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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014

GLENCOE VILLAGE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF PARTICIPATE IN STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

This week, members of the Glencoe Village Board of Trustees and the Village's Executive Staff team participated in a successful two-day strategic planning workshop on May 7 & 8. The two workshop sessions, which totaled more than ten hours of targeted meetings and discussions, were conducted at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Plant Science Center and facilitated by Craig Rapp, a Senior Associate with Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies. During the workshop, members of the Village Board and staff were afforded the opportunity to collaborate on the discussion and formulation of a shared purpose, vision and values for the organization over the next 3-5 years. Additionally, workshop participants also devoted a significant amount of time towards prioritizing the Village's near and long-term objectives, and to identifying key outcomes and the indicators and initiatives that will be utilized to achieve specified results. Following compilation of a draft plan by the workshop facilitator, it is anticipated that the Village Board and management staff will review and adopt a new strategic plan.

ZONING COMMISSION

The Village Zoning Commission met this week to hold a public hearing for the Village Board referral on possible amendments to the Zoning Code concerning temporary uses for outdoor cafes in the Business Districts with respect to: (a) extending the duration of outdoor café uses (tables and chairs) to more than 180 days per year, and (b) extending the availability of permits for outdoor cafes (tables and chairs) to the B-2 District. The original provisions for outdoor tables in the B-1 Business District date back to 1994. There had been no observed problems with the time extension in both business districts or with having outdoor tables and chairs in the B-2 Business District (Hubbard Woods Shopping Center and Scott Square).

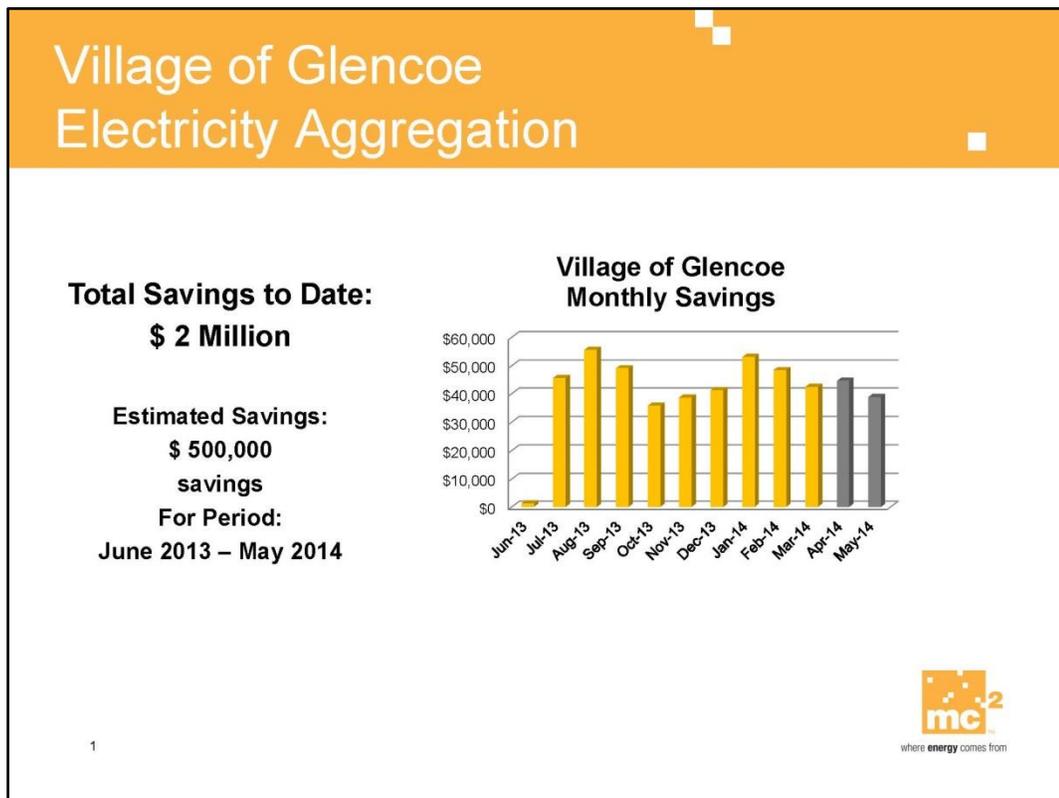
Zoning Commission members discussed this background and unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the Village Board adopt the

applicable Zoning Code amendments. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE CONTINUES SAVINGS IN THIRD YEAR OF ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM

The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium has worked collaboratively to save participating residential and commercial customers in eight member communities more than \$32 million off of Commonwealth Edison's electricity supply rates. The average customer has saved more than \$463 on electricity against current ComEd rates.

In the current and final year of the three-year program, the Consortium secured electricity rates of 6.688 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for June 2014 through May 2015 billing cycles for residential and eligible small commercial customers. ComEd's annualized rate for the same period will be equivalent to 7.48 cents per kWh, representing an estimated savings to customers of nearly 11%. The data below shows actual savings.



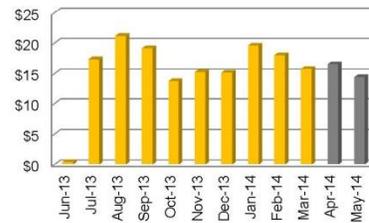
Village of Glencoe Electricity Aggregation

Village of Glencoe Electricity Aggregation Program

Total Estimated Residential Savings
\$ 188 June 2013- May 2014

Total Estimated Sm. Business Savings
\$ 113 June 2013 - May 2014

Glencoe Residents Average Monthly Savings



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PHONE FRAUD SCAM

The Department of Public Safety received the attached press release from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration that warns of the “largest ever” phone fraud scam targeting taxpayers. It warns to beware of phone calls claiming to represent the IRS and reminds all not to share confidential personal information.



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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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Toni Preckwinkle, *President - Cook County Board of Commissioners*
Michael G. Masters, *Executive Director*

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Please report relevant information and direct all media inquiries to the DHSEM DUTYDESK via e-mail:
DUTY.DESK@cookcountyil.gov or phone: (312) 603-8185 or (312) 603 - 8180.



Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

Press Release

March 20, 2014

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TIGTA Warns of "Largest Ever" Phone Fraud Scam Targeting Taxpayers

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration (TIGTA) today issued a warning to taxpayers to beware of phone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in an effort to defraud them.

"This is the largest scam of its kind that we have ever seen," said J. Russell George, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. George noted that TIGTA has received reports of over 20,000 contacts and has become aware of thousands of victims who have collectively paid over \$1 million as a result of the scam, in which individuals make unsolicited calls to taxpayers fraudulently claiming to be IRS officials.

"The increasing number of people receiving these unsolicited calls from individuals who fraudulently claim to represent the IRS is alarming," he said. "At all times, and particularly during the tax filing season, we want to make sure that innocent taxpayers are alert to this scam so they are not harmed by these criminals," George said, adding, "Do not become a victim."

Inspector General George urged taxpayers to heed warnings about the sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, noting that the scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every State in the country. Callers claiming to be from the IRS tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license.

The truth is the IRS usually first contacts people by mail – not by phone – about unpaid taxes. And the IRS won't ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS also won't ask for a credit card number over the phone.

"If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and uses threatening language if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling," he said.

The callers who commit this fraud often:

- Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
- Know the last four digits of the victim's Social Security Number.
- Make caller ID information appear as if the IRS is calling.
- Send bogus IRS e-mails to support their scam.
- Call a second time claiming to be the police or department of motor vehicles, and the caller ID again supports their claim.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do:

- If you owe Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions.
- If you don't owe taxes, call and report the incident to TIGTA at 800-366-4484.
- You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

TIGTA and the IRS encourage taxpayers to be alert for phone and e-mail scams that use the IRS name. The IRS will never request personal or financial information by e-mail, texting or any social media. You should forward scam emails to phishing@irs.gov. Don't open any attachments or click on any links in those e-mails.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes winner) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS website at www.irs.gov.

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VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
May | June 2014

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Historic Preservation	Saturday, May 10 9:30 a.m.	Water Treatment Plant
2. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, May 13 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
3. Finance Committee	Thursday, May 15 TBD	Village Hall Conference Room
4. Village Board Meeting	Thursday, May 15 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
5. Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, May 19 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
6. Human Relations Forum	Wednesday, May 21 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
7. Plan Commission	Wednesday, May 28 6:00 p.m.	Downtown Walkabout
8. Zoning Board of Appeals	Wednesday, June 2 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
9. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, June 2 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room