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*Family Service of Glencoe Celebrates 100 Years!*

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Dear Neighbor:

I recently attended a two day program in downtown Chicago that drew participants from across the country. A number of people spoke about having visited Glencoe to attend the Writers’ Theatre and what a wonderful time they had. Invariably, they commented on how much they enjoyed Glencoe’s small, pleasant village feel. This mirrors what I so often hear from both old and new residents as one of the things they very much treasure about our Village.

We are at that time when our Plan Commission has commenced its review of our Village’s Comprehensive Plan to guide us going forward. The overall Plan was last updated in 1996, so we are close to the 20-year anniversary when a review is customary. We are very fortunate to have Caren Thomas, a creative and outstanding land use expert, as our Chairperson of the Plan Commission which is comprised of an exceptionally able group of residents.

The new Writers’ Theatre building is about to begin construction and so this is the perfect time for the Plan Commission to undertake the first phase of the Comprehensive Plan update: a review of the Plan’s vision for our central business district (“Uptown” or “Downtown”, whichever you prefer). In Glencoe we love our Village’s wonderful atmosphere informed by history and our cutting edge innovative approach to things, so it is only fitting that the Plan Commission think of its quest as blending “Tradition plus Innovation” to advance our Village’s bright future.

The Plan Commission’s goal for the Comprehensive Plan is:

- Establishing a vision consistent with the aspirations, needs, and goals of Glencoe residents.
- Positioning Glencoe to capitalize on trends that are changing the way we live, work, entertain and do business.
- Establishing and communicating a cohesive community image.
- Engaging the community in crafting creative policies that address the Village’s future.

As Coca Cola learned when it introduced New Coke, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” Our downtown “ain’t broke” so the idea is to explore how to make it even better for all our residents as we move forward. The Plan Commission calls this the “Downtown Tune Up.” When we consider how to maintain or improve whatever we have or do, our tradition is to listen and take into account what you think.

To help us listen, the Plan Commission’s first order of business was creating many different ways for our residents and businesses to share their ideas. This process has already started and will continue well into mid-2015. This summer, the Commission and Village staff tried a novel way to encourage participation and interest in the Downtown Tune Up through the use of a community “ideas chalkboard” that was located on Wyman Green throughout the summer. Many residents took a few minutes to stop, pick up a piece of chalk, and share their thoughts regarding how Downtown Glencoe might be improved.

We collected this data, several times a day. As part of our outreach we have established a dedicated Tune Up website, www.glencoeatuneup.com. The data from the chalkboard has been posted on the website. See the back cover for more details. One thing is clear from what was shared: our community values the downtown as a place for our residents to come together, and the suggestions we received focused heavily on providing more opportunities to do so by adding more restaurants, as well as things like an ice cream shop, pizzeria, bakery or pub. Improving opportunities for shopping, outdoor events, as well as recreation and entertainment all made their way onto our chalk board.

We have also heard that infrastructure upgrades are important to many in the community, including improvements to parking, traffic flow and improved access for bikes and pedestrians. All this valuable information will help the Plan Commission in its task.

The Plan Commission has established a comprehensive calendar of expert panel discussions, Plan Commission presentations, outreach to our schools, Park District and Library, and public outreach initiatives. In addition to the website a mobile app which you can obtain through the website has been developed. These electronic interfaces provide a 24/7 opportunity for learning more about the process, submitting pictures, thoughts and ideas and remaining engaged in the process.

Your participation is key to a successful process and I hope each of you will take time to use one of the many ways to let us hear from you. Sending us your ideas and thoughts digitally or by letter is one way to participate. Upcoming public meetings to listen and discuss are another way to participate if you don’t enjoy websites and apps.

While many residents and businesses have been sharing their thoughts, we know that there are many more great ideas still out there. A full listing of the upcoming opportunities to participate through the end of 2014 appears on the project website. The website also provides numerous ways for you to provide input, including a short poll that will take just a few minutes to help us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Larry Levin
Village President
Village Completes Fiscal Year 2014 Audit

The Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) provides valuable data to the Village Board, staff and residents concerning financial activity from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. It is prepared in conjunction with the annual audit conducted by Lauterbach and Amen, LLP. Report highlights include:

- Total Village net positions (excluding pensions) increased by nearly $1.6 million to $80.2 million;
- Governmental net assets increased by $922,678;
- Water Fund net assets increased $408,493;
- Assets held for Police Pension (state mandated) increased by over $3.2 million to $30.1 million total;
- The funding level of the Police Pension Fund increased from 64.0% to 65.2%;
- Assets held for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a non-sworn, state mandated pension, decreased from nearly $18.7 million to $18.3 million; and
- The funding level for IMRF increased from 82.3% to 83.1%

To view this report as well as the Citizen’s Annual Financial Report (a summary version of the CAFR), visit the Village website. For additional information, call the Finance Department at 847-835-4113.

Energy Savings Available for Glencoe Residents

Residential customers of North Shore Gas are eligible for free installation of energy-saving devices in their homes, as well as rebates on high-efficiency HVAC products, water heaters and attic insulation.

The Home Energy Jumpstart Program is offered in partnership by Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas and ComEd. Homeowners can reduce their energy and water use with free installation of these products: programmable thermostats, Compost Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs), shower heads, faucet aerators and pipe insulation. Residents can call 855-849-8928 to see if they qualify and to schedule an appointment.

For more information about the Residential Programs, visit www.northshoregasrebates.com.

To speak with a representative, contact John Ruffalo, Residential Trade Ally Liaison at jruffalo@franklinenergy.com, 855-849-8928, or Zoe Bottger at zbottger@franklinenergy.com.

Parkway Leaf Collection Begins Mid-October

The Village’s annual Fall Curbside Leaf Collection Program will be offered for seven weeks beginning October 13. Leaves will be collected from parkway areas in residential neighborhoods. Residents participating in the Curbside Leaf Collection Program are asked to note the following:

Leaves should be piled in a row along the parkway in front of your property and should not be placed in the street under any circumstance. Leaf piles in the street are a traffic hazard and clog the storm sewer basins, resulting in street flooding. A long, low row is better than a single large pile and limits the blowing of leaves into the street or back onto the yard.

The Village will be operating multiple parkway leaf collection crews continually during the program period and anticipates passing through every neighborhood 4-5 times before the end of November. Residents are encouraged to check the Village website regularly for an area-by-area map and estimated progress schedule. The final pass will be made the last week of November and the last day of collection will take place on November 26, the day before Thanksgiving.

Residents who use a landscape contractor to maintain their yard are urged to have the contractor remove leaves at the time their yard is serviced. Most residents who use landscape contractors are paying for disposal of leaves as part of their service.

Remember, use of gasoline powered leaf blowers is permitted beginning September 15 through December 15. Commercial landscape maintenance contractors may operate Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commercial landscape maintenance contractors are prohibited from working on Sundays and holidays. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.

Friends of the Green Bay Trail Fourth Annual Buckthorn BBQ Fundraiser

When: October 23, 2014 6:30-9:00 PM
Where: Chicago Botanic Garden Science Center
Featured Speaker: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle
Tickets: $100. Reserved table for 10 for $1,200.
Please include number of tickets and names of guests with check.

Donations to benefit restoration along the Green Bay Trail:
$100 - buys flats of native plants
$200 - buys native shrubs
$500 - buys a native tree
$1,000 - Master Gardener Level

Please make all checks payable to: Village of Glencoe c/o Friends of the Green Bay Trail PO Box 545, Glencoe IL 60022

*Dress is casual, parking at Botanic Garden and shuttle service are free
Dear Glencoe Residents,

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 game. Winter instruction for adults 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 9th Annual Glencoe Open will take place on the weekend of September 13-14. 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 9th and is open to all golfers ages 60 years old and up. The event will begin at 8:30 am 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 1st, the 8th annual Hard Course Day & Chili Open will take place. The golf course will have the pin positions set up in the most challenging locations; a chili lunch will take place following this event. For more information and applications for all of these events please visit our website at www.glencoegolfclub.com or stop by the pro shop.

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!

Capital Projects Update

Storm Sewer Improvement Projects Nearly Complete
In November 2012, Glencoe residents approved a referendum to issue new bond funds for infrastructure improvements. Included in this bond issuance was $5.5 million for storm sewer improvements that targeted three separate drainage basin areas. Two of the basins have been completed; the Harbor Street Basin and the Greenwood/Oakdale Avenue Basin. The last of the three basins, Elm Place, will be completed in early September. All three of these basins have experienced a long history of storm water flooding issues. A total of 7,000 feet of new, larger storm sewer has been installed in these three basins to increase the capacity of each storm sewer system. Projects of this magnitude can be disruptive to daily routines and because of that the Village would like to thank all residents affected by the projects for their patience and cooperation. Residents are encouraged to check the Village website for regular construction updates, or call the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111 for more information.

2014 Maintenance Street Resurfacing Update
Also included in the 2012 Infrastructure Improvement Bonds was funding for maintenance street resurfacing. The 2014 maintenance street resurfacing program includes work on 17 Village streets including Park Avenue, Vernon Avenue and Village Court in the downtown. Work is expected to be completed on all street locations by early September.
Storm Water Drainage Study Underway

Localized heavy downpours in the spring and early summer of 2014 resulted in significant flooding of various public streets and private properties in the Village. In response, the Village is conducting a comprehensive storm water drainage study of 5 drainage basin areas. The scope of the study will include gathering utility data and acquiring key topographical survey information of each targeted area and through the use of storm water modeling software, develop and analyze the effectiveness and associated costs of alternative improvements. The Village is also seeking feedback from residents in the form of an online survey. The final report will be presented to the Village Board for discussion in a public meeting later this fall. In addition, the Village has added a Storm Water Management page to its website that provides valuable information for residents. Please visit: www.villageofglencoe.org/departments/public_works/stormwatermanagement/

Frank Lloyd Wright Monument Restored

This June, Smith Art Conservation of Long Beach, California undertook the restoration of Monument 2, which is one of three entry monuments marking the boundaries of the Ravine Bluffs subdivision in north Glencoe. Designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in 1915, each of the monuments has experienced varying levels of deterioration over time due to the combined effects of age, weather, and method of original construction. The proposed restoration treatment included removing the Thorocoat covering to expose the original aggregate finish, installing a newly fabricated liner and drainpipe to the spherical planter, filling chipped corners and minor losses with custom matched concrete/aggregate blend, sealing cracks with epoxy injection, and coating the entire exterior with a waterproofing compound. Work on Monument 1 was performed in June 2013 and Monument 3 is scheduled for restoration next year in time for the centennial of the Ravine Bluffs subdivision. The restoration effort was funded by the Village of Glencoe.

Chamber of Commerce Report

WIN-WIN-WIN IN GLENCOE

The Glencoe Chamber Directors and Members hope all our residents have enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer. And now it’s a new season—fall, with a change in the temperature, a change in the colors outdoors and a change in all our schedules. The pace quickens, and we need to save time now, with getting kids back to school, making appointments, returning to work, and setting up meetings. One of the most convenient and time-saving things we can do is to plan errands, shopping and appointments right here in Glencoe.

The Glencoe business district is the place to go! Our shops and personal and professional services offer excellent quality, value and superb, knowledgeable help with all your needs. An added benefit to patronizing our local businesses is the fact that a portion of our sales tax dollars is returned to the Village. It’s a win-win-win: our businesses thrive with your patronage, keeping our town vital; the Village benefits tax-wise, and you, our residents, enjoy close-to-home, friendly shopping, service and dining experiences.

Glencoe Welcomes New Businesses

Be sure to check out these exciting new businesses in town!

- Allgaier Patent Solutions | 342 Park Ave. #B2 | Law Practice
- Black Sheep General Store | 346 Park Ave. | Retail Gift Store
- Binny’s Beverage Depot - New, Larger Location! 85 Green Bay Rd. | Liquor Store
- Chase Bank | 322 Park Ave. | Banking and Financial Services
- Love Fur Dogs | 69 Green Bay Rd. | Dog Grooming and Pet Retail
- Reflections Health & Wellness | 706 Green Bay Rd. #5 | Health Fitness Awareness Programs and Wellness Massage

Lyric Opera Chicago, Glencoe Chapter Events

“Season Overview” Lecture by Roger Pines
Tuesday, September 16 | 7:00 p.m.
At a Local Home | Members $20-Guests $25

“Autumn Affair” Luncheon and Program
Joined by Winnetka Chapter Three Sopranos Musical Program
Thursday, October 23 | 11:30 a.m.
Sunset Ridge Country Club, 2100 Ridge Rd., Northbrook
Members and Guests $65

Six Chapters Luncheon and Program
Sunday, November 30 | 1:00 p.m.
Musical Program TBA
Michigan Shores Country Club, 911 Michigan Ave., Wilmette

Lecture “Tannhauser” by John Piepgrass, Lyric Education Dept.
Tuesday, February 3 | At a Local Home
Members $20 and Guests $25

For information and reservations call 847-835-0262 or 847-835-3101.
FROM THE PARK BENCH

Dear Glencoe Friends and Neighbors:

Our theme for the summer was “Remember to Play.” Bright green T-shirts announced our theme to campers, beach goers, and special event participants. We incorporated play into every program, from our popular traveling Park-N-Play activities to new events like Pirates at the Pier.

This fall, the theme continues with our new event, Worldwide Day of Play. Each year, Nickelodeon goes off the air for three hours, removing programs from their channels and shutting down their website to reinforce one message: Get Up, Get Out, and Go Play! In celebration of this monumental day of play, we are throwing a free party at the Takiff Center on September 20. Throughout the afternoon, we will be leading games, activities, sports and more. Bring your family for a fun day of play!

In the spirit of remembering to play, we are revamping the annual Great Pumpkin Day with a new title and new attractions. We are proud to work with the Glencoe Junior High Project and Glencoe Youth Services to present Harvest Fest on October 11. The new event will feature food, interactive events, giant inflatable attractions, and even a kiddie train ride! This year, as the sun sets, be sure to stay for live music and A Taste of Glencoe!

Every parks and recreation business routinely asks the question, “Are we providing the parks, facilities, and services that best suit our residents?” To answer that question, the Glencoe Park District hired the planning team of Heller and Heller Consulting to study the Park District’s assets and programs.

The nine-month planning process combines scientific analysis with insight and information gathered from you, our residents. I would like to thank all of the Glencoe residents who shared their ideas, thoughts, and comments in focus groups, online forums, stakeholder interviews, and in our community survey. We hope to share the end result, a road map for implementation that will guide the Park District for the next ten years, with the community this fall. Join our email list, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or visit our website for information on the final results.

Everything we are doing, from new programs to planning for our future, circles back to our central theme: play! As the leaves change colors, don’t forget to play!

Sincerely,

Lisa Sheppard, CPRP
Executive Director

In Honor Of...

Our parks, beaches, and open spaces are part of what makes living in Glencoe so special. The gift of a park bench, picnic table, or tree is a great way to honor a loved one or celebrate a memorable occasion while supporting the Glencoe Park District.

DEDICATE A TREE
A tree is a wonderful way to remember someone you love, for a birthday, anniversary or memorial gift. Each year, the Glencoe Park District dedicates and plants trees in its parks in honor of and in memory of special individuals, couples and groups. Many varieties of trees and site locations are available for your donation. While final selection of the site and species remains with the Park District staff, we will work with you to select the type of tree and park location. All installations will be completed by the Park District and planted at the proper time, depending on the variety chosen. The price includes the tree, installation, plaque and continued maintenance of the tree.

ADOPT A PARK BENCH or PICNIC TABLE
Share marriage proposals, memorials, birthday wishes, and more by adopting a park bench or personalizing a picnic table. The Park District will work with you to select the best location in a park, on a path, or at the Beach. A bronze plaque with an inscription will be affixed to your donation.

DONATE TO A SPECIFIC PARK
Want to help beautify one of Glencoe’s parks? Donation options are available for a variety of projects.

If you are interested in donating a tree, park bench, picnic bench, or custom donation, please call 847-835-7531 or visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.
Kindergarten is not what you might remember! With faster instruction pace, increased demands for attention, and the need for appropriate social skills, kindergarten today is more like what first grade was twenty years ago! Kids today are expected to enter kindergarten with reading, writing, and math skills, as well as attention and listening skills.

Now, more than ever, preschool is an essential training ground, teaching kids how to be students. Children learn how to raise hands, take turns, and share adult attention with their peers. Cognition, self-awareness, social, and pre-academic skills are all school-readiness skills developed in the preschool classroom.

“When we incorporate project learning and constructivism in our classrooms, you will see children playing. What is less apparent is the depth of learning that takes place as children test materials, make observations, record stories, and expand their creativity,” said Lisa Panizo, Early Learning Center Director. “Play designed and supported by thoughtful, experienced teachers results in multi-dimensional learning.”

As a result, preschool graduates enter kindergarten eager to learn, with a solid foundation of social and behavior-management skills. They also enter kindergarten recognizing and understanding more words, with a broader vocabulary. And, studies show there is a strong correlation between a child’s participation in preschool and later positive school and community outcomes.

“Our goal for children is not just school-readiness, but life-readiness. We believe 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. We emphasize cognitive, social, emotional and large and small motor development through our play-based curriculum,” said Lisa.

The Early Learning Center has provided a strong foundation for Glencoe’s preschoolers for more than thirty-five years. The Park District works closely with District 35 and South School to ensure students have the skills to succeed in kindergarten. For example, the Early Learning Center literacy specialist adopted portions of the school district’s Handwriting Without Tears curriculum in order to ensure children learn in a way that is similar to how they will be taught in kindergarten.

The Early Learning Center is licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and follows the Illinois Early Learning Standards. The standards were developed with the support of hundreds of Early Childhood educators in order to provide developmentally appropriate benchmarks. Our Early Learning Center teachers use this resource to guide classroom experiences and activities, providing a solid foundation for developmental and experiential learning.

**Spotlight On: Kathy Kraemer**

*Early Learning Center 4’s Teacher*

“Teachers have such an impact on the lives of their students, even at a young age,” said Kathy Kraemer, Early Learning Center teacher. On a recent trip to the Glencoe Public Library, two boys approached Kathy Kraemer and remembered she was their preschool teacher. The young men are preparing to start college in the fall. “I’m fortunate to have a job that lets me make an impression on young minds and inspire life-long learning,” said Kathy.

Kathy leads the morning four-year-old class in the Early Learning Center. She started her career at the Glencoe Park District teaching introductory art and cooking classes for kids, before moving into the Early Learning Center classroom twenty-five years ago. She holds a fine arts degree and completed child development and psychology coursework. As a mother and a teacher, Kathy believes preschool is vital to teaching children how to function in society.

“Our teachers create a mini-society in the classroom for the children to explore, test, develop, and grow,” said Kathy. “In addition to academics, social behavior is critically important for preschoolers. I love being able to teach that to children.”

Schedule a Tour to Learn More About the Early Learning Center!

Contact Lisa Panizo, Early Learning Center Director, at 847-835-7534 or lpanizo@glencoparkdistrict.com to arrange a visit.
Recreation for Everyone

We believe that everyone should have the chance to try something new. That’s why Glencoe Park District is a proud supporter of North Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA). NSSRA provides and facilitates year-round recreation programs and services for children and adults with disabilities who live in our community.

Through its programs and services, NSSRA removes the barriers that might prevent an individual with disabilities from full participation in the fun and richness of experience that life has to offer. For these participants, trying something new may be an NSSRA summer camp, or even an overnight trip away from parents for the very first time.

Each week, NSSRA hosts Sports of All Sorts, Teen Scene, and Friday Night Social at the Takiff Center. Participants can also take advantage of a wide variety of NSSRA recreation programs, special events and services, such as leisure education and door-to-door transportation. NSSRA has over 800 recreation, sport, cultural, social, and leisure offerings available throughout the year, creating new experiences, opportunities for skill development, leisure time, and perhaps most importantly, friendship.

Glencoe Park District also works closely with NSSRA to enable inclusive recreation. Inclusion Services allow people with disabilities to participate in programs with people without disabilities and include many of the programs offered at the Park District each season. NSSRA can provide accommodations in the form of extra staff, behavior management support, and disability awareness training to ensure successful recreation experiences for children and adults with disabilities.

For information on Inclusion services or to make arrangements for accommodation, call Glencoe’s NSSRA Inclusion Liaison at 847-835-7535.

NO SCHOOL?
WHAT’S A PARENT TO DO?

The fall school calendar is full of holidays, teacher institute days, and long weekends. What’s a parent to do? Whatever the reason our kids are chanting “No school today!” parents’ solutions typically fall into three categories: call a babysitter, work at home or take the day off. However, the Glencoe Park District offers an alternative solution: day-off activities for kids to enjoy with their peers. On select school days off, we’ll travel on field trips or stay at the Takiff Center for games, sports, ceramics, and more! Check out a list of upcoming School Day Off Fun activities, perfect for kids in kindergarten through grade 5:

• NEW! Didier Farm (October 13): Go on an adventure with us to Didier Farm to enjoy a petting zoo, pony ride, tractor ride, corn maze, and more.

• NEW! Glow Fun (November 13): Sharon Dreifuss from FiredWorks will help you create your very own glow-in-the-dark snow globe and more art fun before we head to Putting Edge for glow-in-the-dark mini-golf.

• NEW! Preschool Play Date (November 13): Join us for an exciting half day program, which includes crafts, a children's entertainer, games, and more.

• Dodgeball/Gaga Frenzy (November 14): Show off your dodging and gaga skills during a variety of games, like medic, pin, and more.

• Bowling Day (November 26): In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we’ll try to get a “turkey” while bowling at Brunswick Zone. The day will also include gym games and art projects.

Remember to plan ahead! Pre-registration is required for all School Day Off Fun programs; on-site registrations will be accepted only if spaces remain. The activity fee includes activities, trip admission, transportation, and a pizza lunch for each School Day Off Fun program. Drop off and pick up is at the Takiff Center.
The Glencoe Historical Society (GHS) invites you to spend An Evening In Early Glencoe on Saturday, September 13. This year, the GHS annual gala will include an celebration of a new exhibit opening on our community’s earliest history. Enjoy cocktails and a dinner buffet in the beautiful GHS garden and be the first to learn more about the Native Americans and the pioneers who lived in this area. The exhibit includes new information about Anson Taylor, the first white settler, as well as the real estate investors who formed The Glencoe Company and incorporated our village.

Entertainment for the evening includes a special performance of “Mark Twain In Person” by noted Chicago actor Richard Henzel, who has presented his one-man show to critical acclaim from audiences across the nation and internationally.

All proceeds benefit research, preservation and exhibition of our community’s heritage at The Glencoe Historical Society. For more information or reservations, email gala@glencoehistory.org or call the museum at 847-835-0040 and leave a message.
It’s hard to believe that another summer is in the books and the 2014-2015 school year has begun. For many of us, the long, lazy days of summer are filled with considerably more physical activity than during the school year. Whether you take family-bike rides, play outdoor sports like baseball, golf and tennis, spend days at the beach or pool, or simply walk the dog a little longer, summer is a great time to be physically active. While the end of summer is always bittersweet, returning to the hectic pace of the school year does not need to spell the end of physical fitness. Indeed, the Mission Statement of District 35 specifies that resources will be dedicated to the development of the whole child. Physical education and health make unique contributions to student development and significantly contribute to students’ social, emotional and intellectual needs. Accordingly, several strategies are employed throughout Glencoe schools to ensure that our students are prepared for healthy lives, remain active and fit, and develop an understanding of lifetime wellness.

District 35’s commitment to the physical well-being of its students is evidenced by the amount of instructional time reserved for physical education. As they progress through our schools, children spend between one day per week (25 minutes a class) and five days per week (between 32 and 43 minutes per class) in physical education. The physical education team (Cletus Short, Hilary Lee, Sean Sarubbi, Patty Golden, Michael Skibbe, Allison Rose, Lisa Matthew, Kyle Colborn and Nick Tabor) works with the administration, the Central School health teacher (Gerri Tyre) and the District’s three nurses (Fay Kovan, Jill Moss and Susan Ross) to design and implement a physical education curriculum that reflects both national and state standards for physical development and health. Beginning in kindergarten and continuing through 8th grade, students are introduced to a variety of activities intended to develop their skills from the Pre-Control Level (Kindergarten) to Control (1st-2nd Grades) to Utilization (3rd-4th Grades) to Proficiency (5th-8th Grades). Over the course of his or her years in District 35, a student will participate in various activities ranging from the most basic concepts such as skipping, catching, throwing, chasing and dodging; to traditional sports like football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer; to more complex endeavors like ice skating, belay/climbing and juggling.

In addition to this skill progression, physical education in District 35 focuses on developing a healthy awareness of self and lifelong fitness goals. Just this past year, fitness program updates were implemented at Central School. During two quarters, in addition to the academic report card, students also received a fitness goal update based on grade-level benchmarks. Also included within the PE experience, is the integration of team-building and cooperative skills related to social and emotional learning. The PE class is an excellent environment to support growth in this area. The idea for last year’s Walk & Bike to School Event, grew from revisions to the 6th grade science Next Generation Science Standards aimed at more thoroughly addressing climate change and its impact to our earth. After learning that they could affect pollution levels if more students walked or rode a bike to school, the 6th grade science classes researched and prepared public service announcements and flyers used to advertise the event across the classes at South, West and Central. Survey data indicated that close to 55% of Glencoe’s students participated and the impact was obvious in that bike racks were overflowing across the three schools and carlines were noticeably smaller. The District plans to continue this day and will work to incorporate it on other occasions throughout the year.

Outside the classroom, the promotion of physical education and well-being is fostered by the dedication of a portion of each student’s day to recess. At all three schools, a minimum of 20-25 minutes of each day is set aside for free, outdoor play. Teachers also have the flexibility to schedule an additional full class recess as an incentive for good behavior, or to call on the help of the Pupil Services Team or another staff member to take students that are highly active or may need the break to a sensory room or the gym.

Across the District, the PTO sponsors several clubs that are supervised by staff members and provide opportunities for students to get exercise. At South School, participants in the Yoga and Pilates Kids Club come early to school and learn a playful version of pilates, relaxing yoga poses and participate in creative movement games. At West School, Mr. Sarubbi offers the ever-popular After School Sports Clubs in which students participate in a variety of sports and physical activities to blow off a little steam at the end of a long school day. While at Central School, approximately 100 students participate regularly in the intramural program that offers various activities, including climbing club, tennis club and fitness club. Last October, the PTO donated $15,000 to update and enhance the fitness lab at Central School. With the help of this generous donation, the Central School Fitness Lab now boasts 3 treadmills, 2 elliptical machines, 10 spin bikes, 2 rowing machines as well as a variety of strength training equipment. In addition to the Physical Education program, the Fitness Lab is utilized by students in the special education life skills program as well as participants in the fitness club.

At Central School, students in 6th through 8th grade have the opportunity to join various interscholastic sports teams, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, cross-country and track. Close to 200 children participate in these teams, which are coached by District 35 staff and compete with other area middle schools across the North Shore.

So as the days get shorter, the temperatures drop and our calendars fill up, District 35’s commitment to the development of the physical well-being of its students takes on more significance. The Board, administrators and staff realize that teaching our students to lead healthy and balanced lives is a vital aspect of our District’s mission. As we embark on the 2014-2015 school year, please join us in promoting, reinforcing and securing this objective among our students.

Sincerely,

Jean Hahn
Board of Education Member
Budget Hearing Scheduled for September 8, 2014

The proposed District 35 budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year will be reviewed Monday, September 8, 2014. The review will be conducted during a 6:30 p.m. public hearing in Young Auditorium at Central School. The regular monthly meeting of the Board will follow at 7:00 p.m. A tentative draft of the budget was approved during the June 2, 2014 Board meeting and has been available for public review since that date.

The tentative budget identified operating revenue for our school district as $24,647,803. The sources of these funds are:
- Local (96%),
- State (3%), and
- Federal (1%).

Operating expenses for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are budgeted at $25,172,090. As in past years, the largest operating expense is employee salaries and benefits (72%), with purchased services, supplies, capital outlay, tuition and contingency ranging from 1% to 8% of the total operating budget.

The FY15 Tentative District Budget is available on the District 35 web page at www.glencoeschools.org and is also on display in each school office and the Board of Education Office. For questions regarding the District budget or budget hearing, please contact Jason Edelheit, Director of Finance and Operations, at edelheit@glencoeschools.org.

Register for Weekly eNews

South, West, and Central Schools each have their building news posted online for families, students, and community members. Weekly updates may be found at the following Website addresses:
- South School: http://www.glencosesouth.org
- West School: http://www.glencowest.org
- Central School: http://www.glencocentral.org

Parents and community members may also 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.

New Staff Members

Join Glencoe School District

Glencoe School District is pleased to welcome the following staff members: Christopher Blankenship, 6th grade teacher; Susan Codell, 1st grade teacher; Andrea Cortesi, kindergarten teacher associate; Sophia Demas, 1st grade teacher associate; Clair Durkes, science support teacher/2nd grade teacher; Christine Hewitt, .5 kindergarten teacher and .5 Title I teacher associate; Katie Magnuson, special education teacher associate at Central School; Cassandra Poto, special education teacher associate at South School; Steven Reaven, special education teacher associate at Central School; Kim Schmit, Sp/L Pathologist at South School; Jen Schuer, South School secretary; and Emily Shultz, special education teacher associate at South School.

Instant Alert Testing

On Sunday, September 21st the Instant Alert System will be tested at 2:00 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.

American Education Week

For over 90 years our Nation has observed American Education Week. This observation was created to celebrate and honor those individuals who dedicate their lives to the profession of teaching others. Please take a moment to thank an educator during American Education Week, November 17th – 21st.

2014 School Report Card

On an annual basis Illinois school districts disseminate School Report Card data provided by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Information in this report includes student performance on the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT), use of the District financial resources, and demographic data regarding District students and staff. In March 2014 students in Illinois completed the final ISAT testing. Illinois is among a group of states participating in a new student assessment program. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will replace the ISAT in 2015. PARCC is a benchmarked assessment of applied knowledge designed to measure the Common Core State Standards in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The ISAT test content has increasingly changed over the past three years to reflect the Common Core State Standards. The ISAT provides a snap shot summative view of a child’s attainment toward the grade level standards. This represents a small piece of the puzzle as we place emphasis on individual student performance and growth throughout a school year. District staff members employ a variety of formative assessments to determine a child’s skill level and guide instruction. Examples of these assessments include Running Records, STAR Reading and mathematics, and grade level benchmark tests across content areas.

The School Report Card for Glencoe will be posted on the District 35 web page, www.glencoeschools.org by the end of October 2014. A copy may be downloaded and printed from this site or a printed copy may be requested by calling the Board of Education office at 847-835-7800. Individual student reports will be mailed to parents once they are received from the ISBE.
Summer Construction

During Summer Break a significant amount of maintenance, repair, and construction was completed at each school. The final phase of installing a geo-thermal system was completed at Central School. The south section of Central School was completed thereby allowing for a more environmentally friendly delivery of heating and cooling within the building. The winter of 2014 provided a good test of the new system, which successfully performed throughout the cold winter months. Funding for the geo-thermal project was provided by bond proceeds identified for maintenance and repair projects, an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant, and a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant.

Additionally, in each school custodial staff members were busy cleaning classrooms, polishing floors, painting and preparing the buildings for the start of another school year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences offer an opportunity for parents and school personnel to partner in their child’s education. This is a time for both parties to share and gain information about the child. Fall Conferences are scheduled for November 13th and 14th. However, parents are encouraged to contact teachers at any time throughout the school year to ask questions about their child’s progress or to share information pertinent to a child’s performance in school.

Summer Professional Development Work

The summer break provided opportunities for staff members to participate in a variety of professional development activities. Dr. Catherine Wang, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, organized summer workshops focused upon topics such as: integration of Common Cores State Standards (CCSS), alignment of curriculum to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), development and utilization of Student Learning Objectives as a model for student growth, Guided Literacy, training sessions in specific subject areas such as reading and mathematics, and technology integration.

These staff development programs are examples of district staff members participating in continuous professional growth. In addition to on-site programs many staff members complete graduate coursework. During the past school year ten District staff members completed graduate or advanced degrees. This brings the number of certified staff with advanced degrees to 88%.

Superintendent Search Update

The Board of Education’s timeline for selecting a new superintendent is progressing as planned. The posting materials have been developed, disseminated, and applications are currently being received. The Board will begin Phase III of the process in mid-September by reviewing applications and conducting screening interviews.

For additional information regarding the selection timeline and the Board’s work on this important decision, go to the Superintendent Search Banner on the home page of District 35’s web site: www.glencoeschools.org.

School Board Caucus Call for Candidates

The Glencoe School Board Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the Glencoe District 35 Board of Education. Three of the seven positions will be filled in the Spring 2015 election with the four-year terms beginning immediately after the election. Applications must be completed and filed by October 15. The Caucus Nominating Committee will begin interviewing candidates after that date. To download an application go to www.glencoecaucus.org. For more information please contact Tom Seftenberg or Frank Molinaro at 312-932-3583 or 847-835-4024, respectively.

Glencoe PTO

The Glencoe PTO works in close partnership with District 35 to support our schools through various fundraising initiatives and special events. Each year’s success is due to a dedicated team of parent volunteers and active parent participation. As a non-profit organization every dollar raised goes directly to support the schools. PTO projects include: purchase of iPads and essential software for students, the McKeon Fund which ensures our students can participate in field trips, clubs and special lunch program regardless of ability to pay, parent education programming, 34 extracurricular clubs, cultural arts programming, author visits and much more.

Support the PTO in one or more of the following ways:

PTO Lunch Program: One of the main PTO fund raising projects is the lunch program. The Glencoe PTO is pleased to announce a new partner - Marla’s School Lunches! An enhanced menu with a greater variety of participating local restaurants, more healthy & fresh options, vegetarian and gluten-free items, and an easy ordering process is available. Orders may be placed at www.marlaslunch.orderlunches.com.

Join the PTO: Membership dues go directly to support the PTO’s goals.

Volunteer: Join one of the many active PTO committees and assist with meaningful programs and initiatives supporting the schools. More information is available on the PTO web page: www.glencoeppto.org and Facebook: facebook.com/glencoeppto.

GEF Monster Dash

Join in the fun on Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. for the first annual Monster Dash, sponsored by Illinois Bone & Joint Institute and presented by the Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF). Enjoy the 5k Monster Dash fun run, while being chased by monsters, goblins, zombies and ghouls! There will also be kid dashes and breakfast or lunch food trucks.

Signup and run to help the Glencoe Educational Foundation continue the mission of funding technology for District 35. All proceeds will be used for the continued maintenance of approximately 130 SmartBoards the GEF has provided for the Glencoe School District and more exciting technology. Go to www.glencoegef.org and signup today!
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

As we continue our centennial year celebration, the opportunity to reflect on Family Service of Glencoe’s history, acknowledge the present and plan for the future has left me with one undeniable conclusion: the needs in our community today are just as prevalent and demanding as they were 100 years ago. Their nature has changed over time and FSG has evolved to address those changes, but the need is still there.

We are here for you.

In the past 12 months, counseling visits to our community-based agency have increased by 34 percent. Our licensed clinicians are meeting with individuals, couples and families who are experiencing everything from marital problems and domestic violence, to anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Through our relationship with the Village of Glencoe and the Department of Public Safety, we have taken on the important role of “second responders.” On average, we spend 2.5 hours per week with people in Glencoe experiencing crisis situations. Some of the situations we may deal with include the death of a loved one, an adolescent experimenting with or using drugs and alcohol, a mentally ill or homeless person who has come to Glencoe via the train, or an elderly person in distress.

Our full continuum of social services, available to ALL who live or work in Glencoe, have evolved as a direct result of regularly checking in on the needs of the community. We’ve developed services that identify, prevent and resolve social and emotional issues that, in turn, nurture the health, strength and safety of you and your family.

As I look to our next 100 years, I’m confident we are organizationally prepared to stay in tune with the changing needs of our village’s residents and nimble enough to respond with expert programs and services. I look forward to your support in the coming year toward that end. In the meantime, we are here for you.

Warmly,

Susan E. Cowen
Executive Director, Family Service of Glencoe
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847-835-5111

Don’t Miss Our Coming Events!

Yoga for Families
Sunday, September 21 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Colleen Yeloushan, Certified Yoga Instructor
Donations to FSG
Reach Yoga, 688 Vernon

FSG’s History of Service
Sunday, October 5 | 2:00 p.m.
Glencoe Public Library, Hammond Room

Mindfulness Techniques with Yoga Series
4 Tuesdays, October 7-October 28
1:00-2:15 p.m.
Beth Jerva, LCSW, Certified Yoga Therapist
Reach Yoga, 688 Vernon

Making Connections
Through Mom/Daughter Yoga
Daughters ages 9-12 | Saturday, October 18 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Beth Jerva, LCSW, Certified Yoga Therapist | Reach Yoga, 688 Vernon

Yoga Techniques for a Calm Preschooler and Parent/Caregiver
Children ages 3-5 | Saturday, November 8 | 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Beth Jerva, LCSW, Certified Yoga Therapist | Reach Yoga, 688 Vernon
Family Service of Glencoe
Beginnings Rooted in Community

For 100 years, Family Service of Glencoe (FSG) has been evolving to meet the needs of our community. FSG has provided much-needed support to thousands of families; however, in the beginning, the organization was formed as the answer to one family's tragedy.

In 1912, Elizabeth Davis Evetts, a widow and single mother of two young children, was living on Woodlawn Street when a fire devastated her home. She had no insurance and could not afford to repair or rebuild the house.

With nowhere to turn, Elizabeth found the support she desperately needed in her community. The reverend Douglas Cornell of the Glencoe Union Church, along with a group of concerned citizens, formed the Glencoe Relief and Aid Society to provide assistance to Glencoe residents in need.

The Evetts became the very first family to receive help from the organization now known as Family Service of Glencoe. In that first year after the fire, the society raised more than $700 – the equivalent of about $17,000 today – for Elizabeth and her children.

Recently, Elizabeth's granddaughter was an honored guest at Glencoe Under the Stars, Family Service of Glencoe's Centennial celebration last June. Despite all of their hardships, the Evetts were able to overcome adversity with the help of the Glencoe community.

Certainly, the spirit with which FSG was first founded lives on. Today, the organization is focused on what it has always done: supporting families through challenging times and helping change lives for the better.

We need your help to create a stronger and healthier Glencoe. As part of our Community-Wide Needs Assessment, Family Service of Glencoe wants to hear your attitudes and opinions about individual, family and community social and emotional issues and needs.

The entire community will benefit from your taking 10 - 15 minutes to complete our online survey. Your input is essential to ensure that FSG continues to understand the specific needs of the Glencoe community and responds by offering programs and services to best address them. The Chicago/Atlanta research and evaluation firm of Goodman & Bloomberg is gathering the responses. Confidentiality of all respondents will be maintained.

The survey is open Monday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. To participate in the survey visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSGlencoe

Or, to access the survey from your mobile phone, scan the icon to the right.

You may also visit the Glencoe Public Library to complete the survey and receive any assistance needed during library business hours.

Questions about the survey? Please send inquiries to: familyservicesurvey@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

We Need Your Help -
A Stronger Community is Only a Click Away

Glencoe Parent Connection (GPC) parent discussion groups are built on the premise that by connecting with and supporting each other, parents can work to build an emotionally healthy community for themselves and their families. Glencoe parent group members meet monthly in a confidential environment to connect on parenting issues, discuss experiences and provide each other with emotional support. Parent groups are professionally facilitated, and over time become cohesive mini-communities that allow parents to learn with and from each other.

Questions? Contact Kathy Livingston at kathy@familyserviceofglencoe.org.

Interested in Connecting and Supporting Glencoe Families?

To learn about joining the GPC program committee, or to learn more about GPC Monthly Parenting Groups, email glenceoparentconnection@gmail.com.

GPC Corner
Connect. Discuss. Support.

Kindergarten Parent Discussion Groups Begin in September 2014

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Talking to Your Kids About Drugs

Substance abuse and addiction have a devastating impact on a young person, a family, and an entire community. Recent headlines have called attention to the increasing presence of heroin on the North Shore, and this has left many parents concerned for the safety and well-being of their children. What can parents do to help keep their kids drug-free? And how can parents recognize some of the warning signs that their children might be on the wrong path?

Alec Ross, LCSW and Substance Abuse Counselor at Family Service of Glencoe, advises parents not to underestimate their influence. “Kids look to their parents for guidance, and as much as teens may rebel, they still don’t want to disappoint them.” There are a number of things parents can do to help keep their kids drug-free. Ross recently offered four tips for parents to consider.

1. Be clear about your expectations from the start. Ross maintains that a zero tolerance policy is the only way to go. “Many parents think that drinking and smoking marijuana are normal rites of passage for teenagers, so they often look the other way,” he said. But long-term studies of high school students’ patterns of drug use show that young people who have used marijuana are at greater risk of using other drugs.

Ross also points out that contrary to what many believe, marijuana is highly addictive. “Marijuana today has much higher THC levels than ever before, making it much more addictive and dangerous,” Ross said. “The move to legalize marijuana sends the message that it’s harmless, but we see all sorts of problems associated with its use, such as depression, anxiety, attention deficit, memory problems, and a long list of physical withdrawal symptoms.” It’s important that your child knows your rules about drug use, and the consequences if these rules are broken.

2. Start the conversation early, and keep it going. As early as preschool, parents can begin to address the topic by talking about the importance of taking care of oneself, such as eating healthy foods, basic hygiene, wearing seatbelts, staying away from hazardous substances in the home, the dangers of smoking cigarettes, and only taking medicine when sick.

As kids get older, ages 8-12, use news reports as a springboard for discussion on topics such as steroid use in sports, or drug scandals involving celebrities. Be sure to let your kids talk, allowing them to form their own opinions, and listen to what they have to say, while also making sure they understand how you feel on the issues. This is also a good time to discuss hypothetical situations of their own. What would they do if a friend pressured them into using drugs or alcohol? Would it be worth risking their health and life to fit in? What makes a good friend? Work together with your child to come up with good strategies and specific phrases for saying no.

As they enter high school and beyond, make sure to continue talking openly, and base your conversation on the facts. Make sure they know the dangers of substance abuse, and how disappointed you would be if they ever became involved in drugs. Talk about the legal issues, as well as the physical side-effects. Most importantly, remain open and approachable, and ensure them they can always go to you for help and advice.

3. Be actively involved in your kids’ lives. Ross maintains that parents should know where their kids are at all times. It is important to get to know their friends, and their friends’ parents. Make sure their friends’ families have the same values when it comes to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Ross stresses the importance of creating an environment in the home where children and teens feel like an active and meaningful part of the family. Whether it is assigning chores or responsibilities, having mealtime together, or holding regular family meetings where kids can have a voice and get the chance to make some decisions. Make sure schedules are full of healthy, creative activities, and look for things to do together to stay connected to your children.

It’s especially important to pay attention to how your kids are feeling, and let them know they are loved. It is during difficult times, or times of transition, when kids can become particularly vulnerable, and turn to drugs.

4. Be vigilant. Ross points to a number of warning signs that your child might be in trouble. Has he become withdrawn, lost weight, started doing poorly at school? Have you noticed a change in friends and loss of interest in activities she used to enjoy? Or have you caught her lying, or noticed she has turned extremely moody or belligerent and seems like a very different person? Are the drugs in your medicine cabinet disappearing too quickly? Have you noticed any money or jewelry missing?

Social media and technological advances have made it easier for kids to gain access to drugs. Make sure you are up to date on all the accounts and apps they have on their phones or computers. Ross mentioned that many families have begun the practice of turning in their technology at the end of the day. This sets up the expectation that everything on them is public. Setting up these rules when your children are young is a good way for them to get used to this as they reach adolescence.

If you have any concerns about substance abuse in your family, Family Service of Glencoe can offer the resources and support that you need. Call 847-835-5111 to set up an appointment. For further reading: Parent Talk Kit: Tips for Talking and What to Say to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse, The Medicine Abuse Project, The Partnership at Drugfree.org.


Foundation for a Drug-Free World www.drugfreworld.com

National Institute on Drug Abuse www.drugabuse.gov

Meet Al Ross

Al Ross is Clinical Director at Family Service of Glencoe, and has been on staff for over four years. Al has been working in direct clinical practice, program development, supervision and teaching for more than 30 years. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Al is currently adjunct professor of social work at Loyola University and also teaches at Northwestern University and the Institute for Clinical Social Work.

What is it like to work at Family Service of Glencoe?

Every day is different because I wear several different hats. First and foremost, I am a therapist. I see preteens, teens and adults in individual, couple and family therapy. Although I consider myself a generalist, I specialize in working with people with depression, anxiety, or substance abuse-related issues. I am a licensed clinical social worker, as well as a licensed substance abuse counselor.

In addition to my clinical work at FSG, I also enjoy working in the community by providing services and consultations to schools and religious institutions. We developed the Glencoe Parent Connection, as well as a variety of parent support groups, as a result of this work. I continually work together with parents to create a wide range of discussion groups and educational programs on topics that concern them most.
The current phase of the Downtown Tune Up community engagement exercise (the “ideas chalkboard”) encouraging residents to share their ideas about what would make downtown Glencoe a better place concluded Friday, August 15th. The chalkboards on Wyman Green, an adaptation of artist and urban planner Candy Chang’s “ideas chalkboard”, were in place for seven weeks beginning June 27th.

Staff has tallied and categorized the results of the exercise, which will be weighed by the Plan Commission as part of the Downtown Tune Up planning process. Check out the Glencoe Tune Up website, www.GlencoeTuneUp.com, to see how your ideas compared to others. Better yet, download our smart phone app (search “Glencoe Tune Up” on iTunes and Google Play stores) and stay connected on the go!

We’re just getting started on our plan. Please continue to share your thoughts, ideas, hopes, dreams, or concerns about downtown Glencoe via the project website (pictured at left) and the mobile app through the Share an Idea icon. There is also a Quick Poll icon that provides a new question each week. These tools provide you an easy opportunity to continue to engage in the downtown planning process. Stay tuned to the Calendar icon on the website for additional opportunities to participate.