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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Kerry Durkin



All that attended the Village 4th of July fireworks and the dedication of the Glenwoodie Clubhouse and Banquet Facility had a very memorable day. The dedication of the new facility to the memory of the late Mayor Sam Dobbins was emotional, as Ernestine, his wife, his neighbors and extended family gathered to celebrate his accomplishments with us. The fireworks were reportedly the Best in the Southland again!

Ongoing Projects:

- During this extended period of financial uncertainty the Village is aggressively pursuing grants and funding from both the State and Federal Governments. We have evaluated our infrastructure to take advantage of the current low prices for public works projects. We are seeing bids returned to us significantly below engineering estimates. Every dollar we spend in this environment is multiplied by the savings due to the current state of the economy.
- The Hickory Glen Park rehabilitation will be incorporated into an Open Space Lands Acquisition Act (OSLAD) Grant request from the State of Illinois. Our 50% matching funds will be the Build America Bonds the Village sold last year. The project magnitude is greater than the original plan pending approval of the grant.
- The Main Street sanitary sewer replacement from Gabe's to the intersection with Magnolia is being subsidized with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) low interest loan proceeds and paid for using sewer and water funds.
- The CDBG Disaster Recovery "Ike" Program was authorized and appropriated funds by the Federal Consolidated Security Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 to assist communities to address disaster relief and restoration to infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas affected in 2008 by flooding, hurricanes and other natural disasters. This is a fully funded grant from the State using Federal dollars. We will be able to resolve some of the infiltration issues affecting our sanitary sewers with this program.
- The Village has applied for a grant from the US Economic Development Administration for water and sewer work in the Industrial Park TIF. This grant would allow the Village to increase the capacity and reliability of water to both the Industrial Park TIF and the new Industrial North TIF. The saving of 50% of the cost of the project will allow for expansion of multiple businesses in the Park. Our matching funds will be TIF dollars, no water and sewer funds should be required to be used for this project.
- The Plan Commission and Village Board created an Implementation Task Force (ITF) to address the development opportunity within the Halsted corridor. We are preparing to assemble all of the land located in the Glenwood Plaza area to facilitate redevelopment of the footprint. Ronald Gardiner was elected Chair of the ITF and will represent all of us in the process of selecting developers and end users.

- The trees located in the parkways throughout the Village are the responsibility of the Village. A significant portion of those trees are Ash, which are dying due to the ash borer disease. We will be removing large numbers of these trees due to the disease. The infected trees are easily identified by the tops dying off and new growth lower on the trunk. We are currently identifying what types of trees we will be replacing them with to maintain the benefits the trees provide our community.
- My recent request for volunteers to serve on the various committees with vacancies was well received. The appointments were made at the August 16th meeting.

We must be willing to work together to survive the current economic climate in both the State and Federal Governments. The economic development climate we face today is much different than any we have experienced in our memory. Opportunity still exists for municipalities that are willing to work and partner with individuals and companies looking to grow in our area. Every new redevelopment agreement puts our current taxpayers at a disadvantage in taxes or eligible development costs. We review each application for the collective impact on existing uses in our Village before deciding what, if any, assistance is offered. When a commercial property is vacant and appears abandoned, the Village maintains awareness of tax payments and foreclosure or sales status of these properties. We do not automatically offer incentives to fill those properties. A sound business plan and access to sufficient capital to fund the endeavor is an essential part of our decision making process. The Economic Development Committee, staffed by citizen volunteers, is an essential tool in that process.

We are always interested in ways that have the potential to save our citizens money. Water and electricity are items we are currently working on.

- The Village has initiated conversations with the City of Hammond for our future water supply and cost structure. The current contract, which was for 30 years, expires in November of 2012. Our current rate for the purchase of water from Hammond was set in the original contract. We will work to keep the rate you pay for water as reasonable as possible.
- Based on a recent change in State law, we were able to select a provider for electricity to our residents. The Village has contracted with Direct Energy to provide our bulk electricity. Those customers that currently have a rate from ComEd for electric heat and anyone with a current contract for electricity from a provider other than ComEd are not included in the offer. Everyone that chooses to not opt out will save 23% to 25% on the cost of electricity. Senior citizens will receive the 25% savings after contacting Direct Energy. This bulk purchase will save the citizens of Glenwood approximately \$685,000.00 per year. Please contact the Mayor or staff with any questions about the program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Demitrous Cook, *Police Chief*



As the great Village of Glenwood moves forward in its community policing initiatives, I see more community residents participating in the efforts to make our community as safe as possible. The 2011 National Night Out event, which was held in Hickory Glen Park, was a big success; it was the first time the Village of Glenwood participated in this national crime prevention program.

Over the past few months many residents have asked me, "What is Community Policing?"; Community Policing is a PHILOSOPHY for doing police work; It is the collaborative effort between a police department and community which identifies problems of crime and disorder and involves all elements of the community in the search for solutions and/or affects to those problems. It is founded on close, mutually beneficial ties between police and community members.

At the center of community policing are three (3) essential and complementary core components:

- **Partnerships** between the police and the community.
- **Problem Solving** as a method to identify and solve problems of concern to the community.
- **Change Management** within the police organization to accommodate increased community involvement. (Fostering increased community involvement is vital to the success of community policing. Prior to the last decade or more, the community was not involved with working with the police in community policing initiatives. The lack of involvement from the community conflicted with the early fundamentals of modern-day law enforcement.

PROBLEM SOLVING Community Oriented Policing

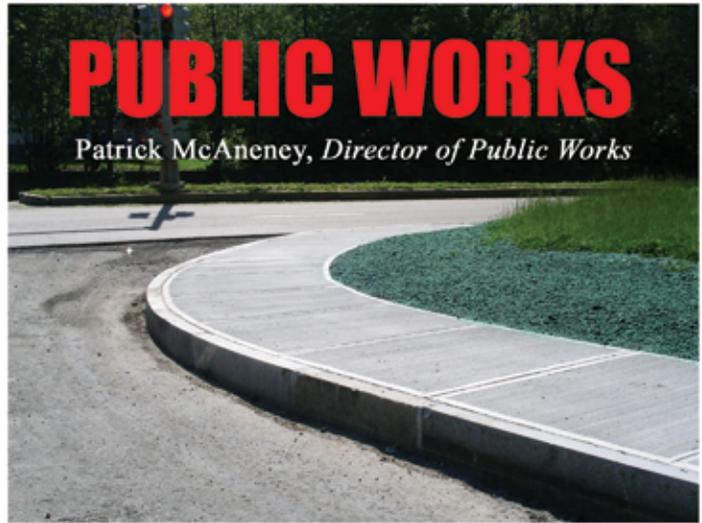
Problem Solving (C.O.P.P.S) is the tactic or strategy used to solve community problems of crime and decay; and **PARTNERSHIPS** are the tool or means with which the problem solving or affecting takes place.

Problem-Solving is the strategy which produces long-term effects toward problems of crime or decay in communities. Police, residents, and other agencies or organizations work together to identify and find the causes for neighborhood crime problems, then develop responses to the problems based on the cause. Responses are NOT cookie-cutter or one-response-fits-all. Responses are not 100% police responses. In most cases, the responses developed through **C.O.P.P.S.** is a joint police-community action, which also involves participation by agencies such as parks, code enforcement, youth services, streets & sanitation, property standards, the Health Department, the Fire Department and many others.

I ask that each neighborhood community and business organization embrace this concept and together we will become a safer and better **commUNITY!**

PUBLIC WORKS

Patrick McAneney, *Director of Public Works*



The **BRANCH PICK UP PROGRAM** will continue through October. Pick up for the east side of the Village is the first Monday of the month and the west side is the second Monday. If the pickup day falls on a holiday, the pickup will be the next business day. Branches must be out by 7:00 am and shouldn't be put out any sooner than the weekend before your pickup day. We are no longer accepting any evergreens.

A survey has been completed of all the parkway Ash trees that are dying due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Bids have been solicited from tree contractors to remove the trees and was awarded at the September 6th Board Meeting. The trees will be removed, stumps will be ground out and at a later date the areas will be restored. We will consider replanting trees in the spring of 2012 in as many areas possible.

Resurfacing of roads in the Village will begin this fall. One street in each Subdivision will be resurfaced with the exception of Old Glenwood. Bids are being accepted now with an estimated start this fall and possible completion before the first snowfall. There will be some inconveniences with the paving process so we ask for your patience in advance and hope the new streets will be worth it. The streets to be resurfaced are 193rd Place from Minerva to Dante, Center from Cedar to Pine, Center from Sycamore to Cottage Grove, Illinois from 183rd to Iowa and Kenneth from Strieff to Manor.

Village-wide sidewalk evaluation is being conducted to identify the conditions of all the public sidewalks. Once this is completed, we will solicit bids for removal and replacement of the sidewalks that require it. We realize there are many sidewalks in need of repair and we will continue this removal and replacement program as long as funding is available.

The Village will be replacing the forced sewer main and removing it from the Forest Subdivision to help alleviate some flooding that occurs during heavy rain events. This will take place along Main St. from Campbell to Magnolia and at the intersection of Main and North Main. There may be some inconveniences for drivers along Main St. since there will likely be lane closures and some delays while the contractor is working, but it will have huge benefits once it is completed. So thank you for your patience in advance.

Winter is closer that we think. Just as a reminder, please be aware of the parking restrictions for 2" snowfalls and whenever possible not parking vehicles on any streets during a snowstorm makes plowing much easier.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Welsh, *Fire Chief*

FALL CLEANING: As we head into fall and the eventual return of winter, we would ask that you take some time to do your fall house cleaning with fire safety in mind. All single family residences were designed to host your family as well as the normal items that will be used throughout the year. If you stockpile items in your home, you are creating a hazard and breeding a potential for fire to start. The return of the cold weather will force us to rely on the heating systems in our houses. Please take some time to inspect your furnace, change the filters and have it inspected at the first sign of problem. Each residence is required to have carbon monoxide detectors on every floor of the house. Make sure you detectors are functioning properly and have fully charged batteries.

RECENT FIRE CAUSES: It seems that while tracking the cause of fires in the homes in our community, we always can see patterns of the issues that result in fires. Currently, we are experiencing an inordinate number of fire in homes of our community that are caused by unattended cooking, candles and plug-in style room fresheners. People are putting food and/or pots of grease on the stove to heat and forgetting they have turned the flame on. These people have typically fallen asleep or are deep into a computer application and forget what they are doing. Candles are used in many modern homes for decoration. The use of candles is not regulated, however we are experiencing many calls where the candle is placed too close to bedding, window treatments or the walls. Candles should never be left burning when unattended or sleeping. The third most common fire cause is the plug-in style room air fresheners that have oil in them. The problem laments when the oil is all used up and the device continues to heat. There is a tiny heating coil in these that generates the scent from the oil on the wick, when the wick gets dry and is continuously heated the plastic device melt down onto itself and eventually erupts in flame. We do not recommend the use of these types of air fresheners.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Your Firefighters were recently outfitted in brand new firefighting protective ensembles including boots, pants, coat, helmet, gloves and hoods. We also received 28 brand



Firefighters Andrew Bettenhausen (left) and Christopher Pack fighting a fire in Lansing

new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and a new 6000 psi breathing air compressor. This was made possible through a \$290,000 Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant that we worked for over the past 18 months. The equipment that this replaced was over 13 years old and no longer met the life and safety standards.

ADDRESS LIGHTS: The program to outfit every single family residence in town with a lighted address panel is slowly drawing to a close. The program was funded by a Federal Government Fire Safety Grant and allowed us to purchase the devices that we found after extensive research. Although we have found that the lights on the devices are not producing the amount of light that we would like, and that sometimes residents found that the batteries were dead, the goal of the program is being met. If you have a light that is not lighting, we have determined that one step of our original build out of the lights may have led to the discharge of the batteries. Please contact the Fire Department and we will arrange to exchange your batteries with fully charged batteries.



Chief Welsh (center) and Firefighters in new gear



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief

RENTAL PROPERTY: The recent activities in the real estate market have proven to be challenging to individuals that want to sell their home or to the lending institutions that have acquired a large amount of properties. There are two programs that we enforce in the Village of Glenwood to assure that we are doing everything we can to maintain the property values for you. If your property is not occupied by you, the owner (non-owner occupied) you will be required to have the property inspected annually by the Village. These inspections are scheduled in advance and are an excellent opportunity for the landlord to visit their property. We inspect the property for the purpose of assuring compliance with all applicable local Ordinances as well as the International Building Codes which have been adopted by the Village. You are given ample time to correct violations, but in the event that you do not correct the violations, you will be cited and called to our local Adjudication Hearing where you will be fined for the infraction.

The second part of the requirement for the rental property is the administration of a Tenant/Landlord Agreement which in essence states that any occupants of the property that are charged with a felony or any combination of multiple misdemeanor violations will begin a process where the Village will mandate to the Landlord that they must begin eviction processes through the courts to remove the offenders from their property. We are very vigilant in our quest to identify all of the rental properties in town, but sometimes we miss one. Please call the Building Department if you suspect that a particular property has become a rental, we will investigate it and make sure it complies. Please call 708-757-2316.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: Inspectors are assigned to all neighborhoods of the Village to monitor all of the properties in their section for violations of the International Property Maintenance Code and the applicable Ordinances of the Village of Glenwood. We also follow up on any complaints that we

receive from residents involving a property that is not being maintained per the code. Some of the most frequent violations that we encounter are as follows:

- Grass and weeds in excess of 6". The Village Code requires that all grass and weeds must be less than 6" in height.
- Gutters clogged and growing weeds and trees. The gutters must be maintained in working order. This is especially important as we approach fall and the rainy season. Properly maintained gutters and downspouts will drastically reduce the amount of seepage you get in your basement. Run the downspout 4 feet or more out from your house, be careful not to discharge your gutters onto your neighbor's property.
- Peeling paint. The code is clear on the sight of peeling paint. It will be listed on the violation notice as "protective coverings". This simply means that somewhere on your house or auxiliary buildings on your property need to be scraped and painted.
- Accumulation of rubbish. This is a two fold violation, it either means that there is garbage strewn about your property or that you have placed your trash at the curb for the scavenger company too early. You can only place your garbage at the curb 12 hours before the morning of the pick up and the garbage cans must be removed to a place behind the front line of your house within 12 hours of the pick up.

We will also issue citations for any safety violations that we see on our inspection rounds.

POOLS: There is an Ordinance in the Village of Glenwood that mandates that ALL swimming pools constructed on private property in the Village must be inspected annually for health and safety compliance. If you have a pool that is not being inspected, please contact the Building Department at 708-757-2316 to schedule your inspection. As a result of the downturn in our economy, we are experiencing a large number of pools that owners are not opening for use. This unfortunately creates a breeding ground for mosquitos and becomes a neighborhood nuisance. It is our practice to mandate that pools must either be fully functional for the summer and chlorinated or they must be removed from the property. Experience shows us that even if you cover the pool it will eventually become a green bath of mosquito larvae! We have residents that have contracted the West Nile Virus and we will do everything in our power to minimize the risk to our residents.

INSPECTORS: For over three years now your Firefighter/Paramedics have been serving as the Inspectors for the Building Department. The Village Board folded the responsibilities of the Building Department into the Fire Department for several reasons. The greatest result of this merger is the fact that the Inspectors are certified in the field of administration of the International Building Codes. We have always performed Fire and Safety Inspections and the merger further strengthened the inspection process. These same Inspectors perform Health and Sanitation Inspections as well. All Inspectors are certified by the State of Illinois in this field. In the event that you would like to ask an Inspector a question about any related field, please do not hesitate to call 708-753-2440 or stop in at one of the Fire Stations to ask them.

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NON-OPERABLE AUTOS: The accumulation of non-operating vehicles being stored on single or multiple family properties has risen to an alarming number. The Village has had a long standing Ordinance for dealing with this condition, but recently had to address this Ordinance and our ability to enforce it. Starting in the month of September the Inspectors will be canvassing their areas looking for non-operating vehicles. We will be mandating removal of these vehicles utilizing the International Property Maintenance Code Section 302.8 which states that inoperable, unlicensed or disassembled vehicles are not permitted to be stored on any premises. You will be given ample notice to remedy the situation, but in the event that you choose not to comply, you will be summoned to appear at an Adjudication Hearing.

FOR SALE INSPECTIONS: The Village requires the purchase of Tax Stamps in order for you to sell your property. This process can not move forward without your property being inspected for code violations. In the event that you are going to sell your property, you must contact the Building Department at 708-757-2300 in advance of your closing by at least two weeks so that we can schedule the inspection. Once complete, the inspection will dictate how much funds will be necessary to be held in escrow by the Village to insure that the repairs are satisfactorily completed by either you or the purchaser. If the repairs are completed before the sale, there will be no escrow required. Some of the common violations that we see in these "point of sale inspections" include:

- The installation of "in use" covers on all outside receptacles
- Closet lights that do not have a protective covering around them
- Gutters full of growth or falling down
- Peeling paint or protective coatings
- Single device plug in receptacle on the sump pump and the garage door opener
- Inoperable smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Sunken or cracked walks and drives
- Improper discharge of the sump pump. It can NOT go directly into a sanitary drain
- Inadequate electrical circuits in the main panel. Must have 20 1/2 inch breakers per box
- Loose or non-existent hand rails on stairs
- Deteriorated walls around the bathtubs and showers
- Leaky drain parts, usually under kitchen sinks
- Extension cords
- Brush, trees and weeds exceeding our code or growing onto the house

LIGHT UP OUR TOWN: If you are contemplating the possible installation of or repair of either a front yard light pole or front of the house light fixture, or if you would like to help us maintain your neighborhood, please consider installing these lights in such a fashion and design that it broadcasts light onto the public street in front of your property. As we get back to winter and daylight savings time, the number of hours that our property is in the dark and most vulnerable is drastically increased. There is no argument that light decreases crime. We are also a firm believer that light casts a glow in our neighborhoods that instills a sense of pride among our neighbors at times when the long nights can create complacency and disdain. If you would like assistance with how, why or when to get this done, please contact the Inspectors at the Fire Department for an on-site evaluation. Let's light up our community so that others can see what we are proud of!

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BROOKWOOD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The August 3, 2011 Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meeting proved once again to be a lively and informative interaction between homeowners who came with compliments and concerns.

As some praised the ongoing efforts by Glenwood's Police Chief, Demitrous Cook, and the Glenwood Police to serve the community, others expressed concerns about the efforts to meet the safety needs of those enjoying the park's recreation activities. Chief Cook explained a new program currently being developed and will be implemented soon which will utilize specially trained officers in the Village's parks. He also encouraged residents to be more conscientious of neighborhood activity and to help monitor the tot parks.

President Mark Myers then introduced consultants from Teska Associates, who in turn, presented a brief board game activity to Brookwood Point Homeowners. During the board activity, homeowners were involved in interactive, hands on experiment of pointing out community strengths and weaknesses. The consultants also encouraged homeowners to go online to take a community survey which may be accessed directly at www.survey.com/s/GlenwoodCompPlan.

The Brookwood Point Homeowners Association Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Hickory Glen Field House, at 7 p.m.

Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association met on August 4, 2011 at their regular monthly meeting and was acquainted with relevant new information for the upcoming months of the year. Association Vice President, Anthony Plott, welcomed Police Chief Demitrous Cook to the floor and Chief Cook thanked all for their contributions in making the National Night Out Activity, held in Glenwood's Hickory Glen Park on August 2nd, a success. He then expressed his desire in seeing more resident involvement in monitoring our parks and keeping the Village of Glenwood a safe community.

Glenwood's Village Administrator, Donna Gayden, apprised all of the many new developments currently underway in the Village and those projected for the immediate future. Homeowners expressed their appreciation for the positive changes they see and complimented both the Police Chief and Village Administrator for their roles in these changes.

Homeowners then heard from Patrick McAneney, Public Works Director, who reported on the work currently taking place on the Manor's infrastructure. After reviewing some of the new technology utilized in this work, McAneney also reviewed the ongoing battle with the Emerald Ash Borer, the tree-eating bug that has infested many of Glenwood's trees. Vice President Plott thanked McAneney for the comprehensive review and complimented him on the diligence of the department.

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association invites Manor residents to come and share in the informative review and activities of the meetings held the first Thursday of every month at the Arquilla Park Field House at 7 p.m.

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News from the John H. Blakey Senior Center

First and foremost, we here at the John H. Blakey Senior Center wish to convey our best wishes to our own Jesse Flowers, Co-Director of the Center, who has retired and whom we will sincerely miss. We are forever grateful for his tremendous labor of love and leadership over the years here at the Center.

Glenwood Seniors, it is almost the end of summer and we are getting our new programs implemented and fully running! We are hoping to see the suggested activities of the Steppin Class, Zumba, Martial Arts and Line Dancing fully implemented real soon, but of course, senior enthusiasts must attend and become involved. Please call (708) 753-2438, come in, or write us a note to let us know if you are interested. Most of the programs are held on Friday, but we can accommodate some of the programs on other days of the week.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our Bingo callers for the 4th of July celebration, Trudy Thompson and Dakota Atkins of Glenwood. Yes, THANK YOU for a job well done! Our 1st thru 4th game winners won \$10.00 gift cards to Wal-Mart, and the Cover-All winners won \$20.00 gift cards to Wal-Mart. The winners were: Laura and Hector Hernandez and Alma Tate and Joseph Petkus. The first Cover-All winner was Dee Petkus. In the second set of games, the winners were: Ulysses Tate Jr. Carrissa Vasquez, Rose Carey, and Frank Davis. The Cover-All winner was Janice Martin. Other participants who won placement of their names in the Glenwood Gazette are: Andrea Hammond, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Horak and Janet Zaio. **If you would like to see BINGO played regularly here at the Blakey Center, please give us a call at (708) 753-2438. Of course, we anticipate the use of interested volunteers in scheduling and implementing the activity. Please call us if you are interested. You can make it happen!**

Here at the Blakey Center we have an open door policy, so come out and join us for free fun, food, and companionship. During the summer we are a cooling center and in the winter we are a warming center. Remember if you need transportation, you may call Bloom Township and they will schedule your ride to the Center. The number is (708) 754-8200.

Good news – The Parks and Recreation office will be located at the Blakey Center and for information regarding parks and recreation, you may call (708) 753-2438 and ask for Angeliqne Jennings. We are always looking for programs that might be interesting to you, so just call and discuss your interests or better yet, stop at the Blakey Center and review our present offerings.

So from our team to you, the great Seniors of Glenwood, see you real soon!

Ray and JoAnne

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Glenwoodie Golf Club



Summer is coming to a close, yet it feels like it has only just begun. The kids are back in school, the high school golf season is underway, and the Club Champions are being decided. Golf season in the Chicago area does not last long, but we like to make the most of it while it is here! And, this season has been one to be proud of for Glenwoodie Golf Club and the Village of Glenwood.

Despite the extensive rain and blistering heat, the golf course itself is in superb condition. The greens are running true and the bunkers are full of lush sand. The continuous cart paths have proven instrumental following the rainstorms this season, and the addition of the new white tee boxes has gotten rave reviews from golfers old and new to Glenwoodie Golf Club. The new clubhouse and banquet facility has continued to awe and delight customers.

The Sunday morning Players Club has competed in over 12 tournaments to date and will continue into the fall with more. Yet to be played is one of the best events of the year, the Big Cup Scramble. Held on October 8th, this year's Big Cup is open to the public for the first time as a "bring your best" foursome competition! Cups will be set at an 8" diameter to make scoring a little easier on the greens... (or will it?)

The summer instructional programs went very well, and we are looking forward to increased participation in 2012. Junior Golf has always been a success at Glenwoodie, and this season was no exception. Some of our graduates from previous classes even spent the summer working as employees of the course! Family Golf was also back this season on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 pm. Kids ages 15 and under were able to come out with one supervising adult or parent at the rate of only \$10 per family! It is a great opportunity for families to spend some quality time together on the golf course as well as getting their children exposure to the game of golf. Serious plans are under way to bring a 9-hole executive course to Glenwoodie. The addition of this facility would allow for the First Tee of America to have a satellite location in the South Chicagoland area, as well as provide a shortened course for beginner golfers of all ages to enjoy.

If you have not yet done so, stop in to enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Glenwoodie Bar and Grille. Our kitchen is open daily from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm (in-season) and features daily food and drink specials, including \$1 Taco Tuesdays and \$.50 Wing Wednesdays. The Glenwoodie Bar and Grille features 5 high definition televisions for all your sports viewing needs. This season we will have the NFL Sunday Ticket, so look no further for a great venue to watch your favorite teams and fantasy players! Look for weekly Bears game food and drink specials as well.

Lastly, we will be serving Sunday Brunch in our banquet facility beginning September 11th. Check our website for more details as the date approaches.

*Fairways and Greens,
The Staff at Glenwoodie Golf Club*

September 11th Glenwoodie will begin our **SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET!!!!**
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The Glenwood Juniors is a member of the 3rd District of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and The International General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is 10 million strong and reaches 30 countries.

As a member of The Glenwood Junior Woman's Club, you will have an opportunity to participate in local community volunteer service in exciting, fun and meaningful ways. Each meeting includes an interesting community-related theme, delicious refreshments, and warm fellowship. We are sure you'll find, it's a great and easy way to meet new faces, make new friends, and contribute to the overall well-being of your community.

Business meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, from September thru May. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the John H. Blakey Center for Seniors (located just north of the Police Station, behind the Village Hall).

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Installation of new members will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Evonne F. Blakey, Program V.P.

Glenwood-Lynwood Library

Happenings



The Glenwood-Lynwood Library has had quite a summer despite the abnormally hot weather. The Midsummer's Knight Read program had nearly 500 children participate. The final celebration of a Medieval Fair was a huge success with many young girls and boys dressed as princesses and knights, costumes they were able to create at the library based on how much they read. Families enjoyed the pony rides, bouncy house, games and freshly popped popcorn.

The reading fun will continue into the fall, winter and spring with a friendly reading rivalry between the children of Glenwood and Lynwood with an *Attack on Reading*. Participants will log how many hours they have read from September 1 to May 1. The top readers from Glenwood and Lynwood will receive a plaque and a personal electronic device of their choosing. Either Mayor Kerry Durkin, of Glenwood, or Mayor Gene Williams, of Lynwood, will be presented with a trophy, honoring the Village whose children have read the most. The Library will also host a pizza party at the end of the program to celebrate the huge accomplishment of the children. Any child from birth to 18 can participate and any type of reading counts - parents can read to their babies and toddlers; brothers and sisters can read to each other. Magazines, comic books, graphic novels, books, newspapers, and e-books – anything that can be read is acceptable as long as hours are logged. Join the *Attack on Reading* and sign up at the Library today!

Don't forget that the library has programs for people of all ages: computer classes every week; computer databases including, but not limited to car repair, magazines, genealogy, e-books, and grants; story times for babies and toddlers; seasonal craft programs; book discussions for all ages; and specialty programming. We also have homebound services for those who are unable to leave their house and a bookmobile that travels to neighborhoods and schools in Glenwood and Lynwood.

Call or visit us today and enjoy all your library has to offer!

Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District

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www.glpld.org



PADS Needs Your Help

*How Big is Four Hours of Your Time?
To PADS and its Guests, Four Hours is Huge!*

South Suburban PADS is gearing up for its 22nd Emergency Shelter Season which operates between October 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012. **PADS is in urgent need of volunteers to staff the shelters and volunteer cook teams to provide meals for the guests.** Four hours, once each month, is all it takes to help keep these shelters open. Please consider helping PADS serve homeless persons in our area. It could be the best four hours you spend each month!

Contact Dawn Thrasher, Community Resource Coordinator for PADS, 708-754-4357, dawn@sspads.org to register for volunteer opportunities and to learn about the many opportunities available to support the PADS mission.

Miss Illinois Plus America



On May 15, 2011, the Miss Plus America (MPA) pageant organization proudly crowned GLENWOOD resident TOY MONIQUE HAWKINS as titleholder and queen for the great State of Illinois. The MPA pageant is now in its ninth year and held its national competition in Dallas, Texas this past July. Queen Toy Monique competed well and although she didn't take the national title, she certainly represented us well by winning over all contestants in the Ms, Miss and Mrs. divisions in two out of three categories: Most Elegant Pantwear and Best Evening Gown.

Queen Toy Monique's platform is Child Abuse & Trafficking of Young Women, a cause she is passionate about and works diligently to raise awareness. She advocates for the Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS) organization, headquartered in New York and serves on the local committee of GEMS Sisters of Chicagoland.

Queen Toy Monique works as a full figured model, actress and event consultant. She is presently writing her first novel and can be seen in fashion shows throughout the City of Chicago and abroad. She has modeled in Sonsi's Full Figured Fashion Week for K-Mart, Catherine's, and a host of boutique designers as well as the Black Women's Expo at McCormick Place for Chicago Plus Designer Tennille White.

Glenwood Takes On The Emerald Ash Borer

It's here, it's tiny, and it's hungry! It's the Emerald Ash Borer, a tree eating bug, and it has become one of Glenwood's most formidable challenges. It was first discovered living in the trees of Michigan in 2002, and it is believed to have travelled here from China in crates around the turn of the new millennium. Seemingly lethal to all species of the ash tree in North America except the Mountain Ash, this flat headed beetle has now spread throughout the Midwestern states and Canada and has destroyed important landscape in many key areas.

Hundreds of trees in Glenwood are now affected as the beetle bores into the bark and lays its eggs in the crevices it creates. When the eggs hatch, tiny larvae bore into the trunks and feed on the tissues of the trees. As a tree begins to die, the upper branches become sparse and sucker branches develop near the base of the tree in an effort to get water. It's a pitiable situation once neighborhood trees are attacked because treatment of the diseased tree and destruction of the beetle pose a dilemma to an affected community. The trees can either be cut down or treated annually with chemicals. Many communities, like some of Glenwood's neighboring villages, choose the option of cutting down the affected trees thus avoiding the costly option of yearly spraying and injecting each tree with chemicals.

According to Eric Swanson, our Glenwoodie Golf Course Superintendent, the Village and the Golf Course have hundreds of affected trees. "Yes, we definitely have infestation, and we have been treating the trees annually, but we are still losing many of them. Many of the trees have sprouted sucker branches at the bottom and are struggling to get water," he says.

Affected Ash trees on private property are the responsibility of property owners, but Glenwood residents who suspect they have an affected Emerald Ash tree on Village property near their home may call the Village. As Glenwood battles our newest challenge to some of our most picturesque foliage and landscaping, plans are already underway to cut down hundreds of affected trees already identified by our Public Works Department.



VILLAGE HALL HOURS

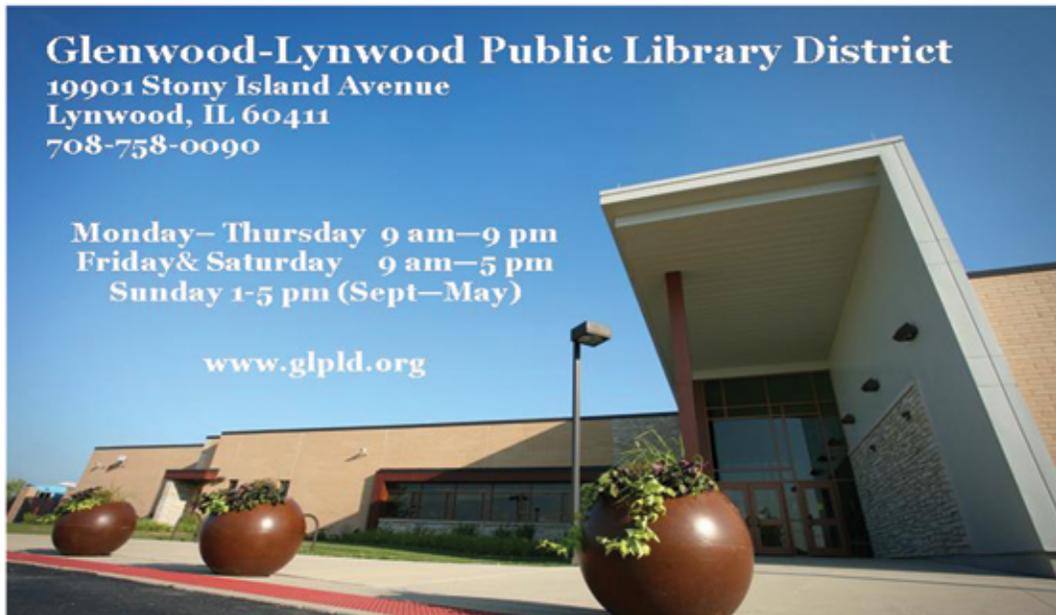
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
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Tuesday
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 12 NOON

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Sunday 1-5 pm (Sept–May)

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Reclaim a Youth (RAY) of Illinois Celebrates 20-Year Milestone



Reclaim a Youth receives Social Entrepreneurship Award in New York City



Reclaim a Youth receives Community Service award in Dallas



*Darlene & Jude L. Pierre-Louis
Fundraiser Chairman & Co-Chair, 2011*

Ms. Addie Mix, founder of the Glenwood, IL organization, Reclaim a Youth, is celebrating 20 years of mentoring youth and providing scholarships to students across Chicagoland. Reclaim a Youth (RAY) partners with organizations and schools in the south region. Brookwood Middle School and Brookwood Junior High School are two host locations for RAY's afterschool programs and curriculum that instruct kids on how to make right choices that lead to a better quality of life. In addition, the organization seeks to provide role models for African-American youth through its Career Day initiative held in March of each year. Successful African-American professionals discuss their life experiences and career choices with elementary school students who may, and for the first time, consider occupations beyond basketball and football careers. For 20 years RAY has consistently demonstrated a strong vision with committed volunteers, several creative entrepreneurial ways of meeting goals with significant private sector financial support, and sustainability through its energetic, founding leader.

One of RAY's largest donations was by Manhattan Institute's Prestigious Award for Social Entrepreneurship. The award honors nonprofit leaders who found innovative, private solutions for some of America's more pressing social problems. The Social Entrepreneurship Award program is supported by funds from the J.M. Kaplan Fund, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, William E. Simon Foundation, and Nick Ohnell.

Concerned about decline in their neighborhoods and the much larger issue of the future of young African-Americans, Reclaim a Youth is an organization that is creating positive change in the south region. RAY has an impressive record of community work spanning 20 years and is looking to make greater social impact in the future.

On Saturday, November 12, 2011 Reclaim a Youth will have its 20th Anniversary Fundraiser Banquet at the Serbian Social Center, located at 18550 Stony Island Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Tickets - \$55.00. Darlene Pierre-Louis, Chairman and former Chairman of Museum of Science & Industry Black Creativity Gala, and Jude L. Pierre-Louis, Co-Chair, are planning a Black tie event that will seat over 600 supporters. Proceeds are tax deductible and used to fund youth programming and scholarships. For ticket information, please visit, <http://reclaimayouth.org/index.html>. Or call 708-757-7293.



Reclaim a Youth Career Day at Brookwood Junior High School

**Presenting
Our
Honorable
Grand
Marshall,
Major
Raymond
C. Christian**



The Village of Glenwood was honored in this year's July 4th Celebration with the leadership of Major Raymond C. Christian who served as our prestigious Grand Marshall of the parade.

Major Christian is not only a decorated Major of the United States Army, but also an award winning poet. Receiving his first award in 1996 from the Famous Poets Society in Anaheim, California and inducted into the Poets Hall of Fame in 1997, he went on to earn the Prometheus Muse of Fire Award in 2001 and a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. In 2007, Major Christian received the Poet Fellow Award and earned international recognition in literary arts.

Major Christian is also a motivational speaker who serves in The Church of God in Christ as an Elder. As an author of five books, he continues to write and speak and has several projects currently under development. For more information on the Village of Glenwood's 2011 Grand Marshall, Major Raymond C. Christian, check his website at www.christianrcproductions.com.

South Suburban Family Shelter Seeking Donations

South Suburban Family Shelter is in need of non-perishable food items for their clients who are experiencing domestic violence. One of the ways abusive partners use control over the victim is through financial abuse. Victims are often financially dependent on their abusive partner and have very little money for food and other necessities for their family. Especially in this downturned economy, this is a challenge many domestic violence victims are facing.

South Suburban Family Shelter is seeking non-perishable food items such as canned soups, vegetables and fruit, and other non-perishable items. Personal hygiene products (regular, not sample size please) are also needed.

South Suburban Family Shelter is a non-profit organization which provides comprehensive services to families who experience domestic violence. These services include:

- 24-Hour Hotline
- Emergency Shelter
- Counseling for adult victims and their children
- Abuser Intervention Program
- Court Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Safe from the Start
- Prevention Program



All victim services are provided free of charge and all services are available in English and Spanish.

For more information about SSFS, call 708-794-2140, ext.303. Donations may be dropped off at 18139 Harwood in Homewood. Please call ahead before dropping off items.



OAK FOREST HOSPITAL CLOSING

On Tuesday August 16, 2011, Cook County operated Oak Forest Hospital inpatient services were officially closed by the State of Illinois Review Board along with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

This closing will no longer allow people without health insurance access to emergency critical care. Cook County Health officials will now send the acute care patients to Stroger Hospital on the west side of Chicago which can be at least an hour or more away. Closing Oak Forest hospital will leave the South Suburbs without an effective emergency room and no inpatient hospital.

With so many people losing their jobs and homes, this is the worst possible time for Cook County to close a so desperately needed hospital. There are many working people who can't afford health care insurance and are trying to make ends meet. Oak Forest Hospital was meeting those needs until Cook County decided to unwisely close the facility.

As a resident of Cook County and citizen of Glenwood, I am interested in talking to other residents who wish to meet with us to further protest these actions taken by the County.

*Please contact Colette or Lydia Quinones:
708-758-9763 or email celestial88@sbcglobal.net*



Village of Glenwood Partners with New Electricity Provider

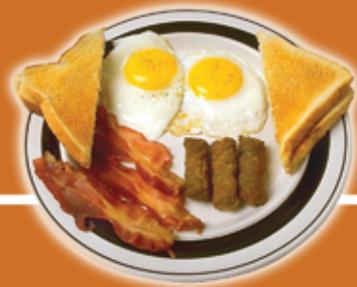
In an effort to control rising electricity costs, the Village of Glenwood is officially partnering with **Direct Energy** as new provider of electricity for residents and small businesses of the Village. The Village accepted Direct Energy's proposal of supplying electricity at a competitive price for the fixed period of October 2011 through September 2013. The established price is 5.99 cents per kWh exclusive of utility charges and taxes. Senior residents of the Village will pay 5.89 cents per kWh. Direct energy also has a renewable energy product for 6.29 cents per kWh.

Although the special Aggregation Agreement between Glenwood and Direct Energy is one of the first of its kind, Direct Energy is one of North America's largest energy providers and is currently expanding into states that now desire greater choice and added benefits to energy consumers.

The special Opt-out Aggregation Program enables the Village to buy energy in volume on behalf of the residents of the community and allows those who wish to be excluded from the aggregation to opt out of the program. Residents of the Village are automatically enrolled, however those who wish to opt out may call Direct Energy at the toll-free number, 1-866-760-6040. Senior citizens who are age 65 or older may call customer care at 1-866 760-6040 to enroll and receive the special discounted price.

Although Direct Energy is the new provider, residents of Glenwood should still report any emergency or maintenance issues to ComEd. ComEd will continue to bill residents for their charges and residents are to send just one payment to ComEd for Direct Energy and ComEd charges.

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2011 WATER QUALITY REPORT



This year, as in years past, your tap water met all UESPA and State Drinking Water Health Standards. Our system vigilantly safeguards its surface water supply, and we are able to report that the department had no violation of a contaminant level or of any other water quality standard in the previous year. This report summarizes the quality of water that we provided last year, including details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies.

*To view the complete 2011 Water Quality Report,
please visit our website.*



GLENWOOD HAWKS BASKETBALL

Glenwood Hawks Fall Registration

Attention parents, friends, and family. Does your child enjoy playing basketball? If so, The Glenwood Hawks Youth Basketball is just the program for your child. The basketball program is open to all youth, of any skill level, in the 3rd to 8th grades. The kids will learn the fundamentals of basketball, and play in weekly organized games to exhibit their skills. Discussions are underway regarding forming a 9th grade in house or traveling team(s), but the decision has not been finalized.

Several opportunities to register for the 2011/2012 basketball season are available (see below for fees, dates, times, and locations).

Registration Information

Fees: \$80.00 for Glenwood residents

\$85.00 for non-Glenwood residents

Additional fees required for traveling team participants -

Fundraiser participation is required

******A \$5.00 discount is given on select registration dates******

Registration Dates

- **October 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th** - Blakey Senior Center from 6PM to 8PM.
- **October 24th and 25th** - Hickory Glen Field house from 6PM to 8PM.
- **November 1st, 3rd, 4th** - Hickory Glen Field house from 6PM to 8PM.

For further information contact us at 1(888)773-1191.

We look forward to seeing you this season.



The Village of Glenwood

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Village Contacts

Police Emergency: 9-1-1
Fire Emergency: 9-1-1
Fire Non-Emergency: (708)753-2440
Police Non-Emergency: (708)753-2420

Village Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

Residents are encouraged to attend all meetings.

Board of Trustees Meetings:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at
7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

Committee of the Whole Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

Special Board of Trustees Meetings:

As called and posted in the Village Hall

Planning Commission:

3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Village Department Contacts:

Village Hall: (708)753-2400
Building Department: (708)753-2416
Economic Development Office: (708)753-2400
Fire Department (Non-Emergency): (708)753-2400
Mayor's Office: (708)757-2309
Village Administrator: (708)757-2311
Police Department (Non-Emergency): (708)753-2420
Public Works Department: (708)753-2413
Sewer/Water Department: (708)753-2417
Parks & Recreation Program: (708)753-2400
Glenwoodie Golf Course: (708)758-1212

Education Contacts:

School District #167: (708)758-5190
Bloom High School: (708)755-7010
Bloom Trail High School: (708)758-7000
Brookwood Jr. High School: (708)758-5252
Brookwood Middle School: (708)758-5350
Governors State University: (708)534-5000
Hickory Bend Elementary School: (708)758-4520
Homewood Flossmoor High School: (708)799-3000
Longwood Elementary School: (708)757-2100
Prairie State College: (708)709-3500

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Village of Glenwood's Places of Worship Providing Hope and Inspiration to Our Community

Apostolic Church Of God

128 E. Main Street
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-758-1275

Calvary Baptist Church

801 E. Glenwood-Dyer Road
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-758-2300

Glenwood Bible Church

201 W. Main Street
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-758-6686

In The Upper Room Ministries

760 Holbrook Road
Glenwood, IL 60425
(Worship Service Sundays at Illiana HS)
2261 Indiana Lansing, IL

Living Springs Community Church

19051 S. Halsted Street
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-709-0100

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

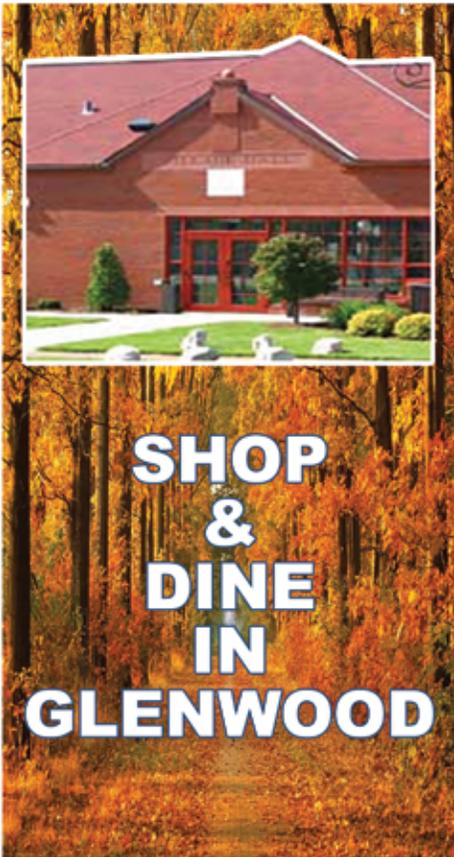
845 Strieff Lane
P.O. Box 607
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-755-8895

St. John Roman Catholic Church

301 Cottage Grove Avenue
Glenwood, IL 60425
708-758-5098 (phone)
708-758-0408 (fax)

The New Hope Apostolic Ministries

Services in Spanish
130 East Main Street
708-248-5232
708-769-2838



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