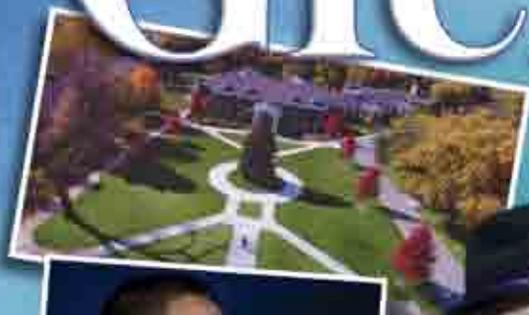


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE Mayor Kerry Durkin



In the spring 2011 issue of the Glenwood Gazette, I outlined some of the Village's goals for 2011. Listed below are the goals and an update.

2011: During this Holiday season we have much to be thankful for as we reflect back on what was accomplished in Glenwood during the past year. It is understood by your government that these are very trying times and efficiency in government is essential to keeping taxes as low as possible. However, as many of you noticed, the property tax bills recently mailed out by the County show the assessment for the Village increased significantly. We levied a 1.5% increase last year, but it appears that Cook County's 10/25 ordinance disproportionately impacted residential properties.

UPDATE: Glenwood reduced the levy on property taxes last year by 1.5%. That move negates the increase from the prior year.

2011: The first round of residential road resurfacing is complete. There will be more roads presented in the summer of 2011 though how much and which ones has not been decided.

UPDATE: We were able to pave again this year due to the outstanding work of Bud Fleming, recently retired again from SSMMA (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association). Bud was instrumental in getting this work done at a very reasonable cost to the residents of Glenwood.

2011: We settled the collective bargaining issue with our Police Department by presenting a 1% pay increase. The cooperation of the Union members of the Police Department with the Administration during this process was much appreciated.

UPDATE: We have a tentative agreement for our next union contract with our Police Department; the specifics will be made available when it is signed.

2011: When the Board of Trustees increased the sticker fee last year to combat the decrease in revenue due to the recession, a demand was placed on the staff to issue violation citations to every vehicle registered in Glenwood without a sticker. The database purchased from the State of Illinois was supposed to be current. It appears from the volume of calls it was not. If you were issued a citation for a vehicle you no longer own please call the Police Department at 708-757-2360 and give the clerk the information to remove your citation from the records. I apologize for any inconvenience. If you had not purchased a sticker and received a citation understand this tax is paid by all owners of vehicles registered in the Village. The tax is not new and the penalty was raised to force compliance.

UPDATE: The Board of Trustees agreed to keep the sticker fee intact this year. Unless the economy makes a significant improvement later this year I will recommend the rate remains in force another year.

2011: The Village of Ford Heights was recently included in a Bill before the legislature of the State of Illinois for a casino location. A casino is not the best choice for the site in question, but based on the tax rates in Ford Heights, may offer the only solution to the needs of our neighbors.

UPDATE: Ford Heights and Glenwood are still working to make Ford Heights the site for the south suburban casino. We recognize the difficulty of the task, but believe our neighbor has the ability to host the venue with the cooperation of Glenwood.

The last topic I want to address is water. The Board of Trustees will be working to create a cost structure to minimize the impact of the impending water rate increase. We will keep you informed on the website, but please attend and comment at our public meetings.



Letter from David Hoover, Executive Director Northern Illinois

Municipal Electric Collaborative *Results report for the first year of your aggregation program:*

Based on actual usage, cumulative savings to Glenwood residents and small businesses for the year was \$450,000 – a veritable economic stimulus program that you enacted for your community!

Participation peaked last fall at 2,262 households and small businesses. It fell 13% in 2012 to 1,974. This is high, but not unusual as many power companies have continued to solicit business since the program's inception. Additionally, there is a regular turnover due to residents moving out of town.

We consider this savings of \$450,000 a hugely successful endeavor, and believe you should be proud of the results that you brought to the community. We are glad we had the opportunity to play a part in that.

Please view the website we've recently launched specifically for residents and small businesses: www.MyComEdBill.com. We wanted to provide an easy and somewhat fun mechanism for your residents to "see" their real savings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief

Holiday Safety Tips:

The Holiday Season is a time for celebration and fun. The Glenwood Fire Department would like to remind you of some reasonable safety tips that will help to ensure your safe arrival into 2013.

- If you choose to have a “real” Christmas tree, you should place a new cut on the trunk before placing it in the stand and make sure that you add water to the base EVERY day. You should also be vigilant to assure that the needles do not become brittle and dry.
- When decorating with strings of light or electric ornaments, take time to make sure that there are no frayed or loose wires in the set. Take appropriate steps to assure that you do not overload any electrical circuits.
- Fireplaces are meant to burn only the hardest of hardwoods. Burning anything other than the hardwoods will escalate the buildup of creosote in the chimney and result in a chimney fire that will be devastating to your home. Resist the urge to burn the wrapping paper, not only will it build up in your chimney, it may flash in your face as the paper ignites rapidly.
- The Holidays are full of family gatherings and food. Take some time to examine your stove and oven to assure they are working properly and are clean. We have experienced an increase in fires in Glenwood homes due to unattended cooking and dirty ovens. DO NOT leave an oven or stove unattended. DO NOT become distracted or fall asleep after you have started the stove or oven.
- Candles are a great holiday decorating addition. Unfortunately these devices have shown great concern for us as Glenwood has experienced recently several home fires that were started by unattended candles, or candles placed too close to combustibles.

Light up and Live:

For several years now, the Department has been stressing the need for additional lighting in our neighborhoods. While the obvious solution would be to simply add commercial lighting to all streets, this would prove to be cost prohibitive. As we travel the streets after dark (and we are currently in the longest dark periods of the year), the Department is amazed at how the addition of practical lights to the exterior of your home adds to the overall lighting of the neighborhood. Please take a few minutes to drive and see these effective additions. We encourage you to take a few minutes to drive around and see the difference a little light makes to add to the overall security and value of the neighborhood. We also encourage you to accomplish this challenge by changing the actual fixtures that are already on your house or in your yard. The new technology will provide much more light at greatly reduced operating costs. If you would like some low cost lighting ideas, please call the Building Department at 753-2440 to set up an appointment for a property survey.

Holiday Food, Toy and Clothing Drive:

The Glenwood Fire Department has assisted those in need for over 15 years now with our annual drive. In the beginning this was simply a program to assist those agencies in our area. The intent was to replenish their store houses so they were able to meet the demands of the Holiday Season. This very successful effort has grown into a program that is not only widely accepted, but a necessity for many families right here in our own town and the surrounding area. The Firefighters will be coming around town starting at **9:00 am on Saturday, December 15, 2012** to pick up any items that you leave at the end of your drive (right at the curb). If you would prefer, you can drop off items at either Fire Station or the Village Hall at any time up to December 14, 2012 at noon. We are requesting **ONLY** new clothing and toys. We are unable to distribute used items of clothing or toys to any of the local charities. The food can be any non-perishable and if you really want to provide a full menu, we can make arrangements to utilize turkeys or hams. Once we have sorted through all of the collections, we will be assembling care packages for the Glenwood residents that are in need of assistance. The remainder of the proceeds will be distributed to our regional centers. In the event that you are unable to assist with goods, we will accept cash donations to purchase items for the needy families.

Holiday Helping Hands:

The Glenwood Firefighters have long been the providers of Happy Holidays for many Glenwood families that are in precarious times due to either the economy or illness. We will once again be helping families in addition to assisting other agencies in the area as they struggle to provide for the growing number of families that need a little Holiday assistance. If you know of anyone in our community that could use a Holiday Helping Hand this year, please take a minute to let us know who that might be. We will accept anonymous calls, but would prefer to know who is recommending as we build their Holiday package. Please contact my Administrative Assistant, Taneisha Hopson, at t.hopson@glenwoodfire.org or Fire Station #1 at 1-708-753-2440. We will need these referrals before noon on December 12, 2012, so that we can make contact and coordinate the delivery of the complete Holiday Package to the family just prior to Christmas Eve.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Demitrous Cook, Police Chief



WHAT TO DO IF

You come face-to-face with someone threatening you with a gun, knife or other weapon?

Most violence is committed by strangers, usually while committing another crime such as robbery or burglary. If you come face-to-face with someone threatening you with a gun, knife or other weapon, there are steps that you can take to make the situation less dangerous.

They are:

- Stay calm. If you get the opportunity, quietly signal for help.
- Maintain eye contact with the assailant.
- Stall for time until help arrives or you can try to escape.
- Keep talking, but follow instructions from the person who has the weapon.
- Let them know that you are cooperating.
- Do not try to grab the weapon.
- Watch for a possible chance to escape to a safe area.
- Do not be a hero and risk harm to yourself or others.
- Do not verbally or physically challenge the person with the weapon.
- Make no sudden moves. If you need to move, tell the person with the weapon first.
- Do not resist.



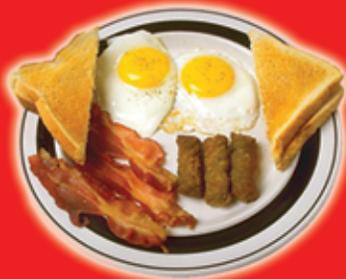
Tips:

- Be prepared to give the assailant your cash, wallet or jewelry. It is not worth the risk. Your life is more valuable than material possessions, which can be replaced.
- Try to remember the assailant's appearance and clothing, but do so carefully, without staring.
- After the confrontation, call 9-1-1 as soon as possible. Notifying the police quickly will increase the chance of apprehending the suspect and preventing future victims.

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BROOKWOOD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 7, 2012, the Brookwood Point Homeowners Association greeted each other and interacted in a new, relaxed meeting format in their monthly Association meeting. Members shared apple cider, doughnuts and cookies as they discussed and reviewed the Association's recently sponsored recreational and social community activities. President Adam Winston introduced new Bloom School District Superintendent, Dr. Lenell Navarre, who shared his enthusiasm for the new position and invited the members of the Association to inform him of upcoming community events. Dr. Navarre also invited Association members to contact him with pertinent concerns related to the Bloom School District. President Winston expressed desire to have more communication and a closer relationship with school district personnel and Superintendent Navarre agreed open communication was necessary and school principals would be attending the next Association meeting.

President Winston opened the floor to any who would like to address the Association and Jackson Hewitt Tax Preparer, Andrea, offered those in attendance the opportunity to enroll in upcoming tax preparation classes and informed all of employment opportunities with Jackson Hewitt.

An on-going raffle and prize gift offerings from local businesses added to the general ambience of the evening, and President Winston reminded Association members of the upcoming Christmas party scheduled for the December meeting. All residents of Glenwood are invited.

The Brookwood Point Association meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at the Hickory Glen Field House at 7pm.



Adam Winston & Dr. Lenell Navarre

GLENWOOD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association, led by President Michael Turner, is still seeking many good neighbors to come out and help plan the 2013 year activities as residents embrace the new spirit of a safe and vibrant community.

At the meeting held on October 10, 2012 at the Aquilla Park Field House, residents established the new bylaws by a majority vote. President Turner introduced Police Chief Cook who updated the residents on the latest law related incidents that have occurred in the Estates. The Association members also presented concerns about unsafe conditions of the only three exit points out of Glenwood Estates. Some of these concerns had been shared with Glenwood Plan Commission Chairman, John Siner, at the meeting in September. As of now a recommendation for a traffic flow study of these exits in the Estates have been requested. Residents also expressed concerns about a giant sink hole in the back yard of resident on Strieff Lane. The report was made that the Village has started excavation to resolve the problem.

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Associations meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Arquilla Park Field House, 225 Park Drive at 7pm. The e-mail address is glenwoodhomeownersassoc@gmail.com. All Glenwood residents are welcomed to attend the meetings and to submit concerns or suggestions by e-mail regarding Glenwood Estates that they would like to hear discussed at the meetings.

Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association

The Glenwood Manors Homeowners Association met on Thursday, November 1, 2012 in their regular monthly meeting and made several steps in planning the new year of activities. Vice President Anthony Plott introduced Officer Allen of the Glenwood Police who apprised all in attendance of recent minor criminal activity in the community. Officer Allen advised residents to lock all entrance doors to residences and motor vehicles and to thwart theft by concealing valuables left in parked automobiles.

Members of the Association voted to finalize election of new officers at the December meeting and the names of present nominees were presented. Members were reminded that the bylaws state offices can be held for two consecutive years. Former officers can then hold another office if elected.

All members of the Manor Homeowners Association are invited to the annual Holiday Celebration to be held at the December meeting. The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association holds its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month at the Arquilla Park Field House at 7pm.

THE GLENWOOD ACADEMY CONTINUES IN EXCELLENCE

With Returning President and CEO,

MR. JOHN IRWIN



The Glenwood Gazette is once again proud to feature our historical treasure in the Village which is still a landmark of excellence. The Glenwood Academy, formerly the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, founded by Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, is a testament of the human spirit to thrive and to progress by nurturing and preparing its young. In this issue, we present the man overseeing the Glenwood Academy in its commitment to educating and developing young men and women into productive citizens.

Meet Mr. John Irwin, President of the Glenwood Academy. Beginning his tenure at the school in 1990 as Senior Vice President and becoming President in 1996, Mr. Irwin worked until 2008 and began what he thought would be a long contented retirement. Earlier this year, 2012, he was offered the opportunity to return to the school as President. He says, "If I had been asked when I first retired, I may have declined the offer, but after experiencing the inactivity of retirement, I gladly accepted the offer!"

Now as returning CEO of the Academy, Mr. Irwin is responsible for the operations of the Glenwood campus and his influence and operational skills span 18 years with the school. He attests that he enjoys interacting with the students and has breakfast with them four times a week. He also enjoys guest nights that allow invited guests of the students and staff to come and have dinner with the students. "This allows our students the opportunity to learn how to be hospitable and to entertain guests—to step outside of themselves," he says.

Mr. Irwin also says that one of the things that have impressed him considerably is the long term relationship established between house parents and students. He says that often past students come back to express their appreciation of the guidance they received while at the school. Students live on campus weekdays and they go to their respective homes on weekends, and it is during the weekday residence periods that students and house parents interact. During celebratory and annual programs when

former students return, they reflect on their experiences with the house parents and relate openly their appreciation for all the staff at the school. Mr. Irwin feels that these expressions are especially gratifying to the staff.

Another thing that impresses Mr. Irwin is the students' understanding of how difficult it was for the parents to let them leave their homes for the weekday stays on campus. He has heard many a tribute by students to their parents in their emotional expressions, "Mom, I love you and thank you for allowing me to go." "Students feel safe here," Irwin says, "they are away from things beyond their control in their communities, and they sense the general atmosphere of a safe community here."

Mr. Irwin also shared his concern over the rumor that there are "bad kids" at the Glenwood Academy. He says that during his first week at the school he had his grounds staff to tear down the "awful" chain link fence which seemed to support the rumor and served as a barrier to the outside community. "Another thing we did to dispel the rumor is to permit our students to participate on the Glenwood Baseball Team at the request of Kerry Durkin (Mayor Durkin) who was the Glenwood Baseball Team's coach then. This did a lot to take away the image of the school as one for bad kids."

The perception of the school and its students began to change, too, when girls were enrolled and the name changed to the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls. Irwin says that when the school started having brothers and sisters to attend, the school became instrumental in building family strength and became a resource for keeping families together. He reports that now the school receives more than fifty requests per year for each opening at the school.

Mr. Irwin, who lives comfortably on campus with his wife across from the large campus chapel, proudly displays his artist's plans for new residence halls in one of the first major expansions of the Academy. This expansion would accommodate the projected enrollment of 300 students and the servicing of far more families in the Chicagoland area. He has another dream too - that Glenwood Academy would offer ongoing seminars where parents would be able to hear and share, among Glenwood staff and themselves, positive strategies in developing young people into responsible and productive citizens.

When asked if there were plans to restore the carillon, the wonderful large bells organ that once chimed softly over Glenwood on Sunday mornings and early evenings and delighted the hearts of Glenwood villagers while also calling the students in for dinner, Mr. Irwin smiled and responded, "We'll look into that. Yes, we will look into that."

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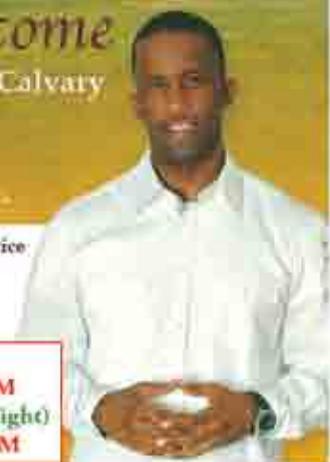
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REAL MEN READ PROGRAM LAUNCHES ITS NEW YEAR!



The Real Men Read program began anew in Brookwood School District 167 on October 15, 2012 at Hickory Bend School with a breakfast hosted by the School Principal, Mrs. Jackson. The mentoring program, founded by Ms. Linda Tatum of Longwood Elementary, began four years ago with four volunteers from the Glenwood community. The program, stronger now with fifteen gallant men who volunteer their time to listen to boys read high interest material to them, is attracting community support. The program partners each man with five boys who meet once a week for thirty minutes at the school. The boys read from books selected for subjects they are known to enjoy. During the sessions, the men volunteers discuss how the reading material relates to the real world and encourage the boys to research other related material. Many volunteers bring in extra activities related to the books for the boys to share.

At this year's opening breakfast, Ms. Tatum shared some encouraging stories the men had reported in the preceding years' program. All seemed enthusiastic and excited about this year's program and Longwood Elementary School Principal, Mr. Patterson, and Hickory Bend Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jackson, offered encouraging remarks to the men volunteers. School Superintendent, Dr. Hollich, a supporter of the successful program, also was in attendance and encouraged all who were instrumental in the success of the program to continue.

With the success of the Real Men Read Program, plans are now underway to draft a similar program for girls in the School District.



Real Men Read Participants with Principals and Superintendent.

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- a path to character



Santiago Caprio



David Guidry

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Congratulations to David Guidry winner of Glenwood Chess Club's Fall Ladder Tournament 2012. The top 5 finishers of 24 players are David Guidry, Joe Emole, Bill Cooksey, Dominic Valente and Les Sanders. The Jr. Section the winner is Santiago Carpio. The top 5 finishers in the Jr. Section are Santiago Carpio, Mark Solatka, Bryce Reed, Aiden Simon and Zack Emole and Daniel Emole. Our new season began on November 1, 2012.

Glenwood Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-8:00pm at the Blakey Senior Center, 1 South Rebecca Street behind the Police Station. The Glenwood Chess Club is an affiliate of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and Illinois Chess Association (ICA). Beginners are welcome.

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Bring the family to the 3rd Annual Holiday Spectacular and Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6, from 7-8:30 p.m. There will be Christmas carols by local school children, refreshments, crafts for the kids, and a special visit by the jolly one himself!

For those of you looking to gain a healthy lifestyle for the New Year, the library is now offering free kickboxing and Tai Chi classes. Spots go extremely fast, so call the Information Services Desk and sign up today! In addition, R.N. Yvonne Dill will also have an informative presentation on diabetes in January discussing causes, symptoms and preventions.

Black History Month is fast approaching, and patrons are encouraged to celebrate it here at the library. There will be a variety of programs for all ages covering African Dance (free dance class!), a Black music showcase, poetry and more! For more information on all our upcoming programs, please visit www.glpd.org, or call (708) 758-0090.



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Quilting

The year is almost over and we at the Blakey Center wonder where did it go? With the increase of activities here this year that are continuing into next year, the year flew by. One of these activities is Quilting and both of the quilting organizations will be back the same days and times. Our Glenwood Friendly Seniors are coming back also, so please keep checking your calendars to see what is new.

We are still planning our Christmas Luncheon to take place on December 21st and residents need to reserve their places at the table by Dec. 14th. We're asking that instead of gifts, please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to start building the food pantry for 2013.

Please keep checking the Village website and Cable Channel 4 for changes to our calendar or you may stop at the Blakey Center and pick up a monthly calendar to insure that you are aware of all scheduled events.

The most exciting news is that the computers are all set up and waiting for seniors to come and utilize them. We have arranged to work with Prairie State College in having students to come and teach us how to use the computers. Stop by the Center to see our computer lab. We have five computers, three for senior students and two to use for playing games or practicing computer operations.

We would like to thank Ray for all of his help in making the Thanksgiving Luncheon special, Maridan for the wonderful plants given to each attendee, Minnie and Millie for their help in serving and if we missed anyone, we apologize, but know you are all appreciated.

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As the Public Works Department winds down another year and prepares for winter, we remind residents here of a few things that should be taken care of around residences to prevent problems either this winter or in the spring. Make sure all the gutters on your home are clean; make sure to check the downspouts as well. This will help prevent ice dams this winter and prevent the gutters from overflowing during a spring storm that could cause seepage into a basement or crawl space. If you typically have the sewer line cleaned, make sure it is done this year for this important maintenance is often overlooked in a busy schedule.

Make sure all of your residence's outside spigots are shut off at the valve inside the home and/or covered with an insulated cover. Drain and pick up any hoses. We suggest getting that snow blower tuned up or getting the shovels ready. Residents didn't need them much last year, but they should still be handy. When clearing your driveway of snow, PLEASE do not push it into the street. We do our best to keep the streets clear, and when snow at the end of your driveway is put into the street, this creates hazardous conditions. I thank you in advance for your effort and cooperation with this.

Public Works will be continuing with tree trimming and Ash tree removals throughout town. If you feel your parkway tree needs to be trimmed, please contact the Village Hall at (708)-757-2400 and submit a request. We typically go into one section of town each winter to trim trees; however this winter will be dedicated to removing the many Ash trees that are dead or dying.

New decorations for our Village have been approved so there will be new decorations to light up Glenwood this year! They will be snowflakes and will remain up through the winter.

Hopefully in the spring of 2013, we will be addressing some of the sidewalk issues throughout town. We have completed a survey that addresses the worst sidewalks in town and this survey will be used to determine which sidewalks get replaced. We replaced fire hydrants in town recently and will be continuing with this project this winter and into next year.

Please remember that the Public Works Department is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need assistance after regular business hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm, please call E-Com at (708)-799-6403 and they will dispatch someone.

Glenwood Bible Church

Announces Scheduled Activities and Services



It is a privilege for the members and friends of Glenwood Bible Church to serve our community. The fall and winter seasons present some unique opportunities for us to minister to you and your family and we want to make you aware of our planned services.

New to our ministry this fall is the AWANA program, a ministry to young people ages 3 to 12. This ministry has existed for 60 years and trains children in Bible principles in a fun and exciting way. Our AWANA program meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. Also on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm, we have our mid-week prayer service in our Learning Center on the corner of State and Main Streets.

This Christmas season, Glenwood Bible Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, *Then Jesus Came*, by Majesty Music. The story was written by Russel Kelfer and adapted for this cantata by Ron Hamilton. The music was also produced by Ron and Shelley Hamilton. The dates for this presentation are Saturday, December 15th at 6:00pm and Sunday, December 16th at 11:00am.

Each year Glenwood Bible Church has a New Year's Eve Service which is a time of testimony and singing, fellowship and food, and the showing of a film at the evening's end. It is a fun and enjoyable time in which we remember all that God has done in the past year and we thank Him for what He will do in the upcoming year. The evening of activities begins at 7:00pm. We also want to invite you to visit us for a Sunday service. The service schedule is as follows:

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am

Morning Worship Service at 11:00am

Evening Worship at 6:00pm

We hope you will come and visit us!

For further information about these ministries please contact us at:

Glenwood Bible Church

201 W. Main Street

Glenwood, IL 60425

708-758-6686

Pastor Herb Searfoss

Glenwood Native **DEB SEDBERRY**

*is Banking Center Manager
at MB Financial Bank*

Ms. Deb Sedberry, of New Lenox, Illinois, was recently named Assistant Vice President, Banking Center Manager at MB Financial Bank located in Glenwood at 18301 S. Halsted Street. For her it's like coming home.

A native of Glenwood, Illinois, Sedberry brings 35 years of banking experience to MB. She served as a market president at US Bank where she was selected as president of the USB Development Network and later was a first vice president, regional manager at Old Second Bank.

Since taking up her new position at the MB Banking Center in Glenwood, Sedberry has been actively engaged in helping the Village of Glenwood and the local School District by sponsoring a "Back to School Bash" and the "Brookwood District 167 PTA Fun Run." Under her leadership, MB also supported the Glenwood Police's observation of a "National Night Out," an event designed to strengthen the partnership between the general public and the local police.

Over the years, Sedberry has been involved in many non-profit organizations across the south side of Chicago. Currently a Board member of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, she has also held Board positions with Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, Rich Township Food Pantry, Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce, Hazel Crest Chamber, Park Forest Rotary and Habitat for Humanity South Suburban Affiliate. She is also active with Illinois Theatre Center, Orland Park Rotary, Tall Grass Arts Association, Professional Women's Network and CenterPoint at Governors State University, which provides free start-up help to small business owners.

MB Financial Bank's holding company, MB Financial, Inc., is traded on the NASDAQ as "MBFI." MB Financial has approximately \$10 billion in assets. MB Financial Bank (www.mbfinancial.com) is a locally-operated financial institution that has been delivering competitive personalized service for over 100 years to businesses and individuals who live and work in the Chicago metropolitan area.



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2013 GLENWOOD COUGARS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Registration for the 2013
**Cougars Football
and
Cheerleading Organization**
will begin January 2013.
Please visit our
website: www.glenwoodcougars.org
for registration information.



Contact information:

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When: Friday,

December 7, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m-8:00 p.m



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



- * Join us for a visit with Santa
 - * Enjoy Hot Chocolate and Cookies
 - * Activities and Games will be played
 - * Bring a non-perishable food item
- And be entered into a drawing to win a prize

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HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST

Holiday Yard Decorating Contest judging will take place during the week of December 10, 2012. No registration is required. Residents are encouraged to add exuberant decor and lighting to show their holiday spirit! Winners will be announced at the December 18, 2012 Village Board Meeting. If anyone is interested in participating as a judge, please contact Taneisha Hopson at 708.757.2318. Judges are not allowed to judge their own neighborhood subdivision.

E-Newsletter

Glenwood's E-Newsletter is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter with up-to-date Village information. To sign up to receive the E-newsletter, visit our website at villageofglenwood.com and click on "What's New" located at the top of the home page then click on "E-Newsletter". Subscribe today!

The Village's Annual Costume Contest and Bonfire

On October 31, 2012 the Village held its annual Halloween Costume Contest/Bonfire with approximately 100 children and their families in attendance. Much excitement occurred as children and family members delighted themselves with apple cider and lots of candy!

The costume contest winners were:

<i>Infant to Three years old</i>	Girl/Maria Zambrono	Boy/Starlin Prewitt
<i>Four to Six years old:</i>	Girl/Addison Candiam	Boy/Deandre Colbert
<i>Seven to Nine years old:</i>	Girl/Kynnedi Neil	Boy/Matthew Howard
<i>Ten to Twelve years old:</i>	Girl/Sanan Prewitt	Boy/Jaylen Scott

Contest winners received a \$5.00 Walmart Gift Card.

The infant contest winners received a personal gift for a boy or a girl.

The Village coordinators thank all the participants and helpers.



LIVING SPRINGS

community church



Services:
Saturday
5:00 p.m.
and Sunday
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

19051 South Halsted Street , Glenwood, IL 60425
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A new Saturday Night Service at Living Springs has been launched. SN@S is a great opportunity for particularly the emerging generation through an engaging, less formal worship experience that emphasizes encountering God, building authentic relationships, and serving others with the hope of transforming lives.

As a multi-generational, multi-cultural church we want to reach out to all people. However, we are particularly targeting the 25-35 year old age group (some surveys say less than 15% in this age group are connected to a church). Our hope is to be effective at reaching this age group as well as others who want to find a spiritual home.

It is our Hope and Prayer to see lives transformed by the Holy Spirit. It is an exciting time at Living Springs! We pray that God would use SN@S (Saturday Night at the Springs) to reach many people and those who can't attend Sunday morning services.

Join us this Christmas and New Year's at Living Springs for our holiday services. Our service times are changed for the holidays. **Christmas Services:** Saturday, December 22 @ 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m.; and Monday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. **New Year's Services:** Saturday, December 29 @ 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m.

WATER RATE INCREASE



At the Special Village Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, the Village Board discussed and voted to increase all water rates by \$1.63 per 1,000 gallons. This action was taken in order to mirror rate increases that will be charged to the Village. The rate of water is determined by the Civil City of Hammond, Indiana and Hammond Department of Hammond Water Works. The new rates will be reflective on the January 2013 and February 2013 billing. Further information will be mailed to each household during the month of December.

Brookwood Junior High Students Making a Difference

Student Council members and National Junior Honor Society members of Brookwood Junior High are provided opportunities to demonstrate their leadership abilities and citizenry by participating in activities that benefit their community and school. Students organized a food drive and collected food items during the month of November to assist families in the community during the Thanksgiving holiday.

In the month of December, students will begin our toy drive at the school. Last year, over \$200 was collected by students, and toys were purchased for a variety of age groups. Students gain valuable experience by getting involved in activities that benefit their own community.

Our NJHS members are also completing 30 hours of individual service that foster the spirit of volunteerism and citizenship.

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Chief Demitrous Cook
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Chief Cook:

During the month of September my wife and I participated in the ride-along program. It was an eye opening experience as well as a teaching moment. The technology used to fight crime has changed dramatically. It was enlightening to see the Village of Glenwood Police Department employing up to date methods and using a proven ideology that endorses community policing. The policemen and employees were cordial and at the same time professional.

The recent shooting in the Manor was unfortunate but the fact that all the participants were arrested shows that collective effort and good communications are practiced within our police department, providing for security and safety in our community. I would like to personally commend you Chief Cook for allowing the residents an opportunity to see policing techniques first hand. I would recommend other residents take advantage of the ride-along program.

Sincerely,

Leon H. Fields Sr.

LETTER TO POLICE CHIEF

Hickory Glen Park Reconstruction Update

On October 25, 2012, the Village of Glenwood held the Parks and Recreation Department's very first meeting concerning the reconstruction of the Hickory Glen Park. The mission of our Parks and Recreation Department is to provide quality leisure activities by introducing new experiences, and to offer the opportunity to spend leisure time safely and wisely. To assist with our mission, the Village of Glenwood has selected Planning Resources, Inc. as the contractor for this project.

Initially, each Village resident in attendance was given a copy of the tentative project schedule. Residents were then invited to view drafts for the master plan in addition to visual drafts for the new creative play area. Lead Architect, Darrell Garrison, conducted a brief presentation with large visual maps. These maps included drawings for new and improved baseball fields, spectator seating, an enhanced walking path, a sand volleyball area, an updated basketball court, and a community garden. Shortly afterwards, residents were able to voice any relative questions or concerns. The Department appreciated the viewpoints of our residents and hopes to redesign the park so that it is conducive to everyone's needs.



The Village has a drop box to use for paying your water bill after normal business hours.

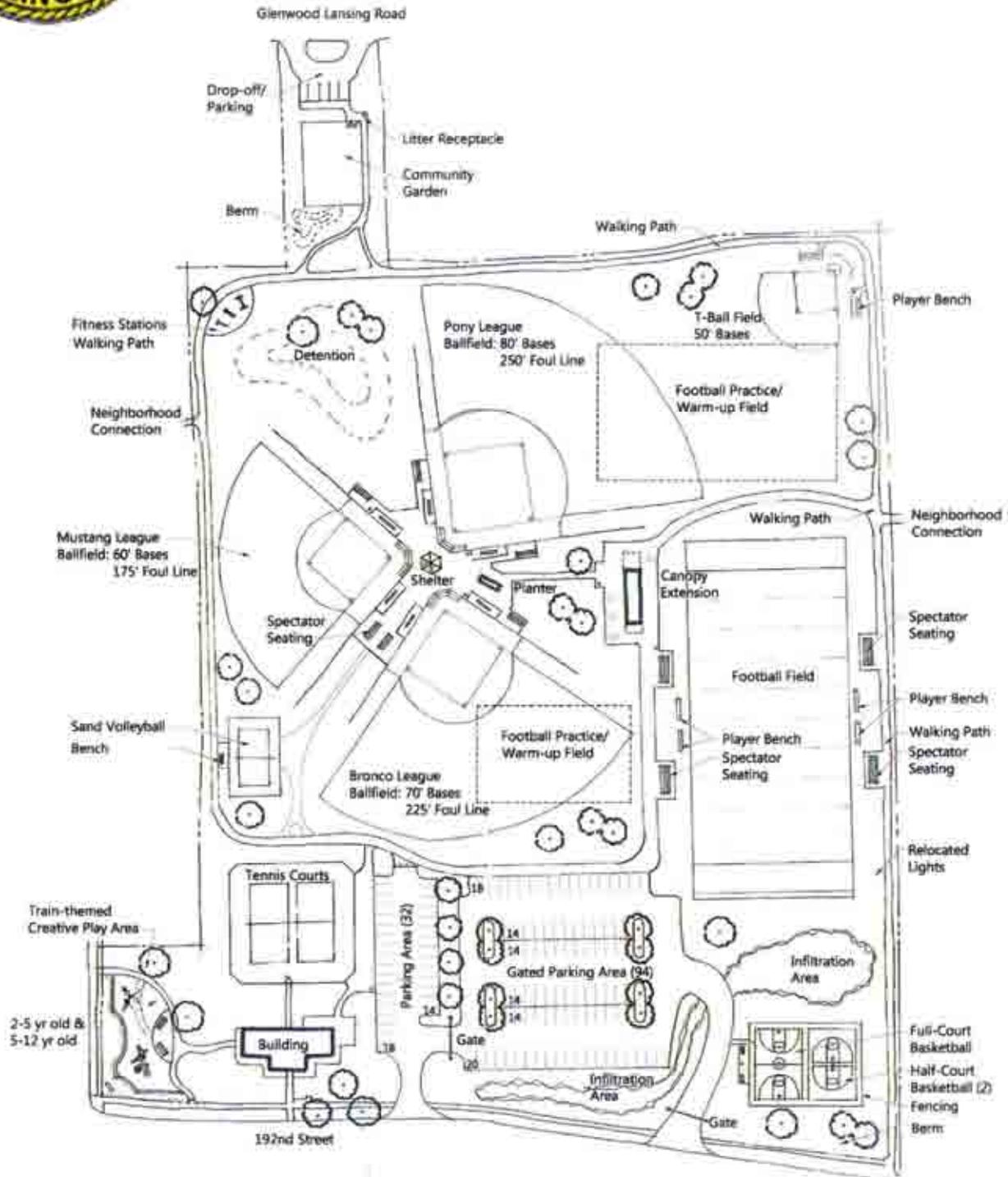
The drop box is located on Rebecca Street on the west side of Village Hall. **DO NOT** place cash in the drop box.



Hickory Glen Park

Glenwood, Illinois

Final Master Plan



OSLAD GRANT ELEMENTS:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Community Garden | 2. Playground |
| 3. Tennis Courts | 4. Basketball Courts |
| 5. Parking Lot | 6. Football Field |
| 7. Pavilion | 8. Walking Trail |

PARKING COUNTS:

Current - 120 parking spaces
 (+ approx. 15 east of basketball court)
 Proposed - 131 parking spaces



TREASURER'S REPORT Toleda Hart



As the Treasurer for the Village of Glenwood, I take great pride in working with Mayor Durkin, Donna M. Gayden, Village Administrator and the Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer and Village Administrator are committed to the veracity in managing all of the Village's financial affairs. As part of this process, we continually monitor its system of internal accounting and appropriate controls. We make certain transparency is implemented to assure fiscally responsible operations, the safeguarding of assets, and the minimization of errors and fraudulent acts. Keeping each of the residents in mind, we work effortlessly to ensure that fiscal integrity is upheld, while operating within the parameters of the Village's financial policies and procedures. The Mayor, Village Administrator, Board of Trustees and Department Heads are dedicated to responsible financial management and are required to work together to ensure that all financial matters of the Village are addressed with care, reliability and utmost concern for the residents.

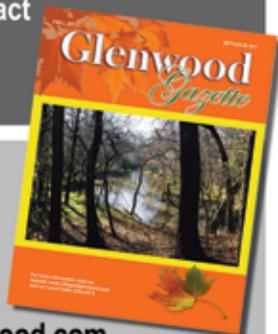
The Treasurer has the responsibility to review the financial statements on a monthly basis and to provide a fiscal summary to the Board of Trustees for review and approval. As chairperson of the Finance Committee that reviews the management of the Village's fiscal affairs and policies, I am pleased to report, especially during these economically challenging times, that the Village operates with the highest regards for its fiscal soundness and fiscal solvency.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all to contact the Village to learn more about the services we provide, the progress we have made, and the ways one can become involved.

"Everybody can be great, because Everybody can serve".

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.~

The Village of Glenwood is looking for marketing associates for the Glenwood Gazette. If you are interested, please contact the Village Administrator at 708.753-2400.



The Glenwood Gazette is looking for young writers to submit articles. Please submit your articles to glenwoodgazette@villageofglenwood.com.



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Village Hall Holiday Closings

Tuesday, December 25, 2012
CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2013
NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 21, 2013
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, February 18, 2013
PRESIDENT'S DAY



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Village Contacts

Police Emergency: 9-1-1
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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

Economic Development Committee:

4th Tuesday 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)753-2420
Mayor's Office: (708)757-2309
Village Administrator: (708)757-2311
Police Department (Non-Emergency): (708)753-2420
Public Works Department: (708)753-2413
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Parks & Recreation Program: (708)753-2400
Glenwoodie Golf Course: (708)758-1212
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Education Contacts:

School District #167: (708)758-5190
Bloom High School: (708)755-7010
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Brookwood Jr. High School: (708)758-5252
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Village Hall

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Or email us at glenwoodgazette@villageofglenwood.com

Contributing Writer: Margurete Stephens

Glenwood Gazette Cover Contest

Residents will be offered an opportunity to submit photos for the
cover of future issues of the Gazette that exhibit life in Glenwood
as a contest. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00 gift
card at a local business or a scholarship award for students each
quarter. Almost everyone has a phone with a camera that can pro-
duce a photo with a level of quality to enter into the contest. Please
do not send photos with an individual that can be identified without
enclosing a release to allow its use. Details will be on the Village
website to identify the process.

ASK

GLENWOOD...

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