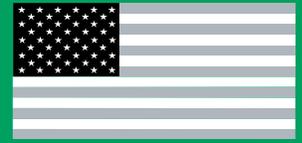




The Village of Glenview Report



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Bidding partnerships can save taxpayers' money

It has been nine months since an initiative was launched to creatively approach how municipalities deliver services, with the goal of saving taxpayer money.

Staffs of 18 Chicago-area communities have come together to explore and eventually create a strategic, coordinated bidding effort on everything from roadway resurfacing to crack sealing and water pipe leak detection to sewer relining.

This regional cooperative, known as the Municipal Partnering Initiative, to date has achieved between \$362,000 and \$491,000 in savings for the taxpayers of the participating towns. As important, it has allowed administrators to unearth savings in their budgets they didn't know existed and given them the option to do additional work planned for future years with the money saved.

Motivated by the economic downturn and Illinois' fiscal crisis, management of north Cook, Lake and DuPage county municipalities first met in September 2010 to discuss a new business model. Instead of separately seeking contractors for work they routinely do, the administrators would work together to purchase shared services and commodities. The economies of scale achieved were expected to translate into savings that could be reallocated for other services.

Committees of staff from various communities worked over the winter on specific service areas, each chaired by a different municipality.

To date, nine joint contracts were entered into, five more are in the final stages and several services and commodi-

ties have been identified for future partnering projects.

A few of the completed projects included:

- Roadway crack sealing – Morton Grove, Wilmette, Glenview and Winnetka were able to open up an existing joint contract to the communities of Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Skokie and Clarendon Hills. Adding eight communities to the existing joint contract allowed staff

Project	Number of communities	Total Project Value	Savings
Crack-Sealing	12	\$421,000	\$50,000-70,000
Resurfacing (Lake)	3	\$2.99 million	\$100,000-120,000
Resurfacing (Cook)	2	\$2.84 million	\$80,000-100,000
Concrete	8	\$966,000	\$15,000-20,000
Sewer Lining (group one)	5	\$1.09 million	\$30,000-50,000
Sewer Lining (group two)	7	\$945,000	\$60,000-90,000
Sewer Televising	4	\$365,000	\$16,000-26,000
Leak Detection	5	\$71,000	\$3,000-5,000
Hydrant Painting	6	\$60,000	\$8,000-10,000

to renegotiate contract pricing. Together, the 12 communities saved between \$50,000 and \$70,000 when the 2011 consolidated pricing was compared to 2010 non-consolidated pricing.

- Fire hydrant painting – Northbrook, Buffalo Grove, Lake Forest, Winnetka, Highland Park and Glenview jointly bid for a contractor to paint fire hydrants. The six communities saved between \$8,000

and \$10,000 when the 2011 consolidated pricing was compared to 2010 non-consolidated pricing.

The concept can work, the participating communities have learned. Not only are vendors open to negotiating to get expanded business, but municipal staffs are learning best practices from each other. As jurisdictional barriers are set aside, the interests of taxpayers can come first.

Now that some initial bid packages have been completed, efforts to put together similar packages for next year's bidding process will be much more straightforward.

Joint contracts are in the works for other services, such as water meter testing, roadway pavement testing and emergency contractor assistance. Future opportunities for partnering include services like street sweeping, public fence repair and traffic signal maintenance.

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Gap. Deficit. Shortfall. Downsizing.

Those words have been part of government budget vocabularies for several years now. And they'll stay there for at least the foreseeable future if not longer if this is indeed the "new normal."

With the economy still struggling and expenses continuing to rise, producing a balanced municipal budget has gotten harder every year since the 2008 recession. You're going through the same exercise with your household budgets.

So far, Glenview has been able to manage its way through this stagnant economy — by scaling back, implementing service efficiencies and downsizing staff. A big help in the past few years has been some unforeseen "found" money. Glenview tapped into one-time sources of revenue, such as federal stimulus programs and state grants, fees from large developments and reserves that could be drawn down.

We can't expect to pull many more rabbits out of the hat. At the start of preparations for the 2012 budget, the gap between operating expenses and revenues is projected at about \$2.5 million.

That's after the Village implemented cost-containment strategies, delayed infrastructure improvement projects and launched innovative partnerships with other communities to capture economies of scale on basic municipal services.

That's after a 22 percent reduction in village staff since 2008. That's after hard-fought efforts to keep intact the distribution Glenview and other municipalities get from the state income tax. That's after meeting state-mandated labor costs and program impositions. And that's after working with Springfield to reset pension obligations for future employees.

Management and the Village Board will continue to address service levels and programs as the downturn in the economy continues to impact several key revenue streams. State shared income tax, sales tax, utility taxes and hotel taxes have all shown significant declines, and initial projections have them remaining below 2008 levels through 2012.

The Village Board has remained sensitive to the impact the current economy is having on the citizens of Glenview. Every effort has been made to control property taxes. As other jurisdictions work to balance their budgets, the Village's share of a resident's total tax bill continues to shrink.

There will be careful consideration as we debate property tax levels in the future. So we've got some tough questions to ask ourselves as we put together a 2012 village budget in the next few months. Do we start to substantially reduce or even eliminate some of the services and corresponding personnel? Do we ask residents and businesses to pay more taxes? Implement new fees?

We will work to have a dialogue with residents on these very important issues. We'll start the budget review process with workshops in August.

We've always wanted public input to help our decision-making. The comments traditionally have been few or delivered at the eleventh hour. We need your help now. Let us know what you think. Look for opportunities on our website and in our newsletter for giving us input as we begin this process.

Kerry Cummings

Village Hall court now in session

A new process for hearing complaints about weeds, drainage and other property maintenance issues is scheduled to start in late July that will allow ticketed violators to attend hearings at Glenview Village Hall rather than at Cook County Circuit Court.

The Glenview Village Board in June created an administrative adjudication program intended to provide a more efficient, fair and consistent process for residents bringing complaints and those accused of violating village property regulations. The program at the same time is expected to boost village control and compliance of local property maintenance regulations.

Sending a message

Property maintenance “is such an important part of the quality of life of our community that we want to maintain as much control over it as possible,” Mary Bak, Glenview’s development director, explained.

“We think this will send a very strong message to the respondents in the community that we’re very serious about ordinance compliance in the realm of property maintenance, that these issues are serious and we want them corrected,” she added.

Voluntary process

As in the past, village officials will try to work out reported problems. Anyone cited for municipal ordinance violations would still have the ability to pay their fines without going through a hearing process.

Under the new process, those cited can contest the citations at local hearings that will be held at Village Hall.

Presiding over once-monthly hearings will be an administrative law judge, who has been trained in the

administrative hearing process. The judge will have authority to hear testimony, issue final orders and impose penalties and fines of up to \$1,000.

The judge can also issue orders allowing Village staff to enter a property that’s been the subject of a ticket and take action to bring the property into compliance

In each case, a \$50 court cost will be imposed. That’s expected to cover the program’s cost and staff’s professional services, giving Glenview the opportunity to recoup some of the costs of code enforcement.

Bypass Circuit Court fees

Previously, fines imposed for citations covered the \$135 Circuit Court fee and Glenview often collected no revenue for efforts associated with bringing the case to court.

Audio recordings of the hearings will be made in the event a respondent appeals the administrative law judge’s ruling to Circuit Court. A village prosecutor will be present at the hearings on behalf of the Village.

If a citation is ignored or the person issued the citation fails to appear, the administrative law judge can enter a default judgment and impose a fine. The law judge’s orders can be enforced in the same manner as a Circuit Court judge’s order, which means she can place a lien on property, garnish wages and/or impact credit.

But village officials believe those extreme cases will be rare.

“Our intent is to seek compliance with the village codes and make sure that the issues are rectified in a timely manner,” Bak said.

There were 225 building and property maintenance cases in 2010 that could have been locally adjudicated under Glenview’s new administrative adjudication system. That was out of a total 1,450 complaints Glenview received.

These were the top 10 categories of complaints:

Tall grass/weeds	206
Grade/drainage	150
Work without a permit	117
No business license	83
Garbage/waste/refuse	77
Danger to public safety	71
Hazardous vacant structure	48
Accumulation of rubbish	44
Sump/gutter discharge	38
Food service violation	32

New Rates from Groot



On July 1, Groot increased its residential waste pick-up fees. The new fee schedule is below:

New Monthly Groot Rates as of July 1, 2011		
<i>Please note that your bill also includes a \$6.05 monthly SWANCC fee, which should be added to the collection rates below.</i>		
Service	New Rate	Former Rate
Curbside collection	\$10.10	\$9.96
Curbside collection/senior	\$9.09	\$8.96
Backdoor collection	\$23.32	\$23.00
Backdoor collection/senior	\$21.25	\$20.96
Emergency debris collection	\$106.47/ton	\$105.00/ton
Street sweeping debris	\$177.45/drop-off \$46.64/ton	\$175 per drop-off \$46/ton
Cart change-out	\$25.35	\$25
White goods	\$30.42/item	\$30/item
95-gallon yard waste cart lease	\$7.20	\$7.20
Yard waste subscription	\$142.47	\$141.90

Remember the date

9-11 Commemorative Event

A ceremony has been scheduled to remember the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and honor the “first responders,” the men and women who are trained, equipped and prepared for emergency situations

**6:45–8 p.m. Sunday,
Sept. 11
at Gallery Park**

**Keynote speaker: Richard Jaehne,
director, Illinois Fire Service
Institute**



A retired colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps, Jaehne heads an institute that delivers more than 500,000 hours of training annually to some 50,000 fire-fighters and other first responders. He is a member of the Illinois Governor’s Terrorism

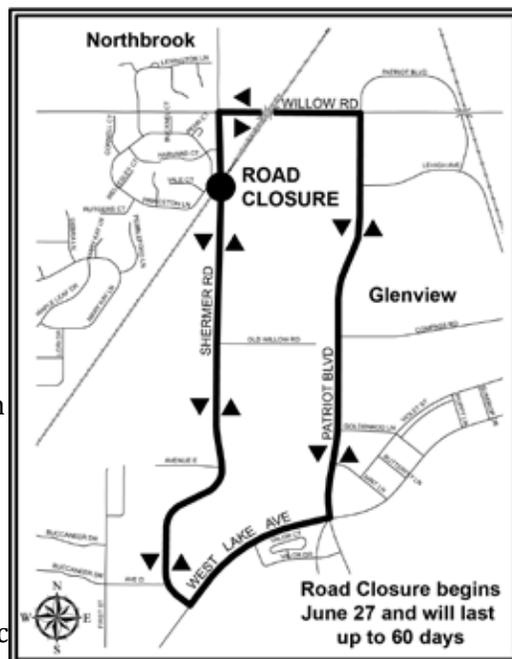
Task Force, co-chair of the task force’s training committee and a member of the congressionally-mandated FEMA Region V Regional Advisory Council. After Sept. 11, 2001, he developed and led a series of 17 Homeland Security planning workshops in Illinois, culminating in a two-day Homeland Security Summit. In 2006, Jaehne received the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System President’s Leadership Award for sustained support in fire and homeland security preparedness and programs, and the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts Kenny Long Award for sustained leadership.

Watch for Shermer Road bridge work

The Illinois Department of Transportation was scheduled this summer to repair the Union Pacific railroad bridge between Holste and Willow roads.

IDOT intended to close a portion of Shermer Road for an estimated 60 days to accomplish the work.

While local traffic will be able to access Shermer north and south of the overpass, motorists will not be able to get through and will be diverted at Willow Road and West Lake Avenue to Patriot Boulevard.



IDOT said the work is necessary to structurally reinforce the tracks, which were damaged by a November 2009 derailment.

North Glen train station getting model 'green' parking lot

A parking lot unlike most others is being installed near The Glen of North Glenview Metra Station – mostly funded with a federal grant

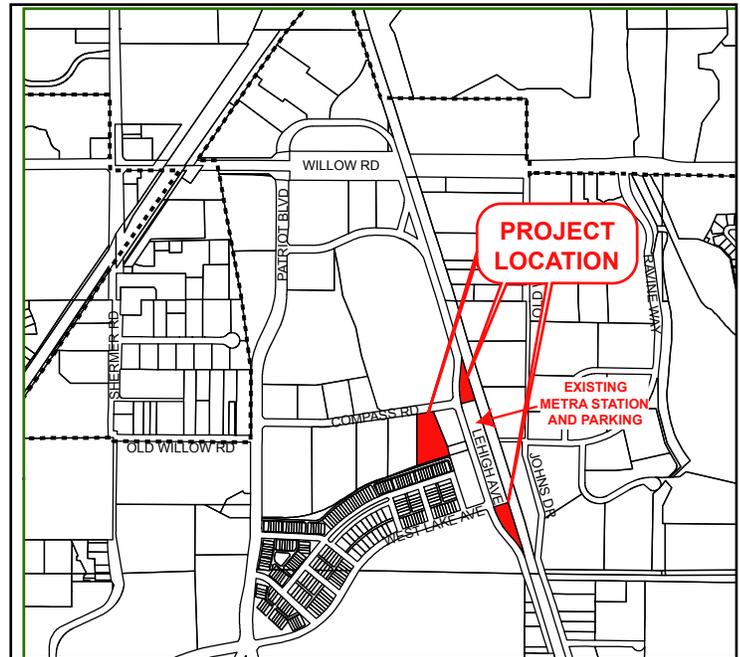
Instead of a wide expanse of impervious asphalt or concrete, the lot south of Compass Road at Lehigh Avenue is being constructed with pervious concrete and bio-swales, which are elongated rain gardens, specifically to allow storm water runoff to flow through it. The water passes through small openings in the pervious concrete and through the aggregate base into the earth below.

The idea is to provide vehicular parking while minimizing water pollution and runoff. By allowing rainfall to seep below the parking lot, the storm water has time to infiltrate into the soil below the watershed. That means better water quality for Lake Glenview and downstream rivers and less runoff for Glenview's infrastructure to manage.

The Illinois Department of Transportation was initially wary of allowing the lot to be built with pervious concrete. But with the assistance of Natural Resources Commissioner Judy Beck, who works for the U.S.EPA, Glenview was given permission to move forward with the project.

The lot, in fact, is an IDOT "demonstration project," which will be used to help establish Illinois standards for this type of infrastructure. In addition, 80 percent of its construction cost is being supplied by a federal Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.

The environmentally-friendly, sustainable lot was one of many ideas to come from a 16-member Storm Water Task Force, established by Glenview officials in response



to village-wide flooding during heavy storms in August 2007 and September 2008.

Two conventional parking lots are also being installed this summer east of Lehigh Avenue on the west side of The Glen of North Glenview Metra Station. In all, the three lots will provide 449 spaces, bringing the total number of parking stalls at the station to 1,473, which is more than 98 percent of the village's parking obligations required by Metra.

Plote Construction Inc. of Hoffman Estates was the lowest of eight bidders. Its \$1.66 million bid was about \$300,000 lower than original project estimates.

The contractor is expected to complete construction by the end of July.

What you can do to protect your property from flooding

Glenview successfully applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System program and attained a Class 6 rating, effective Oct. 1. As a result, flood insurance premiums will be reduced by 20 percent for properties located in the floodplain that are required to carry flood insurance.

Glenview was given credit for implementing a number of capital improvement projects and flood protection activities aimed at reducing the impacts of flooding on residents and business owners. Property owners who should receive the discount would need to contact their insurance companies directly if it is not reflected on premiums paid after Oct. 1.

More information will be provided shortly on the Capital Projects Department page of the Village website.

All Glenview homeowners are eligible to take advantage of two cost-sharing initiatives approved in August 2010 by the Glenview Village Board to minimize the impact of flooding.

- Homes with a gravity sanitary sewer system that is susceptible to sewer backup can convert to an overhead system to reduce the risk. The Village will pay half the cost, up to \$7,500, for the conversion.
- The Village will pay half the cost (\$400) of a holistic drainage inspection conducted by the Village's consulting engineering firm Baxter and Woodman. The inspection should provide homeowner with a better understanding of the work, costs and steps involved in flood-proofing their homes or addressing other drainage issues on their property. In addition, the Village will waive up to \$200 in permit fees should the homeowner undertake the recommended improvements.

Additional information is available about these cost-sharing programs at: <http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/development/inspectional/floodreductioncostshare.shtml>



Stop by the Village's Green Table at the Glenview Farmer's Market

This summer **the Village's Natural Resources Commission will be hosting a "Green Table" between 9 and 11:30 a.m. every Saturday during the Glenview Farmer's Market at Wagner Farm.** Co-sponsored by the Glenview Park District, the Green Table is your "go to" place for information about organic gardening, recycling, sustainable seafood, supporting backyard wildlife, trees, habitat restoration and more.

Here's the schedule for July and August:

- **July 2: Project EARTH Club** – Glenbrook South High School
- **July 9: Recycling Opportunities** – Northfield Township Highway Commissioner Peter Amarantos, Abt Electronics, Glenkirk
- **July 16: Saving Money with Energy Auditing and Practical Improvements** – Bob Rowlands, Eco-Cost Consultants LLP; Faith in Place
- **July 23: West Fork Corridor: Glenview's Home for the Chicago River** – Meshawn Ayala, Friends of the Chicago River; Natural Resources Commissioner Ron Ganim
- **July 30: Community Gardening** – Jen Roberts, The Organic Pantry Project; Dave Jones, Pleasant Ridge School
- **August 6: National Farmers Market Week** – Glenview New Church School kids projects.
- **August 13: Sustainable Building/Evelyn Pease Tyner Nature Center** – Evelyn P. Tyner; Judy Ksiazek; Kurt Horvath, green roofer
- **August 20: Heirloom Vegetable Gardening** – John Swenson and John Brossard, Wagner Farm; Ginny Hotaling, Chicago Botanic Garden
- **August 27: Urban Forestry: The Value of Trees** – Natural Resources Commissioner Rob Blomquist; Bruce and Erika Horigan, Horigan Urban Forest Products.

Check the September issue of the Village Report for the September-October Green Table schedule.

Keep your trees cool

You aren't the only one who appreciates a cold drink when the temperatures rise. Make sure your trees stay hydrated, too - here's how:

- Water early or late in the day - not during full sun.
- Slowly soak the ground around the tree roots.
- Water newly-planted trees first -- 30 minutes once or twice a week should do it.
- Water mature trees for an hour or two every two-three weeks.
- Water within the "drip line," an imaginary line on the ground that mirrors the edge of the tree's canopy.
- Allow soil to dry between waterings.
- Add three-four inches of mulch around young trees to retain moisture. Spread in a saucer shape bordered by the tree's drip line. Keep mulch away from the trunk.

The Village itself follows these guidelines as it works to water newly-planted trees around town. Our watering trucks are out every day; however, due to the large number of trees, it can be difficult to reach every one of them on a regular basis. You can help by watering any trees in your parkway.

Request a parkway tree type by Sept. 1

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 fall planting deadline for ordering trees is Thursday, Sept. 1. You can email your preference to 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 you'll find a link to a list of trees commonly planted on Glenview parkways (and lots of other information as well!)

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 you home please contact the Village.

VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

The Village Board met June 7 and 21. Here are some of the agenda items acted upon: For more details, go online to www.glenview.il.us

Reports

- Annual investment management overview from PMA Financial Network Inc.

Approved

- Final site plan review for 1920 and 1926 Waukegan Road
- Amendment to the Glenview Municipal Code creating the office of Administrative Adjudication
- Final subdivision for McDonald's, 9815 Milwaukee Ave.
- One-year, \$175,000 contract with American Underground Inc. of Glenview for sewer televising services
- One-year, \$638,519 contract with Texor Petroleum Co. of Riverside to supply fuel for the Village's fleet
- Permits for fireworks displays at the Glenview Park District Golf Club, Valley Lo Club and North Shore Country Club
- Addendum to the Grayslake Dispatch Services Agreement to merge Grayslake's New World records, mobile and field reporting systems with Glenview's existing New World Software solution.
- Closing Chestnut Avenue, from Lehigh Avenue to Patriot Boulevard from 6:15 – 9:30 a.m. July 31 for the Glenview Park District's annual Sprint Triathlon
- Declared various computer equipment surplus for disposal and/or recycling
- Voluntary annexation of 9870 Milwaukee Ave., site of a Taco Bell, and 2335 Sanders Road, site of Utilities Inc.
- Two-year, \$1.2 million contract with Tovar Snow Professionals of Elgin and a 2-year, \$528,000 contract with Wayne Endre Contracting of Wilmette for snow and ice removal from Village facilities
- A \$54,724 contract with Verizon Wireless for cellular telephone service
- Resolution to comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act
- Amendments to the Glenview Municipal Code relating to infill construction sites.
- Five-year agreement, from 2011 through 2015, for up to \$87,601 with Ehlers & Associates Inc. to conduct an annual census of persons living within the boundaries of The Glen Tax Increment Financing district.

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

We made it through another challenging weather event

For the third time in four years, Mother Nature tested our resolve the night of June 21 with tornado-like winds that knocked down power lines and damaged – and in some cases uprooted – trees across Glenview and the Chicago area.

Although the outcome, thankfully, was not on the scale of the August 23, 2007 microburst storm, that was cold comfort to the more than 6,800 Glenview residences and businesses without electricity for up to four days.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those who stepped up to the plate to help the Village during this challenging time.

First and foremost, thanks go to our residents and businesses, who weathered the storm and its aftermath with patience, ingenuity and compassion for their neighbors.

The Village's employees and contractors sprang into action from the get-go and worked tirelessly to first make sure there were no emergencies or injuries, and then to assist property owners with tree and storm debris removal. From the police officers who directed motorists at intersections with no working traffic signals to the firefighters who responded to calls of downed power lines to the Public Works crews crisscrossing the village to clear roadways, we succeeded again in making a bad situation better.

A special shout-out goes to Public Works Director Jerry Burke for his extraordinary dedication and hard work.

While Village Hall was closed for two days without electricity, staff was able to set up a make-shift shop in meeting rooms at the Police Department. From there, employees of our Resolution Center answered calls and connected those with problems to those who could help them.

We're getting to be "old hat" at managing weather emergencies, following the 2007 incident, the devastating rains of September 2008, the Blizzard of February 2011 and now this storm. Let's hope Mother Nature gets the message and eases up.



It's Our Town, Please Slow Down!

Here are the **July and August** 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": 2500 Chestnut • 1700 Sunset Ridge • 800 Laramie • 2200 Harrison • 3400 Thornwood • 1900 East Lake • 3900 Glenview Road

Stop sign and stop light enforcement: Sanford/Elizabeth • Greenwood/Happy Hollow • Grove/Church • Waukegan/Glenview • Glenview Park District Park Center lot • Pfingsten/Springdale • Harrison/Lincoln



What's On Tap This Summer

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

- **46th Annual Independence Day Parade.** July 4. Downtown Glenview. Featuring emcees Jim Shellard and Greg Goodsitt.
- **Mo' Beat Blues.** 2 p.m. July 19. Glenview Senior Center.
- **Individuals and Issues: Dr. Jason Robin, cardiologist.** 10 a.m. Aug. 10. Glenview Senior Center.
- **The Historic Pullman Community of Chicago.** 10 a.m. Aug. 23. North Shore Senior Center.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 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
Board of Trustees	July 19; August 2 and 16, 7:30 p.m.
<i>Kerry Cummings, President</i>	
Appearance Commission	July 6 and 20; August 3 and 17, 7:30 p.m.
<i>Tim McJilton, Chair</i>	
Historic Preservation Commission	July 11; August 8, 7:30 p.m.
<i>David Silver, Chair</i>	
Natural Resources Commission	July 18; August 15, 7 p.m.
<i>Henrietta Saunders, Chair</i>	
Plan Commission	July 12 and 26; August 9 and 23, 7 p.m.
<i>Steve Bucklin, Chair</i>	
Zoning Board of Appeals	July 18; August 15, 7 p.m.
<i>Ron Greco, Chair</i>	
<i>In addition to airing live on GVTV, Village Board and Plan Commission meetings stream live at www.glenview.il.us and may also be accessed online after the meetings.</i>	

Planning for the 2011 Village Budget

Village Board Budget Workshops

begin in August

Check for dates at www.glenview.il.us

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