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The Village of Glenview Report



April, 2011

Dealing with Drainage

It's spring! And while the warmer weather is a welcome change, it also brings those April showers -- following a winter of precipitation. As a result, the saturated soil can often result in drainage problems.

The Deal with Drainage

It comes down to this: **in general, the natural flow of water can't be impeded.** If a piece of property had a drainage issue when it was purchased, the problem can't be solved by redirecting the water onto the neighbor's land. And property owners can't change their land in such a manner that it creates a *new* drainage problem for the neighbors. But there are ways to properly address drainage challenges -- depending on the cause.

Common Drainage Problems (And Solutions)

Water flows along a *grade*. And changing that grade -- the height and slope of the land -- can change the way water flows onto or off of property. For this reason, any grade variation that affects lot drainage or exceeds four inches requires review and approval from the Village's Development Department. Here are a few common causes of drainage problems -- and how the Village is addressing them:

Landscaping

Landscaping near property lines (including adding mulch or wood chips) is a frequent cause of drainage problems. If any proposed landscaping work will affect the nature of drainage on your lot or otherwise change any elevations more than four inches you'll need to submit a landscaping plan for permit to the Development Department for review and approval before you start any work.

New Construction

New construction tends to reduce the amount of "pervious surface" on a lot (that is, land that can absorb water), and sometimes this results in drainage problems. The Village's **Infill Construction Ordinance** is designed help, ensuring that developers account for storm water on the property.

Requirements for construction of new homes and substantial additions, include:

- Notification of the adjacent neighbors to gather specific knowledge of drainage in the area.
- An on site drainage system connected to the Village's storm sewer.
- Extension of the storm sewer system if it is not directly adjacent but within 200 feet of the property.
- Post-construction topographic survey to verify that the project was built according to the approved design.



Sump Pump Drainage

Sump pump discharge can be a problem if it flows into the neighbor's yard. New sump pumps are required to be directly connected to a storm sewer if one is adjacent to the property. If a storm sewer is not available, the discharge location must be in a place that will not create a nuisance for your neighbor. Once again, you'll need a permit for any work associated with a new or existing sump pump discharge.

Village Cost-Sharing Programs

In August 2010, the Village Board approved the final Flood Risk Reduction Program, developed under the leadership of the Storm Water Task Force, a team of 16 Glenview residents created to help the Village address storm water problems. In addition to several major flood improvement projects, two cost-sharing initiatives were approved to help homeowners reduce the likelihood of flooding. Funds are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- **Overhead sanitary sewer conversions.** Homes with old gravity sanitary sewer services are susceptible to sewage back-up. Converting to an overhead system can greatly reduce this risk. Through this initiative, the Village and the homeowner each pay 50 percent of the cost of this conversion -- up to a total project cost of \$15,000 (that means that the Village will pay up to \$7,500 of the cost).

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From the Village President. . .

A Job Well Done



Next month, we'll say a fond farewell to Trustee Jim Patterson, who will step down after nine years on the Village Board. Although change is part of life, his clear thinking and deep understanding of the issues we face month in and month out will be sorely missed.

Jim, who has lived in Glenview with his family for more than 20 years, came to our Board in 2003 from a three-year term on the Village Plan Commission. He knew Glenview inside and out, having served as Co-Chair for the 1998 Glenview Park District Farms and Fields Referendum Committee and as a Glenview Centennial Commission volunteer as well as a long-time member of the Glenview Park District Foundation Board.

What an asset! Aside from his considerable planning expertise, over the years, Jim brought this in-depth knowledge of our community to our deliberations as well as an unstinting enthusiasm for the work. He has a commitment to finding solutions for Glenview as a whole -- always thinking "big picture," always seeking the greatest good for the Village.

From reviewing major developments to considering stop sign placement, Jim took the time to dig into the details and analyze the options. Among other things, Jim championed the Village's use of a Geographic Information System (GIS), a sophisticated mapping and database system that has revolutionized the way the Village provides customer service and keeps records, making it far more efficient and accurate.

One of the things I admire most about Jim is his willingness to keep an open mind. His decisions were well thought out, but his ability to listen closely, re-assess, and change his mind based on the new circumstances or information was something we all valued highly.

While on the Board, Jim was never afraid to vote his conscience -- and always willing to explain why he voted the way he did, even if it wasn't a popular decision.

We want to thank Jim for his many years of service to the community, but, as always, he isn't finished -- just changing roles. I'm happy to report that the Village will still benefit from his expertise as a member of the Willow Road Community Advisory Group (CAG), working with the Illinois Department of Transportation to find a better solution to the two-lane bottleneck through Northfield

All of us in this community owe Jim a debt of gratitude. He is a true public servant in the best sense of the word, and we deeply appreciate his commitment to and passion for the Village of Glenview. We look forward to his next chapter of continued involvement in Glenview.



Trustee Jim Patterson

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- **Holistic drainage inspection** conducted by the Village's consulting engineering firm Baxter & Woodman. This inspection should provide homeowners with a better understanding of the work, costs and steps involved in flood-proofing their homes or making drainage improvements. Through this initiative, the Village and the homeowner each pay 50 percent of the \$800 cost of this inspection (that means that the Village will pay \$400). In addition, the Village will waive up to \$200 in permit fees should the homeowner undertake the recommended improvements.

For more information, call (847) 904-4340 -- or log onto www.glenview.il.us/departments/development/inspectionall/floodreductioncostshare.shtml.

The Village also offers a cost-sharing **Rain Garden Program**. Any proposed rain garden with a drainage benefit and a strong native planting plan may be eligible for a Village grant of 50 percent of the project costs up to \$1,000. Call the number above with questions -- or visit www.glenview.il.us/departments/development/inspectionall/rain_garden.shtml.

Kerry D. Cummings

Sports and Ethics: Can They Co-exist?

A Panel Discussion Sponsored by



Thursday, April 28 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Attea Middle School
2500 Chestnut • Glenview

It seems that every week another star athlete falls off the pedestal. Willingly or not, such personalities serve as role models for our children. In light of these falls from grace, what can we do to help guide our youth toward demonstrating good character -- as athletes, students and members of our community? Join CHARACTER COUNTS! for this panel discussion featuring local experts in athletics.

Panelists

Bob Berland

Olympic Silver Medalist in Judo • Olympic Coach • Entrepreneur • CEO

Pat Fitzgerald

Head Coach • Northwestern University Wildcat Football Team

Brian Hansen

2010 Olympic Medalist • Speed Skating

Dennis Savard

Former Chicago Blackhawk Player and Coach

A.J. Schurr

Senior, Libertyville High School • Captain, School Baseball and Football Teams

Paul Stevens

Head Coach • Northwestern University Wildcat Baseball Team

Moderator

Kerry D. Cummings

Glenview Village President

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (847) 904-4477.

Congratulations to the

2010 Glenview Civic Awards Recipients

Citizen of the Year

Ed Koenig
Founder, Koenig & Strey

Youth of the Year

Dilan Wickrema
Glenbrook South High School

Public Service

Ben Jaremus

Public Safety

Firefighters
Doug DePersia
Tom Gade
Kerry Garman
Craig Krsek
Paul Offerman

Special Committee Awards

Judy Beck
Deborah Harvey

and Get Your Tickets Now for the

Civic Awards Dinner

Friday, April 29 • 6 p.m.

Valley Lo Club

Reception Followed by Dinner

Reservations are \$40/person

Contact the Glenview Chamber of Commerce •
(847) 724-0900.

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

Hydrant Flushing Coming Up



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.

Go Green! Glenview

Village, Park District to Offer Emerald Ash Borer Workshops

The Emerald Ash Borer has caused damage to millions of trees across the country -- including Glenview. Mark your calendar for one of two special workshops on this noxious pest -- on **Saturday, April 30** at 2 p.m. or **Tuesday, May 10** at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Park District and Village, both will take place at the Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Avenue. Please note: the Saturday workshop will include a trail walk. Dress for the weather! For more information about the EAB, check out www.emeraldashborer.info.

Techy Trail To Extend Into Downtown

Construction is underway on an extension of the Techy bike trail that currently stops at Chestnut Avenue. Funded by a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement grant, **the newest section of this ten-foot wide concrete path on the west side of Lehigh Avenue will run south to Glenview Road and the new public library**; completion is scheduled for early April, 2011 (if the weather cooperates).

Village Receives Tree City Growth Award

For 26 years, the Village of Glenview has been proud to be named a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. But this year there's something extra to celebrate!

We're proud to announce that the Village has received a Tree City Growth Award for going "above and beyond" the basic Tree City USA requirements. Sponsored by the the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, Growth Awards are designed to recognize exceptional achievement, to communicate new ideas and to help the leaders of all Tree City USAs plan for improving community tree care.

In singling out the Village for this special award, the Foundation recognized a number of things, including:

- Updating the content and distribution of information residents can use regarding tree replacement, should the Village require replacements following the removal of an existing tree on their property.
- The Village's joint tree trimming contract with Wilmette, and
- Its wildlife habitat improvements, including extensive detention basin plantings.

A New Opportunity

Groot Refuse and Recycling Curbside Collection for Multifamily Buildings



In Glenview, single family homes and two-unit multifamily buildings with curbside collection have historically been required to obtain refuse and recycling collection through the Village's contract with Groot

Industries, Inc. But until recently, multifamily buildings with three or more units weren't eligible for this service. Instead, they were responsible for making private arrangements with a waste hauler.

Now, multifamily buildings – with curbside pickup -- have a choice. Through a voluntary program, they may opt to participate in the Village's contract, at the same rates paid by current Groot customers. Benefits include:

- **Prices comparable to current Groot customers and a fixed cap on cost increases**, as the Village negotiates multi-year contracts.
- **Economies of scale:** the Village's contract incorporates 11,500 housing units and this helps keep costs down.
- **The possibility of lower costs**, depending on your current refuse and recycling fees.
- **Once a week curbside collection** of refuse and recycling.
- **High-quality carts** – with lids and wheels – for ease of handling. Carts must be purchased from the Village because, unlike existing Groot customers, new multifamily customers have not been paying into the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's Garbage and Recycling Fund (which covered the cost of new carts last summer).

Your development **as a whole** must make the decision to opt into the Village's Groot contract. If you live in an eligible multifamily building, watch your mailbox this month for a brochure outlining all the details. And, in the meantime, call (847) 657-3030 with questions.

Residential Associations: Stay in the Loop

As it does each year, the Village is seeking to **update its Alist 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:

Village Manager's Office
1225 Waukegan Road • Glenview, IL 60025
Fax: (847) 724-1518 • Email: lisag@glenview.il.us

Actions Taken By the Village Board of Trustees: March, 2011

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

Trustee Debby Karton was absent on March 1.

Village President Report

- President Cummings recognized **former State Representative Elizabeth Coulson** for her many contributions to the Village.

Village Manager Report

- **Forest Restoration Grant:** The Village has been awarded a \$20,000 Emerald Ash Borer Tree Reforestation Grant by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Currently, the Village manages 26,800 public trees, of which 5,250 are ash trees. To-date, 117 public ash trees have been removed due to EAB infestation and replaced with alternative trees. This grant will help offset the cost of this removal and replanting program.

Approved

- Closure of Washington Street and Glenview Road on certain dates to facilitate construction of the Library parking deck.
- Amendments to Municipal Code regarding contractor requirements and violations. A contractor with outstanding violations or one that owes the Village money will be prohibited from receiving additional permits.
- Contracts, Bids, and Purchases:
 - **Maintenance and repair services for light- and medium-duty Village vehicles** by Bredemann Ford. Budget: \$169,450. *Vote 4-1 in favor.*
 - **Central/George/Culver/Lehigh infrastructure improvement project** to Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. Budget: \$1,198,124.
 - **2011 financial and accounting services** from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (contract amendment). Budget: not to exceed \$45,000.
 - **Pine Street/Rollwind Road infrastructure improvement project** to Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. Budget: \$1,113,273.
- Amendment to the Village's residential solid waste services agreement with Groot Industries and to the Municipal Code to **provide curbside refuse/recycling services or multi-family buildings with three or more units and individual refuse/recycling pick up.**
- Execution of an annexation agreement for **2255 Sanders -- Northwestern Memorial Hospital.** *A Public Hearing was held on this matter.*
- Amendment to Municipal Code to **permit a Trustee to refuse compensation in those instances where his or her employer specifically prohibits outside compensation.**
- Budget amendment due to **increased expenditures needed to respond to the February declared snow emergency.**

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	904-4340
<i>building, fire & health inspections, liquor licenses, planning, private tree inspections, property maintenance complaints.</i>	<i>Inspection Requests:</i> 904-4320
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": 1500 Pleasant Ln. • 1100 Glendale Rd. • 1900 East Lake Ave. • 1700 Sunset Ridge Rd.

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Glenview Rd at Waukegan • Dewes at Spruce • Highland at Knowlwood • Linneman at Huber

Leasing or Selling Property? Looking for Space in Glenview?

If you're looking to lease or sell your commercial property in Glenview -- or you're looking for a commercial space to call home here in town -- you'll find one of the most useful tools on our website!

CoStar Reports is a subscription service that lists all commercial property for lease or purchase in a given area. The Village receives free CoStar reports from Commonwealth Edison -- and they're free to you, too.

- If you wish to **list a property**, just call Glenview's CoStar representative at (800) 471-8520 to arrange for a free listing, complete with photos.
- If you're in the market to **lease or buy**, you can access the "Available Sites and Buildings: CoStar" link at www.glenview.il.us/departments/manager/econdev/

This is one of the many ways the Village supports its business community. If you're looking for a new or different home for your business, contact edean@glenview.il.us or (847) 904-4477 to discuss coming to Glenview!

Seniors: Save Money on Your Telephone Bill

Join the Senior Services Division on **Thursday, April 21** for this free seminar featuring the Citizens Utility Board. Don't forget to bring your telephone bill! Program time: 1 p.m. at the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut.



What's On Tap This Month

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

- **Jim Smirles Honorary Street Renaming.** April 11.
- **44th Annual Glenview Civic Awards.** April 29.
- **Emerald Ash Borer Workshop.** April 30.

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 7 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Appearance Commission <i>Tim McJilton, Interim Chair</i>	April 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Commission <i>David Silver, Chair</i>	April 11, 7:30 p.m.
Natural Resources Commission <i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	No meeting in April
Plan Commission <i>Steven K. Bucklin, Chair</i>	April 12 & 26, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals <i>Ron Greco, Chair</i>	April 4 & 18, 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.

Don't Let the Door Get Slammed in Your Face

You have the right to fair housing. April is National Fair Housing Month. Fair housing means no one can take your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or presence of children into account in renting or selling you housing. In Illinois, you are also protected from discrimination on the basis of age, marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry, or military discharge status. If you are seeking housing in Cook County, you are additionally protected on the basis of source of income or housing status.

If you feel you've been discriminated against, contact the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs at (847) 501-5760 or www.interfaithhousingcenter.org.

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