GLENCOE SESQUICENTENNIAL STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE

(Glenco, Illinois, Monday, April 23)—The Village of Glenco in partnership with the Glenco Historical Society has created the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee to pull together the vast number of ideas generated to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation in 2019.

Village Manager, Phil Kiraly: “We are thrilled that so many community organizations have stepped forward to participate in marking this amazing milestone for our village. The tremendous creativity displayed with these ideas reflects the many cultural aspects of Glenco, the diverse history as well as being, most importantly, an extraordinary year-round celebration for our community that everyone can be a part of in some way.”

Chairwoman of the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, Karen Ettelson, kicked-off the meeting with a tongue-in-cheek video of Glencoe residents trying to pronounce the word “Sesquicentennial”. However, the message was clear that the celebration will be about and for the residents of Glencoe celebrating their town.

“Sesquicentennial – Fun to say and extraordinary to experience! We invite all Glencoe residents of every age to join in this yearlong celebration launching in December. Glenco is a town of first names and we want you to tell us yours with the Sesquicentennial Selfie Project.” She went on to outline the four elements of the celebration to include: Education, Celebration, Participation, and Appreciation. “These four elements will encompass the themes of the year-round celebrations allowing all of our community organizations and citizens to mark this amazing milestone.”

EDUCATION:

- **Glencoe 150** - Embracing the rich history of Glenco, the stories of residents who have played significant roles in the establishment, development and growth will be heralded in various ways and events.
• Virtual Village – The Glencoe Historical Society will be working to digitize our community’s history making it accessible to generations to come.

• **Glencoe Library Program Series** – Using the months of February, May and September to highlight specific programs around our community’s history and culture.

**CELEBRATION:**

• **Glencoe Birthday Celebration** – March 29, 2019 – marking the actual day of incorporation in 1869.

• **Glencoe Open Doors** – September 2019 – Places and spaces normally not open to the public will be opening their doors for tours.

• **Sesquicentennial Selfie Project** – As a town of first names, residents are encouraged to pose with Sesquicentennial Selfie Stations and share their photo and first name on social media. Use the hashtags #150Glencoe and #MyTownGlencoe.

• **Sesquicentennial Gala** – October 19, 2019 at the Chicago Botanic Garden

**PARTICIPATION:** Citizens of Glencoe are asked to dedicate 150 minutes to volunteer in some capacity within or representing our town.

**APPRECIATION:** Define, design and fund a legacy project to mark this milestone for generations to enjoy.

“As we continue to build the framework for our Sesquicentennial Celebration, we invite any individual interested in serving on a planning subcommittee to fill out the “Get Involved” form on the Glencoe 150 splash page at [www.glencoe150.org](http://www.glencoe150.org).” said Phil Kiraly, Village Manager.

Visit [www.glencoe150.org](http://www.glencoe150.org) for calendar updates and exciting information on the plans for your community. Save the Year!

Please contact the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee Staff Liaison Megan Hoffman at mhoffman@villageofglencoe.org / (847) 461-1104 with any questions.

**About the Village of Glencoe:**
Located just 24 miles north of Chicago’s Loop, the Village of Glencoe is bordered by Lake Michigan, the Cook County Forest Preserve and the Glencoe Golf Course. With abundant parks, convenient beach facilities and one of the most attractive business districts along the North Shore, Glencoe is a great place to call home or just visit. Whether you come to shop and eat downtown, to spend the day at the Chicago Botanic Garden, to enjoy a show at the regionally acclaimed Writers Theatre or to take in the sight of one of our thirteen Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures—there is plenty to see and do in Glencoe. Welcome to our town Glencoe!

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