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# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

### JOIN US! DOWNTOWN TUNE UP PUBLIC HEARING, NOVEMBER 9

The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the Downtown Tune Up draft plan on Wednesday, November 9. Resident and business feedback on the draft plan is welcomed and encouraged at this meeting. For more information, including a copy of the plan and other important documents, please visit [www.glencoetuneup.com](http://www.glencoetuneup.com).

### POLITICAL SIGNAGE

As a reminder, **no political signs may be placed within the public right-of-way**, which includes parkway areas (the area commonly between the sidewalk and the street). Signage placed in these areas will be removed and discarded. Signage on private property is allowed, within the following parameters:

- Only one sign per candidate or issue is permitted per address.
- Individual signs may not exceed six square feet per sign, and may be placed no higher than four feet.
- Signs may not be illuminated.

Questions? Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111.

### ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

For the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election, Early Voting is available until **Monday, November 7**. [Early Voting locations and hours can be found here](#). Further questions may be directed to the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0946.

Additionally, the Cook County Clerk's office is recruiting community members to serve voters as suburban poll workers for the November 8 Election. It is a great opportunity to get paid for supporting the democratic process and serving your community. Election judges are paid \$190. Those who are interested should visit [cookcountyclerk.com/judges](http://cookcountyclerk.com/judges) or call 312-603-0970 to learn more and submit an application.

### 9-1-1 DISPATCH CONSOLIDATION

At their regular meeting on October 20, the Village Board approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Glenview to provide Public Safety (police/fire/emergency medical services) 9-1-1 dispatch services to the Village of Glencoe. This change was prompted by a State of Illinois law approved in June 2015 (Public Act 99-0006) that requires all communities with populations of less than 25,000 to consolidate their emergency telephone system functions. The mandate requires the Village to complete the required consolidation no later than July 1, 2017. The recommendation from staff followed extensive review of options together with the Villages of Kenilworth, Northfield and Winnetka which determined that a partnership with Glenview would provide the best service delivery at the lowest cost. Glenview currently dispatches emergency calls for the Cities of Highland Park and Lake Forest as well as the Village of Lake Bluff, among others. Village staff members have begun working with Glenview to implement the terms of the contract and coordinate the consolidation process.

There are several important points for residents to keep in mind about this process:

- There are no immediate changes to 9-1-1 dispatch operations in Glencoe – until Glencoe consolidates with Glenview (on or before July 1, 2017), Glencoe’s 9-1-1 dispatch center will continue operating.
- Public Safety services will not change - Glencoe Public Safety Officers will continue to provide 24/7 police, fire and emergency medical services once dispatch services are consolidated in Glenview.
- Once consolidation is finalized, Glencoe will no longer maintain a dispatch center in Glencoe. All calls for Public Safety services will be handled by Glenview dispatchers at their dispatch center in Glenview.
- Service levels will not change. Call answering and dispatching will continue to be provided at the highest standards that have been provided to our residents for many years. Glenview dispatchers will participate in a rigorous training program to become familiar with Glencoe’s Public Safety Department operations to ensure that residents continue to receive the highest quality 9-1-1 dispatch services.
- As a result, and likely the most noticeable change, there will no longer be a Public Safety presence in the Public Safety/Village Hall lobby 24 hours a day, seven days a week as exists today.
- The lobby will be open during regular business hours only and citizens will continue to be assisted by Public Safety staff members at the lobby desk.
- Citizens requiring walk-in lobby service after regular business hours will utilize a video phone system in the vestibule of Village Hall for a direct link to dispatchers in Glenview. Glencoe Public Safety Officers will respond to assist as necessary.

The Village appreciates your patience and understanding and we will continue to provide public information throughout the consolidation process. Questions may be directed to Director of Public Safety Cary Lewandowski at 847-835-4112 or [clewandowski@villageofglencoe.org](mailto:clewandowski@villageofglencoe.org). Additional information and documents are available on the Village of Glencoe website [here](#).

### **IMPORTANT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REMINDERS**

On Halloween night, a twelve year old girl was struck by a moving vehicle in the 900 Block of Green Bay Road while she was crossing the roadway. The Public Safety Department responded immediately and transported the girl to Evanston Hospital with non-life threatening injuries and she is expected to recover.

In light of this, and as it will be getting dark earlier in the evening hours, it is a good time to remember these important pedestrian safety tips from the Department of Public Safety:

- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals where available and crosswalks.
- Always look left, right, and left again before crossing a street, and keep watching as you cross. Be aware that drivers have differing levels of eyesight and skill in operating motor vehicles.
- Pedestrians should be especially careful at intersections, where drivers may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians while turning onto another street.
- Make sure you are seen by:
  - Making eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.

- Wearing bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night.
- Carrying a flashlight when walking in the dark.
- It is the law in Glencoe to walk on the sidewalk whenever possible.
- Walk defensively and be ready for unexpected events. Know what's going on around you and don't allow your vision to be blocked by clothing, hats, or items that you are carrying.
- Watch the pedestrian signals, not just the traffic signal, and follow the "WALK/DON'T WALK" lights (they're set up to help you cross safely). Look for pedestrian push buttons for crossing protection at signalized intersections.
- Watch out for parked vehicles. Parking lots can be as dangerous as streets.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs as they can impair your ability to walk safely.
- When crossing, use all of your senses and don't use your cell phone for calls and texting.
- Use particular caution when crossing driveways and alley entrances. Drivers may not expect you to be there or see you.
- Adults should supervise children when crossing streets. Smaller children may be difficult for drivers to see and young children may not be able to judge whether it is safe to cross a street.

Drivers should be vigilant and remain aware of pedestrians and cyclists. Likewise, pedestrians need to be vigilant remain aware of vehicles, especially if walking in roadways. Although motorists have more responsibility under the law when operating a motor vehicle on city streets, pedestrians have more at stake.

Please use this information and these safety tips to travel in and around Glencoe safely! For questions or comments regarding traffic safety, please contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

The Village maintains a local franchise agreement with Comcast for the provision of cable television and video services in the Village. The Village's current franchise agreement with Comcast will expire on December 31, 2016, and the Village Board will consider a five-year renewal of the franchise agreement, with the same terms and conditions as the expiring agreement. The Village Board will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on November 17, 2016 during the Village Board meeting to receive public comments regarding the proposed agreement. Prior to the public hearing, the Village Board held a preliminary discussion regarding the proposed franchise agreement at the October 20, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, and will formally consider the proposed franchise agreement at the December 15, 2016 Village Board meeting.

[Click here to view the proposed franchise agreement on the Village's website.](#)

### **HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**

Glencoe residents can take advantage of a SWALCO Chemical Waste Collection Event in Mundelein this Saturday, November 5. [Click here for details.](#)

## **GREEN BAY TRAIL DETOUR AND UPDATES**

The Green Bay Trail along Shelton Park will be closed Monday, November 7 during morning hours for installation of landscape plantings. Pedestrian and cyclist traffic will be detoured east to Old Green Bay Road by South Avenue from the north and by Harbor Street from the south. Detour signage will be posted. The Village appreciates your cooperation and apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause. Please call the Public Works Department at 847-835-4134 with any questions.

As part of an ongoing initiative of the Friends of the Green Bay Trail (FGBT) and the Village to remove buckthorn trees and other invasive plants from the Green Bay Trail between Harbor St. and Scott Ave., significant work was completed during the last two weeks in the areas north and south of the trail at Wentworth Street. Following the removal of buckthorn and a few remaining dead trees, over 50 native trees and 80 shrubs were planted in these areas. The remaining ground areas that have been cleared will be planted with a woodland seed mix.



## **PUMPKIN RECYCLING EVENT**

The Department of Public Works hosted another successful pumpkin collection event on Wednesday, November 2. Residents were able to drop off pumpkins at the Public Works Garage for collection and delivery to a composting facility, thereby reducing the number



transported to the landfill. The total volume of pumpkins collected was over 7 cubic yards and weighed between 11,000 - 12,000 pounds! Residents who were unable to participate in the recycling event are encouraged to place their pumpkins at the curb every Wednesday with yard waste collection. Thank you for participating!

## **LAKEWOOD DRIVE ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

On Tuesday, November 8, the Lakewood Drive Bridge will be closed to through traffic and unavailable for parking from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. A multiple agency fire department technical rescue training exercise will be conducted during these hours. [For more information click here.](#)

## **PARKWAY LEAF COLLECTION**

For daily updates on when leaf collection crews will be in your neighborhood [please visit the Village website.](#) The Village's annual leaf collection program is underway and leaves will be collected from residential properties in the Village until late November. There is no need to

request this service – simply pile your leaves in a row along the parkway in front of your home. To reduce leaves blowing back into your yard, the Village recommends piling leaves in a long row along the parkway, instead of a large pile. Here are some other fall yard maintenance reminders:

- The use of gasoline power leaf blowers is permitted in Glencoe from September 15 to December 15. Commercial landscape maintenance contractors may operate Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and are prohibited from working on Sundays and holidays.
- Residents who use a landscape contractor to maintain their yard are urged to have their contractor remove leaves at the time their yard is serviced.

### **FALL BACK - REMEMBER: CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!**



The Glencoe Department of Public Safety reminds residents that on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 a.m., clocks will be moved back one hour due to the end of daylight savings time.

It is also important to remember to change the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be changed at least twice a year, even if the detectors are hardwired into the electrical system. In the case of hardwired detectors, the battery will keep the detector functioning in the event of a power failure.

### **FAMILY SERVICE OF GLENCOE SENIOR CONNECTIONS**

Family Service of Glencoe is celebrating the launch of Senior Connections with an event on Monday, November 21 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at North Shore Congregation Israel. FSG will kick off two programs getting underway: 1) a senior discussion group which will meet on December 8 and 15 at the Glencoe Public Library; and 2) an inter-generational legacy project in partnership with Glencoe Junior High Project in which seniors will be paired up with 7th graders. These activities are the first of what is expected to be a robust offering of programs and services available through FSG to Glencoe seniors. Visit the [FSG website](#) for more information.

### **SAVE THE DATE: LIGHT THE VILLAGE LIGHTS NOVEMBER 25**

Mark your calendar for the annual Light the Village Lights festivities on November 25! Public Works and Park District crews have begun hanging holiday lights in the downtown to prepare for the event. We hope to see you there!

### **SAVE THE DATE: GLENCOE CAUCUS TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 6**

The Glencoe Caucus invites residents to attend its 2016 Bi-Annual Glencoe Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Young Auditorium at Central School. Under the Caucus Plan, the Town Meeting is held every two years prior to the election of Glencoe's Village President and other elected officials, which will occur next spring. At the meeting, representatives from each of the Village's elected organizations will make short "State of the Village" presentations and the Caucus Nominating Committee will present the Caucus slate of

candidates for Village President, as well as trustee candidates for the Village, Park District, Library and School Boards.



## VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For  
November 2016

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, November 7 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chamber
2 Plan Commission	Wednesday, November 9 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chamber
3 Finance Committee	Tuesday, November 15 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Committee of the Whole	Thursday, November 17 5:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, November 17 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chamber
6 Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, November 21 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room