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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING



FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016

GLENCOE RETAINS AAA STABLE RATING FROM S&P

The Village has retained its AAA stable prior to issuing the remaining \$5 million of voter-approved bonds for infrastructure improvement. Retaining this rating will assure that the Village receives some of the lowest interest rates available to ensure debt service costs are kept low, increasing the buying power of the Village. Standard & Poor's rating reflects their view of Glencoe's strong local economy, strong management practices, excellent budgetary performance, appropriate budget flexibility and liquidity policies.



Only 17 communities across Illinois have been granted a AAA rating by Standard & Poor's. In an era when many governments are struggling, Glencoe ranks among the strongest local governments in fiscal health in the State of Illinois. This rating underscores the Board of Trustees' long history of sound and sensible financial policy direction teamed with prudent day-to-day financial management.

NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS RANKING

New Trier High School scored high marks on *Newsweek's* list of best public high schools in the country. Ranked No. 17 on the list, New Trier is the highest-ranked public high school in suburban Chicago. Congratulations to New Trier on this achievement! The complete list is available on [Newsweek's website](#).

UPDATE ON TONIGHT'S MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Due to the inclement weather forecasted for this evening, tonight's movie will be shown in the Village Hall Council Chamber located on the second floor of Village Hall. The doors to Village Hall will open at 7:30 p.m. and signs will be posted directing visitors to the room. Remember: you can still bring your blankets, chairs and snacks for tonight's feature, *Back to the Future!*

GLENCOE FRENCH MARKET

The Glencoe French Market takes place every Saturday through September 3 on Wyman Green from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors feature produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, flowers and an assortment of artisan goods. Enjoy live music in a beautiful setting in downtown Glencoe! For more information, please visit www.bensidounusa.com. The Glencoe French Market is sponsored by the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Village of Glencoe and the Glencoe Park District.



PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME PREVENTION NOTICE

The Department of Public Safety has issued a crime prevention notice following recent vehicle burglaries and thefts. Perpetrators target unlocked vehicles for burglaries and unlocked vehicles with keys inside them for thefts. This type of crime is often described as a crime of opportunity. **Remember to always lock your homes and vehicles – don't give them the opportunity!** [The crime prevention notice can be viewed here.](#)

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Glencoe Public Safety Department reminds motorists to drive safely as summer brings increased pedestrian and bicyclist traffic throughout town, especially in the central business district. The Department receives many complaints of motorists driving over the speed limit, as well as disregarding stop signs. In recent weeks, Pokémon Go has grown in popularity, often resulting in distracted game players. Distracted players may unwittingly wander into the roadway, causing a hazard.

In an effort to improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike, Public Safety will enhance enforcement activities. We ask that everyone focus on safety as they enjoy summer activities in Glencoe.

COST-SHARING TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

With the fall tree planting season approaching, the Village would like to remind residents of two 50/50 cost-sharing tree planting programs. The 50/50 parkway tree planting program gives residents the opportunity to purchase a tree for the parkway in front of their home, and the Village will pay 50% of the cost. If there is not room for a tree on a resident's parkway, the Village also accepts donated trees to be planted in other parkways selected by the Village arborist.

In addition, residents can also donate trees to plant on the southern-most section of the Green Bay Trail where more than 200 dead or diseased ash trees have been removed. As part of the Village's extensive three-year re-planting program for this area, the Village will pay for 50% of any tree that is donated to the trail between Harbor Street and Scott Avenue. The Village has partnered on this project with the Friends of the Green Bay Trail, a local non-profit organization that has been actively working on maintaining this segment of the trail for the last five years.

To place your order for the fall tree planting season, please click [here](#).

BUTTERFLY HATCHERY TOUR AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Friends of the Green Bay Trail will be hosting a butterfly hatchery tour and other family activities on Saturday, August 20. Click [here](#) to learn more about this event.

SMART THERMOSTAT INITIATIVE

As of June 1, residents across northern Illinois are eligible for rebates of up to \$175 on eight different smart thermostats. Smart thermostats are WiFi-enabled devices that connect with an app on your smart phone or tablet allowing you to monitor and control the heating and cooling in your house. Residents must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for a rebate:

- You must be a ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas or North Shore Gas customer.
- You must select a qualifying smart thermostat.

- You must purchase, install and register the smart thermostat between March 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017.
- You must have a working WiFi connection in your home.
- You must have a compatible central air conditioner, heat pump and/or electric heating system.

To apply for the rebate, please click [here](#).

CONSTRUCTION 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 e-mail and text message.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

Work is continuing on the Village's annual residential sidewalk and curb replacement program and is expected to be completed by early fall. To view the sidewalk replacement area map, click [here](#). Please remember that sidewalk that is replaced through residential driveways cannot be driven over for at least three days. The Village's contractor will contact residents in advance that will be affected by this project.



CYCLIC TREE TRIMMING CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST

Public Works crews are continuing to trim trees located on public parkways throughout August.

Cyclic trimming and pruning of parkway trees maintains the health and structure of mature trees by removing dead, dying and diseased branches, and reduces the potential hazard of low-hanging or falling branches.



COMED TREE TRIMMING

Trees and branches that interfere with power lines can create safety hazards and cause power outages. Preventative tree maintenance helps avoid power outages. Throughout the next three months, ComEd will trim trees, branches and vines in Glencoe that interfere or have the potential to interfere with power lines. All work is performed by ComEd's trained vegetation management crews and contractors. This program is separate from the Village's cyclic tree trimming program. For more information visit www.comed.com/trees or call ComEd at 1-800-Edison-1.



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEETING BULLETIN

Meetings Scheduled For Aug-16

| <u>MEETING</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
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| 1 Golf Advisory Committee | Monday, August 15 7:00 p.m. | Village Hall Conference Room |
| 2 Finance Committee | Tuesday, August 16 7:30 a.m. | Village Hall Conference Room |
| 3 Committee of the Whole | Thursday, August 18 5:30 p.m. | Village Hall Conference Room |
| 4 Village Board Meeting | Thursday, August 18 7:00 p.m. | Village Hall Council Chambers |
| 5 Plan Commission | Wednesday, August 24 7:30 p.m. | Village Hall Council Chambers |
| 6 Village Board Workshop Meeting | Wednesday, August 31 5:30 p.m. | Village Hall Conference Room |