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Coming Events & Key Dates

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 9
Spring Forward One Hour

Boy Scout Troop 28 Spaghetti Dinner
Monday, March 10 | 5:30 p.m.
Glencoe Union Church

Illinois General Primary Election Day
Tuesday, March 18
Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up
Wednesdays, May 7 & 14
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Memorial Day Parade & Service
Monday, May 26
Parade: 10:30 a.m. beginning at Central School
Service: 11:00 a.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park

Glencoe Grand Prix
Saturday, May 31

MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor:

During the last few years we have become so accustomed to warm temperatures and low amounts of snow, we begin to think our little Village is in a southern climate. This year, the law of averages has caught up with us.

Instead of temperatures averaging around 37 degrees, we have been treated to arctic blasts and learned a new term, “Polar Vortex,” which means “miserably dangerous cold spells” and school closings! We owe a tremendous debt to all the hard working members of our Public Works and Public Safety Departments for the exceptional effort they have put forth keeping our streets clear and passable, and our Village safe, throughout this record breaking winter.

Normally our snow storms are spread out with time for the prior storm’s snow to be fully cleared before we receive the next batch. But not this year. Just from December 1 to February 15, Public Works has had to respond to more than 45 snow and ice events. We have had more than 66.8 inches of snow to mid-February, already making this the 3rd snowiest winter on record.

Our crews have had to work 12 hour shifts, 24 hours a day repeatedly just to keep our streets open and passable. We are running out of places to put the snow we move to clear our downtown parking lots. The process involves stockpiling the excess snow at key points and then as time and weather permit, trucking it to remote storage lots to await a spring like melt.

It is very difficult to maintain ice free streets when the temperatures continuously fall to an artic level, as they have so repeatedly this winter. Even salt does not work at those temperatures. We use a variety of methods, including various pretreating solutions, to try and minimize the accumulation of ice on our streets.

Our Public Works crews, through their tireless dedication, have worked many “miracles” this winter to keep our streets usable. They have used over 1000 tons of salt so far as compared to our normal total winter usage of 600 to 700 tons.

While the snow has been blowing, both the Village and the Northwest Water Commission (“NWC”) have each continued to separately study if a partnership would be in each of our best interests. The NWC has been exploring, for example, whether its potential expansion to include additional users, such as Des Plaines, is feasible and appropriate. The indications are that it will be many months before the NWC completes its strategic planning and is prepared to make decisions. At the same time the Village staff has continued to work with our consultant, Strand Associates, on developing the Village’s cost models for the various options for the future of our water facility.

The models will permit the staff to evaluate all feasible and practical options for upgrading the Village’s existing Water Treatment Facility; includes a review of options within the Village’s property that contains the existing plant, other beachfront options, and other alternative locations within and outside of Glencoe’s corporate limits, as well as options that would include the Village no longer producing water.

It is expected that it will take 10 to 12 months before the Village and the NWC complete their due diligence process. Once the Village staff complete their reviews, we will begin a public process of explaining the options and will seek your input on what is the appropriate next step.

They say that in Illinois we only have two seasons, snow and construction. Even in our little Village there are times when that appears to be true. Once the snow stops and summer comes Writers Theatre expects to break ground for its exciting new structure. Village staff are already working on the plan for mitigating the expected downtown disruptions that any construction project of this size entails.

When we add to the Writers project, the resurfacing of some of the downtown streets previously scheduled for this summer, it is clear that our challenging winter will be turning into an interesting summer as well.

Sincerely,

Larry Levin
Village Board President
Get Ready for Spring Clean-Up!
The Village will again offer the one-day annual Spring Clean-Up service in early May to provide residents with an opportunity to dispose of items that are not generally included with normal garbage collection service. The dates for this year’s Spring Clean-Up are:

**Wednesday, May 7**
for Monday & Tuesday Primary Garbage Collection Days

**Wednesday, May 14**
for Thursday & Friday Primary Garbage Collection Days

Look for more information about this popular Village service and a list of permitted disposal materials on the Village website. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4134.

Village Board Adopts Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

The Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Budget approved by the Village Board at its February 20, 2014 Meeting includes $25,889,497 in expenditures. Included in that total is $5.6 Million in capital purchases, including the Elm Place Basin Storm Sewer Improvements ($1.4 Million), street resurfacing ($1.0 Million), sanitary sewer improvements ($400,000), sidewalk repairs ($100,000) and replacement of vehicles necessary to provide services.

The only fee change included in the budget is an adjustment to the quarterly residential garbage service fee from $37.56 to $49.57 effective with services beginning March 1, 2014. The approved increase returns this change to the 2012 fee level. For more information on the Village’s budget process, please visit [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org).

Renew Your Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses

Vehicle sticker applications will be mailed to all owners of vehicles registered in Glencoe. If you do not receive an application, contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113. There is a discount if your vehicle sticker is purchased prior to April 15. The Public Safety Department will begin license enforcement on May 1.

The 2014 vehicle sticker design was created by 3rd grader Phoebe Paster. She submitted the winning entry in the Human Relations Forum’s Vehicle Sticker Design Contest, where students were asked to illustrate a design celebrating the Glencoe Public Safety Department’s 60th anniversary.

Pet license renewal fees are also due by April 15. Tags for new pets are available at Village Hall during normal business hours. Tags issued in 2010 or later are good for the life your the pet; therefore, new tags need not be issued. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must accompany the renewal fee. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113.

Cross Connection Control Program

Look for changes in the administration of the Village’s Cross Connection Control Program in 2014. Visit the Village website for more details at [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org).

Village Employee Spotlight

- **Lieutenant Mark Wold**
  - Hired October 1990
  - Promoted to Lieutenant November 2013

- **Officer Mary O’Sullivan**
  - Hired December 1991
  - Retired December 2013

- **Lieutenant Michael Neimark**
  - Hired April 1990
  - Promoted to Lieutenant January 2014

Participate in the 50/50 Tree Planting Program

Each year the Village shares the cost of planting parkway trees with interested residents through the annual tree planting program. If your parkway is full or unsuitable for planting, you may want to consider donating a tree for another public right-of-way location. You can suggest a location or leave that decision to Village staff. In either case, Village staff will handle the details. Beginning in 1996, trees were offered for planting on private property as well. While residents bear the full cost and an additional planting fee for private property planting, prices are still very competitive. In general, any of the trees offered this year should be planted no closer than 25 feet from any other tree and no closer than 10 feet from any structures. The trees will be planted in November guaranteed for 2 years. Call the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111 for more information or visit [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org) and search Tree Programs.

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 25

The Village of Glencoe has been receiving The Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA award for the past 20 years. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization of nearly one million members with a mission to inspire people to plant, celebrate and nurture trees. The Foundation plants and distributes more than 10 million trees each year and recognizes more than 3,300 communities through the Tree City USA program, which honors cities and towns, including Glencoe, that are committed to planting and nurturing trees.

Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity for all property owners to take inventory of their trees and plan for future growth. Besides their most important role of providing oxygen and removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, trees also improve the look of your property and provide protection from wind and heat.

Glencoe will celebrate Arbor Day with The Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at West School. Please visit the Village’s website in early April for complete details.
The Glencoe Golf Club is your neighborhood gathering place for golf. Join us and enjoy the best conditioned golf course on the North Shore, right in your backyard. The Club offers competitive greens fees, junior golf camps, professional golf lessons, and club fittings; we also serve a full menu in our restaurant. We hope to see you this season enjoying the golf facility, the Academy and our special events.

Junior Golf Camps begin the week of June 10th and offer a variety of classes based on skill level. Half day camps as well as full day camps are available for juniors between the ages of 5 and 17. The camp program, taught by PGA instructors, includes training time on the golf course to teach course management and etiquette. Each participant will receive 5 FREE rounds of golf or 10 large range buckets for use during the season to practice their new skills. Sign up today to guarantee your preferred week of camp.

The Glencoe Golf Academy is not just for junior golfers. Our PGA instructors are equipped to help everyone improve all aspects of their golf game. The Academy utilizes the latest in teaching technology to help you get the most out of your lesson experience. Advanced technology helps you improve scoring by providing visual feedback on your swing that you can refer to throughout the season. Information on private lessons, group lessons and clinics as well as our instructors can be found on our website.

Seniors will enjoy savings at the Club all year by becoming a member of the senior membership program. This $25 membership will allow senior golfers, 60 years young and up, to play at a discounted rate every day of the week with some restrictions. Membership cards are now available, so start saving with your first round of the season.

Hel’s Kitchen will open April 1 and offers a wide variety of menu items to suit any taste. Whether you’re grabbing a burger and a beer after a round of golf or just enjoying the company of friends and family, stop by our outdoor deck overlooking the golf course for a great view and delicious food.

Please visit our website at www.glencoegolfclub.com for more information.

Join us at the course this season!

Infrastructure Improvements Continuing in 2014

In 2012, Glencoe residents approved a bond referendum for $8.5 million to finance infrastructure and capital improvements throughout the Village. Here is an update on work that will continue during 2014.

Storm Water Drainage Improvements: Two major storm sewer improvements are scheduled for completion in 2014. Engineering design is underway for the Elm Place Basin Improvements. This project will be bid in early spring with construction anticipated this summer. The Greenwood Basin Improvements that began in the fall of 2013 will be completed this spring. Both of these projects involve the installation of new larger capacity storm sewer pipe intended to relieve the frequency and severity of flooding in these two basin areas. Residents directly impacted by construction activity will be notified in advance. Detailed construction updates will be posted regularly on the Village website.

Street Resurfacing: The Village will continue maintenance street resurfacing in 2014. This program includes the grinding and removal of 2-3 inches of asphalt, some patching repairs to the roadway base and resurfacing with new asphalt. This year, the contract will include three downtown streets (Village Ct., Vernon Ave., and Park Ave.). Staff is currently finalizing the list of additional streets to be included in 2014. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in summer. For construction schedule updates look to the Village website.

Sanitary Sewer Lining: The 2014 budget also includes funding for sanitary sewer lining, a process for rehabilitating deteriorated sanitary sewer main pipe without conventional excavation. Staff will finalize the inventory to be included in the 2014 contract this spring. This work is anticipated to be completed in late summer.

Residential Sidewalk Replacement: Village Staff will be inspecting existing sidewalk conditions in early spring in preparation for the annual contract for removal and replacement of deteriorated and damaged residential sidewalk. The budget for the 2014 program is $100,000. Residents can report potential sidewalk replacement locations to the Public Works Department.

For detailed information and regular updates on these projects, please visit the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org or contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.
Village Sewer Facts & Information

Sewer Backup Maintenance: If you experience a sanitary or storm sewer backup this spring, remember to call Public Works before calling a plumber. This simple action may save you the expense of an unnecessary service call. Public Works staff will check the Village’s collector sewers to make sure they are flowing properly and advise you of the status. Owners of pre-1960 homes typically have clay pipe for their sewer services, and it is advisable to have these services rodded out on a regular basis.

For problems during the regular business day, call the Public Works office at 847-835-4111 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. At all other times, call the Public Safety non-emergency number at 847-835-4112 to report a problem. An on-call Public Works Supervisor will be paged to respond.

Sewer Do’s & Don’ts: The Village operates and maintains two separate sewer systems: sanitary and storm. The sanitary sewer system transports sewage from the plumbing in your home through a larger system and ultimately to a treatment plant outside the Village. Be careful what you flush into the system from your home. Handi-Wipes, disposable diapers, rags, and cleaning products or cooking grease should not be flushed as they do not break down and can clog sewer mains and critical lift station pumps. You should place these types of materials in your trash. The storm sewer system transports runoff from rain events to either Lake Michigan or the tributary to the North Branch of the Chicago River. Trash and litter that enters the street catch basins is carried to these natural waterways. An increasing problem in the Village is dog walkers depositing plastic bags with dog waste into the Village’s street storm basins. In addition to polluting the environment through our natural waterways, the bags can expand and catch other debris in the sewer pipe and cause blockages and backups. Please place all trash and debris in a proper trash receptacle.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

As the time change approaches on Sunday, March 9, the Public Safety Department wants to remind residents to make another important change - changing the batteries in flashlights and portable radios.

Spring and summer months bring heightened awareness of severe weather. Storms, floods, and other natural disasters can instantly disrupt daily lives and leave residents without electrical power. A short power outage might result in no more than the inconvenience of resetting clocks, but loss of power for longer durations can result in the risk of injury, illness and even death. To save lives and prevent injuries, the Department of Public Safety participates in the spring Power Through It All campaign. This program urges all to adopt the simple habit of changing batteries in flashlights and portable radios when changing clocks forward to daylight savings time each spring, this year on Sunday, March 9.

An emergency power kit including a portable radio, working flashlights, portable cell phone charger and extra batteries, can help families stay safe and connected in the event of a power outage. A portable radio provides vital information about conditions that led to the outage, warns of continuing weather threats and is a source of advice and information on emergency help and news of when power might be restored. A simple flashlight can prevent injury and a portable radio can be a family’s most informative link to the world. But neither would be of useful without a fresh supply of batteries!

Travel to China with the Chamber

The Glencoe Chamber is sponsoring a trip to Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai from October 9-17, 2014. The trip is open to all Glencoe residents, families and friends and our business community.

A few highlights of the trip include climbing the Great Wall, visiting the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City and Tian An Men Square in Beijing, and in Suzhou, visiting the serene Lingering Garden and enjoying a canal ride. In Hangzhou you will cruise West Lake with its pagoda bridge, visit a tea plantation and the centuries-old Lingyin Temple. The last stop is Shanghai, where you will see the famous Bund, the Yu Gardens, take a Maglev train ride and explore the old town bazaar.

The cost of this trip includes airfare, deluxe hotels, three meals a day, sightseeing excursions, visits and shopping at jade, silk and pearl factories, experienced guides, taxes and airport fees—and the cost is only $2,899 per person for double room occupancy. The travel agency organizing the tour has led Chamber groups from all over the United States, and is well equipped to handle all the arrangements efficiently and comprehensively.

For more information and the opportunity to ask questions, there is a no-obligation orientation meeting on Monday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Avenue. This spring, be sure to check the Chamber’s website for updates at www.glencoechamber.org or email glencoechamber@yahoo.com.
Real-Time Registration

This spring, instead of using a program lottery, the Park District will process registrations on a first-come, first-served basis. Spring Real-Time Registration will start at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9.

“The program lottery was originally developed to help eliminate long lines,” said Lorise Weil, Registration/Customer Service Manager. “Our new software system and expanded program offerings have made the lottery process antiquated."

Instead of waiting for the lottery, Real-Time Registration immediately confirms registration online. “You can still register in person, by mail, or by fax. But, online registration is the best way to ensure your spot,” said Weil. “It is also the fastest and most convenient way to register.”

If you haven't already, we suggest setting up a household account before April 9. That way, on April 9, you can log on, click on the class you want, and finish in a few minutes!

To create a household account, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com. If you have any questions, please call 847-835-3030.

FROM THE PARK BENCH

Dear Glencoe Friends and Neighbors:

As the weather starts to warm up, we are focusing on the idea “No Child Left Inside”. Studies have linked outdoor activity as essential to fighting obesity and reducing symptoms associated with attention deficit disorder, depression, and stress. Outdoor play is also linked to increases in students’ grade point averages, more efficient classroom learning, as well as positive associations with children's physical fitness, concentration, memory, behaviors, and school satisfaction.

Environmental education programs, like our new Nature Exploration Camp, have shown increases in mastery of science concepts, cooperation and conflict resolution skills, self-esteem, problem solving, motivation to learn, and many more positive attributes. Our one and two week camp sessions will blend team-building skills with nature orienteering and physical activities. Registration for Nature Exploration Camp, as well as our traditional and specialty sport camps, is now available online at www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.

This summer, we're traveling to a new Glencoe park each week to offer Park-n-Play. The new, free series will focus on getting kids outside by providing family-friendly outdoor activities. Each week, we'll play games, lead family fitness and dance classes, or create an art project using materials found in nature. Look for details in the Spring/Summer Guide, which will be in your mailbox the second week of March. The guide will include other family-friendly outdoor events, including a children's mini-biathlon, campouts and paddle-boarding on the beach, and a weekly outdoor concert series for kids.

The outdoor spaces and places that make up the Glencoe Park District will be the focus of our forthcoming Master Plan. We will be taking an in-depth look at our property and developing strategies and tactics to move us into the next ten years. Our last Master Plan, which was developed in 2001, included strategies to build today’s Takiff Center, renovate playgrounds like Friends Park, and more. We know the new Master Plan will help guide the creation of places and systems that are not only more attractive and user-friendly, but also sustainable. The entire process will be creative, yet firmly grounded within our financial means. Keep reading for more information on our Master Planning process and how you can get involved.

From organized sports, like tennis and lacrosse, to enjoying Glencoe's forty-four acres of park space and our beautiful lakefront, we offer a variety of activities and spaces for you to go outside and play!

Sincerely,
Bob Kimble, President, Board of Commissioners
Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director
Welcome, Dave!

The Glencoe Park District welcomes Dave Figgins as their new Director of Recreation and Facilities.

"With more than twenty-five years in the park district world, Dave has a great deal of experience managing recreation programs, events, athletic areas, recreation centers, aquatic facilities, inland lakefront beach operations, indoor ice rinks and golf courses," said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director of the Glencoe Park District. "We are thrilled to welcome Dave to our team."

"I can already tell Glencoe Park District has a great team and great momentum. I'm thrilled to be on the team," said Figgins. When asked why he loves his job, Figgins replied, "We are in the business of making people happy and having fun. And you get to see direct, tangible results of your efforts every day." Figgins’ immediate priorities include getting to know the Glencoe community. "I'm always available to meet Glencoe residents to discuss ideas," said Figgins.

Figgins previously held the position of Superintendent of Recreation at the Prospect Heights Park District for thirteen years. He has also held progressive leadership roles at park districts in Lindenhurst, Joliet, and Niles. He received a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Parks Administration from Western Illinois University and master's degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University.
**Don’t Miss Our Upcoming Events!**

**NEW Adult Program! Alicia, My Story**
1-3 PM | Thursday, March 6 | Takiff Center | Activity: 420720-01
Holocaust survivor Alicia Appleman Jurman's story is one of courage, love, the heroism of children and the celebration of human dignity. Dramatist Betsey Means will entertain us with her one-woman portrayal of Alicia Appleman Jurman. Event includes performance, dessert buffet and refreshments.

**Preschool Princess Ball**
5-6:30 PM | Sunday, March 9 | Takiff Center | Activity: 420848-05/06
Prince Charming, invite your favorite little princess to join us for a magical evening! The royal ball includes music, dancing, crafts, a buffet dinner and a special appearance by some of your favorite Disney princesses. Advanced registration required by March 2; recommended for girls ages 2-5 and their special guest.

**NEW! Mother-Daughter Spring Tea**
9:45-11:30 AM | April 5 | Takiff Center | Activity: 420810-01/02
Little ladies and their special guests are invited to a spring tea party! Each couple will decorate sugar cookies, create a tea cup floral arrangement, and create spring crafts. Dainty delights and light refreshments will be served. Little Ladies, bring your favorite doll or bear to share in the fun! Advanced registration required by March 2; recommended for girls grades K-3 and their special guest.

**NEW! Magic Class**
5-6 PM | Wednesday, April 9 | Takiff Center | Activity: 411607-01
Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks from the "Magic Team of Gary Kantor!"

**FREE! Spring Egg Hunt**
10-11 AM | Saturday, April 19 | Watts Park | Preschool-Grade 3
Bring your basket and get ready for an egg hunt! We're hiding eggs, filled with surprises, throughout Watts Park. After the hunt, wander inside to take photos with the Spring Bunny, make egg-inspired crafts and play fun games. Food will be available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be relocated to the Takiff Center; for weather related information, call 847-835-7970.

**FREE! Biscuits, Bones & Bunnies: Hound Hunt**
11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Saturday, April 19 | Watts Park
Egg hunting is for the DOGS! Let your pup search for treat-filled eggs and pose for pictures with the Spring Bunny. Special eggs, filled with doggie treats, will be hidden throughout Watts Park. Dress your pup in a festive hat to join the Spring Bonnet Parade. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled; for weather related information, call 847-835-7970.

**FREE! Earth Day Clean-Up**
Friday, April 18 | Kalk Park
In honor of Earth Day, we're teaming up with students from District 35 to clean-up popular Glencoe locations. Students will be treated to a picnic lunch in Kalk Park in recognition of their efforts. This is a cooperative effort with the PTO, Village of Glencoe, and Glencoe Park District.

**NEW! School Day-Off Fun: Clay & Play Workshop**
9 AM - 3 PM | Friday, April 18 | Takiff Center | Activity: 411420-01
Play games in the gym and make a ceramic masterpiece with Miss Natalie! Fee includes all activities and pizza lunch. Drop off and pick up is at the Takiff Center.

**NEW! Meet the Fleet**
5:30-6:30 PM | Wednesday, May 14 | Takiff Center
See, touch, and safely explore your favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as to meet the personnel who protect, serve, and build the Glencoe community. Construction trucks, emergency responder vehicles, tractor trailers, utility trucks, and more will be on display. Plus, visit with the doctors, dentists, and other community helpers that make Glencoe run safely! There is fun for children and adults alike!
Glencoe’s Fourth of July Fireworks Display

Changes to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations on fireworks over open bodies of water forced the Park District Board of Commissioners to make a tough decision at the January 21 regular meeting.

“Our tradition of shooting fireworks off of a barge in Lake Michigan cannot continue under new U.S. Coast Guard regulations,” said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director of the Glencoe Park District. “Unfortunately, the barges that meet the regulations will not be available for Glencoe’s Fourth of July fireworks display.”

Water depth, distance from shore, size of the barge, and fallout zones for the fireworks display are all factors dictated by the Coast Guard law. Any barge on open water must have an ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) certification; only two ABS barges are in the Chicago area, which puts them in high demand. Firework displays in Chicago utilize the Chicago River and do not need to follow the open water requirements set forth by the Coast Guard.

Staff from the Glencoe Park District, the Village of Glencoe, and Melrose Pyrotechnics met early this year to look for alternative locations for fireworks in Glencoe. Professional fireworks displays require a fallout zone with a minimum radius of 350 feet. The fallout zone must be clear of people while the show is set up and executed (approximately 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.).

Potential locations included Watts Park, Kalk Park, the Takiff Center, and the Glencoe Boating Beach. All of the area parks were eliminated due to the proximity of residential homes located within the required fallout zone. The group also examined the Glencoe Golf Course, but traffic accessibility, safety concerns, and course damage eliminated it as a possibility.

Shooting fireworks from the Glencoe Bathing Beach was deemed the safest option, but it is not without pitfalls: in order to set off fireworks from the beach, Glencoe Beach will need to be closed on July 4 for the entire day and the Boating Beach will be open limited hours. Spectators will be able to watch the show from Lakefront Park.

“We investigated every option. In this land-locked community, we really had one choice: cancel the fireworks or provide a safe show by closing the beach for the day,” said Bob Kimble, President of the Board of Commissioners. “There is no perfect solution.”

The Board agreed 4-0 to set the fireworks off on Glencoe Beach on July 4th. “There is a silver lining. Instead of paying for a barge, we have an opportunity to enhance our fireworks display and the events leading up to the show,” said Sheppard.

Historically, the Patriotic Days Committee has contributed to the overall success of the day. Ninety percent of the costs associated with the Fourth of July are subsidized by the Glencoe Park District. Last year, the Village of Glencoe contributed $4,000 and provided Public Safety in-kind support. The Glencoe Park District and the Village of Glencoe work together on planning, staffing, and logistics associated with the Fourth of July.

The Park District and Village are forming a new planning committee to enhance Glencoe’s celebration. If you would like to join the steering committee, please contact the Park District at 847-835-3030 or info@glencoeparkdistrict.com.

Master Plan Process

It is time again to ask the question: are we providing the parks, facilities, and services that best suit our residents?

Although the question sounds simple, getting to the answer is a disciplined and systematic process that combines both scientific analysis of the Park District’s assets and programs with a clear understanding of the needs of Glencoe’s residents.

This month, the Park District began working on a ten-year Master Plan. The nine-month process will seek extensive input from the Board of Commissioners, staff, key stakeholders, other government entities, and Glencoe residents.

“The end goal is a consensus on preferred strategies and a road map for implementation that is clear to the public and attainable to the District,” said Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director.

Utilizing a team headed by Heller and Heller Consulting, Glencoe Park District will work with architects, analysts, and experts to develop a plan for the next ten years. The end result will include short, intermediate, and long-term goals and a strategy for implementing plans.

“We look forward to working with the District in the creation of future direction and vision for the agency,” said Barbara Heller, President, Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc. “Together, we will create places and systems that are not only more attractive and user-friendly, but are genuinely sustainable – not just environmentally, but functionally, culturally, and economically as well.”

A series of community focus groups, surveys, and stakeholder interviews will be held in late spring/early summer. If you are interested in getting involved in the Master Planning Process, please send an email to info@glencoeparkdistrict.com.
After a bitterly cold start to 2014 requiring several school cancellations, both students and teachers have energetically focused on learning in their warm classrooms. The safety of our students, teachers, administrators, and staff is of utmost importance, and we appreciate the community’s patience and understanding with the scheduling changes.

March is Music in Our Schools Month, but music is in our schools every month. Music education is an important priority for our District, and NAMM recognized our District with a Best Communities for Music Award for its outstanding commitment to music education. This would not be possible without the incredible talent, dedication and patience of our music teachers who work every day with our students. This hard work culminates in numerous band, chorus and orchestra performances throughout the year. Recently, the 6th Grade Jazz Band had the opportunity to perform during New Trier’s Jazz Fest, providing an additional opportunity for performance, practice, and instruction. Additionally, numerous music clubs entice our students to arrive at school early to strengthen and broaden their music education. These clubs include Guitar Club and Chorus Club at South and West (generously funded by the PTO), as well as Fiddle Club, Chamber Club, Jazz Band, Flute Ensemble and Folk Band at Central.

The Board has been busy over the last few months. In February the Board approved Transportation Fees for the District and reviewed the importance of registration for bus service by the May 28 deadline. Over the summer, District staff works extremely hard to plan and to coordinate safe and efficient bus routes for our students. Timely registration allows the bus drivers to start the school year with correct and practiced bus routes. Parents will then have more accurate information on their child’s specific bus pick up and drop off times at the beginning of the school year. We are grateful for your help with this registration.

In addition, we are pleased that the Illinois State Board of Education recently gave our District a Financial Profile Score of Financial Recognition, which is the highest possible category. These profiles are intended to assist in monitoring the finances of school districts and to identify those that are in or moving toward financial difficulty. Assessed factors include Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio, Expenditure to Revenue Ratio, Days Cash on Hand, Percent of Short-Term Borrowing Maximum Remaining, and Percent of Long-Term Debt Margin Remaining.

Looking forward, Dr. Cathlene Crawford will be retiring as Superintendent of our District at the end June 2015. Dr. Crawford has dedicated twenty years of exceptional service to our District, including seventeen years serving as our Superintendent. The Board has already commenced the search process to fill this position, starting with development of a detailed plan and timeline for the process. This plan includes collecting community, teacher, administrator and staff input; drafting and posting the job description; and interviewing and evaluating candidates. Hiring a new superintendent is one of the Board’s most important responsibilities, and we are prepared for a process driven, comprehensive, and thorough search.

As a Board, we represent the views of our community. Please share your views with us, either by contacting us at our District email addresses or by attending monthly Board of Education Meetings held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. ■

Sincerely,

Julie Ackerman
Board of Education Member

Students as Teachers

6th grade science students recently took on the role of teacher when they traveled to South School to work with 2nd grade students. Within their earth science unit, second graders investigate the properties of water and air and their forces. Sixth graders also study air and water properties as they expand their knowledge of weather and climate change. The sixth grade students brought experiments and activities to help the second graders investigate the properties of air and the effect air and water pressure have on objects. ■
Snow Day Make-Up

This has been an extraordinary year for school closings due to the cold and inclement weather. The Board of Education will formally approve an amended calendar after the winter months have passed. At this point in time the snow days will be made-up with students attending school on Monday, April 21st, previously identified for a Teacher Institute Day, and the school year will be extended by two days with students attending on Friday, June 6th and Monday, June 9th. Assuming there will be no additional snow days during this school year, the final day of school will be June 9th and Summer Explorations will begin on Wednesday, June 11th.

Transportation Registration

The Board of Education recently approved the following transportation fees for the 2014-2015 school year:

**Kindergarten-4th grade:**
The cost to ride the bus for the school year, regardless of distance from school, is $525 per child. Pick up or drop off at the Takiff Community Center is possible on days children attend after or before school programs.

**5th-8th grade:**
Parents have the option of morning and/or afternoon service at the rate of $200 each way for the school year. The afternoon Central School bus departs at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Registration for bus service received or postmarked after Wednesday, May 28, 2014 will be subject to a late fee. Late fee charges are $50 per child. In order to develop the bus routes and avoid changes to pick-up and drop-off times, parents are urged to complete transportation registration by May 28th.

To register online go to www.glencoeschools.org/transportation.lasso.

8th Annual Glencoe Grand Prix

Saturday, May 31st marks the eighth running of the Glencoe Educational Foundation’s Glencoe Grand Prix bike race. This annual event is a joint effort with Glencoe Public Works, Glencoe Public Safety, and the Village of Glencoe. Thanks to the support of numerous corporate sponsors this annual community event benefits the Glencoe School District.

In the days leading up to the Grand Prix students hear from world-class cyclists traveling to Glencoe from all parts of the United States, as well as other countries. Cyclists speak to students about their personal experiences, commitment and dedication, and the lessons they have learned through their chosen sport.

We encourage you to enjoy this day with your family as world-class cyclists race through the streets of Glencoe. Details regarding the Glencoe Grand Prix can be found at www.glencoegrandprix.com.

PTO Program Enhancements

Thanks to the generosity of the Glencoe PTO, the Central School Fitness Lab has been upgraded. This funding has enhanced the quality and increased the number of pieces of equipment such as treadmills, stationery bicycles, rowing and elliptical machines. Students in 5th-8th grades rotate through the fitness lab as a part of their physical education. The unit focuses upon cardio and strength training and is designed to teach and reinforce life long fitness habits and skills.

The Glencoe PTO also provided funding to purchase instruments for the band, orchestra and vocal music programs at Central School. Students in 5th grade participate in chorus and either band or orchestra with the option to continue in these programs during 6th-8th grades. Thanks to the PTO new instruments available for students include the cello, viola, violin, flute, baritone, baritone sax, and a chime tree.

West School Receives a SWANCC Larger Scope Grant

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has named West School one of two schools to receive $2500 under the new Larger Scope Grant. West School submitted a proposal to increase composting and decrease the number of single-sided paper sheets in recycling bins. The funds will be used to purchase additional solar cones and “use it twice” bins to place in each classroom. The students of West School are actively involved in the process to refresh the green efforts at West School. Student council members participated in a recent waste audit to gather baseline data for recycling and single-sided paper usage. Students will also be active in the classroom instruction around the three R’s (reduce, reuse, recycle) as classrooms work to “be nice and use it twice”.
Music in Our Schools Month

March is Music in Our Schools Month and in Glencoe School District we believe music education:

- is vital to the full cognitive social and emotional development of each child
- provides a positive, nurturing and safe environment which allows students to take risks and challenge themselves with musical concepts
- builds confidence and self-esteem through a shared aesthetic experience
- enhances cultural understanding and acceptance of both past and present
- provides students a unique vehicle to achieve excellence either alone or in cooperation with others
- leads to greater understanding and appreciation of music that will last a lifetime.

Students participate in music classes in kindergarten through 6th grade and have the option to continue vocal and/or instrumental music in 7th and 8th grades. In addition to classroom instruction students participate in music related clubs or ensembles before and after school and perform in concerts for family and friends throughout the school year. These opportunities contribute to the District’s Strategic Themes of providing a climate of exploration for students and connections among experiences. For more information about the Music in Our Schools curriculum go to the District web site at http://www.glencoeschools.org/district/parent_resources_more/fine_arts_in_our_schools/.

Summer Explorations 2014

Enriching and exciting courses await Glencoe students participating in District 35’s Summer Explorations. The summer school program runs each morning from June 11th to July 3rd. The majority of classes will be hosted at West School.

Online registration for District 35 Summer Explorations will begin on Wednesday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. Visit http://summerschool.glencoeschools.org for a preview (beginning March 4th) of the Summer Explorations catalog. Registration will end on Wednesday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m. Some classes have limited space and early registration is encouraged.

For questions, please contact Christine Pasquesi at 847-835-7803.

A.M. Art Club

Before starting their school day a group of Central School students gather at 7:30 a.m. in the art room to work on projects created by Mrs. Bauer. A recent project wove together sewing and service learning. Students created, stitched, and tied scarves and gloves, which were in turn donated to students at Kilmer School in Chicago. Our thanks to the students and Mrs. Bauer for their imaginative and artistic contributions.

Standards and Assessments Update

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) has been modified once again for the March 2014 statewide testing. These modifications are intended to align the state assessment more closely with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This is scheduled to be the final year for use of the ISAT in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. The Science portion of the ISAT will continue in 4th and 7th grades. During the 2013-2014 school year field-testing of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments will also be conducted in school districts across 17 states. The PARCC testing aligns with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts.

Throughout the year Mrs. Wang, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, has updated the Board of Education on these changes. The grade level progressions of English Language Arts and Mathematics standards have been shared; instructional shifts have also been highlighted as our teaching teams are actively involved in addressing the standards in the classroom. These shifts include key changes such as a balance of literary and non-fiction text, the use of textual evidence to support thinking, and the development of academic vocabulary across content areas. Professional development options continue to address the shifts to the Common Core State Standards across our K-8 classrooms.

2014 Financial Profile Designation

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) developed the “School District Financial Profile” to monitor the finances of school districts and identify those in or moving toward financial difficulty. The Profile includes indicators that are individually scored and weighted in order to arrive at a Total Profile Score and applicable designation. Those indicators include:

1. Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio
2. Expenditure to Revenue Ratio
3. Days Cash on Hand
4. Percent of Short-Term Borrowing Maximum Remaining
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Each indicator is scored in order to obtain a district’s overall School District Financial Profile Score. This overall score is computed annually. Each indicator is calculated and the results are given a score of four, three, two, or one with four being the highest and best category possible. Each indicator is weighted and the sum determines a district’s overall “Total Profile Score”. If a district receives a score of 3.54 - 4.00, they are in the highest category of financial strength - Financial Recognition. The 2014 Financial Profile Designation is based on the 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report Data. District 35 received a score of 3.9, Financial Recognition.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Friend and Neighbor:

We are honored to be joining all of our wonderful Glencoe partners within the pages of the Glencoe Quarterly. As Glencoe’s only comprehensive community-based social service agency, FSG provides essential services to residents that help make our village stronger, healthier and safer every day.

One hundred years ago, we began as The Glencoe Relief and Aid Society, which was formed after a house fire devastated the life of a local family. A group of citizens rallied to their aid, instinctively understanding what we know still makes our village so special today: that Glencoe is a community of people who care for one another. Their legacy -- of kindness, of caring, and a singular focus on improving the lives of fellow village residents in need -- lives on today. In this, our 100th year of service to the Glencoe community, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to share our story.

Have you heard about Family Service of Glencoe? Maybe you know us for our professional, affordable, confidential counseling services for individuals, children, teens, couples and families, available on a sliding scale to those who live or work in the community. Our staff of Licensed Clinical Social Workers have many years of practice and experience on the North Shore for the kinds of issues and struggles that can happen no matter what your zip code: anxiety and depression, addiction, grief and loss, parent-child stress, inter-family conflict, school issues, family violence, and more.

SO MUCH MORE THAN COUNSELING

In the coming months, we hope that you’ll come to know us for more than just our counseling program -- and we’ll be sharing more information about the breadth of FSG’s prevention, treatment and intervention programs and services that help make our village stronger, healthier and safer every day. We look forward to sharing some of the many reasons why we believe our non-profit social service agency is truly the heart of our community. We support the emotional health of individuals and families, from toddlers to seniors, with programs and services that respond to community needs, build community connection, and lend support for the difficult times that life can bring.

We offer parents insights into the topics parents tell us they want to know more about, like childhood anxiety, dealing with death and loss, the “social explosion” of 7th grade, teen risk-taking behaviors, and more. Our Glencoe Parent Connection discussion groups help parents find support and camaraderie as they navigate the sometimes wild and winding road of parenthood. We offer mind-body awareness classes like Family Yoga to help parents and kids learn the calming skills we all need when life gets stressful. Our Youth and Family Outreach Team partners with the schools and other dedicated local organizations to identify, prevent and treat the social and emotional issues our young people -- and their families -- are facing. We make well visits to seniors, and partner with the Committee for Senior Housing Aid for Glencoe to help make it financially possible for elderly residents to stay in this community they know and love. And we’re there for the community when times truly get tough, with our 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-a-year Crisis Intervention Service in partnership with Glencoe Public Safety. If there’s a house fire, a domestic violence incident or dispute, a sudden death, a suicide attempt, or other crisis requiring Public Safety assistance, one of our Crisis Counselors will be there, providing the kind of immediate emotional support that can make all the difference in times of great need.

OUR DONORS MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE

Though Glencoe may be known for its lakeside beauty and affluence, there are many people here who struggle financially. We are here to support the emotional health of all families, regardless of ability to pay. Our work could not be accomplished without the support of our partners like the Village of Glencoe, New Trier Township and our incredible foundations and corporate donors. Most notably, the generosity of the many village residents who give to support our efforts helps us to create a stronger, healthier, safer Glencoe.

COMMUNITY-WIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

In honor of our 100th year, we are conducting research to better understand the needs of this community we serve: its strengths and its weaknesses along with the needs and concerns of its community members. Through data analysis, stakeholder interviews, community focus groups and an upcoming survey to be sent to all residents, we hope to gain a greater understanding of the emotional health needs of the community and new insights as how best to serve them. With our findings, FSG will evaluate current programs, determine areas of need and opportunity, and through sharing the results of the study, encourage dialogue among community leaders and stakeholders about the state of the community and the needs of its residents across the age spectrum.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have a concern you’d like to share, or need support for an issue you or someone in your family is dealing with? Have an idea for a family-strengthening program or service you wish we would offer? Want to learn more about how to get involved? Call us anytime at (847) 835-5111, or send us an email at info@familyserviceofglencoe.org.

We’d love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Susan Cowen, LCSW
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FSG Program Profiles

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Did you know that Family Service of Glencoe has a crisis intervention program in partnership with Glencoe Public Safety?

In partnership with Glencoe Public Safety, FSG’s crisis counselors are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide immediate psychological support to individuals and families facing challenging times such as house fires, domestic or family violence incidents, child or adolescent emotional crisis, or a sudden death in the family. Our trained counselors also make house calls to look in on the elderly in need of assistance or when elder abuse is suspected.

In addition to providing on-site assistance, FSG provides periodic training to Public Safety officers on topics such as autism, substance abuse and suicide. FSG is committed to continuing its strong partnership with Glencoe Public Safety and to providing our community with responsive, sensitive support during challenging times.

Family Service of Glencoe kicked off its Centennial year surrounded by many of our local supporters and partners. Celebrating this important milestone in Glencoe and FSG’s history are (from left to right): Philip Kiraly, current Glencoe Village Manager; Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director, Glencoe Park District; Susan Cowen, Executive Director, Family Service of Glencoe; Alan Kebby, Deputy Chief, Glencoe Public Safety; Michael Halberstam, Co-Founder and Artistic Director, Writers Theater; Paul Harlow, former Glencoe Village Manager; Sheilah Burnham, Co-President, Family Service of Glencoe and Marilyn Perlman, Co-President, Family Service of Glencoe.

Are you on our mailing list?
Visit our website today at www.familyserviceofglencoe.org and click on the “Join our mailing list” button to be sure you receive our quarterly newsletter as well as occasional updates on family-strengthening programs and services.
**Parenting Help When You Need It Most**

*Introducing FSG’s Parent Consultation Service*

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The fee per consultation is $125 and sliding scale rates are available.

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Presidents’ Council
Works to Expand Shared Services

The Presidents’ Council, convened of the chief elected and administrative officers of the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe Park District, Glencoe Public Library, Glencoe School District #35 and Family Service of Glencoe, has been working to build upon existing shared service programs and explore new opportunities for shared service initiatives between these local government agencies. In the next several months, officials will continue meeting to develop further dialogue and put in place structures to allow for improved shared purchasing, staff training opportunities and crisis and disaster management among its members. One new by-product of this effort is the addition of Glencoe Family Service to the Glencoe Quarterly. Look for further updates on these efforts in upcoming issues!