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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### *Mayor Kerry Durkin*

*I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house.* Nathaniel Hawthorne

Summer is over, the children are back to school and I am wondering where the time went! The Village once again had a very successful season at Glenwoodie Golf Course thus far.

Public Works was able to finish the storm water outfall in Sweet Woods that serves the Forest Subdivision. Public Works completed this project with the gracious cooperation of the Kleidon Family on Maple Drive. They allowed us access to the Forest Preserve via their driveway and garage and saved us thousands of dollars. The Village thanks them again.

Work has also commenced once again on Hickory Glen Park and we are expecting to see completion this fall. Our budget on this project exceeded expectations due to the commitments we made to the State and with input from you, the citizens of the Village. To provide funds to complete the project, we are earmarking revenue from the redevelopment of the paintball facility on Glenwood/Chicago Heights Road to the park. There will be more information on this project in the next newsletter. We are very excited about the addition of a new manufacturing facility in the building.

Glenwood has received tentative approval of a grant from the US Department of Commerce, EDA for 2 million dollars to develop the footprint of the former Nicor property. This is a 50% match but allows us to develop the site and provide more opportunity for jobs in this region. I stress region vs. Glenwood because it is our position that forcing jobs created in Glenwood to be reserved for our residents, regardless of their qualifications, is an absurd undertaking. Glenwood residents are encouraged to apply but must also meet the qualifications to be considered for these new positions. We try to inform you via the newsletter of all the new business and employment opportunities in the region in the hope that our residents receive the necessary training to meet the needs of these business expansions.

We have a new business in town, Jen-Care at Holbrook Road and Halsted Street that provides healthcare to seniors

in the area. I encourage you to visit this beautiful facility soon.

We have reached a tentative agreement with Chicago Heights for a new water contract that once again will require an increase in water rates. The actions taken by the City of Chicago regarding water rates have affected every suburban community that uses Lake Michigan for their water supply. Hammond has made it their position to charge 88% of Chicago's rate and that means increases to us whenever the Chicago City Council raises Chicago's rate!

Glenwood's original position on the joint distribution line from Hammond was one of a partnership with the City of Chicago Heights. We felt our position was legally defensible but have agreed to become customers. An ownership position would have required Glenwood to place in reserve our proportional share of the cost to replace and/or repair the line. Instead of paying into a depreciation fund, we will pay a set rate that adjusts for inflation for the delivery of lake water for a 20-year period.

This decision was a difficult one to make for me. I have been following the issue with this water line since 1997 and originally believed the language in the contract would suffice to protect us from any additional increases. However, correspondence from Village Attorneys dating back to the 1980 have identified contract deficiencies and left us with little in the way of options. There will be more information on this subject in your water bills.

The litigation of the Glenwood Plaza continues. We met with the Judge presiding over the case but could not reach an agreement to avoid a court decision. The separate issue regarding demolition of the former bowling alley is continuing in the Circuit Court. We are all hoping that both of these issues will be resolved soon.

The Staff at the Village is continuously working to protect your interests. As always, Villagers are welcomed to come in and discuss anything about the items in my articles with Village Staff or myself.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT Demitrous Cook, Police Chief



On August 6th, the Village of Glenwood Police Department successfully participated once again in the Annual National Night Out. The night out against crime is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, to strengthen the police community partnership, and most importantly to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

This year's Annual National Night Out took place at Arquilla Park. The evening began with the Village Board Meeting in the open air. Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed hot dogs, soda and ice cream. Residents could openly speak to Village Officials and representatives from all of the Village Departments. Also present were representatives from Glenwood Academy, ChiroOne Healthcare, and Mari's Zumba Fitness answering questions and providing information about their services.

Representatives from the Police Department were on hand to complete ID kits for the National Child Identification Program. Remember it is never too late to protect your children. ID kits are always available at the Police Department and can be picked up free of charge anytime.

To conclude the evening live music filled the air by, youth band, Jamiah on Fire and the Red Machine. Approximately 150 people attended. The night provided a great show of support and community concern from the residents of Glenwood.

Special thanks should also be given to Walmart for their generous donation of hot dogs and soda, Set Environmental for their donations of water and coolers, Dairy Queen in Homewood for the use of their hot dog wagon, and for providing the ice cream. The Village thanks Chief Welsh for his fantastic job as acting chef for the evening.

Our children have returned to school and school zone safety is a big concern. Remember when driving, to pay extra attention to school zones and speed restrictions as many children walk to and from school. Although the Village of Glenwood and Brookwood School District have worked hand in hand to provide crossing guards at numerous busy intersections, children still cross at unguarded intersections. Defensive driving is the best driving. Always be prepared that the child you see may walk or run into traffic at any given time. Watch for stopped school buses also. Children who are running to and from the bus often take for granted that all of the traffic would stop. Remember the penalty for all school zone traffic violations, including passing or ignoring school bus stop signs, and not obeying crossing guards, is greater. Most of these types of violations will result in the mandatory suspension of driving privileges.

We caution parents to consider that your actions and influence with your children can help provide a better quality of life for all residents of the Village. Please talk to your children about the safety of not walking in the roadway and using the available sidewalks. The Police Department receives numerous calls each school year for children walking in the roadway. As in the past, the Police Department will again be issuing citations to children found walking in the street. Please also speak to your children about not loitering on street corners and businesses before and after school.

It is the Police Department's concern and priority to see that all children can travel to and from school safely and expeditiously.



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The Glenwood Hawks Youth Basketball is ready to begin another fun and exciting basketball season. The Glenwood Hawks Youth Basketball program is designed to instruct boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grades, in the fundamental skills and rules of basketball. The children will participate in an 8 to 10 game schedule, with practice scheduled to begin in November. Registration for the 2013-2014 Glenwood Hawks basketball season is scheduled as follows:

### EARLY REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013** – Hickory Bend & Longwood School - During Open House - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

### REGULAR REGISTRATION

**Saturday, October 19, 2013** – Hickory Glen Field House  
9:00am to 1:00pm

*Volunteer Coaches and Team Moms are needed. For additional information please call 1-888-773-1191 or visit our website at [www.Glenwoodhawks.org](http://www.Glenwoodhawks.org).*

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief



## Fall Cleaning

As summer rapidly draws to a close, we want to take this time to remind everyone that it is time to prepare our property for the winter months. It is time to clean out the attics, the basements and the garages. Cleaning out not only “un-clutters” your house and life, it lightens the fire load that increases exponentially with the addition of stored items that fill void spaces. The Department recently assisted a neighboring community with a residential fire where the efforts of the Firefighters were hindered severely due to the massive accumulation of “stuff” throughout the entire residence.

The accumulation is not only dangerous for you, but dangerous for the Firefighters that have to fight their way into the building before they can even start to extinguish the fire. This clutter will always result in a more severe fire. If you would like a survey of your property, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 708-753-2440.

## Home Security Systems

Personal Residential Alarm Systems are all the rage. The technology revolution has afforded all of us a very cost effective way to secure our property from many perils. The average cost of installation has come way down, with some companies installing the system for free as long as you sign up with them for a period of monitoring. These alarm systems were often frowned upon by the Emergency Services because their dependability and false alarm rates were not attractive. Most of the issues we dealt with are now in the past.

The systems of today can provide personal security for you and your family against intrusion as well as from the perils of fire, carbon monoxide and power failure. There are many companies providing security alarm service to our residents. While we do not recommend one vendor over another, we do encourage you to research your needs and sign with the company that is not only compliant with your desires, but that is licensed with the Village.

Alarm systems require a Village Building Permit for installation and we highly recommend that you use a Village licensed vendor (installer). The Village of Glenwood also require you to register your alarm system with the Police Department. This registration costs \$25.00 annually. The importance of this registration is to assure that we have “key holder” information on your system and residence in the event that the alarm sounds while you are not home. The only alternative that we have in these cases is to force entry into the residence to assure that there is no fire or break in that is taking place upon our arrival. We also use this registration to notify you that a response was made to your location and to track the number of times that we respond to a particular location.

If you need further information on a system for your house, please feel free to contact the Fire Department.

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## A Note from the Village Administrator **Donna M. Gayden**

### *Glenwood Residents,*

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some wonderful events sponsored by the Village of Glenwood.

Over the past few months the Village has begun the renovation of the Hickory Glen Park. With the assistance of an OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) Grant from the State of Illinois, the million-dollar renovation will bring new life to the park. The playground area is expected to reopen late September and the remainder of the park is anticipated to be ready for the beginning of 2014 baseball season.

The Village has also applied for another OSLAD Grant for the renovation of Arquilla Park. We are hoping for a positive response in mid to late January 2014. Also over the summer the park equipment was painted by the summer youth. Glenwood was awarded a Summer Youth Grant in late June, which employed 17 young adults. We are hoping to become a recipient of this grant for years to come.

During the next few months, the Village will have many activities for the community. They are:

- Credit Repair Class at the Village Hall  
September 21st @ 11:00am
- Home Owners Assistance Workshop for people in pre-foreclosure and foreclosure at the Village Hall  
on September 28th @ 9:30am
- Fall Festival at Living Springs Community Church  
on October 27th
- Oktoberfest at Glenwoodie on October 11th & 12th
- Halloween Activities at Arquilla Park on October 31st
- Veterans Day Luncheon at Glenwoodie on  
November 15th
- The 4th Annual Marketplace at Glenwoodie on  
November 16th & 17th
- Christmas in the Park at Callahan-Strand Park on  
December 6th

Join Mayor Durkin in a telephone conference each month, on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm, to hear about monthly subjects and to share in the discussion. The dial in number is 1 (866) 875-5068; The Passcode is 6931 060#. The first call will be October 10, 2013.

We, the Village of Glenwood Staff, strive to give each of you the best service possible. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Donna M. Gayden  
Email: [dgayden@villageofglewood.com](mailto:dgayden@villageofglewood.com)  
Phone: (708) 757-2311

## 3rd Annual Glenwood Youth Sports Outing

Glenwood residents are reminded of this year's fundraising Golf Dinner and Outing planned for

### Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th

The Dinner will begin at 6:00p.m.

Friday evening and will include a Raffle.

The golf outing will be the following

Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets for both events are available at the Glenwoodie Golf Club, and all proceeds will be used for Glenwood's basketball, baseball and football teams and the First Tee Program.

**Glenwood's Mayor Kerry Durkin looks forward to seeing many residents at the dinner and outing!**

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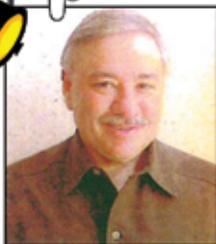
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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Rick Schwab

State Farm Insurance



Meet Mr. Rick Schwab, an amiable and greatly respected State Farm agent in the Village of Glenwood for 35 years with active insurance business experience of more than 44 years. Coming from a rich insurance sales background with a father who was a pioneer in the business, he proudly asserts that his father was the first person to sell to and insist upon meeting the auto insurance needs of the African American Community in the Chicago area. Rick Schwab fondly remembers his dad, Hank Schwab, and his influence in his life. Hank Schwab passed away earlier this year after serving almost 75 years as insurance agent.

Rick Schwab also takes pride in the insurance business because it allows him to meet and assist hundreds of people in protecting themselves and their assets. He says he enjoys helping people establish financial security for their families. Especially gratifying to him, he says, is resolving difficult situations and he has found that every day presents a different challenge. Rick attends neighborhood homeowners association meetings where he graciously introduces new insurance products his company offers and advises potential clients of insurance policies and practices.

Rick has brought the most important people in his life to the business. They are his wife, Diane, and his son, Danny, who work along with him at the Glenwood site. He also employs Sylvia Gonzalez who has been with the agency now for three years. He states that at office meetings, he stresses that every person his staff meet has an important need that must be addressed. "Every question is important", he says, "and we must be ready at all times to advise anyone who contacts us with insurance needs." Rick says he considers himself more of an educator than a salesperson. By placing himself in people's positions first and then educating them in proper actions, he becomes "their partner".

Stressing that his goals are consistent, Rick says helping the public in an honest, and ethical manner and watching the community grow likewise are his aspirations. "I hope to be in place right here as educator and partner for years to come," he says.

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## Controlling the Heat of It All! Our Fire Chief, **KEVIN WELSH**



We here in Glenwood recognize and salute those who keep our Village safe and attractive, and thus we graciously present our Fire Chief who has done this for more than 18 years. Our Fire Chief, Kevin Welsh, who was born in Chicago Heights, traces his desire to becoming a firefighter back to his childhood years.

“At ten years old, I would ride my bike the five or so blocks to the firehouse and hang around there for as long as I could. Then in my teen years, my uncle, John Sheen, became a firefighter and he would carry me to work with him every day that I wanted to go!”

With a developed passion for firefighting in those teen years, he became the first fire cadet in the Homewood Fire Department where he stayed until he completed high school. It was then, too, he says, that although young himself, he developed a desire to mentor young people in servicing others. He attributes mentoring young cadets to introducing young people to a career of service and to offering alternatives to wayward living.

Chief Welsh professes that he is proud of his son, Kevin Jr., who is also a Glenwood Village firefighter. He states that young Kevin, whose passion for firefighting did not start until he was in college, despite being exposed to it all of his life, has pursued the career fervently coming out first in a field of over 30 applicants for the position of full-time firefighter.

In the 18 years of his total 35 years as a firefighter and paramedic, Chief Welsh says he does not remember a day that he did not look forward to going to work. “The challenges are here-I’ve seen change, too. When I first came, firefighters would hang on the back of fire trucks for their dear lives, but now everyone is strapped inside in seat belts – a federal law.” Chief recalls further that firefighters in the past fought fires without respiratory protection, but these days because of the new materials in modern homes, firefighters must wear respiratory gear. “The new materials in homes today emit hydrocarbon gases that can kill you in a single breath!” Chief Welsh also says that he has seen great transition in the paramedic aspect of emergencies too. In 1975, transition occurred from the scoop and haul policy when paramedics would whisk victims up and rush them to the hospital, to now where paramedics bring advanced life support instruments to the scene.

Chief Welsh, who was Glenwood’s first full-time firefighter/paramedic, says all the changes implemented in the Village over the last years have contributed to the safety of our citizens as well as our firefighters. In fact, not too long ago Chief Welsh approached the Brookwood School Board with his idea of assisting teachers and firefighters in educating children on fire safety. He initiated a new program called Risk Watch, which trains firefighters first, who, in turn, go into the schools and assist teachers. Thus after 18 years of devoted service in Glenwood, Chief Welsh continues to assist Glenwood in becoming conscientious about fire safety in our Village.

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# John H. Blakey Senior Center

The Senior Center is remembering one of our own, John Wrana, who passed away suddenly a week before his ninety-sixth birthday. John and his wife Helen moved back to Glenwood from California. He was a member of the Glenwood AMVETS Post #268 and belonged to the Glenwood Senior Pinochle Card Club at the John H. Blakey Center. He was also a World War II Veteran with the United States Army Air Corps where he fought against the Japanese Military. John was laid to rest at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois with full military honors.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 2013

Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit  
Friday, October 18, 2013 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Reservations are a must

### November 2013

Veterans Day Luncheon

Friday, November 15, 2013 at the Glenwoodie Golf Club  
Doors open at 11:00am and lunch served at 12:00pm.

Reservations are a must and deadline for reservations is November 6, 2013

### December 2013

Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on  
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# GLENWOOD MANOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association had its regular monthly meeting, August 1, 2013. After the reading of the minutes and approval of the finance report, the Association heard from Police Chief, Demitrous Cook, who reported on activities from the preceding month. He expressed his desire to see the community out once again at the National Night Out activities scheduled on August 6th. He reviewed some of the activities planned. He also reminded Association members that the regular Village Board Meeting was planned as part of the National Night Out activities in Arquilla Park, and would offer Glenwood residents a chance to view and participate in the proceedings in the evening air.

Association members also heard from new School Superintendent, Dr. Valorie Moore, who explained her vision for the Brookwood School District which included making the District an example nationally. Dr. Moore also informed Association members that she has an open door policy regarding school communication.

Robert Grossi, Bloom Township Treasurer, gave a presentation on the recent property tax bills and answered questions concerning tax assessments. Angela Dixon handed out information on the Village's Open House that would be taking place that weekend. She explained the purpose of the Open House was to give people interested in purchasing property in Glenwood a chance to view available houses. She elaborated further that real estate and bank representatives would be on site to give out information.

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Arquilla Field House at 7pm. The Association welcomes new residents in the area to the meetings.

# GLENWOOD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

On August 14, 2013, the meeting of the Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association was called to order by Association President, Mike Turner who greeted all and announced the details of the Glenwood Estates Yard Contest. The homeowner whose yard is deemed the most beautiful in the Estates will receive \$50. Judging is scheduled for the last week in August, and the winner will be announced at the Sept. 11, 2013 meeting. A Holiday Decoration Contest will be held as well.

After Association Treasurer, Constant Watson III, gave the treasury report, the Association welcomed Glenwood Police Officer Smith who reported on police and criminal activity in the area in the month of July. He explained that a camera installed in a Manor neighborhood as a crime deterrent has had positive results. Residents were encouraged to call 911 if they observed suspicious activity. Officer Smith requested that residents always lock their cars, as this will deter some crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood. The officer stated that when residents call 911 Dispatch, they can request to speak to an officer and have the officer file a report. Residents should notify their alarm company and the police when they leave for vacation. The police will place their homes on a vacation list, and patrols will make sure all is well while the homes are vacant.

Jessica Tolliver of the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library informed Estates residents about the new and exciting programs and equipment available at the library. The library also can assist job seekers with their career database of available jobs and employer listings.

The Association welcomed Paul Styles, Village Trustee, and invited him to return to future meetings. Also present at the meeting were the first residents of the Estates who were asked to consider making a presentation on the history of the Estates Subdivision.

The Board proposed many new Association goals including increasing membership to 100, enhancing communication with members, beautifying the Estates to increase property values and neighborhood enjoyment, creating a list of guest speakers, and creating a number of committees, such as the Holiday Charity committee. Members proposed the ideas of having a block party and having a fall membership drive.

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Arquilla Park Field House at 7pm. New members are welcomed.



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Members also heard that the community food drive will begin in September and that they could begin bringing non-perishables to the meeting. Collections would continue through November and all donations would be given to local charities.

President Winston also informed members that the holiday gathering has been scheduled for the month of December, and he encouraged members to inform residents that all are invited.

The Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Hickory Glen Field House at 7pm. New members are welcomed.

# Bloom Township Senior Services



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As we mark our calendars for upcoming events, it is important to also remember the dates of October 15th through December 7th, the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period. This is the time to take a look at your current Medicare Part D prescription drug plan and compare it to other plans on the open market for the upcoming 2014 year. This is the only time of the year that you can make a change. The [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) website is a useful tool in selecting a Medicare Part D drug plan that can cover the medications that you currently take and possibly save you some money too!

Bloom Township Senior Department is a trained SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) site and can assist you in selecting a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan specifically for your prescription needs. Services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Township Center, 425 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights IL. Our counselors use the [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) website and look at all of the plans that are in the marketplace and help you decide which plan is best for your medical and financial needs. Please bring in a current, up-to-date list of the medications that you take including dosages and your Medicare card. This is what makes selecting your Medicare Part D plan specific to you. The Senior Department has been able to save seniors hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars in out of pocket prescription drug costs. So, be a good consumer and come and use this free service this fall.

For additional information on Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Programs, Federal and State Assistance Programs, Medicare Part D and other government assistance programs, contact:

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*Sheryl Ford,*

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# Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library

New events, field trips for all ages, and a brand new media lab are just some of the major things happening this fall at the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library. The Long awaited media lab will finally make its debut in September. The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library will be introducing to patrons the new iCan lab (which stands for information, creativity, art, and networking). The digital media lab will be equipped with the most recent state of the art industry software such as Adobe Creative Suite and Avid Pro Tools. Patrons will also be able to access equipment such as a video camera, MIDI keyboard, drum kit, microphones, a green screen and other creative tools. Be sure to visit [www.glpd.org](http://www.glpd.org) for more details.

Those eligible for Medicare are invited to attend a free Medicare Basics Event on Monday, October 14th from 7-8pm, or Saturday, November 2nd from 12-1pm. An Independent Medicare insurance specialist will discuss Medicare in its entirety including plans offered, as well as the pros and cons of being insured under the policy.



To celebrate the fall season, the library is coordinating a family-friendly trip to the Garwood Orchard Farm Market on September 22nd from noon to 5pm. Activities include picking apples and pumpkins, as well as visiting the Farmers market, Bake Shoppe, Gelato Bar, and seasonal Grill. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee per person, paid at the time of sign up, and a limit of 50 slots. So don't be late!

An early Christmas shopping trip to the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, IL is also in the works at the library on November 30th from 9am to 5pm. Patrons ages 16 and up are invited to spend the day shopping to avoid the dreaded last minute Christmas shopping many procrastinators face. A \$10 non-refundable fee per person is required, and there are 30 slots available.

In addition to the new events, popular events will still be making their annual return. Residents are encouraged to dress in their best costume and attend the Halloween Bash on Friday, October 25th from 5-7pm. The spooky event is always packed with games, snacks, prizes and a big costume contest for all ages.

For those who missed out on the highly favored fitness classes, both the yoga and zumba classes will be up and running again in September. Instructor Nadine Kelly YOGI M.D. will be back again for a 3-week session to teach participants to relieve stress while getting a great workout. Attendees should bring a yoga mat or towel. Classes will be held on Mondays starting September 9th. Zumba fanatics can join the 4-week session, which will be led by a certified instructor from Angela's Fitness Studio in Glenwood on Thursdays starting September 19th. Zumba uses Latin music and easy-to-follow moves that tone your body while burning calories. Sign up for both events will take place 30 minutes before the start of each class. Participants should arrive dressed in comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. There is a limit of 24 for each class.

Finally in November, the Food for Fines program returns this season. From November 1st to December 20th, patrons can bring a non-perishable item to the library to receive a \$1 fine credit. These credits can be applied exclusively to overdue fines at the library. Some restrictions apply, so contact the library for full details.

*For more information about these events and other programs happening at the library, please visit [www.glpd.org](http://www.glpd.org) or call the library at (708) 758-0090.*

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*Brookwood School District 167  
Welcomes New School Superintendent*

**Dr. Valorie Moore**



The Village of Glenwood and Brookwood School District 167 welcome enthusiastically new School Superintendent, Dr. Valorie Moore. Beginning her first semester in Glenwood this school year, Dr. Moore comes with an impressive background in curriculum and educational administration and has high expectations for student growth and accomplishments in this school district.

Having served as educator and administrator in school districts that range in size from 500 students to 20,000 students, Dr. Moore has a rich history in education that spans more than 30 years. As adjunct professor for the Superintendents Leadership Doctoral program at Concordia University, she was instrumental in developing other state school superintendents. Dr. Moore has been a keynote speaker for aspiring superintendents and has developed and implemented teacher evaluation models while organizing professional development conferences for hundreds of teachers and support staff.

Dr. Moore is passionate about her role here as new District 167 School Superintendent. Instituting a program she calls "Coffee with the Superintendent," she stresses her commitment to listening to every stakeholder in the educational community of the Village. She says one of her greatest desires is "to prepare our children to compete on the world stage!" Dr. Moore is married and has two children.

**MONTHLY COFFEE CHATS WITH THE BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167 SUPERINTENDENT**

Goal: To keep the community updated on school achievement, finances, school construction and to listen to your suggestions and concerns.

Dates: October 28, 2013, November 14, 2013, December 16, 2013, February 19, 2014, March 14, 2014, April 11, 2014, May 16, 2014 - Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

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The increase of mobile cellular phones that seem to be replacing the traditional "land line phones" that we all had installed in our homes, creates a problem in generating the database of the numbers to preload into the system. I encourage all of you to either visit the Village of Glenwood website or come into the Village Hall and fill out an information request that gives us the best number to reach you in time of emergency. We will load this data into our Reverse 9-1-1 system and never share it with anyone. By doing this, it will insure that you always get the most up to date information available that pertains to emergencies and how they may affect you.



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## GLENWOODIE GOLF CLUB



Oktoberfest returns to Glenwoodie Golf Course for the second year. Live music, German Beer, Grilled Bratwurst and other authentic dishes will be available for purchase. The festival will take place Friday and Saturday night October 11th and 12th.

Planning a holiday party? We can accommodate your December party for guest of 40 to 400; key dates are going fast. Call early to reserve your date. The Holiday Village Marketplace returns this year to Glenwoodie November 16th and 17th. This is the best place to get those gifts for people who have everything. There will be something for everyone and plenty of holiday treats along with discounts on the purchase of Glenwoodie Gift Cards.

Mark your calendar now for February 23, 2014 for the next Bridal Expo. More than fifty vendors will be available to help you or someone you know with all the details for the wedding. This is a great place for one stop shopping and to enter your name in the drawings for the most amazing prizes.

## Village Hall Holiday Closing

**Monday, November 11, 2013**  
VETERANS DAY

**Thursday, November 28, 2013**  
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**Friday, November 29, 2013**  
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY



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A Note from  
the Village Treasurer  
**Toleda Hart**



The Mayor, Village Administrator, Staff, Trustees and I remain committed to navigating the complexities in ensuring fiscal transparency. Whenever making a decision to spend money in the Village, first and foremost, the cost savings for the residents and the availability of funding become our optimal considerations.

Rumors have been flying regarding the Village spending excessive funds. I assure you that these are far from our reality. The Village Administrator continues to be proactive in her pursuit to identify and secure grants. She gives thoughtful consideration in how proposed projects will be funded prior to presenting projects to the Trustees for purchasing consideration. The Board then goes through an exhausting discussion and review as to how each project will be funded prior to its final approval.

As the Village Treasurer, one of my responsibilities is to make certain that the Board has monthly financial statements that demonstrate the Village's accurate financial position. I take pride in the fiscal integrity and solvency, which ensure that we run the Village in a manner that promotes and maintain the Village's pride.

I am pleased with the direction of the Village and as always your voice does matter and we want to hear what you have to say. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to contact us at the Village to lend a helping hand or to get to know about our services. We look forward to working with you in the coming year. Thanks for being the best residents!

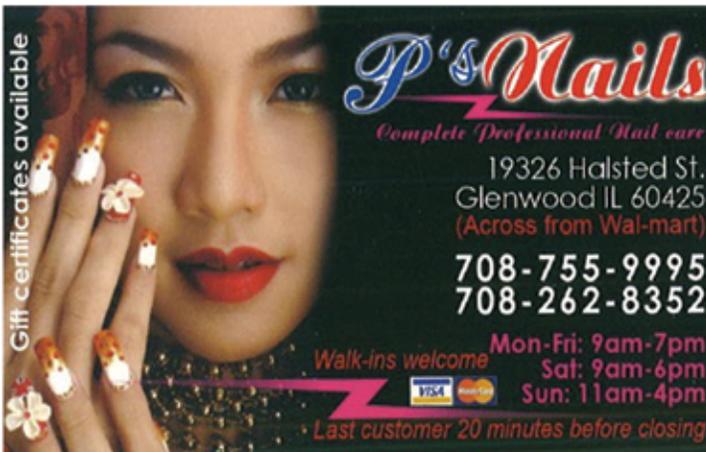
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### Village Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

*Residents are encouraged to attend all meetings.*

#### Board of Trustees Meetings:

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#### 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

#### Economic Development Committee:

4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

### Village Department Contacts:

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## BRANCH PICK UP

The Branch Pick Up Program  
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**EAST** of railroad tracks – 1st MONDAY of the month  
**WEST** of railroad tracks – 2nd MONDAY of the month

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## LEAF PROGRAM

The Village will offer free leaf pick up again this year.  
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on them and they will be picked up on your garbage  
day. Please remember this is for **LEAVES** only and  
any other landscape waste **WILL REQUIRE A  
STICKER**. It is also very helpful to keep the curb line  
in front of your home clear of leaves as this helps keep  
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