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# THE GLENCOE MEMO

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbor:

Good People All: One of the very good things about living in Glencoe is the public-spirited nature of our citizenry.

We are a small village, and it would be expensive to pay salaries to those who serve on our many boards and commissions. But we do not need to do so - because of the volunteer services provided by so many of our citizens.

Inside this issue of the Memo you will find a complete listing of the many neighbors who are currently contributing their services to our Village. These are members of the Village Board, the Zoning Board, the Plan Commission, the Human Relations Forum, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Golf Advisory Committee, the Public Safety Commission, the Police Pension Board and the Contextual Design Review Commission – as well as the members of several limited-purpose task forces.

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## CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN GLENCOE



### Light the Village Lights, November 25

The Village of Glencoe and the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce will kick off Glencoe's holiday season with the annual "Light the Village Lights" ceremony on Friday, November 25 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 lit up with beautiful holiday lights. This is an annual event you do not want to miss!

### 20th Annual Food & Toy Drive, November 25-December 19

The Glencoe Department of Public Safety and the Human Relations Forum are sponsoring the annual holiday food and toy drive for needy Glencoe families. Last year 77 families received a holiday basket and 50 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.

Donations of non-perishable food items and/or new toys will be accepted at the Department of Public Safety from November 25 through December 19. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the decorated white Village mailbox located on Village Court. All donations will be delivered on December 21, 2011.

Please help make the holidays happy through your generous contributions. For more information, or if you know of a family needing assistance this holiday season, contact the Department of Public Safety at (847) 835-4112.



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**Visit the Village's homepage at [www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org) and sign up today!**

(And this list is just of the Village's entities – remember, there are School, Park and Library participants too.)

One of the more time-consuming parts of my job is to seek out capable, community-minded individuals to serve on these various boards and commissions. One of the more rewarding parts of the job is finding them – and I am grateful that we have so many.

Please take a minute to look over the list. I am sure you will find someone you know. And when you next see that person, it would not hurt at all to say “thanks” for their service to our community.

**Street-Ends Task Force:** You may have heard about a current topic of some controversy – what do to with the “street-end beaches” which belong to the Village of Glencoe.

We actually have four, at the end of Maple Hill Road, Dell Place, South Avenue and Harbor Street. These are, simply, the extensions of those streets as they would continue into Lake Michigan, with a beach property as wide as – and no wider than – the relevant street.

For various reasons of geography and history (with some of the history not being all that clear), only the beach at Dell Place has had some utilization over the past few decades. That beach has been somewhat accessible – it requires climbing down over some pretty rocky areas – but reasonably fit people can do it. Actual utilization has been spotty and, as the immediate neighbors and the Public Safety Department can testify, has not been without problems.

I suspect that most of the adults in Glencoe (unless they grew up here) aren't even aware of this beach, although their kids probably are. It is a very secluded place, great for parties when one does not wish public attention - and it has frequently been used as such. It is used by non-Glencoe residents as a beach facility which does not require payment of a fee. Frequently, because it is a very narrow area, users spread out onto the adjacent private property. But make no mistake - it is also used by some Glencoe citizens, and used properly.

Neighbors in the area have complained about excessive parked cars, trash, and improper usage (including alcohol and drug use at parties), and there is no question that all of those things have occurred. This past summer, the Village added special personnel to monitor the area – resulting in much improved usage patterns by those Glencoe and non-Glencoe people who did utilize the property.

Several times during my 30+ year residence in the Village, the Village Board has considered the question of the Dell Place Beach: should it remain open, and if so, under what conditions? Previously, requests to close off access have met with vigorous resistance from residents who do make use of the property. As

a result, those prior reviews have been inconclusive, and have left us with the current state of affairs – which, at Dell Place, has been a catch-as-catch-can pattern of use, abuse, and partial enforcement, and also a pattern of neglect of the environmental aspects of the area.

Earlier this summer, in response to neighbor concerns, the Village Board again began to address the issue. And, as has happened before, some interested residents with strong feelings on the matter came forward to speak vociferously against any sort of “closing” of these public properties. Others have pointed out the environmental value of these areas (and not just the Dell Place street end, but the remaining street ends as well) and suggested that this is a chance to provide a beautiful amenity for all of Glencoe – a “dunes” environment, perhaps, with easier access for all residents.

There are a lot of issues to consider, and at our October Village Board meeting I appointed eleven of our residents – under the chairmanship of Village Trustee Joel Solomon – to a task force to look at those issues and to make recommendations to the Village Board.

The Task Force has been asked to look at all the street ends, although I suspect that the Dell Place beach will take initial priority. Among the matters to consider are appropriate usage, accessibility, public safety (recall the recent drowning off a Wilmette beach), maintenance, regulatory enforcement, neighborhood impact and public liability.

It is always nice to consider the availability of (and even nicer to provide) a new, or improved, public amenity. But I have also charged the Task Force to consider the costs of any recommendations it may make regarding these properties, and to evaluate one of the hardest questions faced by the Village Board whenever an issue like this arises: how to balance the benefits to the community against the costs to be imposed on the community. And, if the costs are justifiable in light of those benefits, from what source (i.e., private contributions, new taxes or fees, or reductions in other services) should the Village fund those costs?

The Task Force is empowered to make recommendations only. The ultimate decision will, of course, rest with the Village Board. If you are interested in this issue, and would like to be notified of the time and place of the Task Force's meetings, please contact the Village Manager's Office at (847) 835-4114.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy year-end holiday season. And, 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 September and October:

- Approved the Purchase of a 30-foot Aerial Truck for the Department of Public Works - The Village Board approved the purchase of a 30 ft. Aerial Truck from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois for a total cost of \$71,014.
- Approved the Purchase of a 3/4-Ton Utility Truck for the Public Works Water Distribution Division - The Village Board approved the purchase from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois for a total cost of \$34,915.
- Approved the Purchase of Two (2) Replacement Vehicles for the Public Safety Department - The Village Board authorized the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Sutton Auto Group of Matteson, IL for the purchase of one (1) 2013 Ford Police package AWD SUV vehicle and one (1) 2013 Ford Police package FWD model P2L for a total amount of \$53,338.
- Approved the Purchase of Refuse Packer for the Public Works Garbage Division - The Village Board authorized the Village Manager to purchase one (1) Crane Carrier LET2 Chassis with a 250 yd. Loadmaster Packer Body for a total price of \$183,010.
- Consideration of a Supplementary Agreement No. 2 to the Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HNTB Corporation in Connection with the Construction of the Chicago Botanic Garden Children's Learning Center Entryway Project - At no additional cost to the Village, the Village Board authorized the Village President to execute the agreement with HNTB Corporation for a total not-to-exceed \$24,624.62.
- Approved an Ordinance to Amend Sections of the Village Code to Incorporate the 2009 ICC Building Code, the 2009 Residential Code, the 2009 Mechanical Code, the 2009 Plumbing Code, the 2009 Fuel Gas Code, the 2009 Fire Code, the 2009 Life Safety Code, the 2008 National Electrical Code and the 2008 Food Service Sanitation Code - The Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 2011-16-3297 updating the Building Code, the Electrical Code, the Mechanical Code, the Plumbing Code, the Fire Code, the Life Safety Code, the Fees and Charges, the Food Service Sanitation Code, and the Nuisance codes of the Glencoe Village Code.

- Adopted Resolution No. R-20-2011 - The Village Board adopted a Resolution initiating the submission of a public question to authorize the Village to adopt an "Opt-Out" Program for the supply of electricity to residential and small commercial retail customers.
- Reviewed the Long Range Financial Forecast through Fiscal Year 2017- Annually, the Village Board reviews and updates its Long Range Financial Forecast prior to commencement of the annual budget process. The forecast describes the expected financial condition of the Village through Fiscal Year 2017.

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



- Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider the 2011 Tax Levy Ordinance
- Review the Fiscal Year 2013 Draft Budget
- Consider Actuarial Valuation Reports for Police and Firefighters' Pension Funds

### ALL FEDERAL BENEFITS WILL BE PAID ELECTRONICALLY IN 2013

Beginning on March 1, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Treasury will pay all federal benefits and non-tax payments electronically. If you are currently receiving federal benefit checks, you will need to switch to electronic payments by the March 1, 2013 deadline.

If you do not choose an electronic payment option by March 1, 2013, or at the time you apply for federal benefits, you will receive your payments via a Direct Express® card, so you will not experience any interruption in payment. Funds on a Direct Express® card are FDIC-insured (up to the legal limit). Cardholders can make retail purchases, pay bills and get cash back.

If you already receive federal benefit payments electronically, you do not need to take action. You will continue to receive your payment as usual on your payment date.



To sign up or learn more, visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) or call (800) 333-1795.

## TEE TIME

With Stella Nanos, General Manager  
Glencoe Golf Club  
621 Westley Road • (847) 835-0250  
[www.glencoe golfclub.com](http://www.glencoe golfclub.com)



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 beautiful golf course. The golf course will continue to remain open throughout the off season at reduced rates, weather permitting. Please call the golf shop at the number listed above to confirm that the course is playable.

Even though winter is upon us, it is not too late to start thinking about golf in 2012. 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.glencoe golfclub.com](http://www.glencoe golfclub.com) or call (847) 835-0250.

As the holiday season approaches, consider the ideal gift for the golfer in your life, a gift card redeemable at the Glencoe Golf Club. These gift cards can be purchased over the phone in any denomination and sent directly to your home. Gift cards can be used towards the purchase of merchandise or greens fees, perfect for any golfer.

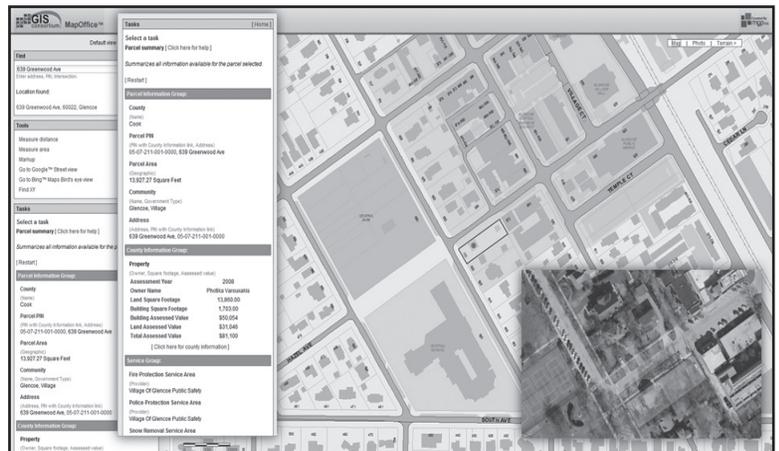
Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy holiday season!

## VILLAGE INTRODUCES MAPOFFICE™

The Village of Glencoe offers its own online interactive map powered by an application known as MapOffice™. MapOffice™ offers detailed property information and other customized tools to the public through the Village's Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Residents can use this tool to access information based on one's address, such as refuse and recycling pick-up days, school districts and polling locations.

Glencoe is a founding member of the (GIS) Consortium, a 17-member organization that unites local governments to share the cost and benefits of GIS technology. GIS is a location-based database that connects places to their relevant data. MapOffice™ is just one example of how GIS can be used to keep track of information from a variety of sources in an efficient and easy to understand way.

To see your property in MapOffice™, roll over "About Glencoe" on the Village homepage ([www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org)) and select Village Maps/Online Maps. From there, click on the link for the Glencoe Online Map to launch the program and start exploring your community!



## WILDLIFE: TO FEED OR NOT TO FEED?

Whether you encounter wildlife in your own backyard, at a local park, along the lakefront, or in the forest preserves, always remember that feeding wild animals, no matter how cute or hungry they may seem, often results in more harm than good. Animals may become habituated to humans, and associate them with food. This will ultimately lead to conflict amongst wildlife, and places humans and pets at risk.

Elevated bird and squirrel feeders provide seed, grain, fruit, or suet. It's important to keep them clean and free of debris. Excess seed/feed should be removed from the ground on a

regular basis. Feeders should be monitored closely and food sources adjusted if unwanted wildlife is attracted.

An alternative way to observe wildlife, using a *green* concept, is to provide a balanced naturalscape within your own backyard. By using grasses, flowering plants, and fruit bearing trees, your yard can contain enough food sources to keep even the hungriest wildlife content throughout the year, while also providing you with a colorful garden during all four seasons.

If you have any questions, please contact the Glencoe Public Safety Department at (847) 835-4112.

# 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 are currently serving the Village. (And don't forget those who serve on our School, Library and Park Boards!)

## ***Village President***

Scott M. Feldman

## ***Village Trustees***

Keki Bhote  
Bruce Cowans  
Andrew Hayek  
Joe Keefe  
Larry Levin  
Joel Solomon

## ***Contextual Design Review Commission***

Walter Eckenhoff, Chair  
Bernie Rosauer  
John Schlossman  
Mark Piltingsrud  
Paul Krieger

## ***Golf Club Advisory Committee***

Joe Keefe, Chair  
Ellen Van Wart  
John Nesbitt  
Mark Metzner  
Mitchell Melamed  
Ronald Schmidt

## ***Golf Clubhouse Task Force***

Larry Levin, Chair  
Jason Conviser  
Rand Diamond  
Scott Javore  
Arnold Levy  
Dan O'Brien  
Sanford Perl  
Dale Thomas

## ***Historic Preservation Commission***

Tom Scheckelhoff, Chair  
Diane Schwarzbach  
John Eifler  
Peter VanVechten  
Rod Winn

## ***Human Relations Forum***

Deborah Cogan, Chair  
Keki Bhote, Village Board Rep.  
Hilary Price  
Joel Heifetz  
Margot Flanagan  
Pamela Louik  
Peggy Wagner Kimble  
Rabbi Steven Lowenstein

## ***Parking Adjudication Hearing Officer***

Ann Hoenig

## ***Plan Commission***

Caren Thomas, Chair  
Larry Levin, Village Board Rep.  
Andre Lerman, Park Board Rep.  
Bruce Huvad, Public-at-Large  
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board Rep.  
Gary Ruben, School Board Rep.  
Louis Goldman, Library Board Rep.  
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large  
Tom Scheckelhoff, HPC Rep.  
Walter Eckenhoff, Public-at-Large

## ***Police Pension Fund Board***

Michael Neimark, President  
Chad Smith  
Christopher Pfaff  
Joseph Walter  
Peter Neville

## ***Public Safety Commission***

Amy St. Eve, Chair  
Daniel Rubinstein  
Steve Miller

## ***Street Ends Task Force***

Joel Solomon, Chair  
Florence Boone  
Debra Carlson  
Trent Cornell  
Gary Ediden  
Michael Glass  
Margot Flanagan  
Jon Lippitz  
Laurie Morse  
Max Retsky  
Dale Thomas  
John Tuohy

## ***Sustainability Working Group***

Walt Eckenhoff, Chair  
Andre Lerman, Park Board Rep.  
Beth Dunn, Chicago Botanic Garden  
Dudley Onderdonk, Public-at-Large  
Hall Healy, Public-at-Large  
Jean Hahn, School Board  
Larry Smith, Public-at-Large  
Laurie Morse, Public-at-Large  
Mark Piltingsrud, Public-at-Large

## ***Zoning Commission/Board of Appeals***

Barbara Miller, Chair  
Daniel Friedman  
Ed Goodale  
Howard Roin  
Jim Clark  
Jim Nyeste  
Steve Ross



# PUBLIC WORKS

## 2011 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

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

### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- Leaves should be piled in a row along the parkway in front of one's property, and should **not** be placed in the street under any circumstances. A long, low row is better than a single large pile. A long, low row limits the blowing of leaves into the street or back onto a yard.
- The Village will be operating three parkway leaf collection crews continually during the program, and anticipates passing through every neighborhood 4-5 times until the end of November. Please only call Public Works if two full weeks have passed without your leaves being collected.
- If residents use a landscape contractor to maintain their yard, the Village asks that the landscape contractor remove leaves at the time a yard is serviced. Most residents who use landscape contractors are paying for disposal of their leaves as part of their monthly services charge.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 835-4111 if you have any questions.

## CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

### *Village Hall Cupola Repairs Underway*

If you have been to the Village Hall this fall you may have noticed the scaffolding erected on the roof top surrounding the cupola. This work platform is in place for a restoration project.

The cupola on top of the Village Hall was part of the building's original Georgian architectural design and serves not only as a distinctive clock tower, but also functionally as the conduit for fresh air supply to the building's HVAC system. Other than some painting and minor millwork repairs in 1991, much of the cupola is original from the 1958 construction of the Village Hall.

Due to weathering the elements over the years, much of the façade has deteriorated, and the restoration effort will include the replacement of all of the siding and molding and some roofing repairs. The replacement effort will include custom millwork clad with a PVC polymer material that will provide a more durable exterior surface, while maintaining the structure's architectural appearance.

The Village Board awarded a \$135,900 contract in August to DiVinici Painters of Highland Park. Work is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving this year.



## HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

### *November – Thanksgiving*

Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual

Thursday, November 24 – No pick-up

Regular Thursday pick-up will be on Friday, November 25

Regular Friday pick-up will be on Saturday, November 26

### *December – Christmas Day*

Monday, December 26 – No pick-up

Regular Monday pick-up will be Tuesday, December 27

Regular Tuesday pick-up will be Wednesday December 28

Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual

### *January – New Year's Day*

Monday, January 2 – No pick-up

Regular Monday pick-up will be Tuesday January 3

Regular Tuesday pick-up will be Wednesday January 4

Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual

### *January – Martin Luther King Holiday*

Monday, January 16 – No pick-up

Regular Monday pick-up will be Tuesday, January 17

Regular Tuesday pick-up will be Wednesday, January 18

Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling collection will be as usual.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOGNIZES AWARD RECIPIENTS

On September 21, 2011, the Historic Preservation Commission recognized property owners, architects, and general contractors at the Village's annual Preservation Awards Ceremony for the categories of New Construction, Addition, Renovation, and Restoration. This year's seven award winners are:

**270 Scott Avenue - Garage Addition**



**626 Drexel Avenue - Renovation**



**850 Sheridan Road - Restoration**



**Not Pictured:**

- 370 Washington Avenue – New Construction
- 451 Jackson Avenue – Rear Addition
- 859 Valley Street – Rear Addition
- 491 Washington Avenue – Rear Addition

### CONNECT WITH THE VILLAGE



## Glencoe Goes Green 2011

The Village of Glencoe and the Glencoe Park District invite you to attend Glencoe's first "green" community event – *Glencoe Goes Green!*

**Who:** Families, All Ages

**When:** Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Takiff Center Gymnasium, 999 Green Bay Road

**Admission:** FREE!

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness in the community and to encourage residents to adopt more eco-friendly habits and lifestyles. Residents will have the chance to visit interactive booths and displays and gain valuable knowledge along the way. Stop by to see exhibitors focusing on the topics of saving energy at home, transportation choices, green landscaping, growing your own food, organic food and farming, connecting to nature, green home design and products, and more. Learn about sustainable initiatives and practices of local public bodies, community groups, and organizations.

This event caters to the whole family, so even the youngest members can learn what they can do to help save the planet.

For more information, please contact Emily Vanderkamp from the Glencoe Park District at (847) 835-7538.

## SATURDAYS OF THE SEASON

*December 3, 10 and 17*

The Chamber will sponsor its annual "Saturdays of the Season" in Downtown Glencoe on December 3, 10 and 17. 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.

## GLENCOE CHAPTER OF LYRIC OPERA

The annual Holiday Luncheon and Program will be held on December 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Sunset Ridge Country Club, 2100 Sunset Ridge Road in Northbrook. For reservations and more information, please call (847) 835-0262 or (847) 835-3101.



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*(Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings except Library, Park and School Boards are held at Village Hall, 675 Village Court)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends - Change Clocks Back	7 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 School District #35 Board 7:30pm	15 Park District Board 7:30pm	16 Human Relations Forum 6:30pm Library Board 7:30pm	17 Finance Committee 6:30pm Village Board 7:00pm	18	19
<b>Thanksgiving Service</b>  North Shore Congregation Israel  Sunday, November 20 7:00 p.m.	21 Golf Advisory Committee 7:00pm	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	25 <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30			<b>Light the Village Lights</b>  Friday, November 25, 2011 5:00 p.m.

# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	6 Historic Preservation Commission 7:30pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 School District #35 Board 7:30pm	13	14	15 Finance Committee 6:30pm Village Board 7:00pm	16	17
18	19 Golf Advisory Committee 7:00pm	20 Park District Board 7:30pm	21 Human Relations Forum 6:30pm	22	23	24
25	26 <b>Christmas Day (observed)</b> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	27	28 Plan Commission 7:30pm	29	30	31
<i>Please check the Village website at <a href="http://www.villageofglencoe.org">www.villageofglencoe.org</a> or call Village Hall (847) 835-4111 to confirm meeting dates, times and locations.</i>						