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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING



FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

GLENCOE'S WATER IS SAFE

With the recent events that have been unfolding in Flint, Michigan, the Village of Glencoe would like to reassure and remind residents and water customers that Glencoe's water is safe and meets or exceeds all Federal and State water quality standards.



There is no lead in the water produced by the Village's Water Plant and supplied to your home. Prior to 1960, lead was the primary material used for service lines that connected a home's water service to the Village's water mains. Starting over 50 years ago, communities across the country started using copper service lines rather than lead. Glencoe initiated a proactive approach to this effort by removing lead service lines when the opportunity arose (i.e. during water main replacement projects, leaks on lead service lines, etc.) and working with residents to upgrade old lead service lines. When the Village engages in a water main improvement, the Village will replace the lead service line up to the Buffalo Box (B-Box). It is the homeowner's responsibility to replace service line from the B-Box to the water meter. We are pleased that there are now less than one eighth of the homes in Glencoe that still have a lead service line. If you are interested in understanding more about lead service lines, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/835-4111.

As an added level of protection, the Village has been adding phosphate to the potable water system as part of the lead pipe corrosion control program, managed under IEPA regulations. The phosphate coats the lead pipes to prevent lead from leaching into the water. At various times in recent years, Glencoe has tested water samples taken from a number of older homes for lead content per IEPA criteria and those samples have passed. The Village successfully passed the most recent round of lead testing performed in 2015. The next round of testing will be complete in 2018, as the IEPA requires testing every three years. For more information on water quality, including copies of the Village's Water Quality Report, please visit the Village website [here](#).

While the issues in Flint, Michigan are disconcerting, residents should rest assured knowing that Glencoe's team has taken a proactive, thoughtful approach toward ensuring that our water remains the highest quality. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Alex Urbanczyk, Water Plant Superintendent, at 847/835-4183 or via email at alexu@villageofglencoe.org.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICE

Lakeshore Recycling Systems began residential and commercial recycling collections in the Village on Monday, February 29. Throughout this past week, Lakeshore crews have been working to complete special cart requests and ensure that new carts meet the needs of Glencoe residents. An informational brochure which [can be viewed on the Village website here](#), includes updated recycling guidelines that residents are encouraged to retain for reference.



The Village would like to express its thanks to residents for their patience during this transitional period. As a reminder, please have your recycling cart to the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

We look forward to further improving Glencoe residents' already stellar efforts toward recycling. If you did not receive a new cart, still have your Groot cart, or have questions about the recycling program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-835-4111 or email ahall@villageofglencoe.org.

RAILROAD SAFETY REMINDER FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Attached is an important railroad safety reminder press release issued by the Department of Public Safety.

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.

COMED SMART METER INSTALLATIONS BEGIN IN MARCH

ComEd is installing smart meters in Glencoe beginning in March. ComEd mailed notices to residents with information about what to expect during installation, and residents will receive an automated call from ComEd seven to 10 days prior to the smart meter installation. According to ComEd, installations will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. If the installation cannot be completed, ComEd will leave a door hanger with information about rescheduling the installation, and ComEd will leave a door hanger once the installation is complete. ComEd estimates that installation will take approximately 10 minutes, and if residents normally need to be

present to allow a ComEd meter reader access to their electric meter, they will need to be present to allow access to the meter for installation.

ComEd or its contractor, Corix, will attempt to knock on a resident's door prior to installing the smart meter. Both ComEd and Corix employees are uniformed, carry identification, and drive marked vehicles, and Corix is marked as a contractor for ComEd. Smart meter installations generally will not require ComEd or Corix to enter your home, as most meters are located outside of the home, and neither ComEd nor Corix will ask residents for money when performing the installation. If residents are asked for entry to their homes or for money, dial 911 for Public Safety Department assistance.

For more information, visit www.comed.com/smartmeter or call 866-368-8326.

GLENCOE GOLF CLUB SELECTED TO HOST PGA DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT COMPETITION

The Glencoe Golf Club has been selected to host the local qualifier for the PGA Drive, Chi, and Putt Competition on Wednesday, July 20th. The Drive, Chip, and Putt Competition is the result of a partnership among the Masters Tournament, USGA, and PGA of America and was established for boys and girls, ages 7 to 15, to participate in qualifying in hopes of making the national finals at Augusta National. The National Drive, Chip, and Putt final is held on the Sunday prior to the Masters tournament every year and is a nationally televised event. Top performers at the local level will advance through sub-regional and regional qualifiers and eventually to the national level at Augusta National in 2017.

The Drive, Chip, and Putt Competition was created as an opportunity to introduce many youngsters to the game as well as showcase the talent of local junior golfers. Registration is now open and space is limited so please visit the below link to register your child (ages 7-15) for the opportunity to compete in the 2016 Drive, Chip, and Putt Competition! Visit <https://www.drivechipandputt.com/>



POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR THE MARCH 15 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

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

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**

RAILROAD SAFETY REMINDER

March 2, 2016 - A pedestrian was hit by a Metra train at the Glencoe station at 5:30 pm. The person survived and was transported to Evanston Hospital. The incident is being investigated by the Metra Police Department.

The Glencoe Department of Public Safety reminds pedestrians and motorists of the dangers at train crossings. According to Metra's website, "Each weekday, Metra operates more than 700 trains that put them close to pedestrians and automobiles. We urge people to look both ways and listen for bells and horns, always expect a train from either direction, and finally - be aware that trains cannot stop quickly. Never underestimate their speed and distance."

The Glencoe Department of Public Safety participates in Rail Safety programs throughout the year. The focus of the programs is promoting safety for both motorists and pedestrians around railroad tracks. Most Americans are unaware of the dangers associated with railroad crossings and trains. Did you know, according to Operation Lifesaver, that across the United States;

- 333 - Number in millions of vehicles that cross railroad tracks every day.
- 293 - Number of people killed in 2014 at highway-rail grade crossing collisions.
- 509 - Number of people killed in 2014 trespassing on railroad property.
- 18 - Number of football fields it takes a freight train, traveling at 55mph, to stop.
- 50 - Percentage of vehicle/train collisions that occur at crossings with active warning devices (lights, gates, bells).
- 212,600 - Approximate number of at-grade highway-rail crossings in the U.S.
- 40 - Times you are more likely to die in a crash with a train than you are to die in an automobile crash.
- 3 - Average time, in hours, between each incident where a vehicle or pedestrian is struck by a train.

When crossing railroad tracks, you must always follow the law and be aware of your surroundings! For more information about Railroad Safety, visit the Operation Lifesaver website at <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/ILOL/>

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VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

**Meetings Scheduled For
March 2016**

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, March 7 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2 Historic Preservation Commission	Tuesday, March 8 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
3 Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, March 14 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Finance Committee	Tuesday March 15 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5 Committee of the Whole	Thursday, March 17 5:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
6 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
7 Plan Commission	Wednesday, March 30 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers