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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

INFRASTRUCTURE BOND REFERENDUM INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

On the April 7, 2015 election ballot, residents will be asked to consider two referendum questions related to bond funding requests for various infrastructure improvements proposed by the Village, including storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvements, street resurfacing and sidewalk replacement as well as equipment replacement in the Village Hall.

A mailing on this subject was sent to all households in Glencoe this week. To read additional information on the proposed projects, please visit <http://www.villageofglencoe.org/news/bondreferendum.aspx>.

INFORMATION ON WATER SUPPLY PLANNING REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

A full copy of the Village's Water Supply Planning Report that was presented to the Village Board last week, along with numerous additional documents, is available on the Village's website. Residents are encouraged to review the report and associated documents. As the beginning of a long public dialogue on the future of the Village's water treatment plant, this report provides an introductory review of the engineering construction costs for various options highlighted by the Village's engineering consultant, Strand Associates. Additional review will be conducted (including additional costs), as well as the initiation of a comprehensive public engagement process, over the coming months.

Residents are encouraged to forward questions via email to waterplant@villageofglencoe.org. Questions and answers will be posted to the Village's website. The Village also encourages residents to sign up for Glencoe Connect to stay informed on meeting dates and times.

To review a copy of the report, as well as view video of the Village Board meeting and associated PowerPoint presentation, please visit www.villageofglencoe.org/news/wtpinitiative.aspx.

VILLAGE APPROVES NEW POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

At its March 19 meeting, the Village Board authorized the Village Manager to execute a contract with Integrys Energy Services for the provision of electricity for the Village's Electrical Aggregation Program.

This new agreement will replace the Village's current agreement with MC Squared which expires in May of this year. The current agreement was signed in 2012 after a 2011 referendum authorized the Village to join the eight-member, North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium. Over the course of the three-year contract, Glencoe residents have saved over \$2.3 million through participation in the electrical aggregation program.

Due to changes in the electricity market since 2012, savings are expected to be limited moving forward. Over the next several weeks the Village and its consultants will be monitoring the electricity market closely to determine whether to lock a price. If pricing is considered to be favorable over ComEd rates, a price will be locked, and residents will be moved automatically to Integrys. If pricing is not considered favorable, no price will be locked and all residents currently in the Village's program will be returned to ComEd. Residents would retain the right to choose their own vendor with no risk and the Village will continue to evaluate whether a future price lock would provide savings opportunities for Glencoe residents.

An important addition to this power supply agreement is the potential for the development of a Natural Gas Endorsement Program. This optional program, if developed, would potentially save residents significantly on natural gas rates. The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium will be working with Integrys to develop this program in the coming months.

Look for additional information on this important initiative in the coming weeks.

EARLY VOTING FOR APRIL 7TH CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Early voting for the April 7th Consolidated Election began March 23rd and runs through April 4th. The closest location for Glencoe voters is located at Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane in Northbrook, and the hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm. The full list of early voting locations is available on the Village website [here](#).

SIGN UP FOR GLENCOE CONNECT

The Village of Glencoe, in efforts to improve communications from the Village to residents and businesses, utilizes the communication tool – Glencoe Connect.

Glencoe Connect allows the Village to send messages to home phones, cell phones, and by email and text message. Emergency information, road closures, construction updates, as well as general Village matters and meeting agendas, are sent to the entire community in minutes.

The Village encourages every resident to register and opt-in for non-

emergency communications. Visit the Village website at www.villageofglencoe.org and click “Sign Up for Glencoe Connect” in the lower right corner.

COMED CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Attached is a press release from ComEd regarding \$10 million in financial assistance reserved for ComEd customers struggling to pay their electric bill. ComEd urges customers who have fallen behind on their electric bill to contact ComEd and see if they qualify for financial assistance.

For more information, please call 1-800-EDISON-1 or visit www.comed.com.

News Release

Contact:
ComEd Media Relations
(312) 394-3500
www.ComEd.com/News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ComEd Provides \$10 Million in Financial Assistance to Customers in Need

2015 assistance funds to help customers facing financial hardship avoid service disconnection

CHICAGO (March 25, 2015) – ComEd announces it has dedicated \$10 million in assistance funds for 2015 to help customers struggling to pay their electric bill. ComEd is urging customers who have fallen behind on paying their electric bill to contact ComEd to see if they are eligible for payment arrangements or financial assistance.

The ComEd CARE programs are focused on helping military families, veterans, senior citizens and people who may have experienced a job loss, illness or disability and need help with paying their electric bills. ComEd also offers assistance to non-profit organizations that are experiencing a hardship. Under the Smart Grid law, enacted in 2011, ComEd committed \$50 million for five years to help eligible customers with their utility bills.

“We realize some customers fall on hard times and need assistance with paying their monthly electric bill,” said Val Jensen, senior vice president of Customers Operations, ComEd. “Our goal is to help our customers maintain continual seamless electric service. This is why we want to ensure that customers who are in need of assistance are aware of the ComEd CARE programs and how they can receive financial relief during tough times.”

Last year through ComEd’s CARE programs, the utility was able to help more than 16,200 customers maintain their service. Service disconnection is always the last resort, and only occurs after a lengthy process that is designed to avoid this outcome. The \$10 million for 2015 will provide relief to customers in need and help get them back on track to managing their utility bill. The utility is also running advertisements to increase awareness of the available funds and to encourage customers in need to apply for assistance.

In addition, through new legislation introduced in the Illinois General Assembly on March 19, ComEd is looking to extend this assistance. Under HB3328/SB1879, financial assistance programs will be extended for another five years through 2021, enabling ComEd and utilities serving more than 3 million customers to contribute \$10 million per year to existing financial assistance programs or similar programs offered as a result of the Smart Grid law.

For more information on ComEd’s financial assistance programs, including eligibility requirements please visit ComEd.com/CARE or call 1-888-806-CARE (2273).

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Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation’s leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 7.8 million customers.

ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population. For more information visit ComEd.com, and connect with the company on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
April | May 2015

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Historic Preservation	Tuesday, April 7 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2 Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, April 13 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
3 Glencoe Community Relations Forum	Wednesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Finance Committee	Thursday, April 16 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, April 16 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
6 Police Pension Fund Board	Wednesday, April 22 7:00 a.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
7 Plan Commission	Wednesday, April 22 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
8 Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, May 4 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
9 Historic Preservation	Tuesday, May 5 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room