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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014

SIGN-UP FOR GLENCOE CONNECT!

The Village of Glencoe, in our ongoing efforts to improve communications from the Village to our residents and businesses is pleased to introduce our new communication tool, Glencoe CONNECT. Glencoe CONNECT will allow the Village to send messages on almost any communication tool available including home phones, cell phones, email, and text message to ensure that you are “connected”. Emergency information, as well as information on general Village matters such as meeting agendas, road closures, and construction updates, can be sent to the entire community in minutes. Residents listed in the Village’s E 9-1-1 database are automatically subscribed to alerts by phone. The Village encourages each resident and business to register and opt-in for non-emergency communications on the Village’s website to ensure that you stay connected! To sign-up visit the village website at www.villageofglencoe.org.

VILLAGE ASH TREE TREATMENT

The Village has been treating some of Glencoe’s ash tree inventory with an insecticide treatment in an effort to protect healthy ash trees from emerald ash borer (EAB). The product used is Tree-age (active ingredient – emamectin benzoate), which is a systematic insecticide that is injected into the trunk. For the second year in a row, the contractor bid specification includes a provision to offer the Village’s unit pricing to residents interested in treating their own private ash trees. Beinlich Tree Service is the selected contractor for 2014 at a unit price of \$6.45 per diameter inch. Visit the Village website or contact the Village Forestry Supervisor at 847-835-4111 ext. 1146 for more information.

ZONING COMMISSION

The Zoning Commission met on Monday, June 2 and held a public hearing to review possible amendments to the Zoning Code and to make a

recommendation to the Village Board relating to allowing temporary theater uses in the B-1 Business District. The proposal would allow Writers Theatre to make use of the space at 666 Vernon Ave. for work space, dressing facilities, and associated theatre uses of that building while the new Writers Theatre is being built on Tudor Court. It is projected that construction would start on the new theatre on Tudor Court in late summer or fall 2014. The Zoning Code provision has a sunset clause that expires at the end of 2016.

There was no public comment and Zoning Commission members unanimously approved the recommended Zoning Code amendment to the Village Board for adoption.

PLAN COMMISSION

At the June 4 Plan Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed and approved a preliminary and final plat for a 2-lot subdivision located at 196 Beach Road. The re-subdivision returned the property to its pre-2004 configuration as two separate zoning lots. The Plan Commission's approved subdivision of the property, creating 196 & 186 Beach Road, followed the approval of two (2) zoning variations the applicant received at the June 2 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The existing residential structure will remain on the 196 Beach Road parcel. The 2-lot subdivision will come to the Village Board for consideration at its June 19 meeting. The Plan Commission also reviewed a tentative schedule for the planning process for Downtown Glencoe over the next 12 months. Look for opportunities for public involvement in this process through beginning this summer.

GLENCOE SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED BY SWANCC

Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) recently recognized area schools for their environmental actions. South, West and Central Schools in Glencoe were among the schools that received a customized certificate encased in a reclaimed wood frame recognizing collective waste reduction initiatives throughout the school year.



Additionally, West School participated in the SWANCC sponsored Trex Plastic Bag Contest and was the winner of a Trex recycled plastic park bench. Trex asked schools to collect plastic bags and film, such as bread and dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves, and wrapping on toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Trex uses the plastics to manufacture recycled plastic lumber that goes into making docks, decks and park benches. The competition began on November 15 in recognition of America Recycles Day and ran through April 22 - Earth Day. West School collected approximately 1,431 pounds of bags and film!

COMED IMPROVES SYSTEM RELIABILITY FOR SUMMER WEATHER

This week ComEd released the attached information on their improved system reliability for summer weather. These improvements will help insure safe and reliable service to keep homes and businesses cool during the hot summer months.

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ComEd Improves System Reliability for Summer Weather

Company also provides tips to help customers prepare for summer and save energy and money

CHICAGO (May 19, 2014) – Summer is just around the corner and ComEd is ready. ComEd’s system investment and continuous projects this year will help ensure safe and reliable service to keep homes and businesses cool during the hot summer months. This work includes substation equipment upgrades, new transmission wire and pole installations, and circuit and equipment inspections.

“Our customers depend on us to provide safe and reliable service every day regardless of the conditions,” said Terence R. Donnelly, executive vice president and COO, ComEd. “The advance work that we have completed will help us keep the lights on for our customers as we move into the summer months.”

In a presentation to the Illinois Commerce Commission, ComEd outlined steps the company is taking to prepare for the summer storm season.

In 2012, ComEd formed a storm task force and has made more than 60 enhancements to its storm restoration process. These enhancements included GPS and mobile dispatch technology to more efficiently manage crews to expedite restoration, a mobile operations center to bring ComEd closer to customers in hardest hit areas, and more efficient management of contractor crews. ComEd is continuing to build on these process improvements, with new areas of focus this year including an enhanced damage assessment process, better coordination of vegetation management crews and improved material staging to ensure readiness during severe weather. Over the past two years, process improvements already in place have resulted in a 30 percent improvement in restoration time.

As part of the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (EIMA), or Smart Grid law, ComEd is in the midst of a 10-year, \$2.6 billion program to modernize its electrical grid. The program includes \$1.3 billion to upgrade and storm harden its electric system by replacing thousands of miles of cable and thousands of poles and upgrading substations and other equipment. The utility will spend another \$1.3 billion to digitize the system into a Smart Grid.

The Smart Grid includes installing advanced technology to help reduce customer power interruptions. For example, smart switches (also known as distribution automation devices) route power around potential problem areas, often with no noticeable interruption in service.

Smart grid work has resulted in approximately 500,000 fewer customer power interruptions in 2012 and 2013, saving customers approximately \$82 million.

“In 2013, our smart grid investments and process improvements contributed to the best reliability results in ComEd’s history,” said Donnelly. “We are continuing to storm harden and upgrade our system to make sure we provide the best possible service to our customers.”

ComEd reminds customers that higher temperatures can also lead to higher energy bills. ComEd customers can save energy and money this summer by following a few simple tips.

- **Turn it off:** Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.
- **Manage your thermostat:** Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping.
- **Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed:** About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply drawing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat gain to your home.
- **Use ceiling fans to circulate air:** For those without any air conditioning, use ceiling fans or portable fans operating with the windows partially open to circulate fresh air into your home. For those with air conditioning, fans can be used to evenly distribute cool air.
- **Use appliances wisely:** During summer months, run appliances that produce heat (clothes dryers and dishwashers) at night when it is cooler.

Those in the market for a new central air conditioner should look for ENERGY STAR®-qualified A/C units, which will be at least 15 percent more efficient than conventional models. ComEd offers incentives for the simultaneous installation of qualifying high-efficiency furnace and central air conditioning systems.

For more energy-saving tools, tips and resources, visit [ComEd.com/SmartIdeas](https://www.comed.com/SmartIdeas).

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Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 6.6 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population.



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For
June | July 2014

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Human Relations Forum	Wednesday, June 18 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
2. Village Board Meeting	Thursday, June 19 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
3. Finance Committee	Thursday, June 19 TBD	Village Hall Conference Room
5. Golf Advisory Committee	Monday, June 23 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
6. Plan Commission	Wednesday, June 25 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers
7. Historic Preservation	Tuesday, July 1 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Conference Room
8. Zoning Board of Appeals	Monday, July 7 7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Council Chambers