



VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor:

As May turns into June, our seasons move from spring into summer, transitioning from renewal to growth. So too our Village is transitioning from eight years of President Scott Feldman's outstanding leadership to a new period of renewal, challenges and opportunities. The next four years promise to be a very exciting period for our Village.

We have a remarkable Public Safety Department with a long history of caring professional service to our residents. We are now well into a nationwide search to replace our retiring Public Safety Director and hope to have completed the process before the end of August. For the past twelve years, the administration of our Village has been in the able care of Paul Harlow. As Paul prepares to retire, we will soon begin a nationwide search to recruit Paul's successor.

As a lifelong resident of Glencoe, I know how important these transitions are, and I am confident our Village will accomplish them smoothly and effectively. We also have before us many other exciting challenges and opportunities. The Woman's Library Club and Writers' Theatre recently announced they are moving into the final design and construction phase of their new landmark home on Tudor Court. Their providing Glencoe with a stunning new Cultural Arts Center, as the northern anchor of our business district, will add new life to the renewal of uptown Glencoe, and has already helped attract the Guildhall Restaurant to the historic Wienecke Hardware Store location on Park Avenue.

The Glencoe Golf Club was built in 1921 and is often referred to as a "gem" and an outstanding example of its genre. Over the past five years, the Village has completed a series of capital improvements that have materially advanced its playability and maintained its profitable operation. However, its ancient clubhouse has long since outlived its useful life. A special task force is now working on an initiative to create a

traditional looking new clubhouse that fully compliments this unique golf course and will provide a dining destination where golfers and non-golfers alike can enjoy a meal with this scenic open space as a backdrop.

In 2011, Glencoe received the award for the best drinking water in Illinois. The Village is in the process of reviewing our long-term plan for insuring that our Village Water Plant is kept up-to-date and continues to fulfill its role as we move forward. As part of this project, we are exploring with the Northwest Water Commission whether our Village should or could undertake to provide a portion of their needs. This initiative will give us the opportunity of studying how best to supply our Village's water needs and provide possible outside revenue sources to reduce our tax burdens in the future.

Our Plan Commission, following up last year's Sustainability Forum for Village residents hosted by the Park District at the Takiff Center, is in the process of initiating an Open Space Plan review, including the Park District and School District. The Open Space Plan will, on an integrated basis, study all of the open spaces in Glencoe to determine their best use for serving our community's needs.

Our Plan Commission will also begin updating our Village's 20-Year Comprehensive Plan. As part of this broader project, the Plan Commission will update our Comprehensive Plan for both the downtown and Hubbard Woods shopping districts. This is especially important in view of the Woman's Library Club and Writers' Theatre project.

With these and many more projects before them, our new Village Board, in addition to maintaining our Village's strong fiscal position, has its plate quite full. ■

Sincerely,

Larry Levin

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Village Board President