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SPECIAL RESIDENT UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE OF GLENCOE

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Dear Glencoe Resident,

Over the next several months, the Village of Glencoe and the Community Relations Forum will host a series of public meetings and will issue special bulletins (and online updates) to share important information about the long-term future of our aging water treatment plant located on Glencoe Beach. Despite a comprehensive maintenance program that has ensured our water is the highest quality, the 87-year-old plant will require significant investment in coming years. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), modern water filtration plants and pumping stations typically have a life expectancy of between 60-70 years.



As such, the Village is reviewing several alternatives to address our aging water treatment system infrastructure in order to ensure we continue to deliver safe, clean, quality water to our community now and in the future. This review process has been underway for more than two years; however, most of the work to date has been preliminary in nature in order to better understand the many variables the Village needs to consider when choosing a course of action. There are a multitude of factors impacting a decision of this magnitude, including possible short- and long-term costs, location, capacity, trade-offs with other Village priorities, and environmental impacts.

The Village reached a significant milestone in March with the publication of an extensive study done by Strand Associates (“Strand”), an outside engineering firm with expertise in water supply and treatment systems.

Strand reviewed the feasibility and basic construction costs of various alternatives – from rehabilitating the existing plant to building a new facility near or on its current location or located elsewhere (inland) in the Village, as well as options for obtaining water from a neighboring community. There are many other factors that will need to be studied as our discussions move forward in order to determine the total costs and other considerations that should be taken into account.

While there is still significant work to be done in evaluating the options before the Village (including additional data gathering and cost analysis for each option), we want to engage our residents in understanding what Strand has reported and begin a dialogue to gather input and feedback on the options before us. The Village Board will be reviewing options, seeking additional data, and taking in feedback from stakeholders and residents over the next 12 – 24 months. Please make note of the following opportunities to learn more about these options and provide your initial input.

Community Open House at Glencoe Village Hall

Thursday, May 28 | 675 Village Court, 2nd Floor Council Chamber | 7:00 p.m.

**Community Forum on the Water System Study: An Open Exchange of Information and Ideas
Hosted by the Glencoe Community Relations Forum**

Monday, June 8 | Glencoe Union Church, 263 Park Avenue | 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 27 | Glencoe Public Library, 320 Park Avenue | 10:00 a.m.

The Village encourages residents to access information about the project and view the full report developed by Strand by visiting www.villageofglencoe.org/news/wtpinitiative.aspx. This website will be updated regularly as additional information is developed.

Additionally, a specific email address has been established for inquiries and comments about this project: **waterplant@villageofglencoe.org**. Questions received and responses given will then be posted on the Village’s website. Questions may also be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.