swing! The Glencoe Park District partnered with School District 35 to replace the playground at West School. When finished, 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.

“From start to finish, the West School playground project has been a stellar example of intergovernmental cooperation to support the needs of our community. We have been so pleased to work closely with the team at the Park District to ensure the new resources provide engaging new experiences for the children and parents of Glencoe,” said Catherine Wang, Superintendent of District 35.

“Our goal was to create a multi-sensory smorgasbord of opportunities for kids to engage in free play through sight, sound, touch, and smell,” said Lisa Sheppard, Park District Executive Director.

West Park will complete in time for school. A community celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 5.

Astor Park Update
Construction is now underway at Astor Park, with a goal to finish the replacement playground at the end of August. Astor Park, located at 640 Sunset Lane, is set to include 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 plans will include preservation of existing green space. “We are all excited about the beautiful park for the community and are looking forward to opening the new and improved playground in late August,” said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director.

Takiff Center Parking Project
In order to provide more parking for current Takiff Center usage and the proposed Fitness Area addition, the Park District is undergoing a phased parking lot project. The project begins this fall with the addition of 25 parking spaces in the former skate park site. The project will also include the addition of 38 parking spots in the maintenance area, along with a walking path around Jerry Reinsdorf Field and natural bioswales to increase drainage. Future plans include adding a temporary parking lot along the train tracks, connecting the front and back lots and re-configuring the main parking lot for better traffic flow.

Glencoe Fitness Opens This Fall

This fall, Glencoe Fitness will open at the Takiff Center! In addition to group fitness classes, Glencoe Fitness will have 13 pieces of Precor cardio equipment and 6 strength machines. Free weights, dumbbells, kettlebells and medicine balls will also be available for self-guided fitness enthusiasts.

Our inviting, unintimidating, and pristine fitness area will meet all your training needs in a compact environment. You can even track your progress with our state-of-the-art Preva cloud-based fitness app. Preva allows you to track your fitness progress at the gym with on-console software or on-the-go with the Preva Mobile app.

Personal training and group fitness classes will be offered for an additional fee. From favorites like Yoga and Pilates to the latest in fitness trends like dance and barre classes, there is something for every fitness level at the Takiff Center.

Get in on the ground floor of fitness at the Glencoe Park District by becoming a member TODAY! Discounted memberships are available now with no initiation fee!

You Asked, We Listened!

Glencoe resident Chris Sullivan loves playing lacrosse, but noticed there wasn’t a lacrosse field in Glencoe. The game, considered one of the fastest growing youth sports, has grown in popularity on the North Shore in recent years.

Noticing the trend, Chris asked the Park District if it was possible to install a set of goals in one of District’s unused park parcels. To his surprise, the Park District was able to respond quickly and installed the nets within a month of his request.

The new nets are now at Park 3N, which is located along Old Green Bay Road between Dennis Lane and Lincoln Drive.

The Park District is always open to resident suggestions for additional amenities. Other resident requests, like improving puddling on the Sheltong Park pathway and increasing parking at the Takiff Center, are planned for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Residents are always welcome to share their thoughts on special projects at Glencoe Park District Board of Commissioner meetings. The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Takiff Center.

Membership Options

The $125 initiation fee will be waived if you join before January 1, 2018!

Individual

- 1-year membership: $350/525 R/NR
- 6-month membership: $270/405 R/NR
- Pay-per-month (1-year commitment required for the first year): $40/60 per month R/NR

Additional Family Member

- 1-year membership (each additional family member) $300/450 R/NR
- 6-month membership (each additional family member) $250/375 R/NR
- Pay-per-month (1-year commitment required for the first year) $35/53 per month R/NR

Senior/Student

Students age 14-22 and seniors age 65+ qualify for a discounted rate with proper ID.

- 1-year membership: $215/525 R/NR
- Pay-per-month (1-year commitment required for the first year): $35/53 per month R/NR
- Winter break student membership: $35/53 R/NR

Drop-in Fee

- $10/15 R/NR per day
The Park Board has approved temporary athletic lights at West Park from September 11 through November 3, 2017.

Currently, the only athletic field with lights in the Park District is at Jerry Reinsdorf Field (behind the Takiff Center). Due to planned construction at the field, the Board elected to move fall sports to other fields in the district. As Reinsdorf Field is used by many children in fall sports, the games will be temporarily relocated to West Park during construction. The temporary lights will only be in operation as the field schedule requires and will be restricted to Monday through Friday, from dusk until 9 p.m.

The temporary lights include three light towers, which will be directed away from residential homes and have a maximum height of 30 feet. The lights will be removed from West Park after November 3, 2017.

The Great Mud Run

Are you ready to take on the mud? Do you have the grit to finish the course?

Inspired by the Tough Mudder, American Ninja Warrior, and the Warrior Dash, the Glencoe Park District is proud to bring an obstacle race to Watts Park on September 16. But instead of challenging adults, The Great Mud Run is designed for kids! Kids ages 7-14 will put their physical stamina to the test as they race to complete all twelve obstacles. Participants will run, jump, climb, and crawl through the challenges on the 2-kilometer course (approximately 1.25 miles).

The race will have three heats, divided by age groups (ages 12-14 will start at 9 a.m.; ages 9-11 will begin at 9:30 a.m.; ages 7-8 will start at 10 a.m.).

Registration is now open for The Great Mud Run, which is co-sponsored by the Grand Food Center, AltaManu, MB Financial Bank, and GJHP. The Early Bird Registration rate, available through August 15, is $25 per participant. The regular registration fee is $30. Race day registration is available for $35 per participant. Everyone who finishes the race will get a t-shirt and a medal.

Meet Jessica Stockl, Our New Early Childhood Supervisor

We are happy to announce that Jessica Stockl has been promoted to the Early Childhood Supervisor. In this role, she will be responsible for providing support for all of our Early Childhood Programming. For the last nine months, Jessica has been a valuable member of our team as a Children’s Circle teacher in the infant classroom.

“I am thrilled to take on a supervisor position at the Glencoe Park District. My heart has always been in early childhood education. From the minute I accepted my first job at a preschool twelve years ago, I knew it was where I was meant to be,” said Jessica. “My passion for education knows no bounds. I am still enrolled in classes through local community colleges to continue my own learning journey! Every person has something within their field that they are extra passionate about; for me, my emphasis is on emotional intelligence and the nutritional needs of children.”

Prior to joining the Glencoe team, Jessica spent 11 years working with young children and held management roles such as acting director at other child care centers. Her management experience includes opening classrooms and mentoring staff. Jessica graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Social Work and Criminal Justice and then moved to Chicago to attend the Jane Addams School of Social Work at UIC where she earned her Master’s in Social Work.

“We believe Jessica’s education, past experience, innovative ideas, love of children, and communication style made her a perfect fit for this position!” said Naomi Garvett, Early Childhood Manager.

Children’s Circle is a year-round full-day preschool program for infants (6 weeks) through kindergarten. Children’s Circle combines full-day flexibility and high-quality teaching to create preschool programs geared to the diverse needs of busy families.

A day at Children’s Circle reflects our philosophy that children learn best through meaningful interactions with the world around them in a secure environment. Learning is an active process, whether it happens during a teacher-guided group experience or during free choice play. Our program is licensed by the State of Illinois, meeting state standards for health, safety, and staff training.

Children’s Circle Full Day Preschool opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m., with enrollment options that range from two to five days per week. Because Children’s Circle Full Day offers classes 50 weeks a year, you may register at any time. To schedule a tour, contact Jessica at (847) 835-7533.
On October 1, Glencoe Park District invited The Night Ministry to the Takiff Center for an afternoon of impact and empowerment. The award-winning documentary The Homestretch, which follows three homeless teens in Chicago, will be shown followed by a parent-child discussion about the movie, stereotypes, challenges, and homelessness in our community. After the discussion, families are invited to tour The Night Ministry’s Health Outreach bus, as well as prepare meals and assemble hygiene kits for outreach efforts. The day will end with a pizza party and live music from School of Rock. Thanks to community generosity, the entire activity fee ($15/person or $50/family of 4) will be donated to The Night Ministry, a non-denominational 501c3 dedicated to providing housing, healthcare, and human connection to members of our community struggling with poverty or homelessness. Recommended for Grades 6 through adults.

For busy parents who want to spend time with their kids while still contributing to their community, volunteering as a family is an ideal activity. The benefits to volunteering together are enormous. Volunteering teaches even toddlers and preschoolers about compassion, empathy, tolerance, gratitude, and community responsibility. And children who volunteer are more likely to continue doing so as adults.

“Kids who volunteer realize that small things they do can make a big difference,” says Liz Visteen, Volunteer Coordinator. “I’ve watched kids become much more appreciative of what they have because they realize there are others who aren’t as fortunate as they are.”

This fall, the Glencoe Park District is offering three unique volunteer opportunities for families to enjoy.

On October 21, the Glencoe Park District bus will travel to Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. Our group will spend the afternoon preparing nutritious, packaged meals for children all over the world. Everyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This free activity is open to ages 5 and up, but advanced registration is required (Activity #220832-01). The Glencoe Park District always appreciates volunteers willing to give their time and talents to make our community a great place to live and play. The Park District offers special events throughout the year in which volunteers are essential to assist with activities and relies on volunteers to coach youth basketball and hockey. Whether you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis or would prefer assisting with the occasional special event, we can create a custom volunteer program that meets your needs! For more information on volunteering for the Glencoe Park District, please contact Liz Visteen at (847) 835-7538 or evisteen@glencoeparkdistrict.com. All volunteers must complete and submit a Volunteer Application and pass a Criminal Background Check.

Power of Play

It’s time to GET YOUR PLAY ON! The Glencoe Park District is focusing on community health and wellness with a new program designed to get kids playing!

The Glencoe Park District offers a variety of programs which introduce you to the benefits of being active and provides a path to lifelong activity. Many of our programs provide an active start to physical literacy, which is the ability, confidence and desire to be physically active for life. The program is simple: participate in a variety of physical literacy programs and become part of the Glencoe Play movement!

How does it work? Collect all 6 symbols to win!

Download a Play Passport at www.glencoeparkdistrict.com and bring your passport to the last day of any GLENCOE PLAY program. Your instructor will stamp your passport if you attended at least half the classes. Collect all 6 symbols within one year by participating in a variety of programming and we’ll give you a free Play On t-shirt to show you’re serious about physical fitness! All completed passports should be returned to the Takiff Center.

Who can participate? This program is for program participants age 5-14. The program includes activities that emphasize the following skills: speed and agility; cognitive; rhythm and coordination; power; hand-eye coordination; and balance and core.

What do the symbols mean? Each symbol on the passport represents an area of physical literacy. These skills are associated with integral ingredients in developing physically literate youth. By participating in programs which focus on sharpening each of these skills each year, you will be on your way to becoming active for life and be exposed to a variety of different activities.

Service Opportunities

For busy parents who want to spend time with their kids while still contributing to their community, volunteering as a family is an ideal activity. The benefits to volunteering together are enormous. Volunteering teaches even toddlers and preschoolers about compassion, empathy, tolerance, gratitude, and community responsibility. And children who volunteer are more likely to continue doing so as adults.

“Kids who volunteer realize that small things they do can make a big difference,” says Liz Visteen, Volunteer Coordinator. “I’ve watched kids become much more appreciative of what they have because they realize there are others who aren’t as fortunate as they are.”

This fall, the Glencoe Park District is offering three unique volunteer opportunities for families to enjoy.
Dear Parents and Community Members:

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with time to refresh and reconnect with family and friends. While you were away, our schools were buzzing with the sounds of moving, cleaning, and maintenance projects. Even with all the people moving in and out of the schools, there was clearly something missing…our students! We are thrilled to finally have our students back as our 2017-2018 school year launched on August 28.

The new school year is already full of excitement and anticipation. Our halls are once again filled with the voices of children and staff members engaging in vibrant learning experiences with friends, new and old. This time of year serves as an opportunity for our children to meet new classmates, and a time for our teachers to begin the critical work of building class communities across our schools. This is especially true for students and staff members transitioning to a new school or joining our school community for the first time. As a school community, please help us in welcoming more than twenty new families and seven new staff members to District 35.

We started this school year with a renewed emphasis on care and respect for all. This message resonated strongly at our opening event with staff members. We will continue to reinforce this message throughout the year in our class meetings and advisory experiences for all students. In addition to the instructional routines this year, we continue to place an equal emphasis on ensuring our children develop the social-emotional skills to be self-aware and care for others. The Village of Glencoe provided a wonderful model for this within the Welcome and Inclusivity Pledge (adopted by the Glencoe Board of Education on April 6, 2017).

“In our schools, our neighborhoods, and our government buildings, Glencoe must be a place that respects our differences and believes that diverse perspectives create better outcomes.”

In parallel, our mission is to provide each child with an educational foundation for life-long learning as a socially responsible member of a global society. Our Board, administrators, and staff realize this is an ambitious mission and strive each day to achieve it. You will see the WE ARE GLENCOE image shown below on display across our schools as a symbol of our inclusive practices. Please stop by any of our schools or Village Hall to sign the Welcome and Inclusivity Pledge, and help us reinforce these goals among our Glencoe youth.

On behalf of our Board of Education, teachers and support staff, thank you for joining us as a partner towards this mission.

In partnership,

Catherine Wang
Superintendent

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Coming Events
5th Grade “Go-to-School” Night
Wednesday, September 6
6:30 p.m.

6th-8th Grade “Go-to-School” Night
Thursday, September 14
6:30 p.m.

Early Childhood Screenings
Monday, October 23
Tuesday, October 24

West School Fair and PTO Book Fair
Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 9
Friday, November 10

Kindergarten Registration
Thursday, November 9
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Central School Fall Music Festival
Thursday, November 16
6:30 p.m.
Within Glencoe School District 35 we have a focus on four core goal areas to support initiatives across our schools. In addition to responding to the state and federal requirements, we reflect upon our Mission and Guiding Principles as we address priorities in our four goal areas.

1. **Teaching and Learning**
2. **Communication**
3. **Recruitment and Staffing**
4. **Operations**

The priorities toward Teaching and Learning remain our strongest focus. As the students exited for summer, building based teams worked to plan and prepare for initiatives related to the District Improvement Plan. Teachers participated in targeted professional development on the new Illinois Social Science Standards and also worked on the district’s transition to Common Core State Standards aligned units of instruction for Kindergarten through eighth grade word study and vocabulary development.

The core of the summer professional development work was to ensure our practices include the new inquiry standards. Teachers worked with grade level teams to build units of inquiry around the social science content with Dr. Kathy Swan, a lead writer of the Illinois Social Science Standards and developer of the Inquiry Design Model.

This unit development work will continue throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, the Glencoe teachers worked to develop a strategic and systematic word study and vocabulary scope and sequence. Beginning this fall:

- Kindergarten through 4th grade will begin *Words Their Way*, a developmental spelling, phonics and vocabulary program.
- 5th-8th grade students will begin *Sadlier Vocabulary Workshop* which is based on the most recent research for vocabulary development, introducing words used in context to convey nuance and allow students to practice using context clues.

Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, District 35 teachers will have opportunities for continued professional development on the new Social Science Standards, Word Study and Vocabulary instruction. We offer a variety of options for our staff members to remain engaged and continue professional development.

Learn more at: [www.glencoeschools.org/district/goals-for-the-future](http://www.glencoeschools.org/district/goals-for-the-future).

### District Improvement Plan Priorities

**42**

During the 2016-2017 school year we hosted 42 Glencoe University Courses. These courses were held before and after school and provided all staff opportunities for professional learning and sharing.

**30**

Over the ten weeks of summer we hosted 18 Summer University Courses. Teachers explored new technology tools, new ways to foster collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication, and worked on new curricular initiatives.

**18**

Teachers held 30 team meetings during the 2016-2017 school year and were able to utilize many of these meetings for professional learning and sharing.

**20**

Our Technology Integration Specialists held 20 Lunch & Learn sessions during the past school year to help teachers with meaningful technology integration.

**16**

Since it's launch in mid-October we have developed 16 new online courses on our new iLearn platform. Staff members now have the option to learn online when it is most convenient for them.

### Budget Hearing on September 7, 2017

The proposed District 35 budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was reviewed on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The public hearing was held in Young Auditorium at Central School during the regular monthly meeting of the Board. A tentative draft of the budget was approved during the June 1, 2017, Board of Education meeting and has been available for public review since that date.

The tentative budget identified operating revenue for our school district as $26,329,043. The sources of these funds are:

- Local (97%),
- State (2%), and
- Federal (1%).

Operating expenses for the 2017-2018 fiscal year are budgeted at $26,034,032. As in past years, the largest operating expense is employee salaries and benefits (77%), with purchased services, supplies, capital outlay, tuition and contingency ranging from 0.6% to 9% of the total operating budget.

The Fiscal Year 2018 Tentative District Budget is available on the District 35 web page at [www.glencoeschools.org](http://www.glencoeschools.org) and is also on display at the Board of Education Office. For questions regarding the District 35 budget or budget hearing, please contact Jason Edelheit, Director of Finance and Operations, at [edelheij@glencoeschools.org](mailto:edelheij@glencoeschools.org).
New Staff Members Join Glencoe School District

A number of new faces will be seen in the classrooms and hallways of District 35 schools. Please welcome the following individuals joining the District 35 staff:

Ms. Selene Gomez, Transportation/Secretary at South School;
Mrs. Bridget Joyce, Nurse at South School; Mrs. Jessica Osorio, English Language Learner Teacher at Central and South schools;
Mrs. Erica de Muir, 1st Grade Teacher at South School and Ms. Alyson Spagnoli, 4th Grade Teacher at West School. We also welcome four new Teacher Associates to our schools; hiring for these positions was completed in late August.

Register for Weekly eNews

South, West, and Central Schools have their building news posted online for families, students, and community members. Weekly updates may be found at the following websites:

South School: www.glencoesouth.org
West School: www.glencoewest.org
Central School: www.glencocentral.org

We encourage parents and community members to sign up to automatically receive the District newsletter via e-mail. To do so, register at the following site: www.glencoeschools.org. Families who previously registered do not need to register again for the coming school year.

Kindergarten Registration for 2018

7 a.m. - 6 p.m., November 9, 2017, South School Office

We are pleased to announce our Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 year is scheduled for November 9, 2017. When registering, please be mindful of the following requirements:

1. Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2018
2. Bring your child’s original birth certificate
3. Bring in proof of residency documents:
   • Your most recent property tax bill and proof of payment
   • OR lease and proof of last month’s lease payment
   • OR proof of the owner’s Illinois ID card
   • 3 documents with your name and address (1 form must be state issued ID)

Please contact South School at (847) 835-6400 with additional questions regarding kindergarten registration.

Instant Alert Testing

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, the Glencoe School District Instant Alert System will be tested at 2 p.m. In the event of an emergency, school closing, or the need to share important information, a message will be delivered to the contact information on file for students. Parents are asked to contact Roseanne Nelson at either (847) 835-7816 or via e-mail at nelsonr@glencoeschools.org to update contact information.

Early Childhood Screening

Monday, October 23, 2017: 2 years and 6 months – 5 years
Tuesday, October 24, 2017: Birth – 5 years

District 35 is offering Early Childhood development screenings for Glencoe children. The screenings are open to Glencoe residents who have concerns about their child’s development in the areas of: speech-language, fine motor skills, concept development, and/or social/emotional growth. Vision and hearing screenings are also provided.

Due to state requirements, parents who wish to participate must schedule their child for all components of the screening. These screenings are conducted in an effort to identify children who may benefit from special education services and/or consultation during the preschool years. Parents will be asked to describe their concerns regarding their child in the above areas. Please note, the screening is not designed to determine a child’s readiness for kindergarten.

Additional information on childhood developmental milestones is available at the following website: http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/

To schedule a screening, please contact Kim Badie in the Pupil Services Office at (847) 835-7838. Please call by Thursday, October 13, 2017.

Mindset Matters

Dr. Carol Dweck, a Stanford University psychologist, conducted many studies documenting that children who have a growth mindset respond differently in challenging situations and do better in school over time.

This year we invite you to join the District as we launch our first One Book, One District initiative around Carol Dweck’s book Mindset: The New Psychology of Success. We ask all staff members, parents and community members to read Dr. Dweck’s book and join us in the fall for engaging conversations. Learn new ways to foster a growth mindset for our students in school and at home. Stay tuned as we will publish Mindset engagement opportunities on the District website.

Notice of Destruction of Temporary Student Records

In accordance with the Illinois School statute, Glencoe School District 35 is providing notice that all Temporary Records of students last enrolled in the district before July 1, 2012, will be destroyed. Student temporary records are retained for five (5) years after the student has left the district. All records currently over five (5) years old will be destroyed October 1, 2017.

Parents, guardians, and the former student have the right to review and to receive a copy of such records at any time prior to the destruction of such records. Review of the records can be requested by contacting Maile Winograd, Communications Secretary, at (847) 835-7812 or winogram@glencoeschools.org.
Dear Friends:

Among the many messages we talk about at Family Service of Glencoe (FSG) is this simple two-part mantra—(1) everyone needs help from time to time and (2) it is okay to ask for it. We know how hard it can be to reach out for help, to overcome the emotional symptoms of an illness that can be physically debilitating. Stigma associated with mental illness is chief among the barriers to seeking support. In my life and career, I have seen the devastating impact of stigma, from the fear of being labeled or judged by others to the (sometimes tragic) repercussions of not getting needed or appropriate interventions.

In her book, *The Price of Silence*, Liza Long talks about the potentially shattering consequences of stigma and the impact of being misdiagnosed or not receiving necessary mental health treatment. Liza asserts that parents of children with mental illness may fear being labeled bad parents. Following the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Liza shares her story, giving voice to her worries for her own son’s wellbeing. She wonders “will that be my son one day?” By recounting their journey through the mental health and juvenile justice systems, and finally receiving the appropriate diagnosis and treatment, Liza is a powerful advocate for the rights of the victims of mental illness. National tragedies such as Sandy Hook, while seeming to happen with alarming regularity, are actually the exceptions. The bigger risk to those suffering from undiagnosed or untreated mental illness is self-harm. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people.

It is hard enough to seek help for anxiety, depression, addiction, and other mental health problems. Those experiencing the fear or pain of stigma find it even more difficult to reach out. The negative perception related to mental illness or addiction is insidious in its judgmental attitude that those suffering somehow brought it on themselves based on bad choices or behavior or are simply of poor moral character. It is important for those on the receiving end of such attitudes to remember that individuals who place this kind of blame are also suffering and acting out their own character flaws.

The truth is that mental illness does not discriminate based on socio-economic status, race, gender, or any other personal or social characteristics.

As FSG Clinical Director Al Ross poignantly remarked at FSG’s benefit last May, “you don’t choose mental illness; mental illness chooses you.”

To all those suffering from a form of mental illness, FSG offers hope, understanding, and compassion. Our therapists are dedicated professionals with expertise in helping children, adults, couples, and families address mental health concerns and addiction. Our highest commitment is to provide a safe and supportive counseling milieu with strong boundaries to protect your privacy. If you fear the consequences of stigma, a confidential consultation can be arranged. Don’t let it stop you from seeking help for yourself or your loved ones. Above all, know that you will not have to walk this path alone.

At the heart of our community,

**Bill Hansen, MSW**
Executive Director
Meet FSG Therapist Sari Glazebrook

By Beth Karnes, FSG Board Member

Family Service of Glencoe welcomed Sari Glazebrook to our team of therapists in October of 2016. Sari is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC). She graduated with a master’s degree in social work from Loyola University Chicago.

Theoretical Approach.
A collaborative thinker, Sari is passionate about deploying her client’s inherent skills, knowledge, and strengths to foster empowerment and healing. “I see my clients as experts. I meet them where they are, and strive to create a context for change that looks different for everyone,” Sari explains. She is continuously reassessing as she helps clients make sense of their feelings, circumstances, and choices. This adaptive strengths-based approach allows clients to become co-producers of the strategies, beliefs, and behaviors needed to resolve problems and aid recovery. Sari’s practice is attachment-based and trauma-informed. She focuses on how early relationship patterns impact personal development. Sari has a keen awareness of the prevalence of trauma and is committed to facilitating each client’s sense of emotional safety and resilience.

Clinical Interests and Expertise. An expert in addiction counseling, Sari supports adolescents and adults struggling with substance abuse problems and a broad range of mental health conditions. Impulsive behavior, high demands for performance, and the complications of technology are some of the concerns that currently prompt both teens and their parents to seek evaluation and guidance. “My clients are the best part of my job,” Sari says. “I feel blessed that I’m doing the work I love–helping people become their best selves.”

Peer Collaboration and Additional Responsibilities. Collaboration is an important element in Sari’s work and her network is wide. “It is a privilege to work with Al Ross and the rest of the FSG team,” Sari said. “I’m impressed with the agency’s connection to the community and its ability to support Glencoe residents of all ages, children to elderly.”

Sari is the school Intervention Specialist/ School Social Worker for North Shore Academy, a K-12 therapeutic day school in Highland Park that is designed to support students identified with emotional or behavioral disabilities.

Personal Interests. When she is not in the school or office, Sari can be found on the bike trail, in the hot yoga studio, or spending time with her two children – her son is 13, daughter is 11.

Family Service of Glencoe provides counseling services for all who live or work in Glencoe regardless of ability to pay. To find out more about how FSG can help you, call (847) 835-5111 to make an appointment.

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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. Facilitated by Joan Merlo, LCSW. New attendees are welcome.

Upcoming Discussion Dates:
1-2:30 p.m., September 21, October 19 and November 16
Hammond Room, Glencoe Public Library

Legacy Project Returns in 2018

The Legacy Project, a collaborative exchange between Family Service of Glencoe and Glencoe Junior High Project, returns in 2018. The project aims to help students and seniors see each other’s lives through different lenses while acquiring a new sense of curiosity about the world and each other.

We are currently recruiting local seniors to engage with students through interviews and other social interactions. If you are interested, please contact chuck@familyserviceofglencoe.org or (847) 835-5111.
FSG Playhouse Celebrates Kindness

This summer FSG celebrated the kindness of our major donors with a special playhouse. The playhouse, a small wooden structure complete with toy sink and stove, invites our town’s youngsters to engage in imaginary and collaborative play. You may have seen it on Wyman Green in front of Glencoe’s Village Hall. Families are encouraged to stop by for a visit on a walk or a bike ride.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of local families, businesses, and foundations. This playhouse represents the homes that are cared for by FSG because of their strong support.


On behalf of the staff and board, thank you standing with us in support of those who are hurting. Because you give, FSG is here to help all who live or work in Glencoe regardless of ability to pay.

For more information about the Parenting with Conviction programs, please contact Kathy at kathy@familyserviceofglencoe.org or call (847) 835-5111.

Parenting is a gift, a profoundly challenging gift in our world of choices at every turn. So many of us wonder how best to parent our values and how to raise grateful, socially responsible children.

Join us at the Glencoe Public Library for community conversations that will provide developmentally appropriate, practical ideas for parents to increase the awe, appreciation and awareness of our children and our families. These nondenominational conversations will be facilitated by Reverend Daphne Cody (St. Elisabeth’s Episcopal Church), Rabbi Lisa Greene (North Shore Congregation Israel), and Kathy Livingston, LCSW (Family Service of Glencoe).

Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.
Raising Spiritually Aware Children

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Raising Socially Conscious Children

GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 Park Ave  Glencoe, IL 60022  (847) 835-5056
north shore congregation israel
FAMILY SERVICE OF GLENCOE
Online analytics show that over 400 updates were made to Glencoe CONNECT accounts in the days following the precautionary boil order issued in June, including over 250 new contacts. While the Village is pleased to have so many new users and updated contact information in Glencoe CONNECT, the time to register or to update information isn’t during or after an emergency – it’s before. Please help the Village keep you apprised of important information by registering and keeping your account current.

One of the biggest take-aways from the precautionary boil order communication process was the importance of having good contact information in the Village’s emergency callout system, Glencoe CONNECT. Glencoe CONNECT was used as a primary method of announcing the precautionary boil order and was later used to let the community know that the order was lifted. With relative simplicity, the Village was able to send out details of the boil order, including sharing a link to more information on the website, via phone calls, e-mails and text messages – reaching over 3,800 contacts in a matter of seconds.

While this is a fair number of contacts, nearly two-thirds of the contacts were populated with landline phone numbers provided to the Public Safety Department by telephone companies. With the rise in use of cell phones, however, these landline numbers may not reflect the best way to contact individuals and in many cases, homes no longer use a landline. Furthermore, many telephone companies are looking to abandon landline systems in favor of more modern technology.

This underscores the importance of residents opting-in to Glencoe CONNECT and creating an account in order to keep your contact information current. We strongly suggest providing any cell phone number used in your household and encourage you to sign up for text messages and e-mails. Depending on the urgency of the message the Village is sending, we can opt to use all or just some of the contact methods.

In addition to urgent messages, the Village will continue to use Glencoe CONNECT to communicate road closures, construction updates, mosquito abatement efforts and more. To register or to update an existing account go to www.villageofglencoe.org/alerts or call the Village Manager’s Office at (847) 835-4114.

During the precautionary boil order, in addition to the use of Glencoe CONNECT, the Village also extensively used social media, including Facebook, NextDoor and Twitter to communicate information in an effort to blanket the community with information. Social media is never intended to be the initial or primary communication point in an emergency, but we understand that many of our residents use it extensively and often reference it. We encourage you to refer to the Village’s social media pages as well when seeking information. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and register on NextDoor to stay in touch.

Are you unsure whether you are registered for Glencoe CONNECT or how this system differs from others, such as emergency weather alerts? Questions about Glencoe CONNECT may be directed to the Village Manager’s Office at (847) 835-4114 or info@villageofglencoe.org.

Register for Glencoe CONNECT and Village eNews at www.villageofglencoe.org/alerts or call (847) 835-4114.