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The Village of Glenview Report



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Village Projects Will Enhance New Library

Travel along Glenview Road through Downtown Glenview and you can't miss the new Library going up just west of the railroad tracks. And as it rises, the Village is undertaking a number of improvement projects in the area that will enhance safety, access and traffic flow around the new building. Here's an overview:

Improvements to Washington, Prairie and Lehigh

In the area immediately surrounding the new library building, changes got underway last summer -- and you'll see additional changes coming this spring and summer.

- Last year the **intersection of Washington and Lehigh** was moved south about 50 feet to improve the turn from Washington into Lehigh. The benefits include reducing speeds of motorists on Washington approaching from the north and improving the intersection's sight lines.
- **Reconstruction of Washington -- including installation of new water mains** -- was also completed last summer.
- Work to **transform Prairie Avenue into a cul-de-sac, closed at its east end**, is underway (see photo) and should wrap up by August. The goals are to create a green space connection from the library to Jackman Park, to help keep cut-through traffic out of the surrounding neighborhoods, and to reduce traffic around the new library itself, improving safety.
- This summer you'll also see **new landscape islands along Lehigh**, which will slow traffic -- also enhancing safety.



Looking east on Prairie from Washington. While the new library goes up, the Village is converting Prairie into a cul-de-sac to improve safety and access to the new building.

Washington, with secondary access off of Prairie. To improve access to these new entrances, a traffic signal at Glenview/Washington will be installed over the summer -- paid for by an Illinois Department of Transportation grant. The new signal will be synchronized with the existing traffic signal at the Glenview/Harlem intersection to improve traffic flow through downtown.

Resurfacing Glenview Road

State funding has also enabled the Village to **resurface 2.8 miles of Glenview Road**. Last summer, the portion of the street between the downtown railroad tracks and Washington was completed. Work on the segment between Greenwood and Milwaukee Avenue will be completed by the end of May and the

segment from Greenwood to Washington will be complete by the end of summer. During this time, traffic may be reduced to one lane at times.

The goal will be to complete all road work prior to the opening of the new library, scheduled for the end of 2010.

Extending the Techny Trail

By the time the new library opens, cyclists will be able to make their way to the building and downtown Glenview all the way from the Glen of North Glenview Metra Station along a **newly-expanded Techny Trail** -- made possible by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) grant.

Running south along the east side of the tracks from the train station to Chestnut Avenue, and then south along the west side of Lehigh, the Trail currently ends at Lake Avenue. In mid-summer, work will begin to extend the ten-foot path all the way to Glenview Road.

New Traffic Signal at Glenview & Washington

The main entrance of the new library will be located off of

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Tax Dollar Watch

Consolidating Contracts To Reduce Costs

Over the years, the Village has contracted with many private companies to provide a wide range of municipal services. Privatization can reduce costs, but there can be drawbacks. When each contract is negotiated separately each vendor must be managed separately as well, shifting staff attention away from other priorities.

In 2009, the Village decided to explore consolidating some of these contracts under a single vendor to take advantage of economies of scale and provide a single point of contact for management of these services. After a six-month process, in March the Village signed a five-year contract with Baxter & Woodman Consulting that consolidates 20 contracts the Village previously had in place to provide engineering services, some inspections, and landscaping. A full time Baxter & Woodman manager will be on-site to ensure that all these services are coordinated effectively.

What's the pay off? **In 2010 alone, this consolidation will save the Village, its tax payers, and its utility customers an estimated \$685,435.**

From the Village President

Congratulations to Glenview's Own Olympic Medalists!



Like millions of people around the world, I was glued to the Vancouver Olympics in February. And, like thousands of Glenview citizens, I was thrilled when two of our own -- both 2009 graduates of Glenbrook South High School -- took home medals in speed skating!

Brian Hansen received a silver medal for Men's Team Pursuit and **Lana Gehring** took home a bronze medal in the Ladies 3,000 Meter Relay. We congratulate both of these athletes and couldn't be more proud of our Home Town Heroes. They set a fine example. Making it onto an Olympic team -- much less medaling -- takes diligence, perseverance, hard work, and commitment: virtues we would seek to foster in all of the young men and women growing up in this community, whatever their field of endeavor.

*Join us on **Thursday, April 15** as we welcome our Olympians home! A victory parade will wend its way along Tower Drive beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a special ceremony and reception at 2651 Navy Boulevard next to the Book Market at Hangar One. Refreshments will be served -- and you might even win a \$250, \$100 or \$50 gift certificate to the Glen Town Center!*



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Olympic Committee

Kerry D. Cummings

Congratulations to our 43rd Annual Glenview Civic Award Winners

Citizen of the Year

Denny Hebson (posthumous award)

Youth of the Year

Peter Riley

Glenbrook South High School

Public Service Award

Aidan Michael Franklin

Public Safety Award

Officer Tom Frederick

And Don't Miss The Civic Awards Dinner!

Friday, April 16 • 6 p.m.

North Shore Country Club • 1340 Glenview Road

Tickets are \$45/person; space is limited to 200 guests. Reservations are required; call (847) 901-6100 for yours! Reservations must be paid in full before Award Night; make checks payable to "Glenview Civic Awards" and send to the attention of Sandie Elliott at the Glenview Police Department, 2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026

Sponsored by the American Legion, Glenview Women of Today, Kiwanis, Lions, Navy League, Optimist Club, the Rotary Luncheon Club, Rotary Sunrise, Rotary Sunset, and the Glenview Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Glenview Police Department.

Changes To Yard Waste Collection Begin This Month



Start gathering those grass clippings! Groot began picking up yard waste in Glenview on April 1. As most residents are aware, there will be some changes to yard waste pick up this year. Here are your options (**remember, burning yard waste is prohibited by Village ordinance**); call Groot at (800) 244-1977 with questions :

- **"Grasscycle."** Go green: grass clippings make excellent fertilizer, add nutrients to your lawn and reduce evaporation. Mow regularly with sharp blades when the grass is dry. Leaves can be composted cleanly and without odor.
- **Pay-By-The-Bag.** You may use 30-gallon bags , or bundle your branches, each with a sticker attached. Stickers are \$2.90 each; purchase at:
 - Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road
 - Dominick's, 1340 Patriot Boulevard
 - Jewel, 2775 Pfingsten Road/2502 Waukegan Road
 - Weiss Ace Hardware, 1560 Waukegan Road
 - Bess Hardware, 1850 Glenview Road
- **Seasonal Subscription.** Fee for the 2010 April-November season is \$141.90, regardless of when you sign up. Call (800) 244-1977 to pay by credit card, sign-up on line at www.groot.com, or send payment to Groot at 2500 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 (include your Groot account number and "2010 Landscape Waste Program" on your check.) Seasonal subscribers may opt for either 30-gallon paper bags or a 95-gallon rental toter. Rental fee for the 2010 season is \$7.20 (call Groot to order). Between April and October, you may place the toter or up to four unstickered bags (or four unstickered branch bundles) at the curb each week. During November, you may place an unlimited number of bags/bundles (with or without the tote) at the curb each week.
- **Private Landscaper.** You can contract with a private landscaper for yard waste services. Keep in mind that Groot won't pick up un-stickered items that your landscaper may put out on your curb.

Stay in Touch During Emergencies!

Emergency Notification System (ENS) Now Offers Text, Email Alerts

The Village's ENS provides local emergency alerts. **Now, it can provide these alerts via email and text messages, in addition to telephone** -- so sign up today at our ENS Webpage! Just visit www.glenview.il.us and look for the link on the Home Page under "Hot off the Press" or call (847) 724-2141. Please note that if you enter your email and cell phone provider into the system, you may receive alerts via telephone, text *and* email.

Premise Alert Program Database Available to Disabled, Special Needs Residents

Do you, or a loved one here in Glenview, have disabilities, special needs or both? Now, you can provide key information to the **Village's Emergency Dispatch Center** that could help fire, police and dispatch operators respond appropriately in case of an emergency.

To be included in the **Premise Alert Program database**, you'll need to complete a Notification Form (available at www.glenview.il.us -- check under "Forms") and submit it to the Village's Public Safety Dispatch Center (you can drop it off at the Police Station, 2500 East Lake Avenue, or fax to (847) 729-6280). Your information will be kept confidential and used only by police, fire, dispatch and emergency medical personnel.

Call (847) 901-6082 with questions on either program.

Chestnut-Waukegan Intersection Improvement Project Open House

Thursday, April 15 • 6-8 p.m.
Police Station, 2500 East Lake Avenue

Construction to improve the safety and traffic flow of the Chestnut-Waukegan intersection will kick off in 2012 -- but the planning starts now! Stop by for this special open house, get an early look at proposed changes and provide your input. Here's what's coming:

- Extending northbound and eastbound left turn lanes and constructing a southbound right turn lane.
- Eliminating substandard lane widths and taper rates.
- Consolidating and limiting area driveways to alleviate access problems.
- Widening and resurfacing existing pavement and constructing sidewalks at various locations.
- Improving storm sewer and storm water detention.
- Enhancing traffic and pedestrian signals.

Can't make it? Call (847) 486-5649 or email rjensen@glenview.il.us with questions or concerns.

Police Incident Reports Now On-Line

Check out our new **Police Incident Summary Webpage** at www.glenview.il.us/departments/police/ for details on recent incidents (although due to statutory prohibitions and privacy concerns, not all police responses are included.) We'll update the page each Tuesday.



Re-Naturalizing the River

Many of our residents enjoy walking or biking along the river that runs through Glenview. But as “natural” as it may seem in its present state did you know that 100 years ago it looked very different?

Our river -- the West Fork of the Chicago River’s North Branch -- originally meandered through town, providing valuable habitat for wildlife and creating wetlands that helped filter and clean our water supply. But as Glenview changed and developed over time, the river changed too. Its original path was eliminated, and it was channeled into a straight, man-made ditch, where it remains to this day.

But that’s about to change again for the “reach” of the river that runs between Willow Road and the Techny Basin. Thanks to stimulus funding received through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency this portion of the river will soon once again have its original shape, with wetland terraces, open water pockets and a more natural environment, enhancing its value as part of our “green infrastructure” as it increases biodiversity, improves water quality and reduces erosion. It’s part of the Village’s overall goal to improve the entire river corridor in Glenview.

Made possible through a \$654,841 Water Pollution Control “enhanced loan” (meaning that 25 percent does not need to be repaid and the balance has no interest), the project will kick off in May. Much like any remodeling project, things will look worse before they look better. Expect to see a lot of mud and construction equipment as work gets underway -- but by spring of 2011, new plants will be going in and the re-naturalization of this important natural resource will be nearing completion. Stay tuned for updates on our website -- and through this newsletter -- as the project proceeds.

18th Annual Chicago River Day Coming Up

Join the Village’s Natural Resources Commission on **Saturday, May 8** as it works to beautify our piece of the river, collecting trash and clearing brush.

It’s all part of the **Friends of the Chicago River’s Annual Chicago River Day**. We’ll meet in Kohl’s parking lot at 9 a.m. and work through noon; free T-shirts, work gloves, tool and trash bags will be provided. Questions? Call (847) 729-2329.

Just in time for Arbor Day: Glenview has been named a “Tree City USA” for the 25th year in a row!

Plan Review Fees Now Due When Permits Are Submitted

Adding an addition? Building a garage? Keep in mind that the Village’s Development Department now requires that **plan review fees be paid up front, when permits are submitted for approval.**

This is not a new fee. Previously, plan review fees -- which generally range from \$35 - \$200 -- had been paid when the permit was issued. The new requirement applies to:

- New single family homes
- Single family additions and remodeling
- Detached garages
- New multi-family residential structures
- Multi-family additions and remodeling
- New commercial structures
- Commercial additions and remodeling

Remember: plan review fees are based on the value of the work listed on your project application. This value will be required at the time of submittal so that the appropriate fee can be calculated. Once the fee has been calculated, Village staff will provide a print out of the amount that is required to be paid before the submittal will be accepted. Questions? Call (847) 904-4320.

April Showers Bring . . . Hydrant Flushing



Ah, spring. Gentle breezes, chirping birds, warmer temperatures . . . and fire hydrant flushing.

Your friendly neighborhood Public Works representatives will be hitting the streets soon to flush 3,000 hydrants here in Glenview. Flushing helps remove rust and sedimentation that may have accumulated inside the water mains over the winter, and ensures that the hydrants operate and flow properly.

Look for signs 48 hours prior to the start of flushing in your neighborhood. Some flushing may take place late at night or on weekends to minimize disruption to traffic.

Once nearby hydrants have been flushed, you may notice some discoloration in your water: this can be cleared up by letting the cold water tap run for a few minutes. Questions? Call Public Works at (847) 657-3030.

Celebrate Earth Day with Abt!

This year marks the **40th Anniversary of Earth Day!** Why not celebrate right here in town at Abt Electronics? On **Sunday, April 18**, between 12 and 4 p.m. the store, located at 1200 Milwaukee, will offer tours of its recycling facility, crafts for kids, “special guests” from the Grove, bike safety tips from the Glenview Police Department and a chance to find out more about what the Village’s Natural Resources Commission has on tap for 2010.

Actions Taken By the Village Board of Trustees: March 2010

Some agenda items are omitted due to space considerations. For more details visit www.glenview.il.us

Village President's Report

- The Board approved a resolution to join the **Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition**, which brings together units of local government, organizations representing local governments, trade and business associations, advocacy groups, taxpayers and other stakeholders who have concerns regarding sustainable pensions in order to bring fairness to the public safety pension system. The goal is to work with legislators and public pension fund representatives to identify a way to ensure sustainable retirement benefits for public safety employees.

Approved

- Reduction in fees collected cover SWANCC disposal costs from \$7.05 to \$6.05/month as of July 1, 2010.** This will reduce the overall refuse and recycling weekly curbside collection fee to \$16.01/month (seniors will receive a ten percent discount).
- Conditional use, final site plan review, preliminary subdivision and commercial variation for the planned **16-bed addition by Midwest Palliative and Hospice CareCenter**, 2050 Claire Court.
- Conditional use, final site plan, and preliminary subdivision for **Five Guys Burgers and Fries** carry-out, 2141 Willow Road; final site plan for an additional ground sign for the Willow Creek Shopping Center.
- Contract, bid awards, and purchases for:
 - Engineering services, inspection management and landscape management** to Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers. Five-year contract. Budget in 2010: \$2,254,164. See page two.
 - Windsor/Polo and Indian/Beverly infrastructure improvement projects** to PirTano Construction Company, Inc. Budget: \$2,249,559.
 - Standardized refuse and recycling carts for Groot customers** from Rehrig Pacific Company. Budget: \$908,899. This purchase also required an amendment to the 2010 Village Budget.
 - Street-sweeping services** to Hoving Clean Sweep, LLC. Three-year contract. Budget: \$368,163.
 - Trees for the Village's 2010 Tree Planting Program** from Suburban Tree Consortium. Budget: \$159,250.
 - Independent pavement testing services** to Engineering Consulting Services Illinois, LLC. Budget: \$68,402.
 - Panasonic Arbitrator video systems** from CDS Office Technologies. Budget: \$43,297.

Board Direction Requested

- Regarding options to **provide landscaping around the Video Ready Access Devices ("VRAD") installations necessary for implementation of AT&T's Project Lightspeed (U-Verse)**. The Board supported the staff recommendation to have AT&T provide the landscaping by contracting with a landscaper to design and install screening around VRADs. AT&T will be responsible for the first three waterings, but any future maintenance will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The extent of the screening needed will be determined by a site visit.

Key Village Contact Numbers • All numbers are area code (847)

24-hour Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police non-emergency (includes animal control)	729-5000
Fire non-emergency	724-2141
Village Switchboard	724-1700
Administrative Services	904-4350
<i>commuter parking, permit payment, recycling bins, mapping, voter registration, water billing.</i>	<i>Water Billing:</i> 724-3112
Capital Projects	998-9500
<i>capital projects, Glen redevelopment, engineering</i>	
Development	904-4330
<i>building, fire & health inspections, liquor licenses, planning, private tree inspections</i>	
	<i>Inspection Requests:</i> 904-4320
	<i>Property Maintenance Complaints:</i> 904-4340
Manager's Office	904-4370
<i>Freedom of Information Act requests, senior services, block party/special event permits, communications, Glenview Television, human resources, economic development.</i>	
Public Works	657-3030
<i>snow plowing, street maintenance, water/sewer problems, public tree maintenance/concerns, natural resources.</i>	

Service requests may also be submitted at www.glenview.il.us -- choose "Ask A Question/Request a Service" from the Home Page.



It's Our Town, Please Slow Down!

Here are the April 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": 1700 blk Sunset Ridge Road • 1300 blk Sanford Lane • 2500 – 2600 blk Independence Avenue • 1300 – 1400 blk Greenwood Road

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Elmwood & Brandon • Dewes & Spruce • Indian Ridge & Osage • Greenwood & Happy Hollow

Census Takers Hit the Streets



Last month you should have received your 2010 U.S. Census form in the mail. If you didn't return it, you can expect a knock on your door this month. During April, Cen-

sus takers will fan out across the country -- and Glenview -- to follow up with any households that did not return the mailed census form.

Any legitimate Census taker should carry a proper identification badge. If you have any concerns or sense anything suspicious, please call the Glenview Police Department at (847) 729-5000.

The Cost of Dying

Join the Senior Services Division on **Thursday, April 22** for this free seminar featuring representatives of the Illinois Cremation Society and N. H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home. Program time: 1 p.m. at the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut.

And don't miss the **Senior Housing Fair on Sunday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street. Call (847) 904-4366 with questions.**



What's On Tap This Month

Unless otherwise noted, coverage of these events will be aired after the event date.

- **Celebrating Glenview's Olympic Medal Winners.** April 15. Glen Town Center.
- **43rd Annual Glenview Civic Awards Dinner.** April 16.
- **Jon Yates, Chicago Tribune Columnist.** April 27. North Shore Senior Center.

Programming subject to change without notice. Before you watch, check the GVTV schedule at www.glenview.il.us. GVTV airs on channel 17 or 6, depending on your neighborhood, and carries Board and Plan Commission meetings live.

Village of Glenview Upcoming Public Meetings: April



Meetings are held at the Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road (unless otherwise noted). From time to time there are changes, so call (847) 904-4370 to check meeting status.

Meeting	Date & Time
Board of Trustees <i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	April 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.
Appearance Commission <i>John Hedrick, Chair</i>	April 7 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Commission <i>David Silver, Chair</i>	April 12, 7:30 p.m.
Natural Resources Commission <i>Kent Fuller, Chair</i>	April 19, 7 p.m.
Plan Commission <i>Steven Bucklin, Chair</i>	April 13 & 27, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals <i>Ron Greco, Chair</i>	April 5 & 19, 7 p.m.

Trustee and Plan Commission Meetings air live on GVTV, stream live at www.glenview.il.us, and may also be accessed online after the meetings.

Residential Associations: Stay in the Loop

As it does each year, the Village is seeking to **update its** list of Glenview homeowner, condo and town home associations so that it can keep them informed regarding issues that might have an impact on their neighborhoods.

Make sure that we have your most up-to-date information! Send along your association's name, address, phone number and email (the easiest way to stay in the loop) -- as well as a contact name -- to **Lisa Goodwin** at:

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