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*A Message from the Mayor*  
**Ronald J. Gardiner**



As we endure the elements of winter and look forward to the sunny days of spring, I want to wish you all the best in the New Year – 2017! I know that this is going to be a banner year for the Village of Glenwood as we double our efforts to “Move Glenwood Forward”.

The Holidays have passed and I hope that you were given the opportunity to enjoy your family and friends. I want to extend my personal thanks to all of our Village Staff for the work they do on a daily basis to maintain our community and keep it safe, but mostly to show our appreciation to the Public Works Department for the excellent job they continue to do with our roads in times of snow and ice.

We recently received the Annual Financial Audit for the Village finances and I am proud to report that the Village is in very sound financial condition. The Staff has worked diligently to reduce expenditures while enhancing the service levels to our residents while maximizing the reserves in our various funds. The Annual Municipal Audit is the single most important indicator of the financial stability of any community and I am proud to report that Glenwood is in great condition!

Work continues on the planning for the “re-birth” of the Glenwood Plaza. The planning phase will carry us into the summer. This is an exciting project for the Village as it is the “Gateway to our Community” and we have an opportunity to develop it in such a way that it will serve the needs of our residents in the best form for years to come. I welcome any of your comments and suggestions as we continue to plan.

While I welcome Mr. Dion D. Lynch to the Plan Commission and thank him for his service to the residents of Glenwood, it is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to a dear friend of the Village, Mr. Leo Alexander (Husband of JoAnne our Senior Center Director). Leo was more than a friend to this Village and was always at JoAnne’s side as she tended to the needs of our residents. Thank You Leo!

I want to thank Addie Mix and Gloria Randolph for their 25 plus years of service to our youth as the founding members of Reclaim A Youth – R.A.Y. Countless youngsters in our community have benefitted from their intense efforts and I will be forever grateful for their hard work.

I firmly believe that Glenwood is “The Gem of the Southland” and it is my goal in 2017 to assure that our community grows and prospers. The fine efforts of the various Departments of the Village, from the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Glenwoodie and the Front Office Staff truly show this community they are ready to serve you no matter the need.

If you have an interest to serve the community in any volunteer capacity, on a commission, board or volunteer committee, please reach out to me as I constantly need individuals to serve.

Thank You for your continued support of the Village of Glenwood!



## GLENWOOD BASEBALL

Glenwood Baseball League will be registering children ages 4-12 years for our 2017 Baseball Season. What a great opportunity for your child to learn the fundamentals of the game and play baseball in their own community.

Registration will take place after the first of the year at Arquilla Fieldhouse located at 225 Park Drive. Please watch for registration dates. A \$10 discount will be available if registration and payment are received before March 1, 2017.

Each baseball season begins with an Opening Day Parade through Glenwood, led by the Glenwood Fire and Police Departments. Our Mayor and Village Trustees also come out to support our children

Last season, over 70 children participated in the league. Five sponsors provided funds to reduce the cost of uniforms for our children. The sponsors and coaches cannot be thanked enough for their participation and support of the children in our Village. We could not have had a successful season without their assistance. **Please contact Mr. Richard Dixon at 708-261-7717 if you are interested in sponsoring a team.**

The Glenwood Baseball League is also in need of coaches, team moms, umpires & committee chairs. Our league operates by parent volunteers! Ask us how you can help! Your support is needed to ensure our league continues to grow strong!

Each season ends with a fun filled celebration. The annual end of season picnic is one you won't want to miss. Participation in the team fundraiser is mandatory and included in the price of registration.

### FEE SCHEDULE :

Age	Division	1st Child	2nd Child
4-6	T-Ball	\$135.00	\$65.00
7-8	Pinto	\$150.00	\$80.00
9-10	Mustang	\$160.00	\$90.00
11-12	Bronco	\$165.00	\$95.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 708-261-7717

## RECLAIM A YOUTH OF ILLINOIS



We bid farewell to Addie Mix and Gloria Randolph as they stepped from running the day to day operations at Reclaim A Youth (R.A.Y.) of Illinois after 25 years of service. Their dedication to the children of our Village will never go unnoticed. The R.A.Y.

Group will continue their monthly meetings at the John H. Blakey Senior Center on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. These ladies are to be commended for their commitment to enhancing and shaping the lives of youth through education and counseling. R.A.Y.'s mission is to empower youth ages 12-18, with basic values and affirm their individual talents that help building a healthy sense of self-worth and community.

## SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Village of South Holland offers Glenwood residents the option to utilize their Community Center at the same rate as South Holland residents.



The South Holland Community Center is open seven days a week, providing a wide variety of recreational and fitness classes, and special events. The 50,000-square-foot center is located at 501 E. 170th Street.. The center is home to South Holland's owned and operated Conversations Café, fitness center, indoor cycling, pool, whirlpool spa, sauna, pre-school, media room, meeting and banquet rooms, and kitchen.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 708-331-2940

## POLICE & FIRE CHIEFS AWARDED

On November 15, 2016 the Brookwood School District 167 Board of Education presented plaques to the Village of Glenwood's Police Chief and Fire Chief for their continuous service to the students, staff, and parents of Brookwood School Dis-



**Left to Right:** Glenwood Mayor Ronald Gardiner, Board Secretary Roslon Seals, Police Chief Cook, Superintendent Valorie Moore, Board President John Dixon, and Fire Chief Kevin Welsh.

## REFUSE COLLECTION REMINDER

Garbage may not be placed or stored in the front yard or lot of any premises prior to the night before garbage collection.

**Collection:** Your refuse will be picked up every Tuesday. By Homewood Disposal. All refuse must be at the curb by 6:30 a.m. and no sooner than 5:00 p.m. on the day before usual and customary scheduled garbage pick-up days. All garbage containers must be removed by 5:00 p.m. on the day following garbage pick-up unless garbage has not been removed by the garbage collector. A separate truck will pick up recyclable material on the same day as the household waste. All garbage MUST be placed in a proper garbage collection container for removal by the garbage collector. This excludes bulk items that are too large to be placed in garbage collection container use by Homewood Disposal.

**Holiday Schedules:** There are six holidays each year that may affect your pickup; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If your pickup falls on or after these holidays, your pickup will be delayed one day for that week only. \*If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed that Monday.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM JOANNE & RAY

2017 will be exciting at the Senior Center. Come join us for free fun and food.

The first Thursday of each month, we host a celebration of birthdays at our Potluck Luncheon. Birthday Potluck Lunches begin at 11:30am. We ask that you bring your favorite dish to share.

The second and fourth Thursday of each month we host CASH BINGO! Doors open at 9:00am and Bingo starts at 12:30pm.

A home cooked meal by Ray on the Third Friday of the month is a great way to socialize and make new friends. Meals by Ray are free to Glenwood seniors and begins at 11:30am sharp. Sign-up is required for this meal. Please call 708-753-2438 to register.

The Blakey Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm and offers a variety of different classes for sen-

## GLENWOOD REMEMBERS LEO ALEXANDER



On November 10, 2016 Leo Alexander, husband of JoAnne Alexander, Glenwood Senior Department Director, passed away at the age of 68. Visitation was held Sunday, November 13, 2016 at Fagen-Miller Funeral Home in St. John. Funeral Mass was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at St. John Church in Glenwood.

His dedication to the Village of Glenwood and surrounding communities will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed by the Village for his service to its residents and staff. Leo served on the Board of Fire & Police Commission as well as on the Police Pension Board for Glenwood. From December 2011 to December 2012, Leo was Director of Labor Relations at Prairie State Community College. In December of 2012, he was named Assistant Director of Human Resources. David J. Cronan, J.D., PSC Exec-

## GLENWOOD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

New addition to the Plan Commission, Dion D. Lynch, was sworn in by Clerk, Ernestine Dobbins at the December 6, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Plan Commission is led by appointed citizens and serves all citizens of the Village of Glenwood by providing a vision for improving the quality of life. The Plan Commission serves as agents to promote and coordinate the involvement of all citizens within the Village of Glenwood in comprehensive planning, public participation, growth management and environmental protection. The Plan Commission monitors the implementation of planning efforts and encourages innovation and creativity in achieving the Vision. Meetings are held





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## REPORTING CODE VIOLATIONS:

You can report code violations by calling the **Building Department at (708) 753-2416**. If you need to talk to an inspector or speak with a specific inspector, please call during the hours of 9am to 5pm. Most property maintenance violations do not occur overnight and have been the result of neglect. Therefore, most compliance remedies do not occur overnight and a time limit has to be established. Limits range from 3 days to 30 days. You may call the Building Department during regular working hours to inquire what has been done to correct any code violation that has been reported.

In addition to calling the Building Department, you may also report code violations or potential problems using the online form at [www.villageofglenwood.com](http://www.villageofglenwood.com) or scan the QR code to the right. **Please be as specific as possible and be prepared with the CORRECT ADDRESS of the property you are reporting.**



## PARKING DURING SNOWFALL:



*Parking any vehicle on any public street in the Village at any time within 12 hours after a **snowfall** of two inches or more is strictly prohibited. Please help us to ensure your streets get cleared by removing your*

**Please Shovel around your FIRE HYDRANT.  
Glenwood Fire Department needs your help.**

