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Dear Neighbor:

**Bond Referendum:** At its August meeting, the Village Board approved placement on the November election ballot of a request to issue Village of Glencoe general obligation infrastructure bonds in the principal amount of $8,550,000. The proceeds from these bonds will be used for storm sewer improvements, sanitary sewer maintenance upgrades, street resurfacing and sidewalk improvements.

After public safety, infrastructure improvement and maintenance is, perhaps, the single most important task of Village government. It is certainly the most expensive. And, of course, it is “never-ending”. But, just as we are aware of the need to maintain our private homes, we must recognize the need to do the same for the publicly-owned assets of our Village.

Since the 1980’s, Glencoe has been engaged in on-going, extensive infrastructure maintenance programs. Significant improvements can be seen in our streets and sewers; most of our public buildings have been given much-needed repairs.

The proposed bond issue continues that program. Elsewhere in this issue of the Quarterly is more detail about the proposed projects and the impact on taxes of the bond issue. We also anticipate communicating more detail to all residents prior to the November election.

An affirmative vote is needed to continue our efforts to maintain Glencoe’s infrastructure to the standards we have come to expect.

**Dell Place Beach Resolution:** In July, the Village Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Street Ends Task Force regarding the beach and street end at Dell Place. The Task Force was appointed in 2011, and met numerous times during this past winter to review the various issues and interests involved in keeping open (or closing) the Dell Place beach. Those issues included (without limitation, as we lawyers say) the rights and appropriate expectations of the immediate and nearby neighbors with respect to noise, trespassing visitors, improper beach usage, vehicle parking and public safety enforcement; the rights and appropriate expectations of other Glencoe citizens with respect to access to and use and enjoyment of public property; and the rights and appropriate expectations of everyone as to valid and responsible environmental management.

After considerable discussion (at this meeting as well as at prior meetings), the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Task Force regarding the Dell Place beach, which were: a) preserve public access without construction of a fence; b) slightly expand summer access hours; c) add a bicycle rack at street level; d) install a staircase over existing rip-rap near the beach; and e) construct a stone swale to improve water flow and limit erosion. An earlier recommendation from the Task Force regarding parking limitations east of Sheridan Road was adopted several months ago. Anticipated total costs of the recommendations were in the $20-25,000 range. Funding would come in the budget for next year, with project completion also to be accomplished next year.

The Village Board has been dealing with the “Dell Place” issue for many years – it was a topic when I was a Trustee in the 1980’s. Not many Glencoe residents use this beach (or even know where it is) – but for a relatively small number, it is something which is important and about which they feel quite strongly. Perhaps the Board’s recent actions will satisfy the concerns of these interested parties. Prior experience tells me to reserve judgment on that prospect, however.

**Contribute to Glencoe:** The Glencoe Caucus is again seeking and interviewing Village, Park and School Board candidates to stand for election next March. There will be three vacancies for Village Board positions.

Space limitations do not allow me to “wax eloquent” as to the multiple satisfactions involved in service to our community. But I do hope that those who want to “give something back” consider these positions as opportunities to do just that. And time is of the essence – the process is going on right now.

As always, “thanks for listening”.

Scott Feldman
Referendum Question on November 6 Ballot

After considerable review of the Village’s long-term capital needs, the Village Board has decided to ask the community for authority to issue $8.55 million in new bonds to fund ongoing infrastructure improvement and maintenance needs. As a non-home rule community, the Village of Glencoe needs voter authorization to issue these bonds. Accordingly, the Board has voted to place a referendum question on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot.

The referendum question will ask residents to fund storm sewer improvements and sanitary sewer maintenance upgrades ($6.31 million), as well as street resurfacing and sidewalk replacement work ($2.24 million). The street resurfacing program would be completed in two years, resurfacing more than 25% of the Village streets that are in most need of repair. The storm sewer improvements include targeted projects to reduce severe and recurring flooding in three separate drainage basin areas. The sanitary sewer maintenance upgrades include the re-lining of pipes and manholes to reduce basement back-ups. These sewer improvements, much like other projects completed in the last decade, are considered essential in reducing the impacts of flooding and sewer backups, as well as improving emergency access to neighborhoods.

The repayment schedule for the total bond issue will be structured so that for each $10,000 in property tax paid, a property owner will pay approximately $36 more in property taxes in each of the first six years. Beginning with the seventh year and subject to no additional debt being incurred, the total amount of property taxes needed to pay debt service on Village obligations will actually decrease because a substantial portion of the Village’s existing debt will be retired over the next six years.

The Village Board has determined that these projects are suitable for bond financing given they have a long-term life expectancy of 15 years or more. Annual operating revenues will not be sufficient to fund these necessary infrastructure improvements and maintenance work.

The Village will be presenting additional information to further explain and clarify the referendum question. Please watch for a special mailing in October. Also, you may check the Village website or contact a Village Board or staff member to obtain further information.

General Election Information

Key Dates

- Sept. 27: First day mail ballots will be sent out
- Oct. 9: Last day to register to vote
- Oct. 10: First day of grace period registration and voting
- Oct. 22: First day of early voting
- Nov. 1: Last day to request a mail ballot
- Nov. 3: Last day of early voting and grace period registration/voting
- Nov. 4: In-person absentee voting begins at the Cook County Clerk’s downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
- Nov. 5: Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk’s office; Last day of in-person absentee voting
- Nov. 6: Election Day - Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For additional information including sample ballots and registration status/polling location look-up, please visit the Cook County Clerk’s website at www.cookcountyclerk.com or call 312-603-5656.

Political Campaign Sign Display Guidelines

During the fall election season, the following basic requirements apply to Political Campaign Signs displayed within the Village between August 30 and November 13:

- Signs may be located anywhere on private property.
- No signs may be located within a public right-of-way. In most cases, the public right-of-way is the area between the sidewalk and the street.
- Each sign must be less than six square feet in area and four feet in height.
- For each property, only one sign per candidate or issue may be displayed.

Please note that at all other times, such signs must comply with applicable setback requirements and more restrictive area requirements. For additional information, please contact the Building and Zoning Division at 847-835-4111.
Fall golf at the Glencoe Golf Club is a great way to enjoy the beauty of autumn colors on the tree-lined fairways at the golf course. We invite you to participate in our fall events and to take advantage of the last days of mild temperatures before the snow flies.

The Men's Club Championship takes place on September 9. The format for this event is 18-hole Low Gross and Low Net medal play. All players must have a current CDGA Index registered at the Golf Club or be a resident of Glencoe to participate in this event.

We are also offering two unique events this season:

- **The Glow-Ball Open** on September 21: This event is played at dusk with glow-in-the-dark golf balls and special equipment that is used to illuminate the course. Sign-up in foursomes for what will be an extremely entertaining evening.

- **The Hard Course Day & Chili Open** on November 3: The golf course will have the pin positions set up in the most challenging locations. A chili lunch will follow the golf portion of this event.

There is plenty of great golf weather left in the season but it’s not too early to start thinking about reserving your weekend tee time for the 2013 season. The Golf Club offers weekend permanent tee times on Saturdays and Sundays. Tee time packages include:

- 19-weeks of greens fees
- A CDGA handicap membership
- Member’s gift
- Preferred tee-time booking
- “Member-Only” events and specials

For more information, please call or visit our website.

We hope to see everyone out this fall to enjoy the Glencoe Golf Club!

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**Residents to Pay Lower Electricity Rates through May 2013**

In March, Glencoe voters approved a referendum authorizing the Village to seek lower electricity rates through a process known as electrical aggregation. Accordingly, the Village has worked with the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium to execute an agreement with MC Squared (mc2) Energy Services that will substantially lower electricity costs for residents and small businesses into mid-2013.

In late June, participating customers began paying a rate of 4.836 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for electricity. When compared to ComEd’s rate of 6.932 cents/kWh through September 2012, mc2 customers will have saved over 30% on the cost of electricity this summer. On October 1, ComEd’s rate will increase to 8.32 cents/kWh. This will result in additional savings for Glencoe customers through next May equivalent to nearly 42%.

Residents also have the opportunity to participate in mc2’s Green Power Program. For a small additional charge, mc2 will purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs) to cover 100% of the supply requirements for program participants. The Green Power supply rate will increase to just 4.936 cents/kWh compared to the base rate of 4.836 cents/kWh. For an average Glencoe home, this equates to an additional $1-2 per month.

Customers will continue to receive a single bill from ComEd and the utility will remain responsible for operating the electrical distribution system and responding to emergencies, including outage restoration. Residents and small businesses that previously switched to another supplier may still “opt-in” to Glencoe’s program. For more details, visit [www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com](http://www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com) or contact mc2 at 888-808-7731/northshore@mc2energyservices.com.

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**Village Completes Fiscal Year 2012 Audit**

The Fiscal Year 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) provides valuable data to the Village Board, staff and residents concerning financial activity from March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012. It is prepared in conjunction with the annual audit conducted by Lauterbach and Amen, LLP. Report highlights include:

- Total Village net assets (excluding pensions) increased by nearly $2.0 million to $76.2 million
- Governmental net assets increased by over $1.5 million
- Water Fund net assets increased nearly $331,000
- Golf Club net assets increased nearly $158,000
- Assets held for Police Pensions (state mandated) increased nearly $1.1 million to $24.8 million
- The funding level of the Police Pension Fund increased from 57.9% to 64.5%
- Assets held for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a non-sworn, state mandated pension, increased from nearly $16.5 million to $17.4 million
- The funding level for IMRF decreased from 79.5% to 79.1%

To view this report as well as the Citizen’s Annual Financial Report (a summary version of the CAFR), visit the Village website. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113.
Parkway Leaf Collection Begins Mid-October

The Village's annual Leaf Collection Program will be offered for seven weeks beginning October 15. Leaves will be collected from the parkway area in residential neighborhoods. Residents participating in the 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 and anticipates passing through every neighborhood 4-5 times before the end of November. Residents are encouraged to check the Village website 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 occur on November 30.

- 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 - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 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 more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.

Chamber Report

Welcome to the fall season in Glencoe. Whether you are back from vacation, returning to work, getting kids off to school or attending volunteer meetings, it’s a different pace. It is also the perfect time to return to Glencoe’s stores and businesses. They are close, convenient, and offer excellent service and quality. Remember, “What’s spent in Glencoe, stays in Glencoe” through a retained portion of sales taxes.

On your fall calendar, please note that the Glencoe Farmers Market is open every Saturday through October from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metra Lot. A Village favorite, the “Halloween Hello” will return on Wednesday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown Glencoe. Also, “Light the Village Lights,” the traditional start to the holiday season, will take place on Friday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Writers’ Theatre Featured in Exhibit

As previously announced, Studio Gang Architects, led by Principal and MacArthur “Genius” grant recipient, Jeanne Gang, has been hired to design a new home for Writers’ Theatre in the Glencoe community on the site of the Woman’s Library Club building.

Now, the Writers’ Theatre is delighted to share the news that the Art Institute of Chicago will feature Studio Gang Architects in an upcoming exhibition, to open September 24, entitled Building: Inside Studio Gang Architects. Along with highlights of the work that has made Studio Gang an internationally acclaimed firm, the exhibit will include insight into the work that Studio Gang has undertaken for Writers’ Theatre, including early conceptual designs and in-process sketches of the proposed new theatre center.

Please join us in congratulating Jeanne Gang and Studio Gang Architects. Writers’ Theatre will continue to share information with their patrons and the Glencoe and North Shore community as design work continues.

Sheridan Road Project to be Completed this Fall

In the fall of 2011, the Village awarded a contract for a 2011-12 Water Main Improvement project which included the replacement of over 14,000 feet of existing water main to improve performance and fire flow. This $3.24 million improvement was funded through a low interest loan from the IEPA. Work will be completed this fall with the installation of a new 12-inch water main on Sheridan Road between Beach Road and Aspen Lane. The Sheridan Road water main installation was particularly challenging given live traffic, a narrow and winding roadway and two ravine-bridge crossings. Special thanks to the residents of the Sheridan Road area for their patience and cooperation throughout the summer construction season.

Holiday Events Kick Off November 23

- **Light the Village Lights**: The Village of Glencoe and the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce will kick off Glencoe’s holiday season with the annual “Light the Village Lights” ceremony on Friday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the northwest corner of Park and Vernon Avenues. Following a short program, Village President Scott Feldman will “flip the switch” and illuminate thousands of lights in downtown Glencoe. Come out and join in this annual tradition!

- **Holiday Food & Toy Drive**: The Glencoe Holiday Food and Toy Drive has been assisting residents of the North Shore for 20 years. Last year, food and toys were delivered to approximately 100 families in the New Trier Township area. Please help spread holiday cheer to those in need by donating non-perishable food items and/ or new toys to this worthy cause. The Food & Toy Drive runs from November 23 – December 21. For more information, please contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112.
PARK BOARD PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It’s hard to believe that another summer has come to an end...but what a summer it was! Reflecting back on programs and events, it has been a great season at the Park District – our camps were busting at the seams with kids of all ages, from tiny tots to teenagers having a great time. It’s obvious that all the changes that staff implemented for 2012 were well received. If you took advantage of our camps this summer, we would love to hear what you thought so we can make next summer even better.

We had a full day of Fourth of July activities, and the weather cooperated by giving us a beautiful clear night to watch the spectacular fireworks. I hope you were able to watch the parade and see the fabulous birthday cake float that our staff built to celebrate the District’s 100th Birthday. You might have also been lucky enough to dunk a commissioner or two or have some fun with one of our many other morning games. Or, maybe you were able to take home a Park District water bottle commemorating the centennial.

We still have a few more exciting centennial activities and events to round out our hundredth year, including the Preschool Crazy Quilt and GPD: Past, Present, Future in December, which will incorporate a showcase of activities at the Takiff Center. Visit our website, www.glencoeparkdistrict.com, for the exact dates and details on these events.

The Park District continues to look for ways to save tax dollars and bring residents more services. Our shared services with the Village and One Glencoe programs continue to maximize our resources. Staff will be providing a mid-point report on those programs in the fall and will begin to examine new initiatives for 2013.

Our fall program brochure is available at the Takiff Center and on-line. Be sure to take a look at all the great programs we have this season, including reorganized adult fitness programs now operated by the Park District. Hopefully, you will find something in there for every member of your family – but, if not, let us know what you would like to see. We are always looking for new ideas!

We truly appreciate all compliments, suggestions, and constructive comments. Make sure to add our new Glencoe Park District app to your smart phones. To download the free app, type “Glencoe Parks” into your phone’s market place. See page 7 to learn more about the app. We hope you will continue to reach out with your feedback through emails, surveys, focus groups, phone calls, or messages left on our new Facebook page and smart phone app. Don’t just tell your neighbors and friends what you think, tell us! You can always call staff or our Interim Executive Director, Steven Nagle. It is easier than ever to be heard, and I know you will be pleased with the results.

Thank you, and I hope to see you this fall at one of our many events!

Max Retsky
President, Board of Park Commissioners
New Communication Tools for Emergency Notifications

Glencoe Park District now has two new outlets to notify participants of emergency closures and other unanticipated events.

Phone Notifications & Email Blasts

AlertFirst is a low-cost mass communication system website that the Park District may use to notify registrants of an emergency closing, via cell and/or home phone, when programs are affected due to unforeseen circumstances. Patrons would receive a recorded message on their phone(s) providing details of the emergency situation.

In lieu of utilizing the phone system, an email message may also be sent, via Constant Contact, to notify registrants of an emergency closing. **As you register for fall programs this season, make a note to update your home and cell phone numbers, as well as your email address, so that you will be able to receive any emergency messages sent through AlertFirst or Constant Contact.**

Smart Phone App Notifications

The Park District’s smart phone app also allows patrons to stay connected in emergency situations, as it features a messages section that will send notifications right to your phone. The free app is available for both Apple and Droid phones. In addition to emergency notifications, it also provides staff contact information, quick facts about facilities, access to program registration, a park locator, and more.

To download the app, type “Glencoe Parks” into your phone’s app marketplace. When you finish the installation, be sure to accept the “push notifications” in order to receive messages and emergency alerts.

For more information on emergency communication procedures, please contact the Park District at 847-835-3030.

FY2011/12 Annual Audit Report

The firm of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP has issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Glencoe Park District as of the year ended February 29, 2012. The unqualified opinion means that the auditor concluded that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). In other words, this means that the District’s financial condition, position, and operations are fairly presented in the financial statements. It is the best type of report that can be received from an independent auditor.

This was the first year of a three-year contract with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, and it also represents a change in audit firms for the District for the first time in approximately fifteen years.

As of February 29, 2012 fund balance levels are healthy. Total fund balance levels increased from $3,709,815 as of February 28, 2011 to $4,102,540 as of February 29, 2012, which is an increase of $392,725.

The full audit can be found on at [www.glencoeparkdistrict.com](http://www.glencoeparkdistrict.com). Under the News & Announcements tab, hover on Public Records/FOIA, then click the Financial Documents page, where you can download the PDF document.
Exciting Changes for GPD’s Early Childhood Department

Glencoe Park District is pleased to welcome Lisa Panizo to the Early Childhood team as the Program Development Director.

Lisa has a Masters of Arts in Teaching from National Louis University and a Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Texas. Her teaching experience includes preschool at the Texas School for the Deaf, 6th grade Language Arts at Granger Middle School in Aurora, reading for grades K-8 at Bannockburn School, and grades 4 and 5 at Baker Demonstration School.

Lisa spent the past two summers as the director for Sun Fun and Sun Adventures camps. Prior to her arrival in Glencoe, she was a Camp Director at Banner Day Camp for 8 years, managing programs for ages 3-12. She is elated to join GPD staff year-round and is looking forward to doing everything she can to make sure each child has the most remarkable school experience.

Naomi Garvett, formerly the Park District’s part-time Early Childhood Supervisor, has accepted the new role of full-time Early Childhood Program Manager.

Naomi began working with the Park District in January 2010. Before coming to Glencoe, she taught preschool for many years at several different schools and was an assistant director at another day care. At her most recent job prior the Park District, Naomi was a manager at Gymboree Play and Music, where she taught classes and ran one of the Chicagoland locations.

Naomi has a BA in Early Childhood Education & Psychology from National-Louis University and has a Food Sanitation certification required for DCFS. She is looking forward to her continued growth with the Park District and being a part of many new and exciting ideas for the Early Childhood Wing.

Registration for Children’s Circle, ELC, GJK and enrichment classes is ongoing. For more information, call the early childhood staff at 847-835-3035.

Kindergarten Programs are Brand New at Watts Center!

This fall, Glencoe Park District is focusing on revitalizing some of our core programs, and one of our goals is to provide an enriching variety of classes for kindergarten students. Thanks to valuable parent feedback, the Park District has made some exciting changes to the 2012-2013 school year schedule of kindergarten enrichment programs taking place at Watts Center.

Our new kindergarten lineup features:

More convenient class offerings at Watts Center: With additional classes being held at Watts Center, children can transition easily from their school day at South School to their enrichment programs, or vice versa. Instructors walk the students to/from South School, so busing between the programs is not needed.

Kinder Club: Classes under the Kinder Club umbrella fill in the gap between your child’s kindergarten enrichment programs and school day with a variety of engaging topics like sports, mixed media, cooking, and experiments. Kinder Club is offered five days a week from 9:15-10:15 a.m. or 1:30-2:45 p.m., convenient for both morning and afternoon kindergartners. Parents may register for 1-5 days to suit their individual needs.

Shorter sessions: A few of our core kindergarten enrichment programs were previously set up as full-year classes, which sometimes limited the options for children and parents who wanted to try a variety of classes. This year, two of our most popular programs – Kinder Culture and Introduction to the Arts – are split into fall and winter sessions, offering kindergartners the opportunity to attend different classes throughout their year. The new Kinder Club classes are also semester-long programs, so parents can switch their children’s schedules in January, if desired.

Variety of topics: The core enrichment classes, as well as Kinder Club classes, include engaging topics such as culture, science, art, dance, sports/movement, and more. Learning by movement and experiments are important tools our instructors use to keep the children interested in daily activities.

Programs available Monday-Friday: No matter what your family’s schedule is like, you can choose an exciting combination of classes for your kindergartner. Different fun topics are covered each day, with the opportunity to mix and match programs each semester.

Registration for the fall semester of classes is ongoing! For more information on kindergarten enrichments, please visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com or contact Breanne Schnoor at 847-835-7536 or bschnoor@glencoeparkdistrict.com.
Glencoe Park District had a record-breaking summer for camp enrollment in 2012, a result partly due to several positive changes implemented this year. At the conclusion of last summer, camp parents shared many constructive suggestions through survey forms. Park District staff took a careful look at this feedback and made a variety of adjustments to camp structure and schedules, field trips, busing, and special activities.

A big goal for this camp season was increased parent communication. To kick off the programs, we held a camp open house for all camps. Parents and participants were invited to meet the camp directors and some counselors, ask questions, and pick up their camp shirts, calendars, groups, etc. It was a great way for the children and parents to grow more comfortable with the program structure and those important individuals interacting daily with the camp groups. We also solicited ongoing feedback and sent frequent email updates to parents throughout the summer to maintain close communication.

In terms of major structural changes, Sun Adventures (formerly Camp Adventure for grades 4-6) was redesigned for grades 4-5 and relocated to the Takiff Center to allow for expanded indoor and outdoor activities. Many activities and special events at Sun Adventures were enhanced so that it served as a natural progression from Sun Fun camp for grades 1-3.

Specifically, we added specialty instructors to Sun Fun and Adventures for ceramics and cooking. This enhancement was not just popular because these specialty instructors are experts and good at tailoring activities to the various age/skill levels. They also provided a break from the everyday instruction from the camp counselors. Additional field trips were also incorporated based on camper feedback, including Jump Sky High, Fantasy Party, and Barefoot Bay Water Park. Sleepovers were moved to Fridays and included an evening field trip. Lastly, on-site special event days were enhanced: Pajama Jam Day included an interactive electronic trivia game, Wild West Day included an inflatable horse race game and cow milking, and a few other special events included a DJ and inflatable bounce houses.

Most significantly for the older campers was a restructure of the 7th and 8th Grade Camp, now called Action Camp for grades 6-8. Formerly based at the Takiff Center, staff moved the home site to Watts Center, which allowed for full usage of Watts Center, Watts Park, the Frisbee golf course, and South School gym. In addition, field trip offerings were expanded based on camper feedback to include Great America, a Cubs game, and Jump Sky High. Some of these special camp days were extended so campers could fully enjoy the outings. Overnights were also extended so that campers could stay and go straight to the next day’s activities.

A host of other “behind the scenes” changes were incorporated this year in an effort to make camp procedures more convenient for families. All camper welcome letters, calendars, and waivers were sent home electronically as fill-able forms so parents could choose to send them back by email. Another important change was the addition of busing for all summer school eligible camps, an effort made to help parents manage transportation. We also offered a new lunch option through Kiddos Catering, and added an extra camp shirt for each camper.

We hope you were able to take advantage of our revamped programs this summer. Based on feedback collected at the end of the season, we’re looking forward to another great year in 2013. We’ll see you next year!

New Web Registration System Coming Soon!
Glencoe Park District will soon be transitioning to a new registration software system. This software will allow for a much more user-friendly online registration experience for our patrons. The transition is a multi-step process that will take several months to complete, but staff is looking to implement the system in Spring/Summer 2013. Stay tuned for more information!
School District 35 Board Message

The excitement of buying new school supplies, decorating your school locker, meeting your teacher, sharing stories of summer with friends … it is an annual ritual we remember clearly, as parent and/or student. It is when those of us in Glencoe renew our trust and faith in the District to maximize our children's learning experiences. As Board members it is when the administrators present their strategic plans to meet their aggressive goals; it is when we are reminded how fortunate we are to live and serve a district, which is academically sound, financially prudent, and extracurricularly deep.

Our doors across South, West, and Central Schools open to more than 1,240 students this fall. We anticipate over 40 before and after school clubs to supplement our children's learning, thanks to the generosity of the Glencoe PTO. We no doubt will see our kids flourish in these programs, as we did last year – winning Science Olympiad awards, Debate Team recognition, Art commendations, Athletic intramural tournaments, and more. Glencoe Junior High Project (GJHP) again will enhance our students' activities with social service and performing arts opportunities. Yes, ours is a district where kids come first, and whether Glencoe residents are District staff, Board members, or volunteers, we have a strong sense of an integrated community that works together to provide our children the best experiences our schools can provide.

Our school board recognizes to be effective we must represent the views of the community. Please feel free to contact any of us at our District email addresses and/or attend our monthly open Board meetings to listen or share. We are dedicated to ensuring that students get the best education for the tax dollars spent and take our roles of governance and stewardship seriously.

The mission of the Glencoe School District is to provide each child with an educational foundation for life-long learning as a socially responsible member of a global society by dedicating resources toward the development of the whole child within a secure school environment. Our board, administrators, and staff realize this is an ambitious mission and are motivated to achieve it. Please join us in promoting, reinforcing, and securing this objective among our Glencoe youth.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shaw
President, Board of Education

Coming Events:

Kindergarten Fall Open House
Thursday, September 20
6:00 p.m.

West School Fair and PTO Book Fair
Friday, October 19
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 8
&
Friday, November 9

Central School Fall Music Festival
Thursday, November 15
7:00 p.m.

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: McKenzie Brewer, teacher associate at South School; Brittany Gadou, teacher associate at Central School; Kelly Howard, South School Principal; Dawn Kaminski, Central School secretary; Mary Kelly, West School Library Learning Center Director; Kellie Rogers, teacher associate at Central School; Jacqueline Rothstein, teacher associate at Central School; Randy Saeks, District Network Manager; Pam Uhrik, kindergarten teacher at South School; Mara Weiner, special education teacher at Central School; Lauren Zaremski, Spanish teacher at South School; and Andrea Fiordirosa, language arts teacher at Central School; Jamie Fried, teacher associate at South School; Jennifer Muller, teacher associate at Central School; and Elizabeth Thorgren, 5th Grade teacher at Central School.

We also welcome the following returning staff members to new teaching roles in our school district: Colleen Baird, special education teacher at Central School; Janet Berkley, academic support at West School; Julia Eidelman, Library Learning Center Director at South School; Sally Greenwood, Reading Specialist at Central School; Shannon Hester, special education teacher at Central School; Amy Norris, special education teacher at Central School; Lorie Schumacher, language arts teacher at Central School; and Jackie Widman, 3rd grade teacher at West School.
Summer Building Projects

As we enter into this new school year, students and members of the community will be afforded opportunities to meet new staff members and view the numerous maintenance and renovation projects completed during summer break.

The most notable changes are at Central School. The main entrance and office area have been reconfigured to better accommodate visitors and improve visibility from the office areas; Young Auditorium renovations include improved acoustics, projection capabilities and the inclusion of a conference room. Central School restroom fixtures throughout the building have been replaced, the hallways and cafeteria floors retiled, and common areas repainted.

Environmentally conscious decisions were made when planning for the renovations with many projects promising increased energy efficiency for the school district. Examples of these enhancements include: daylight harvesting lighting, added insulation, bio based tiles, low VOC paint, low flow bathroom fixtures, and targeted window replacements and upgrades in the Central School Library Learning Center, cafeteria, and fitness lab.

The school district’s 15-year-old telephone system has been replaced. The network infrastructure upgrades completed in summer 2011 provided the groundwork for this project. Funding for these building renovations and maintenance projects was made possible through the refinancing of bonds.

Budget Hearing Scheduled for September 10, 2012

The District 35 budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be reviewed in a public hearing on Monday, September 10, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Young Auditorium at Central School. The regular monthly meeting of the Board will follow at 7:30 p.m. A tentative draft of the budget was approved at the June 11, 2012 Board meeting and has been available for public review since that date.

The tentative budget identified operating revenue for our school district as $23,545,373. The sources of these funds are:
- local (96%),
- state (3%), and
- federal (1%).

Operating expenses for the 2013 fiscal year are budgeted at $25,628,624. As in past years, the largest operating expense is employee salaries and benefits (70%), with purchased services, supplies, capital outlay, tuition and contingency ranging from 8% to 1% of the total operating budget.

The FY13 Tentative District Budget is available on the District web page at www.glencoeschools.org and also on display at the Glencoe Public Library, each school office, and the Board of Education Office. For questions regarding the District 35 budget or budget hearing, contact Jason Edelheit, Director of Finance and Operations, at edelheij@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 can be found at the following Website addresses:

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

Community members may also sign up to receive the newsletters automatically via e-mail. To do so, register at the following site: www.glencoeschools.org.

Families who registered previously do not need to register again for the coming school year.

2012 School Report Card

Illinois school districts disseminate School Report Card data provided by the Illinois State Board of Education on an annual basis. Information in this report includes student performance on the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT), use of the District financial resources, and demographic data regarding students and staff of the District.

The School Report Card for Glencoe will be posted on the District 35 web page, www.glencoeschools.org by the end of October 2012. 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.

Make an Impact in the Lives of Our Children and Our Community! Join the Glencoe School Board!

The Glencoe Caucus is seeking 5 candidates for the Glencoe School Board. Glencoe District 35 will have one 2-year opening, and four 4-year openings to fill. The mission of the District 35 Board of Education is to support and advance educational excellence, provide and promote a safe and secure learning environment, and maintain fiscal responsibility.

The Board’s primary responsibilities include and are not limited to:
- Establishing District policy
- Employing a Superintendent and other personnel
- Establishing and overseeing the annual budget
- Approving curriculum; Evaluating educational programs
- Maintaining physical facilities
- Communicating the schools’ activities and operations to the community

The Glencoe School Board typically meets monthly on the second Monday evening. The application for the Glencoe Board of Education positions is available at the school offices and at the Caucus website: www.glencoeaucus.org. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2012. For additional information, contact Richard Rosin rrrosin@comcast.net or Loree Sandler lbsandler@aol.com.

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**Did You Know...**

...that Glencoe did not always have a single Public Safety Department? The Village maintained separate police and fire departments until 1956. In this image (circa 1905), the Glencoe Fire Brigade showed off their uniforms and wagon. They are standing in front of Village Hall, located at that time on Vernon Avenue where the Village Court parking lot is today. The Brigade was comprised of mostly volunteers, often businessmen.

*Information and photo provided by the Glencoe Historical Society.*