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# WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015

## **ANNUAL ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING**

Glencoe is annually named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Village achieves this recognition by meeting the program's requirements of maintaining a tree department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Village will recognize Arbor Day with an annual tree planting at a Glencoe school. This year's tree planting will be at Central School on Friday, April 24 at 2:00pm.



## **FRIENDS OF THE GREEN BAY TRAIL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Join the Friends of the Green Bay Trail to celebrate Glencoe's rich history. The Green Bay Trail was once home to numerous trail marker trees and the North Shore Electric Line. Take part in the unveiling of the new sign describing these moments in history and the trail's new marker tree. This event is co-sponsored with the Glencoe Historical Society, The Glencoe Park District and the Village of Glencoe. Celebrate Arbor Day on the Trail just at Harbor Street at 10:00am on Saturday, April 25.

## **WRITERS THEATRE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Writers Theatre has reported that their project at 325 Tudor Court has made a great deal of progress in the past months. All of the steel has been erected, and the wooden main structure for the lobby has also been installed. Additionally, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractors have installed the majority of underground piping and ductwork, and are moving to work overhead and in the upper floors of the building. Almost all of the concrete roof decks have been prepped and poured and even a few of the ground floor concrete slabs. Upcoming work includes hanging the exterior wood screen off

the main wooden lobby structure, roof installation, and framing of interior and exterior walls.

As the number of trades working on-site continues to increase, Writers Theatre continues to work with the Village and the business community to minimize the impact on neighboring residents and businesses and address potential issues.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – APRIL 13**

On Monday April 13, the Zoning Board of Appeals met and reviewed one agenda item – a request from Lynn and Robert Goldschmidt of 333 Dundee Road to increase the allowed floor area ratio for a proposed screened in porch/sun room addition to their home. This request was approved. The Zoning Board of Appeals will next meet on June 1.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – APRIL 14**

At the April 14 meeting, members of the Historic Preservation Commission discussed the pending demolition of two significant properties. The first, known as the Charles J. Watson residence, at 803 Bluff Street, was constructed in 1919 in the Renaissance Revival style. The home was previously nominated for landmark status by the property owner, which was formally approved by the Village Board on May 18, 2000. The home participated in the property tax assessment freeze program for historic residences from 2002-2014. The second home, known as the Wallace Condict residence, was constructed in 1923 and designed by architect Russell Walcott in the Tudor Revival style. In 1935 notable Prairie School architect John Van Bergen designed interior alterations. The home was honored by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2000 with an award for rehabilitation and an addition. Both homes were purchased by individuals, not builders, and will be demolished and replaced with custom homes for the new buyers.



803 Bluff Street



59 Lakewood Drive

## **GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM – APRIL 15**

The Community Relations Forum met on April 15 and discussed planning gatherings for residents to dialogue and get questions answered on the Village's Water System Planning project. The Forum hopes to host two gatherings in June – details will be posted on the Village's website, social media accounts, and in local news publications.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE – APRIL 16**

The Finance Committee met on April 16 and reported that 8% into the current Fiscal Year, the Village is on budget and performing as expected. Water sales are not high yet for the year and cash balances are more than normal with property tax revenue. Village President Larry Levin shared that with Bruce Cowans, the current Finance Committee Chair finishing his term on the Village Board, incoming Trustee Jonathan Vree will be appointed to Finance Committee Chair at the May Village Board Meeting.

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – APRIL 16**

At the April 16 Village Board Meeting, the Board accepted an engineering services agreement for Washington Place improvements and a construction services agreement for Green Bay Road resurfacing. Village staff provided an update to the Board on current capital projects and shared a preliminary timeline for the recently approved referendum projects (more information below).

Village Manager Kiraly also shared an update with the Board on the Glencoe Historical Society's proposal to rebuild the Frank Lloyd Waiting station as a trail amenity along the Green Bay Trail just north of Maple Hill Road. At a future meeting the Board will consider an easement agreement or other land governing document with the Park District for the location proposed. For now, the Glencoe Historical Society will begin fundraising for the project, which also includes proposed improvements to park 7N.

The Village Board received a presentation from Writers Theatre in consideration of two resolutions for their project at 325 Tudor Court - to approve a signage plan and an agreement for right-of-way encroachments. Writers Theatre management and architects shared renderings and examples of similar projects of what the building signage and street signage will look like. The right-of-way encroachments were also described which included plans for a cut limestone bench along the Tudor Court sidewalk. The Board adopted both resolutions, and sent the signage plan to the Plan Commission for their review and final approval.

Lastly, the Board conducted a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriation Ordinance. There were no comments from the public and the Board adopted the ordinance.

### **GREEN BAY ROAD MAINTENANCE RESURFACING**

The contract for the Village's planned maintenance resurfacing improvement on Green Bay Road has been awarded to Peter Baker & Sons of Lake Bluff. This \$1.14 million improvement project includes the milling and resurfacing of 1.6 miles of Green Bay Road from Park Avenue to Lake Cook Road. Funding for the Village's share of the cost of this improvement will come from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund, while 70% of the cost for this project will be paid for with federal funds. The scope of work for this improvement also includes base patching, some spot curb replacement and the construction of a new landscaped median just north of Park Avenue. Peter Baker will mobilize to begin work on June 1 and all work is expected to be completed by July 31, weather permitting. Green Bay Road will remain open to traffic during construction.

### **2015 BOND ISSUE IMPROVEMENTS**

With the approval of the referendum and the Village Board proceeding with the bond issuance process, Village staff is moving into the design engineering phase for several of the proposed improvement projects. Design engineering for the storm sewer upgrades approved in the April 7 election will be initiated this spring following approval of an engineering services agreement by the Board in May. Given the scope of work to complete (design and construct) in the time frame the bonds are to be expended, the proposed plan is to bid two of the project areas for construction in 2016 and two for construction in 2017. The sanitary sewer lining work is targeted to begin this fall and may be split into two contracts over 2015/2016. Village staff is still investigating and testing sanitary sewer mains in various system areas throughout the Village, and also expect to have a list of candidate sewer main segments and manholes assembled later this summer.

The contract plans for maintenance street resurfacing will be prepared for bidding early next spring for 2016 construction. Staff is in the process of evaluating those qualified street segments that will be assembled for this contract, and expect to have that list finalized by end of summer. Sidewalk improvements may be completed later in 2015, based on joint-bid pricing currently being negotiated through the Municipal Partnering Initiative which includes Glenview and other north suburban communities.

Finally, Village staff will be meeting with the consultant who prepared the study for the Village Hall HVAC Improvements in the next month to discuss the implementation of this comprehensive project. It is anticipated that an

agreement for design engineering service will be presented to the Village Board for consideration in June. The targeted construction schedule for these improvements may be impacted by the ultimate phasing of the work, but is expected to begin in 2016.



## VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For  
April | May 2015

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>1 Golf Advisory Committee</b>	Monday, April 20 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>2 Police Pension Fund Board</b>	Wednesday, April 22 7:00 a.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>3 Plan Commission</b>	Wednesday, April 22 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
<b>4 Plan Commission</b>	Wednesday, April 29 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
<b>5 Historic Preservation</b>	Tuesday, May 5 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>6 Golf Advisory Committee</b>	Monday, May 18 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>7 Glencoe Community Relations Forum</b>	Wednesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>8 Finance Committee</b>	Thursday, May 21 TBD p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
<b>9 Village Board Meeting</b>	Thursday, May 21 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
<b>10 Plan Commission</b>	Wednesday, May 27 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers