

# Glenwood Gazette

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Summer 2009



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## Village Embraces New Leadership

By Mayor Kerry Durkin

Many changes were made to your local government leadership as a result of the last municipal election. With any new administration, change will occur based on the direction the new Mayor and Board choose to pursue.

It is my intention to aggressively pursue funding for public works projects. With the co-operation of our State Representatives, Senators Meeks and Hutchinson, and Representatives Miller and DeLuca, we appear to have received more than \$700,000.00 in funds. These are earmarked for water tower refurbishment, residential street resurfacing, water main replacement and sewer main work. We owe thanks to those state officials working on our behalf.

Leon Moore and Jim Presnak are two new members of the Police and Fire Commission. Working with Greg Ray, they are responsible for administering discipline hearings and providing testing to prospective members of the GPD and GFD. I want to thank them for volunteering their time to this endeavor.

There is a need for volunteers to work within this government. The Planning and Zoning Commission has two vacancies. Please submit a resume to the mayor's office if you're interested.

An insurance committee is being formed at the urging of our insurance agent. Please submit a resume if you possess the necessary skills.



Our Economic Development Committee is being restructured to better serve the needs of the Village based on the current state of the economy. The ordinance creating the committee will be revised and the committee filled following adoption.

We are working on a renovation plan for Forest Park. A phased two year schedule is being examined due to the cost of the renovation. Your participation in this process is always welcome. Please call the Mayor's office for more information.

We're actively working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to resolve some of our recent flooding issues. Each flood event that closes Glenwoodie Golf Course costs the Village thousands of dollars in lost revenue. Residential flooding has a severe impact on those of us affected. This issue is

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### Village

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

### Sewer Backing Up?

Please call the police non-emergency number if you are experiencing a sewer back-up after Public Works hours (7 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

## Parks and Recreation by Co-Directors Leon Fields and Cathie Marcinski

The park program had a busy spring with the Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Day Out to Crete Fun Center Arcades, A Mother's Day Craft and The Family Event Ice Cream Social featuring the Very Funny Little People Entertainment.

As children look forward to the end of the school year, we look forward to a busy fun filled summer of activities. There is a summer bowling league, a basketball camp, art classes, kid's day out (movie madness, mini-golf) field house activities, summer crafts and more.

The park directors have worked to provide a variety of activities at a minimal cost. For additional information on these activities, contact Park Program Directors Cathie or Leon at 753-2400 or [www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com), or cable channel 4.

Fliers with the summer activity schedule were sent home with the children in all four District 167 schools.

Parents are encouraged to register early, as activities may be cancelled if the minimum enrollment is not met. We are able to provide these activities at a reduced rate and must guarantee a minimum enrollment. Refunds will be given if an activity is cancelled. Registration forms are available online and at the village hall.

Recreation kits and Baggo Sets are available for parties and picnics. These kits contain volleyball, badminton, softballs, bats, and a variety of outdoor games. These kits are available for a nominal fee. Call to reserve yours today.

### Independence Day Parade, Fest, and Fireworks

The construction on Main Street will last until late summer. Therefore, the parade route will change this year. The parade will start at 10:15 a.m. from 191st and Cottage Grove. It will continue east on Main Street. The children's parade will merge at the Junior High. The parade will conclude at Glenwood Village Hall.

The children's parade will begin lining up at 9:45 a.m. at Brookwood Junior High. No registration is required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bike, wagon, costume, etc.

The fest will begin immediately following the parade. There will be food, bingo (in the Senior Center) games, live entertainment, music and fun until 3:00 p.m.

Fireworks will begin at dusk at Glenwoodie Golf Course. Walking is encouraged. A safe path will be provided.

Volunteers are always needed. Please volunteer if you have a special talent, or an hour to spare. This is your community. Let's all work together to continue to provide the best activities possible.

**You can find more information about Park Program activities by visiting the following locations:** The Glenwood Gazette, village website, fliers sent home through the schools, cable channel 4, mar-

quees at both fire stations, the Village Hall information table and by contacting the park program directors.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY.**



Brandon Woodard, left and Tyler Newkirk, right examine Glenwood Cougar uniforms at the Hickory Glen Field House on May 16 during Football and Cheerleading registration. The football season opener will be on Saturday, August 29th.

# CELEBRATE with the July 4<sup>th</sup> VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD

## PARADE - 10:15 A.M.

- ❖ 191st & Cottage to Village Hall Complex
- ❖ Line-up at 9:30



## CHILDREN'S PARADE

- ❖ Ages: Infant to 12 years old (must be accompanied by an adult)
- ❖ Brookwood Junior High School to Village Hall Complex
- ❖ No registration required - just line up at the Junior High parking lot at 9:45. (Children will merge with the main parade)
- ❖ Prizes Awarded for Best Decorated Bike, Wagon, Patriotic Costumes, Etc.

## FESTIVITIES - 10:00 to 3:00

- ❖ Food, Music, Entertainment, Games, Bingo at the Village Hall Complex



## FIREWORKS AT DUSK

- ❖ At Glenwoodie Golf Course
- ❖ Walking or Biking Encouraged - Safe Lane Provided
- ❖ Ample Parking

For Additional Information, Contact the Parks Department at 708.753.2400

## From the desk of the Village Clerk

As I begin to serve our community as Village Clerk, I want to thank the residents for electing me to the office. I'm truly honored to serve the village in this capacity.

The office of Village Clerk, is a critical role in the operation of the Village of Glenwood.

As I progress in this role, it is my goal, with the support of the Mayor and Village Trustees, to keep the residents of Glenwood informed of the actions, changes, and progress of the Village.



Village Clerk, Carmen Hopkins

## E-PAY is Coming!

E-pay is a secure electronic payment service provided by the Illinois State Treasurer's office. Their website states "E-Pay is a safe and secure electronic payment program that allows you to pay bills 24 hours a day, seven days a week without leaving your home."

The service itself is provided free of charge.

It will facilitate the payment of water bills, ordinance fines, and other fines and fees to the Village of Glenwood via credit card, debit card or electronic check online.

E-pay will not be available for use until approximately Mid-August. We will also accept credit card payment at Village Hall.

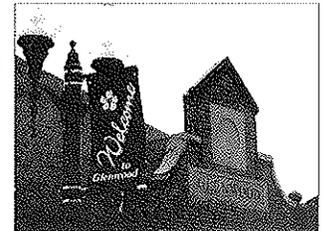
Watch for updates on our website:  
[www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com)

## The Village Clerk Responsibilities:

- Keeper of the corporate seal; which is applied to all official village documents.
- Maintains all village documents, records, and ordinances.
- Attest to all documents issued by the Village by affixing the signature of the Clerk.
- Attends all Village board meetings.
- Records and publishes Village board meeting minutes.
- Administer oaths to approved appointments.
- To receive candidate nominating petitions in election years.

## As a resident of Glenwood, did you know:

- The Village Board meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
- The Board meetings are open to the public. The public is given the opportunity to address the Mayor and Village Trustees regarding their concerns.
- The minutes and the agendas from the board meeting are available online at [www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com), and at the Glenwood/ Lynwood Library.
- Posting of the meeting times and board members of the assorted Village boards and commissions are posted in the vestibule of the Village Hall.



**Do you have a question or concern you'd like to see addressed in the Glenwood Gazette?**

Email the editor: [lee.enokian@yahoo.com](mailto:lee.enokian@yahoo.com)

## Village Administrator - Eric Wiederhold

I want to thank everyone for their warm welcome to the community.

The record I present is one of dedication, hard work, creativity and innovation in successfully facing the challenges and opportunities of public management.

I am an International City/ County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed Manager with more than 12 years of experience. Prior to my present appointment with the Village of Glenwood, I served as the Administrative Officer of the cities of Geneseo, Ill.; Desloge, Mo. and New Baltimore, Mich.

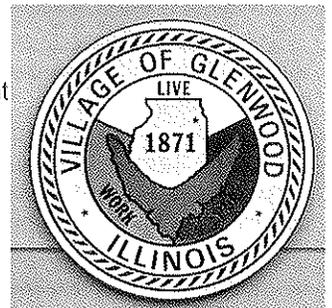
I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Olivet College and completed my graduate work with a Master's of Business Administration from Fontbonne University. I am also completing coursework at the University of Missouri – St. Louis for a Master's of Public Policy Administration. In addition, I have participated in the ICMA's Gettysburg Leadership Institute and the Missouri Municipal Leadership Program at the Harry S. Tru-

man School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri – Columbia.

I have been successful in managing the day-to-day activities of municipal government with the assistance and support of department heads and employees while addressing many of the long outstanding needs identified by the elected officials in the communities that I have served.

I grew-up in mid-Michigan, but my earliest childhood memories are of living in southeast Detroit. Following a brief move to Maryland, I returned to Michigan.

I recently joined the Glenwood Lions, and have been a Rotarian since my days in Missouri. I look forward to becoming more involved in the community and enjoying life, here, in the Village of Glenwood.



## Main Street Improvement Drives On

Edward J. Tunelius, P.E., Robinson Engineering

This spring, the village began reconstruction of Main Street. This project is funded through 70% Federal Highway Program monies and 30% local TIF funds. The project primarily consists of roadway widening, installation of storm sewers and resurfacing of Main Street from North Main to Campbell.

In order to minimize the effect of construction on existing traffic, the Contractor, Dominic Fiordiroso Construction Company, Inc., is proceeding with a staged construction scheme. For most periods, this approach

permits the contractor to work while maintaining two-way traffic through the construction zone.

The project is on schedule for a fall 2009 completion date. When completed, the improved Main Street will provide greater safety to the motoring public by means of the inclusion of a two-way center turning lane, and curbing along the pavement. The installation of a storm sewer system along the roadway should additionally reduce storm water runoff to adjoining subdivisions.



## Two New Village Ordinances:

### Keep Your Lawn Trimmed

Tall grass and weeds are a problem this time of year. Village Ordinance mandates that grass must be cut below 6" at all times.

In the event that you do not maintain your grass; the ordinance further provides that we can come on your property and cut the grass. When we do this, we will pay for the service and bill you at three times the cost. Currently, this means that you will be billed at \$210.00 each time we have to cut your grass. The moral to this story is that you should keep your grass cut at all times.

Even more troublesome are the abandoned and foreclosed properties. We are keeping up on these properties as well, and will maintain the grass on these homes and businesses. The billing on these cuttings will simply be placed in liens against the properties and we will be reimbursed when the property sells. If you have any questions about properties around you please call the fire department to discuss your concern at 753-2440.

The full text of the ordinance is available at the village website at [www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com).

### Crime Free Housing Ordinance

Landlords of rental properties have been mandated to institute a new program with each of their renters.

Starting August 1, 2009, each landlord must have a signed and notarized agreement with each of their tenants. This document will acknowledge the existence of a new Village Ordinance that mandates eviction of any rental property tenant that violates certain State Statutes and Village Ordinances.

The village has experienced a steady growth in the number of rental units in recent years. This new procedure will provide a mechanism for the village to work with property owners to assure that the quality of the rental community is maintained to the highest standard possible. The greatest advantage of this new procedure will be to streamline the eviction process, and enabling the landlord to have greater control of the quality of the people that are renting their property.

This program is in addition to our Rental Inspection Program that has been in effect for several years and provides for annual inspection and compliance with building and appearance codes for each rental property. If you have concerns about any rental property in the village please contact the fire department with your concern at 753-2440.

## Risk Watch Safety Fair Held at Brookwood Junior High School



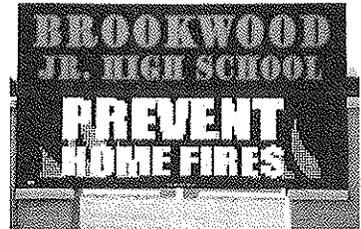
Glenwood firefighters demonstrate an emergency extrication from a car.

Brookwood School District 167 hosted its second annual Safety Fair at Brookwood Junior High School with the help and support of the Glenwood Fire Department on May 13.



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Local businesses including Wal-Mart, the Glenwood Police Department, Humane Society, MABAS, Home-wood Travel, Imagine Salon, Prairie State Dental, St. James Wellness, Met Life, the U.S. Army, and Glenwood Village Pet Hospital helped to make this event a huge success in spite of the poor weather. Brookwood District 167 thanks their teacher and community volunteers.



Members of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT) were on hand to describe their equipment.



### Brookwood Hosts Mayoral Election Forum

The school district, in conjunction with the Concerned Citizens of Glenwood, sponsored a mayoral forum at Brookwood Junior High School on March 25.

The event was well attended by village residents. Candidates from the Glenwood Action Party and the Glenwood Reform party were allotted equal time to present their party positions on a variety of community concerns.



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### Longwood Students Ride Hybrid Bus to CBS2 Studio

On Earth Day, April 22, Longwood Elementary School had the opportunity to have the first group of students ride into Chicago on Cook-Illinois Corporation's first hybrid school bus.

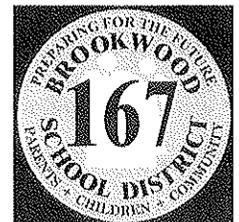


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The hybrid bus and Longwood students were featured on the 6:00 a.m. CBS2 News. The students also received an extra treat of touring the studio and being a part of the morning newscast.

### Are you planning a school or community event?

Please send details and your contact information to:  
[lee.enokian@yahoo.com](mailto:lee.enokian@yahoo.com)



### District 167 Dates to Remember...

- August 10:** Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices
- August 12:** Registration for Hickory Bend, Longwood School, Brookwood Middle School, and Brookwood Junior High School at Brookwood Junior High School from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- August 13:** Registration for Hickory Bend, Longwood School, Brookwood Middle School, and Brookwood Junior High School at Brookwood Junior High School from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- August 17-19:** New Teacher Orientation at the Administrative Offices
- August 20:** Junior High School Quest Program for seventh graders and junior high students new to the district 10:00 a.m.
- August 21:** Brookwood Middle School walk through for fifth grade students and Brookwood Middle School students new to the district 10:00 a.m.
- August 24:** Teacher's Institute Day
- August 25:** First Day of School for grades 1-8. 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- August 26:** First full day of school 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch begins
- August 28:** District-wide Anti-Bullying Campaign Kickoff.; Sports physicals are available at Brookwood Junior High School; PTA sponsored Welcome Back to School Event
- September 7:** Labor Day Holiday
- September 14:** Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices
- September 15:** District Dismissal 2:00 p.m.; Brookwood Junior High School Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- September 22:** District Dismissal 2:00 p.m.; Brookwood Junior Middle School Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- September 29:** District Dismissal 2:00 p.m.; Hickory Bend/Longwood Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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**Please Note:** The Village of South Holland, offers Glenwood Residents the use of their Fitness Center at the same rate as South Holland Residents. This includes sauna, exercise equipment, and pool. Visit their website at [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org) and go to Park Programs for more details.

## Big "J"s Small Engine Repair and Service

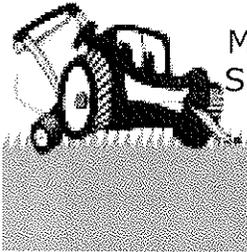
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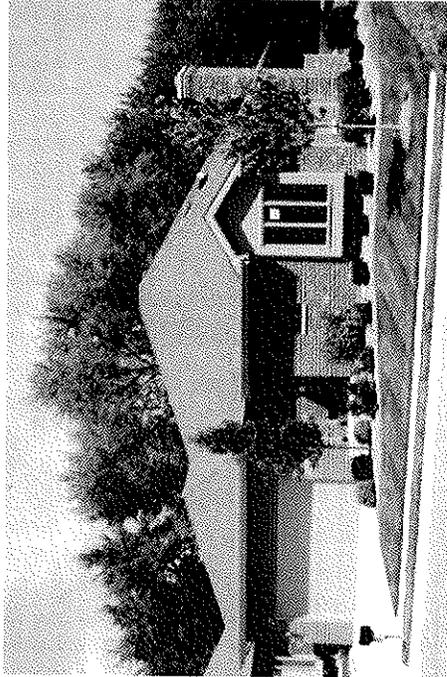
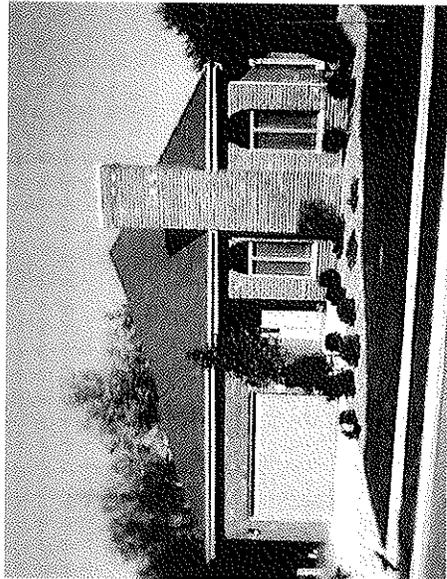
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# Detached and Duplex Luxury Ranch Townhomes at Villas of Glenwood, Illinois



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These detached townhomes and duplex townhomes are quality built and carefully set in peaceful surroundings. Located on the beautiful Glenwoodie Golf Course, these homes are an attractive option for anyone searching for a new home. Nearby, homeowners will find plenty of shopping and an abundance of recreational ac-

tivities, along with the presence of a commuter train station.

The Sanibel is approximately a 1,492 square foot layout with a starting price of \$224,000 *reduced from \$243,000*. The Bayhill and Heritage models are approximately a 2,193 square foot layout with a masonry fireplace and a starting price of \$284,000 *reduced from \$309,000*.

Standard features in each of the three floor plans are a maintenance-free brick exterior and full landscaping with a sprinkler system, a concrete patio and an attached 2-car

garage. Custom made cabinets, solid oak trim, hardwood floors in the foyer, kitchen and dining room, ceramic tiled baths, ceiling fans and light fixtures, allowance for carpet and kitchen appliances are just a few of the many features included at no extra charge.

New for 2009, the sale of individual vacant lots are being made available, starting at \$30,000. Prices may be subject to change.

To reach the Villas of Glenwood: From I-80, exit Halsted south to 187<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, take to Glenwood/Dyer Road, turn east on Glenwood/Dyer to Main Street, head south on

Main Street to the Glenwoodie Golf Course entrance. From Western Avenue, take Joe Orr Road east to State Street, go north on State Street to the Glenwoodie Golf Course entrance.

The Villas of Glenwood is developed by Lincoln-Way Homes, a respected family run business with a 50-year reputation for quality workmanship and materials.

To view the models or for more information, please call our sales associate at (815) 922-5716 or Lincoln-Homes at (815) 485-3411. You can also visit them on the web at: [www.lincoln-wayhomes.com](http://www.lincoln-wayhomes.com).

# AMVETS is Active in Glenwood

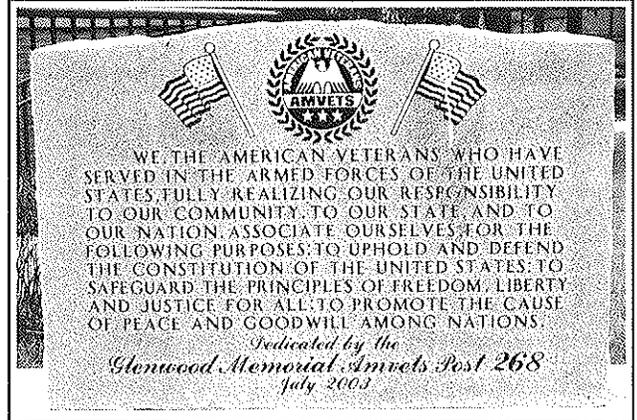
By Rich Cameron

The Glenwood AMVETS would like to thank the people of Glenwood for their generous support of our poppy sale during Memorial Day weekend. Even with the economy the way it is, they still saw fit to donate to our worthy cause.

The post lost one of our World War II veterans earlier this year. Dominic Alesindrini passed away in Feb. after a long battle with cancer. We lost the wife of another veteran, Dorothy Hrynak, who also passed away in Feb. The post stands ready to help both of these families any way we can.

The post will be retiring non-serviceable flags again this year. Anyone with a worn or tattered flag can bring them to the Senior Center, and we will properly dispose of them.

All veterans who served during or since World War II are eligible to join AMVETS. Please contact Dick Whitman at (708) 758-6998, or Rich Cameron at (708) 758-5326 for more information.



AMVETS Memorial at Village Hall

**Please submit Glenwood service organization events and announcements to the Glenwood Gazette at [lee.enokian@yahoo.com](mailto:lee.enokian@yahoo.com)**

## Interested in Placing an ad in the Glenwood Gazette?

Contact Brenda for More information at 753-2400	<b>Rates by size:</b>
	Business Card - \$75
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	1/4 Page - \$200
	1/2 Page - \$250
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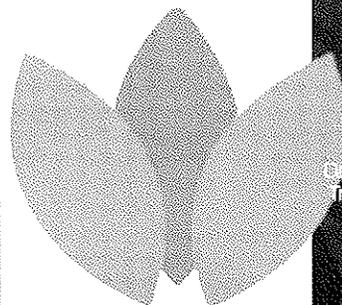
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## Ensuring A Better Tomorrow By Reclaiming Youth Today!

Reclaim A Youth (RAY) of Illinois just completed another successful year of implementing four of its six programs. As a youth development organization, RAY has developed effective strategies for reaching vulnerable youth to become responsible and productive community members. The After-School Intervention Program at Brookwood Junior High is designed to impact the lives of students by building self-esteem, the effective use of positive words that build up rather than negative words that tear down, making good choices, anger management, conflict-resolution and goal setting. Approximately 75 students were mentored by about 40 professional men and women during our eight week program. The program climaxed in a pizza party that thanked our young people for their contributions.

Reclaim-A-Family (RAF), a subset of The After School Intervention Program, is designed for parents. It's "parenting with a purpose!" Parents need to know that they are one of the greatest influences in their child's life. They are encouraged to catch their child doing something right and praise them for it. Our mantra is "Change your language, change your life, and change your child's life!"

Our "Watch Your Manners" program was implemented at Brookwood Middle School. It was successful and well attended. It culminated with a dinner at Glenwood Oaks where the participating students displayed their newly acquired skills taught by Mrs. Eunice Geron. Others who rendered their time and talents were; Mrs. Frankie Cameron, Mrs. Sharon Miller, and Mr. Mark Myers. Additionally, Mrs. McField and Mrs. Stoiber were excellent coordinators.

One of the main highlights of the sessions was "Career Day" at Brookwood Junior High School. Ms. Lindsey, principal, and her hard working staff did an extraordinary job of preparing students to become ambassadors to escort and introduce the speakers. It is especially exciting for the students because they dress professionally to greet a group of over 20 presenters who spend the morning discussing various available career paths.

Our Grief and Loss Program ended one of its ongoing programs with a Potluck Dinner at Victory Center in Country Club Hills, on May 28th. While the feelings of pain, shock, anger and guilt are frightening and overwhelming, they are normal reactions and accepting them as part of the grief process is necessary for healing. This seven week program is conducted in a warm, inviting, and caring atmosphere by Rev. Linda Napier-Howell, Mrs. Anita Johnson, and Mr. Errol Kellom.

Our Scholarship/College Orientation this year will include The John Blakey Scholarship Award. There were 50 applicants and 17 awardees. College Orientation Night was held on June 19th at Victory Apostolic Church. Their hard work and perseverance were acknowledged and college life experiences shared by former scholarship awardees. Scholarship /College Orientation Chairperson is Dr. Evonne Blakey .

RAY received two Awards in 2008 - The Gloria Hobson-Nordin Award and The Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Award was taped by NBC 5 News at Brookwood Jr. High which showcased many of our students on T.V.

Something magical happens when a community comes together, not doing for, but doing with its people. Volunteers are always needed. You have something you can give to help others. Please help in this mission of "Ensuring a Better Tomorrow by Reclaiming Youth Today!"

Program Directors: Mrs. Lona Dawson/ Dr. Sarah Crawley  
Visit our website at [www.reclaimayouth.org](http://www.reclaimayouth.org) or email: [reclaimayouth@comcast.net](mailto:reclaimayouth@comcast.net) Office# 708-757-7293 or fax 757-7294.

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one that needs to be resolved due to the public safety impact and inconvenience of road closings.

You may currently be inconvenienced by construction traffic on Main St. When completed, this project will include a third turning lane for access to Old Glenwood. Other infrastructure improvements tied to the reconstruction of Main St. will include:

- Curb and gutter, outfall on ROW for south State Street.
- Sanitary Sewer main relocation, the first of three portions relocating the force main from 187<sup>th</sup> St. lift station to 42" MWRD Interceptor sewer on Magnolia

These improvements will allow better traffic flow on Main St., and safer access to residential streets. We're also committed to the completion of the remaining two portions of the force main relocation from the 187<sup>th</sup> St. lift station to Magnolia. When completed, that project will provide the sanitary sewers in the Glenwood Forest subdivision with more capacity. The end result should be less sewer backups in Glenwood Forest.

## Glenwoodie Golf Course:



Course Superintendent,  
Eric Swanson

RAIN, that's how I can sum up how our spring has been here at Glenwoodie. AH! but spring is in the air. The course is open for play, and everyone is gearing up for the golf season. The greens, tees and fairways have been aerified and most of the washed out areas were either sodded or seeded.

We will be focusing on the sand traps this season, installing drainage and new sand.

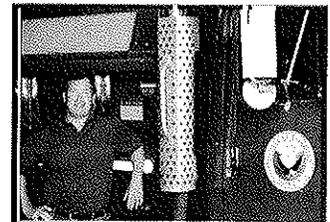
I hope to see you on the course this season. Remember to replace those divots and fix your ballmarks.

## Public Works Notes:

With warm summer months on their way, we request that you refrain from watering your lawn during the hottest time of the day (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) and by not leaving sprinklers unattended for long periods.

It should also be mentioned that this will affect your water bill if you are doing a lot of watering.

Call Public Works first 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if you're experiencing sewer problems. Use the police non-emergency line after business hours. This simple call could save you a lot of money.



Director of Public Works,  
Patrick McAneny

## Glenwood Senior Center

By Co-director Jesse Flowers

Our center is still growing, and now we have an added attraction that I'm sure all the men will love. (Hint) bring your pool cues.



Jessie Auron is back and has already lined up representatives from the Cook County Board to speak to our seniors.

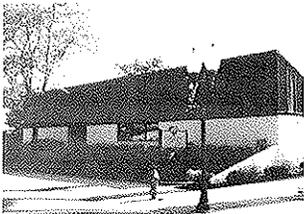
Home security will be discussed in June by the Cook County Sheriff's Dept. All our special programs are listed on Comcast channel 4.

We invite all seniors to participate in our monthly birthday party. We encourage all who come out to bring their favorite dish to share.

Please remember that there will be Bingo during our town's 4th of July celebration.

We will continue with our goal to provide a place where all our residents can relax, enjoy, and participate in the various programs we have to offer. We

hope that in the not too distant future, Glenwood will have a daily lunch program for our seniors.



## Senior Center Co-Director Will be Remembered

By Co-Director Jessie Auron

The Senior Center lost one of its founders in February.

Jean Callahan and I established the Monday and Thursday morning Senior Center programs in May 2003.

Great fellowship and well-planned activities continue to give the Seniors of Glenwood a chance to spend hours filled with friendship, information, and laughter. Jean was instrumental in planning and facilitating all these activities. Jean kept the Senior Center a cheerful, well decorated place to visit.

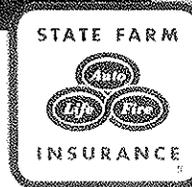
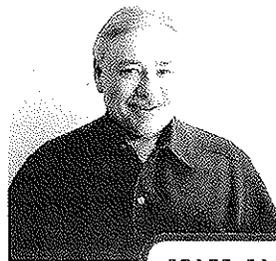
Jean's dedication to "her seniors" was enormous. Her gracious good spirits, laughter and diligent attention to providing a warm reception to all those at the Center will be greatly missed.

## Center Monthly Schedule:

- First Thursday of the month - Birthday celebrations for Seniors at 10:30.
- Second Thursday of the month – Guest speakers e.g., a representative from County Board President Todd Stroger's office.
- Third Thursday of the month - Book Talk from Glenwood-Library.
- Fourth Thursday – Current events e.g., Mary Carroll from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.
- Second and last Monday of the month - Blood pressure readings given by the Glenwood Fire Dept. at 10:45.
- Mondays are scheduled for games and crocheting and knitting instructions from 12:30 to 2:00. Stop by and meet your neighbors.

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## Glenwood Residents Recognized

### Former Trustee Honored With Image Award

Ronald Clark was recognized for his "academic excellence, leadership, Christian values, dedication to the community, and community service" in February. He was presented with the Archbishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M. African-American Male Image Award by the Knights of Peter Claver-Ladies Auxiliary, St. Felicitas-St. Ailbe.

"I was surprised and honored at the same time," said Clark. "This is not an award you apply for – its based on how the people around you perceive you as a human being. I've always tried to live my life in the correct way."

"I was just humbled by it. There's probably more people deserving of the award than myself, but I'm very thankful that people view me in that light."

Clark retired from the Cook County Sheriffs Department, Department of Corrections with 30 years of service. He attained the rank of lieutenant commander.

He also served in the United States Army on active duty and in the National Guard. Clark retired after 30 years, having been assigned to transportation then military police. His last

active-duty assignment was during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003.

Clark, a former village trustee, mayoral candidate, and vice-president of the Brookwood Homeowners Assoc., continues to serve Glenwood and the community through membership in the Glenwood Lions Club and AMVETS.

He is also spiritually active at his church, St. Helena of the Cross Church in Chicago, a member of the Holy Name Society (a guiding body), and a member of the board of directors of the Knights of Peter Claver.

Clark is proud that his daughter, Lenese, was recommended for participation in the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference by Brookwood Middle School faculty & administrators. As a result, she was invited to attend President Barack H. Obama's inauguration in Washington D.C.



### Glenwood Student Becomes PAC-10 Champ

Melissa Gergel, vaulted 14' 2" (4.32m) to capture the women's pole vault title at the Pac-10 Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene on May 17. She attends the University of Oregon where she majors in Human Physiology.

"Our whole family is certainly proud of Melissa's success," said Peter Gergel, Melissa's father and former village trustee.

"As parents we are very proud of the accomplishments of our children. Michael, Melissa and Mary Kate are hard workers and we are very proud of what each of them have accomplished athletically and academically."

### Glenwood Senior Takes 2nd in 5K Run

Louisa Hummel took second place in her age class at the Beverly Ridge 5K in Chicago on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

"I surprised myself," said the 72 year-old Hummel. "I am pleased with myself. I didn't expect to be able to do it, but I did. Before that the only running I ever did was to the train downtown."

Hummel started running in April of this year and trains at the St. James Hospital Health and Wellness Center. She is motivated by weight loss and general fitness. Hummel lost 42 pounds and credits exercise and Weight Watchers.

### Pastor Brings a Youthful Approach to his Church

Pastor Herb Searfoss, pastor of the Glenwood Bible Church located at 201 W. Main St., serves his 50 member congregation with a zeal.

He is starting "Fun Fridays Night," a program where teens can go to enjoy ping-pong tournaments, video games, basketball, and other activities in a supervised atmosphere.

"We're offering lighthearted events where kids can enjoy good clean fun and get to know each other," said Searfoss. "We're also open to suggestions from the kids."

The program is part of an outreach philosophy.

"There are lots of opportunities for kids to get unwholesome

entertainment," said Searfoss. "They can get on the internet, and find almost anything."

"Our video games will be sports-oriented and non-violent. We've become too desensitized as a society to the nature of violence." The activities are for teens in grades 9 to 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Searfoss for more details.



### Senior Center Renamed in Honor of Civic Leader John Blakey

The Village Board renamed the Jeanne F. Maggio Senior Center. It will be rededicated as the John H. Blakey Center in recognition of the building's community use, and Mr. Blakey's many contributions to Glenwood.

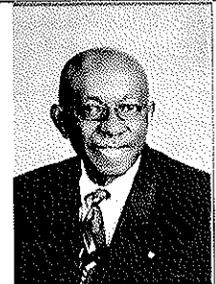
John Blakey, Glenwood Lion's Club member, Homewood Rotary member, past chairperson of the Reclaim A Youth (RAY) of Illinois Advisory Board, Toastmaster, member of Brookwood Dist. 167 Board of Education since 1983 (twice as president), member of St. John Catholic Church and beloved husband and father, passed in April.

Dr. Evonne Blakey, said she was overwhelmed when she

heard the Senior Center was being rededicated with her husband's name.

"John was very committed to helping Glenwood and to Brookwood Point," said Blakey. He would have been honored, overwhelmed and humbled."

"He placed tremendous emphasis on God, family and community. He also placed a great deal of emphasis on education-of himself and of his family. No matter what, there was an emphasis on education for our family."



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**New Glenwood Firefighters Graduate From the Fire Academy on March 18**

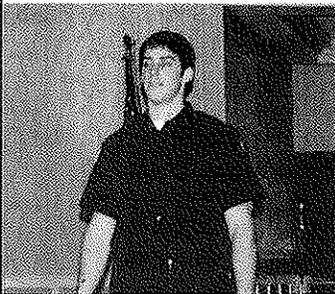


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Glenwood firefighters Chris Pack and Natalie Schvier approach the podium to accept their certificates.



Pack, Chief Kevin Welsh and Schvier after graduation

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March 18, 2009  
 7:00 p.m.

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**Village Board, Commission & Committee Meetings**

Residents are encouraged to attend all meetings.

**Board of Trustees Meetings**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall

**Special Board of Trustees Meetings**

As called and posted in the Village Hall

**Homeowner's Association Meetings:**

**Brookwood Point Homeowner's Association**

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Hickory Glen Field House, 1016 E. 192nd St. All residents who are members of the Brookwood Point Homeowner's Association are encouraged to attend.

**Glenwood Manor Homeowner's Association**

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at Arquilla Park Field House. All residents who are members of the Glenwood Manor Homeowner's Association are encouraged to attend.

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