



# The Village of Glenview Report

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## 2012 Village Budget

# Scaling back expenses to meet revenues

As the national economy continues to struggle, Glenview, like other local governments, continues to face hard choices when it comes to managing public dollars responsibly.

For the \$124 million, 2012 budget, the Village for a fourth consecutive year made conservative Village revenue projections to prioritize operations. These are the programs and services that provide residents and merchants with everything from public safety to street, sewer and infrastructure repair and maintenance.

To maintain service levels to the greatest extent possible without increasing the burden on Glenview taxpayers or drawing significantly from Village reserves, the 2012 budget focused on scaling back expenses. Based on feedback from Village Trustees at four workshops held between September and November, Village staff refined a draft budget with further cost-containment measures, which the Village Board approved Nov. 15.

Just over 25 percent of Glenview's annual revenues come from charges for services, such as those on water and sewer bills and commuter parking fees. Another 43 percent is collected through property, sales and other taxes.

The Village collects about \$15 million in real estate taxes from Glen properties through a tax increment financing district

### Your property tax dollar

Based on 2010 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 will vary for Glenview residents in other school districts and in New Trier and Maine townships.



### 2012 Village Budget highlights

- There is no increased tax burden for Glenview residents.
- Operating expenses, budgeted at just over \$52.2 million, have been flat for the last five years.
- Sales and state shared income taxes are projected to remain relatively flat.
- The Village expects to have a fund balance at the end of 2012 of \$20.6 million, which is 38.4 percent of the operating budget.

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*Freedom of Information Act requests, senior services, block party/special event permits, GVTV, human resources, communications*

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*Commuter parking/permits*

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## Glenview water/sewer bills for 2012

Here are estimates of changes effective Jan. 1 to Glenview water and sewer customers' quarterly bills, based on an average residential consumption of 12,000 gallons of water per quarter.

Meter size (% of Glenview properties)	2011 quarterly charge	2012 quarterly charge	2012 quarterly increase (%)	2012 annual increase
<b>5/8 inch (55%)</b>	\$80.70	\$85.29	\$4.59 (5.7%)	\$18.36
<b>3/4 inch (25%)</b>	\$88.05	\$92.91	\$4.85 (5.5%)	\$19.42
<b>1 inch (15.5%)</b>	\$102.75	\$108.12	\$5.36 (5.2%)	\$21.46

## Glenview water rates changing for 2012

Although the Glenview Village Board voted to hold the line on property taxes in 2012, a modest increase in water rates was enacted for Glenview water customers to cover the increased cost of buying Lake Michigan water from Wilmette, account for lower water consumption and fund maintenance and capital improvements.

As adopted Nov. 15 and effective Jan. 1, the average Glenview resident will pay a \$7.86 quarterly fixed charge, up from \$7.35, and \$4.55 per 1,000 gallons used, up from \$4.21 per 1,000 gallons.

For most residents, that translates to an annual increase of about \$20 on their water and sewer bills, based on the use of 12,000 gallons of water per quarter.

The 2012 bills will reflect a 7 percent increase in the fixed rate and 8 percent increase in the consumption rate. Nearly half of the increase in the consumption rate is due to the rate increase charged to Glenview by Wilmette.

The new rates also reflect \$2.5 million worth of scheduled water delivery system improvements and the continuing drop in water use by Glenview residents and businesses, likely because of low-flow appliances, rainy summers and the slowdown in the commercial and residential building. The cost to maintain the water system remains constant regardless of how much water Glenview customers use.

Sewer rates are unchanged from 2011.

## Senior housing assistance program

Applications for the 2012 Village Senior Housing Assistance Program, designed to assist Glenview residents with their property taxes or rent, are now available at:

- Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road
- Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road
- North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield
- Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave.

Completed applications will be accepted between Feb. 6-17. Recipients are selected by need; certain age and income limits must be met to qualify. For more information, call Senior Services Coordinator Kim Hand at (847) 904-4366.



# Tackle home improvement projects in the winter

Winter can be the most practical time of year — both financially and time-wise — for construction projects. The Village is offering a 25 percent discount on permit fees for single-family home 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 plans during the winter, when such activity is usually slower, permits can be issued faster and residents can avoid the delays that may occur during the busier spring and summer months. For more information, call Inspectional Services at (847) 904-4330.

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(TIF) that is passed on to school and park districts and the Glenview Public Library in the form of “make-whole” payments. Those payments were promised to cover expenses they incur serving Glen residents during the life of the TIF.

Revenue is also provided to the Village through licenses and permits, fees, fines; investment income; and grants and payments from other governments.

Several of Glenview’s major revenue streams are driven by the state of the economy. Although there are signs current economic conditions may be stabilizing, revenue growth is clearly not keeping up with the growth of ongoing expenditures.

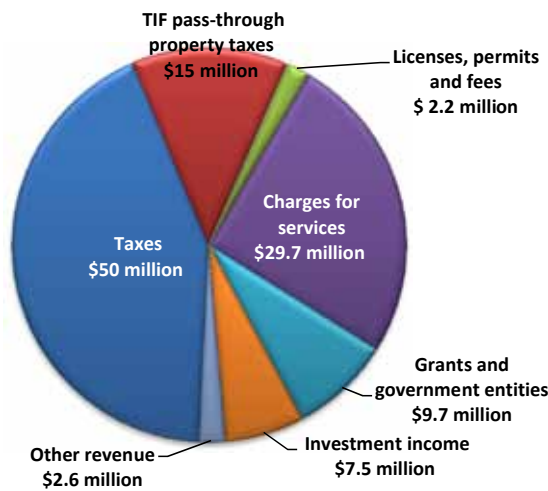
To balance the 2012 budget, the Village continued to seek out savings and efficiencies, including decreasing staff levels. The Village started 2012 with 269 full-time employees, down from 287 at the beginning of 2011. The reduction is expected to save the Village about \$2 million a year

The Village’s full-time staff had grown to 354 in 2005 to handle redevelopment of the former Glenview Naval Air Station into The Glen. As that major project neared build-out and the work load for it lessened, the Village, for the last seven years, has been able to continue to decrease staffing levels and identify services that could be privatized to reduce head count.

Other initiatives to control personnel costs in 2012 include higher employee contributions for health insurance; lower pay and benefit packages negotiated for newly-hired firefighter and emergency dispatch telecommunicators; a number of service provider contracts renegotiated at lower costs; and

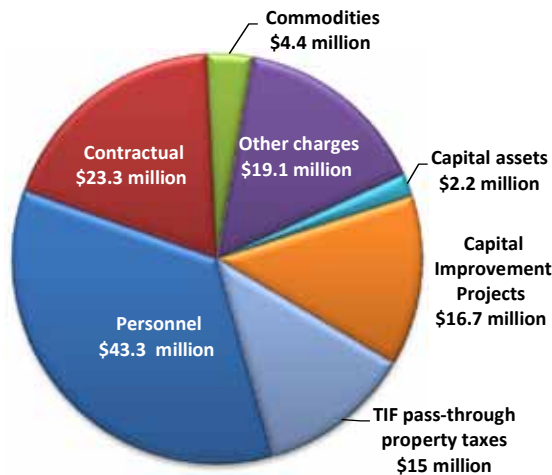
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no pay increases for senior managers.

The budget also calls for extending the life cycle of Village-owned vehicles and modifying replacement costs.

A recent initiative through which Glenview partners on purchases with neighboring communities also is showing cost-containment promise. The municipalities are leveraging economies of scale and taking advantage of favorable bidding environments on everything from roadway resurfacing to crack sealing to water pipe leak detection.

Although Glenview has scaled back expenses in anticipation of flat revenues, the 2012 budget calls for boosting road, sewer and other infrastructure projects.

In the last five years, the Village has received more than \$4.3 million in state and federal funds to support a number of capital projects, including resurfacing portions of Glenview Road. Another \$4.3 million in state and federal funds are being pursued for projects in 2012 and 2013, including \$3

million which has been secured to improve the Chestnut Avenue and Waukegan Road intersection.

The 2012 budget earmarks an additional \$2.5 million of operating funds specifically for roadway projects, bringing to \$5.8 million the total allocated for road resurfacing and reconstruction projects, which is part of the overall \$11.4 million Capital Improvement Program.

# Go Green! Glenview

## New recycling rules for 2012



The new year brings new rules regarding what can be recycled in Illinois.

Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law, known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), in September 2009. This legislation initially banned televisions and monitors from entering Illinois landfills beginning Jan. 1, 2012. Then, Governor Quinn signed legislation that expanded the Illinois Product Recycling and Reuse Act to increase the number of electronic products banned from Illinois landfills from four to 17. The list includes:

- » Televisions
- » Monitors
- » Printers
- » Computers (including tablet computers)
- » Electronic keyboards
- » Facsimile machines
- » Video cassette recorders
- » Portable digital music players
- » Digital video disc players
- » Video game consoles
- » Small scale servers
- » Scanners
- » Electronic mice
- » Digital converter boxes
- » Cable receivers
- » Satellite receivers
- » Digital video disc recorders

Obsolete toxic electronic products are the fastest growing component of waste put into landfills. Discarded electronic products contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium and beryllium that when put into landfills pollute the soil and may leach into ground water, posing a risk to human health and the environment. Obsolete electronic products contain valuable materials that can be recycled for reuse, such as copper, gold and circuit chips — just to name a few of the reusable materials. The reuse of these products conserves energy and natural resources.

Since 1999, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has worked with Glenview and its other member communities to provide environmentally-sound recycling for end-of-life electronics through one-day collection events, permanent drop-off locations and the At Home Pick Up Program.

SWANCC's permanent electronics drop-off locations for resi-

dents who live in a member community are:

- » Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, across from the Maryville Academy, open most Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- » Winnetka Public Works, 1390 Willow Road, open 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays.

Additionally, residents are able to use many retail store drop-offs during evening and weekend hours, including Abt Electronics, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., and Best Buy stores. Go online to [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) to view reuse and recycling options on SWANCC's green pages directory.

## Recycle holiday string lights



Dispose of unwanted holiday lights the environmentally responsible way.

Through the end of February, the Village will accept all types of holiday string-type lights in a drop-off box located at the Public Works Department, 1333 Shermer Road.

The recycling program is for holiday lights only – please, no garlands, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables.

## Say a green goodbye to the tree

There are several ways to dispose of your Christmas tree, now that the holidays are over.

Single-family homes or duplexes served by Groot can put the tree, wreaths and garlands out with the regular garbage during the week of Jan. 2-6. Groot will collect them at no additional charge.

All ornaments, lights and tinsel should be removed from trees. Do NOT cover the tree with a plastic disposal bag.

Multifamily residences should have received a letter from the Village detailing how to dispose of holiday trees.

Trees can also be dropped off until Jan. 31 at these designated collection points for recycling as mulch:

- » Glenview Public Works, 1333 Shermer Road
- » Johns Park, 2101 Central Road
- » Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road
- » Cunliff Park, 540 Echo Lane
- » Cole Park, 1031 Kenilworth Avenue
- » Willow Park, 2600 Greenwood Avenue



# VILLAGE BOARD AT WORK

The Village Board met Nov. 1 and 15 and Dec. 3, 2011. Here are some of the items acted upon:

◆ Approved a Class A liquor license for Jameson's Charhouse and Seafood at The Glen, which permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where food is served. The restaurant has replaced Mitchell's Fish Market at 2601 Navy Blvd. in The Glen Town Center.

◆ Approved a final site plan that allows Midwest Palliative and Hospice CareCenter, 2050 Claire Court, to install an outdoor healing garden and deck overlooking the Techny Basin.

◆ Approved a conditional use permit to allow the operation of Topsy Paint Studio within a tenant space in an industrially-zoned building at 1940-50 Lehigh Ave. for classes and open studio time. The business will allow customers of legal age to bring alcoholic beverages to the studio during their reserved studio time.

◆ Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County that authorized the Glenview Police Department to participate in the Electronic Tickets Project. By filing e-tickets, Glenview can reduce costs by handling less paper for processing, more accurately enter data

with the court and reduce an officer's time off the beat.

◆ Authorized spending \$201,500 to construct a 10-foot-wide shared pedestrian and bicycle trail along the south side of West Lake Avenue from Pfingsten Road to Pickwick Avenue, for which a \$950,000 federal grant was secured for the trail and a storm sewer installation. Additionally, the board executed a \$246,700 agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Co. to construct pedestrian gates and an at-grade crossing, for which the Village expects to be reimbursed for 80 percent of the cost by the Illinois Department of Transportation. This portion of the trail connects to the trail constructed as part of the The Glen's redevelopment, and will provide an east-west connection to the Techny Trail system.

◆ Approved a two-year contract extension with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police for 12 Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center telecommunicators through Dec. 31, 2014.

◆ Swore in firefighters Michael Keogh, a U.S. Army veteran, and Chase Olson, a Wheaton College graduate.

◆ Authorized spending \$25,200 to install a sidewalk along the north side of Willow Road between the Tri-State Tollway ramps, so that it meets with a planned sidewalk to the west. North-

brook will reimburse Glenview for half the expense, which is 20 percent of the total project cost. The remainder will be funded with an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant.

◆ Extended a contract for financial and accounting services with Lauterbach and Amen LLP of Warrenville for five years, for a total \$3.398 million, which incorporates a 3-percent increase from the current three-year agreement that expires in April 2012.

◆ Agreed to settle a lawsuit with ComEd over streetlights on Waukegan Road. The settlement calls for ComEd to install new cable in a new underground conduit to replace temporarily-strung above-ground wires and bring all 39 streetlights between Overlook Drive and Pebblecreek Drive into proper working order. In exchange, the Village will accept ownership of and all future maintenance responsibility for the streetlights.

◆ Considered amending and updating the Glenview Municipal Code's health and Sanitation chapter. New references would address health issues related to farmers markets, food trucks, beekeeping and composting. The Village Board was scheduled to take up the issue again Jan. 3.

*For more, go online to [www.glenview.il.us](http://www.glenview.il.us) and click on Board of Trustees/Meeting Reports.*



## Commuter parking permit process easier to use, check

By combining previously separate processes, the Village is making it easier to issue and renew permits for Metra commuter parking lots in Glenview and police the display of those permits in vehicles parked in the lots.

Commuters now have the option of renewing a permit and paying the fee online (there is a convenience charge of \$5-\$10 added to the permit for this option) or can continue to complete the paper application and mail in a check.

The parking permit is assigned to the owner, who can now list multiple license plates on the permit, making commuter car and motorcycle use more manageable. Of course, only one of those vehicles can be parked in a lot at one time.

The administrative and parking system management changes mean officers will have access to current permit data while on the street. They'll be able to run a check of a license plate

to verify if a valid permit is attached to it or whether a commuter has forgotten to display a permit.

In the past, about a third of tickets issued for commuter parking permit violations were dismissed once authorities learned the valid permit holder simply forgot to display the permit or parked in the wrong area. The Police Department anticipates fewer tickets will be issued that end up being dismissed. That is expected to save staff time previously spent processing the ticket dismissals through police records and Cook County Circuit Court.

To facilitate the changes, commuters will be asked to affix a static cling decal on the back windshield of vehicles instead of hanging a card on the front mirror. That way, an officer will be able to quickly see the decal from the roadway.

Questions about the new commuter parking permit process can be directed to the Police Department at (847) 729-5000.



## It's Our Town, Please Slow Down!

Here are the **January** 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”:** 2000 block of Colfax Avenue • 1900 block of East Lake Avenue • 2800 block of Old Willow Road • 4500 block of Lilac Avenue

**Stop sign and stop light enforcement:** Maple/Lilac • Glenview/Waukegan • Dearlove/Milwaukee • Vernon/Grove



## WATCH US

GVTV airs on channel 17 or 6, depending on your neighborhood, and carries Village Board and Plan Commission meetings live. Unless otherwise noted, coverage of these events will be aired **after** the event date.

- **Glenview Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers.** 5 p.m. Jan. 5. Park Center.
- **Stories from the Criminal Court of Cook County.** 10:30 a.m. Jan. 24. North Shore Senior Center.

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

## What's new with Medicare in 2012

Join the Senior Services Division at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., for this free seminar featuring Jean Cleland, LSW, of the North Shore Senior Center.

The program is presented in conjunction with the Glenview Senior Center, North Shore Senior Center and the Village of Glenview. Call (847) 904-4366 with questions.

## STAY CONNECTED

### Upcoming Public Meetings

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

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

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