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# VILLAGE OF GLENCOE SPECIAL MAILING

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR WATER PLANT?

Dear Neighbor,

Over the past few days, Village staff has received communications about the status of our Water Plant, which have contained many inaccuracies. We want our residents to understand the facts - particularly due to the importance of this issue.

Our Water Plant, which supplies high quality water to our residents, was built in 1928. Although meticulously maintained, it is past the useful life of such facilities. Last year, as part of the Village's regular ongoing infrastructure review, our Public Works Department determined that - due to the age of the facility - the Village needed to consider whether to update or replace it, in order to ensure safe, clean drinking water for the duration of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

At this point in time, the staff is at the very initial stages of gathering information. No decisions about the Water Plant have been made. As in all major projects of this nature, we are concerned with making sound decisions to protect the safety and welfare of our community - both now and in the long term. Consideration of modifications to our public water supply infrastructure will be handled the way we handle all such matters - with an open and inclusive process.

Initial options under consideration are:

- 1) Update the current water plant, which is a temporary solution only.
- 2) Build a new plant off the beach with necessary intake and pumping facilities on the beach.
- 3) Build a new plant as close as possible to its existing location.

There may be other options that could be considered.

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We are in the early phases of a thorough, thoughtful, and careful study. As part of this study we have asked the Park District to help us determine, if the plant were built adjacent to, and just north of, its current location, what would the Park District like to see as beach improvements?

As previously reported in the *Glencoe Quarterly*, we have been contacted by the Northwest Water Commission about possibly supplying them access to the Lake as they exercise their water rights. We are looking at this as a potential source for financing the upgrades to these key community assets. These discussions are in the early stages.

The Village is committed to considering all options and welcomes feedback and input from the community. Updated information on the status of this review will be provided on the Village website at [www.villageofglencoe.org/vog-wtp-initiative.aspx](http://www.villageofglencoe.org/vog-wtp-initiative.aspx) as it becomes available.

Any questions, comments or concerns can be forwarded directly to the Village Manager's Office as indicated below.

Sincerely,

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