



January/February 2011

THE GLENCOE MEMO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbor:

This issue of the *Glencoe Memo* should be arriving in your mailbox just after the start of the new year (we are into the second decade of the 21st century – can you believe?). I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season and is looking forward to a coming year with more of both of those characteristics.

Despite the continuing, and real, distress in our national and state economies, I am happy to report that the Village stands in generally good financial and physical shape as we begin this year. We still face major challenges, of course, such as dealing with our significant unfunded pension obligations while maintaining the Village's services and infrastructure to the high standards we all expect. Those challenges will be with us for a very long time, but I believe they can be

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VILLAGE BOARD WORKING ON FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET

The current Village budget year (Fiscal Year 2011) comes to a close on February 28, 2011. It is projected that revenues in the operating funds (General Fund, Water Fund and Garbage Fund) will exceed the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget by \$356,276 and expenditures will exceed the budget by \$40,352.

The Village is working to formulate a final budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012) that recognizes the economic factors that have impacted the current budget and the desire to maintain the level of services provided to the community.

The most significant single revenue source for the Village is property tax. As a non-home rule community, the Village is bound by the property tax extension limitation law that limits the maximum property tax increase to the 2009 CPI (2.7%). Because of a debt service decrease, the proposed levy of taxes to fund Village operations during Fiscal Year 2012 actually reflects a decrease of \$231,000 or 2.13% from the taxes extended to fund the prior year budget.

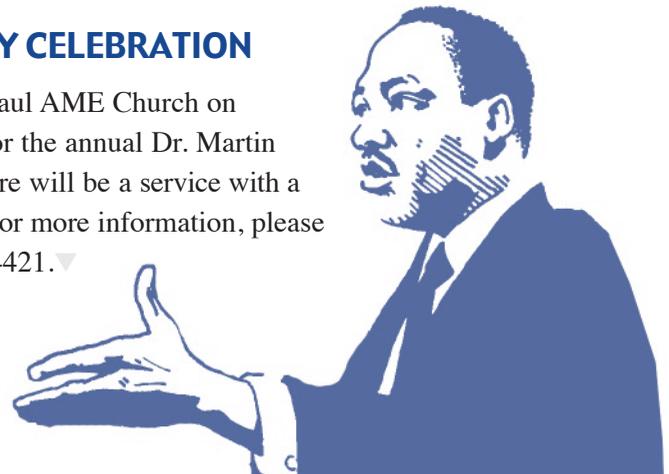
The Village Board is dedicated to providing the community with cost effective, high quality services and programs that distinguish this community. Every effort will be made to maintain these values while recognizing the impact of the economy on our residents.

The Village Board will continue to review and discuss the budget at its January 20 meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, tune in on the live web-casting through www.villageofglencoe.org.

If you have questions, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847-835-4114. ▼

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

Join neighbors and friends at St. Paul AME Church on Sunday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m. for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration. There will be a service with a reception immediately following. For more information, please call the AME Church at 847-835-4421. ▼



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE(cont.)

met if we continue to address them rationally and with the recognition that we, as the residents of our Village, can determine what it is we want our local government to do for us – so long as we understand that we will have to provide the revenues necessary to do so.

Fiscal 2012 Budget: Over the past several months, the Village Board has been working on the Budget for the next fiscal year (Fiscal 2012, which begins March 1, 2011). In part because significant cutbacks were put in place for revenues and expenses in the current fiscal year, projections show us ending the current period with higher revenues and somewhat lower expenditures than budgeted (before adding pension catch-up costs).

As a result, it looks now as if next year's Budget will be established with tax and fee increases limited to adjustments for inflation only (generally, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, about a 2.70% increase). Further review will occur at the January Board meeting, and we expect to adopt the Budget at the February meeting.

Both meetings are, of course, open to the public and anyone with questions or input should certainly attend.

The Next Bond Issue: One matter that has been discussed is the continuing need for funds to support our infrastructure and capital equipment maintenance and replacement program. It is often best (and usually necessary) to fund long-lived projects with long-term debt, and over the next year Village staff will be preparing the information necessary to support a referendum request for a new bond issue, which will most likely come before you in the February, 2012 primary election (there is no general election next November).

A very relevant fact to keep in mind as we assess the capital program and the issuance of bonds is our existing debt service schedule. Over the next two years, we will retire a substantial amount of currently outstanding bonds. Accordingly, a new issue will not significantly increase the total amount of debt outstanding and, depending on interest rates, may not require any substantial increase in taxes levied to meet annual debt service requirements.

We will have a lot more to say about this matter as the year progresses.

Distracted Driving: Moving away from financial matters, I would like to call your attention to an action taken by the Village Board at its December meeting. At that meeting, the Board amended Glencoe's motor vehicle ordinance to incorporate a distracted driving provision. In summary, if a driver commits a "moving" violation while using a mobile phone, a ticket may be issued not only for the motor vehicle offense, but also for an additional violation of Village Code for use of the mobile phone when committing the motor vehicle offense.

You may recall that in the last issue of the Glencoe Memo I reported that, although the Board very definitely felt that it should be addressing what has become a national issue relating to mobile phone use and its adverse impact on driving safety, we had been advised that because we are not a "home rule" community we did not have the legal authority to enact specific legislation creating a stand-alone violation above and beyond state law requirements.

We also learned, however, that we are able to couple phone use to another existing violation, and that is what the Board did in December. What this means is that, if a driver commits a "moving" violation (such as, for example, weaving back and forth across a yellow line) while using his or her mobile phone, he or she can be given two separate tickets (with a resulting increase in the amount of the fine). After discussion, and given the research showing that the "distracted driving" created by telephone use is equally bad whether or not the driver is using a "hands-free" device, the Board concluded that this should apply whether or not the driver was using "hands-free" equipment.

We will have a more detailed explanation of the new rule in the next issue of the Memo.

Coffee Service at the Train Station? Another matter discussed at the December meeting deserves mention. The Village Board has received a request from Glencoe Roast, one of our Village coffee shops, for permission to install a "kiosk" or "cart" at the train station to provide coffee and snack sales to patrons. Similar activities are conducted at many of the other stations along the North Line, including Winnetka, Highland Park and Lake Forest.

Long-time Glencoe residents may experience some "déjà vu" on hearing this – we have had some extended discussions in past years (although not recently) regarding commercial activities - such as coffee service, banking service and dry cleaning pickup – at the train station. The station sits in an area zoned as solely residential, and a change to our zoning map would be required to permit the requested activity.

At each of the past times when a similar request for a change has been received, opposition developed and, obviously, no change to the zoning map was made.

The Village Board felt that the matter should be reconsidered, and will refer the request to our Zoning Commission for review. The Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the matter, and will be announcing the date and time when that will occur. Everyone interested in the issue should please be alert for that announcement.

As always, thanks for listening".



Scott Feldman

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of November and December:

- Approved an Ordinance amending the Village Code relating to Negligent and Distracted Driving – Following reviews at the October 21 and November 16 meetings, the Board amended the Village Code to include cell phone usage while driving as a form of negligent driving when accompanied by another motor vehicle offense.
- Approved Landmark Designation for the Properties Located at 213 Hazel Avenue and 665 Greenleaf Avenue (North Shore United Methodist Church and Parsonage) – Based on the analysis and recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Village Board approved Landmark Designation for this property.
- Approved a Vehicle Purchase for the Glencoe Golf Club – The Golf Club Budget included funds for the purchase of a multi-use utility dump truck. The Board approved the purchase that replaces a 1987 dump type truck.
- Approved an Eight-Month Extension of the Green To Tee (GTT) Golf Academy Facility Use Agreement – As the Glencoe Golf Club Board of Directors, the Board approved an agreement to extend the facility use agreement with GTT for the period beginning March 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011.
- Discussed the Status of the Contextual Design Review Commission (CDRC) – After a review of the history and status of the CDRC, the Village Board agreed to continue the commission on an as-needed basis.
- Conducted a Public Hearing and Approved an Ordinance for the 2010 Tax Levy – Annually, the Village Board conducts a public hearing to receive public comment prior to approving the Tax Levy Ordinance.
- Reviewed the Village's Preliminary Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 – The Board reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2012 budget that is expected to receive final approval at the February 2011 Village Board meeting.
- Approved the purchase of office furniture for the Public Safety Department – Following the completion of the first floor renovation work in Public Safety, the Board approved the purchase of modular office furniture.

The public is always invited to attend all Village Board meetings. Taped proceedings can also be viewed by utilizing the web casting icon on the homepage of the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org.

The following items are tentatively scheduled for the January and February Village Board meetings:

- Continue review and final approval of the Village's budget for 2011 (Fiscal Year 2012);
- Continue review and final approval of the Glencoe Golf Club budget for 2011 (Fiscal Year 2012). ▼

DRIVERS MUST STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN ILLINOIS (HB 43)

As of 2010, Illinois drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks. Previous law required them to yield, and only stop when necessary for pedestrians' safety.

Illinois defines crosswalks as "that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, and in the absence of a sidewalk on one side of the highway, that part of the highway included within the extension of the lateral line of the existing sidewalk to the side of the highway without the sidewalk." (625 ILCS 5/1-113 (a))

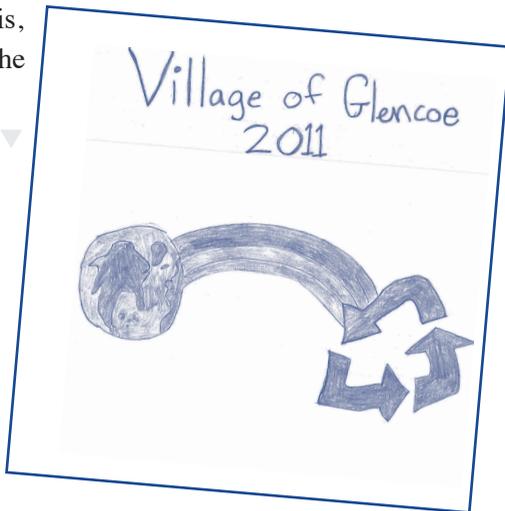
There are several kinds of crosswalks:

- Marked: These are the crosswalks you can see. Painted lines on the road designate their location.
- Unmarked: Not all crosswalks are marked with paint. A crosswalk is present whenever a sidewalk leads into the street.
- Signalized: These are crosswalks at stop signs and traffic signals.
- Unsignalized: These are crosswalks that don't have a stop sign or traffic signal. They are also referred to as "mid-block crosswalks." At any of these crosswalks, drivers must now come to a complete stop when pedestrians are present. ▼



2011 VILLAGE STICKER CONTEST WINNER

The Glencoe Human Relations Forum again this year sponsored a Village vehicle sticker logo contest for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Children were asked to draw their ideas to illustrate “Glencoe Goes Green”. The winning entry, submitted by fifth grader, Grace Kapsimalis, will be used as the Glencoe vehicle sticker for 2011. ▼



VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS AVAILABLE

In early March, a pre-printed application form will be mailed to owners of vehicles registered in Glencoe. The information on the form, acquired from the Illinois Secretary of State (as of August 2010) designates vehicles requiring a vehicle license. If the form is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary corrections before returning the form. If you do not receive an application, please contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113 to request that one be mailed to you.

If purchased by April 15, the license fee for automobiles is \$50 (\$25 for Seniors 65+). After April 15, the license fee for automobiles is \$75 (\$37.50 for Seniors 65+). Truck license fees range from \$75 to \$180 depending on the size, and motorcycles and scooters are \$37.50. Please review the application carefully because the discount applies only if you purchase your vehicle license prior to April 15. If you will be out of town during March or the beginning of April and need to pick up your vehicle sticker application early, you may obtain an application from the Resident Service Desk or the Public Safety window at Village Hall.

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

NEW ADDRESS FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

If you make your utility payment online via your personal bank, please update the mailing address you have listed to the following new return address, VILLAGE OF GLENCOE, PO BOX 66116, CHICAGO, IL 60666-0116. This change will not affect residents enrolled in the Village’s automatic bill pay program or who otherwise mail payment with the return payment stub. ▼

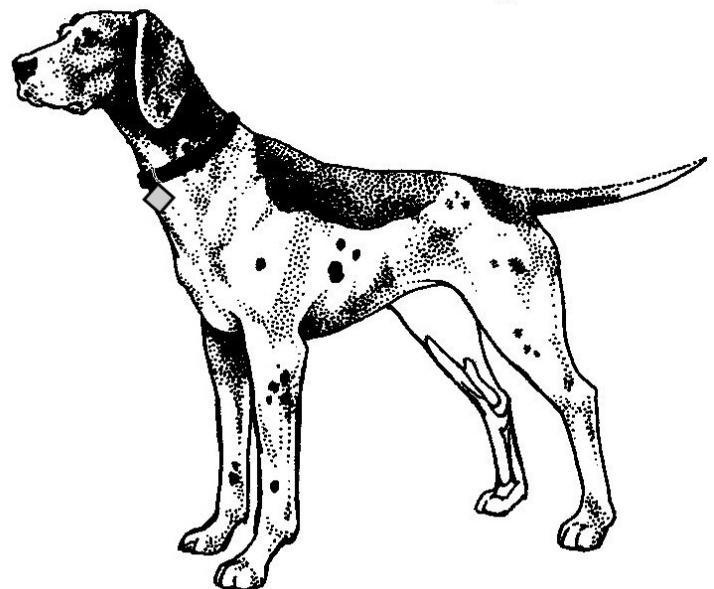
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will be on Wednesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 24 in the South School Library, 266 Linden Avenue, Glencoe, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Children are eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten if they have reached their fifth birthday on or before the first of September. An original birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. In addition, all families must provide proof of residency. For details of registration and documentation, contact South School at 847-835-6400 or visit the student registration link at www.glencoesouth.org. ▼

PET LICENSES

Animal tag renewal fees are due by April 15 and tags for new pets are available at the Resident Services window during normal business hours or at the Public Safety window 24 hours a day. The tag issued in 2010 is for the life of the pet; therefore, new tags will not be issued. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must accompany the renewal fee. ▼





Dear Glencoe Residents,

The Glencoe Golf Club staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great season in 2011. Even though it is still cold outside, we would like you to be aware of some of the programs that are now available.

The Glencoe Golf Club offers a permanent tee-time package. This package includes 19-weeks of reserved tee-times, walking, on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. A complete foursome is required to obtain a permanent tee-time. If you are a single golfer or have a partial group, please contact the pro shop and we will do our best to pair you with another group. Included in your membership are a CDGA handicap, a Glencoe Golf Club memento tee-gift, preferential tee-time booking privileges, and member-only special events. For additional information, please contact the pro shop at 847-835-0250.

Senior membership cards will be available for the 2011 season beginning March 1. The senior membership is open to all golfers 60+ years and up and offers discounted rates every day of the week. Stop by the golf shop early to purchase a card so you can start saving with your first round of the season. Senior Membership card holders also will be eligible to participate in Senior Member Appreciation Events that will take place throughout the season.

Additional information on our programs, golf lessons and much more can be found on our website www.glencoe golfclub.com. Spring is around the corner and we hope to see all of you soon!

Stella Nanos,
General Manager, Glencoe Golf Club

HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW

With 450 fire hydrants in Glencoe, it is not possible for Village staff to clear them all after a major snow storm. Fire hydrants that are buried or blocked by piles of snow may result in the Public Safety Department not being able to locate them in an emergency.

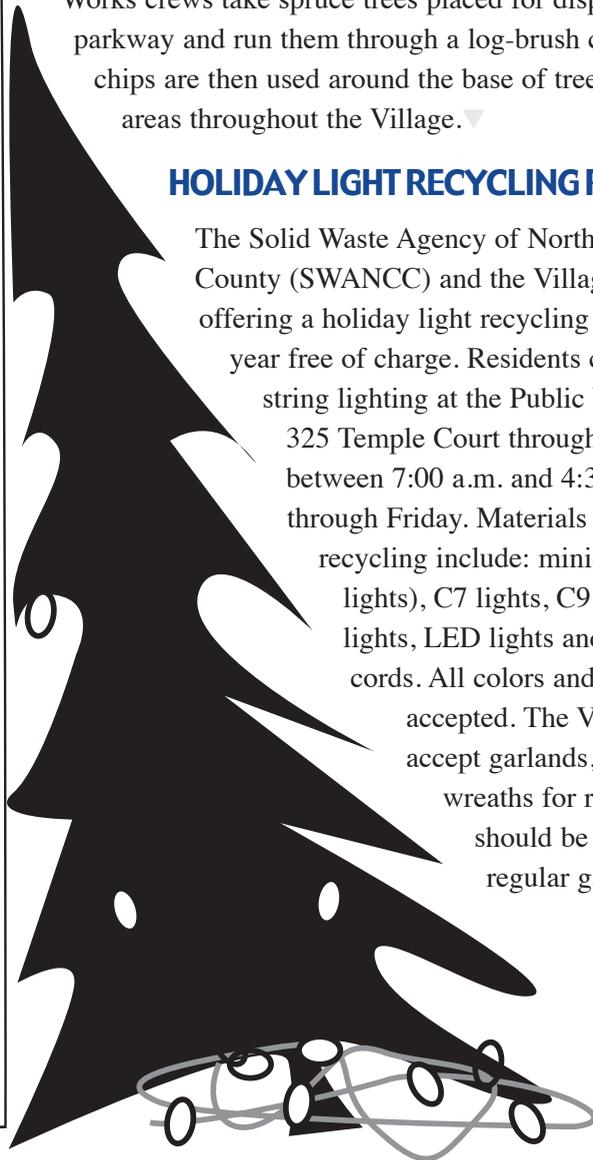
The Village asks that you help to keep fire hydrants accessible to firefighting operations by keeping clear space around all sides of the hydrant as you do your shoveling or snow blowing. Your private contractor can help in this effort as well. If you notice a damaged or leaking fire hydrant, please call the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111. ▼

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES

The Village will be collecting Christmas trees from the curb every Wednesday during the month of January. This special collection does not require a landscape waste sticker. Public Works crews take spruce trees placed for disposal on the parkway and run them through a log-brush chipper. The chips are then used around the base of trees and garden areas throughout the Village. ▼

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the Village are again offering a holiday light recycling program this year free of charge. Residents can drop off old string lighting at the Public Works Garage at 325 Temple Court through March 15, 2011 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Materials accepted for recycling include: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords. All colors and lengths will be accepted. The Village cannot accept garlands, live greens or wreaths for recycling. These should be placed in your regular garbage. ▼



SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Important Facts and Information

Winter was on time again this year with a number of seasonal snow and ice events in December. It is a good opportunity to go over some key information on the Village's efforts to keep streets and sidewalks open during the winter months. The Village has a Snow and Ice Control Plan that is implemented each year by the Public Works Department. The goal of the Department is to have all of the streets cleared and pavement in a safe and passable condition within 8 hours following a snowfall event. The Village has been divided into six plowing and salting routes, and within each route streets are assigned a priority so that major streets are cleared first followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs. Snow and ice control efforts are dictated by a number of factors including snowfall totals, duration of the storm, temperature and the moisture content of the snow.

Duration Makes a Difference

The faster a storm moves through the Village, the better. It's generally easier and requires less manpower, equipment and salt to clear six inches of snow that falls in eight hours than three inches spread out over 24 hours.

Moisture Content of Snow

The higher the moisture content of snow, the more difficult it is to remove. A 10-inch accumulation of dry, fluffy snow is easier to remove than 4 or 5 inches of heavy, wet snow. Freezing rain can turn a street into a skating rink within minutes and hampers Village salt crews if pavement has not been pre-treated.

Timing Matters

Storms that begin in late evening and end in the early morning hours generally can be cleared from the street in time for the morning commuter traffic. Storms that arrive during the morning or evening rush hour hamper snow removal efforts considerably as the Village plow trucks have to navigate around slow moving vehicular traffic.

Salting Streets

Keeping streets cleared of snow and ice requires the use of de-icers as well as equipment. The Village uses road salt, liquid calcium chloride and brine to supplement the snow and ice control efforts. Road salt is most effective at temperatures above 25 degrees and less effective at temperatures below 10 degrees. Liquid calcium chloride is used to make road salt more effective at temperatures

below 25 degrees. Brine (salt dissolved in water) is used as a pre-treatment prior to an oncoming storm to provide a barrier on road surfaces that helps to prevent adhesion of snow and ice to pavement. Timing is very important in the use of salt and brine to insure the most effective result.

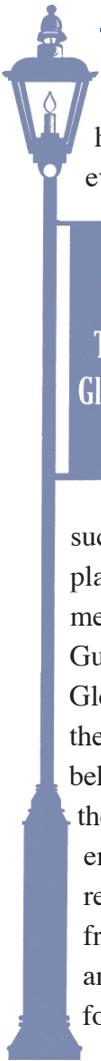
The Village plows and salts streets on a priority basis. Priority one streets such as Dundee Road, Sheridan Road, Green Bay Road are cleared and salted first to maintain safe collector routes for all vehicular traffic. Side streets are cleared next and salt is used primarily at intersections, curves and hills. The Village's policy is to control salt usage to reduce the impact on infrastructure and equipment. Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are plowed using smaller trucks and are farther down the priority list.

Sidewalks and Driveways

Sidewalks are plowed by the Village only after a snowfall of 3 inches or more. Like street plowing, priority is given to major routes and sidewalks around the schools and in the downtown business district. Residents are encouraged to clear snow from sidewalks around their homes to prevent ice build-up on the public sidewalks.

Driveways will be impacted by snow removal efforts on the street. Village crews will try to clear snow to the curb as soon after the storm as possible; however, during heavy snowfalls, plows may run as many as 3 or 4 passes to clear snow resulting in snow being pushed across the base of all driveways. Consider this before you begin to clear your driveway. Also, remember to throw snow being removed from your driveway to the "downstream" side (the right side as you face the street). This will reduce the impact that street plowing has on your driveway access.

Questions concerning snow and ice control operations should be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111. With your cooperation and understanding, together we can "survive" another winter.



THE CHAMBER REPORT

The Glencoe Chamber of Commerce wishes a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone in “Our Town”—the residents, retailers, business people, Village officials and staff. The Chamber enjoyed a successful year in 2010, with an increase in membership, sponsoring well-attended summer and holiday events, participating in Village affairs and providing enhanced networking and communications opportunities. We expect to build on these successes in the New Year. The Chamber is in the planning stages for 2011. We will conduct our annual membership drive, prepare the Glencoe Community Guide that is sent to every house and business in Glencoe, and start work on all the events to be held in the coming months. It’s something of a “working behind the scenes” time of year for the Chamber, but there’s nothing “behind the scenes” about our goal to enhance Glencoe’s business community. In that regard, the Chamber wants to remind our residents, friends and neighbors to patronize our local stores and businesses. So, let’s put that at the top of the list for our New Year’s Resolutions! ▼

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GLENCOE SENIOR HOUSING AID PROGRAM

The Senior Housing Aid Program in Glencoe, like so many other helping efforts in these difficult times, needs donations. For many years, Glencoe’s residents have supported the Senior Housing Aid Program by raising funds to help low-income elderly people pay their rents, taxes or mortgages. It is an important program because it helps people who have lived in Glencoe for many years stay in their homes.

Family Service of Glencoe handles the administrative work of the Aid Program. Earlier this Fall, the Committee for Senior Housing Aid sent a letter to residents to raise funds and a complete description of the program was included. Please consider sending a donation for the Senior Housing Aid to Family Service of Glencoe. Make your check payable to Senior Housing Aid Program. ▼

GLENCOE WATER WINS “BEST OF THE BEST” WATER TASTE TEST

On November 4, 2010, the Glencoe Water Utility won the annual regional association’s “Best of the Best” Water Taste Test. The event is open to Illinois water utilities that treat Lake Michigan water. The water system was rated on taste, odor and clarity characteristics.

Winning this regional association event qualifies the Glencoe Water Utility to compete in a state-wide competition at the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association’s Annual Conference to be held in Springfield, Illinois in March of 2011. The winner of that competition will represent their utility at the American Water Works Association’s Annual National Conference and Exposition in June of 2011.

Water Plant Superintendent Tom Weathers praised his fully state-certified staff of water plant operators, “The operators always strive to produce the best quality water that they can. This award was only possible because of their continuous vigilance in operating and maintaining our treatment system.” ▼



GLENCOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINS TWO MUSEUM AWARDS

The Glencoe Historical Society won two exhibition awards from the Illinois Association of Museums for the second year in a row. “Play Ball” and “Images of Glencoe” each received an Award of Excellence from the museum association. The society was honored for the content, design and arrangement of the two exhibits together with the use of volunteers to create each one. “Images of Glencoe,” an interactive photo array is still on view at 375 Park Avenue. The awards were presented in November at the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Museum. ▼

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9	Glencoe School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm 10	11	12	13	14	15
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