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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbor:

Shared Services: Most of us are probably aware that, as Glencoe residents, we are subject to various governmental units. Glencoe has separate Village, Park, School and Library Boards. Then come the New Trier School District, New Trier Township, Cook County and the State. Not to mention a Water Reclamation District and a Mosquito Control District, among others.

What many of us don't realize is that this isn't the way the rest of the country works. Illinois has many more units of local government (6,994 by a recent count) than any other state. No other state has even 5,000, and only three (California, Pennsylvania and Texas) have as many as 4,000.

There may well be some positives from separating responsibilities for providing governmental services, but

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN GLENCOE

Light the Village Lights, November 26

The Village and the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce are planning for the 2010 holiday season with annual events, entertainment and fun. It all kicks off with "Light the Village Lights" on Friday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the northwest corner of Park and Vernon Avenues. After a brief program, Village President Scott Feldman will "flip the switch", and downtown Glencoe will be bright with beautiful holiday lights. It's a tradition you won't want to miss.

The Chamber will also sponsor "Saturdays of the Season" in December. There will be music, visits by Santa, treats and special events to put everyone in a festive mood. Watch for more information on the Village website, the *Glencoe News* and posters around town.

Food and Toy Drive, November 26–December 20

The Department of Public Safety, the Human Relations Forum and the Village of Glencoe are again sponsoring the annual holiday food and toy drive for needy Glencoe families. Last year, 72 families received a holiday basket, and 80 local children received toys. Additionally, 300 children through the New Trier High School Social Services Program received gifts. Local baskets were personally delivered by Village employees and students from New Trier High School. Donations of non-perishable food items and/or new toys will be accepted at the Department of Public Safety beginning November 26 through December 20, and can be dropped off at Village Hall. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the decorated Village white mailbox on Village Court.

Please help make the holidays happy for these needy families through your generous contributions. For more information or if you know of a needy family, please contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112 x148. ▼

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there are also many negatives. Among those negatives is the potential for inefficient or expensive duplication of services.

We pay taxes to support our various local governmental entities, and savings or efficiencies at any one of them fall right to the taxpayer bottom line. Especially within Glencoe, it doesn't matter at which unit the savings are found.

Recognizing that there may be potential benefits for all of us, the Village has begun preliminary discussions with the Library Board and the Park District with the goal of exploring possible cooperative service and equipment opportunities that might help reduce costs, increase efficiency, or expand services.

These discussions are at a very preliminary stage, but I think they have the potential to become very important for our community. As they progress, we will keep you informed.

Cell Phones, Distracted Driving and the Law: We have all read about the increasing prevalence of "distracted driving", caused in large part by the expanding use of mobile communications equipment. The State has recently enacted laws specifically prohibiting such activities as texting while driving, and many communities have also adopted laws prohibiting the use of hand-held mobile phones while driving.

Unfortunately, research has shown that the use of "hands-free" mobile phones does not make the activity any safer. The principal "distraction" appears to be the act of conducting the conversation itself. The National Safety Council's "White Paper", dated March 2010 and entitled "Understanding the Distracted Brain – Why driving while using hands-free cell phones is risky behavior", goes into some detail about the problem. One of the conclusions:

"Cell phone driving has become a serious public health threat. A few states have passed legislation making it illegal to use a handheld cell phone while driving. These laws give the false impression that using a hands-free phone is safe."

The Village Board had planned to discuss this issue at its October 21 meeting, with an eye to adopting our own ordinance addressing the matter. However, we have been advised by the Village Attorney that Glencoe's lack of "home rule" authority means that we cannot go beyond existing State law in this area.

Using "car time" to make one's calls has become important to many of us. So has calling home to check on the need to pick up food for dinner, or checking in at the office. These phones have become part of our lives.

But our inability to have our own local ordinance does not mean that we in Glencoe should not be sensitive to

the dangers of distracted driving, and to the hard fact that – much as we may not want to hear it – all cell phone use while driving, "hand-held" and "hands-free", contributes to an increasingly dangerous roadway environment. We need to keep that in mind as we drive around Glencoe (and elsewhere).

There is more on this topic on Page 4 of this issue.

Contagion: No, I am not announcing that we have any contagious diseases in the Village (other than, I am sorry to say, the ash borer infestation of our ash trees). However, the Village has received an application for the permits required to film segments of a Warner Brothers movie to be entitled "Contagion". The movie deals with a disease that is spreading around the globe, and follows the lives of several characters as they live through that experience. The film is directed by Steven Soderbergh, and stars Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Kate Winslet (several of whom will be in Glencoe for the filming).

Although, at the time I am writing this, the permits have not yet been issued, I expect that the necessary safeguards and limitations will be worked out and that filming will proceed, as requested, on November 29 and 30 and December 1 and 2. The principal locale involves several homes in the 500 block of Woodlawn Avenue. Nearby areas are also involved.

I hope this turns out to be a fun and productive activity for Glencoe – we don't frequently get this close to Hollywood glamour. But the Village staff understands that there will be some disruptions along Woodlawn and Greenwood – both from working vehicles as well as expected onlookers - and will do its best to minimize the impact.

The Village will be compensated for its time and effort, so there will be no financial cost to it (and some gain). More importantly, while there will be some short-term inconvenience in the affected area, we hope it turns out to be a "net positive" experience for the community.

Our Volunteers: Elsewhere in this issue is our annual listing of the many Glencoe citizens who volunteer their time and expertise to our community through its various Boards and Commissions. The health and well being of our Village is critically dependent on the efforts of this extremely important group of people.

I want to extend my thanks, on behalf of all of us, to these volunteers. Even more important: when you see them around town, extend your thanks and appreciation for their service to our community.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season. And, as always, thanks for "listening".


Scott Feldman

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of September and October:

- Approved an Ordinance to provide Village services for private roadways for a fee – The Village Board approved an Ordinance to authorize private roadway maintenance services (snow plowing), if the street’s residents so desire and agree to fund the work.
- Reviewed the Long Range Capital Inventory and Financial Plans – Annually, the Village Board reviews and updates its Long Range Financial Forecasts prior to commencement of the annual budget process.
- Approved an Ordinance to declare certain Village Property surplus – The Village Budget provides funding for the replacement of certain pieces of equipment owned by the Village. Existing equipment that is no longer necessary can be declared surplus and sold or used for trade-in.
- Scheduled the 2010 Tax Levy Public Hearing – Per Illinois state law, the first regularly scheduled meeting in December is the required date for a Public Hearing and consideration of the annual Tax Levy Ordinance.
- Approved a fence permit variation for the Chicago Botanic Garden – The Board approved a variation to allow an 8-foot high fence to be installed on Garden property adjacent to Pebblewood and Longmeadow Lanes.
- Approved an ordinance amending the business district temporary sign provisions in the Village Zoning Code – Following the recommendation of the Zoning Commission, the Village Board approved an ordinance permitting temporary tent-type signs and real estate ‘For Sale/For Rent’ signs in the business district.
- Discussed Distracted Driver information and options – As a follow up to a resident’s request, the Board discussed issues related to enforcement of laws related to distracted drivers and discussed possible Village Code modifications in addition to state law.

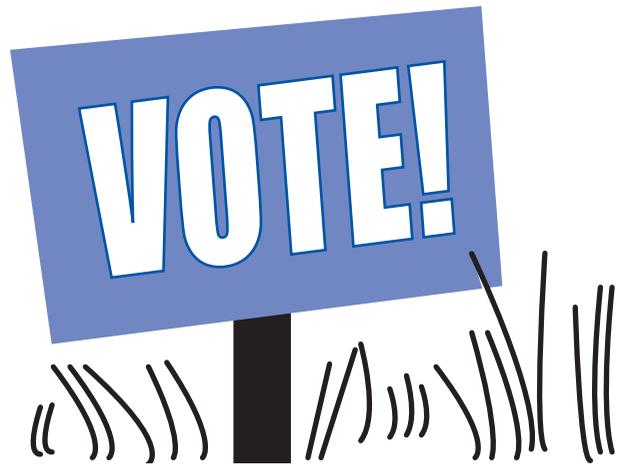
The public is always invited to attend all Village Board meetings. Village Board meetings are also aired live through the Village website. Archived video playback of recorded Village meetings for the last year can be accessed through www.villageofglencoe.org.

The following items are tentatively scheduled for the November and December Village Board meetings:



- Conduct a public hearing and consider the 2010 Tax Levy Ordinance
- Review the Fiscal Year 2012 draft budget guidelines and assumptions
- Preliminary review of revenue, capital and operating budgets for fiscal year 2012
- Consider actuarial valuation reports for Police and Firefighters’ Pension Funds
- Consider a cellular antenna lease for the Public Works Garage

Follow these items as they appear on the Village Board agendas by accessing the Meetings icon on the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org ▼



GENERAL ELECTION – BE SURE TO VOTE!

The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Glencoe voters can cast their ballots at the following polling places:

- **Precincts 1, 2, 4, 18 and 52 – Am Shalom**
- **Precincts 5 and 46 – Central School**
- **Precincts 6 and 7 – Watts Center**

If you are unsure of your precinct, please call Village Hall at 847-835-4111 or access the Cook County Clerk’s website at www.cookcountyclerk.com. A precinct map is available on the Village website, www.villageofglencoe.org.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

...through the end of November

Glencoe's annual Leaf Collection Program will continue through the end of November. Please remember that leaves should not be placed in the street. You can check the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org for an area-by-area map and approximate schedule of when collection crews will be in your neighborhood. Any leaves out after the final pass in November will need to be placed in yard waste bags with collection stickers.

Did you Know?

Last season, the Village collected approximately 10,000 cubic yards of compacted leaves, or the equivalent of 400 refuse packer trucks. The leaves are transferred to the Chicago Botanic Garden's composting facility. ▼

A NEW LAW - STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS

As of July 1, 2010, it is mandatory for drivers in Illinois to stop – not just yield the right of way when necessary as previously required – for pedestrians in all crosswalks. The law applies even if there are no traffic signals, stop signs or clearly defined crosswalk markings. To draw attention to this change, the Village has placed new signs at the pedestrian crosswalk on Green Bay Road at the Takiff Center. This Green Bay Road pedestrian crossing is also equipped with a flashing yellow warning light that is push-button activated to alert drivers to pedestrians, particularly children, entering the crosswalk. Drivers are encouraged to be alert and be prepared to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks throughout the Village. ▼



DISTRACTED DRIVERS

At its October meeting, the Village Board discussed Distracted Driver information and options.

The White Paper, entitled "Understanding the Distracted Brain: Why driving while using hands-free cell phones is risky behavior," prepared by the National Safety Council in March 2010, presents several points worthy of note:

- In 1995, cell phone subscriptions covered only 13 percent of the U.S. population; by 2008, that number had grown to 87 percent;
- The National Safety Council estimates 25 percent of all crashes in 2008 involved talking on cell phones, which accounted for 1.4 million crashes and 645,000 injuries that year;
- In 2009, more than 200 state bills were introduced to ban cell phone use (texting and talking) while driving; and
- In 2009, the U.S. Department of Transportation convened a Distracted Driving Summit, which the Secretary of Transportation called the most important meeting in the Department of Transportation's history.

While the topic of distracted driving has reached national attention, it has also become a local issue leading to new laws in the City of Chicago and North Shore suburbs.

In addition to local restrictions, statewide laws became effective January 1, 2010 regarding electronic communication (texting) and cell phones in school/work zones. Specifically, the Illinois Vehicle Code was amended to:

- (1) Restrict a person from operating a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message;
- (2) Restrict a person, regardless of age, from operating a wireless telephone in a school speed zone or a construction or maintenance speed zone.

The State regulations are enforceable by local law enforcement departments and in most cases serve as the only distracted driving restrictions for Illinois municipalities. The Village of Glencoe, as a non-home-rule municipality, cannot adopt traffic regulations independent of the Illinois Vehicle Code authorizations. ▼

GLENCOE SALUTES A VILLAGE AT WORK

The many elected and appointed committee members who donate their time and energy to making Glencoe a great place to live and work deserve a special “THANK YOU!” By serving on Village boards, commissions and committees, your fellow Glencoe residents help to ensure that our community’s charm and beauty are preserved. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their willingness to give so generously of their own time and energy. Below is a list of Glencoe residents who have served the Village during the past year.

Village President

Scott M. Feldman

Village Trustees

Keki Bhote

Bruce Cowans

Joe Keefe

Larry Levin

Ellen Shubart

Joel Solomon

Human Relations Forum

Deborah Cogan, Chair

Keki Bhote, Village Board Representative

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Larry Levin, Village Board Representative

Ed Goodale

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Bruce Huvad

Marya Morris

Lesa Rizzolo

Edward Chez

Stephanie Pearce

Hilary Lee

Zoning Commission/Board of Appeals

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Ed Goodale

Jim Nyeste

Steve Ross

Howard Roin

Historic Preservation Commission

Lesa Rizzolo, Chair

Catherine Handelsman

Tom Scheckelhoff

Diane Schwarzbach

Peter VanVechten

Public Safety Commission

Amy St. Eve, Chair

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Golf Advisory Committee

Arnold Levy, Chair

Joe Keefe, Village Board Representative

Rand Diamond

Paul Grant

Hilary Lee

John Nesbitt

Dale Thomas

Ellen Van Wart

Contextual Design Review Commission

Walter Eckenhoff, Chair

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Judy Horwitz

Paul Krieger

Mark Piltingsrud

Bernie Rosauer

John Schlossman

Police Pension Fund Board

Michael Neimark, President

Chad Smith

Peter Neville

Christopher Pfaff

Joseph Walter

Parking Adjudication Hearing Officer

Ann Hoenig

GLENCOE GOLF CLUB

The Glencoe Golf Club staff would like to thank all of our patrons for their continued support this season. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the beautifully manicured golf course and a meal in our dining room. The golf course will continue to remain open throughout the off-season at reduced rates, weather permitting. Please call the golf shop to confirm that the course is playable.

Even though winter is upon us, it is not too late to start thinking about golf in 2011. The Glencoe Golf Club offers weekend permanent tee times on Saturday and Sunday throughout the season. The tee time package includes:

- 19-weeks of pre-paid greens fees
- A CDGA handicap membership
- Member's Gift
- Preferred tee-time booking
- Special "Member-Only" Events and Specials

For more information on permanent tee times, please visit our website at www.glencoeclub.com or call 847-835-0250.

With the holidays approaching, why not give the gift of golf? The Glencoe Golf Club has gift cards available that may be purchased in any denomination. The gift cards can be redeemed for greens fees, merchandise, range balls and much more at the Glencoe Golf Club. Stop in to pick up your gift card or give us a call at the golf shop as we would be happy to mail gift cards to your home or business.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Glencoe Golf Club and best wishes to you and your family this holiday season!!!



GLENCOE'S GREEN CORNER

Where Glencoe goes to embrace a sustainable future

Federally funded Energy Audits and assistance are available for Glencoe businesses. Recently, the Delta Institute, an organization specializing in promoting green building projects, received the right to administer Cook County's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG). The purpose of the grant is to provide "energy audits and energy efficiency strategy implementation assistance" to Cook County commercial buildings and industrial facilities at NO cost.

Free energy audits include:

- An initial walk-through of the facility;
- A comprehensive assessment of a facility's energy use identifying the most cost-effective opportunities for energy savings and real cost savings;
- Coordination with facility or building management to find the resources needed to implement energy efficiency strategies.

Glencoe businesses are eligible and may apply for this program by submitting applications to the Delta Institute. Businesses participating in this program are also eligible for affordable loans to implement any identified energy efficiency projects. The Village encourages businesses to take part by pursuing audits and implementation assistance through the EECBG grant. Participation will support the Village's own efforts to reduce waste and promote an energy efficient future in our community.

The Delta Institute reports that commercial and industrial facilities consume approximately 56% of the total energy used in Illinois, and, on average, 30% of energy used by these facilities is inefficiently consumed. Effectively identifying and implementing energy efficiency strategies translates into tangible operational and maintenance cost savings for your facility. Applications are available at www.delta-institute.org/cookefficiency.

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact the Village's Community Development Analyst at 847-835-4111. ▾

EMERALD ASH BORER CONFIRMED IN GLENCOE

Following a September inspection of two ash trees, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has confirmed the presence of the emerald ash borer in the Village of Glencoe. In May of this year, the Village placed six traps in ash trees at various locations in the Village as part of a survey effort conducted by the IDOA. The traps were removed and adult beetles were found at two trap locations.



Village staff will respond to suspected sightings of emerald ash borer. It is important for Village residents to be aware and vigilant in inspecting their ash trees for this pest. If you suspect that you may have found adult or larval form of this insect, contact the Village of Glencoe Public Works Department at 847-835-4111. Declining or dead ash trees on private property will require a Village permit for removal; however, the permit fee will be waived. Additional information is available on the Village website or www.emeraldashborer.info.

The emerald ash borer was first discovered in northern Cook County in Wilmette in the summer of 2006. Since that time the State has expanded the quarantine area to 18 counties in northeast Illinois. The quarantine is intended to control the transport and disposal of EAB infected tree logs and branches outside the quarantine area.

A computerized inventory of all parkway and public property trees indicates that the Village of Glencoe has 1,185 ash trees on its public property, comprising 11% of the Village's 10,525 total public property canopy. Fortunately, as a Tree City USA community, Glencoe has practiced planting a variety of species to avoid a major devastation of the community's canopy. As a proactive measure to limit the possible damage from an EAB infestation, the Village of Glencoe began assessing, culling and removing stressed and damaged ash trees in 2006. ▼

GLENCOE CHAPTER OF LYRIC OPERA

The November meeting will highlight a lecture by the Lyric's Education Department. The date and location have not been determined.

The December holiday luncheon and musical program by the Merit School of Music will be held on December 7 at 11:30 a.m. in a private home in Glencoe. For reservations, please call 847-835-0262 or 847-835-3101. ▼

CALCULATING PROPERTY TAXES

The Cook County Assessor's Office has sent out notices of reassessment that included the proposed property reassessed value. Each year, the Village taxing bodies request that Cook County collect taxes. This request is in the form of an ordinance adopted by the Village Board and filed with Cook County. The Cook County Tax Extension Division reviews the Village requests and makes adjustments in order to comply with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL).

As a non-home rule community, the Village's annual increase in total taxes from the prior year is limited to 5% or the annual change in the CPI, whichever is less. This year's increase is 2.7%. The Village is responsible for approximately 16% of a resident's tax bill. This process determines the total taxes due to the Village and is divided by the total equalized assessed value (EAV) of the Village to determine the total tax rate. A property owner's EAV is multiplied by the tax rate to determine that share of the taxes. The total taxes available to the Village are not based on any change in EAV in the Village. If the EAV of the Village declines, then the rate applied to taxable property would increase in order to raise the taxes extended.

More information about the reassessment process is available at www.cookcountyassessor.com or you may contact the New Trier Township Assessor at 847-835-8200 before November 30, 2010. ▼

HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

November – Thanksgiving Day

Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual.

Thursday, November 25 – No pick-up

Regular Thursday pick-up will be on Friday, November 26.

Regular Friday pick-up will be on Saturday, November 27.

December – Christmas Day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual.

January – New Year's Day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual.

January – Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, January 17 – No pick-up

Regular Monday pick-up will be Tuesday, January 18.

Regular Tuesday pick-up will be Wednesday, January 19.

Thursday and Friday will be as usual. ▼

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	2 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm GENERAL ELECTION	3	4	5	6
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	8 Glencoe School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	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	19	20
		23	24	25 THANKSGIVING DAY Village Hall closed	26 Village Hall closed "Light the Village Lights" 5:00pm	
		30	1	2		
		5	6 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	7 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm	8 Human Relations Forum 6:30pm Glencoe Public Library Board Meeting 7:30pm	
12	13 Glencoe School District #35 Board Meeting 7:30pm	14	15	16 Finance Committee 6:30 pm Village Board Regular Meeting 7:00pm	17	18
19	20 Golf Advisory Committee 7:00 pm	21 Glencoe Park District Board Meeting 7:30pm	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Village Hall closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Village Hall closed	

Please check the Village's website www.villageofglencoe.org or call Village Hall 835-4114 to confirm meeting dates.



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