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Downtown revitalization remains work in progress

For decades, a lot of time and energy has been spent trying to keep Glenview's central business district a place for people to shop and meet. The desire to maintain downtown's unique sense of place hasn't diminished.

The Village Board has remained committed to a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly vision of downtown Glenview. It adopted a revitalization master plan in 2006 and established a form-based zoning code and district in 2008 to guide developers with regard to how structures should be designed and placed on particular parcels.

The economic recession that began in 2008 froze that planning potential. As the economy thaws, the Village Board has looked to a development advisor team, U.S. Equities, to suggest specific strategies for key downtown sites, primarily those owned by the Village, as well as ideas to facilitate and spur investment by private property owners.

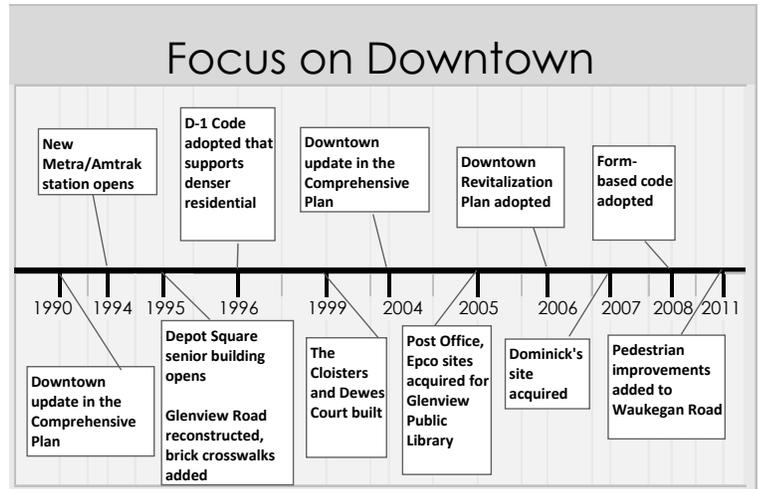
The Village Board by policy has not interfered with private sector property rights and transactions, thereby leaving the pace of downtown redevelopment to the owners of downtown parcels. The Village, however, has put in place codes and other guidelines that allow for adaptive uses, based on the best information at the time. As market opportunities and trends change, the Village has found it advisable to readjust those strategies to continually try to spur private investment.

The 2006 downtown revitalization plan emphasized the then-popular trend of structures with one or more floors of condominiums over ground-floor retail. Today, the market is favoring multifamily apartments near public transit, senior housing and building re-use rather than razing.

While about 120,000 square feet of retail space is currently vacant, the downtown anchors — including the Glenview Public Library, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and the Metra train station — are a draw for more potential retail, the development advisors told the Village Board at a workshop last month.

Specifically, downtown Glenview could support a grocer; specialty food stores; more restaurants; dining with live entertainment; and more small, independently-owned stores.

The former Dominick's parcel at 1020 Waukegan Road, which the Village purchased in 2007, offers the best opportunity for



a larger-format retailer, possibly a destination-type specialty grocer.

The Village fire station at 1815 Glenview Road, in the center of downtown, could be reused or reconfigured for restaurant or other retail activity, while Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, offers a future opportunity for residential redevelopment. Those re-use opportunities, however, must be considered in terms of relocation and replacement costs.

U.S. Equities suggested the Village Board reconsider some current code prohibitions that could help create a more dynamic downtown that attracts shoppers and visitors:

- ◆ Allowing a limited number of service-related uses on ground floors that generate frequent visits and support retail, such as fitness, yoga and pilates operations; music and dance schools; amusement and recreation services for children; or art and photo studios.
- ◆ Allowing in special cases drive-through services for desirable uses — such as coffee shops, pharmacies, banks and quick-service restaurants — in appropriate locations.

These and other recommendations will be discussed further at future workshops. Check online at www.glenview.il.us/SitePages/Downtown.aspx for dates. The Village, meanwhile, continues to pursue opportunities as they arise.

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



President John F. Kennedy is credited for a quote about children being "the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

That makes nurturing our children everyone's job, especially in today's connected society. Two upcoming events show how Glenview is doing just that.

Along with physical, mental and social development, we should encourage and care for the growth of our children's online personas. So I'm proud to be moderating a panel discussion about "Character in Cyberspace" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Attea Middle School, 2500 Chestnut Ave.

The program, put together by Character Counts! in Glenview, starts with the premise that the Internet is essential to our children's future. All children, regardless of socio-economic background, race or ethnicity, should have access to this technology.

As our children's caretakers, adults need to become cyber-savvy – by knowing about the benefits of technology as well as the pitfalls. A wide range of panelists – including a social networking site founder, school technology directors, a state Internet safety specialist and high school and college students – can help us gain that understanding.

Character in Cyberspace
A Panel Discussion
7–8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12
Attea Middle School
2500 Chestnut Ave.

I hope you'll join me at this special event.

There's another organization in town that's daily been seeing to the mental health, character development and physical well-being of our community's children and their families.

Youth Services of Glenview-Northbrook, at 3080 W. Lake Ave., has been a local safety net for the past four decades. It lists as its goals striving to help youngsters realize that the choices they make impact the quality of their lives, and that they cannot always control what happens to them but can control how they react to the problems they face.

Youth Services celebrates 40 years of serving Glenview and Northbrook at its "Benefit 2012" on April 28. Glenview has been proud to have contributed to the success of the agency in the past, and extends congratulations on this milestone.

National Healthcare Decisions Day

This day exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. At this event, learn how to plan by:

- » talking about your decisions
- » knowing the options
- » thinking about your values
- » documenting your wishes

10 a.m. – noon Monday, April 26
North Shore Senior Center
161 Northfield Road, Northfield
Call (847) 784-6030 to register.

Keep your property off this Top 10 list



Property code violations, if left unresolved, can reduce the value of your real estate and negatively impact adjacent property owners. The Village therefore works diligently and quickly to achieve code compliance. Typically, verifiable property maintenance

violations lead to notices or citations so that situations can be addressed efficiently. Violation cases are heard by an administrative law judge at Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Call (847) 904-4340 for details.

Here are the top 10 code violations to watch out for:

1 Tall grass and weeds. Heights exceeding 8 inches are considered excessive.

2 Nuisance. Ranging from abandoned vehicles to trash receptacles left at the curb, Glenview's top nuisance is properties strewn with rubbish, yard waste and garbage.

3 Open or vacant structure. Property owners should keep the doors and windows of a vacant structure securely closed to prevent unauthorized entry.

4 Substandard exterior of structure. Homes, detached garages, sheds, and decks that are in disrepair, contain rotted wood or are structurally unsound may create an unsafe condition.

5 Unmaintained or unsecured swimming pools. Risk of injury or death from unauthorized access exists whenever pools are not properly secured. Glenview codes have specific requirements for fencing and self-locking gates. Stag-

nant water untreated with larvicide contributes to mosquito breeding.

6 Dead trees. Removing dead trees on private property reduces the risk of injury and property damage. Glenview has specific ordinances governing tree removal.

7 Vacant property registration. Glenview now requires notification from property owners whenever a property becomes vacant. The goal is to track vacant properties and to compel the property owners to maintain the property.

8 Sump pump/downspout discharge. Sump pumps must discharge at least 10 feet from any property line in a location that will not cause a nuisance drainage problem. New downspouts must discharge at least 10 feet from any property line, and generally should be directed toward the front or rear of the lot.

9 Raise of grade/blocked drainage. Blocking storm-water drainage that naturally flows from adjacent land is prohibited. The Village currently offers a drainage inspection cost-sharing program to help homeowners examine proper solutions for dealing with drainage. Information is available at: www.glenview.il.us/capital/swtaskforce.

10 Stagnant water. Measures must be taken to prevent shallow pools of water from standing on a property for an extended period of time. Stagnant water untreated with larvicide contributes to mosquito breeding. In most cases, the problem can be resolved by installing a rain garden (Village cost-sharing available) or a drain, minor grading or relocating a downspout or sump pump discharge. Information is available at: www.glenview.il.us/public_works.

Avoid becoming a victim of these kinds of scams

About a dozen Glenview residents became burglary victims in the past year after being visited by men offering to do home-related work, Glenview police have warned.

The primarily elderly owners of single-family or town houses were generally visited between noon and 5 p.m.

In order for jewelry and cash to be swiped, the ruses used to keep the homeowners distracted inside or get them to go outside have included:

- telling them a fence on a neighbor's property was being installed;
- offering to perform landscaping and tree trimming services;
- offering to remove ice from gutters;
- saying there was a problem with a neighbor's water pipes;
- posing as a "worker" in the area asking for a bucket of water;
- saying a water or electricity problem needs to be checked;
- saying repairs were ordered by a spouse; and
- offering to perform unsolicited work.

Often times, the offender was talking on a radio, cell phone or headset in a language other than English, most likely with an accomplice. Some have said they were with a homeowners association or the Village.

Always be suspicious of strangers that arrive uninvited to your property. Ask for identification and a phone number that can be called for verification. Most importantly, never hesitate to contact the Glenview Police Department.

Go Green! Glenview

We love our trees

Glenview's leafy canopy — and local efforts to effectively manage public trees — has earned the Village status as a Tree City USA for a 27th consecutive year and a Tree City USA Growth Award for a second consecutive year.



The honors were bestowed by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources because Glenview has a:

- Forestry team and Natural Resources Commission;
- Tree Care Ordinance;
- Community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita; and
- Arbor Day proclamation and observance, which this year takes place Friday, April 27. A European beech tree will be planted during a ceremony at Glenbrook South High School in conjunction with Project Earth, GBS' environmental club.

Glenview residents are encouraged to plant trees to preserve the environment and promote the well being of all.

Yard waste season is upon us

Thanks to an early spring, Glenview residents have started their engines — lawnmower engines, that is. Here's how to best dispose of grass clippings and yard waste:

1 "Grasscycle." Reuse grass clippings to make fertilizer, add nutrients to the lawn and reduce evaporation. Mow regularly with sharp blades when grass is dry.

2 Pay-by-the-bag. Yard waste can be bagged and left at curbside for pickup by Groot. Each bag must have a landscape waste sticker attached, which are now \$3 each, and can be purchased at:

- Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road
- Dominick's, 1340 Patriot Boulevard
- Jewel, 2775 Pfingsten Road, 2502 Waukegan Road
- Weiss Ace Hardware, 1850 Glenview Road

3 Seasonal subscription. Pay a one-time payment of \$142.47 for pickup of residential yard waste in a 95-gallon rental tote, at \$7.20 for the season, or a maximum of four unstickered bags per week. Contact Groot at (800) 244-1977 or online at www.groot.com.

4 Private landscaper. Keep in mind that Groot won't pick up unstickered items that the landscaper may put out on the curb.

National Drug Take Back Day

Unused or expired prescription drugs, **including controlled substances**, will be accepted at a Glenview Police Department-sponsored drive-through collection:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

**in the Public Works Department employee lot
1333 Shermer Road**

No liquids or needles, syringes or other sharps will be accepted.

This program is being offered in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Agency. The goal is to reduce the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse and safely dispose of medications.

Sharps are accepted at the first Friday of the month collections at Village Hall, but controlled substances are not.

Fire hydrants need flushing too



Public Works crews will begin visiting some of the 2,733 Village-owned fire hydrants in Glenview this month to let the water flow.

They'll be flushing out the hydrants to make sure they're in good working order. 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.

Signs will be posted 48 hours prior to the start of flushing in a particular neighborhood. Some of the work may take place late at night or on weekends to minimize traffic disruptions.

Once nearby hydrants have been flushed, you may notice some discoloration in the water. This can be cleared up by letting the cold water tap run for a few minutes.

Comment on Willow Road's future

A public hearing on the future of Willow Road through Northfield is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at New Trier High School's Northfield campus, 7 Happ Road, in the main cafeteria.

The open house-style public hearing will allow residents, business owners and others attending to view renderings of the "Four-lane with median Plan," the preferred alternative of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Community Advisory Group that's been studying for two years how best to improve the 1.2-mile stretch of Willow Road.

IDOT officials will be present to provide detailed information, answer questions and accept verbal or written comments.

This is the final step before IDOT officially begins the Phase II design process. The project is planned for construction in 2013.

For more information, go online to www.willowroadfuture.org.

VILLAGE BOARD AT WORK

The Village Board of Trustees met March 6 and 20. Among the items acted upon:

- ◆ Appointed Michael J. Hood as a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, to succeed longtime member Louis Garippo. Hood is Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. He leads the office's Criminal Enforcement, Investigations and Crime Victims Services Division. Previously, Hood was a Cook County assistant state's attorney. He served on active duty through the rank of major in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the DePaul University College of Law.
- ◆ Awarded a \$42,900 contract to Spaceco Inc. of Rosemont for engineering design services for the Navy Bypass Sewer Project. The storm sewer improvements are being done in conjunction with engineering work Spaceco was hired to do for Pulte Homes' Regency at The Glen residential project. Also awarded was a contract to Pirtano Construction Co. of Addison for \$168,800 to construct storm water improvements to the Navy Bypass Sewer from Sunset Memorial Lawns Cemetery to West Lake Avenue. The project is expected to reduce the depth and duration of flooding that occurs on portions of Shermer Road, Patriot Boulevard and Compass Road during major storm events.

- ◆ Accepted the dedication of two proposed rights-of-way — Constellation Drive and Dauntless Drive — across Village-owned property northwest of the intersection of Shermer Road and West Lake Avenue to facilitate the construction of the Pulte Homes project.
- ◆ Granted a commercial variance for Astellas Pharma U.S. Inc. to allow an identification and directional ground sign to be 7 feet tall, instead of the maximum 6 feet allowed by ordinance, thereby reducing the number of requested signs from two to one.
- ◆ Granted a conditional use and final site plan review to allow an auto sales, service, washing and detailing business to occupy an existing service center at 2100 Waukegan Road.
- ◆ Authorized a sublease amendment for the coffee vendor operation, TLC Café, at the Glen of North Glenview train station through March 2017. The operator was granted a \$50 monthly rent credit in exchange for services rendered to passengers at the unstaffed station.
- ◆ Authorized a contract with Jetco Limited of Palatine for \$682,395 to rehabilitate the 1 million gallon-capacity elevated water tank at 624 Waukegan Road, including painting and maintenance work. Also authorized was installation of a temporary cell tower at 630 Waukegan Road while the work is done on the elevated water tower for seven cellular providers currently leasing space on the water tower.

- ◆ Authorized a one-year contract extension with North Suburban Asphalt Maintenance of Park Ridge for roadway crack sealing services for \$85,800, the same pricing as the 2011 extension from the original 2010 contract. That contract was jointly bid with nine other communities through the Municipal Partnering Initiative.
- ◆ Authorized a one-year contract extension with Giant Maintenance and Restoration of Mundelein for \$23,760 for hydrant painting services. The contract was originally jointly bid with five other communities through the Municipal Partnering Initiative to obtain a cost saving estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 from 2010 pricing.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to Insituform Technologies USA LLC of Chesterfield, Mo. for \$697,356 to line various sanitary and storm sewer mains throughout the Village. The contract was jointly bid with three other communities through the Municipal Partnering Initiative to obtain a cost saving estimated at \$84,000, which allowed Glenview to add more sewer lining to the project.
- ◆ Appointed Village Trustee Debby Karton as Village Director to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County Board of Directors and Village Manager Todd Hileman, as Alternate Director through April 2014.

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

Congratulations to our

45th annual Glenview Civic Award Winners



Citizen of the Year
Lloyd Kuehn, Jr.



Youth of the Year
Merrick Topping



Public Service Award
Dr. Raul Heredia
Adam Smiley



Public Safety Award
Police Detective Cathy Sostak



Special Committee Award
Fred Gullen

The 2011 Glenview Civic Awards will be presented Friday, April 20, at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road. Dinner, entertainment and the awards ceremony follow a 6 p.m. reception.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Seating is limited to 200 guests. Reservations can be made by calling (847) 901-6100.

This civic event is sponsored by Joseph M. Sesterhenn American Legion Post 166, Glenview Women of Today, Kiwanis Club of Glenview/Northbrook, Lions, Navy League-Glenview Council, Optimist, Rotary-Luncheon, Rotary-Sunrise and the Glenview Chamber of Commerce, and is supported by the Glenview Police Department.



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 block Pleasant Lane • 1500 block Pendleton Lane • 1900 block East Lake Avenue • 1700 block Sunset Ridge Road (school zone) • 1500 block Woodlawn Road

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Glenview Road/Waukegan Road • Dewes Street/Spruce Street • Highland Lane/Knollwood Lane • Linneman Street/Huber Lane (school zone)



WATCH US

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

- **Off the Shelf: Jill Rigby.** 10 a.m. April 5. A GVTV original series
- **45th annual Glenview Civic Awards.** 6 p.m. April 20. North Shore Country Club
- **Public Check on Congress.** 10:30 a.m. April 24. North Shore Senior Center.

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

Frank: The Life and Loves of America's Greatest Entertainer

1-2 p.m. Friday, April 27

Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road

This free GLEnergy program is a partnership of the Glenview Public Library, Village of Glenview Senior Services and North Shore Senior Center. Call (897) 729-7500 to register.

STAY CONNECTED

Upcoming Public Meetings

Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m. April 3, 17
<i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	
Plan Commission	7 p.m. April 10, 24
<i>Steve Bucklin, Chair</i>	
Appearance Commission	7:30 p.m. April 4, 18
<i>Tim McJilton, Chair</i>	
Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m. April 9
<i>David Silver, Chair</i>	
Natural Resources Commission	7 p.m. April 16
<i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 p.m. April 16
<i>Ron Greco, Chair</i>	

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

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