



March/April 2010

# THE GLENCOE MEMO

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbor:

As you read this, I hope winter is winding down. Although we took a few hits, clearly we did not suffer as much as did those in the East and South. I suppose we should have sympathy...

**Some Good News:** Before going into this month's fascinating budget discussion, I am happy to report some news (although you may already have heard it): there's a new restaurant coming to town.

At its February Board meeting, the Village Board approved the issuance of a liquor license to *Terragusto Glencoe*, a restaurant planning to open in June at 716 Vernon (the space previously occupied by Myefski Cook Architects). *Terragusto Glencoe* will be a full-service Italian restaurant and market. It is a sister establishment to two other

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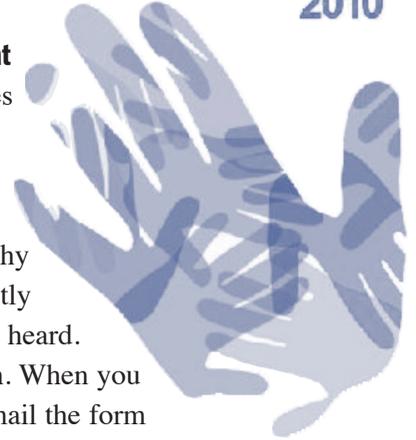
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## 2010 CENSUS DAY

### April 1, 2010 – It's in Our Hands: Be a Part of Glencoe's Count

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States and it takes place every 10 years. An accurate count of the U.S. population forms the basis for many important but often overlooked political, economic, and social decisions that are made that end up affecting our daily lives. That's why it's so important that you fill in the Census form and promptly mail it back. When we all answer the Census, our needs are heard. The questionnaire should arrive at your home in mid-March. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.



The census is confidential and all census responses are protected by law. It is illegal for any information to be shared with anyone, even other government agencies. More information about the 2010 Census can be found at: [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

## VILLAGE BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

The Village budget year came to a close on February 28, 2010. Recognizing the impact of the economy in the Village, a new budget document that includes reductions in revenues and expenses will be approved at the March 18 Village Board meeting. A forecasted shortfall is being reconciled in part by spending cuts, including the deferral of some capital projects and cutting operational expenditures.

As a non-home rule community, the Village is bound by the property tax extension limitation law. This year the maximum allowed increase is approximately \$8,000 in total property tax increase for the Village. With the minimum increased requirement for funding the public pension funds and the anticipated continued downturn in sales tax and building permit revenues, it is necessary for the Village to consider additional expenditure and revenue adjustments for the 2010-2011 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 conduct a final review of the budget at its March 18 meeting. If you are interested and cannot attend that meeting, please tune in the live web-casting through [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org). If you have questions, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847-835-4114.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE(cont.)

*Terragusto* restaurants in Chicago.

If *Terragusto Glencoe* gets the high marks that have been awarded to the downtown restaurants, it will be a very welcome addition to our community. We wish them success.

**Budget, Budget, Budget:** Although the Budget for Fiscal 2011 has not yet been finally adopted, we are almost there – sufficiently so for me to report on the principal impacts on the community.

I've previously discussed the basic issues: existing revenue sources are either way down (e.g., building permit fees, sales and other state-collected taxes) or essentially flat (our basic real estate tax, which is limited by cost-of-living restrictions), while mandated expenses – those over which we have little or no control – continue to increase, some substantially (e.g., state-mandated pension costs, and healthcare benefit costs).

There are only two possible solutions, since Glencoe (unlike certain other governments) does not have the ability to print money (or even to borrow easily): find other sources of revenue and/or cut expenses. We will be doing both.

On the revenue side, a non-home rule community like Glencoe has very few choices. For next year, we will be reinstating a garbage fund service fee, which we had been able to abolish for the two most recent fiscal years. The fee will be \$38.80 per quarter, which is the same amount as was in place in Fiscal 2007. Our water and sewer rates will also increase, and we are adding a \$5 per quarter fee for yard waste collection. The projected annual additional cost per household from these fee increases is approximately \$270, or \$22.50 per month.

Ambulance fees will also increase, to match amounts paid by insurance companies (and to bring us in line with fees in effect in neighboring communities).

Expense reductions are also a significant part of the budget picture. By far the largest piece of the expense reduction program is in the capital expense area. This does not include any amounts funded by the bond issue approved over a year ago. Those items are going forward as planned. Capital expense reductions come in capital items otherwise planned to be funded out of general revenue – vehicle replacement or sidewalk maintenance, for example.

Our Fiscal 2011 capital expenditure budget is down approximately \$232,000 from the FY2010 budgeted amounts, although what was actually spent on capital items in FY 2010 was significantly lower than both the

original budgeted amount (reflecting the revenue shortfalls from that Budget's expectations) and the FY2011 amount. More importantly, the FY 2011 capital budget is down about \$1.35 million from the 2011 Capital Inventory number, which is taken from the long-term capital plan and is the amount we would have liked to spend in 2011 for normal capital maintenance and replacement equipment.

Expense reductions outside of the capital budget are much harder to find (and of course, the capital fund items are really deferrals rather than reductions). However, we have asked our staff to tighten their respective departmental belts, and they have come up with budgetary reductions for almost all departments (public safety is the only exception, and there the increase is less than 1.5%). Our already small budget for "community grants" has also been reduced.

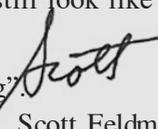
I do need to note that these figures do not include what will be the actual personnel salary items, which have been held flat for budgetary purposes pending resolution of on-going negotiations with the union representing most of our public works employees. The existing union contract terminates at the end of February; I understand that the discussions are proceeding frankly and amicably; and I hope that they will be resolved shortly (possibly even by the time you read this article).

In any event, once those talks have been concluded and the union wages are set for the next year, those costs – and all other personnel costs – will be factored into the final budget.

**Village Court Parking Lot:** I hope you were able to notice – before the snows set in – the newly reconfigured and expanded Village Court parking lot. Original plans were to complete all work except final surfacing and striping before winter set in. However, delays by Commonwealth Edison in relocating their surface interconnection "vault" did not allow that to happen. Repaving the sidewalk area around the northeast corner of the lot has not been completed. ComEd has now finished its relocation (at no cost to the Village), and the remainder of the work will be done in the early spring.

When all is done, we will have many more parking spaces and, I believe, a more attractive environment in our Village center (but yes, it will still look like a parking lot).

As always, thanks for "listening".



Scott Feldman

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The following are key actions by the Village Board during the months of January and February:

- Reviewed Community Grant allocations for the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget – The Board agreed to a 7% reduction of requested amounts for community grant allocations, as recommended by the Community Grants Committee.
- Approved a Resolution directing the Plan Commission to review the Sustainability Study – The Board had directed the Contextual Design Review Commission to study programs regarding sustainable/green design and then directed the Plan Commission to make recommendations regarding implementation.
- Approved a cellular antenna lease agreement for the Water Tower site on Frontage Road – The Village Board approved a lease agreement with Clear Wireless LLC for the installation of antennas on the elevated tank located on Frontage Road.
- Approved an ordinance for the modification to the Building Permit Fee Refund Program – Based on reviews of the status of building permit revenue, the Board approved an ordinance to rescind the Building Permit Fee Refund Program for Landmark Designated and Certified homes.
- Approved Landmark Designation for 191 Beach Road – Based on the analysis and evaluation of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Village Board approved Landmark Designation for this property.
- Approved Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant services – The Board approved the annual agreements for GIS service provider and photogrammetric mapping services to support the ongoing GIS program for the Village.
- Approved Ordinances for Fiscal Year 2011 fee adjustments – Following review of various revenue and expenditure adjustments for the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, the Board approved fee adjustments for the water rate, sewer charges, ambulance fees and garbage fees effective March 1, 2010.
- Approved the Change Order for a Fire Pumper – Subsequent to the Village Board’s approval for a new Fire Pumper in July 2009, a Change Order was submitted to facilitate Public Safety Department identified needs.

The following items are tentatively scheduled for the March and April Village Board meetings:



- Consider final approval of the Village budget for Fiscal Year 2011
  - Consider ratification of annual salt purchase contract for 2010-11
  - Public Hearing and consideration for Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation Ordinance
  - Consider contract award for Public Safety Department renovation project ▼
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- Approved the Golf Club Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – As the Golf Club Board of Directors, the Village Board approved the 2010 season rates and the Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the Glencoe Golf Club.
  - Approved a Resolution designating the “Village Court Parking Lot” – Illinois Statutes stipulate that election authorities (County Clerk) and the post office serving the area must be notified regarding a name change for the Northway, Centerway and Southway Courts that formerly comprised the central parking area of the downtown business district. The Board approved a Resolution designating the name change to the “Village Court Parking Lot” resulting from the new configuration.
  - Approved an Ordinance regarding a new liquor license classification – The Village Board approved an ordinance establishing a Class L liquor license classification and amended the Village Code regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages for a new restaurant, *Terragusto Glencoe*, in downtown scheduled to open in June 2010.
- 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](http://www.villageofglencoe.org). ▼

## STAY INFORMED ON VILLAGE ISSUES

One of the primary goals of the Village Board and administrative staff is to keep residents informed on issues that come before them and how funds are budgeted and spent. The Village website, [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org), provides updates on these issues and much more. Also, residents can review the monthly agenda packet for each Board meeting on the website in the Government section under the Meetings & Agendas tab. To go to specific sections of interest, click on the Navigation Panel Button (left side of page) for bookmarks. ▼

## CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL

### Offered through New Trier

The implementation of video playback of recorded Village meetings is available through the New Trier High School public access channel 18. The most recent meeting can be viewed on Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Live video streaming and archived meetings are also available for viewing through the Village website at [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org) by clicking on the “Glencoe WebCast” icon on the home page. ▼

## GLENCOE CAUCUS NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

Instead of sitting on the sidelines, would you like to “have a say” in Glencoe’s Village government? Run for the Glencoe Caucus!

The Glencoe Village Nominating Committee (the Caucus) is a group of 27 Glencoe residents who are elected to work together to interview and select candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the next local election for Village Board, Park Board and Library Board. Applications for the Caucus are now being accepted. If you run, your name and bio will appear on a ballot that will be mailed to every Glencoe household in April.

To learn more or download an application, go to [www.glencoecaucus.org](http://www.glencoecaucus.org).

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## VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS

### Display by May 1

In early March, a pre-printed application form will be mailed to owners of vehicles registered in Glencoe. Upon receipt, please check the application as it contains information listed in Village records. If the form is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary corrections before returning the form. If you do not receive an application, contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113 to request that one be mailed to you.

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.

Review the application and return promptly because a discount applies 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 as Village ordinance requires that the license be displayed and properly affixed to the windshield. If you have questions, please call the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112.

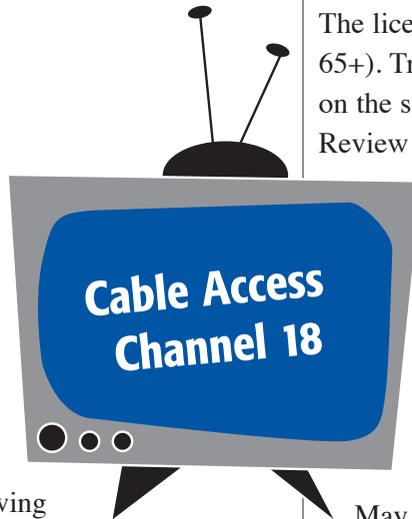
### Pet Licenses

Animal tags are due by April 15 and are available at the Resident Services desk during normal business hours or at the Public Safety window 24 hours a day. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must accompany the registration form. ▼

## FEE INCREASES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2010

At its February 18, 2010 meeting, the Village Board approved ordinances to increase the water and the sewer rate. Ambulance service fees were also increased to reflect standard insurance billing fees. The Board also adopted an ordinance to increase the total garbage fee to \$47.55 per quarter (excluding optional services).

The increase in these fees (excluding ambulance fees) is estimated to cost an average household an additional \$270 a year or \$22.50 per month from the 2009 fee levels. These fees were made necessary by declining revenues in the 2010 budget. ▼



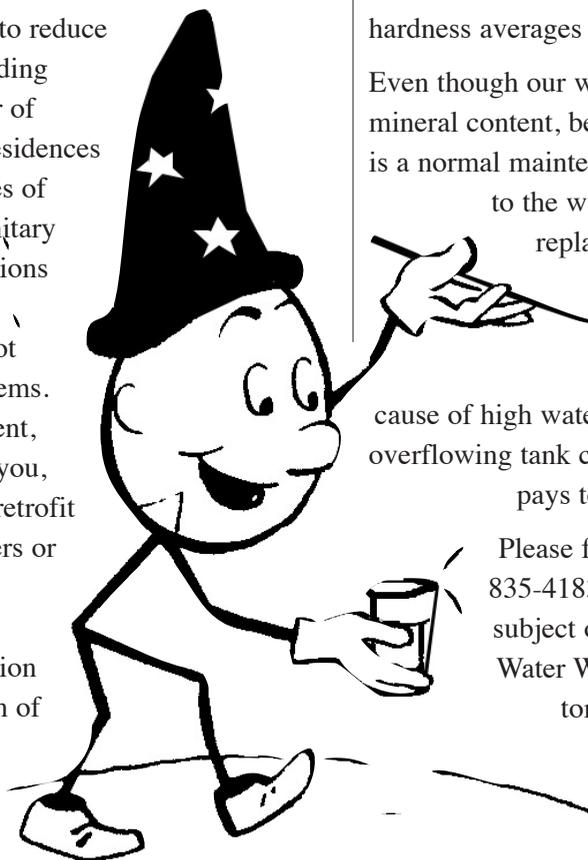
## SEWER BACKUP AND STREET FLOODING

If you experience a sanitary or storm sewer backup this spring, remember to call Public Works before calling a plumber. This simple action may save you the expense of an unnecessary service call. Public Works staff will check the Village's collector sewers to make sure they are flowing properly and advise you of the status. If the problem is in the Village sewer system, a crew will be dispatched to promptly remedy it. If the problem appears to be located somewhere in your own sewer service line or plumbing, you will be advised so you can contact a qualified plumber for further assistance.

For problems during regular business days, call the Public Works office at 835-4111 between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. At all other times, call the Public Safety non-emergency number at 835-4112 to report the problem. An on-call Public Works Supervisor will be paged to respond.

Regarding street flooding, please remember that the Village has more than 1500 storm sewer inlets – far more than we can check on a regular basis. If you have a storm sewer inlet in front of your property, you can help reduce the potential for street flooding by “adopting” the inlet and removing grass, leaves, sticks and litter that may have collected there.

The Village continues to work to reduce the incidence of basement flooding through replacement and repair of sewers, inspection of private residences to locate and disconnect sources of storm water flooding to the sanitary sewer systems. While these actions can reduce the incidents of basement flooding, they will not completely eliminate the problems. In order to protect your basement, Village staff recommends that you, as a homeowner, take steps to retrofit your home with overhead sewers or with an appropriate backflow prevention system. Contact a reputable plumber for information about these options. Installation of either system requires a permit. ▼



## HEY WATER WIZ!

**Q.** We recently had some parts replaced in our toilet tank. The plumber suggested that we may have a high mineral content in our water that may cause disintegration of metal. Do you have any info that might shed light on this?

**A.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established National Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Regulations that set mandatory water quality standards for drinking water contaminants.

National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations set non-mandatory water quality standards for 15 contaminants. EPA does not enforce these “secondary maximum contaminant levels” or “SMCLs.” They are established only as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color and odor. These contaminants are not considered a risk to human health. The pH of the water is one such variable.

Low pH water will dissolve metals and is considered corrosive. High pH water will cause a scale buildup. A high mineral content would form a scale on metal surfaces but would not cause corrosion. A high mineral content would be considered “hard” water with a hardness concentration of over 140 parts per million. Glencoe water hardness averages about 100 parts per million.

Even though our water is neither corrosive or of high mineral content, be aware that replacement of internal parts is a normal maintenance item every few years. According to the [www.plumbingsupply.com](http://www.plumbingsupply.com) website, the replaceable parts such as flappers, washers and seals generally will last 4 to 5 years on “average.”

Leaking toilets are by far the biggest cause of high water bill complaints. A leaking flapper or overflowing tank can waste up to 2,000 gallons per day! It pays to fix a leaking toilet as soon as possible.

Please feel free to call the Water Plant at 847-835-4183 if you have any questions about this subject or forward your water questions to the Water Wiz by email to [tomw@villageofglencoe.org](mailto:tomw@villageofglencoe.org). ▼



Dear Glencoe Residents,

After a long, cold winter, spring is around the corner. It's not too early to start thinking about some practice time or even your first round of golf for the year at the Glencoe Golf Club.

The practice range is open (weather permitting) and offers a full grass tee, a chipping/bunker area, and a putting green so you can work on all aspects of your game.

We will again offer driving range memberships in 2010. The range membership offers prepaid debit keys that can be used directly at the ball dispenser so you can go right from your car to the tee line.

Senior membership cards are also available for the 2010 season. The senior membership is open to all golfers 60+ years and offers discounted rates everyday of the week. Stop by the golf shop to pick up yours so you can start saving with your first round of the season. The fee for the card is \$25.00 and offers savings of \$18 over regular primetime rates. All of the 2010 rates can be found on our website at [www.glencoe golfclub.com](http://www.glencoe golfclub.com).

'Friends of the Glencoe Golf Club' are looking forward to another successful year in 2010. The 'Friends' goal is to increase awareness, support and use of the Glencoe Golf Club and serve as a fundraising vehicle for the continued improvement of this unique community asset.

Permanent tee time packages are now available for the 2010 season and offers 19-weeks of reserved tee times, walking, on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. The season will begin on the weekend of May 1-2 and continue through the weekend of September 4-5. A complete foursome is required to obtain a permanent tee time, and a waiting list for single golfers is also being created. For additional information, please contact the golf shop 847-835-0250.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another great golf season at the Glencoe Golf Club!!

Stella Nanos, General Manager, Glencoe Golf Club

## ILLINOIS PREMISE ALERT PROGRAM

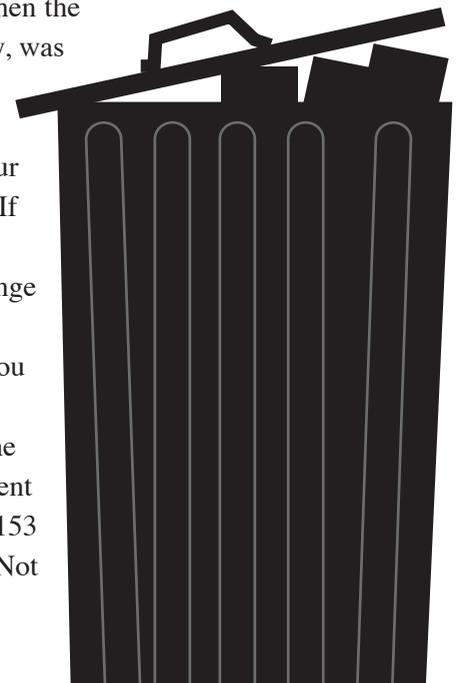
The Illinois Premise Alert Program is a new state program designed to provide emergency response personnel with vital information for people with special needs. The program, signed into law on August 28, 2009, requires the Public Safety Department to accept information on people with disabilities and provide that information to police officers, firefighters and paramedics in an emergency.

The Premise Alert Program allows people to voluntarily notify the Public Safety Department of a family member who might require special assistance or treatment in an emergency at home. You can imagine how beneficial it would be for Emergency Response personnel to know they're responding to a location with people who are blind, paralyzed, physically or mentally disabled, autistic or suffering from Alzheimer's disease. 911 Operators will have access to the information and can immediately share it with responding emergency personnel. Glencoe has the computer-aided dispatch technology necessary to make use of this program.

If you have a family member or relative whom you would like to enroll in the Illinois Premise Alert Program, or would like to receive additional information, please contact Lieutenant Lee Weinzimmer at (847) 461-1149 at the Public Safety Department. ▼

## GARBAGE COLLECTION UPDATE

The Public Works Department garbage collection operation utilizes a tag system to notify you that your garbage was not out when the route collector came by, was inaccessible due to parked cars or was not properly bagged on your regular collection day. If you do not want the Village to leave an orange notice tag, either for a specific period when you might be away or permanently, contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111 ext. 1153 to be placed on a "Do Not Tag List". ▼



## MARCH IS FAMILY SERVICE MONTH

Join us for Family Fun Fest:

**Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Families!**

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

**1:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Takiff Community Center**

Family Service of Glencoe, the local non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families in our community, will host a free afternoon of fun, fitness, art and wellness at the Takiff Community Center in celebration of Family Service Month in Glencoe.

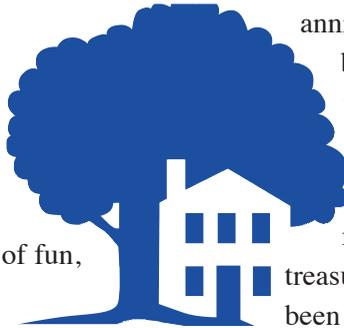
There will be a variety of moderated games in the two gyms for older children as well as the younger set. With the assistance of the Young Rembrandts, a local organization promoting art instruction and appreciation, there will be a variety of age-appropriate art projects in the art rooms. A local yoga instructor will feature family yoga instruction and Grand Foods will provide a variety of delicious free food and drinks. Escape the cold and join us on March 21 for an afternoon of fun for the entire family! ▼

## THE CHAMBER CORNER

At its regular meetings this winter, the Board of the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce has been discussing plans for the 2010 year. When warmer weather comes, we will be ready to offer residents and neighbors plenty of events and reasons to be in downtown Glencoe.

Upcoming highlights include the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings beginning June 5, and a Glencoe Sale/Sidewalk Sale during the last weekend in June. The Chamber's 4th of July Carnival was so well received last year that we are planning to host it again. The Festival of the Masters Art Show will make its third appearance in Glencoe; it will be in July this year, on the 10th and 11th of the month.

You will be hearing lots more about these events and other activities, as we get closer to the season. We will have specific details and information for you, and we want our residents to know that the Chamber is already working hard to provide a busy, interesting and fun-filled summertime in "Our Town," Glencoe. ▼



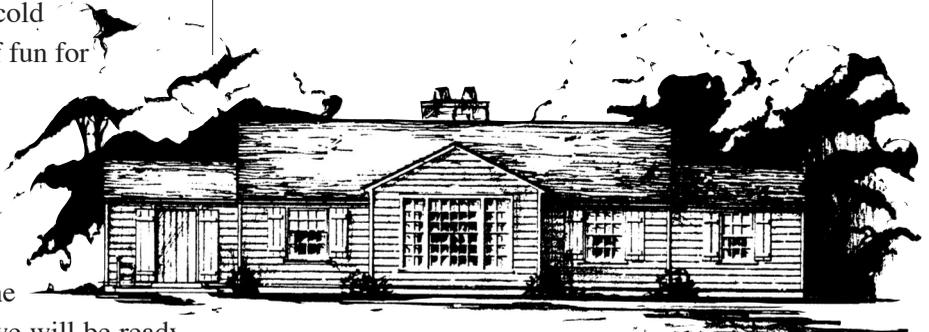
## LITTLE HOUSE OF GLENCOE

**Open House - Sunday, March 14**

Little House of Glencoe invites you to drop by on Sunday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m., to help mark its 60th anniversary. We'll have a blazing fire in the fireplace, and be serving refreshments. Girl Scout cookies and tickets to the March 15 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner also will be on sale.

Board members will be present to discuss upgrades, renovation and restoration plans. Little House is a treasure in our community, a cabin in the woods that has been a favorite place for scout meetings and overnights, community meetings, family parties, retreats and even square dances. It is a great resource in our community, but it needs partners and volunteers to keep it viable.

Little House has a new website, [www.LittleHouseofGlencoe.org](http://www.LittleHouseofGlencoe.org). Reservation forms, volunteer details, maps, donation information and other background are available there. The number to call to make a Little House reservation is 847-835-7551. ▼



## VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN-UP IS COMING!

The Village will again offer Spring Clean Up days in early May to provide an opportunity to dispose of items that are generally not picked up as part of the normal garbage collection service. The dates for Spring Clean-Up are:

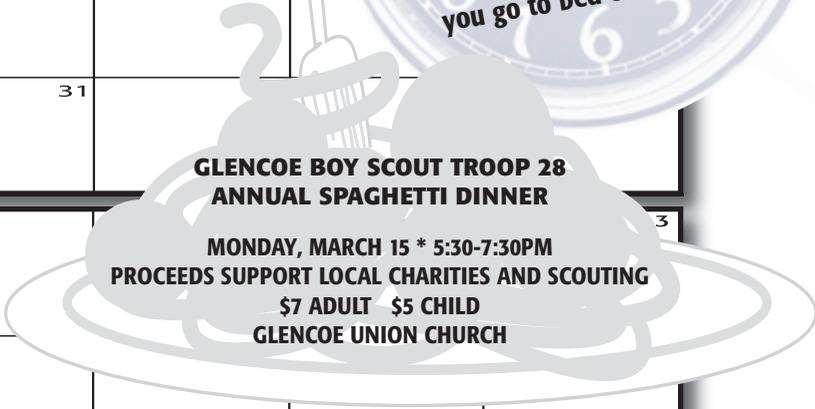
**Monday/Tuesday garbage collection – Spring Clean-up will be on Wednesday, May 5**

**Thursday/Friday garbage collection – Spring Clean-up will be on Wednesday, May 12**

For more information about this popular Village service, please call Public Works at 847-835-4111. ▼

# March/April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	2 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Glencoe School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11		
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	15 Golf Advisory Committee 7:00 pm	16 Glencoe Park District Board Meeting 7:30pm	17 Human Relations Forum 6:30pm Glencoe Public Library Board Meeting 7:30pm	18 Finance Committee 6:30 pm Village Board Regular Meeting 7:00pm		
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25	26	27	28 Plan Commission 7:30pm	29	30	
		Please check the Village's website <a href="http://www.villageofglencoe.org">www.villageofglencoe.org</a> or call Village Hall 835-4114 to confirm meeting dates.				



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