



The Village of Glenview Report

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Snow removal in full force this winter

Glenview's Public Works Department goes to great lengths to maintain Village streets and facilities in a safe and accessible manner during the winter season.

Consider this feat: The department made more than 2,300 tons of snow disappear from the downtown Glenview area one night in mid-January.

While residents were sleeping, a battalion of equipment – 14 dump trucks, four mini-plows, two front-end loaders, a large plow/salt truck and two pickup trucks – descended on the downtown business district. It was the kind of operation – dubbed the downtown “cleaning” – that’s scheduled after an accumulation of some two feet of snow continually plowed to the side of roadways has created unpleasant gray mounds that impede pedestrians and parking.

Along Glenview Road, Waukegan Road, Harlem Avenue and the commuter parking lots, the plows scraped and pushed the snow and ice from the curbside into rows in the street. The rows were sucked up and deposited by a snow blower into the dump trucks, which hauled the snow to a collection lot at Community Park West.

As of mid-January, that 2.5-acre lot is more than three-quarters full of snow piled 14-feet high. And that’s only a portion of the more than 45 inches of snow that have fallen on Glenview so far this season.

After a few mild years, Mother Nature has thrown just about everything in her arsenal at us this winter: frequent snow storms, including four days of continuous snow;



Adding it up

Glenview experienced two major snow storms between December 31 and January 6. All told:

24.9 inches of snow fell	12 times, main streets plowed
541 tons of salt was spread with	9 times, residential sections plowed
1,807 gallons of calcium chloride	3 times, sidewalk sections plowed

bitterly cold temperatures and below-zero wind chills; and rain.

The Village enters each winter season hoping for the best and prepared for the worst.

The Public Works Department begins gearing up in October, when plow drivers make practice runs to become familiar with the routes. For winter street maintenance purposes, Glenview has been divided into 12 sections of roughly 10 miles each.

Once a significant snowfall is forecast, supervisors determine staffing levels and schedules. If necessary, crews are divided into two 12-hour shifts, to keep work going around the clock for longer duration storms.

Initially, between six and 12 trucks are deployed to spread salt on Glenview streets. An anti-caking substance added to the salt gives it a blue color. When temperatures fall below 25 degrees, the Village applies

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ENJOY OUR NEW LOOK

Our redesigned Village newsletter complements our redesigned Village website – check out glenview.il.us.

Request a parkway tree type



The Village maintains an ongoing parkway tree planting program 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 if a tree has been removed or notice given that it will be removed from the parkway adjacent to their property.

The deadline for ordering trees is Friday, February 28. Email your preference to treeplanting@glenview.il.us or call (847) 657-3030. A list of trees commonly planted on Glenview parkways and more information about the program can be found on our website at glenview.il.us/Pages/TreeParkwayTreePlanting.aspx.

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/replanted in the parkway near your home, contact the Village.

Rate your home's efficiency



Do you know whether your home uses energy efficiently? Or how it stacks up against other homes in your area? It's never too late to rate your home's efficiency.

The U.S. Department of Energy website offers tips on how to do just that, either by hiring a professional or performing a do-it-yourself energy audit to locate common energy sieves and repair them effectively and affordably. Find out more online at energy.gov. Click on "Science & Innovation" then "Energy Efficiency" and then "Homes" at the bottom of the page.

Last call for 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.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program, which is offered by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its participating member communities. For more information, go online to swancc.org/programs/holiday-light-recycling.



Here are the February notifications of major speed radar "hot spots" and stop sign/traffic light enforcement. At these locations, chosen in part based on resident requests for selective enforcement, Glenview police officers this month will monitor the areas for recurring traffic violations on an as-available basis. The goal is to promote safe driving in Glenview. Selective enforcement request forms can be found on our website at glenview.il.us by clicking "How Do I?"

Radar "hot spots"

1600 block Constitution Drive • 1200 block Lehigh Avenue • 2400-2600 blocks Greenwood Road • 1900 block Glenview Road

Stop sign/traffic light enforcement

Raleigh Road/Grove Street • Navy Boulevard/Tower Drive • Highland Court/Knollwood Lane • Linneman Street/Huber Lane

This month in history



75 years ago – February 24, 1939

The Village Board of Trustees approved the plat for the Golf Acres subdivision.

50 years ago – February 11, 1964

A petition was presented to the Cook County Board by Glenview officials and the Tall Trees Property Owners Association requesting access to East Lake Avenue at Tall Trees Road.

30 years ago – February 6, 1984

The Senior Citizen's Commission recommended to the Village Board of Trustees that Glenview apply for federal financing to build senior housing at Harlem and Glenview roads.

10 years ago – February 3, 2004

The Village was notified by the U.S. Postal Service that a second ZIP code – 60026 – had been assigned as a consequence of an increased volume of mail.

6 years ago – February 5, 2008

The first confirmed case of a tree in Glenview infested by the Emerald Ash Borer was reported.



**Hug
the
Bear**

47th annual Glenview Civic Awards

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

Nominations are 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/paramedic or dispatcher
- **Public Service Award**
Must have given direct support to public authorities

Forms can be found on our website at glenview.il.us. Send nominations and a detailed letter outlining the nominee's qualifications by 3 p.m. March 26 to:

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

The 2013 Glenview Civic Awards dinner will be held Friday, April 25, at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road. A reception from 6 to 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. Cost is \$50 per person.

The Civic Awards is sponsored by the Glenview Chamber of Commerce and 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 and Rotary-Sunrise.

“Hug the Bear” dates back to the bear fountain donated by Edwin Jackman in 1917 that now stands at the entrance to Jackman Park at Prairie Street and Lehigh Avenue. It means in an analogical sense to “hug” the community.



From the Village President

Like many of you, Village of Glenview management and elected officials annually compile a “to do” list, and spend the fiscal year checking items off that list.

For as long as I can remember, improving communications has been one of the administrative goals we set, and I don't expect this “task” to ever be completed.

That's because the ways people communicate with one another and governments communicate with constituents are ever changing. The communications landscape evolves rapidly with every technological enhancement.

What we communicate, however, hasn't changed much over the years. Getting word out about the programs and services the Village provides is the key to an informed and involved citizenry.

That's why I am so proud to point out two recent communications enhancements the Village has accomplished. One is our redesigned website at glenview.il.us. The bold new design for both desktop and mobile browsing is focused on better serving residents, businesses and visitors.

You'll still find timely announcements and public meeting dates. But now the website is organized into four distinct tabs – Residents, Businesses, Government and About Glenview – each with its own color coding. On each tab's “home” page is a revolving carousel of topical or seasonal items, about which you can learn more with one click. Pages are organized by topic under each tab to make finding a particular service or program easier. The “hover over” feature reveals a description and image for each page, to eliminate unnecessary clicks. Quick link buttons at the top of the website facilitate paying online, making service requests and searches.

The website was built with responsive design, so that it adapts to all devices – desktop, laptop, tablets and mobile phones. It also contains icons to easily find the Village's social media outlets – Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The other communication enhancement is the very newsletter you are reading now, which I'm sure you've noticed has a new, fresh look and two extra pages.

Even with all our technological gadgets and connectivity, we still hear that the printed edition of the Village of Glenview Report delivered to your mailbox 10 times a year is one of the most preferred ways of getting information.

Also growing in popularity is our weekly e-Glenview newsletter, which sends alerts about traffic, weather and other timely information every Friday to the email inboxes of subscribers. You can sign up online at glenview.il.us/Pages/E-Glenview.aspx.

And you can always reach us by phone at (847) 724-1700.

With all the forms of communications available today, there are so many ways to get to Village Hall. Be it in real time or virtually, we strive to make access to information about your Village as easy and convenient as possible.

Where do your property taxes go?

Property owners in Glenview pay their property taxes in two installments – on bills received in the spring and fall. How much they pay relates to the value of the property owned, and whether it is residential, commercial or industrial.

Those two installment payments are divided between more than a dozen taxing districts. These include an elementary and high school district, Oakton Community College, the Village, Park District, Cook County, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Township and Mosquito Abatement District.

Glenview and the rest of the local taxing districts each filed a levy with the Cook County Clerk's Office at the end of December. The levy represents the amount of revenue an individual taxing body has requested to collect from the property tax.

For the school and park districts, the levy is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, otherwise known as the tax cap. This law restricts the growth in property tax revenue to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is lower.

As a home-rule entity, the Village of Glenview has no automatic restriction. But for a fourth consecutive year, the Village Board of Trustees approved a property tax levy that only captures property tax growth from new construction. The levy increase of 1.44 percent should result in no increase to the average

Your property tax dollar

Based on 2012 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.



current property owner for the Village of Glenview's portion of the property tax bill. Individual property tax bills may vary, however, depending on other circumstances.

Because the Village Board of Trustees has

sought only twice in the last 10 years to increase the Village's property tax levy beyond the value of any new construction coming on the tax rolls, the Village's share of the total property tax dollar has dropped from more than 10 percent to 6.5 percent in 2014.

Coyote caution

Because of the winter snow and cold, coyotes and other wild animals are on the prowl for food. Police received a call in late December in the Roosevelt Park area that a family's pet dog – a Yorkshire terrier – had been snatched up by a coyote, and other communities have reported similar incidents.

Residents should consider these suggestions:

- Never leave pets unattended out of doors. Pets should always be on a leash when outside the owner's property.
- Don't leave food bowls, toys or bones outside, and clean up scraps before dusk.
- Never attempt to feed a coyote. That's how most bites occur.
- Close garbage cans tightly, and consider placing them in a shed or garage.
- Cover window wells and repair cracked porch stoops.





Snow removal *from page 1*

calcium chloride to salt to make it more effective.

When more than an inch of snow accumulates, crews begin to plow the main arterials maintained by Glenview (Glenview Road, Central Road, Harlem Avenue, Lehigh Avenue, Patriot Boulevard, Shermer Road and West Lake Avenue), and continue as long as the snow falls.

Plowing is less effective when residents push snow from their driveways back into the street.

The plows move into the residential areas when the snowfall slows. Between 2 and 6 a.m., when vehicles are not allowed to park on Village streets, the main arterials and residential areas are cleared and salted to be ready for the morning rush hour.

During heavy snowfalls, plows may make as many as five passes to clear roads. That's why plows go by driveways that residents may have already cleared. Plowing is less effective when resi-

dents push snow from their driveways back into the street.

Once the snowfall ends, crews return to push snow further back to the curb and flatten piles at intersection corners to eliminate sight-line obstructions. With large accumulations, snow will be hauled away from business districts as needed to facilitate on-street parking and from Village-owned parking lots.

Once the streets are in good shape, attention turns to plowing some sidewalk sections – those in the downtown area, around schools, by commuter parking lots and along the major arterials. Glenview is one of the few area municipalities that plow some sidewalks.

Mini-plows are used to clear between two and six inches of snow from sidewalk routes; snow blowers are attached for deeper snow.

The Village generally does not clear sidewalks along residential streets outside of the parameters listed above. Residents or property owners are responsible for shoveling walks along parkways, and clearing snow from around fire hydrants.

Carbon monoxide danger rises when snow falls

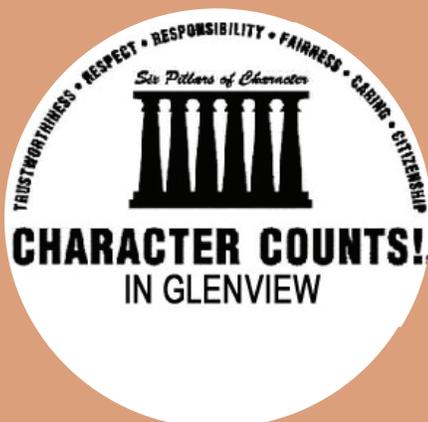
After any snowfall, it is important to inspect the outside area around your furnace and hot water heater vents to make sure that snow and ice are not blocking them. If drifting snow blocks these vents and the furnace or water heater fails to shut down,

carbon monoxide may back up in a home. Vents and intake pipes should have a three-foot clearance from snow, shrubs or other obstructions.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can also be

a danger from gasoline-powered generators, or when vehicles are left running in garages.

State law requires that all residences have carbon monoxide detectors installed.



2014 Writing Contest

The 17th annual CHARACTER COUNTS! in Glenview Writing Contest seeks essays from students in fifth through eighth grades. Details on the topic and submission requirements can be found online at ccglenview.org. Entries will be accepted through February 21 by the student's classroom teacher or sent to Barbara Littlefield, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview IL 60025.

All entrants will receive a ribbon, and monetary prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade category. Awards will be provided by Northview Bank & Trust, American Chartered Bank, Glenview Optimists and Image Specialties.

Winners will be recognized at the April 15 Village Board of Trustees meeting and in the Village of Glenview Report,

Resident Open House

For anyone new to or already living in Glenview



Saturday, February 22

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Park Center lobby

2400 Chestnut Avenue

Refreshments • Free blood pressure checks •

Voter Registration • Crafts for kids

Representatives at this free event include: the Village of Glenview (police, fire, senior services), Park District, Library, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Northfield Township, NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital and 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 February 19 for display on the community table.

This event is sponsored by the Village of Glenview and coordinated by Glenview Communicators. Special thanks to Catered by Design for donating refreshments.

Senior services

Helpful property tax exemptions

■ Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption

Seniors can save up to \$250 a year in property taxes, and up to \$750 when combined with this exemption. For the 2012 tax year, the applicants must have owned and occupied the property as of January 1, 2012 and must have been 65 years of age or older during the year for which the application applies.

■ Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption

Qualified senior citizens can apply for a freeze of the assessed value of their property. Over time, in many areas, this program results in taxes changing minimally and often decreasing as surrounding properties continue to rise in assessed value. This is the most valuable homeowner exemption program. The value increases over the years as it eliminates the impact of regular reassessment increases that may occur every three years.

For the 2012 tax year, the applicant must have owned and occupied the home on January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012, and have been responsible for the 2011 and 2012 taxes.

For more information, call (847) 904-4366 or your township.

They know Glenview

A Glenview couple correctly named all 18 of the Glenview representations on the “Shop Your Glenview” poster, winning the contest launched in October 2013.

Anna Giazzon and Kurt Muehlbauer received a prize package valued at more than \$500, courtesy of the Glenview Chamber of Commerce.

The poster was displayed at local stores, businesses and offices in Glenview in the fall as a reminder that by purchasing goods and services locally, residents are supporting their local businesses and contributing to funding Village services. As an added benefit, anyone viewing the poster could try to guess what or where each “Glenview” is through the contest.

Entries were accepted online on the Village of Glenview website through December 31, 2013. Giazzon and Muehlbauer’s was the only entry with all the correct answers.

The prize package included: a Kids Club Membership from the Kohl Children’s Museum of Greater Chicago; \$200 toward eye care at NorthShore University HealthSystems; a gift certificate to Hlavacek Florist of Glenview; a gift card for Teddie Kossof Salon & Spa, donated by the salon and the Glenview Journal;



Pictured from left are: Anna Giazzon; Sheridan Turner, president and CEO of Kohl Children’s Museum of Greater Chicago; Lynne Stiefel, Communications Director, Village of Glenview; Megan Van Treeck, owner of Irish Connoisseur; Alan Kossof, Teddie Kossof Salon & Spa; Kurt Muehlbauer, Todd Wessell, editor and publisher, Journal & Topics Newspapers; and Anitha Kurian, Practice Manager, Division of Ophthalmology, NorthShore University HealthSystems.

and three bracelets from Irish Connoisseur.

To view the poster and learn the identities of the “Glenviews,” go online to the Village website at glenview.il.us and click on the Community Headline.

Village Board in brief

The Village Board of Trustees met January 7 and 21. Here is a summary of actions taken:

- ◆ Amended Chapter 98 of the Glenview Municipal Code to establish zoning regulations for medical cannabis cultivation centers and medical cannabis dispensing organizations, as allowed under the state Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.
- ◆ Approved a final site plan review and preliminary subdivision ordinance to allow for the addition of four new storage buildings and modifications to the existing building to facilitate the operation of a self-storage and rental office building at 1205 Milwaukee Ave.
- ◆ Approved a final site plan review to allow construction of a 2,032-square-foot building addition to Glenview Plaza at 1509-1529 Waukegan Road, to allow for operation of a future office complex.
- ◆ Approved a planned development amendment, final site plan review, preliminary subdivision ordinance and redevelopment agreement for Park Place Hotel, 1625 Milwaukee Ave. A portion of the existing hotel will be demolished and alterations made to landscaping and the parking lot.
- ◆ Awarded a three-year contract to InterDev LLC of Atlanta, Ga. for information technology services through an IT consortium with several neighboring communities for a total \$1.71 million, which includes software licensing.
- ◆ Authorized a bid award to Burns & McDonnell Inc. of Downers Grove for a total \$79,380 to prepare the Phase I engineering design to replace the Chestnut Avenue bridge west of Waukegan Road. Once the engineering documents are completed, the Phase II engineering

design can be scheduled in the second half of 2014, with replacement of the deteriorated bridge structure scheduled in 2016.

- ◆ Approved purchasing 80 replacement service handguns for Glenview officers from Ray O'Herron Co. of Danville for \$54,715. The department's current 15-year-old handguns do not have a mount for a mini-flashlight, an operational need, and would have required an expensive replacement of night sights next year.
- ◆ Authorized the purchase of a house at 815 Harms Road to facilitate the East of Harms Regional Stormwater Project. Plans are to install three backflow preventers on storm sewer pipes leading to the Middle Stem of the North Branch of the Chicago River, two pumping stations with backup generators and new storm sewer piping, ultimately benefiting 1,150 homes located south of Lake Avenue and east of Harms Road.
- ◆ Approved a contract amendment with W.B. Olson Inc. covering foundation and site utilities work for \$1,259,074 for the new Fire Station 6 being built at 1215 Waukegan Road. This is the second of three bid packages for the site.
- ◆ Approved a final site plan review and preliminary subdivision for Jong Boo Plaza, 600 Milwaukee Ave., which will feature an international grocery store.
- ◆ Preliminarily approved amendments to Chapters 2 and 98 of the Glenview Municipal Code regarding the Historic Preservation Commission. The membership would be increased from seven to nine, and be comprised of the appointed

members of the Appearance Commission plus two "at-large" appointees.

- ◆ Awarded a construction manager contract to Valenti Builders of Northfield for \$558,843 for pre-construction and construction-related services for the Village Hall improvement project. A 17,000-square-foot addition to the Police Department at 2500 E. Lake Avenue and other space rehabilitation will convert the building to a combined municipal center.
- ◆ Entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to facilitate upgrades to traffic signals at intersections along Milwaukee Avenue, Central Road, Waukegan Road and Willow Road, and at Greenwood Road and Lake Avenue, Golf Road and Harlem Avenue and Pfingsten Road and Glenlake Drive. The agreement calls for Glenview to provide 10 percent – or \$16,754 – of the cost to convert the signals from incandescent optics to LED modules, which have much lower energy consumption and maintenance.
- ◆ Authorized the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative to conduct bid auctions for electricity supply for the Village's pumping stations, parking decks, train stations and streetlights, effective June 2014 to May 2015. The collaborative was established to leverage an economy of scale in bidding the supply of electricity to infrastructure operated by municipal entities in Illinois.

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

Police Department to host Citizens Police Academy in March



Applications are being accepted until February 12 for the Glenview Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. A group of up to 30 "students" can participate in 10 information sessions that touch on patrol functions, dispatch operations, traffic issues, investigations, crime lab operations, community relations and police training.

The Academy, which is free, will start Thursday, March 6, and

meet weekly through May 8. The three-hour classes begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department, 2500 E. Lake Avenue.

Applicants must reside or own a business in Glenview. The application form and a video can be found online at glenview.il.us.

For more information, contact Sgt. Mike Mazurkiewicz at (847) 901-6115 or by email at mmazurkiewicz@glenview.il.us.



Talk to us

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

Village Manager's Office (847) 904-4370
Todd Hileman
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

Community Development Department
Capital Projects and Engineering Divisions (847) 904-4400
Engineering, road construction
Inspectional Services Division (847) 904-4330
Building permits, property maintenance complaints, private tree inspections
Inspection requests (847) 904-4320
Planning Division (847) 904-4340
Planning, new development, zoning

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

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February public meetings

Village Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m. February 4, 18
Jim Patterson, President	
Plan Commission	7 p.m. February 11, 25
Steve Bucklin, Chair	
Appearance Commission	7:30 p.m. February 12, 26
Tim McJilton, Chair	
Natural Resources Commission	7 p.m. March 17
Henrietta Saunders, Chair	
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 p.m. February 3, 17
Ron Greco, Chair	

All meetings are held at Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road, unless otherwise noted. Check meeting status at (847) 904-4370 or on the website at glenview.il.us.

This month on

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.

- “How does their farm grow? An update on Wagner Farm” with Todd Price, director. 10:30 a.m. February 4. North Shore Senior Center
- “Teddy Roosevelt.” 10 a.m. February 12. Glenview Senior Center
- “Atrial Fibrillation 101” by NorthShore University HealthSystems. 1 p.m. February 12. Park Center
- “Youth Art Fair.” 3 p.m. February 22. Attea Middle School

Programming is subject to change without notice. Check the GVTV schedule at glenview.il.us/government/Pages/GVTV.aspx