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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### *Mayor Ronald J. Gardiner*

As the Fall Season comes upon us we look forward to the Holiday Season and enjoying family while we give thanks for all of the blessings in life. In my first months as your Mayor we have been busy with the multitude of projects that will propel us into the future of Glenwood.

The Board of Trustees recently affirmed my appointment of Brian Beckman as Village Trustee to complete my term as Trustee. Brian, his wife Renee, and three children have all been lifelong residents of Glenwood. Brian currently works as a production manager at a manufacturing company in South Holland, Illinois. Brian not only brings a wealth of knowledge in administrative affairs, but a unique perspective on Glenwood with his years of residency coupled with his graduation from the Brookwood District 167 schools and Bloom High School. Brian's father was a Village Trustee in the mid 1970's. We welcome him to the Board of Trustees.

I would like to congratulate the Glenwood Bible Church and Pastor Herb Searfoss on their 100th Anniversary as the Glenwood Bible Church has been an integral part of the Glenwood Community for many years. The quaint church, situated in the heart of our Main Street, brings pride and service to our community. Pastor Herb serves as our Fire Department Chaplain in addition to his regimen of pastoring his flock. Congratulations to all of you and here is to another 100 years!

Calvary Baptist Church is celebrating 35 years of service to Glenwood as well. I would like to congratulate Calvary and Pastor Kelon Duke on this tremendous milestone. Calvary Baptist is a gemstone in our community as they provide many programs in addition to their worship services to meet the ever expanding needs of the youth and other residents in our community. The Village is privileged to have a great working relationship with the entire Calvary Community and we look forward to expanding these horizons in the future. Congratulations!

The Mayor's Office has been working diligently to enhance the business community's presence. You will very soon see the Grand Opening of the Crazy Hog Bar-B-Que Restaurant and the A-1 Grille as well as the relocation of Emporium Liquors to a freshly remodeled space in the Town Center Plaza. The Porkchop Restaurant in Nugent Square is moving ahead at a fast pace and expecting an opening date in mid-October. The Little Scholars Child Development Center will soon occupy a larger portion of the center to provide much needed child service to our residents.

The Speedway Gas Station at Holbrook Road and Halsted Street is remodeling to serve their customers better. We are also awaiting the Grand Opening of the Torres Tortilla Factory at the end of October and looking forward to tasting their homemade products as we support our community's new businesses! Baker Pump Company will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the same week to showcase the "state of the art" production facility that they have completed renovation work on. This facility will employ local men and women as it gets fully up and running. Baker Corp has established their national training facility in this building and as such will be bringing many people each month to our community that will support local businesses.

Work is progressing well on the parcels of land that the Village acquired and resold around the NICOR Building on Glenwood Chicago Heights Road. The West Side Transportation Company continues to expand and with each expansion comes added employment opportunities for our residents. KLLM Trucking will be developing their facility on the north parcel of NICOR with construction to start in the spring of 2016. Once complete this facility will be their Midwest hub with space for 150 rigs, but more importantly it brings a truck driver training facility, laboratory, and accommodations for the students as they progress through their training school. KLLM has projected training nearly 1200 drivers per year. Through our introduction the KLLM firm is currently partnered with Prairie State College and is providing training there while they complete their facility. Thank You to West Side and Welcome to KLLM as we continue to strengthen our Industrial base in the community to broaden our tax base as well as our training offerings to our residents.

I would be remiss not to recognize that Walmart has affirmed their plans to relocate the store to Homewood. Village Staff has been tasked with meeting with Walmart Corporation to partner in finding a solution that will not leave us with an empty building in our community. As of this writing I can tell you that we have been successful in securing meetings with Walmart and we are confident that we will advance this initiative as soon as possible. The Glenwood Plaza continues to be a priority and the Village Board is diligently addressing this priority.

As we approach this fall season, I would ask that each and every one of us reach out to a neighbor and initiate introductions with new neighbors. Glenwood is a unique small community set in the most picturesque forested landscape that can be found in the metro area and we appreciate this treasured locale.

I appreciate the confidence shown in me and will continue to do what is right for ALL of Glenwood as we move forward together.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Demitrous Cook, Police Chief



The Village of Glenwood, Illinois is a beautiful community, with well-maintained homes, parks and streets for our enjoyment and safety. The maintenance of our community is our responsibility. With that being said, your DOG is your responsibility!

Many of us regard our dog as part of our family and we must care for and clean up after our dogs and pets when in public settings. The Police Department receives numerous complaints about Glenwood residents leaving dog feces in public parks, on the sidewalks, and on the yards of their neighbors. We are also receiving reports that some dog owners become hostile when confronted, even in a respectful manner, about their dogs defecating in public parks. Taking offense is counterproductive and does not build good community relations. As the Police Chief, it is my goal to have voluntary compliance with respect to the basic quality of life here in Glenwood, so please take a few minutes to review the following Section of the Village of Glenwood Code of Ordinances regulating dogs and cats:

### **Sec. 18-82. - Nuisances.**

*An owner is in violation of this chapter when he permits his animals to:*

- (1) Run uncontrolled.
- (2) Molest persons or vehicles by chasing, barking or biting.
- (3) Attack other animals.
- (4) Damage property other than their owner's.
- (5) Bark, howl, whine, or make other noises excessively.
- (6) Create noxious or offensive odors.
- (7) It shall be deemed to be a public nuisance for any person to cause or permit any dog or cat, except a guide dog, owned by him to defecate or urinate upon any public street, sidewalk, or other public place or upon any other premises not owned or controlled by the person owning or keeping the dog or cat; provided, however, that such defecation be completely and promptly removed by the owner or keeper of such dog or cat, the terms of the section shall not be found applicable. Any person witnessing a violation of this section shall file a formal complaint of the violation of this section with the proper persons.
- (8) No person shall, without the consent of the owner of the property concerned, permit any dog or cat in his custody or control to enter upon the premises of another within the village or permit any dog or cat in his custody or control to injure, destroy or carry away any vegetable, plant, fruit, shrub, tree, flower or other thing which may be on such premises or which may be planted or seeded there.
- 9) The owner of any female dog or cat in heat shall keep such dog or cat confined or on a leash at all times and shall not permit such dog or cat to be at large in the parks, streets, or other public places in the village or on any premises



other than those of the owner. No leash shall be longer than six feet in length. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a guide, hearing or support dog accompanying a blind, hearing impaired or physically handicapped person.

(10) Any dog or cat found running at large in the village shall be deemed and considered a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer of the village to impound any such dog or cat. The animal control officer, or his duly appointed deputy, shall immediately upon the impounding of any dog or cat, make a complete registry, entering the breed, color and sex of such dog or cat and whether licensed, if known; and if licensed, he shall enter the name and address of the owner and the number of the license tag, if known, and if having inoculation tag, the number of such tag shall be recorded. When any licensed dog or cat shall be impounded, the animal control officer or his deputy shall forthwith give notice in person by mail or by telephone to the owner of such licensed dog or cat, informing such owner of the impounding of his dog or cat.

(11) Any dog or cat which shall have been impounded may be redeemed by the owner of such dog or cat or the agent of the owner upon payment of such amount as provided in appendix B, Schedule of Fees, of this Code, as revised from time to time, as a fee for taking up or impounding such dog or cat. The second time this same dog or cat is impounded the fee shall be such amount as provided in appendix B, Schedule of Fees, of this Code, as revised from time to time, and the third time such dog or cat is impounded the fee shall be such amount as provided in appendix B, Schedule of Fees, of this Code, as revised from time to time. If the dog or cat is unlicensed, the owner shall also pay the annual license fee provided in this chapter and the cost of keeping such dog or cat while impounded, which shall be such amount as provided in appendix B, Schedule of Fees, of this Code, as revised from time to time, per day for impoundment. If any such dog or cat is not redeemed within four days after impoundment, such dog or cat may be disposed of by the animal control officers or The South Suburban Humane Society. The cost of keeping impounded dogs or cats shall be fixed at such amount as provided in appendix B, Schedule of Fees, of this Code, as revised from time to time, per day.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT** Continued

(12) It shall be unlawful for any person to bring or cause to be brought into any store, shop or retail place of business wherein the public is invited to do business with the management thereof, during such hours as the public is so invited, and it shall be unlawful for any person to bring or cause to be brought into any public building at any time, any dog or cat, except a guide, hearing or support dog accompanying a blind, hearing impaired or physically

handicapped person, unless such dog or cat is under his control and is brought for the purpose of conducting business or inquiry wherein the physical presence of the dog or cat is required.

(13) No person shall suffer or permit more than two dogs and two cats to be or remain in or about any single-family residence, building or lot, or more than one dog or one cat in any single-family apartment, in any apartment building, within the village, under his control at any one time, except in veterinary hospitals, pet shops, pounds or kennels, which kennels are subject to applicable ordinances.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT** Kevin Welsh, Fire Chief

### **Light up the Estates:**

The Estates Homeowners Association has been diligently working on the program to "Light up the Estates" Subdivision, a project that we all hope will enhance the beauty, safety and value of the properties in that area as well as to spread the program to the other neighborhoods of the Village. The cost of providing street lights is prohibitive and is a more affordable option to provide new or repaired front yard lights or new and improved fixtures on your homes or garages. The plan includes projecting light onto the public way.

The Association in cooperation with the Village Staff has been working to secure contractors you may contact to enhance the beauty and safety of your property by adding modern, low energy use lighting fixtures. Inserted in the next water bill for the Estates area will be a short directive on procedures to follow and the contact information for three licensed electrical contractors that can accomplish your project at reduced negotiated prices. The contract will be directly between you and the contractor. The Village will have already negotiated reduced prices and the permit fees will be waived.

### **Inspectional Services:**

The Staff is currently working with our Trustee Liaison to examine all of our existing property maintenance codes to assure that we are keeping current with trends we are seeing in property maintenance deferrals as well as with issues generated by the increasing number of rental properties in town. The emphasis of the Inspectors is to assure that we keep the maintenance of all properties at such a level as to sustain and improve livability as well as property values. It is no secret to the South Suburbs that the sale of property continues to be problematic. While it is known that homeowners as opposed to renters seem to possess a greater sense of "pride in ownership", we are working diligently with all property occupants to inspire our concept of Glenwood as the "Oasis in the Woods".

The evaluation of the current codes is leading us to review some of the areas where we are currently experiencing non-compliance. Some of the areas of concern

are: enhancing the enforceability of the weed, grass and nuisance tree ordinance to shorten compliance time, decreasing the number of vehicles being repaired in private residence driveways and on the street in front of residences, eliminating the accumulation of refuse, non-working cars and trailers stored on property. These are just a few of the pressing concerns of the Department at this time.

### **Rental Inspection - Tenant/Landlord Programs:**

Every residential unit within the Village of Glenwood that is NOT occupied by the owner, this includes units where there is extended family occupying the units, MUST be registered with the Village as Rental Properties. Our current ordinance is very clear on the matter; it is that the unit is NON-OWNER occupied. It is further against the Zoning Code to have more than one family residing in a home.

Enrollment in these programs provides for the Village to perform an annual inspection of the property for compliance with all building, fire and maintenance codes while allowing the landlord an option of attending the inspection to view their property. The enrollment in the Tenant/Landlord Program assures the Village that we identify the renters, who should and should not be at the residence; it informs the tenants that they must comply with the rules and regulations of the Village Code and as a last measure it mandates that tenants that are habitual offenders, felony charged or non-compliant will be forced to be evicted by the owner. The Village cannot effect the eviction, but we can mandate that the owner does the eviction.

The Rental Inspection Programs are designed to maintain and enhance the vitality of our neighborhoods. We work closely with a couple of groups of investors that value our town and bring up the value of every property that they acquire, we have a couple that need more TLC and we work extensively with individuals that have just determined that they want to either try their hand at renting their properties or have been forced into it because of the inability to sell their property for what they need.

If you have knowledge of a rental property in your area that you do not believe is registered, please let us know.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT Continued**

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

**COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS or REQUESTS** can be made directly to the Village at 708-757-2316 or there is a section on the Village Website. All concerns are investigated and attended to.

### **Fall Approaches:**

The Glenwood Fire Department would like to encourage residents to have their home heating system checked and cleaned by a licensed HVAC repairman in the coming weeks. While we may still be enjoying warm weather, the snow and cold will be upon us in no time. This check should include fireplaces as well. We encouraged owners to check to see that the chimneys are cleaned. Also check the flu pipes for flaws.

As we spend more time in our homes in the shortened days of winter and out of the cold, take time as well to assure that you have an adequate number of **WORKING** Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home. While you are at it, look around your house, do you have a minimum of two ways out of every living space? This means that the hallways are not cluttered, the doors are not blocked and there is clear definition to your safe exit. Take some time to clear out the clutter, this is not only for your

safety but for the safety of our emergency personnel as they come into your home to assist you in your time of need.

The Inspectional Services Division of the Fire Department would be happy to schedule a Home Safety Analysis if you are interested. This is **NOT** a formal inspection to find violations, it is simply a tool that you can use to assure your safety in your own home. We will look through the home and offer suggestions as to how you may improve your survivability as well as enhance your property. To take advantage of this program, please contact the Inspectional Services at 708-757-2316.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Glenwood Firefighters Association continues to work on the restoration of the Original Fire Truck of the Village, a 1936 Ford Pumper. While the work has taken a little longer than expected, it is anticipated that we will showcase this unit very soon and it will be ready for display and parades in the spring.

Our new Fire Pumper has arrived in the Village and is in the process of getting all of the equipment and hose loaded on the unit as well as training all of our staff on its use. This unit will be dedicated in the name of former Fire Chief Layle Irwin at a ceremony in his honor once it is completely serviceable. Notice will be forthcoming for this dedication ceremony.

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Patrick McAneney, Director**

As fall approaches it is time to start preparation for colder temperatures and taking care of some things outside. First I would like to remind everyone that Branch Pickup Program ends in October. If you live on the East side of town your last pick up is Monday, October 5th and the West side is Monday October 12th. If you have branches after those dates, Homewood Disposal picks up until the end of November, but they require landscape stickers.

If Public Works did any excavating in your parkway, restorations will begin in mid September. Crews have been working on cleaning out storm sewers throughout town so hopefully this will help with some street flooding during rain events. I ask that if there is a storm sewer near your home to help out and keep it free of debris so it can function when needed. We plan to continue with sidewalk removal and replacement of the worst sidewalks in town. This is a slow process unfortunately but we are working to continue with this program every year. Crews have also been trimming trees throughout town and will continue through the fall and winter months.

We have been working on replacing street lights in town with energy efficient LED fixtures. They are cleaner, give brighter light, and require less maintenance than the older fixtures. Replacement has been completed on Main Street, Glenwood/Chicago Heights Road, and 187th Street. Glenwood-Dyer Road will be done next.

**FREE LEAF PICK UP WILL BE TUESDAYS NOVEMBER 10TH, 17TH, AND 24TH OF THIS YEAR.  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. NO STCKERS ARE REQUIRED.  
LEAVES MUST BE IN PAPER LANDSCAPE BAGS.**

Thank you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 708-757-2314.

# Glenwood Turns Out For National Night Out

Once again Glenwood turned out in large numbers for the National Night Out, an annual out-in-the-evening-air event which promotes police-community relationships and neighborhood camaraderie, was held this year at the Hickory Glen Park, August 4, 2015. This year's event, once again sponsored by the Police Department of Glenwood, featured a back-to-school distribution of supplies by Glenwood's own Paula Kelly of Allstate Insurance Agency here in Glenwood. As residents snacked on the refreshments provided and served by the Fire and Police Departments, children played jubilantly nearby on the new park equipment.

As in recent years, residents were able to hear and participate in the Village Board Meeting, conveniently held outside the Hickory Glen Park Field House. In the warm inviting air, after the Board Meeting, residents enjoyed the soothing sounds of the Delivery Point Band which played well into the evening. Many residents who attended Glenwood's National Night Out expressed that the entire evening was one of the most pleasant experiences offered this year by the Village.



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



**Deb Sedberry**  
*of the MB Financial Bank of Glenwood*

Come on, Everyone! Meet our illustrious, yet warm and receptive, Deb Sedberry, Vice-President of the Glenwood Branch of MB Financial Bank. Growing up right here in Glenwood when her parents moved here in 1968, Deb has been instrumental in many social, academic, and business programs in the community. She held all of the possible offices of the Brookwood School District PTA from 1989 - 1995, and still pursued her banking and investment insurance interests in our local area. Also instrumental in the planning sessions of economic development here and in several surrounding townships, Deb has continuously contributed to the civic and economic progress in the south suburban community.

“Honestly,” she admits, “my business portfolio extends across the Chicagoland footprint, but the southland is where my roots and passion are.”

Presently thriving off of referrals and bringing into the Glenwood Branch of the MB Financial Bank many new business accounts, Deb attributes the success in doing this to her intense networking and involvement in non-profit organizations. As Executive Director of the Chicago Southland Chamber, President of the Homewood Rotary Club, and Board Member of Catholic Charities, Deb has been able to bring in many new accounts into the Glenwood branch making it rank 3rd of the 100 locations of MB Financial Banks across the country. Deb reports, “It is a service above self-I do it for the community.”

Deb is the proud wife of Lake Sedberry and the mother of Matthew and Alicia, products of the Brookwood School District 167. She is also the proud, oh so proud “nana” of her two grandchildren, Millie and Hunter.

“Mention Mom, too, she says, “Mom just turned 90 and as much as we loved Jeffery Manor in Chicago, when we all moved here, Mom said after only one month that we were home!”

Deb fondly remembers interacting with past and present Glenwood officers and residents here. She remembers growing into adulthood together and then ultimately raising their children together.

“Glenwood is a thriving loving community of families. Raising my family here was wonderful. Everyone knew about the block party on Terrace Drive and families even planned their vacations around the block parties so they wouldn’t miss them. I have memories of all those wonderful years and it makes me even more committed to service here. It’s my time to give back to a community that has given me so much!”

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## Bloom Township Senior Services

What a fantastic turnout of 740 seniors for our Annual Senior Picnic that was held on August 6th at Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood. I hope that many of you attended and had an enjoyable time!

The Bloom Township Senior Department has already started to plan for fall and winter month programming. We will have our regularly scheduled Yoga, Line Dancing and Stronger Seniors Exercise Programs. Look for the Senior Community Lunch Program schedule to be released, held at Glenwoodie Golf Course!

In October we are offering a whole host of programs. Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy will host the Low Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic for dogs and cats. If your driver's license renewal is coming up, why not take the Secretary of State Jessie White's Drivers Review Course? Need something more than a review, take the AARP Smart Drivers Course and get a discount on your vehicle insurance. Don't forget to take care of your health with your annual Flu Shot so make an appointment!

Most importantly, in October begins the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period through December 7th. This is the time to see how your current Part D plan stacks up against itself and other insurance plans on the market for coverage effective January, 2016. Come in after October 15th for a complete screening for Part D and other Medicare Savings Programs and Extra Help Part D assistance.

All of these great programs are in addition to ongoing services like our Senior Wheels Transportation Program, operating Monday through Friday. Let us take you where you want to go!

For more information on all of Bloom Township Senior Services, please contact our offices at 708-754-9400 ext. 7270 or stop by in person at 425 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 or visit us on the web at [www.bloomtownship.org](http://www.bloomtownship.org). Don't forget to like us on Facebook. Search us at [social@bloomtownship.org](https://www.facebook.com/social@bloomtownship.org).

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## **BRANCH PICK UP**

The Branch Pick Up Program continues through October as follows:

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**WEST** of railroad tracks – MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Branches must be no larger than 5 inches in diameter and less than 8 feet in length. They should be stacked neatly with ALL trunks facing the street. Do not place branches on parkway earlier than the Sunday before your scheduled pick up day. Branches must be out by 6:30am on pick up day.

**EVERGREEN BRANCHES/BUSHES/WEEDS  
WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**



## **LEAF PROGRAM**

The Village will be doing the free leaf pick up again this year. Pick up will be on the following Tuesdays in November, 10th, 17th and 24th. The leaves need to be in the brown paper landscape bags but **DO NOT** put stickers on them and they will be picked up on your garbage day. Please remember this is for **LEAVES** only any other landscape waste **WILL REQUIRE A STICKER**. It is also very helpful to keep the curb line in front of your home clear of leaves as this helps keep the storm drains clear during any rain events. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The Village will do a fall sweeping once a majority of leaves have fallen.

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Dan Bub, *At Your Service*

Presenting to most and introducing to others, our smiling and soft-spoken Village Customer Service employee, Dan Bub. Dan, who has been in this position for over 12 years, proudly sports his bright green Public Works shirt as he services the many residences and facilities throughout Glenwood. Dan admits he has been in most of the homes in the area where he has changed water meters and performed many other public works related jobs. In the winter, Dan snow plows and clears large areas to facilitate easier access to Glenwood properties.



Dan acquired his position in Village Public Works when his wife introduced him to a former Village Administrator who informed him of the job opening and suggested he apply for it. Dan applied, and after official proceedings were accomplished, the Village hired him. Dan quickly became acquainted with all the Village Public Works staff and other people instrumental in the infrastructure maintenance of the Village. Assuming his diverse duties readily, he learned the names and addresses of the residents of the community. "I am on a first name basis with most people here and I admit I like this job. We have a great crew and Patrick McAneney is a great boss."

On a daily basis, Dan begins his rounds of the pumping stations and lift stations. He then makes his other appointments which usually are meter reads throughout the Village. Often he has to go to residences and check for water leaks and usually this is at the request of Villagers who contact the Village office. Dan often installs new meters and offers advice to many on becoming water efficient. Villagers who contact the office will often see Dan the very next day and he assures them that problems will be alleviated expeditiously.

Married for twenty seven years and the proud father of two daughters, Dan remembers his early teen years living in Glenwood. A graduate of Bloom High School, Dan says his interest in Public Works began much later in life and he worked for the Crete - Monee School District for many years thereafter. Dan says that now working for the residents gives him a greater sense of satisfaction. Admitting that his most intense moments happen when there is great flooding by the lift stations on 187th Street and traffic has to be rerouted. It is during those times that Dan has to help in the handling of the extra pumps to alleviate the flooding of homes and the overflow of the sanitary system into basements.

"We are at the mercy of the weather but we have to be prepared for those times," he says. "But the bad times for me, he adds, are really those days when I have to shut-off the water of private residents for non-payment of their bills. I do not like that part of this job. I would rather just be fixing the meter!"

# Christmas in the Park

## Photos with Santa

at Callahan Strand Park

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## FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION & RESIDENTS GROUP

May brought together the group and AMVETS Post 268 who sponsored the Remembrance Program on Memorial Day in Veterans Park. There were about thirty (30) citizens in attendance. There was a moving program and refreshments were served.

June brought an anniversary celebration for the group. There was a good turnout and celebrated with cake and punch.

July saw the return of an old Glenwood tradition, the 4th of July Parade, starting at Brookwood Junior High. The numbers were small as the group headed to Veterans Park, but with a little encouragement the spectators joined the ranks of the marchers. By the time the group reached their destination it was 50 - 60 strong. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments at the park.

During the recently held August meeting the group explored resources available for the youth of our community. Representatives from RAY (Reclaim a Youth), the Male Parent Advisory Committee, and Nellie Prather Foundation came out to discuss their work, and opportunities for the group to work together. One of the most immediate was the expansion of our email network to ensure the community is informed.

Future plans include a Veterans Day celebration in the Park. All residents are encouraged to come to the monthly meetings and get involved.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Forest Field House located at 325 East Center Street.

If we as residents stay involved our neighborhood will grow and prosper.



*A small flag was added to the memorial for Lt. Derwin Williams during the July 4th celebration, and it remains today.*

## BROOKWOOD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Brookwood Point Homeowners Association came together in their monthly meeting August 5, 2015 to once again discuss the concerns of this socially active Subdivision of Glenwood. Many questions arose for State Representative Thaddeus Jones and members were told to direct all questions to Association officer, Deborah Birmingham, who would see that the State Representative receive them. Members also asked about the procedure for having a block party that would bring newest members of the area into communion with the Association and other residents. Glenwood's Mayor, Ronald Gardiner, in attendance at the meeting, responded that a certain block could be cut off to traffic during a set day and the party was permitted. Police Chief Cook said that this procedure was customary in Glenwood and was ideal for establishing community relations.

Several members expressed a concern over "trifling" neighbors who refused to maintain their properties' exteriors and thus blighted portions of the area. Officers asked the Mayor to examine and prepare a report on the proper procedures for reporting these areas and making sure neighbors were aware of these concerns.

Police Sgt. Perry gave a comprehensive report of minor criminal activity in the area and Chief Cook elaborated on the recent thefts of central air conditioner units in Glenwood and surrounding communities.

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

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## Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association

The Glenwood Estates convened in their monthly meeting August 8, 2015 and residents delighted in the showing of the recorded video of their summer neighborhood outing. Laughter and camaraderie ensued as members of the association reviewed the activities of the outing and all agreed that it had been an enjoyable occasion for both young and older residents. Following with a discussion of that which was very successfully included in this year's outing as the bubbles machine with the kids, the Association made plans for an even bigger and better outing for 2016.

Residents then turned to the more serious subject of the elevated water bills and questioned Trustee Adam Winston concerning the attempts to alleviate the situation for homeowners who were finding it increasingly difficult to pay them. Examining some of the residents' private water bills, Winston suggested residents look for leaks in their systems and that residents consider acquiring the new rain barrels to collect rain water for lawn watering. He also said that ComEd will provide residents with more energy efficient water faucets.

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



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## Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association

The Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association convened August 6, 2015 at the Arquilla Park Field House. Providing answers to the many directed questions, Fire Chief Kevin Welsh discussed the present situation with the many foreclosed homes in the area and explained the intense efforts of many banks to get the homes sold. He also discussed the involvement of the Village in the cycle as the Village is concerned about maintaining the lawn and general exterior upkeep of the properties until they are sold. Chief Welsh said that as the definition of family has changed and many extended family members have come into the single family homes, the need to educate residents on property upkeep has grown. Trustee Maxine Washington reported that the Village is currently checking on all properties out of compliance with residence ordinances. Some of the things currently being checked are properties' square footage per number of occupants and basement usage as bedrooms with proper exits.

Police Sgt. Perry reported on recent activity in the area and encouraged residents to keep an eye on vacant properties. Recently there has been an increase in theft of air conditioner units in Glenwood and surrounding suburbs. Chief Cook, also in attendance, encouraged residents to call the police if they see any dismantling of air conditioner units occurring.

Once again the discussion centered on the need to get more residents to attend the Association meetings, and residents suggested the disseminating by flyers of information concerning the meetings. Trustee Washington said we all need to make a more concerted effort to meet and greet all of our new residents.

Brookwood School President, John Dixon, reported on the progress of the new middle school building and the plans for the new parking lot.

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

### Original Glenwood Homeowners

The Original Glenwood Subdivision has formed a homeowners association to be called "Original Glenwood Homeowners". Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the John H. Blakey Senior Center at 6:30pm. All residents of Old Glenwood are invited to join and be a part of the discussions on neighborhood policies and concerns.



# GLENWOOD-LYNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



The fall season comes with crisp cool air, colorful leaves, a new school year, and most importantly, fall programs hosted by the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library! This season, we are bringing back some of our most popular programs, as well as some new educational seminars and crafty classes.

Here are just a few of our upcoming events happening at the library. You can find our complete list of programs in our newsletter, as well as our website, [glpld.org](http://glpld.org). All programs (except the Halloween Bash) require registration. Please call 708-758-0090 to reserve your spot today!

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# Glenwood Chess Club



The Glenwood Chess Club completed its first Chess Summer "Boot Camp" on August 14, 2015. The camp was held at the Forest Field House in Glenwood, Illinois. The camp was run by instructor Herbert Ferguson who is also Vice-President of the club. The students (ages 8-12), were put through a rigorous program of tactics and endgame puzzles in the morning, a master study game before lunch, and a tournament game in the afternoon. "It was amazing how well the students took to the program. I saw growth in their game in just a few days," said instructor Ferguson. The students also benefited from the help of two guest speakers including Joe Emole, an A-Player, who gave a simul and analyzed two of the games for the kids to study. Doug Middleton, rated 1928, also visited the camp and gave a simul.

Trophies and certificates were awarded to all participants. With the success of this year's camp there are plans in the works for a chess camp next year during late July and early August.

For information related to future Glenwood Chess Club events visit their website at: [www.glenwoodchessclub.com](http://www.glenwoodchessclub.com).



The 67th Annual Glenwood Academy Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Chicago Downtown Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel in downtown Chicago.

The event will feature a plated lunch, student speeches, a Live Auction and a paddle raise, all to raise funds for Glenwood Academy. The Live Auction will feature an instant wine cellar, a golf trip package with golf professional Jimmy Walker, and a vacation package to a private Mexican Villa that includes a private chef and one of the most luxurious views in Puerto Vallarta.

To purchase a ticket to the event or to find sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.glenwoodacademy.org/events](http://www.glenwoodacademy.org/events) or contact Jessica Schulte, Director of Special events at [jschulte@glenwoodacademy.org](mailto:jschulte@glenwoodacademy.org).

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## Glenwood Junior Woman's Club

It is with great pride that the members of the Glenwood Junior Woman's Club celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our club! We are members of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, the world's oldest and largest women's service organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service.

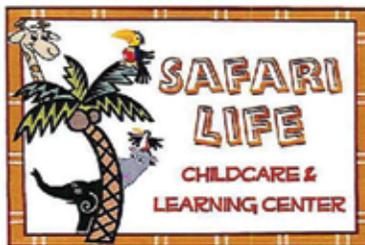
Our organization strives to eliminate domestic violence, which is our Signature Project, and in particular we address child abuse, teen abuse, and senior abuse. We are working to change the lives of victims of abuse as they take a step in reshaping their lives in a positive way. We actively support financially the programs of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and Prevent Child Abuse America and distribute their informative pamphlets.

We actively support the projects of RAY (Reclaim a Youth) in District 167 and have sponsored high school sophomores at the Northern Illinois Leadership Conferences for many years. We have collected toys and gifts, as well as winter clothing, for the American Indian Center at Christmas, and we have collected toiletries and clothing for the Glenwood Academy. We have collected school supplies each September for the children of Veterans and work for Carson's each fall and spring at the Carson's Community Days Sales. We sell cheesecakes as a fundraiser each October and learn crafts at our meetings. We invite talented people to speak to our members to keep us informed of the world around us; and, we have all benefited from lifelong friendships. We have FUN!

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Blakey Senior Center at 7:00pm and membership is open to those who have a desire to be a part of a great group of women. Everyone has something to give.....and your dedication and skills would be greatly appreciated!

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Cash Senior Bingo - 10 -13 and 10-27-15 at 12:30pm

Senior Garage Sale - 10-10-15 at 9:00am to 2:00pm

Village of Glenwood Senior Luncheon - 10-16-15 at 11:30am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 SENIORS 9AM-2PM SIT-N-FIT 11AM-12PM	6 LINE DANCE 9-10AM AARP MTG. 12-1PM AARP BOARD MTG. (After Reg. Mtg.) CHESS CLUB 6:30-10PM	7 QUILTERS BOARD MTG. 9AM-12PM SIT-N-FIT 11:30AM-12:30PM	8 SENIORS 9AM-2PM JR. WOMAN'S CLUB 6:30PM	9 SIT-N-FIT 11:30AM-2:30PM	10 GLENWOOD SENIORS GARAGE SALE 9AM-2PM
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*Residents are encouraged to attend all meetings.*

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

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### **Village Department Contacts:**

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