The Village Gears Up For the Holiday Season!
See pages 3, 4 & 5 for more details
Goodbye To Paul

Dear Neighbor:

It has been said that the only true constant is change. For our little Village, change is never easy. We are normally comfortable just as we are. So it is particularly hard for me to imagine Glencoe without Paul Harlow confidently in charge of seeing that all is well in our little world. 38 years ago he came to Glencoe to start his public service career as a Public Safety Officer.

Some people just seem to fit. Paul loved new challenges and building success in servicing his fellow human beings. He grew up in our Public Safety Department rising to be its Director. He instilled a tradition of excellence and dedicated service to our residents. Our officers may come here for a job, but with Paul's emphasis of continuous education, training, and regional participation, they stay for the challenges and satisfaction of a different kind of career. By being the best of the best, our residents are better protected and better served every day.

After 25 years in Public Safety, Paul looked to new challenges as he spent the next 13 years applying his outstanding executive talents as our Village Manager. He continued to be devoted to excellence and caring service to our residents. His tremendous interpersonal skills have led an outstanding, dedicated professional Village executive team to achieve a record of accomplishments far exceeding even Glencoe-level expectations.

Glencoe was the 11th town in the United States and the first in Illinois, when it adopted the council/manager form of government in 1914. Paul is our 7th Village Manager and has been in the forefront of many initiatives including reducing flooding through continuously upgrading our storm sewer system, long-term infrastructure maintenance and planning, instituting a shared services program among our various governmental bodies designed to save taxpayer dollars, retaining and planning for the growth of Writers’ Theatre, upgrading the playability of our Golf Course and returning it to profitability, planning for a new Golf Clubhouse, and establishing programs and ordinances to protect the sustainability and stewardship of the community. Paul's dedication and all win approach to the challenges of Village governance will positively affect the quality and value of life in the Village of Glencoe for years to come.

Paul exemplifies the attributes of a great Glencoe Village Manager. In Jungian analytic psychology, we refer to people like Paul as a synthesizer. He integrates his own with the needs of others, and he always thinks and acts consistently with the greater good of our residents. Paul's approach is what I would describe as pragmatic idealism and moderation. He tests ideas against achieving the best outcomes for our residents and then translates them into action.

I have always found Paul to be proactive with a balanced perspective that integrates the vision of our Glencoe principled approach to life. I know what it is like when we have had Village Managers who don't possess these amazing qualities. So I want to thank Paul on behalf of our Village and myself for his wise counsel and outstanding performance over these many years.

But now, after 38 years of servicing our Village, Paul is ready for new challenges. We will miss him.

Sincerely,

Larry Levin
Village Board President
Annual Food & Toy Drive Underway: Donations Accepted Through December 20

The Glencoe Department of Public Safety and the Human Relations Forum are sponsoring the annual Holiday Food & Toy Drive for Glencoe families that are in need. Last year, 97 senior citizens and families received a holiday basket, 78 local children received toys, and 8 assistance dogs/family pets were included as well. Additionally, toys and food supplies were delivered to the New Trier Township Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, Family Focus-5th Ward-Evanston, and New Trier High School Social Services Program-Albany Park Community Center. Local baskets and toys were personally delivered by Village employees.

Donations of non-perishable food items and/or new toys will be accepted at the Department of Public Safety until December 20. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the decorated white Village of Glencoe 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 23, 2013.

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

Holiday Recycling Programs

Trees: The Village will be collecting Christmas and Holiday trees from the curb every Wednesday during the month of January only, except for January 1. This special collection does not require a landscape waste sticker. Please note, the Village cannot accept live garland and wreaths for recycling due to the significant wiring used in their assembly. These should be placed in your regular garbage.

Lights: The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the Village are once again offering a holiday light recycling program, free of charge. Residents can drop off old string lights at the Hazel Avenue entrance to the Public Works Garage from November 1 to March 14, 2014 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Materials accepted for recycling include: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords. All colors and lengths will be accepted.

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

Village Bids Farewell and Thanks to Retiring Long-Time Employees

Jerry Threats
Public Works
41 Years of Service

Paul Harlow
Village Manager
38 Years of Service

Betsy Seno
Public Safety
29 Years of Service

Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

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Second Annual Buckthorn Barbecue

On October 16th, Glencoe Friends of the Green Bay Trail (GFGBT) hosted their Second Annual “Buckthorn Barbecue” at the Glencoe Golf Club. Pictured below are attendees Arnold Randall, General Superintendent of the Cook County Forest Preserve District, GFGBT President Betsy Leibson and Village President Larry Levin. The sold out event raised funds and awareness for GFGBT, a volunteer organization dedicated to the eradication of European buckthorn and other invasive species along a 1/2 mile section of the Green Bay Trail between Harbor Street and the Scott Street overpass. In addition to removing buckthorn along the trail and treating the roots with herbicide, GFGBT is replanting the area with new native grasses and wildflowers. The funds raised at the Buckthorn Barbecue will be used to purchase native species for planting for the Green Bay Trail in 2014.

Holiday Fire Safety

The Glencoe Public Safety Department reminds residents to be aware of fire safety hazards during the holiday season.

The National Fire Protection Agency (www.NFPA.org) notes many holiday tragedies are a result of problems with Christmas trees and holiday decorations. According to NFPA data, most Christmas tree fires result from natural trees, not artificial trees.

The Public Safety Fire Prevention Bureau reminds you that it is important to remember that natural Christmas trees are not living and therefore it is essential that they be kept as moist as possible. Officials recommend placing the base of the tree in water and re-cutting the trunk of the tree at a 45 degree angle to increase water absorption.

Fire statistics indicate the three main causes of fire in the United States result from cooking, heating equipment and smoking. The Glencoe Public Safety Department stresses fire hazards increase during the holidays and recommend the following guidelines to reduce the risk of a holiday fire:

- Always ensure that decorations and presents are kept away from heat sources. Never leave lighted candles unattended or use lighted candles as Christmas tree decorations. Always turn Holiday lights off before leaving home or going to sleep. Carefully inspect light strings, cords, plugs and receptacles, and dispose of damaged items. Don't overload electrical circuits or extension cords. Use only those lights which have been tested and labeled by an approved testing laboratory. When replacing a bulb on a light string, ensure the voltage and/or wattage marked on the light set is compatible with the replacement light. Unplug the light string before replacing the bulb so there is no danger of shock. Purchase and install working smoke alarms, CO alarms and practice home escape plans.

For more information contact the Glencoe Department of Public Safety, Fire Prevention Bureau, Lt. Lee Weinzimmer at 847-835-4112 ext. 1149 or lweinzimmer@villageofglencoe.org.

Tee Time

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 to work on your game this winter. To keep you in the swing of things we have golf programs available for immediate participation or future registration.

This is the year to treat yourself to a guaranteed round of golf every weekend at your neighborhood golf course. Permanent weekend tee time packages are now available. The membership package includes 19-weeks of reserved tee times, on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. The season will begin on the weekend of May 3rd/4th and will continue through the weekend of September 6th/7th. For additional information and tee time availability please contact the golf shop.

The Glencoe Golf Academy will be offering indoor lessons this winter utilizing video analysis and a Flightscope 3D simulator. Whether you’re looking to keep your swing in shape or improve specific areas of your golf game, schedule your lesson today by contacting one of our PGA teaching professionals on staff. Special rates and lesson packages are also 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.

The first hole under a blanket of snow at the Glencoe Golf Club.
Capital Improvements Update

The 2013 construction season included several significant capital improvement projects funded by the infrastructure improvement bonds approved by voters last fall. While maintenance street resurfacing, residential sidewalk replacement and sanitary sewer rehabilitation work has long since been completed, there are two important projects still underway as of late November.

The Harbor Basin Improvements involved the installation of new storm sewer from the intersection of Harbor & Linden Streets east on Harbor Street to Lake Michigan. This project began in July and the final connection of new storm sewer pipe linking the improvement under Green Bay Road and the railroad tracks is expected to be completed by late November. The Greenwood Basin Improvements involve the installation of new storm sewer from the intersection of Greenwood & Oakdale Avenues south to Drexel, west to Grove, south to Ivy and west to the east diversion ditch. The start of this project was delayed into September to allow for the relocation of other public utilities; however, the contractor anticipates completing all storm sewer installation by early December, weather permitting. Some restoration work on this improvement will carryover until Spring 2014.

Both of these projects have been designed and constructed to increase the capacity of existing storm sewer systems and will relieve the severe and recurring flooding that has affected these two neighborhoods.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Holiday Happenings in Glencoe

Glencoe’s holiday season will kick off with our town’s traditional “Light the Village Lights” ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29 at the northwest corner of Park and Vernon Avenues. But first, at about 4:45 p.m., carolers will start to serenade families gathering at the corner, and then Santa will ride in on a fire truck to the delight of all Glencoe residents, younger and older. After a brief ceremony, the Lights will come to life, announcing that it’s time to celebrate the season in Glencoe!

The celebrating doesn’t stop with “Light the Village Lights”. Every Saturday during the holiday season—December 7, 14 and 21—the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce will sponsor various festive and fun activities. Posters in the business districts, articles and ads in the Glencoe News and information on the Chamber website will provide updates on all the activities happening for the holidays in Glencoe.

During the holidays and the coming winter, be sure to patronize Glencoe’s businesses. Our stores and service providers will look forward to helping you with all your needs. Please remember that a portion of your sales taxes is returned to the Village, so it’s a win, win—you get top quality merchandise and services; the stores get your patronage, and your tax dollars remain in the Village!

Snow & Ice Control: Important Facts and 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 has been divided into six plowing and salting routes. Within each route, streets are assigned a priority so that major streets are cleared first followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs.

The Village Plows and Salts Streets on a Priority Basis. Priority one streets, which include 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 after the storm 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 as an accumulation of two or more inches 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 as you complete your shoveling or snow blowing. 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 a timely manner during emergency situations.

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

Visit the Village Website for More News!

Village Board Approves Liquor Code Amendment

www.villageofglencoe.org

The Village Board of Trustees approved a liquor code amendment at its October 7, 2013 meeting. The amendment included several new and revised provisions and was approved by a vote of 5-2. The Village Clerk will post the amendment on the Village’s website and will provide copies to the public upon request.

Village officials plan to hold a public hearing on the amended liquor code in November. Details will be announced in the Village News and on the Village website.

For more information, contact the Village Clerk at 847-835-4111 or visit the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org.
Give Us Your Best Shot

Are you a budding photographer? Enter the Glencoe Park District’s Best Shot photography contest and your photo could be featured in future Glencoe Park District brochures! Photo submissions MUST be taken at a Glencoe Park District park, facility, event, or program. There is no limit on the number of submissions per photographer. Photos must be accompanied by a location or event where the photo was taken, date photo was taken, photographer’s age, name, address, phone number and email. Photos may be emailed to info@glencoeparkdistrict.com or mailed to 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe IL 60022.
Stress Free Celebrations

Want to throw your child the perfect birthday party or event? Glencoe Park District's resident party planner, Ali Mevis, has a few tips for a stress-free celebration.

“Kick off the planning process by brainstorming a list of ideas and themes with your child,” says Mevis. “Talk to your child about what type of party he or she would like.”

Remember, you may need to be flexible about date and time options. Once you have determined a theme, call or email the Park District to discuss availability and package options. The Glencoe Park District staff will coordinate the logistics for you, including suggesting party theme packages based on your birthday child's wishes.

“Our themed party packages leave the work up to the party vendor who supplies the activities,” says Mevis. “From dance parties to our new Cowboy Party and Race Car Party, we have something for every age group.”

Party rentals are available at the Takiff Center and Watts Ice Center. Each event includes a party attendant to assist you with set-up, clean-up, and everything in between. Additional amenities, such as a visit from our mascot Wattson and use of the Park District Bounce House, can be added to party packages.

Unique Party Themes

For more information, call Ali Mevis at 847-835-7545

Blackhawks Birthday Party (Watts)
Celebrate Chicago's Stanley Cup Champs AND your child's birthday with a special Blackhawks Party. Our NHL-inspired party includes a visit with our mascot Wattson, one hour of ice hockey, two hours in the recreation room, a party attendant, as well as Blackhawks decorations and goodie bags.

Race Cars (Takiff)
Got the need for speed? This party is for kids who love cars! Kids will build individual cars, make personalized drivers licenses, and try lots of different races using rubber band, matchbox, and balloon cars.

Cowboy Party (Takiff)
Giddy-up, cowgirls and cowboys! Get on the Rodeo Train to learn the secrets of being on the range. We will make cowboy gear and learn real cowboy skills.
Watts Ice Center Open November 29 - March 3

With two outdoor rinks, an indoor party room and concession stand, Watts Center is the place for winter fun!
The Watts season kicks off November 29 with our annual Skate-a-Thon, which asks residents to skate for a cause. Admission fees collected on opening day will be given to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.

Our traditional ice “tokens” have been replaced with membership passes. Each pass holder will now receive a swipe card to use for admission. Season pass and hockey pass information will now be stored on the same swipe card, which must be presented each time you visit Watts. You can purchase a season pass at the Takiff Center.

From beginning skating to adult hockey, Watts offers something for every age! Our pro instructors will begin teaching skating and hockey classes the first week of December. If you do not want to commit to a full session of skating, be sure to check out our mini learn-to-skate sessions over winter break or during the months of January and February.

Throughout the winter, Watts Center will offer special events, family and teen skating nights, and more. For more information or to register, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com.

Special Events at Watts

Season passes or daily admission fees are required to enter, unless a price is indicated below.

Skate-a-Thon
6-8 p.m. | Friday, November 29 | $10/person
Join us on opening day and skate for a cause! Your admission fee goes to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.

Watts Classic
December 27-29 & January 3-5
Play in the North Shore’s only holiday hockey tournament!

NEW! Itty Bitty New Year
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, December 30 | $5/person
Ring in the new year with dancing, crafts, and a countdown at noon. Advanced registration required; recommended for children age 2-6 with an adult.

Winter Carnival
1-4 p.m. | Saturday, January 11 | Free!
Celebrate everything winter with skating races, hockey contests, sledding, ice sculpting, broomball, s’mores, and more!

Family Skate Nights
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, December 13, January 17, February 14
Enjoy open skate theme nights on the studio rink.

Teen Skate Nights
7-9 p.m. | Fridays, December 6 & February 21
Skating, broomball, and a DJ! Bring your friends for a fun night on the ice.

NEW! Blackhawks Night
7-9 p.m. | Friday, February 7
Skate and watch your Stanley Cup champions on our jumbo screen!

New! Nature Exploration Camp

Look at nature in a new way! Children in entering first through eighth grade are invited to spend the summer exploring the great outdoors.

Glencoe Park District's new Nature Exploration Camps will introduce young people to the world of outdoor education—a blend of physical skill building, positive social interactions and time in nature.

Building on the idea of “No Child Left Indoors”, Nature Explorers will take part in a variety of outdoor adventures. The two-week, eco-themed camp sessions will focus on outdoor and leadership skills.

Activities may include: nature awareness, camping skills, orienteering, biking, conservation, and plant and bird identification. Field trips may include excursions to the Chicago Botanic Gardens, The Grove, and high ropes courses.

For more information or to register for a Nature Exploration Camp, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com. Each program is customized to the appropriate age level.

Public Skate Hours
Visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for changes to the daily public skating schedule and holiday hours.

REGULAR HOURS
Mon-Fri | 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Parent-Child Skate
Mon-Thurs | 3:00-5:15 p.m.
Public Skate
Sat/Sun | 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Public Skate
Preschool Registration Starts January 14 for the 2014-2015 School Year

For over 25 years, the Early Learning Center has provided a strong foundation for Glencoe's youngest residents. At the Early Learning Center, learning is interactive, with plenty of opportunities for your child to follow his interests, test, and explore. Our goal is not just school-readiness, but life-readiness: the ability to problem-solve, work with others, feel good about oneself and one's abilities, and meet new challenges with interest and curiosity.

Glencoe Park District offers preschool classes for two, three, and four year olds, as well as special parent-child programs. To register, visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com or the Takiff Center for an application. Forms may be returned by mail, fax or in-person.

Lottery Registration
Beginning in March, we will be testing a new first-come, first-served program registration process. With the new system, your registration will be confirmed immediately. You will no longer have to wait a few weeks to find out if you are in a program.

You can still register in person, by mail, or by fax. However, online registration is the BEST way to ensure your spot. It is also the fastest and most convenient way to register.

In order to ensure your spot in spring programs, we suggest you set up your household account immediately. That way, when March rolls around, you can just log in, click on the class you want, submit your registration, and your registration will be confirmed immediately.

We are will be holding a focus group on developing the best, lottery-free, registration process. If you are interested, please send an email to info@glencoeparkdistrict.com and we will send you details.

If you have any questions, call us at 847-835-3030.

Save 10% on Summer Camp!
Register by February 10 for Early Bird Rates

This year, Glencoe Park District will offer two, four, and eight week summer camp sessions for kids ages two to fifteen. Full day or half day options are available. Information on Glencoe Park District's summer camp options is in the Winter Program Guide, which will be mailed to your home the first week of December. Visit www.glencoeparkdistrict.com for details or to register.

As part of a shared services agreement, the Park District Greenhouse grows flowers, plants, and tress for local government organizations. The Park District also plants greenery for the Village of Glencoe, the Glencoe Golf Club, the Glencoe Historical Society, and the Glencoe Train Station.

Fall Flowers
South School Ice Skating

Each January South School students enjoy a four-week ice skating unit. One day per week the classes walk to Watts Ice Skating rink for their physical education class. This Park District facility is adjacent to South School and provides an opportunity for some students to practice their skills and others a first time experience on the ice. Physical Education teachers Cletus Short and Hilary Lee lead the classes with support from South School staff and parent volunteers. This unit will begin on January 15th and continue each Wednesday and Thursday through February 6th.
Kindergarten Registration for 2014

District 35 will hold kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year on February 19, 2014 and February 20, 2014. Registration will be in the South School Library Learning Center from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

To be eligible for registration, children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2014. 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 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 3 and Tuesday, February 4, 2014. The screenings are available to 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 who wish to participate 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

2013 Tax Levy Hearing

The 2013 Tax Levy hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the scheduled December 2, 2013, 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 5.33%. Mr. Edelheit estimates the operating tax extension would constitute an increase of 1.7% ($392,559.29) over the 2012 tax extension. The proposed 5.33% levy allows for significant new growth while increasing existing property taxes for operational purposes by the tax cap limitation of 1.7%.

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 limits the increase to 5%, or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

Ethical Conduct and Responsible Global Citizenship

District 35 has six Strategic Themes that guide our decision-making. One of these themes: Ethical Conduct and Responsible Global Citizenship, encourages responsible choices which contribute to others, society, and the environment. Woven into core subject areas and school experiences are opportunities for students to practice social responsibility skills. The following are examples of how this strategic theme is incorporated into a student’s educational experiences.

Service Learning Projects

On November 11th Central School students and staff honored our nation’s veterans. A program for students and staff started with a flag ceremony by local Boy Scout Troop 28, the national anthem and other patriotic songs played by the Central School band, and a message from keynote speaker, Mr. David Rongey. Mr. Rongey, West School Principal, is a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. Following the all school assembly students participated in grade level service learning activities. The Kindness Connection, a non-profit organization based in Wilmette, provided three service projects for students to complete. The student created items were sent to Veteran’s Administration nursing homes and/or hospitals in the State of Illinois. In November, South School students will participate in Kindness Connection service learning projects and West School students will participate in January. The Glencoe PTO supports these events both financially and with volunteers.

Holiday Party Give Back Stations

A give back station is included in holiday class party activities. Give back activities might include making cards for residents of area senior centers, collecting food pantry donations and decorating grocery sacks, making bracelets for hospitalized children, or collecting books and decorating book marks for donation to a partner school. This year the PTO Helping Hands Project will be included at South and West School Winter Holiday parties. This community service initiative benefits Orphans of the Storm. Each grade level will complete a component of the overall project. For example, kindergarten students will decorate picture frames for animals to be adopted, 1st grade students will make no-sew pillows for animal beds, 2nd grade students will create blankets and dog toys, and 3rd and 4th grade students will make dog biscuits. All of the components will be assembled by PTO room parents and delivered to Orphans of the Storm.

Cross Grade Tutoring

Activity class options for 7th and 8th grade students include Peer Mentoring and P.E. Leaders. Students work with younger students in physical education classes or with students in the NSSED Educational Life Skills classrooms. Both of these activities have a wait list of students wanting to assist and work with other Central School students. Sixth grade students in Mrs. Rosenson’s science classes travel to South School to work with 2nd grade students. The older students plan hands-on air pressure experiments for their 2nd grade partners and then spend a morning at South School leading learning stations.

WE CARE FOR OUR WORLD

The fifth annual WE CARE FOR OUR WORLD event will be held on Wednesday, February 26th from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. This one-hour of service activities is open to all District 35 students, parents and community members. A variety of service learning activities that benefit others will be available for participants. We welcome you to join us at South School on February 26th.
Did You Know...

...that Wienecke's had toys in its storefront? The Village's longest running business, Wienecke's Hardware, did business in the Village from 1902 to 1993. Although there was no toy store when the first Wienecke, Henry, ran the hardware and stove shop, under the administration of brother and sister Art and Evie, a toy store was in place by the 1970s. Carrying toys of all sorts, children could pick out presents for their friends and just add it to the family charge account. No money was needed! ■

*Information and photo courtesy of the Glencoe Historical Society*