



March/April 2011

THE GLENCOE MEMO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbor:

Budget Matters: As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Village Board, at its February meeting, approved the Village budget for fiscal year 2012 – the twelve months beginning on March 1, 2011. The approval brings to an end an extended process of review and discussion that began last October.

I am pleased to be able to report that, for this next year, we have been able to finalize a budget that does not contain any significant surprises: there are no major changes contemplated to Village service levels – and no major increases in taxes or fees.

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VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES 2012 BUDGET

In October 2010, preparation of the annual budget started with the annual update of the long range financial plan and capital inventory. Once that review was completed, the budget development process commenced. Each month since November 2010, the Village Board and Finance Committee have directed preparation of the annual budget. The figures on page 4 represent the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2012. The final approved budget is available on the Village's website located at www.villageofglencoe.org. *(Continued on page 4)*

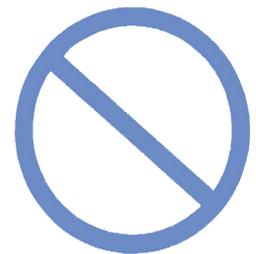
DISTRACTED DRIVING ORDINANCE

At its December 2010 Meeting, the Village Board amended the Village Code to make it a negligent driving infraction when the use of a cell phone is coupled with the illegal movement of a vehicle. If a driver commits a moving violation while also using a cell phone, two tickets could be issued – one for each offense. However, the lone use of a cell phone while driving is not a violation. The violation includes the use of hands free or voice activated devices when their use accompanies a moving violation. The newly amended ordinance reads as follows:

Sec. 23-74. Negligent Driving.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle upon a public way negligently so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. **Without limiting the foregoing, for purposes of this Section, it shall be presumed that a person has operated a vehicle negligently and is endangering or is likely to endanger persons or property if such person:**

- (a) uses a wireless telephone as defined in 625 ILCS 5/12-610.1(a) while operating a vehicle; and
- (b) operates the vehicle in a manner that violates any law or regulation governing the movement of vehicles on any public way.



For more information contact the Public Safety Department at (847) 835-4112.

The cost of services has risen, of course, and taxes and fees are likewise being adjusted to account for these costs. The increases have been set at the general inflation rate (about 2.7%). Non-union Village salary costs, however, will increase at a lower level (2%). More details about the budget are set forth in the article on page 4.

Public Service in Glencoe: It has been a number of months since I've had the space in this column for a little "soapbox" preaching – but (other than the budget) things have been quiet, so I am going to use the opportunity to address a favorite subject: the contribution to our community, by many of our friends and neighbors, of their time, their expertise and their wisdom.

I have said before – and will repeat incessantly – that the continued service of our volunteer Trustees, Commissioners and various board members is absolutely critical to the financial and social health and well-being of our community. This applies not only to our elected boards (Village, Park, School and Library) but also to the members of the appointed committees and commissions like our Zoning Board, our Human Relations Forum, our Historic Preservation Commission and our Golf Advisory Committee (and, just to be complete, the Plan Commission, the Public Safety Commission and the Contextual Design Review Commission).

Although the requirements may differ, all of these activities require a serious commitment of time and energy. As you know, all are truly volunteer (no one gets paid). I do think those who have come forward find it both rewarding and enjoyable.

We have a pretty good number of boards and commissions in our little town, and that can be a significant benefit: it creates many opportunities for people who wish to contribute. Of course, there is the reverse side of that coin – we are always on the lookout for good contributors who are willing to help.

Our Village Caucus (another organization which, although not "governmental", requires similar contributions from its members and provides a vital community service) has adopted a "two-term" policy over the years and, as a result, no Glencoe Village Trustee or Village President has (so far as I know) been elected to more than two terms. I am a strong believer in the wisdom of this policy (I'm in my second term, and I will not stand for re-election when that term ends in two years).

During the past six years as Village President, I have sought to apply the same policy to our various appointed boards and commissions. As with almost everything we do, of course, there are positives and negatives to such a policy. After two terms, the individual involved has usually developed a strong knowledge base about the matters before his or her board. Having that person step down (even if he or she wishes to continue) "loses" not only that knowledge, but very likely a committed contributor to the board. However, all of our boards have assigned professional staff as liaisons, a fact which mitigates the "knowledge loss" when individuals rotate off a board, and staggered terms also generally avoid too large a turnover at any one time. But it is always hard to ask a strong contributor – who wishes to continue beyond a second term – to step down.

On the positive side, having a two-term limit makes room for more participants and allows (in fact, forces) the Village President to reach out within the community to broaden the group of contributing volunteers. Consistent application of the policy also prevents what I have seen happen in some other communities – the creation of "fiefdoms" where an individual or small group controls a particular area of community activity, or even worse, the development of a "closed" group of "insiders" who control an entire community.

As noted, this policy does make my job a little harder. Finding willing (and capable) candidates is not always easy, and that brings me to one of my reasons for raising this particular topic. Departures due to the "two term" policy have left us with some openings on our Human Relations Forum, and, over the summer, will create openings on the Golf Advisory Committee. The Forum focuses on programs that enhance our diversity and attempt to "bring Glencoe together"; the Golf Advisory Committee, as the name suggests, provides input and advice to the Manager of the Glencoe Golf Club. If you – or someone you know – is interested in either activity, please let us know. For further information or to request a nomination form, please contact Denise Joseph in the Village Manager's Office at (847) 835-4114 or denisej@villageofglencoe.org.

As always, thanks for "listening".



Scott Feldman

RECENT VILLAGE BOARD ACTION

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

- Resolution Referring to the Zoning Commission a Request to Make Recommendations Regarding Certain Proposed Commercial Use(s) at the Glencoe Train Station - The Village Board approved a Resolution referring to the Zoning Commission a request to hold Public Hearings and make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding certain proposed commercial use(s) at the Glencoe Train Station.
- Approved the Golf Club rates for 2011 season and Golf Club budget for Fiscal Year 2012 - Acting in their capacity as the Golf Club Board of Directors, the Village Board approved the rates and budget for the Golf Club for the new fiscal year.
- Approved the Village Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 Following extensive review of the draft budget during the December 2010 and January 2011 Village Board meetings, the Board approved the final budget, effective March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 (See article on page 1).
- Approved MFT 2012 Maintenance Improvement Resolution - The Board approved a Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) expenditures for the upcoming year for Commuter Parking Lot resurfacing and other authorized expenditures.
- Approved a Contract for 2011 Sewer Rehabilitation Improvements - The Board approved a contract for sanitary sewer main and manhole lining improvements funded by Bond Funds.
- Approved a Contract for Village Hall Sprinkler Improvements - The Board approved a contract for fire sprinkler system installation to the basement and 2nd floor of the Village Hall. This improvement was included in the 2008 Bond Fund.
- Approved a Contract for Village Hall Lighting Improvements - The Board approved a contract for the replacement of light fixtures throughout the Village Hall as part of an energy efficiency program funded by a State Grant.
- Approved the GIS Service Provider Contract for Fiscal Year 2012 - The Board approved the annual agreement for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staffing and aerial photogrammetry services.

- Approved Community Grant Allocations for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget - The Board approved the allocated amounts for the Fiscal Year 2012 Community Grants.
- Approved a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance The Board approved an Ordinance modifying the appropriations for expenditures in Fiscal Year 2011.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2012 Fee Adjustments - Following a review of various revenue and expenditure adjustments for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, the Board approved fee adjustments for the water, sewer, garbage and ambulance fees effective March 1, 2011.

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

- Public Hearing and consideration for Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriation Ordinance.
- Consider IEPA Low Interest Water Improvement System Loan for Water Main Replacement.



The public is always welcome to attend 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 13, 2011

Daylight Savings
Time begins on
Sunday, March 13.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour (Spring Forward) before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12.

VILLAGE BUDGET FY2012 APPROVED

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Operating Revenues

Projected revenue in the Village's operating funds (General Fund, Garbage Fund and Water Fund) is up \$575,542 or 3.24% from the prior year primarily due to increases in fees and increased revenue from improved economic conditions. Since Fiscal Year 2009 changes in the revenue budget have ranged from a 4.04% decrease in Fiscal Year 2010 to an increase of 4.26% increase in Fiscal Year 2011. The change from the Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget represents an increase of \$583,749 or 3.29%.

Operating Expenditures

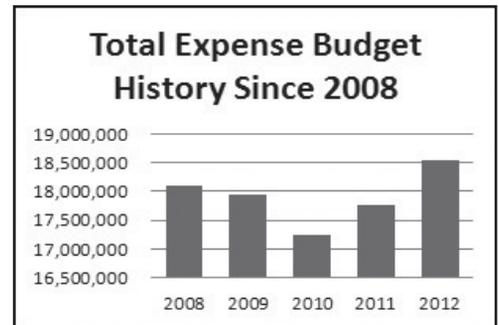
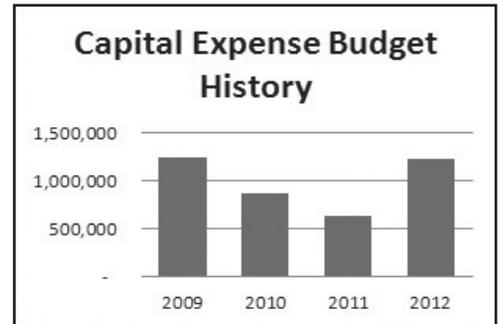
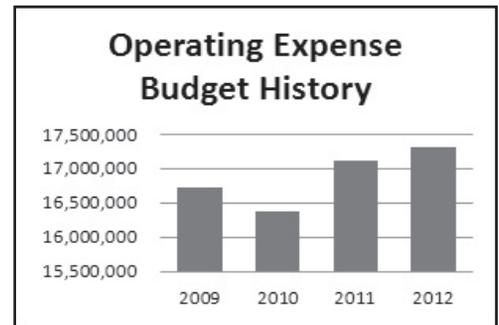
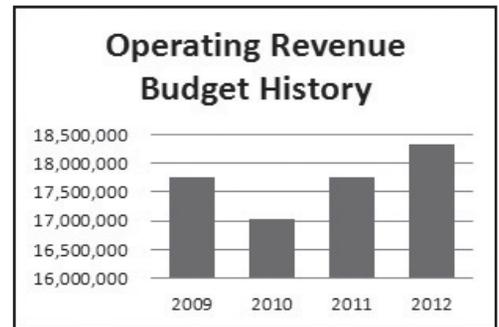
Expenditure for the Village's operating funds is budgeted to increase by \$187,914 or 1.10% from the prior fiscal year. Since Fiscal Year 2009 expenses in the operating budget have ranged from a 1.97% decrease in Fiscal Year 2010 to a 4.52% increase in Fiscal Year 2011. The change from Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget represents an increase of \$599,526 or 3.59%.

Investment in Capital

Each fiscal year, operating resources are set aside for the replacement of capital equipment and other capital projects. In addition to the operating expenditures listed above, investment in capital allocated in the budget will increase by \$597,900 or 95.21% from Fiscal Year 2011 (excluding bond expenditure of bond proceeds). Since Fiscal Year 2009 changes in the annual capital budget from operating resources have ranged from a 30.81% decrease in Fiscal Year 2010 to a 95.21% increase in Fiscal Year 2012. The change from the Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget represents a decrease of \$16,800 or -1.35%.

Total Expenditure Budget for Operating Funds

On a combined basis, the operating and capital investment budgets result in a total increase of \$785,814 or 4.43% from the prior fiscal year. Since Fiscal year 2008, changes in the total expenditure budget for the operating funds have ranged from a 3.97% decrease in Fiscal Year 2010 to an increase of 4.43% in Fiscal Year 2012. This is primarily attributable to the anticipated receipt of the IEPA Grant.



CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, April 5, 2011



On Tuesday, April 5th, Glencoe residents will cast their ballots for Village Board Trustees, Park District Board of Park Commissioners, Library Board of Trustees, and School District 35 Board of Education Trustees.

Register to Vote by March 8: Residents who are not already registered or have moved or changed their name may

register to vote at Village Hall, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. To be eligible to vote in the Consolidated General Election, residents must register to vote by March 8.

Early Voting-March 14 through March 31: Vote early at designated locations throughout Cook County. Bring a valid state-issued photo ID to the polling place. The Village Hall is not a designated location for early voting.

Absentee Voting: Mail-in absentee

applications are accepted through April 4.

In-person absentee voting will take place at the County Clerk's downtown office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers from April 1 through April 4.

Election Day - April 5: Polls will be open on Election Day from 6 am to 7 pm. Residents who are unsure of their polling place or precinct may contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312) 603-0906 or www.cookcountyclerk.com.



Dear Glencoe Residents,

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

Permanent tee time packages are now available for the 2011 season. The 2011 permanent tee time package offers 19-weeks of reserved tee times, walking, on either Saturday or Sunday mornings. The season begins the first weekend of May and continues through the first weekend of September. A complete foursome is required to obtain a permanent tee time. A waiting list for single golfers is available. For additional information please contact the golf shop at (847) 835-0250.

Senior membership cards are now available for the 2011 season. The senior membership program is open to all golfers 60 years old and up and offers discounted rates every day of the week. Stop by the golf shop to pick up your membership to start saving with your first round of the season. The fee for this card is \$25.00 and offers savings of up to \$17.00 off the prime time rates. All of the 2011 rates can be found on our website at www.glencoeclub.com.

The practice range is open for business (weather permitting) and offers a full grass tee, chipping/bunker area, and a putting green to help you work on all areas of your game. We will once again offer driving range memberships in 2011. The range membership offers prepaid debit keys that can be used directly at the ball dispenser. You can go right from your car to the tee line without stopping in the golf shop.

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

Find us, and friend us, on Facebook!

Stella Nanos
General Manager, Glencoe Golf Club

PET LICENSES

Animal tag renewal fees are due by April 15. Tags for new pets are available at the Village Hall Resident Services window during normal business hours or at the Public Safety window 24 hours a day.



Tags issued in 2010 is for the life of the pet; therefore, new tags need not be issued. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must accompany the renewal fee.

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) indicates vehicles requiring a village-issued vehicle sticker. 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.

Please review the application carefully and note that there is a discount if you purchase your vehicle sticker prior to April 15.

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

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Glencoe Public Works
320 Hazel Ave.
(847) 835-4111 x1151
Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Residents please note: Each rechargeable battery (lithium, NiMh and NiCad) must have masking tape on contact points or be contained in an individual self-locking plastic bag.

Accepted Materials: Any rechargeable, NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer or household alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V).

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 the situation. If the problem appears to be located somewhere in your own sewer service line or plumbing, you will be advised accordingly, so that you can contact a qualified plumber for further assistance.

For problems during regular business days, call the Public Works office at (847) 835-4111 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. At all other times, call the Public Safety non-emergency number at (847) 835-4112 to report a problem. An on-call Public Works Supervisor will be paged to respond.

The Village continues to work to reduce incidences of basement flooding through the replacement and repair of sewers and the inspection of private residences to locate and disconnect sources of storm water flooding within the sanitary sewer system. While these actions can reduce incidences of basement flooding, they will not completely eliminate 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 back flow prevention system. Contact a reputable plumber for information about these options. Installation of either system requires a permit.

Sewer Maintenance - Do's & Dont's

The Village operates and maintains two separate sewer systems: sanitary and storm. The sanitary sewer system transports sewage from the plumbing in your home through a larger system and ultimately to a treatment plant. Be careful what you flush into the system from your home. Handi Wipes and other similar cleaning products should not be flushed as they do not break down very well and clog sewer mains and critical lift station pumps. Place these and other rags in your trash. The storm sewer system transports runoff from rain events to either Lake Michigan or the tributary to the North Branch of the Chicago River. Trash and litter that enters the street catch basins is carried to these natural waterways. An increasing problem is the dumping of plastic bags with dog waste into the Village's street basins. In addition to the pollution, the bags can expand and catch other debris and cause blockages. Please be smart and place trash and debris in a proper trash receptacle.

HEY WATER WIZ



Q. I am concerned about the level of Chromium 6 in our drinking water following a Tribune report on the safe levels of this contaminant. What does this mean for my drinking water in Glencoe?

A. Thank you for your inquiry about the recent news reports on chromium in Lake Michigan water. The Tribune article in late December reported the results of an independent laboratory measuring the level of chromium in treated drinking water in 31 cities, including Chicago. Chromium, which comes in several forms, naturally occurs in rocks, animals, plants and soils and is commonly found in water sources. The chromium referred to in the article is specifically hexavalent chromium or chromium-6. Chromium-6 is typically a pollutant that is not desirable in drinking water, although there are currently no regulations specific to it.

Current regulations apply to all types of chromium. Chromium in water is most commonly chromium-3 and to a lesser degree chromium-6. Chromium-3 is an essential nutrient. The EPA, which regulates drinking water, sets the limit for allowable chromium levels to less than 100 micrograms per liter (ug/l) of either one of these compounds alone or together. The Village's annual water quality testing has always been below the EPA chromium detection level of 4 ug/l. Water Plant staff recently completed sampling and specialized lab testing to determine specific chromium-6 levels and detected it at 0.26 ug/l. The EPA is currently reviewing research and the regulation process to determine if new standards should be established for allowable levels of chromium-6 in drinking water.

For more information on this and other drinking water issues please contact the Village's Water Plant at (847) 835-4183 or visit the following websites: www.awwa.org or www.epa.gov/safewater.

SPRING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will be conducting the annual fire hydrant flushing program in accordance with the schedule shown below. The purpose of this maintenance program is to ensure fire hydrants are functioning and to remove accumulated sediment from the water mains.



Some discoloration of water may occur during the fire hydrant flushing. If you experience discolored water while the fire hydrant flushing is underway, run your faucets until the water runs clear. For more information, please call the Public Works Department Water Plant Division at (847) 835-4183.

THE CHAMBER REPORT



The Glencoe Chamber of Commerce has been hard at work this winter, making plans for events to take place when we all want to be outdoors.

A major highlight for the summer season will be the New Glencoe Farmers Market, with a new Market Manager. We are very pleased to announce that Lydia Davis, who manages the Ravinia Farmers' Market in Highland Park, has agreed to run the Glencoe Farmers Market. We look forward to working with Lydia to see our market grow and improve. What will not change is the time and place. You will continue to find the market on Saturday mornings on Village Court; it's a convenient time to come into town, get your fresh produce and flowers and then be on your way to other shops and businesses in Glencoe.

Additional events and dates to put on your calendars include the Sidewalk Sale, which will be held on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. Movies on the Green will be held June 3, July 22 and August 12. More information will be available in future newsletters. Please visit the Chamber's website for more information on upcoming events at www.glencoechamber.org.

SAVE THE DATE • GLENCOE GRAND PRIX
Sponsored by the Glencoe Educational Foundation

Saturday, June 25, 2011

For more information visit: glencoegrandprix.com

MARCH IS FAMILY SERVICES MONTH

Join Family Services as they celebrate Family Service of Glencoe Month with fun and informative events designed to enhance wellness for the entire family. Below is information on events planned for the month of March.

A Discussion on Stress and Meditation

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Glencoe Roast Coffee

Admission & herbal tea are free

In today's world more people are turning to mind-body practices like meditation and yoga to decrease stress and to help manage anxiety and depression. Why are such practices helpful and what might we hope to see change in our lives by engaging in them?

SPRING CLEAN-UP



Mark the dates!

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 this year's Spring Clean-Up are:

Monday and/or Thursday Garbage Collection
Spring Cleanup on Wednesday, May 4

Tuesday and/or Friday Garbage Collection
Spring Cleanup on Wednesday, May 11

Watch for more information about this popular Village service in the next issue of the Glencoe Memo and on the Village website. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 835-4111.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 28 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Monday, March 14

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Glencoe Union Church • 263 Park Avenue

Adults - \$8.00 • Children - \$5.00

Tickets available at the door

Family Service of Glencoe's Family Fun Fest *Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Families!*

Sunday, March 20, 2011

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Takiff Community Center

910 Green Bay Road

Free afternoon of fun, fitness, art and wellness.

Shop at Grand Foods in March: Grand Foods will donate 6% of the total receipts turned into Family Service of Glencoe for purchases made in March. To participate, save your receipts each time you shop at Grand Foods in Glencoe and turn them in to Family Services. For more information contact Family Services of Glencoe at (847) 835-5111.



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March/April 2011

(All meetings except Library, Park and School Boards are held at the Village Hall, 675 Village Court).

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> | 14 School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm | 15 Park District Board Meeting 7:30 pm | 16 Human Relations Forum 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7:30pm | 17 Finance Committee 6:30pm Village Board Meeting 7:00pm | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Golf Advisory Committee 7:00pm | 22 | 23 Plan Commission 7:30pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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| 3 | 4 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm | ELECTION DAY 5 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Plan Commission 7:30pm | 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Please check the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org or call Village Hall (847) 835-4114 to confirm meeting dates & times.</i> |