

Glenview Report

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Meetings set to discuss electricity referendum

Glenview residents will have a chance to weigh in on whether the Village should establish a Municipal Electric Aggregation Program. On November 6, a referendum question will appear on Glenview ballots asking whether the Village should be allowed to pool – or aggregate – residential and small commercial electric accounts throughout Glenview.

Public hearings where the proposed aggregation plan and a draft Plan of Operation and Governance will be explained

are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2 and October 16 at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, which will be taped and shown on GVTV, cable channel 6 or 17.

Voter approval is the first step in any municipal electric aggreagation process. Through municipal aggregation, the Village would have the authority to negotiate a price for electric power with an alternative retail electric supplier, with a goal of achieving better pricing than ComEd currently provides through its purchasing process. If Glenview selected a different supplier through this process, ComEd would still continue to be responsible for delivering the electricity, issuing monthly bills and maintaining power lines and meters.

The Village is evaluating joining the Lakeshore Power Alliance, with a goal of providing reduced electricity costs by February 2013, if the referendum passes. The Alliance, created by the villages of Wilmette and Kenilworth earlier this year, selected the alternative retail electric supplier MC Squared Energy Services LLC as its municipal aggregation supplier.

If the referendum is approved, MC Squared has agreed to provide Glenview with the same electricity price negotiated with Wilmette and Kenilworth – 4.035 cents per kilowatt hour – one of the lowest rates in the ComEd region. This price would be effective through May 2013.

The current ComEd price for energy supply is 6.935 cents per kilowatt hour, and prices are expected to rise in October to



8.32 cents per kilowatt hour. Further, the MC Squared contract would require that if ComEd's electricity supply rates drop next summer. MC Squared would have to match ComEd's rates or customers could be switched back to ComEd without a fee.

If the referendum is approved, an ordinance would need to be passed by the Glenview Village Board of Trustees to create a municipal aggregation program. Under such a program, Village residents would be able

to opt out of any negotiated program the Village establishes without charge, either before any changes are made to residents' supply or after the program begins by calling the new supplier.

Glenview residents who already have a contract with an alternative retail electric supplier would **not** automatically be enrolled in the Village's aggregation program, if approved. While they could compare rates and join Glenview's aggregation program at any time, they would be advised to check if their current contract contains a penalty for early termination before making any changes.

Glenview residents can learn more about the concept of municipal aggregation at the upcoming public hearings or on our website at www.glenview.il.us in the "Useful links" box.

More than 200 Illinois communities have approved referendums to date, according to the Illinois Commerce Commission, since municipal electric aggregation was authorized by the Illinois General Assembly in 2010.

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



A clear sign of a change in seasons occurs when temperatures outside begin to drop along with the leaves. In Glenview, that's the Village Board's cue that it's time to review and finalize the next year's budget.

We're specifically looking to balance public needs with available resources as we work this fall to produce a municipal budget for 2013.

After several years of weighing tough choices, we're cautiously optimistic that we've been able to manage our way through a once stagnant and now slowly recovering economy.

We'll end 2012 and begin 2013 with no projected budget shortfall, thanks largely to concerted efforts in the past few years to pursue service-sharing opportunities with other communities, trim costs wherever possible and seek out additional outside revenue.

Our cost-containment strategies since the 2008 recession have put us in the position of being able to focus on how best to invest in capital resources in the coming years, and no longer just on maintaining service levels.

We're starting this budget cycle with assumptions that key revenue streams – such as home rule sales and utility taxes – will grow slightly in the next few years. Additionally, with enough reserve funds on hand, we will be able to tap into that source at this time.

One of the financial areas trustees have long wrestled with is how to provide a sustainable source of revenue for capital projects, such as reconstructing and repaving roads, replacing and enlarging sewers and providing sidewalks and bike paths. Our goal has been to build a budget that relies on minimal taxes and

2013 Budget schedule

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 16 Glenview Public Library budget, at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 17 Department budgets, at Police Station community room, 2500 E. Lake Ave.
- **7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24** Capital Improvement Program; water and sewer services, at Police Station community room
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13 Preliminary 2012 tax levy public hearing, Special Service Areas and abatement ordinances, at Village Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 Final 2012 tax levy public hear ing, Special Service Areas and abatement ordinances, at Village Hall

minimal debt.

The Village has been challenged on how best to set aside enough revenue from current taxes and fees to fund all prioritized projects in the Village's long-term road maintenance program. For the past few years we've been able to accelerate the pace of some road projects thanks to one-time grants and federal stimulus funding. We plan to discuss at upcoming budget workshops how to allocate public funds for capital improvements going forward, in order to maintain our standards for all roads village-wide.

As always, we welcome public input to help our decision-making and encourage residents to attend our budget workshops or make their opinions known.

Kerry Cummings



Advice in case of flooding: Don't take risks

Many properties in the Village of Glenview are subject to flooding from river water going overbank, sanitary sewer backups and local drainage, which can be exacerbated by heavy clay soils, flat topography and a lack of well-defined drainage paths.

These common sense guidelines can help you safely navigate flooding situations:

• Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around barriers.

• Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet. • Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.

• Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to Nicor Gas at 1-888-642-6748. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.

• Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have been dislodged. Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.

• Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.

• Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

• After the flood, clean everything that has been wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.

For a detailed presentation of flood awareness information, go online to the Village's website at www.glenview.il.us and click on "Flood Awareness" in the "Quick Links" box.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Week October 21-27

October 16 – Poster contest winners recognized by the Village Board of Trustees at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road

October 22-26 – Kids Care Food Drive to benefit local food pantries

Students in Glenview School Districts 30 and 34 and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Drop boxes will be located in each school. Daily collection tallies will be listed by grade level online at www. glenview34.org/he/Canned_Food_Drive.htm.

Items of need include pancake mix and syrup, pasta sauce, juice, coffee, tea, kid's snacks, cookies, crackers, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and oatmeal.

October 23 – Lotsa Lotsa Pasta Night, 5-8 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School, 4700 W. Lake Ave.

♦ Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family of four plus \$2 per additional family member, plus unopened boxes of pasta and jars of sauce for the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

Fire Prevention Week: Have 2 ways out

The Glenview Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association from October 7-13 to remind residents of the importance of fire escape planning and practice.



When fire strikes, your home could be

engulfed in smoke and flames in just a few minutes. It's important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds.

But what if your first escape route is blocked by smoke or flames? That's why having two ways out should be such a key part of your plan, and is the emphasis of this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Have 2 Ways Out."

Did you know?

- » One home structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in the U.S. in 2010.
- » Unattended cooking has been the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries since 1990.
- » Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the October 8-9, 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless.

Green!

Nominate a 'green' business



We want to celebrate local businesses that do business in an environmentally-responsible way, whether it's switching to CFL bulbs, using energy-saving technology or making an effort to reduce their carbon footprint.

Businesses that operate in a sustainable manner can be recognized through the Village's Green Business Awards Program.

Go online to www.glenview.il.us, click on "Go Green Glenview," and look for the application link under "Village Green Initiatives." Online applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Applications on file by December 15 will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of Village and Glenview Chamber of Commerce representatives for award decisions. At the discretion of the committee, some exceptional applications may be designated as "Go Green" award winners.

All recipients will be honored at a Village Board meeting - and will be highlighted on the Village's website and in the Village Report and E-Glenview. Call (847) 904-4472 for more information.

Upcoming document destruction events

- 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 6 Glenview State Bank, 2222 Chestnut Ave.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 20 The UPS Store, 2516 Waukegan Road (up to 50 pounds free)
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 27 Northfield Township Road District garage, 1928 Lehigh Ave.

Glenview recognized for achievements

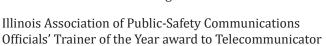
The Village of Glenview was recently honored with these awards:



Community Partnership Program Excellence Award (populations 10,000-49,999) from the International City/County Management Association for the Municipal Partnering Initiative



Award of Excellence in the Marketing and Tools category from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association for "Ask the Village" website videos



Voting Information Early voting



Glenview Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, is serving as an early election polling place for the November 6 General Election. Early voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday from October 22 to November 3.

State law requires early voters to display valid photo identification to an election official before receiving a ballot to vote early. Valid forms of ID include a current driver's license, state-issued ID card, university/college ID or another government-issued ID with a photograph.

Register to vote

The regular deadline is Tuesday, October 9. Last chance registration will be offered from 4-8 p.m. that day at the Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, or register at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, weekdays during business hours. The grace period is October 10 to November 3 at any Cook County Clerk's Office.

Candidate forums

- ☑ 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 7 9th Congressional District, at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Room 1600
- $\left| \times \right|$ 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 14 — 10th Congressional District, at Lake Forest High School, 1285 N. McKinley Road, Lake Forest

At Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, on Sunday, October 21:

- ⊠ 1-2:15 p.m. 17th District State House
- ⊠ 2:30-3:30 p.m. 9th District State Senate
- ⊠ 3:45-4:45 p.m. 18th District State House

Planning for capital improvements



Have a comment on the condition of your road or other Village infrastructure? This year, as part of the Village's budget process, input from the public on the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be accepted by the following means:

- ✓ Call the Capital Projects/Inspectional Services Department directly at (847) 904-4400.
- ✓ Send email to: capitalprojects@glenview.il.us
- ✓ Attend an informal open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, October 15, at the Police Station community room, 2500 E. Lake Ave.

The Capital Improvement Program will be the topic of an upcoming Village Board 2013 budget workshop scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, at the Police Department Community Room, 2500 E. Lake Ave.

Ann Marchiafava

VILLAGE BOARD AT WORK

The Village Board of Trustees met Sept. 4 and 18. Here are some of the agenda items acted upon:

• Authorized purchase of 27 sets of Innotex Turnout Gear from Fireground Supply Inc. of West Chicago for up to \$45,900 to replace existing gear – multi-layered coat and pants – that no longer meet requirements of the National Fire Protection Association.

• Authorized participation in the state of Illinois' rock salt joint purchasing program to obtain 7,000 tons of salt for the 2012-13 winter season for \$415,520. Through the program, the Village can secure the purchase from Morton Salt Inc. for a guaranteed price of \$59.36 per ton, the same as last year. The Village will place an order for 500 tons of salt on December 1, to ensure a strong salt reserve until the end of the year. Currently, the Village's salt storage facility at the Public Service Center,

1333 Shermer Road, is full with 2,500 tons of salt. The Village has received a \$250,000 grant for a second salt dome.

 Approved a text amendment to Chapter 98, Section 98-336 of the Municipal Code regarding requirements applicable to signs accessory to churches, schools, the park district and nonprofit institutions. The changes provide standards and regulations for scoreboards.

• Approved a text amendment for accessory uses and home occupations to Chapter 18 and Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code to relocate various setback requirements currently separated throughout the code into a single section and codify a number of staff and Zoning Board of Appeals interpretations, thereby benefiting homeowners, their architects and contractors as they develop building plans.

• Authorized an agreement and contract with Verizon Wireless of Lehigh, Pa. for Village cellular phone service for \$93,500, which covers 141 devices.

• Authorized an agreement with Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, to allow year-round lighting of three parkway trees adjacent to the theater. Oil Lamp will reimburse the Village for incremental costs relative to the lighting and maintenance of the trees.

• Approved an environmental plan and final site plan review for the American College of Chest Physicians for a new corporate headquarters and training center on a 5.25-acre lot at 2595 Patriot Blvd.; a final plan review for a new 60-foot-wide right-of-way with a roadway, cul-de-sac and median cut into Patriot Boulevard to access the new building; and a four-lot final subdivision for the site and adjacent lots.

For more, go online to www.glenview. il.us and click on Board of Trustees/ Meeting Reports.

Glenview to provide dispatch services for Morton Grove police

The Village of Glenview has entered into a five-year agreement with the Village of Morton Grove to provide public safety dispatch services for the Morton Grove Police Department, beginning in January 2013.

The arrangement builds on the 2009 agreement Glenview has to provide dispatch services to the Village of Grayslake Police Department, which later added services to Hainesville.

Morton Grove will pay an up-front, one-time capital purchase cost of \$291,631 for equipment and software. Glenview will hire three more telecommunicators to facilitate the service. Sharing the costs of providing 911 dispatch services benefits

each Village's taxpayers. Morton Grove will achieve considerable cost savings in personnel and gain enhanced services. Glenview further reduces operational costs.

Providing dispatch services with the Glenview public safety center's state-of-the-art communications technology and equipment is geographically efficient and continues the history of interagency cooperation between Glenview and other communities in the region.

Glenview is in the process of negotiating a similar arrangement with the Niles Police Department.



Glen-BOO celebrates Halloween

To keep Glenview's smallest ghouls and goblins safe this Halloween, the Village has set Trick or Treating hours from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 31.

To make sure your kids are safe as they haunt the neighborhood, keep these tips in mind:

- D Accompany your children (or send an older sibling) and make sure they don't enter anyone's home without your permission.
- D Use makeup instead of a mask, so your child's view is not obstructed.
- D Map out a trick-or-treat route for your children to follow.
- D Make sure kids cross only at corners − and look in all directions first. Remind them to use sidewalks or walk facing traffic so approaching cars can be seen.
- ${f D}$ Caution them against crossing the street between parked cars, where drivers can't see them.
- D Warn children not to eat any goodies until you've had a chance to inspect them. When in doubt, throw it out.



It's Our Town, Please <u>Slow</u> Down!

Here are the October notifications of *major* speed RADAR "hot spots" and stop sign/traffic light enforcement. Our goal is to promote safe driving in Glenview.

RADAR "Hot Spots": 1300 block Pfingsten Road • 2700 block Independence Avenue • 900 block Laramie Avenue • 2800 block Old Willow Road

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Pfingsten/Rugen roads • Dewes/Spruce streets • Sherwood Road/Beech Drive • Greenwood/ Happy Hollow roads

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GVTV airs on channel 17 or 6, depending on your neighborhood, or AT&T U-verse channel 99 PEG, and carries Village Board and Plan Commission meet-ings live. Unless otherwise noted, coverage of these events will be aired after the event date.

• Pulitzer Prize-winner Kevin Nance on architectural innovations. 10:30 a.m. October 2. North Shore Senior Center.

• Talk of the Village, featuring former Village President Tom Smith. 10 a.m. October 4. GVTV original program.

• **Dr. Chris Krueger on dentistry.** 10 a.m. October 10. Glenview Senior Center

• **Glenview Concert Band.** 2 p.m. October 21, Glenview Senior Center.

Programming is subject to change without notice. Check the GVTV schedule at www.glenview.il.us.

What is New with Medicare Part D? 1 p.m. Thursday, October 18 Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave.

This program is free and open to all. Presented by the Village of Glenview and North Shore Senior Center. For more information, call (847) 904-4366.

STAY CONNECTED

Upcoming Public Meetings

Board of Trustees 2013 Budget workshops (at the Police Department, <i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	7:30 p.m. Oct. 2, 16 7 p.m. Oct. 17, 24 2500 E. Lake Ave.)
Plan Commission	7 p.m. Oct. 9, 30
Steve Bucklin, Chair	
Appearance Commission	7:30 p.m. Oct. 3, 17
Tim McJilton, Chair	
Historic Preservation	
Commission	7:30 p.m. Oct. 8
David Silver, Chair	
Natural Resources	
Commission	7 p.m. Oct. 1
Henrietta Saunders, Chair	
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 p.m. Oct. 1, 15
Ron Greco, Chair	

All meetings are held at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, unless otherwise noted. Check meeting status at (847) 904-4370.

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