



# The Village of Glenview Report



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## Thinking Out of the Box:

### Building Regional Partnerships

Thinking out of the box: it's a necessity when funds are tight and service expectations are high. And, increasingly, it's the way the Village does business. The economic downturn coupled with the State's fiscal crisis has resulted in some creative approaches to service delivery -- among them, partnering with other municipalities to get the job done.

Over the past year, this newsletter has highlighted a number of these partnerships -- for example, a joint tree-trimming contract with Wilmette and Kenilworth. In every case, the result has been lower costs with no decline in service level.

No municipality has been untouched by the economic climate, and last fall the partnership approach to service delivery moved up a notch when a number of municipalities in Northwest Illinois kicked off efforts to create a regional partnership initiative. Near the end of September, 18 area villages and cities came together to discuss and explore a strategic, coordinated bidding effort for everything from construction and fire hydrant testing to sewer relining and professional services.

#### Why Partner: Making the Case

Done right, jointly bidding out work can be a win-win situation -- for all the municipalities involved and for the private contractors.

#### Municipal Benefits . . .

- Working together to purchase shared services and commodities creates economies of scale - which results in lower costs for each municipality.
- This better pricing translates into extra, saved dollars that can be reallocated to other services.
- Geographic proximity makes the work appealing to vendors, which also encourages better pricing.
- The partnering municipalities need only work through

one bidding process -- reducing the workload on all, and freeing up capacity for other projects.

#### Vendor Benefits . . .

- Simply put, it's work! Many contractors have seen substantial slowdowns in business during this economic downturn.
- As noted above, geographic proximity of clients en-

#### Regional Partnership Initiative Committees



**Construction** (crack sealing, sewer relining, resurfacing)  
Chair: Glenview



**Facilities & Grounds** (landscaping, janitorial services, elevator and HVAC maintenance)  
Chair: Highland Park



**Public Works** (street sweeping, snow plowing, street light maintenance)  
Chair: Grayslake



**Utilities** (water meter reading, leak detection, sewer cleaning)  
Chair: Lake Forest

- hances efficient mobilization of crews and equipment.
- Municipalities pay their bills -- vendors have the certainty of work and payment.

#### Working Through the Details

The September meeting was a first step. After a follow-up survey that further gauged interest in more than 40 potential partnering opportunities, four cross-municipal committees were ultimately established -- each focusing on a different area and each chaired by a different municipality (see graphic).

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## Regional Partnerships

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Committee meetings kicked off in December and January, and much progress has been made. The initial focus has been on construction: already, six new municipalities have opted to join an existing joint crack sealing contract that incorporated Glenview and four other communities. The result: all partners benefitted from the 22 percent reduction in costs negotiated in the original contract.

Over the course of the next few months, six additional Construction subcommittees made up of between two and seven municipalities will be jointly bidding out street resurfacing, concrete work, sewer relining, and roadway quality assessments.

### What the Future Holds

It's early days yet for the Partnering Initiative. As additional joint contracts are finalized and the work begins, the group will closely monitor costs, efficiencies, and service quality. But partnership members are confident that this type of creative service provision can ultimately preserve a high level of quality service for residents while helping to keep costs under control.

*From the Village President . . .*

## Resident Feedback: Making a Difference



I often close my monthly newsletter column with a request for feedback on a particular issue, or by suggesting that residents contact me with any questions or concerns about the topic. And I expect that many readers consider this a platitude -- but that couldn't be further from the truth.

Every day, on almost every topic pertaining to Glenview, Village staff and Trustees are collecting citizen input. Our community is engaged, involved and passionate about the issues -- whether it be refuse pick up and street construction, how to use a particular piece of land, or how we should promote development downtown.

And it makes a difference. Public input informs our decision-making more, perhaps, than most people are aware. In some cases, we gather input through a formal process: after all, our Commissioners are residents, and often we establish citizen committees to help us think through choices as we move through a project. In some cases, the input comes to us in a more informal fashion.

Two recent examples of more structured feedback collection might include our Storm Water Task Force and our Waukegan Road Committee. Both were short-term committees launched in response to a specific event -- in one case, extensive flooding and in another the announcement that Waukegan Road was targeted for resurfacing by the State. Our goal was to bring together members of the public who had some insight into the matter at hand -- perhaps their house had been impacted by the flooding, or perhaps their business was located along the Waukegan corridor -- in order to develop a thoughtful plan that addressed the issue.

But sometimes, the input is more informal. Residents attend our meetings, speak out on issues, send letters and emails, call us, visit Village Hall, and stop us in the grocery store or at a community event.

For example, more than a year ago the Village overhauled its contract with Groot for refuse and recycling pick up, resulting in some significant changes. We asked for feedback and throughout the process we heard from Groot customers regarding everything from yard waste pick up and senior discounts to service frequency and container size. All of this input helped us chart our course and many of the suggestions made their way into the final contract.

Often, simply getting involved and speaking up makes a difference. As various matters relating to particular neighborhoods come before the Board, residents often contact us with opinions and ideas. Whether the issue is traffic, road construction, public safety or zoning, these citizens can provide us with a ground-level perspective Trustees and staff may not have. And in many cases, it does have an impact on our final decision.

Some of our best ideas come from residents! Recently I was approached about re-naming one of our streets in memory of the late Village President Jim Smirles -- and we'll be doing just that when we give Prairie Avenue the honorary title "Jim Smirles Way" on April 4.

As my focus this month is on resident feedback, how can I do anything other than again end this column by asking you to keep it coming? This community belongs to us all, and we all play a role in making it a great place to live, work and do business.

*Kerry D. Cummings*

***It's Time to Honor Our Own  
Nominations are due March 21  
by 4 p.m. for the***

## **44th Annual Glenview Civic Awards**



### **Categories for 2010:**

**Citizen of the Year** (must live or work in Glenview) •  
**Youth of the Year** (must be a Glenview resident in high school) • **Public Safety Award** (must be a Village police officer, firefighter or paramedic) • **Public Service Award** (must have given direct support to public authorities)

For more information about nominee requirements, call (847) 901-6100. Send your nominations and a detailed letter outlining their qualifications to **Sandie Elliott, Glenview Police Department, 2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026.**

### **And Save the Date!**

**The Civic Awards dinner will take place on  
Friday, April 29**

Look for more information in your March Village Report

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.

## **Calling All Young Writers Grades 5-8!**



Sharpen your pencils, fire up your keyboards and get ready for the **14th annual CHARACTER COUNTS! in Glenview Essay Contest.** Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to submit pieces (limit 350 words) on the topic of "Fairness,"

one of the six pillars of character.

Essays will be accepted through **Friday, February 25** and will be judged by a panel of professional writers. All entrants will receive a ribbon, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade level. Winners will also be recognized at the Village Board meeting on Thursday, April 7 and 1st place essays will be published in the *Glenview Announcements*.

Submit your entry (be sure to include your name, address, grade, school and home telephone number on *each page*) to Barbara Littlefield at the Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road. Questions? Call Peggy O'Brien at (847) 729-3689.

**Special thanks to this year's contest sponsors: American Chartered Bank, Image Specialties, Optimist Club of Glenview and Northview Bank & Trust.**

Whether you're new to Glenview or have lived here for years, don't miss the annual

# Resident Open House



**Saturday, February 26  
9-11:30 a.m.**

Park Center Lobby • 2400 Chestnut

*Put all the pieces together and find out more about the Village, Park District, Library, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Townships, Glenbrook Hospital, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and other community organizations at this free event.*

**Refreshments • Police Officers • Firefighters • Free blood pressure checks by NorthShore University HealthSystem • Voter Registration** (bring two pieces of ID with a current address) • Crafts for the kids

Glenview nonprofits, community groups and religious institutions are welcome to send up to 100 brochures to the Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road (deadline: Wednesday, February 16) for our community table.

Sponsored by the Village of Glenview; Coordinated by the Glenview Communicators Organization. Special thanks to Catered by Design for donating the refreshments! Questions? Call (847) 904.4371.

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# Go Green! Glenview

## Medication and Sharps Drop Off: A Gentle Reminder



On the first Friday of each month, the Village -- in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County -- offers residents an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted medicines and sharps at a drop-point at the Village Hall (1225 Waukegan).

Drop off hours are 9 a.m. - noon. **However, recently, many residents have been bringing their items in the afternoon.**

Unfortunately, staff is not equipped to accept medications and sharps after the noon deadline. Please make a note, and be sure to stop by in the morning!

Upcoming drop-off dates include **Friday, February 4 and Friday, March 4**. For more information, check [www.glenview.il.us/departments/development/health/drugsharpsrecycle.shtml](http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/development/health/drugsharpsrecycle.shtml).

**NEW: Bring your alkaline and rechargeable batteries along to the drop off -- we'll recycle them! Please note that rechargeable batteries must have masking tape on the contact points.**

## It's Time to Request Your Parkway Tree Type



The Village manages an ongoing parkway tree planting program in order to help keep Glenview green! Each year, new trees are planted along public parkways and unhealthy or dead trees are removed. Through this program, residents may request a specific type of tree to be planted on the parkway in front of their property.

**The deadline for ordering trees is Friday, February 25.** Email your preference to [treeplanting@glenview.il.us](mailto:treeplanting@glenview.il.us) or call (847) 657-3030. We'll do our best to fulfill your request. Not sure what type of tree to ask for? On our tree planting page at [www.glenview.il.us/departments/public\\_works/treeprogram.shtml](http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/public_works/treeprogram.shtml) you'll find a link to a list of trees commonly planted on Glenview parkways.

If we don't hear from you, we'll assume that you wish to have a tree planted in the parkway near your property -- and that you have no preferred tree type. If you would prefer *not* to have a parkway tree planted/re-planted in the parkway near your home please contact the Village.

## Wide Open West to Launch Phase II of its Build Out

Residents living east of Waukegan Road -- between approximately Winnetka Road on the north, the Glen View Club on the south -- may see some activity in their area in the coming months. Last month, Wide Open West (WOW) -- one of the providers that offers cable, phone and internet service within Glenview -- began the next phase of its build out within the Village.

During February, you may notice WOW contractors up on existing utility poles in the area hanging cable. Once the ground thaws in the spring, the company will begin the underground work.

This will generally involve parkways, however, in some cases easements have been granted on private property in the area (because that's where the existing utilities are already in place).

Here's how you can stay in the loop:

- About 48 hours before any construction takes place in your area, you'll receive a door tag.
- You can also call WOW at (866) 202-0872 for construction information.
- WOW has also agreed to provide the Village with a weekly construction schedule. Call our Resolution Center at (847) 904-4350 for information.

Questions about service, fees, and products should be directed to WOW at (866) 209-1474 or [www.wowway.com](http://www.wowway.com).

## Coyote Caution



It's winter -- and that means that here in Glenview our native coyotes are likely to be out and about foraging for food. But there are ways to live peacefully with our wilder neighbors -- all it takes is a little preparation and caution.

- **Never attempt to feed a coyote.** That's how most bites occur.
- Coyotes have been known to attack unattended family pets, so **keep your dogs or cats indoors or in a pen** when you can't keep an eye on them.
- **Don't leave food bowls, toys or bones outside** and clean up scraps before dusk.
- **Close garbage cans tightly** and place them in a shed or your garage.
- **Cover window wells** and **repair cracked porch stoops.**
- **Repair weak, rotten areas** of roof, soffit, fascia board or wooden porch enclosures.

And if you see a sick or wounded coyote on your property -- or if you have questions about anything having to do with local wildlife -- call Village Animal Control (see page 5).

## Actions Taken By the Village Board of Trustees: January, 2011

*Some agenda items are omitted due to space considerations. For more details visit [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us)*

*Trustees Pat Cuisinier and Paul Detlefs were absent on January 18.*

### Village President Report

- Honorary designation of Prairie Avenue as **Jim Smirles Way**. Ceremony to take place on **Monday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **GoGreen Glenview Green Business Awards Presentation.** GoGreen Gold Award: Effective Air, Inc.; Go Green Awards to D/R Services Unlimited, Inc. and Sweet Home Improvements.

### Approved

- Village funding of installation of curb and gutter as part of the **Hunter Road Reconstruction Project.** *Vote 4-2 in favor.*
- Contracts, Purchases and Bid Awards:
  - Software maintenance agreement for **integrated public safety computing system with New World Systems.** Three-year contract. Budget: \$410,984.
  - **Geographic Information System Consortium service provision** from Municipal GIS Partners. Budget: \$177,034.
- Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution to **release \$1.25 million in Motor Fuel Tax funds to Glenview** for the Village's 2011 Road Resurfacing and Minor Area Strategy Repair (MARS) Programs.
- Amendment to Municipal Code that permits **larger electronic changeable message signs along the Tollway.**
- Amendment to Municipal Code regarding **residential signs, awnings, and minimum rear yard settings for business districts.**
- Submission of an application to receive funds through the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program for the **Harlem/Dewes/Henley Area Storm Water Infrastructure Improvement Project.**
- Bid auction conducted by Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative for **electricity supply for the Village's pumping station, parking decks, train stations, and streetlights.**
- Final site plan for **Care Club for Seniors, 1151 Waukegan Road.**
- Establishment of **30-minute parking restriction on Harlem Avenue north of Glenview Road and across from Glenview Public Library.** Business owners in this area have been concerned that library patrons may occupy the parking spaces along the east side of the street for extended periods of time, making customer access difficult.

### Denied

- Annexation of **3702 Central Road.** *Vote 4-3 opposed.*

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

<b>24-hour Police/Fire/Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police non-emergency</b> (includes animal control)	<b>729-5000</b>
<b>Fire non-emergency</b>	<b>724-2141</b>
<b>Village Switchboard</b>	<b>724-1700</b>
<b>Administrative Services</b>	<b>904-4350</b>
<i>commuter parking, permit payment, recycling bins, mapping, voter registration, water billing.</i>	<i>Water Billing:</i> 724-3112
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>998-9500</b>
<i>capital projects, Glen redevelopment, engineering</i>	
<b>Development</b>	<b>904-4340</b>
<i>building, fire &amp; health inspections, liquor licenses, planning, private tree inspections, property maintenance complaints.</i>	<i>Inspection Requests:</i> 904-4320
<b>Manager's Office</b>	<b>904-4370</b>
<i>Freedom of Information Act requests, senior services, block party/special event permits, communications, Glenview Television, human resources, economic development.</i>	
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>657-3030</b>
<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](http://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 February 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”:** 800 East Lake • 2400 – 2600 blk West Lake • 9800 blk Milwaukee Ave • 1300 – 1600 blk Hollywood

**Stop sign and stop light enforcement:** Colfax & Neva • Dewes & Spruce • Highland & Knollwood • Mapleleaf & Strawberry

## Village of Glenview Upcoming Public Meetings: February



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
<b>Board of Trustees</b> <i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	February 1 & 15, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Appearance Commission</b> <i>Tim McJilton, Interim Chair</i>	February 2 & 16, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> <i>David Silver, Chair</i>	February 14, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Natural Resources Commission</b> <i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	No meeting in February
<b>Plan Commission</b> <i>Steven K. Bucklin, Chair</i>	February 8 & 22, 7 p.m.
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> <i>Ron Greco, Chair</i>	February 7 & 21, 7 p.m.

*Trustee and Plan Commission Meetings air live on GVTV, stream live at [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us), and may also be accessed online after the meetings.*

### Circuit Breaker Program Applications Now Available

The Illinois Department of Aging’s **Circuit Breaker Program** can help seniors aged 65+ and people with disabilities reduce a range of expenses. The program includes:

- **Grants** to help offset a portion of your property taxes.
- A **\$75 discount** on your license plate fee.
- **Prescription drug assistance** through Illinois Cares Rx
- **Free rides on public transportation** for those with qualifying disabilities.

Income limits apply. Find out more (and download an application) at [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov). You can also pick up an application at the Village’s Senior Services Office, 1225 Waukegan Road, and at the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut. For more information, call (847) 904-4366 or email [seniors@glenview.il.us](mailto:seniors@glenview.il.us).

### Entitlements for Seniors:

#### How to Cut Through the Red Tape

Join the Senior Services Division on **Thursday, February 17** for this free seminar featuring Bette Vitale, LCSW, North Shore Senior Center. Program time: 1 p.m. at the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut.

### Senior Housing Assistance Program Update

Applications for the **2011 Village Senior Housing Assistance Program**, designed to assist Glenview residents with property taxes or rent, will be accepted between **February 7-18**. You can find applications at:

- Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan (or [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us))
- Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road
- North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield
- Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut.

Recipients are selected by need; to qualify, you must meet certain age and income limits. For information visit our website or call Kim Hand, Senior Services Coordinator at (847) 904-4366.



### What’s On Tap This Month

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

- **“Disco Knights” - A Play.** February 4-5. Springman Middle School.
- **Cholesterol Information.** February 9. Binh Phan, MD, NorthShore Medical Group.
- **How Music Therapy Has Proven to Be a Powerful Tool to Provide Pain Relief and to Ease Anxiety and Depression.** February 15. Kate Geouge, Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center.

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

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