



WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION - MARCH 8

At the March 8 meeting, members of the Historic Preservation Commission discussed the historic architectural survey project, now referred to as "Historic Glencoe." Commissioners reviewed a list of all architects who designed buildings in Glencoe and selected those to prepare short biographies for. The biographies will accompany the survey information on the Village website. Commissioners also reviewed a draft work plan for rolling out the various components of the survey project.

Additionally, Commissioners reviewed a demolition application for 562 Washington Avenue, a Tudor Revival house constructed in 1926 that was approved as an Honorary Landmark in 2003. Commissioners also reviewed a current real estate listing for 190 Fairview Road marketing the property as land for new construction. 190 Fairview is considered architecturally significant; it was designed by noteworthy architect S.S. Beman and constructed in 1924. In both cases the Commission planned to do outreach with owners of the properties.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SUMMARY

At the March 7 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the members approved three applicant zoning variation requests as follows:

- Donna Tropp, 751 Sycamore: rear yard variation for a one-story sunroom addition.
- Margot Weinberg and Alan Wolf, 340 Hawthorn: side and rear yard variation to rebuild a detached garage that was crushed by a fallen tree.
- Bruce Huvad, 450 Drexel: side yard variation to build a rear two-story addition and a front entry landing roof extension.

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POOL PUMPING REQUIREMENTS

The Village requires swimming pool owners to obtain a permit for pumping pool water out of swimming pools. Residents or their contractors can obtain the annual permit from Village Hall. Pool pumping contractors are required to submit a \$10,000 performance bond and a certificate of insurance. Contractors are required to test, treat (if necessary) and certify that pool water is dechlorinated and pH neutral prior to initiating any pumping. This is done to protect critically important waterways and water sources, especially Lake Michigan, from added pollutants.

Residents with outdoor pools should confirm with their pool maintenance contractor that a Village pool pumping permit has been obtained *prior to allowing them to do any work*. Violations of the swimming pool pumping permit requirements will result in fines and a contractor's suspension from being issued future permits. This week, a packet of information including an application, specifications for swimming pool pumping, certificate insurance sample, and compliance form was mailed to all swimming pool pumping contractors who are on file with the Village, and a letter explaining the Village's requirements was mailed to all residents with pools. Further questions should be directed to Public Works at 847/835-4111.

OLD GREEN BAY ROAD REPAIRS

In January, Village staff discovered a pavement failure on Old Green Bay Road, two blocks north of the Metra train station, near a previous sewer repair completed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). MWRD inspected the site and confirmed that a structural failure occurred at the bottom of a 50 foot deep manhole structure. Last week, the MWRD Board of Commissioners approved emergency funds for the repairs.

Work is expected to begin in early April and is expected to take two to three weeks to complete. The current lane closure will remain in place throughout construction however, a full detour of Old Green Bay may be required once construction begins. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic should be aware of posted traffic control signage. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 847/835-4111.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHECK YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13. Click [here](#) to read a press release from the Department of Public Safety with important reminders as you prepare to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward this weekend.



BEWARE OF TAX SEASON SCAMS

The Department of Public Safety urges residents to beware of potential scams when filing their taxes this year. Please click [here](#) to view the full press release.

GLENCOE GOLF CLUB OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Glencoe Golf club is officially open for business! Reduced spring rates are in effect and power carts are available. Take advantage of the unseasonably mild temperatures and enjoy your first round of the year!

Book your tee time today by visiting www.glencoeclub.com, downloading the free mobile app (search for Glencoe Golf Club in the Apple App store or at Google Play) or calling us at 847/835-0250.



This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Glencoe Golf Club receiving certified Audubon Sanctuary status. The staff at the golf course is committed to the environment and continues to explore new ideas on managing the land for the benefit of the entire community, not just the golfing public.

POLITICAL SIGNS

It's election season! As a reminder, political signs may not be placed within the public right of way, generally defined as the space between the sidewalk and curb along roads and streets, or anywhere on publicly owned property. Signs placed in these locations will be removed.

Residents who choose to display political signs on their private property are asked to limit these to one five (5) square foot sign per candidate, per house frontage (corner lots may display two). If you have questions about the proper display of political signs, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 835-4111.

POLL WORKERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE MARCH 15 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The Cook County Clerk's office is still in need of poll workers to serve voters for the March 15 Presidential primary election.

There are two positions available: Election Judge or Equipment Manager. Both assist voters and ensure the polling place is running smoothly. Equipment Managers have greater responsibility for setting up and maintaining the voting equipment. Due to the additional responsibility, Equipment Managers receive more training and higher pay. Election Judges earn \$175 and Equipment Managers earn \$325. You can learn more and apply online at www.cookcountyclerk.com/judges or call 312/603-0970. Bilingual judges are always needed and there are also positions available for college and high school students.



Glencoe Department of Public Safety PRESS RELEASE

Change Your Clocks, Check Your Batteries



March 13, 2016 - The Glencoe Department of Public Safety urges everyone to check smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms this weekend when you set your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday March 13th at 2 a.m.

This is the perfect time to put fresh batteries in your alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms do an important job of alerting you to danger and giving you time to escape a fire or CO poisoning incident, but only if they have batteries that are working.

Here are some valuable recommendations:

- Change smoke and CO alarm batteries at least once each year.
- Test the alarms every month to make sure they are working.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home and inside each bedroom.
- CO alarms should be installed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.

There is nothing you can do about losing an hour of sleep this weekend as clocks spring forward, but there is something you can do about keeping your family safe. Make your home safer by making sure you have working alarms.

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TAX SEASON IS HERE! GLENCOE PUBLIC SAFETY IS PASSING ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE IRS WARNING TO BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL SCAMS. IF YOU FEEL YOU'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF A SCAM OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL PUBLIC SAFETY AT 847-835-4112.

E-mail, Phishing and Malware Schemes

The IRS has seen an approximate 400 percent surge in phishing and malware incidents so far in the 2016 tax season.

The emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. The phishing schemes can ask taxpayers about a wide range of topics. E-mails can seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information.

Variations of these scams can be seen via text messages, and the communications are being reported in every section of the country.

When people click on these email links, they are taken to sites designed to imitate an official-looking website, such as IRS.gov. The sites ask for Social Security numbers and other personal information, which could be used to help file false tax returns. The sites also may carry malware, which can infect people's computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain information.

IRS-Impersonation Telephone Scam

An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Tax Preparer Phishing Scam

A bogus email asks tax professionals to update their IRS e-services portal information and Electronic Filing Identification Numbers (EFINs). The links that are provided in the bogus email to access IRS e-services appear to be a phishing scheme designed to capture your username and password. This email was not generated by the IRS e-services program. Disregard this email and do not click on the links provided.

Email Phishing Scam: "Update your IRS e-file"

The IRS has been alerted to a new email phishing scam. The emails appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus web site intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." The emails mention USA.gov and IRSgov (without a dot between "IRS" and "gov"), though notably, not IRS.gov (with a dot). Don't get scammed. These emails are not from the IRS.

Taxpayers who get these messages should not respond to the email or click on the links. Instead, they should forward the scam emails to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. For more information, visit the IRS's [Report Phishing](#) web page.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information.

Tax Scams

Don't fall victim to tax scams. Remember — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
March/April 2016

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, March 14 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2 Finance Committee	Tuesday March 15 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
3 Committee of the Whole	Thursday, March 17 5:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
5 Plan Commission	Wednesday, March 30 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers