



# The Village of Glenview Report

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## New option for home improvement project permits

Obtaining a permit for a home improvement project can sometimes be a time-consuming, complex process.

Glenview has initiated a new review option to make the process easier. It will provide reviews of most residential project plans on the same day with the aim of issuing the permit within a single day.

Called Same Day Permit Review, the idea is to have various department reviewers – building, zoning and engineering – have access to a permit application and other required documentation over the course of a single session.

It's a departure from the process most municipalities and counties follow, that can result in lengthy processing times with frequent back and forth communications, sometimes over the course of many weeks.

Glenview's new review option is designed to allow more consistent applications of rules, be more streamlined

Same Day Permit Review is available:

8:30 a.m. to noon and  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Mondays and Fridays

For more information,  
contact the Capital Projects/  
Inspectional Services  
Department:  
(847) 904-4330  
[permits@glenview.il.us](mailto:permits@glenview.il.us)

and provide quicker turnaround times, which facilitate a more rapid construction start. That makes the village a more appealing place to do remodeling and construction work.

Once clerks determine the application is eligible, and check the contractor's license and bonds, a file is created that will pass through reviewers' hands within a conference room.

Depending on the proposed work, required submittals should include a completed application; an accurate plat of survey; scaled site plans showing existing and proposed work; and, if applicable, manufacturers' specifications for equipment, construction material details and floor plans/elevations.

Changes discussed with the owner or authorized applicant can be agreed to and initialed on the spot. If plans are prepared by an architect, the owner or applicant can bring in a stamped and sealed letter from the architect authorizing them to make plan corrections. Some plans may receive contingent approval, depending on open items pending, such as an engineering inspection sign off.

The option is expected to be expanded to commercial remodeling projects later this year.

Along with this new permit review option, applicants for single-family home improvement projects can take advantage of a 25 percent discount on permit fees offered by the Village through March 31.



Eligible residential projects include:

- ✓ Remodeling (i.e. bathroom, kitchen, basement)
- ✓ Demolition
- ✓ Foundation repair
- ✓ Pool removal
- ✓ Non-structural fire damage repair
- ✓ Drywall associated with water damage
- ✓ Spot survey

Residential projects with less than a 400-square-foot increase in impervious lot coverage may be eligible:

- ✓ New or expanding driveway
- ✓ Walk
- ✓ Stoop or patio
- ✓ Porch
- ✓ Fence
- ✓ Pergola
- ✓ Pool or spa
- ✓ Shed
- ✓ Detached garage
- ✓ Yard drain
- ✓ One-story addition adjacent to single-family
- ✓ Generator
- ✓ Air conditioning unit
- ✓ Tennis or basketball court

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## TALK TO US

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**Resolution Center** (847) 724-1700  
*General information, work order and map requests, business license payments, trash/recycling carts, voter registration*  
**Water billing** (847) 724-3112

**Village Manager**  
Todd Hileman (847) 904-4370  
thileman@glenview.il.us  
*Freedom of Information Act requests, senior services, block party/special event permits, GVTV, human resources*

**Emergency**  
Police, fire, ambulance 911

**Police non-emergency** (847) 729-5000  
*Commuter parking/permits*

**Fire non-emergency** (847) 724-2141

**Capital Projects/  
Inspectional Services** (847) 904-4400  
*Engineering, road construction, building permits, property maintenance complaints, liquor licenses, private tree inspections*  
**Inspection requests** (847) 904-4320

**Public Works** (847) 657-3030  
*Snow plowing, water/sewer, street signs and maintenance, public tree concerns, natural resources*

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## FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



While the Village Board of Trustees enacts laws and policies at our twice monthly meetings, discussions about items on the agenda often first take place at Board workshops. We are trying a new format for these workshops this year by scheduling most to precede regular Board meetings in hopes that it is more convenient for residents.

The workshops allow the Board to focus on a single complex issue or a few smaller issues, prompting deeper discussion and debate. That way, we can think through choices and give direction and guidance to staff on formulating the ordinances and resolutions which we then present and vote on at regular Board meetings.

At 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21, before the 7:30 p.m. regular Board business meeting, we'll hear a report from Village staff on electric aggregation, and then discuss whether the Board would like staff to investigate options for purchasing electricity from a supplier other than ComEd for residents and small businesses.

In 2009, the Illinois General Assembly passed a law permitting municipalities to contract with alternative electric suppliers. ComEd would still serve as the power system distributor – in other words, the utility would still own and maintain the power lines and associated infrastructure. Through a bidding process that would have to be authorized by referendum, the Village might be able to arrange for residents to select another supplier which currently advertises lower rates than are now available.

You've probably already read articles and gotten solicitations from electricity vendors about this option.

We know Glenview residents and merchants have strong opinions about electric rates. But before we ask them to make a decision, the Board needs to fully understand what electric aggregation is and all its implications. That will be part of our Feb. 21 workshop discussion, and probably a few subsequent meetings.

Topics for other workshops, which would begin at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, have been tentatively scheduled over the next few months. They include:

- development of more user-friendly website feature for fiscal transparency initiatives
- review of the Infrastructure Management Services report of Village street conditions
- report on the feasibility of a stormwater utility fee to fund flood control measures
- traffic improvements for the library and surrounding area
- review of budget policy assumptions for 2013

Check our website for dates as scheduled.

*Kerry Cummings*



### ASK THE VILLAGE

Watch a new video answer to a frequently asked question every week on the Village's website, [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us).

## 45th annual Glenview Civic Awards



Recognize and pay tribute to citizens and public employees in Glenview who have made a difference.

Nominations accepted in these categories:

### 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

Send nominations and a detailed letter outlining their qualifications to:

Sandie Elliott  
Glenview Police Department  
2500 E. Lake Avenue  
Glenview IL 60026

The 2011 Glenview Civic Awards dinner will be held Friday, April 20, at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road. A reception from 6-6:45 p.m. will be followed by dinner, entertainment and the awards ceremony.

The Civic Awards is sponsored by these Glenview service clubs: 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.

For more information, call (847) 901-6100.

## A person of character

The 15th annual CHARACTER COUNTS! in Glenview Essay Contest invites young writers to submit entries about a person they admire.



All entrants will receive ribbons, and a panel of professional writers will choose first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade level. All winners will be recognized at the April 17 Village Board meeting. First-place essays will be published in the *Glenview Announcements*.

### Contest rules:

- ✍ Open to students in fifth through eighth grades.
- ✍ Essays should show how the writer's chosen person demonstrates one of the six pillars of character. Write why the person is admired and how the person sets a good example of the pillar of character.
- ✍ Entries must be no more than 350 words.
- ✍ Name, address, phone number, grade and school should be included in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
- ✍ Entries must be delivered by Friday, February 24, to Barbara Littlefield at the Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road.

Call Ana Cassorla with questions at (847) 724-2140.

Awards provided by: Northview Bank & Trust, Glenview Optimists, Image Specialties and American Chartered Bank

For anyone new to or already living in Glenview



## Resident Open House

Saturday, February 25  
9 to 11:30 a.m.

Park Center Lobby, 2400 Chestnut Ave.

Refreshments • Free blood pressure checks • Voter registration • Crafts for kids

Representatives at this free event include: the Village (police, fire, senior services), Park District, Library, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Townships, Glenbrook Hospital, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

Glenview nonprofit, community groups and religious institutions are welcome to send up to 100 brochures to Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, by Feb. 17 for the community table.

Sponsored by the Village of Glenview and coordinated by the Glenview Communicators Organization. Special thanks to Catered by Design for donating refreshments.

Call (847) 904-4371 for more information.

# Green!

## Request a parkway tree

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 properties.

The deadline for ordering trees is Friday, Feb. 24. Email your preference to [treeplanting@glenview.il.us](mailto:treeplanting@glenview.il.us) or call (847) 657-3030. A list of trees commonly planted on Glenview parkways can be found on our website at [www.glenview.il.us/public\\_works](http://www.glenview.il.us/public_works) under the Services/Concerns column.

## What to do with old electronics

Pitching unwanted electronic devices into the trash bin or placing them at curb side for pickup is no longer acceptable in Glenview or other Illinois communities, under the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act.

The new 2012 rules ban 17 electronic products from Illinois landfills, including televisions, monitors, printers, computers, video cassette recorders, portable digital music players, digital video disc players and video game consoles.

Two permanent electronics drop-off sites are provided by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, across from the Maryville Academy, which is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. most Saturdays; and Winnetka Public Works, 1390 Willow Road, which is open 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesdays and 1-3 p.m. Thursdays.

These retailers also accept electronic items:

- » **Abt Electronics**, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview  
2-7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.
  - Free recycling on all LG, Panasonic, Samsung, Sharp, Sony Toshiba and Zenith electronics
  - All televisions (free)
  - Computers, fax machines, VCRs and DVD players (\$5)
  - Small electronics (\$10)
  - Batteries (30 cents per pound)
- » **Best Buy**, various locations
  - Accepted free — most televisions and monitors up to 32 inches; flat-panel TVs and monitors up to 60 inches, computers and notebooks, small electronics, VCRs and DVD players, fans, vacuums, keyboards, mice and remotes
  - Kiosks provided for rechargeable batteries, cell phones, ink jet and toner cartridges, wires, cords, cables, smart phones and gift cards

## Voting information

### Early voting



Glenview Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, is serving as an early election polling place for the March 20 General Primary Election. Early voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays from Feb. 27 to March 15.

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.

Early voting is conducted on touch screens that store every ballot style in the county, permitting any voter in suburban Cook County to vote at any location.

### Register to vote

Citizens can register to vote up to one week before an election, depending on certain guideline limits and where grace-period registrants can vote.

The League of Women Voters of Glenview has scheduled two voter registration events:

- ▶ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave.
- ▶ 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road

To be eligible to register to vote, one must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older on the next election day and reside in the jurisdiction for 30 days prior to an election.

Illinois residents may also register in person at the office of the election authority, at a driver's license facility or via mail using the Illinois Voter Registration Application.

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## Breakfast with lawmakers

**Who:** U.S. Congressman Robert Dold, R-10th, and state Rep. Daniel Biss, D-17th

**What:** A discussion of issues Glenview and other communities will face in the next few years, moderated by former Glenview Village President Nancy Firfer

**When:** 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13

**Where:** Crowne Plaza Chicago/Northbrook, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook

**Cost:** \$15 for Glenview residents until Feb. 7; \$20 after. Students are free.

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

# VILLAGE BOARD AT WORK

The Village Board met Jan. 3 and 17. Some of the items acted upon included:

- ◆ Executed a four-year collective bargaining agreement with the Glenview Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 4186. The contract, which expires Dec. 31, 2014, grants a 3 percent wage increase in 2011 and 2012 and a 2.5 percent wage increase in 2013 and 2014; and includes increases in health insurance premium contributions and plan design changes
- ◆ Approved a zoning variation for Astellas Pharma US, Inc., 1 Astellas Way, to allow installation of two 330-square-foot front wall signs for the office complex.
- ◆ Approved final site plan review and final subdivision for Prairie Materials, 2900 Old Willow Road. The concrete producer and distributor plans to use the north 1.83 acres of the property for additional material storage and a formal detention area.
- ◆ Approved final site plan review for DRL Enterprises Inc., 2301 Ravine Way, to allow expansion of an existing

parking lot and a new curb cut onto Old Willow Road

- ◆ Heard a report on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's ongoing efforts to develop county-wide projects to reduce regional flooding. Preliminary engineering design is commencing for a 1,100-acre-foot of detention adjacent to the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River upstream of Glenview.
- ◆ Certified the Motor Fuel Tax Fund appropriation for the 2012 Road Resurfacing and MARS programs. The certification is required in order for Illinois to appropriate \$1.25 million of MFT funds, which will be used for the road pavement and storm sewer improvements.
- ◆ Purchased a high-speed digital color copier and a three-year service agreement for \$28,077 from Konica Minolta Business Solutions of Rolling Meadows.
- ◆ Renewed the Village's membership in Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau for \$56,610 covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. The Village has been a member since 2008.
- ◆ Executed a contract for 2012 legisla-

tive services with Cullen and Associates for \$52,800. The firm represents the Village's position on public policy issues and seeks out state/federal grant funding opportunities.

- ◆ Executed a Redevelopment Agreement with the owners of 1803-1805 and 1809-1837 Waukegan Road. The agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Chestnut Avenue/Waukegan Road intersection would be reconstructed to include an improved eastern leg located in the shopping center. Redesign of the intersection was one priority of the 2009 Waukegan Road Corridor Plan.
- ◆ Authorized purchase of an ambulance for \$224,025 through the Northwest Municipal Conference Joint Purchasing Program and declared as surplus the sub-standard unit it will replace, making it eligible for trade in.

*View other Village Board meeting summaries online at [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us) and click on Board of Trustees/Meeting Reports.*

## Leak detection efforts in water systems paying off

Since 2007, the Village has been on the lookout for leaks in water mains that are undetectable from the surface and result in water loss that is unaccounted for.

A contractor hired by the Village has surveyed Glenview's 260 miles of water distribution pipes and the 54 miles of pipes that are part of the Village-owned North Maine Utilities, which serves customers in unincorporated areas around Glenview.

Using sensitive sound-intensifying instruments, crews with ADS Environmental Services "listened" to all hydrants and strategic main line valves to detect where water could be leaking.

Subsequent investigations were conducted in suspect areas using an electronic leak correlator to pinpoint the leaks for repair by Public Works staff.

The program has paid off. Had the leaks not been located and repaired, water losses could have totaled \$441,668 over the last four years in both systems, which would have required rate hikes.

Year	Leaks detected	Potential gallon loss (in millions)
2011	22	120.085
2010	34	137.240
2009	20	80.665
2008	19	177.025

Minimizing water loss helps ensure the Village's systems are using their allocation of Lake Michigan water efficiently. Locating the leaks through the surveys also allows them to be repaired before they come more serious.

Additionally, Glenview realized savings by jointly bidding for leak detection services with the Village of Winnetka in 2010. Glenview's share of the three-year contract with ADS, at \$103,600, took advantage of economics of scale that lowered the price for both municipalities and locked in the rates.



## 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”:** 1600 block Constitution Drive • 1200 block Lehigh Avenue • 2400-2600 blocks Greenwood Road • 800-900 blocks Laramie Avenue

**Stop sign and stop light enforcement:** Elmwood/Brandon • Polo/Wagner • Highland/Knollwood • Maple Leaf/Strawberry



## WATCH US

GVTV airs on channel 17 or 6, depending on your neighborhood, and 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.

- **Glenview Art League’s 23rd annual Youth Art Fair.** 1:30 - 4 p.m. Feb. 25. Attea Middle School.
- **Veterans Services: What benefits do I have coming to me as a veteran?** 10 a.m. Feb. 7. North Shore Senior Center.
- **Off the Shelf: Conversations with Authors.** GVTV-produced episodes airing all month.

Programming is subject to change without notice. Check the GVTV schedule at [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us).

## Medicare Made Easy

Join the Senior Services Division at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, for this free seminar featuring Jean Cleland, LSW, North Shore Senior Center health insurance program coordinator. This GLEnergy program takes place at the Glenview Public Library community room, 1930 Glenview Road.

## STAY CONNECTED

### Upcoming Public Meetings

Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m. Feb. 7, 21
<i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	
Plan Commission	7 p.m. Feb. 14, 28
<i>Steve Bucklin, Chair</i>	
Appearance Commission	7:30 p.m. Feb. 1, 15
<i>Tim McJilton, Chair</i>	
Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m. Feb. 13
<i>David Silver, Chair</i>	
Natural Resources Commission	7 p.m. Feb. 20
<i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 p.m. Feb. 6, 20
<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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