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OF GLENCOE

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PARK DISTRICT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 35

FAMILY
SERVICE OF GLENCOE

**Glencoe Celebrates the Opening of the New
Writers Theatre Building**



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Coming Events & Key Dates

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 13
Spring Forward One Hour

Presidential Primary Election and State

Primary Election Day

March 15, 2016
Polls Open 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up

Wednesdays, May 4 & 11
See Page 9 for Details

Memorial Day Parade & Service

Monday, May 30

Parade: 10:30 a.m. beginning at Central School

Service: 11:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park

Glencoe Grand Prix

Saturday, June 4



VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor:

2016 is certainly shaping up to be an exciting, yet challenging time in our Village. As our new fiscal year begins, I thought it a good time to highlight some of what we look to accomplish in the next 12 months.

At our February meeting, the Village Board approved a balanced budget for the next 12 months (FY 2017 which began March 1). Through careful planning we were able to provide a net reduction of 1.85% in general fund expenditures from FY 2016 and a modest 0.76% increase in property taxes, while maintaining service levels. This budget represents a continuing commitment to good financial stewardship, balancing public services and fiscal realities with a responsible spending plan. I want to thank our staff for their hard work in preparing a sound budget, and especially thank the Village Board for their deliberate and thoughtful review of the budget. I encourage you to review our budget documents on the Village's website at www.villageofglencoe.org/departments/finance/reports.aspx, as well as on pages 4-5.

2016 -2017 promises to be a pivotal and challenging period for the Village. As of now, the state budget stalemate continues and its impact on the Village remains uncertain. Speaking at the recent NWMC legislative brunch, several state representatives stressed the need for a substantial state tax hike to balance the budget. By contrast the Governor's legislative floor leader, to address the budget stalemate, introduced a bill (HB 4521) in the house which would give the Governor authority to transfer funds from taxes collected for local governments to the State funds during fiscal 2016 and 2017. HB 4521 would permit the Governor to take the Village's share of the state income tax, the corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, the sales tax, and E 911 fees, among others, to pay the state's bills.

At the same time, the State has continued to place new unfunded mandates on local governments. One alone, increased the Village's required contribution to the police pension fund by \$255,000 this year alone. This type of ever-changing environment in the state continues to challenge our financial sustainability and with it our ability to deliver services. With this uncertainty in mind, the Village Board has asked staff to continue evaluating the services we provide and how we provide them as part of staff's effort to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

In February, the Board reviewed the results of the 2015 Village Community Survey. Your response to the survey was excellent and the results have

provided us with valuable insight on what you think of Village services and areas we should focus on now and going forward. I want to personally thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey. This is a critical step in our evaluation of the services we provide, the quality of these services and how best to serve our residents. For more information on the survey results, please turn to pages 6-7.

The Village's six strategic priorities helped guide the development of the FY 2017 budget and are integrated in the day-to-day operations of the Village. These six strategic priorities are: financial sustainability, commercial vitality, infrastructure replacement, operational effectiveness, organizational development and community engagement.

There are several significant projects that we will undertake this fiscal year that align with our six strategic priorities and begin to address the feedback received from the Community Survey. These will include an evaluation of the Village's refuse collection program, investments in technology to improve our internal processes and make it easier for our residents to interact with the Village, including an improved website and further enhancement of Glencoe Connect, new efforts focused on environmental sustainability, and a commitment to our investment in critical infrastructure, including our water system and storm water and sanitary sewer improvements.

This spring, work will commence on two major storm water improvements and sanitary sewer maintenance upgrades. This year, we will provide major flooding relief in two areas of the Village - Skokie Ridge and Terrace Court (see article on page 3) followed by work on two other areas in calendar year 2017. Approved by voters last spring, these improvements will alleviate the impacts of residential flooding for these areas and continues the Village's tradition of addressing storm water issues in a meaningful and appropriate way.

While the road ahead may be challenging, I look forward to working through these challenges with the Board, staff and you, my fellow residents.

Before signing off, it is important to note that after a year and a half of construction, the impressive new Writers Theatre building has opened and the curtains are ready to be drawn for their first performances later this month. National press has come to Glencoe because of this iconic building which we know will enhance our Downtown and community. We look forward to the continued success of Writers as Glencoe solidifies its place as the center for arts and culture on the North Shore! ■

Sincerely,

Larry Levin

Village President



Writers Theatre Celebrates Opening



The new Writers Theatre has officially opened with a ribbon cutting that took place Friday, February 12. This 36,000 square-foot structure, located at 325 Tudor Court, was designed by architect Jeanne Gang, founder and principal designer for the Chicago-based Studio Gang Architects. The theatre was developed in partnership with the Woman's Library Club and the Village of Glencoe, and has become an architectural icon that provides the first permanent home in Glencoe for Writers Theatre since their founding.

This multi-year project, funded exclusively through private donations, is a case study for the positive impacts of community collaboration. Through the tireless efforts of the Board of Directors and staff from Writers Theatre, the Woman's Library Club, and the Village Board, Plan Commission and Village staff, as well as the cooperation and patience of Glencoe residents and businesses, efforts to bring to fruition this new theatre space – the Village's Cultural Center – have been realized.

Please visit the Writers Theatre website, www.writers theatre.org, for more information and links to recent national press on this incredible addition to Glencoe. ■

Residential Recycling Services

The Village of Glencoe's new 5-year recycling services agreement with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) began on Monday, February 29. The Village's process to arrive at this decision was deliberate and comprehensive, and the decision to select LRS as the new recycling service provider was based on their pricing proposal, service enhancements, and positive references from other municipal clients.



Through the new contract with LRS, residents will see lower recycling fees, a new larger capacity 95-gallon cart, and expanded electronics recycling drop-off. As a reminder recycling collection is once per week at the curb on your regular garbage collection day. All recycling must be ready for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Single stream recycling collection permits residents to place all recyclable materials together in the collection cart without separation. Recycling materials should be loose and not bagged. ■

Public Works Project Updates Storm Water Improvements

Construction on the 2016 Storm Water Improvements project in the Terrace Court and Skokie Ridge neighborhoods is expected to begin in the late April. The improvement consists of nearly 7,000 feet of new storm sewer pipe ranging in size from 12-inch to 42-inch in diameter, new storm sewer structures, pavement patching and restoration, and is designed to reduce flooding issues experienced in the Terrace Court and Skokie Ridge basin areas of the Village. Plans and specifications have been finalized and the bid opening for this project is scheduled in early March. Following Village Board Approval, construction

should begin in the Terrace Court basin area in April and transition into the Skokie Ridge basin area beginning in June, with a project completion date targeted for October. Some of the work in the Skokie Ridge Basin will include the installation of new storm sewer on Dundee Road between Bluff and Forestway. That work will require closing the road to through traffic and a full detour of Dundee Road for a few weeks during the summer months. Look to the Village website www.villageofglencoe.org for weekly construction updates later this spring. ■

Residential Swimming Pool Pumping

Late last year, the Village Board approved an ordinance amending the Village Code regarding the discharge of swimming pool water. Pool owners are required to obtain an annual permit from the Village for the opening and closing of residential swimming pools. The permit outlines the responsibilities of the pool owner and their contractor including the Village's requirement for all pool pumping to be discharged to the storm sewer, not the sanitary sewer, to prevent the potential for overcharging the sanitary sewer system and causing basement flooding. To meet the regulatory requirements of the IEPA and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), the permit requires that all pool water be dechlorinated and pH neutral prior to it being discharged. The pool pumping contractor is required to test and treat the pool water prior to pumping and submit the test results to the Village to document compliance.

Residents with outdoor pools should confirm with their contractor that a Village pool pumping permit has been obtained prior to allowing them to work. Violations of the swimming pool pumping permit requirements will result in fines and a contractor's suspension from being issued future permits. Questions should be directed to Public Works at 847-835-4111. ■

Vehicle/Animal Licenses and Alarm Permits Purchase your stickers before May 1

In March, a pre-printed application form will be mailed to residents and businesses for the annual vehicle/animal license and alarm permit renewal. If the form is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary corrections before returning it. If you do not receive an application, please contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113. Where there are no changes, payments can be made online through the Village's website at www.villageofglencoe.org. Altered applications must be returned to the Village with payment.

In February, the Village Board approved the increase of pet licenses from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The increase covers the cost of administering animal control services and is in line with the average fee for pet licenses in surrounding communities. Vehicle Licenses and Alarm Permits remain at \$50.00; \$25.00 for seniors.

The Public Safety Department will begin license enforcement on May 1. Village Ordinance requires that licenses be displayed and properly affixed to the passenger-side windshield. If you have questions, please contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112. ■

State of Illinois No Longer Sending Vehicle Emissions and License Plate Sticker Reminders

As a result to the state budget impasse, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Secretary of State are no longer mailing motorists reminders on required emissions testing and license plate sticker renewal.

Normally, if a car has not cleared an emissions test, the driver cannot renew the license plate sticker until it has. But the Illinois Secretary of State will now allow motorists to renew their plates until the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency starts sending out reminders again. Don't forget to check your sticker expiration date! Stickers can be renewed online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. ■

Village Board of Trustees Adopts Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

At its meeting on Thursday, February 4, the Village Board of Trustees approved and adopted the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2016 and ending February 28, 2017. The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget accounts for \$29,771,789 in expenses and includes all costs to operate the Village including day-to-day expenses, and major capital projects. The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget is a sound spending plan that equips the Village to continue to provide superior public services in a financially-responsible manner, and is guided by the Village's strategic priorities to advance critical projects and align with the Village's long-range financial plans. The six strategic priorities are Financial Sustainability, Commercial Vitality, Infrastructure Replacement, Operational Effectiveness, Organizational Development, and Community Engagement.

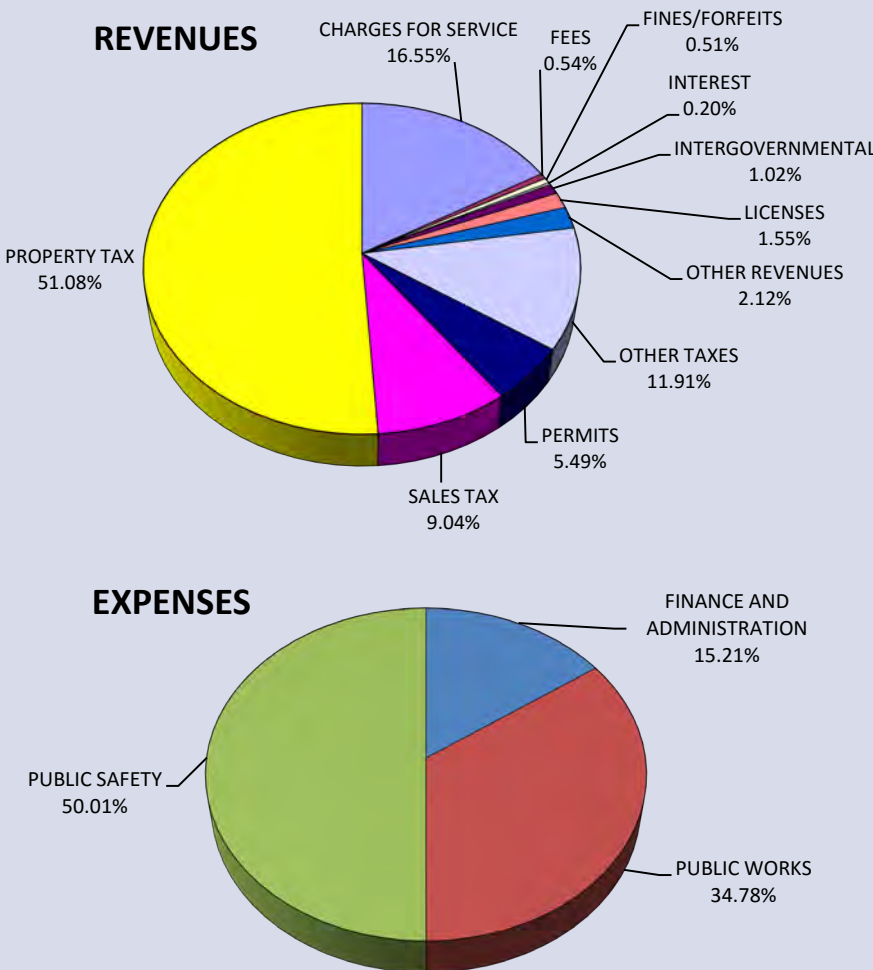
As the Village focuses on maintaining cost effective operations, this budget includes a 1.8% decrease in General Fund operating expenses, compared to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, while maintaining services for our residents. Efforts over the coming year to build further efficiencies into Village operations while maintaining the service level will continue, as will efforts to retain and build upon successful partnerships with other units of government. Consistent with Village practice, the Fiscal Year 2017 budget projects a very modest revenue increases, including a 0.76% property tax extension increase in accordance with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. As highlighted in the exhibit, the Village collects only 14.66% of a typical property tax bill – less than 15 cents of every dollar collected is provided to the Village to help pay for numerous services including public safety (police, fire and paramedic services) and public works (water, sewer, roadways, refuse collection and urban forest management). The Village prides itself on efficient operations and on its stewardship of public funds; our commitment to customer service to our residents is underscored by this budget and the funding allocated in it. ■

14.66%
How much of your property tax dollar goes to the Village of Glencoe?



Four Fast Facts on Village Finances

- 1 The Village has a balanced budget policy, which means that expenditures and financing uses do not exceed revenues and financing sources
- 2 The Village is one of 17 municipalities in Illinois to have a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's, the highest rating possible, and only one of seven non-home rule municipalities in Illinois to hold this distinction
- 3 Since 1988, the Village has invested over \$13 million in storm water improvements, over the next two years the Village will invest an additional \$6.5 million toward this effort
- 4 The Village saves residents money by sharing services with other local governments. Since 2011, the Village and Park District have saved more than \$180,000 by sharing service, and sharing a new recycling contract with the Village of Winnetka will save residents of both communities \$500,000 over the next five years



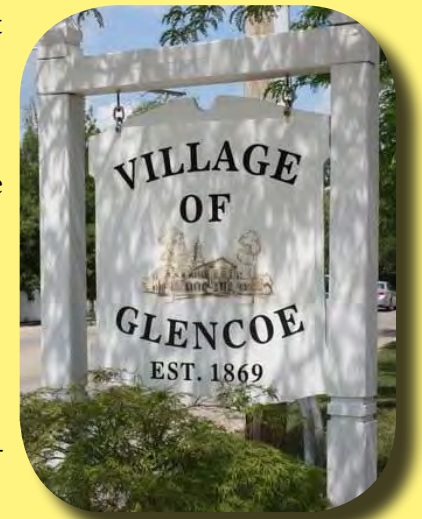
Fiscal Year 2017 At-a-Glance

- Voter-approved bond funds from the April 2015 referendum will be invested in the community, including \$2.75 million in storm water improvement projects in the Terrace Court and Skokie Ridge basin areas, \$2.6 million in infrastructure improvements including residential sidewalk replacement, sanitary sewer lining and Village Hall HVAC replacement
- Continued review of long-range water production and water system distribution needs
- Continued repair and maintenance of water plant treatment process equipment as well as water main and lift pump replacement to ensure water system reliability
- A comprehensive evaluation of the Village's garbage collection services and costs
- Enhanced Public Safety Officer training and public education initiatives
- Completing Federally-mandated upgrades to the Village's 911 radio network
- comprehensive study and evaluation of State-mandated 911 consolidation and possible alternatives
- Further study and evaluation of shared services, energy efficiency, and natural areas maintenance
- \$76,335 in grants to community organizations such as Family Service of Glencoe and others
- Completion of the Downtown TuneUp process, with a plan for enhancing and retaining a viable and vibrant Village center
- Continued efforts in technology integration, business process improvement, and customer self-service including online requests, forms and payment acceptance
- Comprehensive Village website redesign and enhancements to the Village's alert system Glencoe Connect
- Study and evaluation of information technology needs, human resources projects, and updates to fees and licensing



We encourage you to review the **Fiscal Year 2017 Budget** on the Village's website, along with numerous other financial documents related to Village operations. Please visit www.villageofglencoe.org/departments/finance/reports.aspx.

Further questions may be directed to the Village Manager's Office at 847-835-4114 or via email at info@villageofglencoe.org.



Village Residents Give a Big “Thumbs Up” to Life in Glencoe

The Village conducted a community-wide survey last fall to gauge residents’ satisfaction and to solicit resident feedback on almost every aspect of the Village. From comments on the quality of the Village’s downtown shopping area to responses related to the process for obtaining a building permit, residents answered more than 200 questions about Village services, public safety, financial stewardship and overall quality of life. Ninety-nine percent rated Glencoe as an excellent or good place to live!

The survey process was managed by ETC Institute, a highly-regarded independent research company based in Kansas. ETC was able to validate the survey findings as well as to provide additional context related to how Glencoe compares with other communities of our size and demographics. In fact, Glencoe rated significantly higher in nearly every category surveyed than comparable communities in the east/central region of the United States.

The survey was sent to all households in the Village. The Village’s initial goal was to receive at least 400 completed surveys, which was far exceeded by a completion rate of 608 households or almost 20 percent of the Village. The results for this sample size are considered to have a 95 percent accuracy rate. It is also worth noting the 600-plus households were disbursed throughout the community so feedback came from every neighborhood.

A full copy of the survey report and results, along with a presentation about the survey, is available on the Village’s website at www.villageofglencoe.org/news/communitysurvey.aspx.

Service with a smile and priorities for the future

Residents overwhelmingly confirmed their satisfaction with the Village staff. From a customer service perspective, the Village was especially pleased to learn that 94 percent of residents surveyed thought that when they called our employees, our employees were courteous and polite and 86 percent thought that their question was answered promptly. “Our employees are at the front lines of providing service to our residents,” said Village Manager Philip Kiraly. “We will continually strive to enhance the customer service experience that our employees provide through continued training and professional development.”

Residents also reported high levels of satisfaction with the Village’s public safety professionals. At least 95 percent of residents surveyed are very satisfied or satisfied with the police, fire and emergency medical services provided by the Public Safety Department. To keep up that level of responsiveness, in FY 2017, the Village is increasing the Public Safety training budget and anticipates hiring new Public Safety Officers.

“While this survey feedback is very positive, we’re constantly looking for



ways to improve and certainly not resting on our laurels,” Kiraly commented. “This feedback helps the Village prioritize projects and resources to help maintain and increase residents’ satisfaction in the years to come.” Kiraly pointed to several initiatives that are underway to address issues that residents identified as important.

Flood prevention and storm water management. The Village will complete a \$6.5 million storm water infrastructure improvement project in FY 2017 and will continue its practice of evaluating future infrastructure improvement needs. The Village will continue to revamp its process for planning future capital improvement projects.

Crime prevention. The Public Safety Department anticipates hiring additional Public Safety Officers in late spring of 2016 after a new eligibility list is created, and will have additional funds available for staff training.

Vibrancy of the downtown, walkability of the downtown, and variety of restaurants in the downtown. The Village is continuing work on the Downtown TuneUp plan and anticipates completing the plan later this year. Once the TuneUp plan is complete, the Village will review strategies to promote the downtown. Later this year, the Village will review its business license code and processes, and begin to evaluate a business attraction and retention program.



Overall quality of life and quality of services provided. The Village has begun reviewing all services that it provides, and will begin evaluating some in more detail to ensure the Village is using resources prudently by providing the service, or whether the level of service can be improved or provided in a more cost-effective manner.

A balanced Village budget. The Village completes a tremendous amount of financial forecasting and planning throughout the year, in addition to developing the annual operating budget. The Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget has approximately 2 percent less in expenditures budgeted than in Fiscal Year 2016, and the Village continually evaluates opportunities to add new revenues. The Village is increasing its emphasis on shared services and joint purchasing with other municipalities to increase efficiency and contain the cost of delivering services, such as the Village’s new recycling services contract that was jointly bid with the Village of Winnetka and will benefit residents of both communities with lower service fees.

Coming this year

While the survey feedback was overwhelmingly positive, it also pointed out some targeted areas for improvement that the Village will evaluate further over the next several months and fiscal year to continue aligning the Village’s future projects and resources with the community’s priorities.

For example, in Fiscal Year 2017, the Village will evaluate the garbage collection program and costs, and will conduct additional surveys to gain more feedback from residents about specific elements of the garbage collection program. In the survey, residents noted a very high level of satisfaction with the program, and approximately 68 percent of residents said they would be likely or very likely to consider once weekly curbside collection if it is the least expensive option offered. As the Village

considers service alternatives for this particular issue, this data will be important to consider along with a variety of other data that will be gathered in the future. The survey also highlighted an opportunity for the Village to improve its processes to collect, review and issue building permits. More than half of residents surveyed said they are satisfied with current processes, and over the next year, the Village will evaluate the permit process to identify opportunities to streamline the process while maintaining high quality standards.

Residents highlighted evaluating the adequacy of street lighting as a priority. To learn more about how residents' satisfaction can be improved, the Village will study the issue in the future. Similarly, residents provided feedback about the Village's permitted construction hours and regulation of construction work, which the Village will evaluate.

The survey showed that residents who use the Glencoe Golf Club are satisfied with the overall playing conditions of the course and that amenities are generally very good. Residents reported the lowest levels of satisfaction with the clubhouse, which the Village plans to improve following successful negotiation with the Cook County Forest Preserve District.



Residents reported very high levels of satisfaction with the Village's drinking water. Over the next year, the Village will complete the water system analysis and continue studying the water system infrastructure improvement needs, including future infrastructure improvements.

Communication is vital to keep residents informed and engaged, and the survey showed that the majority of residents turn to the Glencoe Quarterly, the local media, and the Village's website for news. A much smaller percentage of residents turn to the Village's Facebook page or Twitter feed for information. Over the next year, the Village plans to redesign the website to provide easier access to information and additional online services, and plans to increase the use of social media to communicate with residents through a variety of media, in addition to maintaining the Glencoe Quarterly. Please consider signing up for Glencoe Connect to stay abreast of 'breaking news.' You can do so with a couple of clicks on our website by visiting www.villageofglencoe.org/signup.aspx. Also 'like' us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

While these types of comprehensive surveys are typically done every few years, the Village always stands ready to receive input and feedback from residents at any time. Stop by Village Hall, attend one of our meetings, or contact us via email at info@villageofglencoe.org to make sure your views are heard year round. ■



Village of Glencoe Community Survey Results

Our investment in community services is paying off.

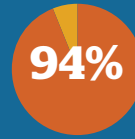
Of residents surveyed...



rated Glencoe as an excellent or good place to live



are very satisfied or satisfied with the police, fire and emergency medical services provided by the Public Safety Department



are very satisfied or satisfied with maintenance of the downtown, traffic signals, municipal buildings and streets



thought that when they spoke with our employees, the employees were courteous and polite

We're continually working to improve our services

Of residents surveyed...



are satisfied with storm water management and drainage. \$6.5 million in storm water improvement projects will be completed in FY 2017 and FY 2018. The Village has invested more than \$20 million in storm water improvements over the last 30 years.



are satisfied with the adequacy of street lights. The Village will study opportunities to improve satisfaction with street lighting.



felt that a vibrant downtown is a priority. The Village is continuing work on the Downtown TuneUp, is a new member of the North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is home to the new Writers Theatre.

Coming this year:



Garbage collection program study



Complete water system analysis



Technology investments in Village operations



Redesigned, simple to navigate website with more information and citizen self-service options

Priorities for the future

Of those surveyed, these five items ranked as highest priorities



1. Flood Prevention/Stormwater Management



2. Crime Prevention



3. Vibrant Downtown



4. Variety of Restaurants



5. Overall Quality of Services

For more information and complete survey results,

visit the Village's website at
www.villageofglencoe.org



Tee Time

with Stella Nanos
General Manager

Glencoe Golf Club

621 Westley Road | 847-835-0250
www.glencoe golfclub.com



This April the Glencoe Golf Club is celebrating its 5th year as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses was established to assist golf courses in their efforts to enhance and protect the valuable natural areas and wildlife habitats that golf courses provide. The process to become certified in Glencoe began by assessing the golf course and developing an environmental plan. Key changes were initiated in several categories including; wildlife and habitat management, water conservation, chemical use reduction and water quality management. Through the use of the management tools provided by Audubon International the golf course was able to make significant changes to the day-to-day operations that have had a direct benefit to the environment.

A major project that was undertaken to aid in water conservation was the expansion of our existing retention pond. The pond expansion project increased our capacity to store rain water by 10%, thus reducing our dependence on utilizing treated municipal water for irrigation purposes. The creation of five acres of no mow natural areas and the elimination of watering the rough throughout the course has also taken place in an effort to conserve water.

One of the Club's most recent wildlife conservation efforts has been focused on the plight of the Monarch Butterfly. The disappearance of milkweed in the United States has been the biggest culprit in the decline of the Monarch population. The Club, which is a member of the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Program, took action to combat the decline in habitat and began to plant and preserve milkweed throughout the course. In addition, a Butterfly Garden was created to provide nectar sources, and shelter for the Monarchs. Our initiative was rewarded this past summer as we experienced a resurgence of Monarchs on the property. Hopefully our efforts will help in some way to assure the preservation of the species.

As the weather warms up we invite you to visit the golf course to help us celebrate our environmental achievements and to take advantage of 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, club fittings and a full menu in our restaurant. We hope to see you this season not only to enjoy the golf facility but to experience how our commitment and high standards of environmental management can provide a benefit for the entire community. ■



All Things Water!

There has been a lot of recent coverage in the news regarding water, especially with the events that have unfolded in Flint, Michigan. The Village would like to assure all residents and water customers that the water in Glencoe is safe and meets all Federal and State quality standards. The Village takes great pride in what we do on a daily basis at the Water Treatment Plant to ensure it stays that way. A few important facts about lead in drinking water - there is no lead in the water produced by the Village's Water Plant and supplied to your home. Lead can be introduced into the water in some homes from old private lead service lines and lead in soldered pipe joints within the plumbing system of older homes. To help guard against this, the Village treats water with a corrosion inhibitor that helps to coat the inside of lead pipes as a protective barrier between the lead and the water flowing through it. For more information on water quality, including copies of the Village's Water Quality Reports, please visit the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org.

As of February 14, 2016, the Village has switched its Cross Connection Control Program tracking to Backflow Solutions Incorporated (BSI). Residents will begin to receive backflow testing reminders from BSI, which will also include a new feature that allows homeowners to check their testing status using their own personalized Customer Confirmation Number (CCN). Be sure to check it out at www.bsionlinetracking.com. ■

A True Community Effort with Positive Results!

At the Glencoe Community Garden, volunteers help make the world a better place. In its four years as a community-wide service project, the GCG's organic-practicing mini-farm and garden has donated 100% of harvests, nearly 10,000 pounds of fresh nutritious food to those in need.



The Garden began in Spring 2012 as a gift to the community by Temple Am Shalom and has been cared for and enjoyed by teens, tots and seniors, master gardeners and novices, service groups and lots of folks who just want to be outside and make a contribution. As the North Shore's true living laboratory, the Garden has mastered a hot composting program, captured enough solar energy to power a greenhouse, unveiled a rain water collection system, and showcased several innovative growing systems including newly designed vertical planters. The GCG is now a zero-waste-landfill project wherein all organic waste is turned into compost and returned to the raised growing beds to nurture the food and flowers.

The Garden's Compost Team initiated a program where community members contribute kitchen scraps to the GCG compost pile. Guildhall, O'Neil's, Glencoe Roast and Starbucks all generously contribute to the hot composting effort. Volunteers remain the heart of the Garden! With no prior experience, boy scouts and teens took responsibility for watering, harvesting, multiple plantings, and pruning. Church and temple groups, garden clubs, student groups, Glencoe Junior High Project, and many more sought out the GCG for Service Opportunity Days contributing much needed help to keep the Garden growing.

Get involved with this year's Seed Planting at the Park District Greenhouse on Thursday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesday, April 20 from 2-3 p.m. Help transplant those seeds into the Garden on Sunday, May 15 from 1-4 p.m. Get your hands dirty planting more seeds on Sunday, May 29 from 1-4 p.m. Join in the Summer Harvest Times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Drop in at the Garden at 380 Old Green Bay Road. For more information, email gcgarden18@gmail.com. ■

Get Ready for Spring Clean-Up Day!

The Village will again offer a one-day annual Spring Clean-Up service to provide residents an opportunity to dispose of items that are not included with normal garbage collection service. This year's dates are:

Wednesday, May 4

for Monday & Tuesday Primary Garbage Collection Days

Wednesday, May 11

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 Garage at 847-835-4134. ■

Fire Hydrant Flushing to Begin in April

The Village will conduct annual fire hydrant flushing from April 25 - May 13. The purpose of this important maintenance program is to ensure fire hydrants are fully operational and to remove accumulated sediment from the water main system. Some discoloration of water may occur during hydrant flushing. If you experience discolored water while hydrant flushing is underway, simply run your faucets until the water runs clear. For more information, contact the Public Works Water Division at 847-835-4183. ■

Plant a Tree to Celebrate Arbor Day

Glencoe has been proud to receive the Arbor Day Foundation's *Tree City USA* award for the past 22 years. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit organization 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 with the *Tree City USA* award.

Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity for all residents 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 on Friday, April 29 with the Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at South School. Please visit the Village's website in early April for complete details. ■



Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

This year's Memorial Day parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Central School and the ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park, just west of Glencoe Union Church. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Takiff Center at 999 Green Bay Road. This annual event brings residents together to honor and veterans and is hosted jointly by the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe Park District, Glencoe School District 35, Glencoe Public Library, and the Glencoe Historical Society. ■



Visit www.villageofglencoe.org for information on:

- Building a new house? Important questions for your contractor!
- Travel opportunities from the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce



Village Employee Spotlight

Richard S. Weiner

Public Safety Lieutenant

When did you start working for the Village?

I began my career on October 7, 1985.

What is the best part of your job?

This career is constantly changing and evolving allowing me to grow as a person and make myself both a better person and officer. It prevents stagnation and pushes me continue to grow.

Describe a typical work day.

Our day typically starts with roll call where we find out what happened on the previous shifts and make assignments for the day. After roll call, we have station duties that include checking all the equipment for operational readiness, station maintenance, responding to requests for service, fire calls and ambulance calls. For those assigned to patrol, they too must check their assigned equipment in preparation to respond to calls for service. There is also required training that must be completed. At lunch and dinner times we will cover the desk so the dispatcher can have a meal break. My assigned section assignment is investigations so I will meet with my two detectives to get updates on any cases they are working on.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My wife and I run a not-for-profit parrot rescue. My wife runs it full time and I assist her on my off days. Working with the birds is a rewarding and enriching experience. When we are not working at the rescue, we have two vintage muscle cars that we work on and take to car shows, often with some of our feathered and furry companions so we can continue to network about the rescue as well. We also provide educational talks with our two resident screech owls, Nascha and Kaiya who were injured and found to be non-releasable.

Describe yourself in three words.

Driven, hard-working and compassionate.

What advice do you have for the next generation of Village employees?

Times are tough for law enforcement; don't sweat the small stuff. You will be asked to do many things, most of them have nothing to do with police or fire work, but it is these calls for service that matter most to our residents. Work together towards a common goal and try and have fun with it. There are too many things that can get under your skin, don't let it, you'll feel better in the long run. The job can be tough, you need to be tougher than that so eat well, get enough sleep, keep physically fit and develop outside activities not related to police/fire to avoid the typical pitfalls of the hazards in the public safety arena. ■



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Special Events:

Daddy Daughter Dance

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FROM THE PARK BENCH

Dear Glencoe Friends and Neighbors:

Lately, I've been thinking: how do we, as a community, collectively inspire healthier lifestyles? The answer is clear, parks and recreation.

With a growing clamor about obesity from doctors, parents, researchers and public health officials, it's time for people to understand that parks are more than simply pretty places, they are places that can help people to become healthier and fit. With 99 acres of parkland in Glencoe, children and adults alike can benefit from physical activity year-round in our community.

According to the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, adults need to do two types of physical activity each week to improve health: aerobic and muscle-strengthening. For important health benefits, adults need at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity (i.e., brisk walking) every week and weight training activities that work all major muscle groups for two or more days a week.

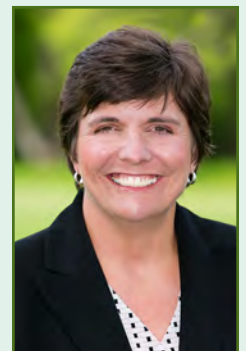
Research says the closer residents live to a park, the more likely it will be used for fitness and other recreation. Luckily, 97.7% of all Glencoe residents live within one mile of a park. Try going for a bike ride along the Green Bay Trail, running the ramp at Glencoe Beach, or walking through one of our 34 parks. If organized fitness classes are more your speed, I invite you to try one of our new fitness classes at the Takiff Center, from Bollywood-inspired dancing to indoor boot camps, or venture to Glencoe Beach for paddle board yoga, cardio boot camps, and kayak/paddle board core classes this summer.

As we move into spring, the Glencoe Park District is starting construction plans to renovate Melvin Berlin Park. We are also working on designs for a new Gazebo at Kalk Park and revitalizing the playground at Shelton Park. When completed, each park will offer physical activities for your to enjoy. We can't wait to see the first pitch thrown at Melvin Berlin Field, active kids climbing on new equipment at Shelton Park, as well as neighbors enjoying an evening stroll through Kalk Park. As project details progress, updates will be posted on the Park District's website (www.glencoeParkDistrict.com). If you have specific questions, please send an email to specialprojects@glencoeParkDistrict.com.

We're lucky to live in a community with access to so many parks, trails, forest preserves, beaches, and playgrounds. As it warms up, remember it's good for you to go outside and play! ■

Sincerely,

Lisa Sheppard, CPRP
 Executive Director



Get Fit at the Takiff Center!

Drop in at the Takiff Center for a fitness class. Each class is \$20 and discounted punch cards are available. Spice up your fitness routine with something new. ■

MONDAY	9:15-10:45 AM HATHA YOGA (All Levels) with <i>Alican</i>	10:45-11:45 AM ZUMBA BOLLYWOOD FUSION with <i>Judy</i> (3/28/16 - 6/6/16)	
TUESDAY	8:20-9:20 AM MOVING WITH WEIGHTS with <i>Marianne</i>		
WEDNESDAY	9:15-10:15 AM CORE+BARRE ESSENTIALS with <i>Cristina</i>	9:30-10:30 AM VINYASA FLOW with <i>Laura</i>	12-1 PM INDOOR BOOTCAMP with <i>Sandy</i> (3/29/16 - 6/7/16)
THURSDAY	8:20-9:20 AM MOVING WITH WEIGHTS with <i>Marianne</i>	9:30-10:45 AM HATHA BLEND with <i>Colleen</i>	9:40-11 AM JAZZ DANCE* with <i>Julie</i>
FRIDAY	9:15-10:15 AM CORE+BARRE ESSENTIALS with <i>Cristina</i>		



Your Outdoor Gym

Let's go to the park today! This familiar phrase is heard routinely throughout the year in households across the country. As the well-being of our children are impacted by the daily environment in which they live, learn, and play, it's time to consider how Glencoe's parks and recreation spaces serve as a healthful venue for the community.

Historically, public parks and outdoor recreation areas, particularly in cities, were developed for health purposes. By the 1890's, landscape architects and park planners were concerned about sedentary lifestyles. The 19th-century "Rational Recreation" movements sought to encourage forms of leisure considered superior—and contact with nature was a primary component. The health benefit of exposure to nature was an article of faith. Today, those health benefits are being quantified, and scientific research is documenting the data supporting what 19th-century planners believed.

Parks and playgrounds are important spaces for children and adults for physical activity. Several studies have shown a positive association between access to parks and physical activity. Just being close to nature is beneficial to your health; living near a park positively relates to healthy levels of stress and physical activity.

How much physical activity do we need?

- Preschoolers should accumulate at least 60 minutes of structured physical activity each day and at least 60 minutes -- and up to several hours -- of unstructured physical activity each day, and should not be sedentary for more than 60 minutes at a time, except when sleeping
- Children ages 5-12: Children should accumulate at least 60 minutes, and up to several hours, of age-appropriate physical activity on all, or most days of the week and several bouts of physical activity lasting 15 minutes or more each day
- Adults need at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity (i.e., brisk walking) every week and two or more days per week of training that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders, and arms)

With 34 parks available for you to run, jog, walk, bike, skate, and at the Village is full of outdoor fitness opportunities! ■

Start Thinking Summer

Limited Spaces Still Available!

Summer at the Glencoe Park District is the experience of a lifetime for our campers. Each camp program allows children to thrive within an exciting and developmentally age appropriate program.

The Bears Camps are for the youngest Glencoe Park District campers, ages 2 through 4. Housed in the Early Childhood wing of the Takiff Center, children enjoy our outdoor play area, arts, music, and playtime where children can use their imagination, make new friends and improve physical skills. Every group is supported by a low staff to camper ratio, including two teachers and a counselor.

Kinder Korner, a high-energy camp for almost-kindergarteners, is balanced between creative and physical activities designed to foster independence and build self-esteem. Campers experience weekly beach days and field trips to local parks, The Grove, and more.

First through third graders have an opportunity to experience arts and crafts, sports, and exciting special events at Sun Fun. Children experience the freedom of a diverse program in which they can customize their camp experience during

"Camper's Choice," a portion of the day in which campers select their favorite activity. Weekly field trips to Rainbow Falls Water Park, BlastZone and other exciting destinations provide many opportunities for fun outside of the



Takiff Center. With access to softball and soccer fields, an indoor gym, ceramics, art studios, a stage, enrichment rooms, and much more, the Takiff Center provides multiple opportunities for active play for Sun Fun campers!

The Camp Adventure program offers the opportunity for fourth and fifth graders to develop relationships with summer friends and engage in enriching experiences. Campers are able to refine their sports skills as well as develop their skills in arts and crafts, drama and other adventures. Counselors help to ensure that these campers learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and enhance self-esteem. Adventures at Takiff Center are paired with excursions to Rinkside Sports, a Cubs game, and trips to Glencoe Beach to enjoy sailing, swimming, and fun in the sun.

At Action Quest, the oldest campers entering grades 6-9 are able to participate in a diverse summer program charged with fun and adventure. Campers take an off-grounds trip three times each week, including a special overnight experience at the Glencoe Beach. Groups are led by counselors who campers can relate to, who share a wide variety of interests. If you have always wanted to try activities like kayaking, rock wall climbing and sailing, this is the program for you!

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program allows youth entering grades 7-10 to learn to work with children and develop leadership skills. CITs help implement activities and projects for younger campers under the supervision of camp directors.

Glencoe's summer season runs 8 weeks Monday through Friday, from June 13 to August 5. Options for 2, 4 or 6 weeks are available. Register online today at www.glencoeParkDistrict.com or call 847-835-3030 for further information about a summer experience at the Glencoe Park District. ■



Infant Care Coming This Fall

Children's Circle Full Day Preschool Will Begin Accepting Kids 6 weeks through Kindergarten

Beginning September 1, Children's Circle will offer full day programming for students 6 weeks through age 5.

"The new infant program falls within Children's Circle mission to provide full-day flexibility and high-quality teaching geared to the diverse needs of busy families," said Naomi Garvett, Early Childhood Manager. "At Glencoe Park District, we believe play is a child's most important teacher. Play designed and supported by thoughtful, experienced educators means the best in preschool for children."

"A day at Children's Circle reflects our philosophy that children learn best through meaningful interactions with the world around them in a secure environment," said Garvett. "Learning is an active process,

whether it happens during a teacher-guided group experience or during free choice play. Our program is licensed by the State of Illinois, meeting state standards for health, safety, and staff training."

Children's Circle Full Day Preschool opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m., with enrollment options that range from two to five days per week. Because Children's Circle Full Day offers classes 50 weeks a year, you may register at any time. Children's Circle is closed for one week in August and one week in December, as well as on major holidays.

Glencoe Park District is now accepting enrollment applications for infants; limited spaces are available. Call 847-835-7533 to learn more or schedule a tour. ■

Upcoming Special Events

FREE! Family Fun Fest

2-4 p.m. | Sunday, March 13 | Takiff Center

Family Service of Glencoe and Glencoe Park District are coming together to present games, crafts, and activities. Visit www.glencoeParkDistrict.com for details.

FREE! Spring Egg Hunt

10 a.m. SHARP! | Saturday, March 19 | Watts Park

Bring your basket and get ready for an egg hunt! We're hiding eggs filled with surprises throughout Watts Park. After the hunt, join us for crafts, games, and photos with the Spring Bunny. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Takiff Center. Call 847-835-7720 for weather updates.

FREE! Biscuits, Bones, & Bunnies: Hound Hunt

11 a.m. SHARP! | Saturday, March 19 | Watts Park

Egg hunting is for the DOGS! Let your pup search for eggs filled with doggie treats and pose for pictures with the Spring Bunny. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Takiff Center. Call 847-835-7720 for weather updates.

New! Mother/Son Date Night

5-7 p.m. | Sunday, April 10 | Takiff Center | \$65/72 per couple (120460-01); \$25 additional child (120460-02)

Bring your special someone for a night under the stars! We will have dinner, dancing and entertainment. Recommended for ages 2-7 and their special guest. Advanced registration required by March 25.

FREE! Earth Day Clean-Up

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Friday, April 22

Celebrate Earth Day with us by helping clean-up various sites throughout Glencoe. This is a collaborative effort between Glencoe Park District, School District 35, Glencoe Park District and the Village of Glencoe's Public Works Department. Lunch will be provided to District 35 students. More details will go home with District 35 students after spring break! ■



Park Project Updates

Melvin Berlin Park

Design plans for Melvin Berlin Park were approved at the Board of Commissioners Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 5. Construction of the new park is slated to begin in June, after the District 35 school year ends.

The new park includes replacing and upgrading existing structures including the changes to the irrigation system, netting, fences, dugouts, spectator seating, a new scoreboard, as well as adding a new bathroom/picnic shelter.

Kalk Park

In the Park District's Master Plan, Kalk Park was identified for improvements in 2016. Liza's Gazebo, the park's most iconic feature, is twenty-five years old. After a structural analysis of Liza's Gazebo, it was determined the structure needed to be replaced. The Board of Park Commissioners is currently working with Hitchcock Design Group to design a replacement gazebo and new walkways. The new concepts include an emphasis on ADA-accessibility and harmony with nature.

Shelton Park

The Board of Commissioners approved installing a new playground at Shelton Park park this summer. The Board of Commissioners is currently reviewing plans for a new, nature-based playground to replace the wood playground structures at Shelton Park. This new playground (pictured below) will occupy the same location as the existing structures.

Initial concepts include:

- A 5-12 year old nature-themed playground structure with slides and play panels
- A 2-5 year old nature-themed playground structure with slides and climbing areas
- New swings, including tot swings and a handicapped accessible swing
- New engineered wood fiber play surface
- A new water fountain with water bottle station and pet-level bowl

Conceptual designs can be viewed at www.glencoe parkdistrict.com. The community is invited to share design input at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). ■



Hop on the Bus for an Adventure

New Day Trips for Adults

Catch a ride on the Glencoe Park District bus for ticketed events, special exhibits, and more! We'll take care of the driving so you can enjoy a day out with your Glencoe friends.

On April 5, spend the day at the Field Museum. Go inside Ancient Egypt, visit the Grainger Hall of Gems, see the Evolving Planet exhibit and meet Sue. Then, explore ticketed special exhibits The Greeks and the Cyrus Tang Hall of China as well as watch the movie *Walking the T. Rex 3D: The Story of Sue*. We'll enjoy lunch at the Field Bistro in the Museum before heading back to Glencoe.

Then, on May 12, join us for an afternoon matinee performance of *The King & I* at the Lyric Opera. Composed by Rodgers and Hammerstein, the Tony-award winning



musical is the story of Anna, a British teacher hired by the King to educate his children on the ways of the West. These two strong, passionate people debate, disagree, and, ultimately, fall in love to the tune of Broadway's greatest songs. Our day will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the Lyric Opera as well as lunch at Lloyd's Restaurant.

Finally, on May 20, join us as we head to Long Grove's Chocolate Festival. We'll visit the Long Grove Historical Society for a brief lecture on Illinois' first historic district. Then you can wander around the charming village, and enjoy everyone's favorite treat – CHOCOLATE! We'll enjoy a late lunch before returning to town.

Each day trip includes transportation from the Takiff Center, admission/tickets, and lunch. To register, visit the Takiff Center or go to www.glencoe parkdistrict.com. ■

More Programs for Adults

Check the Spring/Summer brochure for more adult programs, including ceramics courses, tennis lessons, adult fitness classes, and more!

Painting On Canvas

Mondays, April 4-May 23 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Experiment with paint to better understand color, composition, and various techniques.

Beginning Knitting

Mondays, March 28-May 23 | 12-2 p.m.

Get introduced to knitting, from yarn selection to basic stitches.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays, April 7-May 12 | 1-3 p.m.

Be part of the millions of players that enjoy the game of Mah Jongg, a fascinating rummy-like game is played with tiles rather than cards.

Photography Workshop

Friday, April 15 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Composition, lighting, lenses and angles will be the emphasis during this fun on-location class.

Spring Awakenings Florals

Friday, April 15 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Create a spring design using bulb flowers such as tulips and daffodils!



Glencoe District SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

Time flies when you find joy each day working with the children of our community! As hard as it is to believe, the end of winter is right around the corner. As spring approaches, it also signifies a time for focused planning and preparation. Our teams of teachers and administrators remain focused and present in the current year while planning steadily for the year ahead. The end of a school year brings both an air of pride in accomplishments and excitement regarding the future.

The Board of Education has been busy over the last few months. Plans continue for the renovation within South School to prepare for full-day Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 year. Our early registration proved beneficial in identifying over 110 children registered for our full-day program. As such, our plans to prepare six classrooms within the current footprint of South School are well underway.

In February, the Board also approved Transportation Fees for the District. We are pleased to share a more simplified busing fee structure for all grade levels. Additionally, the option for one-way busing now exists for all students; in prior years this was limited to Central School students. Over the summer, District staff works extremely hard to coordinate safe and efficient bus routes for our students. We remind parents of the importance of registration for bus service by the June 30th deadline to allow the creation of routes.

Within this issue you will see wonderful examples of the ongoing efforts to prepare our children to be productive and contributing members of our community. New opportunities for coding and problem solving have blossomed across each school. While our students have quickly taken to the new experiences, we have also found our staff members are brimming with new ideas to incorporate coding skills into their curriculum. As we tap new technological tools, we remain committed to supporting the growth of traditional skills of cooperation, creative thinking and communication. Don't miss our news on the *Innovation Stations* we are bringing to South and West Schools.

We welcome you to become involved and connected to the happenings within the Glencoe schools. Share your time at our *We Care for our World* event, attend a monthly Board of Education meeting, or simply subscribe to our weekly newsletter. I look forward to the continued success of our children as we work together. ■

Sincerely,

Catherine Wang

Superintendent

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Coming Events:

Spring Break

Monday, March 21 – Friday, March 25

We Care for our World

Tuesday, April 19 | 5:00 p.m.
West School

South School Family Open House

Thursday, May 11th | 6:00 p.m.
South School

Family Fitness @ West School

Tuesday, May 24 – Friday, May 27

8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, June 2 | 7:00 p.m.
Misner Auditorium

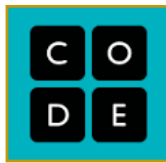
Enriching and exciting courses await Glencoe students participating in District 35's Summer Explorations. The summer school program will run each morning from June 7th to July 1st. The majority of classes will be hosted at West School.

Online registration for District 35 Summer Explorations will begin on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Visit <http://summerschool.glencoeschools.org> for a preview (beginning March 2nd) of the Summer Explorations catalog. Registration will end on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. Some classes have limited space, therefore, early registration is encouraged.

If you have questions, please contact Christine Pasquesi at 847-835-7803, or pasquesc@glencoeschools.org



Cracking the CODE in District 35



This year, students across the district participated in Computer Science Education Week, December 7-13, 2015. Read on to learn the ways students experienced coding in District 35.

At South School, Kindergarten students used the ScratchJr programming app on the iPads to create a program in which the sun sets over a city landscape. The children were introduced to a variety of ScratchJr features, including changing the background of their project, removing and adding characters, and utilizing motion blocks. This form of coding is called Blockly. Blockly uses blocks that link together to make writing code easier.



First and Second grade students visited the *code.org* website where they were introduced to three different coding activities. Students watched introductory videos that explained the basic concepts of coding by using Blockly and HTML. Students were then able

to create their own Star Wars game, take Steve or Alex on an adventure through the Minecraft world, or Code with Elsa and Anna from Frozen. The students had the opportunity to extend coding in their classrooms using the apps Tynker, Lightbot Hour of Code, and ScratchJr.

Erica Zuhr, Technology Integration Specialist, thought the “coding experience at South school was fun, interactive, and engaging! Coding improves problem solving, logic, and encourages students to express themselves with technology. It is wonderful to see students and teachers as they continue to code in their classrooms.”

The West School Hour of Code was a huge success. West students first learned the logic of computer coding by participating in an “unplugged”



activity in which they programmed their classmates. Using only the following basic commands: move forward, turn right 90°, and turn left 90°, students had to program their classmates to move from one point in the library to another. West Students then visited the website *code.org* where they were given the option to choose from three coding activities. Based on their level of experience with computer programming, students could code using Blockly software, or write a computer program using JavaScript. West students showed great enthusiasm for computer coding and were encouraged to sign up for the PTO sponsored coding club offered at West School this winter. Mary Kelly, West School CLC Director, stated, “Computer programming enhances students’ problem-solving skills because a large part of their achievement comes through debugging their program. Students learn that it is okay to make a mistake, but a successful coder will reflect, spot their mistake, and make corrections.” Strategic thinking, problem solving, and patience are critical skills in these tasks.

Central School students came together in Young Auditorium and learned HTML and Javascript using Khan Academy to create web pages and drawings. Amy Holaday, Technology Integration Specialist, commented, “This was an exciting event for our students to gain an opportunity not just to interact with

new technology but have the chance to create with these new technologies. When students learn to code, they learn important strategies for solving problems, designing projects, and communicating ideas. It is a lifelong skill, and we were thrilled about how excited our students were to learn.”



Across our three schools, additional coding experiences are available to our students via classroom lessons, before-school clubs, and lunchtime activities. We continue to explore new opportunities to ensure our students have strong foundational skills for their future. ■

Early Childhood Screening for District 35 Children

Glencoe School District 35 is offering Early Childhood development screenings for Glencoe children. The screenings are open to Glencoe residents who have concerns about their child’s development in the areas of: speech-language, fine motor skills, concept development, and/or social/emotional growth. Vision and hearing screenings are also provided.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016: 2 years and 6 months – 5 years

Wednesday, March 30, 2016: Birth – 5 years

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 benefit from 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. Please note, the screening is not designed to determine a child’s readiness for kindergarten.

Additional information on childhood developmental milestones is available at the following website: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/.

To schedule a screening for your child, please contact Kim Badie in the Pupil Services Office at 847-835-7838. Please call by Friday March 18, 2016. ■

Transportation Registration

The Board of Education recently approved the following transportation fees for the 2016-2017 school year:

Kindergarten-8th grade:

The cost to ride the bus for the school year, regardless of distance from school, is \$500 per child. Pick-up or drop-off at the Takiff Community Center is possible on days children attend before- or after- school programs.

New Option for Kindergarten - 8th grade:

All parents will have the option of **morning only (AM)** or **afternoon only (PM)** service at the rate of \$250 for the school year. This new option is available when parents register for bus service on our Family Access portion of the district website.

Registration for bus service received or postmarked after June 30, 2016 will be subject to a late fee. Late fee charges are \$50 per child. In order to develop the bus routes and avoid changes in pick-up and drop-off times, parents are urged to complete transportation registration by June 30th. ■

New Student Registration

It's not too late to register for Kindergarten for the coming year. If you missed the registration day held in October, please contact South School for next steps. Families new to the Glencoe School District who wish to register should contact the school their child will be attending to obtain registration materials.



South School (K-2nd) – Jen Schuer at 847-835-6411

West School (3rd and 4th) – Nancy Boggs at 847-835-6611

Central School (5th - 8th) – Dawn Kaminiski at 847-835-7613 ■

2016-2017 School Calendar



Each year the District Calendar Committee meets to draft a proposed school calendar for the coming year. Members of the committee include teachers, teacher associates, and administrators. The Board of Education approved the 2016-2017 school year calendar at the December Board meeting. A one-page calendar reflecting major events and breaks for the coming school year is posted on the District web page www.glencoeschools.org. ■

Transition Programs in our Schools

We strive to prepare our students and parents for the transitions that occur in our district. Please mark your calendar to join us for the parent transition events scheduled in the coming months:

Wednesday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m.

PreK to Kindergarten Transition @ South

Wednesday, May 4th, 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation @ South

Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30 p.m.

4th to 5th Parent Orientation @ Central

Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 p.m.

2nd to 3rd Parent Orientation @ West

Please watch our district website for specific location details. ■



WE CARE for our WORLD

Join in for an hour of service. Come as a family and help others near and far.

April 19, 2016 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

We welcome our K-4th grade students and parents to join in our hour of service. This year our event will be held at West School on April 19th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Many hands will join in to help others in our community and beyond. Mark your calendar to join us in this civic engagement opportunity. ■

Food for Funds

We would like to thank our Glencoe families for the contributions to the Food for Funds collection of Grand Food receipts. Based on the receipts collected in 2015, we received a check for \$2,397.03. We are most thankful for the partnership with Grand Foods allowing Central School's Executive Cabinet to donate the funds to charity. We are still collecting receipts, so please continue to bring your Grand Food receipts to any Glencoe school office. ■



Innovation Stations are on the Way!

South and West Schools are preparing to add an Innovation Station to the Crawford Learning Center library spaces. This is a space to foster the 4Cs - collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication - as our students tinker with everyday items to solve challenges. Students will be introduced to the engineering design process that involves asking questions, imagining possible solutions, planning, creating and improving on a plan. The maker movement is all about teaching our children to think for themselves, to think creatively, and to look for innovative solutions. We welcome community help to gather supplies for our Innovation Stations. Please scan the QR Code for a link to our supply list. Please share donations at the front office of South School or West School. ■



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

“The first person to live to 150 is already alive.” I first heard these incredible words in a radio news story a couple of years ago. I have since heard them attributed to Dr. Aubrey de Grey, a biomedical gerontologist and currently the Chief Science Officer of the SENS Research Foundation. He is known for his view that the medical technology in existence today may enable human beings to live indefinitely.

The story plays right into my musings on human development. It's funny how one's perspective on age changes depending on your stage in life. When I was a kid, I dreamed of being a teenager and thought 17 was old. Through my 20s and 30s, my perspective changed with annoying regularity. Then, just when I thought I had the adulthood thing figured out, someone had the nerve to tell me at age 45 that I was entering middle age. Today, as I approach another milestone, my perspective on aging is still evolving—sixty is the new forty and I am only as old (or as young) as I feel. I am grateful for relatively good health and now think living past 100 is entirely possible.

This issue focuses on three different stages of the

lifespan—early childhood, adolescence, and older adulthood—and the developmental transitions encountered in each stage. Each article offers information and inspiration to guide you through life's changes. Wherever we are in terms of our life's journey, we share the experience of being human. The most common issues that bring people of any age into counseling are issues that we all face. Navigating transitions can be overwhelming.

I must admit I've had my share of ups and downs during my own transitions. Starting high school, dating, social relationships, losing friends, college, learning to be independent, marriage, fatherhood, job changes—these experiences produced high levels of stress and a wide range of feelings. The death of a sibling at age 29 left me stunned and grief stricken. More recently, losing a parent and, with my wife, becoming empty nesters have brought more loss, pain, and joy. These are a few examples of when I have needed and reached out for the support of others.

We will all be confronted with life's transitions, and we may need help with them from time to time. At Family Service of Glencoe, *our mission is to promote a stronger community by meeting individual and family needs through services that identify, prevent and resolve social and emotional problems.* Our counselors serve individuals across the lifespan – currently our youngest client is 6 and our oldest is 91. Our experienced therapists help individuals of all ages work through issues and develop coping skills. If you need support with life's challenges, please do not hesitate to call us. We are here to help. ■

At the heart of our community,

William (Bill) Hansen, MSW

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Family Fun Fest

Looking for something fun to do with your children? Family Service of Glencoe, together with the Glencoe Park District and The Grand Food Center are pleased to host *Family Fun Fest*, on Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m. at the Takiff Center. It's a free event, with plenty of exciting activities, entertainment, and good food. This year, activities will include sports, yoga, face painting, arts and crafts, music with Wiggleworms, and performances by the Dance Company from the North Shore School of Dance. We hope to see you there!

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Glencoe Parent Connection: Kindergarten Readiness

Parents of preschoolers, please join us for our next We Need to Talk program on Kindergarten Readiness. We will gather at South School on Wednesday, March 16 at 7p.m. Dr. Catherine Wang, Superintendent of Glencoe District 35, Dr. Kelly Zonghetti, Principal of South School, and Kathy Livingston, LCSW, FSG Staff Therapist will answer your questions and give guidance to this special transition. ■

The Preschool Years

Kathy Livingston, LCSW, Therapist

If you're the parent of a three- or four-year-old child, life can sometimes be confusing. The preschool years are filled with changes, growth and burgeoning independence. One day your child wants to do everything himself like dressing or helping you with chores. The next day, she only wants to be picked up and held. What's going on? By understanding the development at this life stage, it may be easier to cope with the behaviors you see at home. Here are two major areas of growth and change, and what you can do as a parent to foster your child's development.

Language Development: Three and four year olds are learning new vocabulary at an astounding rate. Your child will learn hundreds of words and show interest in talking and communicating. It's quite normal for children of this age to understand more words than they actually use. It's typical for preschoolers to use three to five word sentences. You and others will be able to understand more and more of what your child says. Your child may open a book and pretend to read aloud, or have conversations with imaginary friends, dolls and stuffed animals. Reading aloud to your preschooler will not only expand your child's vocabulary, but you will be sharing in a positive bonding experience.

Social & Emotional Development: Three year olds are starting to understand how to share and take turns. Remember, there is a wide range of development depending on the child, so for some kids, the concept of sharing can take longer to put into practice. By age four, most children understand the concept of cooperation and sharing. It's important to understand that young children like to play alone too, so they shouldn't be forced to always play with others. Parents can encourage a balance of shared play experiences with independent play. Parents can also play games with their preschooler that involves taking turns. Verbalize what you're doing: "It's my turn to take a card. Then it will be your turn."

The three year old is also starting to notice other people's moods and feelings, however, she is better at recognizing her own feelings of sadness, fear and anger. Parents can help by verbalizing the feeling state so the child's understanding is reinforced. It also validates a child's experience when a parent voices, "You are sad and angry because you can't have the candy now" or "I know it's frustrating to wait until we get home to open your toy." You are labeling the feeling for the child and empathizing as well. Teaching your child to put words to feelings also helps her to learn that she can express her anger verbally and not physically. As with all skill building, this requires practice and patience. It's not unusual for preschoolers to become overwhelmed with their feelings. Because their language is developing along with impulse control, it's likely that overwhelming feelings might turn into a temper tantrum. It's challenging to remain cool and calm when this happens, but how you react can have a major impact on your child's behavior.

Tips for Parenting Your Preschooler:

- Most young children thrive when there is a predictable, consistent routine and schedule. This gives kids a sense of security in knowing what is happening on any given day.
- Preschoolers often become absorbed in activities. It's helpful to give them a time frame for transitions, such as "Ten more minutes with the game and then bath time."
- Help your child experience a balance of group play and alone time. It's important for children to be able to find things to do on their own. If you're worried that your child's schedule is over-packed with activities, take another look at your schedule and reevaluate. There is nothing wrong with an afternoon or two at home playing.
- Refrain from comparing your child to others. The range of development in any given year is huge. Your child is right where he/she needs to be.

If you have parenting questions, please call 847-835-5111 to make an appointment. ■



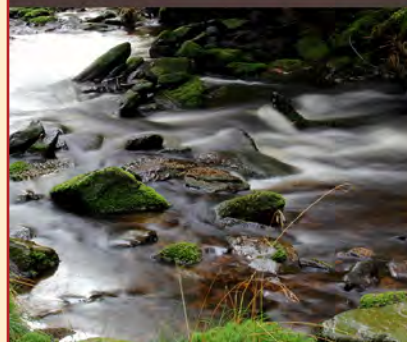
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The Adolescent Transition

Julie Pettinato, LCSW, Therapist

One morning before school, Shelly, age 14, waltzes nonchalantly into the kitchen sporting make-up and a flannel thrown over her new black t-shirt promoting some obscure rock band. Her parents, amidst their morning routine, are taken aback. What happened to the girl who, last week, would wear only Forever 21 and American Eagle clothing?

In another household, Grant, age 15, sits bleary-eyed at the breakfast table desperately trying to finish his AP Government homework on which he worked four hours last night following his student alliance meeting and swim team practice. Grant's stress is obvious to his parents, and they are concerned. Only a few years ago, Grant's middle school interests included low-key activities such as video games and basketball in the neighborhood with friends.

Erik Erikson, an American psychoanalyst, explained the stages of development across the lifespan. From birth through death, individuals must master unique, developmental tasks. An adolescent's primary task is to develop a new identity, separate from their childhood selves, that will carry them into adulthood. They wonder, "Who am I? Who do I want to be?" The adolescent experiments, or "tries on" many different roles as evidenced by changes in their behaviors, attitudes, and clothing. Some changes are alarming to parents, and some not. Regardless, adolescence can be a disorientating time for parents who witness their child changing rapidly, right before their eyes.

How can parents help their child (and themselves) navigate this transition smoothly? Diana Baumrind, a developmental psychologist and researcher, asserts that parenting style is key. Baumrind measured parenting style along two dimensions: parental warmth and control. From the combinations of these two dimensions, four broad "parenting styles" emerged:

Permissive parenting: This style is high in parental warmth (i.e. expressions of love toward the adolescent), but low in parental control. This parenting style provides little structure and places few limits on the child. Children raised by permissive parents might struggle in the areas of self-discipline and frustration tolerance.

Rejecting/neglecting parenting: This parenting style is low in both parental warmth and control, often resulting in a parent-adolescent relationship that is distant and cold. The adolescent is free to do as she pleases. However, because she is provided only limited parental support or guidance, she is at-risk for suffering particularly severe consequences from her choices. Children raised by rejecting/neglecting parents frequently develop feelings of low self-esteem and self-worth.

Authoritarian parenting: This style is low on parental warmth but high in control. Authoritarian parents focus on punishment as discipline and they provide limited expressions of warmth, particularly when their adolescents engage in what parents perceive as poor choices and behaviors. Baumrind found this type of parenting to be most likely to evoke the rebelliousness that is stereotypical of adolescents.

Authoritative parenting: This style is high in parental warmth but also high in control. Authoritative parents consistently demonstrate warmth toward their adolescent while also providing reasonable and consistent structure and limits. Authoritative parents model respect. Baumrind found that the adolescents of these parents viewed them as trusted resources and consultants.

Parenting adolescents is rewarding and challenging. Parenting adolescents using an "authoritative" style can be a particularly lofty goal, especially given some situations and circumstances. Counseling can help in a variety of ways. Individual counseling with the adolescent can help reinforce the parental stance of warmth with reasonable control, limits, and structure. Counseling with parent(s) can help parents examine their current parenting style and strategize more "authoritative" ways of interacting with their child.

Finally, family counseling with the adolescent and the parent(s) can facilitate communication and cooperation during this exciting and critical transition from childhood to adulthood. ■

Aging, "Sage-ing" & Leaving A Legacy: Changes and Challenges in Late Adulthood

Joan Merlo, LCSW, Therapist

Thanks to significant advances in modern medicine, nutrition and health care, many are living longer and stronger in their golden years than was possible in previous generations. The final season of life could potentially extend from age 65 to nearly 100 for ever-increasing numbers. Gerontologists now refer to three categories of late adulthood: "young-old" to include ages 65 to 74, "middle-old" to refer to ages 75 to 84, and "old-old," encompassing those aged 85 and beyond. The challenge is how to best thrive in the midst of what author Judith Viorst calls our "necessary losses".

Later life can indeed last longer, but longevity alone is not the same as aging well. Psychologists agree that some essential ingredients are needed to achieve the latter. The first is to find deeper



meaning and balance recognizing that this is life's final chapter. It can be the richest time as poet Robert Browning has said "the best of life for which the first was made," if we can find purpose, undertake the inner/outer work to be done, and learn to more fully inhabit and appreciate the present. This does not happen automatically, but requires an intentional shift to a more spiritual way of thinking and being. It is necessary to repack our bags and focus on discerning what is most important on the road ahead.

Beginning in midlife, we start to feel hints of our mortality, which become gradually less subtle in our senior years as we face the waning of physical strengths, an increased vulnerability to health problems, retirement, and the passing of parents, friends and spouses. Many will feel profoundly depressed and disconnected. Even in the midst of enduring the most difficult "slings and arrows" of aging, it is possible to keep growing. We can learn to mourn, to accept and let go of what we cannot change, to invest ourselves in what is life-giving, and to find purpose beyond ourselves. Now is the time to decide what gifts we hope to leave our loved ones and to create our ethical will. The capacity to grow at this stage depends on our mental and physical health, supportive relationships, our socio/economic milieu, our education, interests, and most importantly our mental and spiritual attitudes.

It is never too late to take decisive steps which can make an essential difference in feeling a sense of purpose and fulfillment during our older years. Seeking collaborative counseling with a trusted partner on life review, deepening our self-understanding and empathy, healing past trauma, and identifying new priorities and goals, can be an immeasurable help. Our inner work is mainly the spiritual task of coming to terms with and embracing our life's journey, accepting who we have become, and viewing all of our passages as a preparation for now. Doing so makes it possible to be more present, integrated and whole as we connect with others, empowering us with a greater freedom to listen and speak wholeheartedly to our loved ones. It also enables us to try to address unfinished business and make any amends which we feel are important. Instead of focusing on time running out, it is time to live each moment as fully as we can. In this way, through our very being, as we approach the end of life, we can embody our greatest legacy and serve as a role model for those who look to us about how to live most vibrantly, courageously, and meaningfully. ■

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April Open Houses

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Thank You!

Big thanks for all of the feedback received thus far via the website, quick polls, chalkboards, panel discussions and plan commission meetings. We couldn't have come this far without such and can't wait to showcase the Draft Plan to everyone at the April open houses.

