Dear Neighbor:

2012 Bond Issue: Just a quick note of thanks to everyone who supported the Village Board’s request for approval of a new infrastructure bond issue. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the new bonds were strongly supported in the recent election. That support continues Glencoe’s long tradition of approving funds for regular, continued infrastructure maintenance and improvement. Just as we try to keep our homes in good condition, we must do the same with our homes’ surroundings – the streets, sewers, bridges and other public structures that make our Village what it is.

Town Meeting: Also as noted on the next page, the Glencoe Caucus will be holding its Town Hall Meeting at Central School on Tuesday, December 11. The Caucus candidates for the Village Board (including a new Village President), Park Board, Library Board and School Board will be presented at the meeting.

Glencoe’s caucus system has been in place for 75 years, and – in my opinion – has been instrumental in helping to create one of the finest communities (can I say the finest?) in the area. The willingness of the many talented and dedicated residents who contribute to our community to make that contribution is fostered by our caucus system. Show your support by attending the December 11 meeting.

Shared Service Pilot Program: I’ve written previously about the “Shared Services Program”, which seeks to identify services provided by the Village and the Glencoe Park District which can be coordinated and, perhaps, managed more efficiently by one or the other entity. The goal is to reduce redundancies without reducing service levels, and thus to produce savings for the benefit of Glencoe residents.

The Village and the Park District spent considerable time together during 2011 to identify appropriate areas for this program, and beginning last March 1 (the Village’s fiscal year), we began coordinated efforts in several areas:

- The Village assumed all vehicle fleet maintenance duties for the Park District;
- The Park District performed all grass mowing on Village properties;
- The Village performed forestry work on behalf of the Park District;
- The Park District assumed responsibility for holiday tree lights in the downtown area.

Additionally, the staffs of the Village, the Park District and School District 35 worked together to formulate and publish the single quarterly newsletter you are now reading, replacing separate newsletters from each organization.

Pursuant to the program, a mid-year status report was presented to the Village and Park Boards detailing the financial and other aspects of the pilot program. Based on that review, I am very pleased to report that the combined annual savings to the Glencoe community from these efforts is estimated to be almost $100,000. While some of the savings accrue to the Village, and some to the Park District and the Schools, all go ultimately to the Glencoe taxpayers.

While $100,000 does not represent a very big number in the context of the total budgets of the relevant entities, I am quite hopeful that we can continue these savings and improve on all aspects of the program in the future. The cooperation needed to achieve these results has been extensive, and, in my experience in Glencoe, has been new to our respective organizations.

Village and Park District staff have noted that the pilot programs represent the “low-hanging” fruit available to a shared services initiative. More extended efforts will be needed to expand the program going forward, and that will require continued commitment from Village and the Park District at all levels – boards and staff. I very much hope that that commitment will be made.

Penultimate? That word means “next to last”, and this is my penultimate opportunity to address the Village in this newsletter. As noted above, the Caucus has selected a nominee for Village President (current Trustee Larry Levin) to succeed me in this position when my term ends next May. It has been a stimulating and (mostly) enjoyable eight years – but more on that in the next issue!

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year. As always, “thanks for listening”.

Scott Feldman
2012 Bond Issue Improvement Work Gets Underway

With the approval of the Village’s referendum question on the November 6 Election Ballot authorizing the issuance of $8.55 million in infrastructure improvement bonds, Village staff is already busy planning for implementation. At its November 15 meeting, the Village Board approved an agreement for engineering services for the Greenwood/Oakdale and Harbor/Linden Basin Improvement projects. These projects will be designed to increase capacity of existing storm sewer systems in an effort to relieve severe and recurring flooding. It is anticipated that these two improvement locations will be bid and constructed in 2013. Look for more detail on the scope and schedule for this project in early spring 2013. The Elm Place/Valley Basin Improvement, also included in the approved bond program, will be completed in 2014.

The planning and review of Village streets that will be included in the maintenance street resurfacing program are also underway. Streets are evaluated based on the age and condition of the pavement surface and will be programmed based on need into two projects that will be completed in the 2013 and 2014 construction seasons. The maintenance street resurfacing work will be coordinated with and work around those street locations impacted by the storm sewer improvement projects.

Sanitary sewer rehabilitation and residential sidewalk replacement locations will also be under review by the Village's engineering staff in early 2013. These contract improvements will be targeted for completion by late 2014 as well.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Village's website for regular updates on the 2012 Bond Issue Improvements.

Don’t Miss the Biennial Town Hall Meeting

The Glencoe Village Caucus and Glencoe School Board Caucus will present their slates for Village Board, Park Board, Library Board and School Board at a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Central School's Young Auditorium. Glencoe residents who are registered voters are strongly encouraged to attend this one-hour meeting.

The Town Hall meeting will provide a chance to meet the candidates and to sign petitions to put their names on the ballot for the April 2013 election. Outgoing officials also will be recognized for their years of service to the Village.

The Glencoe Caucus system was created to avoid the rancor of contested elections. Caucus committees interview and select candidates interested in and best suited to serve on the Village Board, Park Board, Library Board and School Board. To participate in the caucus system, or to be considered for one of these boards in the future, learn more at www.glencoe caucus.org.

The Caucus is funded entirely by residents’ private contributions. Caucus financial reserves have fallen during the recession, and funds are needed for printing and mailing. Your donation would be very much appreciated. Please send donations to the Glencoe Caucus, c/o Treasurer Dan Stucka, 501 Drexel Avenue, Glencoe, IL 60022.

Residents to Pay Lower Electricity Costs through May 2013

Last March, Glencoe voters approved a referendum authorizing the Village to seek lower electricity rates through a process known as electrical aggregation. Since this time, the Village has worked as a member of the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium to execute an agreement with MC Squared (mc2) Energy Services that has substantially lowered electricity costs for residents and small businesses.

In late June, participating customers began paying a rate of 4.836 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for electricity. When compared to ComEd’s current rate of 8.32 cents/kWh, mc2 customers are now saving nearly 42% on the cost of electricity. From late June through September this year, participating residents and small businesses combined to save nearly $475,000 on the cost of electricity.

Residents can also participate in mc2’s Green Power Program. For a small additional charge, mc2 purchases renewable energy certificates (RECs) to cover 100% of supply requirements for program participants. The Green Power supply rate increases to just 4.936 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 remains responsible for meter reading and restoring outages. Residents and small businesses who do not currently receive electricity from mc2 (see the “Electricity Supply Services” portion of a monthly bill to determine supplier), or who have switched to another supplier may still “opt-in” to Glencoe’s program. For further details, visit www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com/glencoe.html or contact mc2 at 888-808-7731 / northshore@mc2energyservices.com.

For Village News & Information:
“Like” us on Facebook
“Follow” us on Twitter
As the golf season comes to a close, the Glencoe Golf Club staff would like to thank you for your support this season. Even though it is cold outside, it is not too early to think about golf next year or working on your game this winter. To keep you in the swing of things, we have golf programs available for immediate participation or future registration.

Permanent Weekend Tee Time Packages are Now Available. This is the year to treat yourself to a guaranteed round of golf every weekend at your neighborhood golf course. The membership package includes 19-weeks of reserved tee times, on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. The 2013 season will begin on the weekend of May 4/5 and will continue through the weekend of September 7/8. For additional information and exact times that are available, please contact the Golf Shop.

The Glencoe Golf Academy will be Offering Indoor Lessons this Winter. These sessions will utilize video analysis and a launch monitor. To keep your swing in shape or improve your golf game, schedule your lesson today by contacting one of our PGA teaching professionals on staff. Special rates are available for junior golfers.

Summer Golf Camp Registration is Now Open! The Glencoe Golf Club will be offering camps for junior golfers of all ages and ability levels. Our professional staff will concentrate on the fundamentals of the game while offering students the unique ability to test their swings on the golf course. All campers will receive a golf pass for five FREE rounds of golf as well as a “Get Ready to Golf” starter kit. Sign up today to guarantee your child’s participation on the most popular summer camp dates.

Please visit our website for additional information on all of our programs, summer camps and private lessons.

Visit the Village Website for More News
- Preparation of Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Underway
- Village Achieves Gold Level Award for Green Initiatives
- Yellow Dot Program Gives First Responders Tools to Save Lives

Business Grants Help Beautify Downtown
This year, the Village launched a new matching grant program to assist small businesses in facilitating desired exterior improvements. The Small Business Improvement Program (SBIP) included $10,000 in funding for Fiscal Year 2013 to assist Glencoe business and property owners with completing a variety of improvements and repairs. The program seeks to enhance Glencoe’s image as a retail, dining and entertainment destination while providing incentive for commercial property owners and tenants to improve and maintain the look and functionality of the Village’s commercial areas.

The Program is designed to facilitate these improvements through rebates in the form of matching grants. The SBIP is a 50/50 cost share program where the Village pays 50% of approved and eligible improvement costs, up to a maximum of $5,000 per qualified project.

Types of eligible projects include: repairing or upgrading existing façade installations; installing signs, new awnings or landscaping; replacing, repainting or restoring exterior doors or windows; and repairing or upgrading exterior lighting.

Thus far, four businesses have applied for and received approval to obtain matching funds for eligible improvement work. To date, new awnings have been installed at North Shore Cleaners at 336 Park Avenue and The Flower Shop at 693 Park Avenue. Eligible improvements, including the installation of new awnings, are also scheduled to be completed by early 2013 at 321 and 378 Park Avenue. For further details regarding the SBIP, contact the Village Manager’s Office at 847-835-4114.

Chamber Report: The Holidays Are Here!
We’ve just kicked off the holidays with that Glencoe tradition, “Light the Village Lights.” But the fun isn’t over; we have our “Saturdays of the Season”, and this year there are four: Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. More time for more enjoyment! The Glencoe Business District will be decorated, and treats, music, events and activities will abound. The New Trier Swing Choir will return, as will the Salvation Army Youth Band. And there are “rumors” that Santa and even Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet children. Please see the Chamber website, check the ads in the Glencoe News and our holiday posters for more details.

While you’re enjoying the festive atmosphere in Glencoe, be sure to do your holiday shopping right in town. The stores will be stocked with everything you need for your holiday gift-giving and entertaining needs. Remember, If You Want It, Glencoe’s Got It!
Donate to the Holiday Food & Toy Drive

The Glencoe Department of Public Safety and the Human Relations Forum are again sponsoring a Holiday Food and Toy Drive for Glencoe families in need. Last year, 100 senior citizens and families received holiday baskets and 74 local children received toys. Additionally, toys and food supplies were delivered to the New Trier Township Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, Toys for Chanukah/The Arc Project and the New Trier High School Social Services Program. Local baskets and toys were personally delivered by Glencoe employees.

Donations of non-perishable food items and/or new toys will be accepted at the Public Safety Department through December 19. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the decorated, Village of Glencoe white mailbox located on Village Court. Members of the Human Relations Forum and other local community groups will be in the business district during the holiday season accepting donations as well. All donations will be delivered on December 21.

Please assist in making the holidays brighter through your generous contributions. For more information, or if you know of a family in need of assistance, contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112, ext. 1148.

Snow and Ice Control: Important Facts & Information

The Village has a Snow and Ice Control Plan that is implemented each year by the Public Works Department. The goal is to have all streets cleared and pavement in a safe and passable condition within 8 hours following the conclusion of a snowfall event.

The Village Plows and Salts Streets on a Priority Basis. The Village is divided into six plowing and salting routes with priority assignments within each route. Priority one is major streets: Dundee Road, Sheridan Road, Green Bay Road, etc. are cleared and salted first to maintain safe collector routes for all vehicular traffic. Side streets are cleared next and salt is used primarily at intersections, curves and hills. The Village's policy is to control salt usage to reduce the impact on infrastructure, equipment and the environment, while still maintaining safe winter driving conditions. Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are plowed using smaller trucks and are further down the priority list.

Sidewalks are plowed by the Village only after a snowfall of 3 inches or more. Like street plowing, priority is given to major routes and sidewalks around schools and in the downtown business district. Residents are encouraged to clear snow from the sidewalk around their homes to prevent ice build-up along public sidewalks.

Driveways are often impacted by snow removal efforts on the street. Village crews will try to clear snow to the curb as soon as possible; however, during heavy snowfalls, plows may run as many as 3 or 4 passes to clear snow, resulting in snow being pushed across the base of all driveways. Consider this before you begin to clear your driveway. Also, remember to throw snow being removed from your driveway to the “downstream” side (the right side as you face the street). This will reduce the impact that street plowing has on your driveway access.

Winter Parking Restrictions: Parking on Village streets during a snow emergency is prohibited. A snow emergency is an accumulation of two inches or more of new snow/ice in a 24-hour period. Vehicles parked on the street make it difficult for Village crews to plow. Please assist in keeping the streets clear.

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow: The Village asks that residents help to keep fire hydrants accessible for the Public Safety Department by clearing space around all sides of any hydrant in proximity to your home. Your private contractor can help in this effort as well. Fire hydrants that are buried or blocked by piles of snow may result in the Public Safety Department not being able to locate the hydrants in emergency situations.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to be given the privilege of updating you on the state of the Glencoe Park District. The task would be easier if I were allowed to write volumes. However, I have been charged with keeping a summary of the past and present to 500 words or less – not an easy task with so much that has happened and will be happening soon.

A highlight from summer was the overwhelming success of our camps. I had the pleasure of seeing Watts, Takiff Center and the beach all bursting at the seams with smiling, happy kids – twice as many as last summer. Given the rave reviews we had from the kids themselves, and their parents, it is very likely we will see even more children attending our camps next summer. Look for the summer camp preview in the Park District winter brochure. Get your registrations in early to make sure your children have spots. We are also hosting our first Summer Camp Reunion at Watts on December 14.

Speaking of Watts, the skating season is already underway. Watts is one of Glencoe's crown jewels – it's a great place to spend time outdoors and get exercise at the same time. Check our brochure for all the great offerings we have for people of all ages, including our new Virtual Snowman Contest. If being outside in the winter isn't your thing, there's plenty to do inside. Classes begin late January.

Our goal is to have something for everyone at the Glencoe Park District. So, if you don't find something you are looking for, please let us know what you'd like to see and we will do our best to make it happen. In fact, the District is seeking individuals to volunteer in an advisory capacity to provide input on Park District adult programming to best serve the needs of the community.

You can download the questionnaire at www.glencoeparkdistrict.com and submit it to our Director of Recreation, Cheryl DeClerck.

I would be remiss if I did not highlight the Park District's 100th Anniversary Celebration, GDP: Past, Present, Future, on December 6th from 6-9 p.m. at the Takiff Center. This free event will feature a variety of activities. You will find food, music, a DJ, games, fitness and movement activities, cooking and karate demonstrations, and children's craft projects. We will be showcasing a display created by the Glencoe Historical Society to feature 100 years of recreation and fun in our community. Come learn Glencoe's unique story!

Lastly, I am pleased to announce the remodeling of Friends Park. The Park District is working to bring you a new and improved Friends Park. We are in the design phase now, and everything will be in place as the beautiful spring flowers start blooming in all our parks.

Thank you for putting your trust and support in my fellow commissioners and me. We take our job very seriously and endeavor to make sure your tax dollars are used wisely. If you have compliments or concerns, we would love to hear them. Please consider coming to a Park District meeting, joining one of our many task forces, or just send us an email with what's on your mind.

If I counted correctly, I have enough words left to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Max Retsky
President, Board of Park Commissioners
The Glencoe Park District is winding down an eventful 100th anniversary.

The last centennial event, *GPD: Past, Present, Future*, will be at the Takiff Center on Thursday, December 6 from 6-9 p.m. There will be activities for all ages and demonstrations from District instructors, tours of the building, and refreshments from local caterers.

The outdoor ice skating season has begun at Watts. There will be several Friday night family events. “Elvis” night is Friday, December 7; dress up in your favorite Elvis-inspired attire, but leave the hound dog at home. Wattson will be there to greet you. For those who do not ice skate, there is open gym at the Takiff Center, which is another way to recreate. There are new lower prices for open gym. See page 9 for details.

Plans for a renovated Friends Park are being developed. It is anticipated that new play pieces will be installed in spring of 2013. Input from users of the park is an important part of the redesign. Please call 847-835-7530 or email me (snagle@glencoparkdistrict.com) if you would like to share your thoughts.

The District is continuing the upgrade of our software system. The new software, known as RecTrac, will make it easier to register online for programs, provide up to the moment class information, and create memberships and passes. Stay informed about District programs and events by downloading the District’s smart phone app to your mobile device.

“Leap in the Lake” is Saturday, February 23. This event benefits the District’s C.A.R.E. Scholarship Fund – see you at the beach!

On behalf of the staff, have an enjoyable, safe, and fun holiday season. See you at Watts, Takiff, or in a park. ☺️

Steven T. Nagle
Interim Executive Director
Glencoe Park District

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**Join Us for Our Centennial Culmination Event**

**GPD: Past, Present, Future!**

For 100 years, Glencoe Park District has provided residents of our village with beautiful parks, exciting recreation programs, and opportunities for countless community gatherings. We have spent the past year celebrating our milestone centennial anniversary with a series of special events for all ages.

**Our culminating event is a showcase of activities called GPD: Past, Present, Future, which will take place at the Takiff Center on Thursday, December 6 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Join us for a DJ and dancing, food, desserts, drinks, musical entertainment, demonstrations, and activities. We are also showcasing a special presentation created by the Glencoe Historical Society to feature 100 Years of Fun at the Park District. Whether you are a frequent registrant of Park District classes, you are new to the area and have not visited us before, or your children took classes with us many years ago, this entirely **FREE EVENT** is a celebration for you!

**Schedule of Activities & Demonstrations:**

- **Upper Lobby:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Glencoe Historical Society Presentation
- **Lower Lobby:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Summer 2013 Camp Preview: Special–ONE NIGHT ONLY–2013 Camp Discount Voucher!
- **Gymnasium:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  DJ, Dancing, Inflatable Bounce House
  - 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.  Electronic Trivia Game
  - 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Glencoe Golf Club: Video Swing Evaluation & Golf Tips
  - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Dancing with GPD Hip Hop Teachers / Open Basketball
  - 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.  Baseball Hitting Clinic / Quick Start Tennis Demo
- **Activity Room:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Happy Birthday Glencoe Park District Theme: Carnival Games, Bingo, Entertainment by Mary Macaroni
- **Ceramics Studio:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Open Studio & Ceramic Painting
  - 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.  Wheel Throwing Demo
- **Art Room:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Trash Monster, Moon Sand, Coloring
- **Fitness Studios:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Rotation of Adult Fitness Class / Karate Demo
- **Community Hall:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Food, Desserts, Drinks, Music
  - Adult & Youth Ceramic Masterpieces plus “Hats Off to 100 Years” Ceramic Display
- **Community Room #1:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Early Childhood Activities, Guided Tours
- **Community Room #2:** 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.  Creative Cookers Project
  - 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.  Chefs Around the World Project

Enjoy a special video presentation and guest presenters throughout the evening!

**This is a FREE event! No registration is necessary, and all are welcome!**

**For more information, call the Park District at (847) 835-3030. ☺️**
Friends Park to Receive Make-Over

After many years of heavy usage and enduring the effects of lakeshore weather, one of Glencoe's most popular parks is in desperate need of redevelopment. Friends Park showed considerable wear during Summer 2012, and in mid-October, two play structures proved to be beyond repair. Parks staff removed the affected playground pieces and consulted landscape architects from RCG Design to consider their services and review the process of replacement/redevelopment.

As discussion of the Friends Park project began, the Park District Board and staff agreed that given the usage and location of the park, it would be essential to solicit community input as part of the planning process. In the months of November and December, staff will invite residents to give us their input about Friends Park. This group will act as a sounding board for playground ideas and elements, as well as champion a donation program to help fund the park redevelopment. Additionally, attendees of the GPD: Past, Present, Future centennial event will have a chance to review the conceptual plans throughout the evening.

With updated conceptual plans prepared in mid-January 2013, Park District staff will reach out to resident groups including early childhood families, Watts Center users, and special event attendees to collect feedback and additional comments.

The Park Board will review the final plans, budget, and construction bids at the January and February board meetings. Once those documents are approved, staff can set the official timeline for construction. We hope to begin the project in mid-March 2013, once the weather has started to warm up.

If you have any questions regarding the Friends Park redevelopment project, do not hesitate to contact Steve Nagle at 847-835-7530 or snagle@glencoe-parkdistrict.com.

Watts Center 2012-2013: Check Out What's New!

With the opening of Watts Center, the winter season has officially begun in Glencoe! We hope you'll take advantage of the many skating and hockey programs, special events, public skate/hockey times, and rental opportunities offered at Watts Center in 2012-13. As you plan gatherings with neighbors, family members, or community groups, there are some exciting changes to keep in mind.

Open Public Skate Tokens & Hockey Punch Passes:

This year, Open Public Skate Tokens will only allow you access to the Public Skate times listed on our website. Patrons attending Youth Open Shoot, Adult Open Hockey, or Scrub Hockey must purchase a Hockey Punch Pass or pay the daily drop-in fee. Patrons can purchase a hockey pass at the Takiff Center or Watts Center. Hockey Pass options are as follows:

10-Punch Pass: $40 ($4 per visit)
25-Punch Pass: $75 ($3 per visit)

New Rental Packages:

Our new Package Deal includes 2 hours of room time and 1 hour of studio rink time. We also offer flexible per hour rentals so you can add extra time to your package or just rent an individual room. Package includes a party attendant.

Host your child's birthday party at Watts Center with our new Blackhawks Party Package! This deal includes a visit with Wattson, the Watts Center mascot, a party assistant, Blackhawks table settings, and souvenirs for guests. The package includes 2 hours of room time and 1 hour of studio rink time. Available only on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit our website for rental fees and additional details!

New Skating & Hockey Programs:

We are offering additional sessions of the popular skating program Kinderblades on Wednesdays and Fridays so parents of kindergartners can add more flexibility to their child's GPD enrichment schedule. Additionally, our ISI Skating School winter break and mini sessions offer students more opportunities to continue their lessons. All of our skating and hockey programs are also under new leadership! Stop by Watts Center soon to meet our new skating and hockey directors. Registration is still being accepted for all our skating and hockey programs. The full class schedule is available online. Sign up today!

Grab your skates and hit the ice this month! For more information on Watts Center, visit www.glencoe-parkdistrict.com or call 847-835-4440.

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Mark your calendar with these special event dates below:

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Play Open Basketball at a New, Low Rate!

Weekly open gym attendees at the Takiff Center can look forward to new, lower rates this winter! Staff took a careful look at the past usage and determined the best time slots at reduced rates, with the hope that more residents will take advantage of the opportunity to play basketball this winter.

Please note that all participants must sign a waiver to participate (parents must sign for children under age 18). Visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for no school and holiday schedules. Contact Ali Mevis at (847) 835-7545 for more information.

Takiff Center Open Gym: Fees/Hours

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Have Some Great Ideas to Share? Join Our New Adult Advisory Group!

Glencoe Park District is seeking individuals to volunteer in an advisory capacity to provide input on Park District adult programming that best serve the needs of the community. It is anticipated this group will meet approximately four to six times per year in meetings that will last 60-90 minutes. To be considered for appointment to the Adult Advisory Group for a one or two year term, please go to www.glencoeparkdistrict.com/news-and-events/advisory-groups.aspx to download the questionnaire and submit it to Cheryl DeClerck, Director of Recreation, at cdeclerck@glencoeparkdistrict.com or you may drop the form off at the Takiff Center, 999 Green Bay Road.

Summer Camp Early Registration

Keep an eye on your mailbox in January for the early arrival of the 2013 Summer Camp Guide! In an effort to provide camp families with more time to set their summer plans, we have pushed up the camp guide delivery date about one month. The 2013 brochure is scheduled for delivery around January 7, and resident registration will begin upon its receipt. The resident lottery will take place on Monday, February 11.

We have made some exciting changes for 2013, including Early Bird registration rates from January 7 through February 10, and 4-week session options for Sun Fun and Camp Adventure. If you choose to take advantage of the Early Bird rate, please note the camp program must be paid in full at the time of registration. Campers of all ages can also look forward to new program enhancements and field trips. Make sure to browse the camp guide for full details!

ONE NIGHT ONLY - RECEIVE A 2013 CAMP DISCOUNT VOUCHER Parents who attend GPD: Past, Present, Future on Thursday, December 6, and visit the camp booth, will receive a discount voucher to apply toward their 2013 Glencoe Park District camp registration in January! Information on each of the 2013 camps will be available at the event, and staff will be on hand to answer questions. See page 7 for the event details and activity schedule.

For more information on Park District 2013 camps, please call (847) 835-3030.

GPD Summer Camp Reunion

All 2012 Glencoe Park District summer campers are invited to a Camp Reunion at Watts Center! Enjoy ice skating, snacks, and hot cocoa as you hang out with your friends from camp. GPD summer staff will be on hand to supervise. This fun afternoon is entirely free!

Friday, December 14 • 3-5:30 p.m.
Watts Center
School District 35 Board Message

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 that learning to be environmentally responsible citizens is a fundamental aspect of this mission.

Over the past 18 months, it has been my pleasure to serve as School District 35’s representative to the Village of Glencoe’s Sustainability Working Group (the “SWG”). Established by the Village Manager, the SWG was designated to assist in the Village’s efforts to examine and develop strategies and approaches to advance sustainability practices within Glencoe. As the District’s liaison to the SWG, I was proud to share with other members of the community the wide range of environmental initiatives being pursued throughout our schools.

In our classrooms, students at all three of our schools explore a variety of environmental topics. At South School, our youngest students are exposed to fundamental ecological concepts like weather, seasons, habitats and life cycles. At West School, environmental themes are integrated into the social studies curriculum as our third and fourth graders study ecosystems native to Illinois and the other United States. Not to be outdone, the oldest students in our District delve even deeper into sophisticated environmental topics when they arrive at Central School. In their social studies and science classes, fifth through eighth graders tackle complex issues such as climatic change and the relationship between human action and the environment.

Outside the classroom, students who wish to explore environmental issues further participate in a variety of extracurricular clubs. At South School, members of the PTO-sponsored Native Plant Garden Club are responsible for watering, weeding and collecting seedlings from the garden. Recently, a portion of the harvest from the Native Plant Garden was donated to the “Friends of the Green Bay Trail” – a local volunteer organization dedicated to removing invasive European buckthorn on the Green Bay Trail and replacing the buckthorn with native Illinois plants. Meanwhile, in the lunchroom at West School, students have the opportunity to serve as Green Guides for a week, helping other students determine how to separate trash, compost and recyclable items on their lunch trays. Central School students can join the Glencoe Greenies – the student extension of the teachers’ Green Team. Together with staff, members of the Glencoe Greenies assist in school-wide conservation and ecological projects such as plastic bottle recycling, lunch room composting, Waste Free Wednesdays, “We Add Up” shirt sales and tending to the Central School community garden.

Students are not the only ones at our schools getting involved in green issues. Together, the administration and Facilities Committee of the Board continuously strive to make environmentally conscious decisions when maintaining and renovating our facilities. Recent renovations throughout the District such as the addition of daylight harvesting lighting, added insulation, building envelope improvements, bio based tiles, low VOC paint, low flow bathroom fixtures and targeted window replacements and upgrades are expected to yield increased energy efficiency for the District. At West School, the roof is equipped with 8 electricity-producing solar panels. Live data on the electricity produced by these panels, can be found at www.mypvpower.com/dashboard/1642. Looking to the future, the Board has authorized the administrative team to work with architects and engineers to investigate the feasibility of adding a Geo-Exchange System to provide heating and air conditioning at Central School.

The Board, administrators and staff realize that teaching our children to be stewards of their environment is a vital aspect of our District’s mission. To learn even more about the environmental initiatives being pursued throughout Glencoe as well as how you can get involved in the effort visit www.villageofglencoe.org/about/sustainability. Together, we can teach our children the importance of being responsible, global citizens.

Sincerely,

Jean Hahn
Board of Education Member
Kindergarten Registration for 2013

District 35 kindergarten registration for 2013 will be held in the South School Library on February 20, 2013 and February 21, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. on both days.

In order to be eligible for registration children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2013. An original birth certificate and proof of residency in District 35 must be presented at the time of registration. Information on residency requirements may be found on the South School page of the District 35 website www.glencoeschools.org. (Under “Resources” on the right-hand side of the South School page.) Please call the school office at 847-835-6400 with additional questions regarding kindergarten registration.

Early Childhood Screening for District 35 Children

Early childhood screenings for District 35 children aged 3 to 5 will be held at South School on Monday, February 4, 2013 and Tuesday, February 5, 2013. The screenings are available for parents who have concerns about their child’s development in the areas of speech-language, fine motor skills, concept development, and/or social or emotional growth. Vision and hearing screenings will also be provided. Due to state requirements, parents must schedule their child for all components of the screening.

These screenings are conducted in an effort to identify children who may require special education services and/or consultation during the preschool years. Parents will be asked to describe their concerns regarding their child in the above areas. The screening does not determine a child’s readiness for kindergarten.

Parents of a preschooler aged 3 to 5 who might benefit from the screenings or know of a child who might benefit from the screenings are asked to contact Kim Badie in the Pupil Services Office at 847-835-7838 to make an appointment. Please call by Monday, January 21, 2013.

2012 Tax Levy Hearing

The 2012 Tax Levy hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. prior to the scheduled December 10, 2012, Board of Education meeting. In the Intent to Levy report, District 35’s Director of Finance and Operations, Jason Edelheit, recommended the District adopt a tax levy increase of 6.43%. Mr. Edelheit estimated that the operating tax extension would increase 3.0% ($668,515.20) over the 2011 tax extension. The proposed 6.43% levy allows for significant new growth while increasing existing property taxes for operational purposes by the tax cap limitation of 3.0%.

The tax levy is a request for dollars converted by the county clerk into actual amounts once the value of all old and new property in a school district is determined. Tax cap laws limit the increase to 5%, or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

Jazz Band & Guest Artists

Central School students participated in a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience when Jeff Coffin, three-time Grammy Award-winning musician, percussionist Roy “Futureman” Wooten, five-time Grammy Award-winning musician, trumpeter Bill Fanning and bassist Felix Pastorius performed with the school’s Jazz Band. District 35 Jazz Band instructors, Matt Pickett and Kristen Hanna, coordinated this event.

Meet the New South School Transportation Clerk

Suzana Temelkov joins the South School staff as Transportation Clerk. Prior to joining District 35, Suzana was the Assistant Director at Swedish Covenant Hospital Montessori Child Care Center. Please welcome Suzana when communicating changes to your South School student’s transportation plans.

Citizen Science

The study of science and nature has moved outside the classroom walls. District 35 staff members work with representatives of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and BackYard Nature Center to plan and coordinate outdoor experiences in 4th and 7th grades. The Skokie Lagoons are the setting for these science connections. Fourth grade students participate in fall activities working at each of three stations: bio-mapping field data for 3 invasive species (Buckthorn, Garlic Mustard, and Queen Anne’s Lace) and submitting the data for inclusion in the University of Michigan invasive species data base; gathering water samples to identify macro invertebrates living in the lagoon ecosystem; and collecting data and evidence of animals living in the lagoon habitat.

In the spring 7th grade students participate in a day of learning and service at Skokie Lagoons. The students work in stations collecting and examining soil samples, identifying and collecting data on trees in the lagoon ecosystem, and removing two invasive species: Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard. This program was highlighted at the 2012 Chicago Wilderness Congress. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Catherine Wang; science teachers, Neil Couturier and Kiim Dwan-Collins, and BackYard Nature Center President, Daniel Kielson presented the session, Science Curricula in Nature: The Model and the Practice.

District 35 thanks Adam Kessel, Youth Education Outreach Educator for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and Daniel Kielson, President of BackYard Nature Center for their assistance and participation in these educational projects.
### December
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 7:30 p.m.
- Historic Preservation: 7:30 p.m.
- Golf Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m.
- Human Relations Forum: 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- Village Board: 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission: 7:30 p.m.

### January
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 7:30 p.m.
- Historic Preservation: 7:30 p.m.
- Police Pension Fund: 7:00 a.m.
- Human Relations Forum: 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- Village Board: 7:00 p.m.
- Golf Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission: 7:30 p.m.

### February
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 7:30 p.m.
- Historic Preservation: 7:30 p.m.
- Golf Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m.
- Human Relations Forum: 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: 6:30 p.m.
- Village Board: 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission: 7:30 p.m.

Please note that the above dates and times are subject to change; please check the respective websites for the most current information.

### Did You Know...
that the “Great Snow of 1918” was infamous for its depth. It required a great deal of digging out, even by horses as seen in this image. This horse team was driving south along Vernon Avenue. On the right is Bartoli and Peroni’s Ice Cream Shop, while Wienecke’s is further down the street.

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