

# Glenwood *Gazette*



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



### *Mayor Kerry Durkin*

*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."*

*Edith Sitwell*

The Village recently entered into a twenty year agreement with the City of Chicago Heights for the purchase and delivery of water. This agreement resolved longstanding differences between the two communities and establishes clear direction of the cost and responsibility for ownership and maintenance of the line going forward. We also have a non-exclusive agreement that will allow us to search for better and less expensive sources of water while maintaining the current service.

We are also purchasing the entire failed residential development at Glenwoodie. This was necessary to ensure we had sufficient property for parking at the facility. The residential units will be available for purchase by the public hopefully by Christmas 2013. The remaining 14 lots will be available for purchase in the spring 2014. There will be more information on the sale following closing.

The Village has been pursuing a flood relief project over Thorn Creek. The intermittent closing of the roads in the Village during flood events has a negative impact on life safety and is of great concern to the Village. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, (MWRDGC) is entering into an agreement with the Village to provide relief to flooding and along with the Illinois Department of Transportation, (IDOT) will be working to raise 187th Street and the affected bridges out of the 100 year flood plain. The project is also proposed to resolve the repetitive overbank flooding of homes in the Manor Subdivision.

We were also successful in obtaining a separate agreement with MWRDGC for storm sewers in original Glenwood. This one million dollar project will fund storm sewers on Glenwood Avenue to School Street. This will begin to resolve localized flooding issues due to the lack of sufficient infrastructure in the original part of the Village.

The Economic Development Committee, composed of residents organized to hear requests for incentives, has a new Chairperson, Angela Dixon. JoAnne Alexander has turned over the Committee to Angela after 17 years of stewardship and will continue to serve in the role as Liaison previously held by Trustee Ron Gardiner. I thank all of those serving on the Committee, especially JoAnne and John Segala, who is leaving after over a decade of service.

Glenwood has been hosting Bridal Shows at Glenwoodie for over 2 years. Our next event is February 23, 2014 from Noon to 3pm. Tickets are available at both Glenwoodie and the Village Hall. We need to promote events in our community when we benefit directly from them. Participation from Glenwood residents, families and friends in events like the Bridal Show is important to our success.

There are no better representatives of a community than its residents. Please share with your friends and families the opportunity, beauty and quality of life Glenwood affords.



### **Holiday Yard Decorating Contest**

Holiday Yard Decorating Contest judging will take place during the week of December 9, 2013. No registration is required. Winners will be announced at the December 17, 2013 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.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT Demitrous Cook, Police Chief



The Village of Glenwood has been deploying mobile surveillance units in crime hotspots and at big events for the past two years, which is reducing crime rates and allowing officers to work more efficiently.

Law enforcement agencies view surveillance cameras as an increasingly valuable asset, but many either can't afford or don't require a large fixed networked system providing a 24/7 live feed. Meanwhile, privacy concerns among citizens still resonate, despite the successful deployment of big, fixed systems in cities such as New York and Chicago.

For many smaller police departments, the answer to this problem has come through mobile surveillance systems that can be deployed and then disengaged as and when required. This approach keeps the equipment and manpower costs down and helps to convince citizens that they are not subject to a system watching their every move.

These cameras monitor high-crime areas without monopolizing resources needed to patrol elsewhere in the area - the surveillance trailer can be towed wherever it's needed to monitor areas. For example, the police department positioned the unit at the local Wal-Mart during holiday shopping season, and then at a local park in the spring where an annual end of school year fight typically took place.

The footage from the surveillance system is used as a support tool for investigative work. For example, it proved useful during an investigation into mobile phone robberies from school-aged children in the street.

There are a number of features that are designed to prevent deliberate sabotage. The paint on the sides of the unit is resistant to spray paint and a number of security systems are built in to prevent any interference with the surveillance feed. Any attempt to interfere with the cameras also triggers a tamper alarm, which is transmitted to the controller.

People in some neighborhoods have actually requested the camera be used in their area without us having to approach them first, because they have seen how it has operated in other areas.

On Friday nights, the Police Department has a program called "ride along with the Chief" where Chief Cook takes citizens to different neighborhoods and show them exactly how the technology operates.



The importance of more mobile surveillance technology when combined with predictive policing techniques has been proven in academic studies that measured the phenomenon of seasonal crime patterns in cities such as Dallas and Phoenix. One of the first uses of the SkyWatch system by a policing agency was in an operation against a planned armed robbery in a retail area.

Being able to spot something unexpected is a big advantage of the system. The Chief can watch the camera on his iPad. It is not just being monitored by officers at a specific location or back at the police station.

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief

Happy Holidays!



The Holidays are a great time to showcase our homes and businesses with decorations that highlight our beliefs. The Fire Department hangs a wreath outside of each Fire Station that is adorned with all red lights. The wreath is symbolic of our goal to “Keep the Wreath Red”, a program initiated years ago that acknowledges the event of a fire started in our Village by holiday decorations. In the event that we do experience a fire caused by decorations, the wreaths will be illuminated white. Please take a moment to assure that we can keep the “Wreath Red” in Glenwood by examining all of your decorations making sure that they are in good physical condition and are not near an exposed heat source. The only thing more devastating than losing all of the holiday gifts would be the loss of a loved one to the ravages of fire. Let’s all look out for one another as we celebrate yet another year of good tidings and joy.

In the spirit of holiday sharing, the Fire Department will once again be hosting their Holiday Food and Toy Drive. This is the 17th year of this very successful program. The need has continued to rise among our residents and we are challenged to meet that need.

The program occurs in three phases. The first phase is to identify families (or individuals) that are in need of assistance in our community to make their holiday special. If you know of someone who could use our help, please forward the specifics of their need and contact information to the Office of the Fire Chief (708-753-2440) or drop a note at the Village Hall. We will follow up on every contact we get to determine what it is they need. The second phase is our Collection Day. This is the day that we ask everyone in town to donate to help others. We will be canvassing the entire town (at the same time) on Saturday morning, December 14th, to collect all items that we are asking residents to leave at the bottom of their driveway. We will be delivering flyers that one can attach to the supplies placed outside to help assure no one will confiscate them. Once we have the items collected, we begin the process of sorting and distributing into piles to be delivered to those we have determined have a true need. This process normally

warrants enough food and toys to help all of the families that we have and it generates excess for the local food depositories and **Respond Now** to distribute. Nothing goes to waste. Monetary donations are also accepted and used to buy certain specialty items that the family needs or that may make a child’s holiday special. The final phase is the actual distribution to the families. This is the most heartwarming event of the year in our lives. We are able to brighten the faces of countless residents that may have never known the joy of the season if it had not been for the kindness of YOU.

Please dig deep and lend a hand to your fellow neighbors that may be going through a very difficult time in their lives!

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DANIEL P. LAGONE, President

# GLENWOOD HONORS OUR VETERANS

On November 15, 2013, more than one hundred and fifty Glenwood residents, Veterans and friends gathered and dined in Glenwood's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Glenwoodie Golf Club. The Ceremony, as a show of appreciation to those Veterans of our community, honored John Wrana, a close friend of many and highly respected Glenwood Veteran who recently passed away. The program, beginning with the Posting of Colors by Glenwood Academy Cadets and officiated by JoAnne Alexander, Senior Director at the John H. Blakey Center, also featured a MIA/POW Table in honor of service members who have given their lives for this country. The Ceremony, which is growing in attendance each year, gives young and old an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of American service members past and present.



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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### ARRENELLO'S PIZZA OWNERS and Their Award Winning Stuffed Pizza!



*Kevin, Linda and Rich Matokar*

Meet Rich, Linda, and Kevin Matokar, friendly owners of the well-patronized Arrenello's Pizza, a pizza staple in the Glenwood community for forty-one years! These owners, who have seen the area at 325 Glenwood-Lansing Road where they are located, go from a bustling business center to a quiet Village plaza, say their clientele has remained faithful over the years and newcomers return soon. Why is this so? Maybe it has something to do with their prize winning sweet stuffed pizza that rated No.2 among hundreds of Chicago area's pizzas in the Chicago Tribune's Best Stuffed Pizza Contest!

Former residents of Glenwood for 23 years, the family who has Arrenello's Pizza sites in Tinley Park, Illinois and Highland, Indiana also, are now residents of Indiana. Linda, Rich's wife of many years, says this business has been a family business since its inception in Glenwood. She fondly remembers her mom's rich spaghetti sauce that many travelled here to get. She says, however, it was actually Rich who made the sweet sauce that everyone knows and loves.

Rich and Linda also have a daughter, Michelle, who works at the Highland, Indiana site and the three of them along with Kevin, their son, are some of the busiest people in the world. Responding to the question about available seating to sit and to do this interview, Linda said, "Oh no. We don't have seating anywhere for us in the back because we never sit! We are always on our feet, working from the moment we come in until we close each day!"

Although the business experienced a slow-down, as most did, during the onset of the recession three years ago and the plaza fire of a short time ago, Linda says the business bounced back with an enthusiastic remodeling campaign. "We painted the walls and brought in fresh ceiling tiles. We updated and brightened up the area a little."

Proud of their industrious work ethics and busy days, the owners also happily attest that there is a consistent offering of coupons in the local papers and Village newsletters for their customers. "There are usually six coupons available and there are always customers who faithfully redeem them," Rich reports.

Rich, Linda, and Kevin welcome new customers and say that the convenient store hours of 4-10pm, Sundays through Thursdays, and 4pm to midnight, Fridays and Saturdays, are in place to offer the customer the finest in pizza carry-out service one could desire!



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Glenwood's Pride, Our Police Chief, Demitrous Cook!



Talk to almost any Glenwood resident, young or old, about our Chief of Police and you will probably hear about a pleasant conversation and encounter with the man who manages to be loved and respected by most in this Village. Taking his job of commanding officer of the Village's Police Department seriously, and handling the numerous duties, Chief Cook is a consistent visible entity in Glenwood who is often spotted walking and chatting with residents as he maintains rapport and promotes safety in the community. Chief Demitrous Cook is a rarity among Police Chiefs!

Chief Cook, in his three-year tenure here, has increased staff training internally and assisted in forming the Forest Homeowners Association and the Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association. In an intensified effort to make the Village's Police Officers more visible to the community, he assigns officers each month to address the Homeowners Association meetings and to report on local crime fighting and safety activities. In his efforts to change the Police organization's culture from one that is separate from the community to one that is in partnership, he has instituted other programs to make police visibility and community interaction an ongoing reality. "Partnership with our community is our goal and is achievable," he attests firmly.

Chief Cook has established an ongoing working relationship with Glenwood's school district administrators. He says he works hard to have a good relationship with all the principals. He interacts with some of the coaches in the schools' sports teams and is a member of the Male Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC), the school district's male parenting organization. Sincerely interested in the welfare of the Village's children, he has also established a community service program with the help of Wal-Mart, which has provided computers for an after school program at the station. This program offers first time offenders and others a chance to receive homework help and direction in their educational pursuits. "Our Administrative Judge for the Village Ordinance Court assigns them to the program and we're happy to provide that service." Chief Cook says.

After three years of service here, Chief Cook still considers Glenwood a pleasant community in which to work. "We have our issues like other communities have, a few burglaries now and then too, but we have a relatively low crime rate."

When asked how he unwinds after a busy week, he pointed to a picture in the office of his beautiful little girl and said, "Look right there. That's the way I unwind- she's my joy and relaxation!"

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# John H. Blakey Senior Center

We have had quite a fall season at the John H. Blakey Center! During the months of August, September and October, we conducted Sheriff Tom Dart's Senior Law Enforcement Academy with thirty seniors graduating. The graduates will be taking a ride on one of the Sheriff's buses to 26th and California to tour the Boot Camp for juveniles. On October 18th sixty-six seniors applied for State Id's, renewal of Drivers Licenses and other services with the Secretary of State Mobile Unit from Chicago Heights. The seniors also enjoyed a spaghetti lunch.

We are looking forward to the winter months! We began with a bus load of thirty-two seniors going to Four Winds Casino, and we are planning more trips including a bus trip to Peoria, Illinois for the Festival of Lights in December. If you have any suggestions for trips, please give Ray or JoAnne a call at 708-753-2438 or stop in at the Center.

In January Commissioner Avila from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will visit to give an update on the quarry. Plans are underway to have BINGO games on Tuesday (once or twice a month). AARP club will be holding their monthly meeting here starting in March. We are looking for more Pinochle players on Monday and Thursday as well as for a volunteer that would like to teach our seniors how to knit.

Please watch for our monthly senior calendar. You can pick one up at the Village Hall, John H. Blakey Center or the Homeowners Association Meetings.  
*JoAnne Alexander and Ray Schmelzer*

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# GLENWOOD MANOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association meeting on November 7, 2013 began with an enthusiastic presentation by Glenwood's Senior Center Director, JoAnne Alexander, introduced by President, John Dixon, to outline the new winter line up of activities. Mrs. Alexander informed residents of the new Line Dancing Program offered on Tuesdays and the Social Hour held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Center. She invited residents who wished to hone their computer skills to the new computer class slated to begin in January.

President John Dixon invited the Glenwood/Lynwood Public Library's Public Relations Representative, Jessica Tolliver, to address the Association, and Ms. Tolliver presented the upcoming activities of the Library for the community. One activity that is ongoing and recently started is the Twinkle Toes Ballet Sessions for children. This is a program of lessons in ballet designed for five year olds. Ms. Tolliver also elaborated on the new Food for Fines program that offers residents a chance to donate food for the needy and to reduce their overdue fines. She also welcomed all to come in to utilize the new computers and other technology recently added to the Library, and to participate in the upcoming Holiday and Anniversary Celebrations that the Library anticipates will provide hours of family fun.

President John Dixon gave a short review of current Brookwood School District 167 Board of Education plans and informed residents that a search is underway for architects for the proposed new school. He introduced the new Common Core Standards Program the Board has adopted and directed residents to the website where they may learn more about the program.

Several residents expressed concern about the new rental properties in the area and expressed their views on the "black door" installments that readily identified these properties. Other residents queried concerning the deteriorating "coach lights" in front of scores of homes, and asked how property owners may be helped in repairing or removing the antiquated structures. Residents expressed a desire to initiate new programs and ordinances that would increase property value and enhance curb appeal.

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association meets every first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Arquilla Park Field House.

# GLENWOOD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

President Mike Turner opened the Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association Meeting on November 13, 2013 at 7:00pm and Estates residents once again learned of many new and ongoing projects within the Village of Glenwood. After Secretary Michelle Ressel read the minutes from the last meeting, Fire Chief Kevin Welsh apprised homeowners of the upcoming Fire Department activities within the Village. Residents learned of the various inspections the Fire Department handles within the Village and the codes and ordinances compliances under current review. The Fire Chief expressed his delight in seeing the Estates Homeowners Association again in full function as he recalled the days when the Association was an informed and vibrant entity within the community. Chief Welsh encouraged residents to call the Department with any concerns related to property maintenance and fire safety within the community.

President Turner then brought to the floor Senior Center Director, JoAnne Alexander, who informed residents of the growing attendance to the Veterans Day Celebration that has become an annual event sponsored by the community. Reminding Association members that we have our own Tuskegee Airman in the Village, she announced the planned Veterans Day Observance Luncheon had its maximum 153 planned attendees who were coming to show their appreciation for the services of all of our Veterans. Mrs. Alexander reviewed all of the new and exciting activities the Senior Center offers and announced proudly that Glenwood's Chess Club which meets at the Center is once again suburban champions. She passed out a calendar for the residents to have at all times and encouraged all to be vigilant in seeking out and referring seniors who may be lonely and discouraged to the Center. She offered her services in contacting and making sure these seniors would get to the Center to participate in the planned activities the Village offers.

Association members also heard a very thorough report from Police Chief Demitrous Cook and Police Officer Gossage. The Police Officers cautioned residents about opening doors to solicitors and other unknown persons in the area. Chief Cook also discussed plans to purchase and install new radar speed technology in school zones to increase safety during important hours of school dismissal. Chief Cook also encouraged residents to be more proactive and to attend important Village meetings at the Village Hall. He stressed the need for all residents to be informed and concerned about the community.

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association Meeting is held every second Wednesday of the month at the Arquilla Park Field House at 7:00pm.

## Brookwood Point Homeowners Association

The monthly convening of the Brookwood Point Homeowners Association of November 6, 2013 once again proved to be a highly informative session for residents of the Brookwood Point Subdivision. President Adam Winston introduced Fire Chief Kevin Welsh to residents and the Chief presented a comprehensive overview of the Fire Department's activities during the fall season and the upcoming winter season. Chief Welsh discussed the Village ordinances with residents who questioned him concerning property upkeep of neighbors, and he reviewed some of the new issues emerging with the growing number of rented properties in the area. He reminded residents of the availability of the Department in assisting them in preparing property in fire safety and ordinance regulated ways.

After informing residents that there would be no meeting in January, President Winston brought two former Association presidents to the floor to begin the new officers' nomination process for the upcoming Association officers' election in December. Former President, Harold Dawson explained the slating and nomination process and several members nominated others for the open positions.

President Winston then brought Mr. John Siner, Glenwood Plan Commission President, to the floor who, in turn, brought forth members of the Plan Commission. The Commission explained their function and pointed out that they were neither Glenwood's Zoning Commission nor its Economic Development Committee. Mr. Siner reviewed the activities of the Plan Commission and explained the recent re-drawing of the Master Plan for the Village of Glenwood. He also addressed the many questions and concerns about the vacated buildings and property in the area and explained the issues concerning unincorporated areas.

The Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meets every first Wednesday of the month at the Hickory Glen Field House at 7:00pm.



## Bloom Township Senior Department

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Bloom Township Senior Department is happy to be returning to the Glenwoodie Golf Club for its Senior Community Lunch Program for the 2013-2014 season. The Senior Lunch Program is a great way to get together with friends and meet new ones too! Each table is decorated to fit our theme for the month and an enjoyable lunch is provided by the wonderful staff of Glenwoodie. After lunch seniors enjoy entertainment and a raffle is held for all those in attendance. What a new way to spend the day, we hope you spend it with us.

The lunches will continue monthly at Glenwoodie through April 2014. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$4.00 for Bloom Township residents, out of township residents can attend for \$8.00. Feel free to give us a call and request a lunch schedule.

The New Year will be upon us before we know it and it's never too early to mark your calendar for the free Income Tax service provided at Bloom Township Senior Department. Appointments will be available in February 2014 and they go fast for Federal and State tax filings by the AARP Tax Aide Program.

Sheryl Ford, Senior Director

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After a hectic year of construction and developing, The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library has a lot to celebrate! We have expanded our parking lot to accommodate the growing number of patrons, built a new creative lab, and reached another milestone as we continue to serve our patrons.

First we are proud to present the newest addition to the library, the iCan (Information, Creativity, Art and Networking) lab, where users can produce high quality projects using powerful tools. The lab is equipped with four Apple desktop computers loaded with creative software and equipment such as video camera, an electronic keyboard, drum kit, microphones, and green screen. It's an excellent environment for artists (and beginners!) interested in photography, video, music, and digital media. Please see the iCan lab tab at [www.glpd.org](http://www.glpd.org) or call the Reference Desk for more details.

Coincidentally, it's also time to celebrate the holidays! We are getting into the spirit with plenty of events to choose from. Relax and view a holiday mini marathon during our Family Monday Night Movie Madness, or practice your skills wrapping presents during our gift-wrapping and bow making class. Kids can also enjoy story time with Santa and gift making.

The celebration doesn't end after the holidays. The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library will also be commemorating its 40th year anniversary. To celebrate, we have scheduled a series of events highlighting the decade of our founding, the fabulous 70's. For more information, visit [glpld.org](http://glpld.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Stories with Santa

Tuesday, December 17th 7-7:30pm

### Gift Wrapping and Bow Making

Thursday, December 19th 6-7pm

### Holiday Gift Making (for kids)

Saturday, December 21st 3-4pm

### Monday Night Movie Madness

Monday, December 23rd 1-8pm

### Yoga for Adults

Monday, January 6th & 13th

Monday, February 3rd & 10th

7:30 - 8:30pm

## Bloom High School Student, JERMAYNE SMITH



The clash of helmets, the thump of a soccer kick, the smooth sound of a bass clarinet can only make you think of the eclectic talents of Jermayne Smith. Jermayne played 3 years of basketball in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. He even played as the soccer goalie while still making time to participate on the drum line as a bass clarinet and saxophone player.

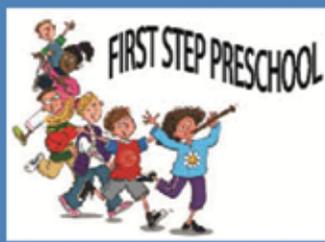
Jermayne is a new freshman at Bloom High School and hails from the hallowed halls of Glenwood Academy. He is the son of proud parents, Jermaine and Monique Smith.

I met Jermayne last year during the Glenwood "Blue Crew Night" at Bloom High School. We have begun the tradition of inviting Glenwood middle school students and Staff to a Blazing Trojan basketball game each year. During the evening, Bloom's NJROTC provides a tour of our facilities, dinner, and an opportunity to cheer on our conference championship level basketball team. That night, I remember him enthusiastically, expressing his desire to become a member of our team.

Earlier this year, I found Jermayne in the library studying the impact, effects, and characteristics of elephantiasis. He was preparing a presentation for his health class. As he began to inform me about his assignment, I could see his passion for science. He stated, "I really like it at Bloom because I get to meet new people. It's a far cry from the 13 cadets and officers who were a part of the 2013 graduating class at Glenwood Academy. I am an "A" student in biology and I plan to become a veterinarian." His academic transition is going great! He has made such a seamless transition into his freshman year. As he conditions for basketball, he hopes to continue his success on the hardwood. If it's anything like his other experiences, he'll have a great career at Bloom.

*Submitted by Mr. Michael Campbell, Principal  
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- Drain and put away garden hoses
- Make sure all gutters are clear in case there is a mid-winter thaw as this can help prevent ice dams
- Check and clean your furnace and replace furnace filter

We have been keeping busy with continued Ash tree removals throughout the Village. If there was a tree removed on the parkway in front of your home, we will ground out the stump in the spring and restore the area and possibly plant a new tree.

Water main breaks have been occurring throughout the Village. If the break occurs on the parkway, the area will be restored in the spring. If the break is in a driveway or the sidewalk area, we will patch it temporarily until a permanent repair can be made. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please help us in keeping the streets clear and safe by NOT PUSHING THE SNOW from your driveway into the street. We do our best to keep the streets clear and safe, but cannot do so if there are piles of snow pushed into the streets by homeowners clearing their driveways. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

REMEMBER THERE IS ALWAYS A PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR. If you are experiencing a water related issue or a sanitary sewer back up, PLEASE contact the Village during regular business hours at 708-753-2400 or E-COM after hours, holidays, and weekends at 708-799-6403. Branch pick up will resume the first Monday in April, 2014.

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Born in 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama and receiving most of his elementary, secondary, and college education in Metropolitan Chicago, Mr. Poole fondly recalls the early days of his life on Chicago’s south side. He went to St. Martin’s Parish, played basketball for The Catholic Youth Organization, and participated in other Englewood Community activities.

He recalls that before the War, his environment had been all white, and when he returned, everything had changed. He says he remembers vividly the words of his father, spoken while he was still a small boy. “Virgil, before you go to your eternal peace, you will have experienced the leadership of a Negro as President of the United States!”

Virgil Poole was drafted into the United States Army in 1941 the day after he turned 21 years old. “I was destined to go into the infantry when I spotted a poster of Uncle Sam pointing.” He says that written in relatively small letters at the bottom of the poster were the words, “The United States is now accepting enlistment of Negroes into the Air Force at Tuskegee, Alabama.”

He says he left that night for Alabama and became part of the 99th Fighter Squadron X that eventually became the 332nd Fighter Squadron with other African American training groups. He later learned to his dismay that the “X” meant “experimental entry” and there was no intent to finalize the squadron duty. The present day blockbuster movie *Red Tails* portrays the experiences of this “experimental” fighter group, which was commanded by General Benjamin O. Davis and he says became the highest rated fighter group, maintaining the highest academic grades and accom-



plishments, during the War. Mr. Poole admits that when it was discovered he had glaucoma, he was deemed ineligible to be one of the fighter pilots and became Chief Operations and Intelligence Specialist of the 332nd Fighter Group.

After the War, Virgil Poole says his mother encouraged him with these words, “Virgil, with your academic accomplishments in sociology and psychology, you will be ideal for law enforcement.” He went on to become one of ten African Americans hired by the Chicago Park District as Patrol Officers and soon became one of the first African American Detectives. Mr. Poole has also served as Chief of Police of the Harvey Police Department.

Married for 41 years to the beautiful Haweda Poole, Virgil Poole has three children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Making 93 years old this December, Mr. Poole still travels across America telling his unique life story and inspiring young men across the country.

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On October 31, 2013 the Village held its annual  
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Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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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:**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at  
6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

#### **Special Board of Trustees Meetings:**

As called and posted in the Village Hall

#### **Plan 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

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## **Area Churches Holiday Services**

### **Calvary Baptist Church**

Kelon Duke, Pastor  
801 E. Glenwood-Dyer Road  
New Year's Eve Service 8:00pm

### **Glenwood Bible Church**

Herb Searfoss, Pastor  
201 W. Main Street  
Christmas Cantata  
December 14th 6:00pm and December 15th 11:00am  
Christmas Eve Service 6:30pm  
New Year's Eve Service 7:00pm

### **Living Springs Community Church**

Dave Izenbart, Senior Pastor  
19051 S. Halsted Street  
Christmas Eve Services 6:00pm and 11:00pm

### **St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

845 Strieff Lane  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00pm  
Christmas Day Service 10:00am

### **St. John Roman Catholic Church**

Father John P. Sullivan, Pastor  
301 Cottage Grove Avenue  
Christmas Eve Services – 4:30pm Carols 5:00pm Mass  
Christmas Day Services – 8:00 and 10:00am Mass



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