



The Village of Glenview Report

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Making sense of your property tax bill

Through property taxes, citizens pay for many of the services and amenities they enjoy in their communities, from police and fire protection to teacher salaries, park district programs and library services.

In general, the property tax you pay relates to the value of the property you own — whether it's residential, commercial or industrial. But the total tax paid is split between more than a dozen taxing districts. These include your school districts, Oakton Community College, the Village of Glenview, Glenview Park District, Cook County and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Understanding the property tax system is not easy. A number of variables determine the way that property taxes are calculated and why they go up or down each year.

Who calculates property taxes?

Glenview property taxes are calculated by the Cook County Clerk, Assessor's and Treasurer's offices. Each year, Cook County reassesses a third of the approximately 1.8 million parcels within its borders, so your property is reassessed every third year.

How does each taxing jurisdiction determine its tax revenues?

Each district supported by property tax dollars must submit a property tax levy approved by the governing body, called a tax levy request, to the County by the end of December. This is the total amount of revenue to be raised from property taxes for that district's use, not a per property dollar amount.

Your property tax dollar

Based on 2011 tax rates, this illustration shows the percentage that local governments collect from the total tax bill of a Glenview property owner who resides in school districts 34 and 225 in Northfield Township. The percentages vary slightly for Glenview residents in other school districts and townships.



How are tax rates set?

The tax rate is based on a unit of \$100 equalized assessed valuation. Each local government with jurisdiction where a person lives will have its own rate. Cook County calculates tax rates by using the amount of dollars requested to be levied by each taxing agency and the value of all taxable property located within its boundaries.

All those rates added together becomes the total tax rate for a community. The County Clerk calculates the rates per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation (EAV) that will provide the amount of money needed to meet each government's tax levy.

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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 (847) 904-4400

Engineering, road construction

Inspectional Services (847) 904-4330

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



Even though this has been a relatively mild, snowless winter, we're already looking forward to spring.

The Village has been gearing up for efforts that annually contribute to the upkeep of a "green" Glenview. The Village Board last month approved an agreement with the Suburban Tree Consortium to buy \$335,250 worth of trees to plant around town this year. That's expected to purchase around 1,000 trees, about 30 percent more than in 2012.

Last year was not a good one for trees. Ash trees already fighting the infestation of the emerald ash borer along with other varieties of trees damaged by storms in the past few years could not survive the extreme heat and dry summer. Glenview crews removed about 1,100 parkway trees by the end of 2012.

We are tackling the loss of all those trees in a systematic way. The Village strives to plant a replacement within one year in places along residential roadways where parkway trees have been removed. About 90 percent of the trees planted this spring and fall will be replacements, so we can aggressively continue reforesting Glenview's suburban forest.

Residents who want to pick the type of tree that will be planted on parkways next to their properties can get more information on page 4.

As long as we're thinking "green," I want to remind residents of the many ways Glenview encourages recycling.

Residents can, of course, place items in their Village-provided recycling carts for weekly pickup along with the regular trash. A list of what is acceptable can be found on our website at www.glenview.il.us on the "Go Green Glenview" page in the "Village Green Initiatives" box.

Starting last month, our "First Friday Recycling" program was expanded from a half day to a full day – from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Friday of each month (except when rescheduled because of a holiday). That's when residents can bring to Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, their unwanted prescription medications and sharps, such as needles, syringes and lancets; household batteries; and mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats for safe disposal.

It is important to keep those items out of our waste stream. Reports have indicated a substantial amount of antibiotics and steroidal hormones in rivers, lakes and wells caused by people flushing unwanted medications down the toilet or putting them in the sink. Used sharps in the trash can injure trash collection and sorting workers. Mercury poses health and environmental risks. Batteries, especially rechargeable ones, contain toxic heavy metals that should not be disposed of in landfills.

Glenview can be proud of how many drugs we've kept from the water system as well as from potentially being stolen and abused. Residents brought 649 pounds of sharps and 720 pounds of pharmaceuticals to Village Hall between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012, according to our partner, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. We hope even more residents can participate in recycling through the expanded First Friday hours.

Kerry D. Cummings

For anyone new to or already living in Glenview



Glenview Resident Open House

Saturday, February 23

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue

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

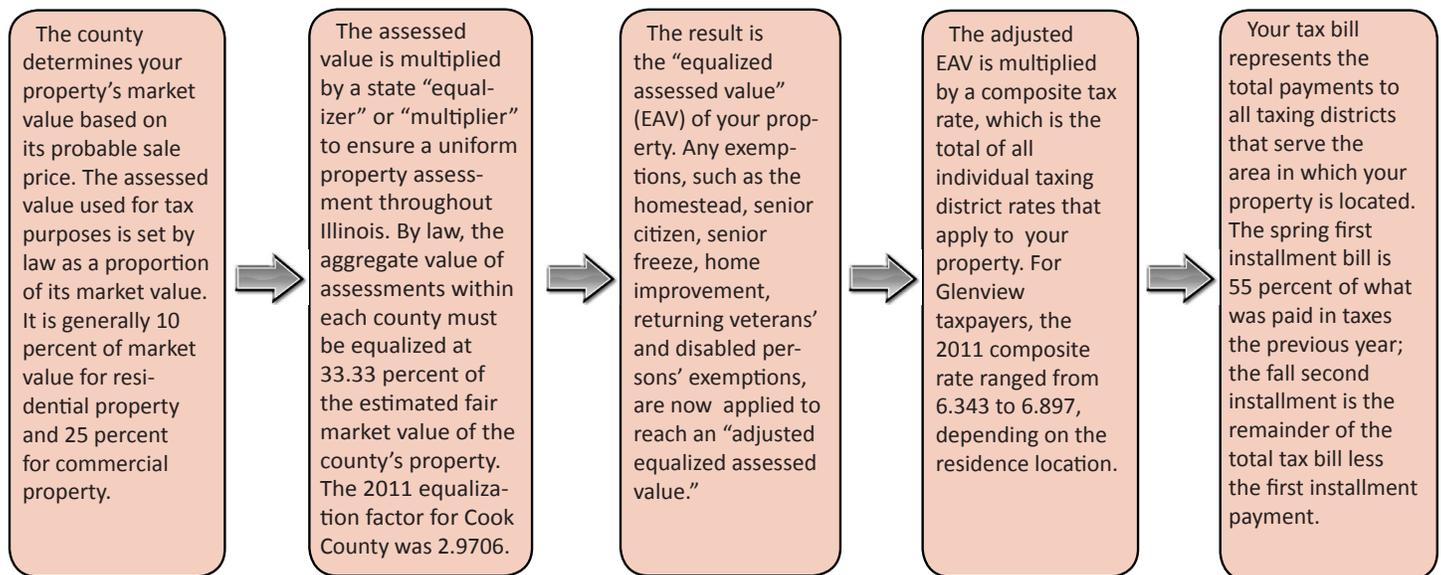
Local agencies represented at this free event include: the Village of Glenview (fire, police, senior services), Glenview Park District, Glenview Public Library, Glenview Chamber of Commerce, Northfield Township, NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital and Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County.

Glenview nonprofit and community groups and religious institutions can provide materials (brochures, flyers) for the community table. Please drop them off at Village Hall by February 15.

The Open House is sponsored by the Village of Glenview and coordinated by the Glenview Communicators Organization. Special thanks to Catered by Design for donating refreshments. For more information, call (847) 904-4371.

Property tax flow chart

The path to your final tax bill takes months and passes through several local, county and state agencies.



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Are there limits on tax rates?

Yes. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (tax cap) can restrict an agency from receiving the full amount of its levy. For the 2011 levy (released in 2012), tax-capped agencies can collect 1.5 percent more than the prior year's extension. The statutory rate limits apply to Glenview school districts and the Glenview Park District, but not to home-rule units such as the Village of Glenview.

Why are property taxes so variable?

They are so variable because there are so many factors that come into play when property taxes are calculated. The equalization factor is issued each year by the Illinois Department of Revenue, but may lag behind the increase or decrease of property values. Individual taxing districts' EAV vary. Decisions issued by tax appeal boards to lower property assessments for property owners who contest them may impact a district's total EAV in a year or two.

How much of my total property tax bill goes to the Village of Glenview?

Based on 2011 tax rates, about 7 percent of a Glenview property owner's total tax bill was paid to the Village of Glenview. Elementary and high school districts in Glenview receive about two-thirds of the total tax bill. The Glenview Park District's share is about 8 percent, while Cook County receives about 7 percent of a Glenview taxpayer's bill.

Where can I get more information about property taxes?

Contact the Cook County Assessor's Office at www.cook-countyassessor.com or (312) 443-7550, or get in touch with your township:

- Maine Township, (847) 297-2510
- New Trier Township, (847) 446-8202
- Niles Township, (847) 673-9300
- Northfield Township, (847) 724-8300

Go Green! Glenview

Request a parkway tree type



To help keep Glenview green, the Village manages an ongoing parkway tree planting program. 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, February 22. Email your preference to 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/SitePages/Parkway%20Tree%20Planting%20Program.aspx.

Get credit for your energy efficiency



The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which was enacted last month, included an extension of the Energy Efficiency Tax Credit, which had expired at the end of 2011. The credit is available to homeowners who make energy efficiency improvements to their existing personal residence. By implementing eligible measures – such as adding insulation, replacing windows or installing an electric heat pump water heater – homeowners can in most cases receive a 10 percent tax credit, up to \$550.

The credit is retroactive, so efficiency projects done in 2012 are eligible too. Eligible energy-efficiency products and project improvement must be “placed in service” before December 31, 2013.

Details can be found on the Energy Impact Illinois website at energyimpactillinois.org or by calling (855) 9-IMPACT.

Last call for recycling string lights

Unwanted holiday string lights can be dropped off for recycling through February 28 at the Public Works Service Center, 1333 Shermer Road. A receptacle marked with a sign is located outside the center.

Through mid-January, 1,530 pounds of lights had been collected.

46th 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 the nominee's qualifications by 3 p.m. March 6 to:

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

The 2011 Glenview Civic Awards dinner will be held Friday, April 12, at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road. A reception from 6 to 6:45 p.m. will be followed by dinner 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.

2013 Writing Contest

The 16th annual Character Counts! in Glenview writing contest invites students in fifth through eighth grades to describe a scenario in which a lack of character resulted in

a hurtful or negative situation, then use one of the pillars of character to improve the outcome and explain how the situation changed as a result. The essays can be up to 350 words.

Entries will be accepted through February 22 and will be judged by a panel of professional writers. All entrants will receive a ribbon, and prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade category. Winners will also be recognized at the April 16 Village Board meeting. Winners' essay will be made available to the media for publication.

Submit your entry (with name, address, phone number, grade and school in the upper right hand corner of each page) to Barbara Littlefield, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview IL 60025.

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



VILLAGE BOARD AT WORK

The Village Board of Trustees met January 15. Here are some of the agenda items considered:

- ◆ Appointed Stewart Jester to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Chris Newman to the Natural Resources Commission.
- ◆ Granted a Class B Liquor License to Turmeric, 2300 Lehigh Ave., Suite 125, and Szechwan North Restaurant, 2857 Pfingsten Road, which permits the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises where food is served.
- ◆ Preliminarily approved amending the Glenview Municipal Code to consolidate sections that deal with boards and commissions into one section. The changes also make the make-up, terms and operating rules of the 10 standing commissions and boards more consistent. A final vote is scheduled February 5.
- ◆ Extended the contract for one year with MSF Graphics to print 10 issues of the Glenview Village Report newsletter in 2013 for \$24,839.
- ◆ Authorized a contract with Williams Architects of Itasca for \$275,000 to

complete architectural design services for a new Fire Station 6 at 1215 Waukegan Road, to replace the current station at 1815 Glenview Road, which would be displaced by a new mixed-use development.

- ◆ Waived the competitive bidding process and authorized spending up to \$45,000 on Caterpillar parts and services for three vehicles in the Village fleet from Patten Industries Inc.
- ◆ Authorized purchasing \$335,250 worth of trees – about 1,000 – from the Suburban Tree Consortium, to replace the trees that were removed from parkways. The purchase is about 30 percent more than 2012 because of the large number of trees that succumbed to the emerald ash borer and last year's drought.
- ◆ Authorized a contract with Glenbrook Auto Parts of Glenview for up to \$30,000 to provide various automobile parts for the Village's fleet for 2013.
- ◆ Awarded one-year contracts for fire apparatus parts and repair services to Certified Fleet Services of Elmhurst, Global Emergency Products of Aurora

and Wirfs Industries of McHenry for up to a total \$50,000.

- ◆ Amended and extended an agreement for financial advisory services with Ehlers and Associates Inc. of Lisle through 2013. It was estimated the fee-based services would total about \$63,700.
- ◆ Initiated the process for establishing a Waukegan Road/Golf Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District regarding the redevelopment of the former Avon property at 1601 Overlook Drive and the former auto dealership at 3 Waukegan Road. A Redevelopment Plan has been developed that states project goals and objectives, identifies the project area and outlines key elements of and a schedule for the project, and is available to the public at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road. A public hearing has been scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, for comment.

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

Get home improvement projects started now



Winter can be the most practical time of year – both financially and time-wise – for construction projects.

For a 15th year, the Village is offering a 25 percent discount on permit fees for single-family home improvement projects, such as room additions, interior remodeling, detached garages, sheds, decks, driveways and swimming pools. The permit fee discount is available through March 31.

By submitting early, the Village can issue these permits faster, and residents can avoid delays that may occur during the busier spring and summer months.

For additional time savings, residential construction projects may be eligible for a Same Day Permit Review. This review option provides quicker turnaround and is more streamlined.

Department reviewers have access to a project application and required documentation over the course of a single session. The goal is to issue a permit the same day by discussing changes and correcting plans during the session.

Since implemented a year ago, a total of 2,568 single-family

Eligible residential projects include:

- » Remodeling (bathrooms, kitchens, basements, other interior)
- » Demolition
- » Foundation repair
- » Pool removal
- » Non-structural fire damage repair
- » Drywall
- » Property analysis

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

- » New/expanded driveway
- » Walk
- » Stoop or patio
- » Porch
- » Fence
- » Pergola
- » Pool or spa
- » Shed
- » Detached garage
- » Yard drain
- » One-story addition next to home
- » Generator
- » Air conditioning unit
- » Tennis or basketball court

residential Same Day Permit Reviews were performed, and of those, 1,929 permits – or 75 percent – were issued the same day.

Same Day Permit Reviews for residential projects are available from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. For more information, call the Capital Projects/Inspectional Services Department at (847) 904-4330.



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 • 1900 block Glenview Road

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Raleigh Road/Grove Street • Navy Boulevard/Tower Drive • Highland Lane/Knollwood Lane • Maple Leaf Drive/Strawberry Lane



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.

- **Heart of Glenview recap.** 6 p.m. February 4. Regal Stadium Glen 10.
- **President's Day program featuring President and Mrs. Lincoln.** 10 a.m. February 13. Glenview Senior Center.
- **Chicago's Sweet Candy History.** 10:30 a.m. February 19. North Shore Senior Center.
- **A Tour of Redfield Estate.** 7 p.m. February 28. An original production of GVTV.

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

STAY CONNECTED

Upcoming Public Meetings

Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m. Feb. 5, 19
<i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	
Plan Commission	7 p.m. Feb. 12, 26
<i>Steve Bucklin, Chair</i>	
Appearance Commission	7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 20
<i>Tim McJilton, Chair</i>	
Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m. Feb. 11
<i>David Silver, Chair</i>	
Natural Resources Commission	7 p.m. March 18
<i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 p.m. Feb. 4, 18
<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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