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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE ON COYOTE AWARENESS

The Department of Public Safety has issued the attached press release urging residents to be aware of coyotes in the community.

GLENCOE CAUCUS TOWN HALL MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Glencoe Village Caucus and Glencoe School Board Caucus will present their slates for Village Board, Park Board, Library Board and School Board at a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, December 9th, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Central School's Young Auditorium.

Glencoe residents who are registered voters are strongly encouraged to attend this one-hour meeting which will provide a chance to meet the candidates and to sign petitions to put their names on the ballot for the April 2015 election. In addition, an amendment proposing changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Caucus Advisory Council will be presented for approval.

The Glencoe Caucus system was created to avoid the rancor of contested elections. Caucus committees interview and select candidates interested in and best suited to serve on the Village Board, Park Board, Library Board and School Board. To participate in the caucus system, or to be considered for one of these boards in the future, learn more at www.glencoecaucus.org.

The Caucus is funded entirely by residents' private contributions. Caucus financial reserves are in need of bolstering. Funds are used for direct Caucus business only, primarily for printing and mailing ballots. Donations are very much appreciated.

GLENCOE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DRIVE

The Glencoe Community Holiday Drive is underway; here's how you can help:

- Toy Drive – Deliver new unwrapped toys to collection boxes at Village Hall or the Takiff Center.
- Food Drive – Deliver nonperishable foods or paper goods to collection boxes at Village Hall or the Takiff Center, or purchase at Grand Foods on collection days.
- Care Package – Purchase a care package at Grand Foods for low-income seniors and disabled adults.
- Giving Tree - Donate funds or gift cards by depositing into the white Village mailbox. Make checks payable to “Village of Glencoe” write “Holiday Drive” in memo.
- Adopt a family - Contact Margot Flanagan at manddkaps@aol.com.
- Volunteer - help collect, wrap, sort or deliver by joining The Glencoe Community Holiday Drive Committee.



Donations will be accepted through **December 12, 2014**. Contact Colleen Harlow at colleenh604@aol.com for more information.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2014

A committee of the Board of Trustees met to discuss Community Grant applications from eight community organizations on Tuesday, December 2. Each community organization, including the North Shore Chamber Arts Ensemble, Family Service of Glencoe, Committee for Senior Housing Aid, Glencoe Junior High Project, Glencoe Historical Society, Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, Writers Theatre and Glencoe Youth Services, made a brief presentation highlighting specific aspects of their funding request.

The committee will make its recommendations relative to the funding requests to the full Village Board at the December 18, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees. This will then be considered as a component to the Village’s annual budget review.

PLAN COMMISSION – DECEMBER 3, 2014

At the December 3 meeting, the Plan Commission hosted two panel discussions as part of the Downtown Tune Up planning process. The first panel featured the Executive Directors from the Park and School Districts,

Library, Village, and Family Service of Glencoe – Lisa Sheppard, Cathlene Crawford, Juli Janovicz, Phil Kiraly, and Susan Cowen. Panelists discussed how recent and future trends in their respective organizations will impact demand for services and activities in Downtown Glencoe. The second panel featured Village residents who previously served on public boards and commissions and included Steve Bisgeier, Margot Flanagan, Scott Javore, Joe Keefe, Hilary Lee, and Mark Piltingsrud. Panelists shared their views on Downtown Glencoe. Redevelopment of the Public Works Garage was discussed theoretically in terms of how such action may contribute to downtown’s vitality. The scale, walkability, “small town” character, streetscape improvements, and unified appearance in terms of architecture and signage were collectively identified as the strengths of downtown. Those areas needing some “tune up” included updating the design guidelines to ensure the existing cohesiveness is maintained, expanding special events with the goal of attracting all ages and fostering community, providing a hangout place for 7th and 8th graders, and identifying what will continue to attract people to downtown in order for it to remain sustainable into the future.

COMED SENIOR GIVING PROGRAM

As detailed in the attached press release, ComEd is dedicating more than \$300,000 through a special “Senior Giving” hardship fund created to help senior citizens who have fallen behind on paying their electric bill. Now through December 25th, or while funds are available, ComEd will pay up to \$1,500 towards eligible customer’s past due balance.

The “Senior Giving” hardship fund is part of ComEd’s CARE program, which offers financial assistance to help qualifying customers pay their electric bills.

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION SAVINGS

The Village of Glencoe participates in the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium along with the municipalities of Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie. The Consortium has worked collaboratively to save participating residential and commercial customers more than \$32 million off of Commonwealth Edison’s electricity supply rates.

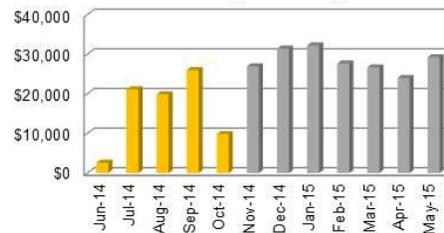
As shown below, the Village of Glencoe's total savings to date is \$ 2.1 Million with a total estimated savings of \$277,000 for the period of June 2014 – May 2015.

Village of Glencoe Electricity Aggregation

Total Savings to Date:
\$ 2.1 Million

Total Estimated Savings:
\$ 277,000
For Period:
June 2014– May 2015

**Village of Glencoe
Monthly Savings**



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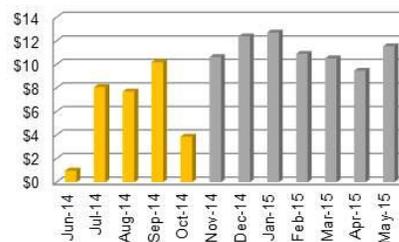
Village of Glencoe Electricity Aggregation

Village of Glencoe
Electricity Aggregation Program

Total Estimated Residential Savings
\$ 110 June 2014 - May 2015

Total Estimated Sm. Business Savings
\$ 43 June 2014 - May 2015

**Glencoe Residents
Average Monthly Savings**



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Glencoe Department of Public Safety Public Notice

December 5, 2014

COYOTE AWARENESS

In recent weeks, the Department of Public Safety has received reports of coyotes roaming village streets that are close to the forest preserve areas or golf courses. While coyotes will normally go out of their way to avoid human contact, they are rapidly discovering excellent food sources in populated areas. Coyotes are becoming more resourceful and have been adapting; they have become more visible and are finding that the urban setting is favorable for their survival.

To discourage coyote presence near homes in Glencoe, the Department of Public Safety recommends the following:

- ***Always*** walk your dog on a leash. Allowing dogs to run loose increases the chance of a coyote encounter.
- Keep cats indoors!
- Feed your pets inside. Do not keep pet food outdoors where it might attract coyotes or other wildlife.
- Do not feed wildlife - feed/seed will attract coyotes or other small animals that coyotes prey upon.
- Keep trash bins tightly closed.
- Clear dense weeds & brush to remove shelter for rodents, which attract coyotes.
- If you encounter a coyote, shout, clap, or throw a small object at it. This may condition the coyotes to avoid people.

If you experience problems with coyotes, see them in your neighborhood, or have any questions regarding coyotes, or have other animal related concerns, please call 847-835-4112 x1148.

For additional coyote information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/orc/wildlife/furbearers/coyote.htm>

<http://fpdcc.com/conservation/people-and-wildlife/coyotes-faq/>

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News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ComEd Donates \$300,000 for Special Holiday Assistance to Help Senior Citizens Pay Their Electric Bill

Financial assistance helps customers in need this holiday season

CHICAGO (Dec. 2, 2014) – This holiday season, ComEd is giving the gift of energy by dedicating more than \$300,000 through a special “Senior Giving” hardship fund created to help senior citizens who have fallen behind on paying their electric bill. Now through Dec. 25, or while funds are available, ComEd will pay up to \$1,500 towards eligible customer’s past due balance.

The “Senior Giving” hardship fund is part of ComEd’s [CARE](#) program, which offers a range of financial assistance to help qualifying customers pay their electric bills.

“We understand customers sometimes struggle to make ends meet and we want to do all we can to help, especially during the holiday season,” said Val Jensen, senior vice president of Customer Operations, ComEd. “By providing this special financial assistance fund, we are able to help customers who are experiencing a hardship, such as a recent illness or job loss, but may not qualify for other federal or state-sponsored assistance programs.”

To qualify for the “Senior Giving” hardship fund, customers must be over the age of 60 with a past due balance, have not received a Residential Special hardship within the last two years, have no unpaid tampering charges, and are not on a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

Customers can apply by visiting their local LIHEAP office and providing their driver’s license or state ID for proof of age, social security card and a recent ComEd bill showing the past due balance. The name on the bill must be listed on the account as the primary or secondary customer. For a list of local [LIHEAP Agencies](#), customers can visit ComEd.com/CARE or call 877-411-9276.

The company also offers gift certificates that can be used to help a friend or family member pay their electric bill. Gift certificates can be purchased in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 online at [ComEd.com/CARE](#), by phone at (888) 784-5262 weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by visiting one of ComEd’s participating, retail bank locations. For a complete list of retail bank locations, visit [ComEd.com/CARE](#).

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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 6.6 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
December 2014 | January 2015

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, December 15 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2. Human Relations Forum	Wednesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
3. Finance Committee	Thursday, December 18 TBD p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4. Village Board Meeting	Thursday, December 18 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
5. Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, January 5 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
6. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, January 6 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
7. Finance Committee	Thursday, January 15 TBD p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
8. Village Board Meeting	Thursday, January 15 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
9. Plan Commission	Wednesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers