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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING



FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - APRIL 11

The Zoning Board of Appeals held its regularly scheduled public meeting on Monday, April 11 to consider the zoning variation requests from the following two applicants:

1. Martin and Carole Parker, 542 Pinewood, for a north side yard variation for a proposed 2-car detached garage.
2. Marion Surgi, 503 Oakdale, for an accessory building lot coverage variation to fill in an indented area on his otherwise square existing 2-car garage.

Both requests were approved. The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be on Monday, May 2.

OLD GREEN BAY ROAD DETOUR BEGINS APRIL 20, 2016

On Wednesday, April 20, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) will begin repairs on a manhole structure located on Old Green Bay Road between Walden Drive and Lincoln Drive. This work will require two road closures: Old Green Bay Road between Walden and Lincoln, and Crescent Drive just north of Lincoln at the bridge (see attached exhibits). Area traffic will be detoured at Maple Hill Avenue and Park Avenue. The duration of the project is expected to be three to four weeks and the bulk of the construction work will take place between 7 am and 6 pm. However, the MWRD will maintain a 24-hour presence to ensure that pumps and compressors remain operational during overnight hours. Traffic control signage and barricades will be posted throughout the area to assist vehicular traffic in navigating the closures. Project notification and updates will be posted on the Village website and through Glencoe Connect. We appreciate your patience during this project. Please contact Public Works with any questions at 847-835-4134. [Click here](#) to view the detour map on the Village website.

Remember to please be cautious whether walking, biking or driving in a work zone!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Look for regular construction updates to be posted in our weekly news briefings, as well as on the [Village's website](#). Residents in project areas can also sign up for Glencoe Connect to receive alerts via email and text message. Click *Sign Up for Glencoe Connect* in the lower right corner of the Village website.

Skokie Ridge Storm Basin Improvements

Storm sewer pipe has been installed on Sunset Lane between Oak Ridge Drive and Elm Ridge Drive. Pavement restoration is expected to be completed by Friday, April 15 and parkway restoration will follow soon thereafter.

Terrace Court Storm Basin Improvements

Storm sewer pipe installation is in progress and is expected to be completed by Friday, April 15. Curb and street restoration will follow soon thereafter and all work on this portion of the storm improvement project is expected to be completed in May.

Jefferson Street Storm Discharge Repair

A storm bypass pipe was installed at the Skokie Country Club in early April. The pipe will improve water drainage that comes from the Jefferson Street and Grove Street intersection.



Sheridan Road Maintenance Resurfacing

Work resumed in February on IDOT's Sheridan Road resurfacing project. Johnson Paving was awarded the IDOT contract in the fall of 2015. Storm sewer and utility work is underway this week and next week in the ravine at the north end of Winnetka. Motorists are encouraged to watch the message board for daytime closures and detours. Work remaining in Glencoe includes right-of-way restoration north of Aspen Lane and the completion of pavement markings and signage for the new bike lane. This project will be completed this spring.

Traffic control is posted in each area restricting vehicular traffic to local traffic only during the daytime. Remember to please be cautious whether walking, biking or driving in a work zone!

2016 VEHICLE / ANIMAL LICENSES AND ALARM PERMITS DUE BY MAY 1, 2016

Purchase your stickers before May 1

Applications have been sent for annual vehicle/animal license and alarm permit renewals. If the form is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary corrections before returning the form. If you have not received an application, please contact the Finance Department at 847-835-4113. Where there are no changes to the form, payments can be made at www.villageofglencoe.org. Applications with corrections must be returned to the Village with payment. *As a reminder: the new due date for vehicle license compliance is May 1, rather than April 15, as it had been in the past.*



The Village Board approved the increase of pet license fees from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The increase covers the cost of administering animal control services and is in line with the average fee for pet licenses in surrounding communities. Vehicle licenses and alarm permit renewal fees remain at \$50.00 and \$25.00 for seniors. This year's sticker celebrates the Friends of the Green Bay Trail.

The Public Safety Department will begin license enforcement on **May 1, 2016**. Village Ordinance requires that licenses be displayed and properly affixed to the passenger-side windshield. If you have questions about enforcement, please contact the Public Safety Department at 847-835-4112.

STUDENT EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Student volunteers are encouraged to participate in Glencoe's Annual Student Earth Day Clean-Up on Friday, April 22 sponsored by the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe Park District and Glencoe School District 35. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to participate. [Click here for more information.](#)



ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING AT SOUTH SCHOOL



On Friday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m., the Village of Glencoe in cooperation with Glencoe School District 35, will be planting a swamp white oak tree at South School, 266 Linden Avenue, in honor of Arbor Day. In Glencoe, this native tree has 100 to 150 year-old specimens commonly found in our residential neighborhoods. The history of Arbor Day dates to January 4, 1872 when J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to the State of Nebraska Board of Agriculture. Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by the Nebraska Governor for observance on April 8, 1874. The following year it became a legal holiday in Nebraska. Today state observances of Arbor Day around the country occur on the last Friday in April annually.

Glencoe has yearly met the requirements to be a designated Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation since 1984. The Village has had a parkway tree planting program for over 40 years and has worked carefully to achieve a sustainable and diverse urban forest at a time when many other communities have had visible loss of entire residential blocks of diseased elm (Dutch Elm Disease) and ash (Emerald Ash Borer) trees. In 2009 the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) branch of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) accredited the Village of Glencoe's Forestry Division, the highest honor for municipal forestry programs.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

The Village will once again offer a one-day Spring Clean-Up service to provide an opportunity to dispose of items that are not generally included in garbage collection service. Special refuse is considered anything other than your regular household waste (furniture, appliances, boxes, tires, etc.) but does not include hazardous waste (paint, gas, chemicals, etc.) or building material (wood, lumber, drywall, etc.) or landscape waste (trees, branches, logs, leaves, etc.). For more information, please contact the Public Works Garage at 847-835-4134.

The dates for this year's Spring Clean-Up are:

Wednesday, May 4
for Monday & Tuesday Primary Garbage Collection Days

Wednesday, May 11
for Thursday & Friday Primary Garbage Collection Days

Before placing items out for pick up, please consider donating to a worthy organization. More information on places to donate can be found [on the Village website](#).

INFORMATION ON NATURAL LAWN CARE

Attached is information from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) on the important and benefits of natural lawn care. [Click here](#) to sign up for SWANCC's Elist and receive other great informational resources.

RAIN BARRELS AND MOSQUITOS

With the increase in the popularity of rain barrels, the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD), has shared the attached flyer with great information on minimizing the potential for rain barrels to produce increased populations of mosquitoes.

NORTSHORE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM FREE EVENTS

NorthShore Health in conjunction with sponsoring agencies, is hosting a free Excellence in Aging seminar on Saturday, April 16. [Please see the flyer for details](#).

NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center is offering free oral health cancer screenings on Sunday, April 24. [Please see the flyer for details](#).



April 2016

Why is Natural Lawn Care Important? Let's Make Our Neighborhoods Healthier!

Nurturing soil is the groundwork for a healthy yard. Yards are our outdoor homes and provide great spaces for playing and relaxing. Over the years, lawns have been managed in a reactive or conventional way of applying fertilizer and weed killer. Homeowners now have choices for cultivating and maintaining their property with organic or natural methods - or a proactive approach to managing lawns and turf.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides the [Eco-Landscaping Guide](#) to assist home owners, municipalities and businesses with alternative lawn care techniques for maintaining outdoor green spaces.

The guide presents resources to encourage people to use alternatives to conventional lawn care methods and chemicals. The way one cares for an outdoor space is a choice that has effects far beyond property lines. Yards are our outdoor homes and provide great spaces for playing and relaxing. Over the years, lawns have been managed in a reactive or conventional way of applying fertilizer and weed killer.

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The benefits of a natural lawn care system include:

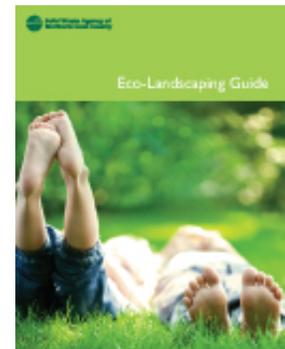
- * Reduced exposure to chemicals for people, pets and plants
- * Improved ecosystems for birds, insects and bugs
- * Improved water quality and reduced storm water runoff
- * Long-term savings compared to conventional methods

Natural/Systems Approach: Objective is to create and establish healthy soil

- * Natural, organic products
- * Product application is based on benefit to soil health
- * Soil testing is the basis for all inputs
- * Solves problems as opposed to symptoms
- * Higher mowing heights

Conventional/Product Approach: Objective is to have a weed-free, green lawn

- * Synthetic fertilizers
- * Chemical pesticides
- * Product approach for quick fix



- * Treats symptoms, not problems
- * Multiple applications based on time of year
- * Generally low mowing heights

What is a Pesticide?

Pesticides are made to eliminate or repel insects, plants and animals that are undesirable or that threaten human health. According to Beyond Pesticides, of 30 commonly used turf pesticides: 19 are linked to cancer, 13 to birth defects, 21 to reproductive effects, 15 to neurotoxicity, 26 to liver or kidney damage and 11 to endocrine (hormone) disruption. For case studies, resources and more information, visit [Beyond Pesticides](#).

The American Medical Association (AMA) recommends limiting pesticide exposure and using the least toxic chemical pesticide or non-chemical alternative (AMA, Council on Scientific Affairs, 1997).

General environmental hazards linked to pesticides can include:

- * Water contamination
- * Air pollution
- * Pollinator death and Bee Colony Collapse Disorder
- * Wildlife deformities
- * Ecological imbalance

General health hazards of pesticide exposure can include:

- * Eye irritation
- * Skin irritation and rashes
- * Asthma and other respiratory problems
- * Headache, fatigue, dizziness and lack of coordination
- * Nausea, cramps and diarrhea
- * Long-term illnesses and certain forms of cancer

Due to the potential harm that pesticides can cause, it is prudent to use alternative products whenever possible. A growing number of companies provide environmentally-friendly lawn care products, but beware of "green washing" - companies whose names or products sound "green". Some companies claim their products are nontoxic or all natural when they are not. A company can say that they use natural products but still use pesticides with chemical ingredients, for example. This guide illustrates how to care for a lawn without the use of chemicals and focuses on the health of the soil below to create a living, breathing system that will be able to ultimately care for itself. You will learn what makes up healthy soil and how to maintain it using environmentally-friendly practices.

Additional Resources:

[U.S. EPA - Pesticides and Public Health](#)

[Midwest Pesticide Action Center](#)

For SWANCC's programs and additional resources, please visit swancc.org.

Rain Barrels, Mosquitoes & You

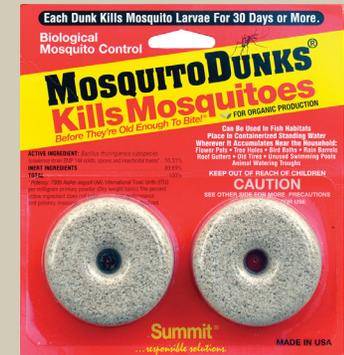
So you're thinking of getting a rain barrel? Congratulations, the NSMAD fully supports efforts to conserve water and protect the environment. Your conservation efforts come with responsibilities though. Proper installation and maintenance are crucial to ensure that while you have water for you to use around your property, MOSQUITOES don't have access to it too.

Improperly installed and maintained rain barrels can breed a tremendous number of mosquitoes. Please take the following steps to ensure that your rain barrel is not a mosquito farm.

- It's always best to use a container made specifically designed as a rain barrel rather than buckets, garbage cans or other home-made containers. Rain barrels are designed to keep bugs and debris out of the water, helping to prevent mosquito invasions.
- It is extremely important to always use a mosquito-proof screen to cover the rain barrel and the overflow openings. Most commercial rain barrels come with a screen cover. Standard window screen can be fitted over the overflow tubes or over other water-saving containers to prevent mosquito access.
- Be sure to always remove the water that pools at the top of the barrel at least once or twice a week.
- If possible, place your barrel on a surface that will soak up any water that overflows so it doesn't pool and create a mosquito habitat.
- Regularly inspect your rain barrel system. Check for cracks or leaks. Be sure that all fittings and seals are intact and that no water accumulates on the ground around the barrel.



- Use a larvicide product that kills mosquito larvae. A variety of products are available at garden centers, hardware stores and home centers that will kill the larvae but not harm humans, pets, plants and wildlife.



**North Shore
Mosquito Abatement
District**



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
April 2016

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, April 18 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2 Finance Committee	Tuesday, April 19 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
3 Community Relations Forum - Cancelled	Wednesday, April 20 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
4 Public Safety Commission	Wednesday, April 20 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
5 Committee of the Whole	Thursday, April 21 5:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
6 Village Board Meeting	Thursday, April 21 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
7 Public Safety Commission	Monday, April 25 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
8 Police Pension Fund Board	Wednesday, April 27 7:00 a.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
9 Plan Commission	Wednesday, April 27 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers