Glencoe Park District Celebrates Friends Park
Families are Invited to the Grand Opening Party on September 12!
Dear Neighbor:

We in Glencoe often reflect on how ours is a truly unique village. Our little Village is a quiet, caring, considerate, compassionate, pleasant oasis in a bustling metropolitan world. We are comprised of wonderful people in a friendly, pastoral setting with trees, ravines and bluffs anchored to our lake that looks more like a great ocean than the normal small inland watershed. We expect our Village government, at all levels, to be extremely professional while delivering superb services in a customer-centric, friendly manner.

So it is no surprise that we expect our Public Safety Department to be uniquely "Glencoe". One of a small group of fully-integrated Public Safety Departments in the United States, our officers are trained in law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services. More than 50 years of experience has proven this to be a most effective model in delivering highly professional and effective public safety services to our residents. This was recently demonstrated at the Glencoe Grand Prix when a bicyclist was seriously injured. Fortunately, two Public Safety Officers were nearby and able to immediately respond, applying their paramedic skills even before our ambulance had time to arrive.

It is this high-level of cross-training that contributed to the bicyclist's full recovery. This training also allows our officers to regularly provide critical and timely aid to residents experiencing medical issues from heart attacks to minor slips and falls. Our Public Safety Department is the only one in the world that has achieved the highest level of accreditation in both Police and Fire. Our officers continually pursue advanced educational opportunities and training to improve their skill sets. This is all part of creating a department focused upon excellence.

Our officers' participation in regional task forces insures that they receive the training and experience normally only available to major city departments. For our residents, this means that they bring a level of experience to bear that is not found in other small village departments. This is one of the reasons why our crime and other incident rates are extraordinarily low.

Of equal importance, our Public Safety professionals deliver their services in a distinctly "Glencoe" way, with good, friendly customer service as a priority. Upon checking in on elderly residents and finding they need someone to shop for groceries or provide some other important assistance, it is not unusual to hear of our officers taking it upon themselves to deliver that needed support.

In the June newsletter, I mentioned that the Village was in the process of selecting a new Public Safety Director. For the first time since becoming fully integrated, the Village decided to select a new Director from outside the department. The members of our Public Safety Department are truly exceptional and it takes a very special person to lead our department.

The Village wanted someone who could take an outstanding department and lead it to the next level. The new Director's external experience will provide a fresh perspective on how to make our Department even better.

Our nationwide search produced 124 applications. The Village filtered that down to 14 top candidates, 7 of which were invited to final, in-depth interviews. One candidate stood out above the other excellent alternatives. On September 1, Cary P. Lewandowski, the Deputy Chief of the Lincolnwood Police Department, will become our new Director of Public Safety. Director Lewandowski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern Illinois University and a Masters degree from Governor's State University. Additionally, he has received specialized management training from Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety and the FBI.

Director Lewandowski, with his 27 years of practical and professional experience, brings strong interpersonal skills, a leadership-by-example style, and a unique understanding and sensitivity for the needs of our community and the department.

Sincerely,

Larry Levin
Village Board President
Village Welcomes New Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski

Director Lewandowski brings 27 years of law enforcement experience from the Lincolnwood Police Department where he most recently held the position of Deputy Chief. Please see the Village President’s Message (left) for more information about Glencoe’s new Public Safety Director.

Village Board Approves New Woman’s Library Club, Writers’ Theatre Building

At its August 15 meeting, the Village Board unanimously approved a special use permit allowing for the construction and operation of the proposed Woman’s Library Club/Writers’ Theatre building that will serve as the Village’s Cultural Center.

The new building will provide two primary performance spaces, a 250-seat theatre and a smaller flexible space theatre that can accommodate 50-99 patrons. In addition to the performance venues, the building will include a two-story lobby space with an upper level gallery, rehearsal space, box office, space for Woman’s Library Club programs, meetings and functions, offices, storage rooms, dressing rooms and outdoor areas including a roof terrace. Designed by renowned architect Jeanne Gang of Studio Gang Architects, the building will be constructed primarily of stucco and glass with wood detailing that provides a contemporary interpretation of the Tudor architecture in the Village. For further information, please contact the Building and Zoning Division at 847-835-4111.

Message from the Retiring Village Manager, “Thank You Glencoe”

As many of you already know, I will conclude my 38 years as a Village employee at the end of November. And, as I wind up my last few months with the Village, I reflect on a career filled with positive memories. That is not to say that there have not been challenges or difficult situations to overcome. Many nights I would have preferred to be sleeping rather than monitoring flooding or dealing with extended power outages. During my initial interview to become a Public Safety Officer, I was asked how long I would stay as an employee of the Village. My answer then was “…as long as I had opportunities to be challenged and grow.” The opportunities and challenges were there for me and I am truly grateful to have worked in a community where the culture of government is based on integrity and doing the right things.

Since I was appointed Village Manager in 2000, I have worked with 23 different Village Board Members and 4 Village Presidents; each and every one was distinguished by their dedication to Glencoe. Often times they have been faced with making difficult and seemingly unpopular decisions; there is a natural desire in Glencoe to be responsive and make people happy. Their overall commitment to do the right thing for the community truly makes Glencoe special.

If any measure of success is afforded me as Village Manager, it is only due to the qualifications and quality of the Executive Staff that serve the Village. They are true professionals that carry out their responsibilities and manage their departments with care and concern. The entire family of Village employees that interact with the community and “take care of things” on a daily basis are nothing but exceptional. I have always felt that Glencoe had a unique ability to recruit and maintain quality employees that act and respond to their responsibilities with a personal sense of commitment and understanding that they make a difference.

The positive memories I take with me are intimately tied to the people of this community; the people who make up this Village. As I move on to new and different challenges, I leave with an everlasting appreciation for the opportunities afforded me by all who make up this special community. Thank you Glencoe.

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

**MEN’S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | Sunday, September 15**
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 Glencoe Golf Club or be a resident of Glencoe to participate.

**GLENCOE GLOW BALL OPEN | Friday, September 20**
This annual 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.

**SENIOR FALL CLASSIC | Tuesday, October 15**
Open to all golfers ages 60 years-old and up, the Classic begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, contests throughout the course and an awards luncheon following golf. Invite your friends to enjoy this non-competitive, fun-filled event.

**HARD COURSE DAY & CHILI OPEN | Saturday, November 2**
The golf course will have the pin positions set-up in the most challenging locations for the 7th annual event. A chili lunch will take place following the golf portion of this event.

For more information and applications for all of these events, please visit our website, [www.glencoegolfclub.com](http://www.glencoegolfclub.com), or stop by the golf shop.

The Glencoe Golf Club will be offering **WINTER INSTRUCTION** in our clubhouse utilizing V1 Video Analysis and our 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. Lessons can be booked by calling the golf shop.

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

**Storm Sewer Improvement Projects Underway**
Last November, 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 areas are currently under construction this fall; the Harbor Street and the Greenwood/Oakdale Avenue Basins. Both of these areas have experienced a long history of storm water flooding issues. Nearly 7,000 feet of new, larger-size storm sewer is being installed to increase the capacity of each system. These are challenging projects due to the size of the pipe and the narrow right-of-way. Work is proceeding on schedule and the Village expects both projects to be completed this fall. 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.

**Village Completes Fiscal Year 2013 Audit**
The Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) provides valuable data to the Village Board, staff and residents concerning financial activity from March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. 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 $2.3 million to $78.6 million
- **Governmental net assets** increased by over $1.5 million
- **Water Fund net assets** increased nearly $515,000
- **Golf Club net assets** increased nearly $301,000
- **Assets held for Police Pension (state mandated)** increased nearly $1.1 million to $24.8 million
- **The funding level of the Police Pension Fund** decreased from 64.5% to 63.9%
- **Assets held for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a non-sworn, state mandated pension**, increased from nearly $17.4 million to $18.7 million
- **The funding level for IMRF** increased from 79.1% to 82.3%

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, call the Finance Department at 847-835-4113.
Former Trustee Keki Bhote Honored at Tree Dedication Ceremony

On July 18, the Village hosted a ceremony honoring former Trustee Keki Bhote and recognizing his many significant contributions to the community. A Copper Beech tree was planted in his honor on Wyman Green and a resolution was read which detailed his years of service to the Village.

Mr. Bhote was very active in civic affairs locally, regionally, nationally and throughout the world. Locally, he served as Village Board Trustee, School Board Member and President, and New Trier Township Board President and Supervisor, as well as Treasurer of the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library.

Mr. Bhote gave unselfishly of his time and fulfilled his responsibilities to his fellow citizens in a most professional, responsible and caring way. He was instrumental in promoting the fair treatment of all individuals who live, work, visit or do business in the Village. Keki passed away in May and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Parkway Leaf Collection Begins Mid-October

The Village’s annual Fall Curbside Leaf Collection Program will be offered for seven weeks beginning October 14. Leaves will be collected from the parkway area 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 29.

- 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.

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- **Dewey’s** | 667 Vernon Avenue | Fast Casual Restaurant
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PARK BOARD PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

All summer, neighbors asked me when Friends Park would be completed. Neighborhood kids, although thrilled to watch the trucks and crew hard at work, were counting down the days to the re-opening of Friends Park.

After months of planning and construction, I’m thrilled to announce Friends Park is officially opening on September 12! I’m excited to see the community’s enthusiasm as we cut the ribbon to open Friends Park at 6:00 p.m. on September 12. It will be a proud day for Glencoe and the Park District.

As a Board, our next big project is to write a new master plan. When completed, our Master Plan will encompass goals for the future, with an emphasis on facilities and park spaces. The plan will serve as a guide to prioritize necessary upgrades and future capital projects. Our first step is to examine the District’s properties. To do this, the Board of Commissioners has planned a fall bike ride to tour the District’s 40 park sites. You are welcome to join us for an enjoyable and informative bike ride through the 84 acres that comprise the Glencoe Park District. Bring your own bike; the ride starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Takiff Center on Tuesday, September 3.

As the summer season turns to fall, I invite you to join us for one last visit to Glencoe Beach. We're thanking our regular visitors with entertainment, food, and music at our Season Pass Holder Appreciation Night on Monday, September 9. Visit our website www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for details.

We hope you enjoyed using the park district over the summer and know you’ll continue to visit this fall. We have an exciting line-up of autumn programs including our annual Great Pumpkin Day in Kalk Park, the Incredible Race through Glencoe, and special events. Try something new this fall: drop your kids at the Takiff Center for our first Parents’ Night Out, enjoy a glass of wine on the beach at our Sunset Painting Workshop, bring your kids to enjoy Bedtime Stories, or participate in our first Turkey Shoot Out to win a Thanksgiving turkey! For more information, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.

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Coming Events:

- **Pass Holder Appreciation Night** | Glencoe Beach
  Monday, September 9 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- **Friends Park Dedication**
  Thursday, September 12 | 6:00 p.m.

- **Sunset Painting Workshop** | Glencoe Beach
  Friday, September 13 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- **Bedtime Stories** | Takiff Center
  Tuesday, October 8 | 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

- **Great Pumpkin Day** | Kalk Park
  Saturday, Oct. 12 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Incredible Race** | Lakefront Park
  Monday, October 14 | 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

- **Pumpkin Decorating Party** | Takiff Center
  Tuesday, October 15 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

- **Halloween Party** | Takiff Center
  Thursday, October 24 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

- **Parents’ Night Out & Ceramic Night Out**
  Takiff Center
  Friday, November 8 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- **Turkey Shoot Out** | Takiff Center
  Saturday, November 16 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- **Watts Center Opens**
  Friday, November 29
Parents’ Night Out
Drop your kids off at the Takiff and go out for a night on the town! Our staff will supervise art projects, gym games, a pizza dinner, and show a G-rated movie while you enjoy Parents’ Night Out.

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Spook-tacular Kids

Ghosts and goblins, oh my! We’re celebrating Halloween BIG this year, with four fun events to get you in the spirit! The celebration starts with the Great Pumpkin Day. Food, entertainment, games, and a petting zoo will be part of the day, as well as a pumpkin sale. BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) to our Pumpkin Decorating Party! We’re playing Halloween music, serving hot dogs, and providing everything you need to make the perfect pumpkin. And, we’ll take care of the gooey clean-up! Ready for something spooky? We dare junior high students to join us at Tower Road Beach for spooky stories, s’mores, and a trip to Skokie Park District’s Scream Scene Haunted House at our Spooktacular Night. Be prepared for an evening filled with ghosts, goblins, and other things that go bump in the night! Finally, our annual Halloween Party is the perfect place for little ones to debut their fabulous costumes! Bring a trick-or-treat bag and get ready for a night filled with carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and pizza. To learn more or to register, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.

Glencoe Celebrates Halloween!

FREE! GREAT PUMPKIN DAY
Saturday, October 12 | Kalk Park
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | All Ages

PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY
Tuesday, October 15 | Takiff Center
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | All Ages
Tickets $7/person

SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT
Friday, October 18 | Tower Road Beach
7:15 - 10:00 p.m. | Ages: 10-14
Registration required

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Thursday, October 24 | Takiff Center
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Ages: 2-10
Tickets $5/person in advance

Glencoe’s Best-Kept Secret

Park District’s Top-Notch Ceramics Program

“I live, eat, and sleep ceramics,” said Natalie Steinmetz, Glencoe Park District’s ceramics teacher. “That’s why I have the best job.”

A professional artist, Natalie teaches ceramic and pottery classes to students from age two to ninety-two. Her laid-back demeanor fosters a creative environment for students to explore clay.

“I want Glencoe Park District to be one of the top ceramics studios on the North Shore,” said Natalie. To that end, the Glencoe Park District offers a variety of classes with unique decorative techniques, clay body options, and a beautiful space with brand-new Skutt electric kilns and Shimpo whisper pottery wheels. Students learn the basics of hand building and wheel throwing. Natalie also guides creativity by introducing printmaking techniques such as silk-screening on clay, decal and luster firings, as well as other specialized decorative techniques.

In addition to teaching, Natalie is an award-winning artist. Her pieces are exhibited in Chicagoland galleries, featured at festivals, and were recently published in the book 500 Prints on Clay: An Inspiring Collection of Image Transfer Work by Lark Crafts.

Natalie earned her BFA from Columbia College in Chicago and has always included teaching in her artistic expression. She was a therapeutic aide at the Institute for Therapy through the Arts in Evanston and is especially enthused by the Glencoe Park District’s children and teen programs. “We’ve had a real explosion in enrollment in our teen classes,” she said. Many enrollees are “veterans” of the children’s classes and summer camps – evidence that early art instruction helps to form creative and engaged young people.

This fall, Natalie will offer ceramic classes for tots, kids, teens, and adults. She will also offer special one-day workshops for a variety of age groups. Be sure to check out her Clay and Play Workshop, Ceramics Night Out, and Junior High Wheel Throw and Open Gym Workshop. To learn more, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.

One-Day Workshops

CLAY AND PLAY WORKSHOP
Monday, October 14 | Takiff Center
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Ages: 6-9
Activity: 212501-06

CERAMIC NIGHT OUT*
Friday, November 8 | Takiff Center
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Ages: Adults
Activity: 219728-02
*Childcare available; Register for Parents’ Night Out with Ceramic Night Out

JR. HIGH WHEEL THROW & OPEN GYM WORKSHOP
Friday, November 15 | Takiff Center
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Ages: 10-14
Activity: 212501-12

WHEEL THROWING NIGHT
Friday, December 13 | Takiff Center
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Ages: 10-17
Activity: 212501-13

Glencoe’s Best-Kept Secret

Park District’s Top-Notch Ceramics Program

“I live, eat, and sleep ceramics,” said Natalie Steinmetz, Glencoe Park District’s ceramics teacher. “That’s why I have the best job.”

A professional artist, Natalie teaches ceramic and pottery classes to students from age two to ninety-two. Her laid-back demeanor fosters a creative environment for students to explore clay.

“I want Glencoe Park District to be one of the top ceramics studios on the North Shore,” said Natalie. To that end, the Glencoe Park District offers a variety of classes with unique decorative techniques, clay body options, and a beautiful space with brand-new Skutt electric kilns and Shimpo whisper pottery wheels. Students learn the basics of hand building and wheel throwing. Natalie also guides creativity by introducing printmaking techniques such as silk-screening on clay, decal and luster firings, as well as other specialized decorative techniques.

In addition to teaching, Natalie is an award-winning artist. Her pieces are exhibited in Chicagoland galleries, featured at festivals, and were recently published in the book 500 Prints on Clay: An Inspiring Collection of Image Transfer Work by Lark Crafts.

Natalie earned her BFA from Columbia College in Chicago and has always included teaching in her artistic expression. She was a therapeutic aide at the Institute for Therapy through the Arts in Evanston and is especially enthused by the Glencoe Park District’s children and teen programs. “We’ve had a real explosion in enrollment in our teen classes,” she said. Many enrollees are “veterans” of the children’s classes and summer camps – evidence that early art instruction helps to form creative and engaged young people.

This fall, Natalie will offer ceramic classes for tots, kids, teens, and adults. She will also offer special one-day workshops for a variety of age groups. Be sure to check out her Clay and Play Workshop, Ceramics Night Out, and Junior High Wheel Throw and Open Gym Workshop. To learn more, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.
Before and After School Care is an Adventure at the Glencoe Park District

Working Parents Trust Glencoe Park District

After getting off the bus, each child is greeted with a hug. Over an after-school snack, each child shares highlights from the day. Then it’s time for homework, reading, and free play. The warm environment is a credit to Cari Resis, Glencoe Park District’s After School Adventures Coordinator.

“I treat the children like my own, and try to create a homey environment like I’d give my own kids after a long day of school,” said Cari.

Kids love the nurturing environment Cari creates. Second grader Anthony Chez, when asked about his favorite part of the day, stated he just loves “to be with Cari.” His enthusiastic compliment is immediately met with a hug from Cari.

For over seven years, Cari has offered Glencoe parents a safe place for children to spend the mornings and afternoons. Cari shares that, “Parents feel confident, knowing their children are loved and secure while they are at work.”

Before School Adventures at South School provides kids with quiet games and simple arts and crafts. After school, Adventurers enjoy snacks, homework assistance, and fun activities. From making mini-doughnuts to planning charity projects and playing games of tag outside, each day gives the kids opportunities to play, learn, and explore. Plus, Cari says, “with homework done, parents love having the evenings free to spend quality time with their children.”

“We know that play is a child’s most important teacher. But we also know that play designed and supported by thoughtful, experienced teachers results in the highest quality of integrated, multidimensional learning,” said Lisa Panizo, Early Childhood Director at Glencoe Park District.

Statistics show that well-designed preschool education programs produce long-term improvements in school success, including higher achievement test scores, lower rates of grade repetition, and higher educational attainment.

“While it’s always tough to put your kids in the care of others, we have watched our boys thrive at the Glencoe Park District,” said Jessica Drescher, parent of two preschoolers. “They come home happy every day and just so excited to share their new experiences and stories with us.”

The Glencoe Park District offers a variety of full and half-day programs through Children’s Circle Full Day Preschool, the Early Learning Center Preschool, and Glencoe Junior Kindergarten. All three licensed programs offer a variety of day and time options for busy parents. For more information or a tour, please call 847-835-3030.
American Education Week

Since 1921, we have observed American Education Week in the United States. It was created to celebrate public education and honor those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the profession. Please take a moment to thank an educator during American Education Week, November 18 - 22.
Budget Hearing Scheduled for September 9

The District 35 budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 will be reviewed Monday, September 9, 2013. The review will be conducted at 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 at the June 3, 2013 Board meeting and has been available for public review since that date.

The tentative budget identified operating revenue for our School District as $23,854,339. The sources of these funds are Local (96%), State (3%), and Federal (1%). Operating expenses for the 2013 fiscal year are budgeted at $26,347,638. 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 1% to 8% of the total operating budget.

The FY14 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 edelheit@glencoeschools.org.

School Safety & Security

Each year the School District administrators and staff members work diligently to ensure a safe environment for all members of our school community. This work includes, but is not limited to, the review of safety and security plans, preparing students for various drills, conducting emergency drills, and coordinating safety efforts with Glencoe Public Safety.

Since January 2013, the School District has broadened this process by participating in three safety and security audits. The audits were conducted by outside agencies that independently conducted onsite visits at each of the District 35 buildings both during the day when students and staff were in attendance and during evening hours. Subsequently, a District committee comprised of community members, staff, Glencoe Public Safety representatives, and Board of Education members reviewed options from the three independent groups and offered recommendations for enhancements and changes.

The Board of Education Facilities Committee and Finance Committee are currently reviewing recommendations from the District committee. Glencoe Public Safety also continues to partner with the School District in offering assistance in completing this study.

Register for Weekly eNews

South, West and Central Schools each have their building news posted online for families, students and community members. Parents and community members may also sign-up to automatically receive the District newsletter via e-mail. To do so, register at the School District website, www.glencoeschools.org.

Summer Construction

There was a significant amount of work in and around Central School during summer break. The three current mechanical systems at Central School, which date back to 1926, 1939, and 1967, were updated to a geothermal system. One hundred eight wells were drilled, loop piping completed, and ventilation units installed in classrooms to convert the heating and cooling for the building. A fluid circulates through the loop piping system and into geothermal units within the building to either heat or cool the fluid. The geothermal system will offer the opportunity for all areas of Central School to be both heated and air conditioned.

Advantages of this system include the ability for each classroom or space to be individually temperature controlled, an energy efficient system, an environmentally responsible option, and lower operating and maintenance costs for the School District. The earth will help to heat the liquid in the winter months and cool the liquid in the summer months. When only energy usage is considered, the payback period for this upgraded system is approximately 9.5 years. If operations savings are also considered, the payback period is less than 5 years. Funding for the approximately $4.5 million projects comes from bond proceeds identified for maintenance and repair projects, an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant, and a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant.

2013 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. There were changes to the 2013 ISAT as the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) changed both the cut scores and the test content for the Reading and Mathematics subtests. Approximately 20% of the 2013 test content was based upon the Common Core State Standards. The percentage of Common Core State Standards questions will continue to increase to 100% in 2014.

As a result of changes to the 2013 ISAT cut scores and test content, all school districts have been reminded that the number of students who meet and exceed standards is expected to drop significantly. Some students who previously met or exceeded standards will be classified as needing improvement. However, these new expectations do not mean that our students know less than they did before or are less capable than they were in previous years. Instead, it means the State of Illinois is raising the bar on how well students are prepared to meet college and career readiness benchmarks.

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

...that Glencoe students used to receive a 1.5 hour lunch break so that they could eat lunch at home? The image below of a very crowded bicycle rack was captured at South School in the 1970’s.

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