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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## Mayor Kerry Durkin



The draft audit of the Village for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011 shows us with a reserve of cash in our Operating Fund of over two million dollars. I would like to thank our employees, vendors and you, the taxpayers, for your patience with me in reaching this milestone. This reserve gives your government the ability to reduce the property tax burden we have placed on you. I am going to propose a reduction in our property tax levy by 1.5% for next year to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The two million dollar reserve is approximately one third of our Corporate Budget per year. Our internal goal is one half or three million dollars and I believe we can achieve it within two years without a tax increase.

There is significant activity within the Village.

- The old Marathon gas station on Main Street has open, but the Speedway on Glenwood-Dyer Road closed. We will work to get that station re-opened as it does provide gas for many of our residents on the way to and from work.
- We have a closing date for the Glenwood Theater property and bids to demolish the property to prepare it for development.
- The Village is working to obtain the property Annie Lee had on Main Street for development and have a couple of interested buyers.
- The Town Center plaza is rebounding after the fire.
- Major construction will be taking place on Main Street for the finish of the relief sewer to serve the Forest Subdivision.
- Our Public Works Department and engineers are looking at alternatives to Lake Michigan for water to enable us to be prepared for our upcoming contract negotiations with Hammond, Indiana.
- The Plan Commission has finished the revision to our Comprehensive Plan. This is a major accomplishment for them. Thanks to all who worked so hard on that project.
- Donna M. Gayden, our Village Administrator, has made an offer on behalf of the Board to acquire the Glenwood Plaza.
- The Board has authorized the hiring of additional Police Officers and are awaiting the training dates to finalize their employment.

I am very happy with all that is occurring within the Village. We keep a very lean staff and because of that, we were able to survive this economic downturn so far. We have a lot of work left to perform and I will try and inform you of our activities in this format. Please feel free to stop in and visit when you are in the Village Hall and express your opinions and concerns.

A resident recently passed away after an extensive hospital stay from injuries that occurred during an incident in Harvey. The Village, with the support of numerous local businesses worked to help her surviving family through this tragedy. We placed the home in a condition that provided the children with a safe, clean and functional environment. I would like to thank the following businesses for their outstanding support; Glenwood Paint, Martin Painting & Decorating, Tower Contracting, Leon's Floor Coverings, Mohawk Carpet, Jack Waters Plumbing, Bedding Experts, Furniture Bargains LLC, Brookwood Point Homeowners Association, Manor Homeowners Association, the Calvary Church Congregation, Gabe's Place, Glenwood Oaks Restaurant and all the individuals that contributed their time and money to help this family in this most difficult time.

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



*Demitrous Cook, Police Chief*

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is a great resource for information on how to protect our children. Please read article below.

## Know the Rules for Going to and from School Safely

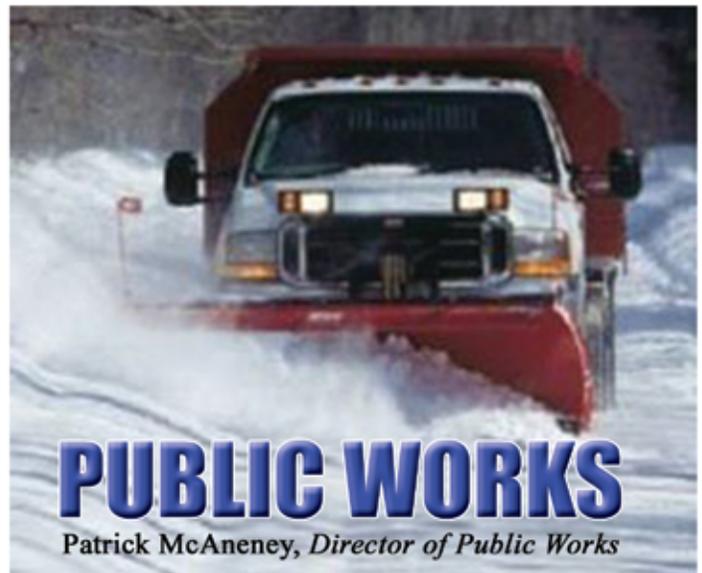
Every day millions of children take to the streets and highways to get to and from school. For many children this experience is a new one, and they may not understand or be able to use the safety rules. Young children do not have the same frame of reference for safety as adults do. They may not “look before they leap”, which is why it is so important for families to supervise young children and practice safety skills with their older children to make certain they really know and understand them. In an analysis of attempted non-family abductions the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) found approximately 36% of attempted abductions happened when a child was going to or from school or school-related activity. The tips below will help prepare for a safer journey.



## Key Tips to Reinforce With Your Children

1. Always TAKE A FRIEND with you when walking, biking, or standing at the bus stop. Make sure you know your bus number and which bus to ride.
2. SAY NO if anyone you don't know or a person who makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused offers a ride. DO NOT accept a ride from anyone unless I have told you it is OK to do so in each instance.
3. Quickly get away and yell, “THIS PERSON IS NOT MY MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN” if anyone tries to take you somewhere or is following you. If anyone tries to grab you, make a scene and every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting.
4. NEVER LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS BEFORE THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY ENDS. Always check with the office and me before leaving school early.
5. NEVER TAKE SHORTCUTS OR WALK THROUGH ALLEYS TO GET TO OR FROM SCHOOL. We will talk about which way to go to and from school. Remind me if activities you participate in cause you to leave earlier or arrive home later than usual. Remember to call me once you have arrived home.

For more information about school safety or other child safety topics, call: 1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678) or visit [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)



## Project Updates:

- During the fall our sidewalk removal and replacement program began. It will resume in the spring. The objective is to remove as many trip hazards as possible with the funds that were allocated for this project. It started with a Village-wide sidewalk survey to complete a comprehensive list and replace the worst areas first.
- Infected Ash trees (160 total) were removed throughout the Village. We have restored those areas and replanted 60 trees at various locations. There are still approximately 200 additional trees to be removed that we will be working on through the next 3 to 5 years.
- To remain in compliance with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), we had a contractor work on sanitary manholes to repair or rebuild them to help eliminate inflow and infiltration. This occurs when storm water enters the sanitary system which can lead to problems within our system.
- The replacement of a forced sanitary sewer that goes through the Forest subdivision is ongoing. Knowles Construction is working on the installation of a new sewer line that will eliminate the water going into the Forest which should help reduce flooding in that area since all the water from the west side of town will now connect directly to MWRD.
- Tree trimming will continue through the winter as weather permits. Remember free branch pick up will resume in April.

*Just a reminder-if there is more than 2" of snow on the streets, parking is prohibited until all streets are clear.*

***Have a wonderful Holiday season!***





## *A Note from the Village Administrator*

**DONNA M. GAYDEN**

I have been in the role of the Village Administrator for a little over a year, and with the help of a dynamic team, the Village of Glenwood has been able to offer new events and activities. The Glenwoodie Golf Course and Banquet Facility had its grand opening on the July 4th weekend with festivities such as "Movie on the Greens" which was followed by a parade, family golf, fun, food, games, music and an exciting fireworks show. On July 4, 2012, the Village is planning a more exciting and fabulous event which will include the Glenwood Lions Rib Fest. Please make plans to join us.

We are striving to bring wonderful events and exciting activities to all groups throughout the community all year long. We have begun holding line dancing classes at the Blakey Center for Seniors and are looking forward to the upcoming Zumba and Sit and Fit classes. The Chess group which began meeting on Tuesdays has now expanded to Tuesdays and Thursdays. So, come out enjoy a great game of chess - and if you don't play - why not start!

The Village and School District 167 teamed up to hold two different events; Back-to-School Bash in August and a Food Drive in October/November. At the Bash, there was a petting zoo, games, large jumping inflatables along with food and beverages. There were over 300 back-to-school-bags distributed this year alone. The food drive will become an annual event for both the Village and the District. The food collected will feed families in need during the holiday season.

The Village is moving into the social media arena to keep our residents informed. Soon our new web page will be revealed, and check out the Village as well as Glenwoodie on Facebook. If you have Comcast, you can access Village information on Channel 4. For all of the citizens who joined the Village on the new Direct Energy contract to furnish electricity in bulk to the community, you should have received your first bill indicating a savings of 23% to 25%.

In August the National Night Out was held at the Hickory Glen Park along with the Village Board meeting. This allowed Glenwood citizens to attend the Village Board meeting, register their children for the FBI Child Identification Program, and meet many of the Village's Police Officers, Firefighters and staff. We have expanded our hours to every first and third Saturday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; and Tuesdays we are open til 7:00 pm. Regarding the future our Village, my number one goal is to have more open government. This will allow citizens to collaborate and participate within the community to help move the Village of Glenwood forward with good government and transparency. Within the next few months, you will be able to view the Village's website for information regarding our Comprehensive Financial Report, the Annual Operating Budget and the year end Treasurer's Report.

*On behalf of the Village of Glenwood, thank you for your continuing support. Happy Holidays!*

# **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief**

**CADET/EXPLORER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM:** The Fire Department will be re-introducing their Junior Firefighter Program beginning with an Orientation Session for the applicants and their parents on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 605 Glenwood-Lansing Road. The applications are available at either Fire Station or the Village Hall. The program has been redesigned to be the educational segment of the State of Illinois Firefighter Certification Program. The sessions will be held one evening during the week and some Saturday sessions. Successful candidates will be prepared to challenge the certification tests at the end of the course. The program is for young adults age 16 to 18 with an emphasis being placed on serving Village residents first. We look forward to a successful session as we prepare these young adults to aspire to Firefighting and Paramedic Services as their vocation. If you have any questions, please contact Captain Kevin Welsh, Jr. at 708-753-2440.

**WINTER SAFETY:** As we prepare to celebrate the Holidays, most of us prepare our homes to entertain our family and friends. We ask that you take time to "Clean for Fire Safety" as well. This is a good time to look around the house and clear the clutter that may be the next breeding ground for a fire or accident. Look for frayed electric cords, painted outlets, and clear combustibles from the area around your furnace and water heater. It is recommended that you have your furnace cleaned and inspected as well. When decorating for the Holidays, take a minute to make sure electric cords are not worn, don't overload circuits and make sure that heat producing fixtures are kept a good distance from combustibles.

**RECENT FIRE CAUSES:** While major loss types of fires have been kept to a minimum here in the Village, we are experiencing incidents in homes, mainly from three main sources. These are unattended cooking, careless use of candles and "plug in" type room air fresheners. We have experienced an increase of all three of these categories over the last several months. Remember to stay awake and alert when preparing appliances and oils for cooking, do not put oil on the stove to heat and get distracted. Candles are an open flame that simply needs to contact or be close to combustible items, especially as we decorate our homes we must be vigilant with candle use. The third cause of fires in our homes of late, is the use of the "plug in" style room air fresheners. When these devices run out of oil in their heating chamber, the heating element continues to heat and eventually will melt the housing and possibly spread to adjoining combustible items including the wall surface itself.



# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief

**LEAVES AND SNOW:** As we head out of fall and into winter, we ask that you take time to secure your property. Although there are no Ordinances that regulate the shoveling of your walks or the raking of your leaves, both of these activities not only enhance the viability of our neighborhoods, but are a positive reflection on your pride of ownership and commitment to maintaining our strong Village. Raking the leaves is not only a positive appearance step for your property, but is beneficial to your lawn by assuring that the leaf cover will not damage the grass for next year's harvest! It is also important that you get the leaves up as they inevitably make it to our storm sewer system and will impact many homes as we experience rainfalls, ice and snow melt. Raking leaves into the street is prohibited. Shoveling your walks is imperative for the safe transit of your neighbors as the children get to school and more frequently as our neighbors brave the elements to get some physical activity. Be a good neighbor and clear your walks as soon after the snowfall as you can so that the Postal Carriers are safer while doing their job as well as our neighbors. It is illegal to shovel your snow onto the street. Senior Citizens needing assistance "un-clogging" the base of their driveway after the snow plow, can call Village Hall and pre-register (if not already on list) for this service by our Public Works Department.

**INOPERABLE VEHICLES:** We have begun enforcement of the Building Code and Local Ordinance that does not allow the storage of inoperable vehicles in residential zoning districts of the Village. The Fire/Building Inspectors have been enforcing this measure by educating the resident who has the problem. If they cannot get compliance after counseling, we will issue a summons to appear in our Local Adjudication Court that can carry a fine of up to \$750.00 per day for as long as the condition exists after initial notice. If you need assistance with determining if you could be in violation, or if you need assistance with the removal, please contact an Inspector at the Fire Department, 753-2440.

**RENTAL/FORECLOSE PROPERTIES:** The Fire Department maintains a comprehensive list of pre-foreclosure, foreclosure and rental properties. As you might suspect it is no small task to keep this list current, but we have a very good grasp on it. We work closely with the financial institution that has reclaimed property through foreclosure. The condition of these properties will suffer in the early phases of the foreclosure process as responsibility for the upkeep is in the hands of the court and we cannot force their hand. Once the property gets back to the financial institution, we get compliance and any fines or fees are collected upon the resale of the property. Rentals have certainly seen an increase in our community. The depressed housing market has forced many people to look to rent properties as

opposed to sell and the investment into these properties has created a market for rehabbers and investors. We have two programs in place to assure that the rental market does not have a negative impact on our housing stock. Each rental property has to be inspected for approval to become a rental prior to its first lease and is inspected annually for continued compliance. The second program is the Landlord/Tenant Agreement that makes both the landlord and the tenant sign an agreement with the Village which mandates if the tenant or anyone associated with their unit are repeat crime or felony offenders, or if the unit does not continue compliance with all of our Village Codes and Ordinances, the landlord is mandated to evict the tenant. We are constantly updating our lists and especially need your help in identifying houses in your neighborhood that you believe have been converted into rental units without Village knowledge. Please call the Fire Department at 753-2440 to leave this information that we will consider confidential.

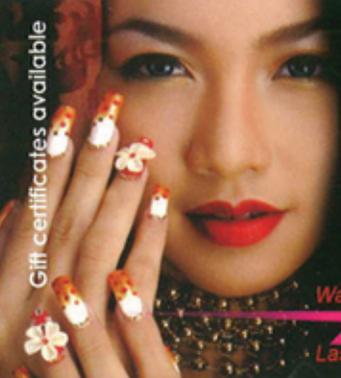
**REMODELING/REHABBING:** If you are contemplating working on your house or property, feel free to contact the Building Department and we would be happy to come out and offer our assistance to you. While we are the Code Enforcement Department of the Village, it is also our responsibility to work with you to assure that you have the job done properly. As a reminder, you need to get building permits for everything other than decorating at your house. The contractors you use for the work must be licensed in the Village, however that does not discourage you from "doing it yourself" as long as there is code compliance in your handyman history.

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## BROOKWOOD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Brookwood Point Homeowners Association came together for their monthly meeting on November 2, 2011 and addressed urgent issues, concerns and needs during a lively session that extended past regular meeting time. After a comprehensive report from Glenwood Village Police Officer, Paul Schmidt, President Mark Myers reiterated the need to be cautious shoppers and watchful homeowners during the upcoming holiday season. Members were reminded to lock doors of automobiles and homes and to carry only necessary items with them when shopping.

One of the major concerns of Brookwood Point homeowners is the littering in the now vacant gas station in the area. Residents suggested putting Jersey barriers up to prevent the littering. Village Administrator, Donna M. Gayden, addressed the issue and informed residents that the corporate office of the gas station has been notified. Gayden also informed Brookwood Point homeowners of the Glenwood resident who had died that day from gunshot wounds sustained in a carjacking in a neighboring suburb. Homeowners quickly collected funds to support the family of the deceased.

Another issue that led to interactive discussion among homeowners and Mayor Kerry Durkin of Glenwood is the ongoing restoration plans for the Hickory Glen Park. Mayor Durkin addressed the concerns about the intended community garden to be implemented and informed residents of the need for the skilled architect in the designing of the new walking trail, tennis courts, and exercise areas. Mayor Durkin also reiterated the need for more adults to utilize the park's recreational offerings.

For more information concerning Brookwood Point matters and Village activities, Brookwood Point homeowners may attend the Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meetings held every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Hickory Glen Fieldhouse at 7:00 p.m.

## Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association

The November 3, 2011 meeting of the Glenwood Manors Homeowners began in a festive spirit as entering homeowners signed the sheet of projected holiday fixings for the upcoming holiday party in December. Vice President Anthony Plott opened the meeting and introduced Glenwood Police Officer, Paul Schmidt, who gave a brief review of recent activity in and about the Village. Informing homeowners of the new cameras installed around the Village Police Station, Officer Schmidt advised homeowners to lock cars and residences securely during the holiday season. Vice President Plott thanked Officer Schmidt and complimented the entire Police Department on the well maintained Glenwood Police Station. One homeowner asked how many officers does the Village now have and the sum of 19 officers was reported.

Mayor Durkin briefed all on the previous day's death of a Glenwood resident who was the victim of a carjacking and shooting committed in a neighboring suburb. Plott opened a discussion on how residents can help each other and also encourage the family of the victim with ongoing support. Plott then introduced John Siner, Chairman of the Glenwood Planning Commission, who began by informing residents of his appreciation in the appointment to this position by Mayor Durkin. Siner gave homeowners a very comprehensive review of the Commission's plans for our commercial districts. He informed homeowners of current projections for the plaza and other private and public properties in Glenwood. Homeowners welcomed two Glenwood school administrators in attendance who briefed members on several important items on the school agenda in the upcoming months.

Residents of Glenwood Manor are invited to all Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association Meetings held the first Thursday of every month at Arquilla Park Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

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## News from the John H. Blakey Center for Seniors

Since the changes in administration here at the Center in May, many new programs have been implemented and all of the old ones are still running. We need the participation of more seniors, and we invite our seniors to call or come by the John H. Blakey Center for Seniors. We are here Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and our telephone number is 708-753-2438. We are receiving the news that Village seniors are not receiving the current Village information. There are several ways to receive the current information available to all Village residents: Tune into Comcast Cable Channel 4, read the Village Newsletter, the Glenwood Gazette, and/or attend Village Board meetings (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month). At the meetings, residents can present questions and get answers on site. Also, most Village information, including a schedule and a calendar of upcoming events, is on our website [www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com).

Don't have a computer? Visit the Blakey Center and use the computer available to seniors. Seniors are invited to sign up for the computer class also offered on site. Remember, every first Thursday of the month is a Potluck Birthday Party. By the way, we had a great Halloween Party. Congratulations to Peggy and Carol for winning the costume contest!

Line dancing began Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 for each class. Come join us! We are hoping to have an evening class soon. Also, welcome to the two quilting groups which have joined us; call for information.

We send out a thank you to all who participated in our food drive for the Bloom Township food pantry. We are looking for card players who play Bid Whiz, Knock or Bridge. If you already have a group, bring them here to the Blakey Senior Center so we can join in the fun!

## South Suburban Family Shelter Seeks Donations for Adopt-A-Family

South Suburban Family Shelter, Inc. is looking for individuals, families or businesses interested in participating in its Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program. Adopt-A-Family is designed to help victims of domestic violence and their children during the holiday season. The victims and their children who participate in Adopt-A-Family are experiencing financial hardship as a result of their family circumstances. They would likely have nothing for the holidays without the help of generous donors. Donors can purchase and wrap gifts for their adopted family. Monetary contributions and gift cards are also welcome and may be mailed to:

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For more information about Adopt-A-Family, call Gail Kallend 708-798-7737, ext. 229, or e-mail at [gkallend@ssfs1.org](mailto:gkallend@ssfs1.org). For general information about South Suburban Family Shelter, call 708-794-2140.



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# Glenwoodie Golf Club



The 2011 golf season has come to a close but holiday magic is in the air! Looking outside we see frosty fairways and snow covered greens on the course. If you are still searching for that perfect holiday gift, look no further than Glenwoodie Golf Club! We offer a variety of golf memberships for the 2012 season as well as individual gift cards, golf apparel and equipment. Our friendly staff will be available to help you during our off-season hours of operation (M-F 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., S/S 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). The golf course will still be open during these times if the weather permits.

Now is also the time to start planning your golf outings and fundraisers! Stop by to pick up one of our informational folders on hosting a golf outing or event at Glenwoodie. There are still plenty of available dates during the 2012 season to accommodate your group. For more detailed information on hosting your golf outing at Glenwoodie you can speak to anyone of our PGA Professional staff members.

The winter cold may have put a damper on the golf business in Chicago, but our banquet rooms will be open for private parties, fundraisers and other events year round. Glenwoodie has already been host to beautiful weddings, successful fundraisers and lavish events in 2011. Interest in hosting events at Glenwoodie has been abundant and dates for 2012 and 2013 are already being booked! Look for us on The Knot and The

Wedding Channel, two of the most popular websites for brides and grooms planning a wedding! In addition to our website ([www.glenwoodiegolf.com](http://www.glenwoodiegolf.com)), you can now find Glenwoodie Golf Club on Facebook! Visit our page to see comments and photos from recent events including the Bloom Township Democratic Committee Fundraiser and our First Annual Bring Your Best Big Cup Scramble. 'Like' our Facebook page from now until the New Year and receive a complimentary Glenwoodie Logo Ball! (You can pick up your gift in the Pro Shop during our hours of operation.)

We are moving forward with acquiring the First Tee Program at Glenwoodie and becoming a satellite location for Chicago. The PGA Professional staff members will start training with the First Tee Program in December. Look for more information to follow in the spring newsletter.

Still looking for a place to watch the game? The bar will be open on Sundays until 6 p.m. Stop in to watch your favorite team through the NFL Ticket on one of our five HDTVs. The kitchen will be closed during the off-season, but we will still feature a limited menu and halftime buffet on Sundays for the noon games (we will fully reopen the kitchen in the spring). Jumping ahead to February, make plans to come to Glenwoodie for our annual Superbowl Party! Details for this event will be posted on our website and Facebook page soon.

On behalf of the Village of Glenwood, we would like to thank our customers, both loyal and new, for your continued support during this inaugural yet critical year. We would especially like to thank the residents of Glenwood for your patience this season. Joseph Barry, Jr. has been named General Manager of Glenwoodie. He was a Village Trustee for six and a half years. We look forward to seeing you on the course after the snow melt in the spring! And, remember, it isn't too late to book your holiday party or winter event!

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



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# Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library

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[www.glpld.org](http://www.glpld.org)



The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library once again offers an exciting winter holiday schedule of events for the south suburban community. The Library is sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Decorating Activity for children in grades Pre-K to 6th grade. This year, the Library will also offer a Christmas Ornament Caper. This month long caper, beginning December 1st, is open to all ages and competitors will guess how many ornaments are in a collage and the one who is closest to the actual amount, wins! The Library is also offering a Holiday Craft Activity during December where participants will make holiday ornaments to display.

Claire Steiner, the Library's Information Services Manager, reminds the residents of the two communities, Glenwood and Lynwood, of the Library's ongoing Attack on Reading Program which started in September of this year. This program is a friendly competition between the readers of Glenwood and Lynwood and ends May 1, 2012.

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

## Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District

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## Area Churches Announce Holiday Services

The Village of Glenwood is appreciative of the many churches of Glenwood that offer hope and inspiration to our community. A complete listing of our churches appear in every issue.

Here's a listing of upcoming activities in two of our Village's churches:

Living Springs Community Church, Dave Izenbart, Sr. Pastor  
located at 19051 S. Halsted Street,  
announces:

Christmas Eve Services 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Services 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
and

Glenwood Bible Church, Herb Searfoss, Pastor.  
located at 201 W. Main Street,  
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## Glenwood's RAY (Reclaim A Youth) Wins Governor's Home Town Award!

On October 26, 2011, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced the 28 volunteer group winners of his prestigious Governor's Home Town Awards and Glenwood's RAY (Reclaim A Youth) won for outstanding volunteer services and mentorship to young people for over 20 years in our community. On November 2, Founder of RAY, Addie Mix, and three members of the Board of Directors of RAY along with Glenwood's Mayor, Kerry Durkin and Village Administrator, Donna M. Gayden celebrated the award with other Home Town Awards winners at a dinner held at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield.



Left to right – Mayor Durkin, Village Administrator Donna M. Gayden,  
Dr. Darlene Pierre-Louis, Lona Dawson, Dr. Sarah Crawley, Addie Mix and Dan Seals

## Bloom Township Senior Services

Bloom Township Senior Services, located at the Bloom Township Center, 425 South Halsted Street in Chicago Heights, is up and running and providing an exceptional array of services to seniors in the south suburbs. One of these exceptionally beneficial services for seniors is the Senior Wheels which is a curbside bus service that transports seniors and the disabled to doctors' appointments, local government offices, and other sites in the area. Dialysis patients are also taken to and from necessary dialysis visits. A small donation of \$1.00 is asked but no one is denied a ride. Seniors must plan to return by 3:30 p.m. for that is the last available daily return time.

Bloom Township Senior Services also includes driving classes for those 55 and over. These "refresher" courses are available at the Township Center and are sponsored by AARP and allows participants to receive discounts on auto insurance. Other insurance programs are also available through the center and seniors may make an appointment to speak to Center personnel concerning The Senior Health Insurance Program. There are also many ongoing health programs at the Center including blood pressure testing, diabetes screening and cholesterol testing.

Seniors may participate in the Community Lunch Program, offered once a month as part of the winter programming. Here seniors enjoy entertainment and may engage in the monthly raffle. Tickets for the monthly Community Lunch Program must be purchased in advance and hopeful participants should call the Center at 708 754-9400 ext.244 for a schedule of Community Lunch dates.

## E-Waste Recycling

The Village of Glenwood has partnered with VetTech to collect electronic waste and other items. An Electronic Waste Drop off Center has been established at the Village Hall. E-waste drop off hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Acceptable Items:** 8 Track Tapes, Electric Motors, Radios, Any kind of Scrap Metal, Electronic Components, Record Players, Any Mobile Electronics, Electronic Toys, Satellite Receivers, Appliances, Fax Machines, Scanners, Batteries, Flashlights, Software, Blenders, Floppy Discs, Stereos, Calculators, Game Boys, Sump Pumps, Cassettes, Keyboards, Tape Decks, Cell Phones, Lamps, Light Fixtures, Telephone Systems, Christmas Lights, Magnetic Tapes, Telephones, Coffee Makers, Microwaves, Toasters, Computer Parts, Monitors and Mice, Vacuum Cleaners, Computers, Notebook Computers, VCR's, Copiers, Play Stations, VHS Tapes, Cordless Phones, Power Tools, Waffle Makers, DVD Players, Printers, Wire and Cables.

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## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167 LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 Middle School Winter Concert, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 15, 2011 Hickory Bend & Longwood Winter Concert, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, December 19, 2011 Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Administrative Center  
 Wednesday, December 21, 2011 End of Quarter Two/2:00 p.m. Dismissal  
 Thursday, December 22, 2011 to Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Winter Recess/No School  
 Wednesday, January 4, 2012 School Resumes  
 Monday, January 9, 2012 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Administrative Center  
 Friday, January 13, 2012 Report Cards Issued  
 Monday, January 16, 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance No School  
 Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Bilingual PAC Meeting, Longwood, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, January 19, 2012 Hickory Bend Family Reading Night, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 24, 2012 PTA Meeting, Middle School, 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, January 26, 2012 Longwood Bedtime Story Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 1, 2012 Historical Perspectives, Wilma Rudolph, Junior High 9:30 a.m. and Longwood 1:30 p.m.  
 Monday, February 6, 2012 Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Administrative Center  
 Wednesday, February 8, 2012 Historical Perspectives, Wilma Rudolph, Middle School, 9:30 a.m.  
 Monday, February 13, 2012 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Administrative Center  
 Wednesday, February 15, 2012 African American History Program, Hickory Bend, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, February 16, 2012 Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m./No School  
 Friday, February 17, 2012 Teacher Institute/Parents Welcome 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m./No School  
 Monday, February 20, 2012 President's Day Observance/No School  
 Wednesday, February 29, 2012 Longwood Family Math Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

## Glenwood Residents Host Festive Costume Party!

On Friday, October 28th, two Glenwood residents, Celeste Bowman and Melinda Plott held a jubilant, festive costume party at the Glenwoodie Banquet Facility. After attending a fundraising sports event held at the banquet facility, they were enthusiastic about sharing the good news of the beautiful facility with others and decided to have a costume party right in time for Halloween. Both Bowman and Plott felt other residents would be encouraged to use the beautiful new facility once they had the opportunity to see it. With only three weeks to plan their costume event, they hired DJ Jesse Hubbard to provide the music and to keep their guests dancing. Over 100 guests dressed in creative costumes attended after hearing about the event. Many guests said they were delighted by the ample parking and the attractive setting at Glenwoodie, and many expressed that they enjoyed the delicious buffet and the cash bar.

The hosts, excited by the success of this first party, are already planning next year's event and are expecting an even bigger and better outcome. Mrs. Melinda Plott thanked the Village Officials for their support at the first Village Board meeting in November and recognized Donna M. Gayden, Village Administrator and Mary Bauer, Banquet Facility Manager, for their superior assistance in making the event successful.

Hosts, Bowman and Plott, will allow more time to plan for the next event and are hoping to see many more Glenwood residents next year. Encouraging all to come out and to consider the facility for their events, Melinda Plott says, "Come and have a drink at the seating area just outside of the Pro Shop. Bring your family and watch a game on Sunday. Sample some of the delicious cuisine such as the Glenwood Club Sandwiches or the tasty chicken wings!

Remember, Glenwoodie is not just a golf course; it's a banquet facility, it's a meeting place, and it's a place to have lunch and dinner. We are fortunate to have such a multifaceted facility in our town."



Celeste Bowman, Melinda Plott, Janet Hadnot

## Dedication Honors Fallen Soldier, Lt. Derwin Williams



On Friday, November 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the Village of Glenwood officially honored its fallen soldier, Lt. Derwin Williams, in a moving dedication ceremony of a memorial garden in Glenwood's Veteran's Park. Illinois National Guardsman Williams who was killed in Afghanistan had lived near the park in the Glenwood Forest neighborhood prior to his death in 2009.

The flag raising dedication service that was attended by those of Williams' National Guard Unit, the 2nd Battalion of the 106th Cavalry Regiment, was also attended by his wife, Felicia and his mother, Dorothy, Glenwood's Mayor Kerry Durkin, many Village Officials and residents, and officers from the Cook County Corrections Department where Williams worked when not on active duty with the Guard.

Williams' wife, Felicia, stated that Williams would have been pleased with the dedication of the garden in a park where children played. A reception followed the ceremony and Glenwood residents had an opportunity to express their love and appreciation for Lt. Williams' life and sacrifice.



## Melvin Kennedy and the Glenwood Lions Club



Meet Mr. Melvin Kennedy. To know him is to know of his enthusiasm in the efforts of the Glenwood Lions Club and of his passion for his lifelong hobby- building and displaying his spectacular vintage car! Mr. Melvin Kennedy is a resident of the south suburbs and the Third Vice President of the Lions Club of Glenwood, Illinois. Being an active member of the Glenwood Lions for almost twenty years, Kennedy supports enthusiastically the many humanitarian activities and charitable functions of the Club.

The Glenwood Lions Club assists in feeding the hungry through their Annual Candy Day Fundraiser which supports the PADS program in the south suburbs, but the focus of most of their fundraising activities is vision and hearing servicing for the young and for the seniors of the area. Mr. Kennedy reports that this year the Club serviced almost 1,000 children at the United Center in Chicago by utilizing funds from the Club and other charitable organizations along with LensCrafters who provided free eye testing and free glasses on site. He says that he attributes his supportive drive in the vision programs of the Club to his vivid memory of his days in class straining to see the blackboard. "I knew I was missing so much that the teacher was referring to because I could barely see the board. There are children who need glasses and we help in getting them. I went on to college, but I was certainly working with a handicap during my early days in school."

The Glenwood Lions Club is affiliated with the International Lions Club and works in conjunction with the Lionesses, the female counterpart. One of the activities where both Lions and Lionesses enjoy a day out is the Day at the Races held annually at the Hawthorne Race Track. Proceeds from the Day go into the treasury to support their main philanthropic efforts and Kennedy says the dinner and the races provide a day of enjoyment for all.

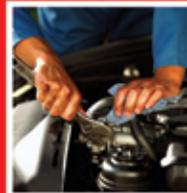
According to Kennedy, one of the most enjoyable activities of the Club is the yearly Rib Fest where members and other residents display their vintage cars. Here Kennedy gets to showcase his grand Duesenberg car. Kennedy says he fell in love with this grand luxury car model at ten years old when he saw one driven by Clark Gable in a movie. He says, "I was immediately overtaken with it!" Later in life as a young adult and after much research on the car, he began to build his own duplicate model. Acquiring an Archer blueprint, he began to build it from a Lincoln Town car and an old wrecked Fiat he had to literally push into his garage. Now his Duesenberg replica is featured each year at the Rib Fest and is a showstopper and trophy winner at many vintage car shows.

Kennedy welcomes all to the car shows at the annual Rib Fests of the Lions Club and to the meetings held once a month at the John H. Blakey Center for Seniors in Glenwood. He says anyone interested in volunteering their time and service to help needy residents through the Club's yearly fundraising endeavors, is more than welcomed! For more information, call Mr. Melvin Kennedy at 708.259.7938.

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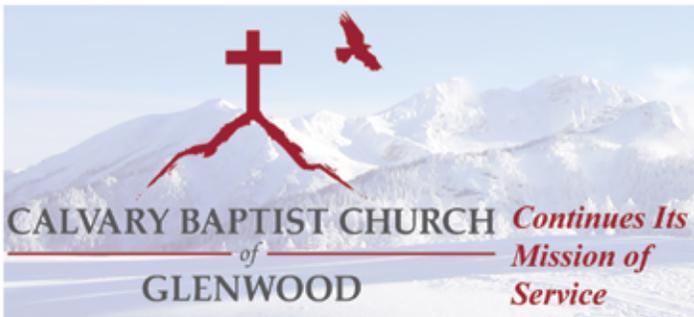
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Calvary Baptist Church, a long time pillar of community service in the Village of Glenwood, is providing on-going inspiration and service to the community! Located at 801 East Glenwood-Dyer Road in Glenwood, the Church was organized in 1980 in the home of Reverend Carl K. Manson, by Reverend J.C. Smith, the Pastor of Bethlehem Temple Baptist Church in Harvey, Illinois. The first worship service was held on Sunday, January 4, 1981 in the gymnasium of Hickory Bend School in Glenwood, Illinois. In 1984, the Church purchased the nine acres of land where it is currently located.

Reaching out to the surrounding areas, the Church has experienced tremendous growth over its 31 years and continues to minister to the residents of Glenwood and neighboring communities. The Church serves young and old through programming developed under the auspices and vision of the Missions Ministry. Some of the programs currently underway at the Church for youth are: the Youth Choir, the Youth Praise Dancers, Calvary's Saints for Christ Puppet/Drama Team, and the Mime Team. Travelling throughout the south suburbs and the entire Chicagoland area, the Puppet/Drama Ministry and the Mime Team have inspired and delighted the hearts of young and old for years and are the honored guest ministries on many church and community organization programs.

The Missions Department of Calvary Baptist Church currently provides cooked meals for the P.A.D.S. Homeless Shelter in Chicago Heights. In addition to providing to P.A.D.S., Calvary Baptist Church serves residents from Glenwood and other Villages that contact the church for assistance throughout the year. According to faithful Calvary Baptist Church member, Cynthia Shane, "God continues to bless Calvary with people who have a heart's desire to serve and to help those in need."

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# The Village of Glenwood

## **GLENWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

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### **Village Contacts**

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### **Village Board, Commission & Committee Meetings**

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

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#### **Committee of the Whole Meetings:**

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

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#### **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  
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### **Education Contacts:**

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Bloom High School: (708)755-7010  
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### **In The Upper Room Ministries**

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### **Living Springs Community Church**

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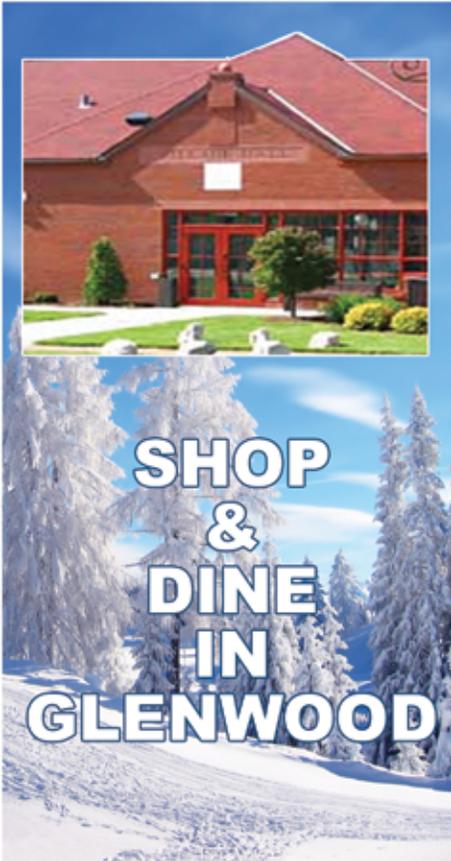
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