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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Kerry Durkin



In the last issue of the Gazette I invited you to attend a meeting on the pension liability of the Village at 10:00 am on July 28th. Not one citizen attended. Does that mean the citizens do not have a concern with the mounting liability of the Police and Fire Pension funds?

The Better Government Association issued a report recommending municipal consolidation to lower cost and improve efficiency in government. They also warned of the impending gloom over pension liability. Since being elected in 2009, I have lobbied for consolidation with our neighbors to reduce the tax burden and improve efficiency. Only two nearby municipalities have entered into an agreement to consolidate services recently, Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields with Fire. I believed when our joint 911 center, ECOM, was created with Homewood, Flossmoor, Glenwood, Hazel Crest, South Holland and Riverdale, some kind of consolidation would follow. To date nothing more has occurred. How long can we afford to maintain the current level of services with a declining property tax base? ECOM serves 88,000 people and could be a model for the creation of a new City Government.

I am going to propose to the Board of Trustees that during the municipal election in April a non-binding referendum be placed on the ballot to determine if you want consolidation. I believe that a portion of the South Suburbs should be consolidated into one City. We need to create a footprint with the size and population that would allow for the efficient delivery of services and lower the overall cost of government.

The City of Chicago raised the cost of water to all of its customers. Neighboring community's, dependant on Chicago for water have seen significant increases in their cost of water and will see additional increases for the next 3 years. We do not know as of this writing what our cost for water will be in November, when Chicago Heights' contract with Hammond expires. We suspect that our cost, the actual price paid by the Village could go up by as much as 200%. A reasonable solution would be that all communities in the south suburbs own and operate their own water treatment facility on Lake Michigan. Imagine the efficiency of a jointly owned facility to serve the growing population from the Indiana State line to Joliet.

Some Village has to be the 1st to step up and announce to the

public a desire to explore consolidation. When we pursued electrical aggregation in 2010, we were one of the first ten communities in the State to do so. We saved a significant amount of money by being in the program a full year before the rest of the State. We also have the ability to set the standard on this issue. Ford Heights has a contract for water with the City of Hammond for 10 years at a cost below our current rate. Is a consolidation with the Village of Ford Heights something I would consider to pass water savings to you? Yes, it is. Ford Heights is actually a good candidate based on its relatively small population and large area of incorporated footprint. Could that consolidation actually ever occur? No, I don't believe we could ever get a referendum passed to consolidate the two Villages. That consolidation is something I believe over time will become something people look back and try to reason why we never pursued.

Homewood, Flossmoor and Lynwood all desire Home Rule. None of them can get a referendum approved by their voters to allow Home Rule and as such, are limited in some governmental activities. A consolidation of all of us creates an entity that is large enough to compete with anyone in Illinois or Indiana for economic opportunity by the population, area and work force and is Home Rule. Place Ford Heights in the mix and you have a reasonable cost of water to provide existing and new customers relief. Is this scenario plausible? Only in the minds of individuals who are willing to look far into the future.

On another note, I am going to ask the Board of Trustees to create an Ordinance to fine the owner or occupant of a residence that possess stolen items within their property. It will mirror the ordinance created for illegal drugs and guns without anyone possessing a valid FOID, Firearm Owner's Identification, on the premises. We need a tool to punish the parents of juvenile offenders since the Circuit Court seems unable to satisfy the needs of our citizens.

In April 2013 there will be an election of Village Officers. I am preparing an itemized list of topics that the staff is working on and job descriptions of all the Department Heads and their duties. Anyone interested in filing petitions for this election should come into the Village Hall and request a copy of the file; it will be ready October 1st.

About the Cover: The photo on the front cover of the Glenwood Gazette was taken in the Forest Preserve by a lifelong Glenwood resident, Wally Paris.

Glenwood Gazette Cover Contest

Residents will be offered an opportunity to submit photos for the cover of future issues of the Gazette that exhibit life in Glenwood as a contest.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00 gift card at a local business or a scholarship award for students each quarter.

Almost everyone has a phone with a camera that can produce a photo with a level of quality to enter into the contest. Please do not send photos with an individual that can be identified without enclosing a release to allow its use. Details will be on the Village website to identify the process.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

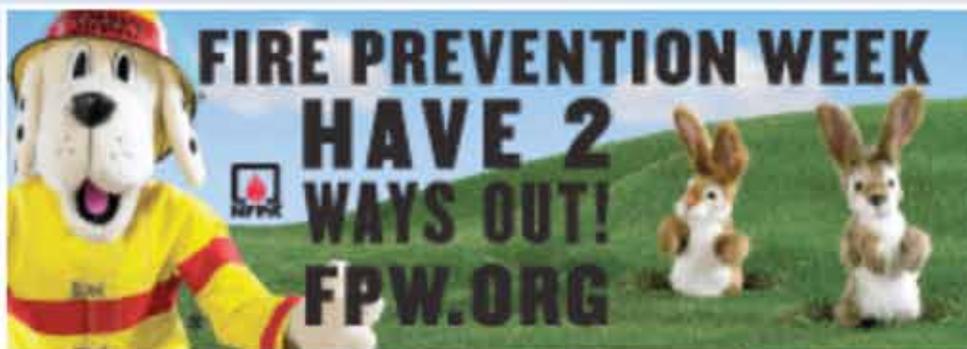


*Front Row (left to right): FF Bradley Steinweg, FF Alison Wojack, FF Christopher Burkes
Back Row (left to right): FF Charles Chapman, FF Matthew Krause, FF Zachary Krause, FF Dennis Brady, FF Cleotha Webster*

New Fire Department Candidates

The Glenwood Fire Department is proud to introduce our latest group of candidates for Firefighter. These candidates will be attending an intensive course of study to become certified as State of Illinois Firefighter II. This training is provided by our local M.A.B.A.S. Division #24 Training Academy. All facets of firefighting will be taught and a high level of efficiency will be instilled in these candidates.

Welcome aboard the Glenwood Fire Department!



Fire Prevention Week is October 7 through October 13. The Glenwood Fire Department will drive through town between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to see and assist families practicing their 2 Ways Out. The EDITH drill will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, so plan ahead to practice and see your classroom teachers and firefighters. A treat will be provided for each child that practices their escape routes with their family and turns a copy of their written plan in to the firefighters. The Fire Department trucks will have their lights and sirens activated and Brookwood teachers will be on board.

Also the M.A.B.A.S. Division #24 Educators have a Car Seat Inspection scheduled for September 22, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Ingalls Memorial Hospital located at 1 Ingalls Drive in Harvey Illinois. Glenwood Fire Department along with members of the East Hazel Crest, and South Holland Fire Departments will have certified Child Passenger Technicians to check your child's seat to see if it installed correctly.

4th of July Celebration

A Success!



Melody D. Myers

This year's Fourth of July Celebration hosted by the Village of Glenwood was a great success! With everything from Bingo to fireworks at dusk, there was something for everyone. Hosted at the Glenwoodie Golf Course for the second year in a row, the wonderful and memorable festivities began at 4:00 p.m. and lasted until 10:00 p.m.

Attendees were ushered into the festivities with the wonderful sounds of Randy J and his band. Performing many oldies but goodies, Randy J and his band were

phenomenal and had many attendees singing right along with him. He even managed to get a few attendees out of their seats to dance right alongside him during the song 'Papa Was a Rolling Stone' by the one and only Temptations! After the selections of Randy J and his band, Glenwoodie welcomed the Lemmon Brothers onstage, who continued serenading the attendees until dusk with great American hits!

While Randy J and his band, along with the Lemmon Brothers, were giving an amazing concert outside, inside was also abuzz with citizens eating and enjoying delectable American favorites and drinks from the Bar and Grill. Many attendees enjoyed games of Bingo in the Banquet Hall, and there were ongoing activities outside on the Golf Course lawn as well! Children young and old had the opportunity to enjoy themselves in the Dino Jumps set up just for them and jumped until their heart's content!

Finally, the night ended with a bang thanks to the amazing and awe inspiring fireworks put on by the Village. Beginning a little bit after 9:00 p.m., the pretty colors of fireworks and the sounds of oohs and ahhs filled the golf course for almost a full hour!

All in all, Glenwoodie had another fantastic Fourth of July Celebration and hopefully next year's celebration will be even better!

** Melody Myers, our young contributing writer, is a Glenwood resident who is off to college this semester!*

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Gabriel Loukaki

BROOKWOOD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012, President Adam Winston opened the Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meeting and introduced Glenwood's newest young Police Officer, Officer Matthew Smith, who, in turn, apprised all present of recent happenings in and about Glenwood. Confirming that major criminal activity is low in Glenwood, he encouraged homeowners to still report any suspicious activity by simply calling the Police who will respond with a patrol car to check the area. Stating that there have been a few cases recently of young people using drugs in parked cars and a few reported cases of car burglaries, he reminded homeowners to lock cars and property doors and to be vigilant in their respective areas.

Police Chief, Demitrous Cook, who was also present at the meeting, reiterated statements of Officer Smith, and stressed that he was proud of the new officers that the Village has brought in and he welcomed this opportunity to introduce them to the residents at the homeowners meetings. Chief Cook also invited Brookwood Point Homeowners to the National Night Out Program scheduled for August 7 at Arquilla Park. He stated that this annual event offers Glenwood residents an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with their neighbors with food, music, and shared information as the Village Board meeting was scheduled to occur in the open air of the Park during this time. Chief Cook also invited residents to sign up for a night of riding in the police car with him, and several residents signed up for an evening ride during the next few weeks.

President Adam Winston also welcomed Glenwood's long time State Farm Agent, Rick Schwab, to the floor to address homeowners on property insurance issues. Agent Schwab cautioned homeowners to beware of contractors knocking on their front doors and soliciting business by encouraging people to contact insurance companies for, many times, non-warranted home structure problems. He stated that there have been incidences of some anxious contractors placing damages on roofs to create insurance returns for homeowners and thus compensation for their companies. He stressed the importance of making legitimate claims and stated his agency's good reputation for prompt and thorough follow through with clients.

President Winston then welcomed Village Administrator, Donna Gayden, to address the homeowners. She informed all of the newly acquired grant for Hickory Glen Park improvement and reviewed the plans to renovate the tennis courts and to build new walking and biking paths. Plans are also underway to enhance the football field and to build a community garden in the Park.

The last report at the meeting came from Ms. Doreen Davis, sponsor of the Glenwood Cougars Cheerleaders, who apprised all on recent activities of the Cheerleaders. She stated that thirty scholarships were given out this year, and she encouraged all to inform young girls, ages 5 to 14 to become a part of the Glenwood Cheerleaders.

President Winston thanked all for their enthusiastic participation in the spring and summer activities and reviewed plans for upcoming events.

The Brookwood Point Homeowners Association meets every first Wednesday of the month at the Hickory Glen Field House at 7 p.m. All residents are welcomed to attend.



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Our Essay Winner, **Geronimo Melendez,** *Speaks of PRIDE*

I am Geronimo Melendez, a geeky sixteen year old who loves playing video games and enjoying the great outdoors. I want to tell you about PRIDE. This acronym stands for Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort. This system of thinking has aided me in innumerable ways.

PRIDE has improved everything from schoolwork, housework, and every other endeavor. Before I get into detail about my experiences please allow me to explain where I received this expert advice.

I am currently a junior at Marian Catholic High School (MCHS). During my stay the staff, students and administration taught me much of what I need to do to survive high school and beyond. The MCHS Band program has and will continue to make a lasting impression on me. From day one in band camp that first summer, they introduced the concept of PRIDE, the band's motto. Using this concept, the band members have been successful in most of their endeavors, on personal and professional levels, giving the band its national recognition as a powerful, lasting and dedicated program.

Let me tell you about my experiences with using PRIDE and its outcomes. When I entered a high school as a freshman, I was ill prepared for the rush of new experiences that greeted me and the courses and requirements that accompanied them. I was faced with a myriad of decisions I was unprepared to make. Do I do the homework? How much time do I really need to spend on any given assignment? Could I save it for later? Do I know what's on the next test? I realized I needed to make changes after listening to the experienced people around me. I began to take personal responsibility every day and started paying more attention to the course work, giving more attention to detail and working harder than I initially thought necessary. Now looking back at my time at Marian, I see how those questions pay off when answered correctly. By keeping up with the readings in English, I was able to enjoy and participate in the classroom discussions. Reading ahead and taking notes early in math enabled me to understand the concepts and become more prepared for tests that would have otherwise turned out unsatisfactorily. Also, it is with pride that I will be in my first advanced class at Marian, Honors Physics. All of this was made possible by personal responsibility and daily effort.

Earlier in this essay I mentioned how PRIDE was applicable to housework, and I now remember and appreciate how very true that is. When I entered Marian, my room at home was a ten by fifteen foot enclosure that I had possessed since childhood and was now ready to escape. Having a bare concrete basement, I asked my uncles (the handymen of the family) to assist me in transforming the space into something able to sustain life. They were generous enough to agree to help, as long as I was prepared to assist them and learn every step of the way. They taught me the tricks of the building trade. By taking responsibility in all my efforts, I painted, set the sub floor, planted studs, worked with the drywall, and wired all of the lights and electrical outlets in the



basement (so far nothing has caught fire). This was accomplished with dedication and work ethic that accompanies PRIDE.

In conclusion, I owe a lot to the staff of Marian and the leaders of the band. They taught me so much about how to be successful and I hope that I have taught you the same. Pride has facilitated my life and I will continue to use it time and time again whenever necessary. I end this essay by saying that no one is perfect and there are a lot of difficult things out there to do. I also know that the best way to overcome these hurdles is with Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort.

Mr. Melendez received a \$250.00 school tuition voucher.

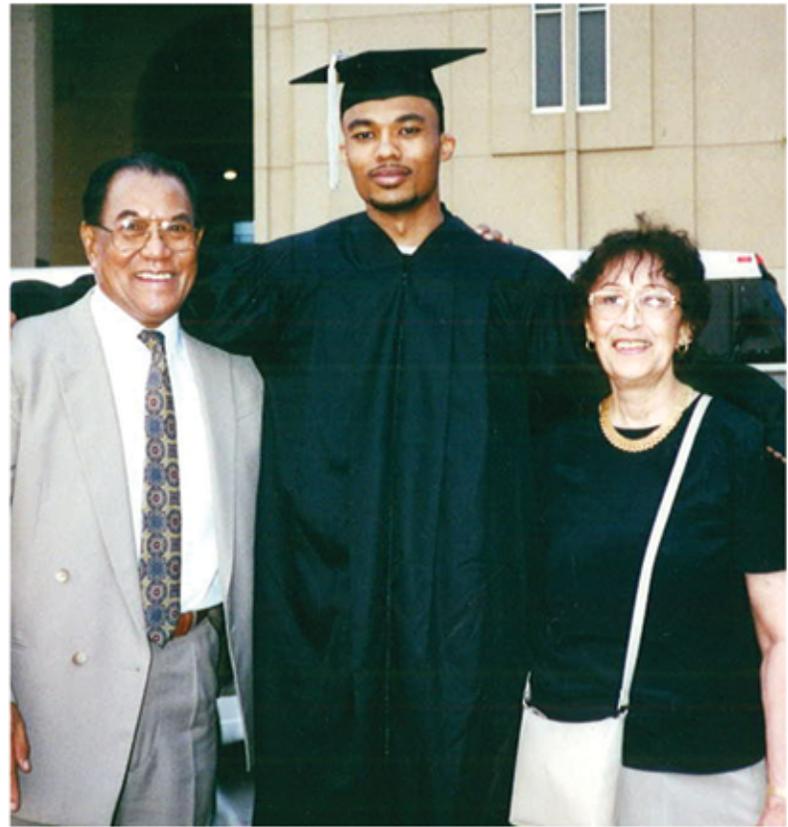
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Glenwood Applauds **Darius Hines,** Scholar and Successful Businessman

Mr. and Mrs. Crispulo Mangaser, thirteen year residents of Glenwood, informs the Village of Glenwood that on June 9, 2012, their grandson, Darius Hines, graduated with honors from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and is now Branch Manager for Bacardi Rum in Miami, Florida. He was the youngest in his graduating class. Darius, a graduate of St. Mel High School in Chicago, was President of the Senior Class, Vice-President of the Student Council, member of the National Honor Society, and recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship to Northwestern University.

Darius campaigned for President Obama in the 2008 Presidential race and attended the Presidential Inauguration where he met with the President and his family. He was invited to the Young People's Ball, the Committee Ball and reported it was the thrill of a lifetime for him!

Glenwood applauds Darius Hines for his ongoing educational, social, and business accomplishments. Thanks, also, to his proud grandparents for sharing the news of this accomplishing young man with Glenwood in hopes of inspiring other young men and women in the Village.



Darius Hines with Grandparents

Illinois vs Indiana Chess Match



Congratulations to Team Illinois for winning the first ever Illinois vs Indiana Chess Match, aka Border War, a two round g/60 fight for interstate supremacy. The battle took place Saturday, August 11th at the Blakey Center in Glenwood, Illinois, home of the Glenwood Chess Club. This match was inspired by the epic series between Illinois and Wisconsin in the 1980s. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

Sixteen players competed, 8 representing Illinois and 8 representing Indiana. Before the start of Round 1, each state chose their captain to help make their lineups. Matt Hollaway captained the Illinois squad, while Brian Harrigan captained the Indiana squad. There was a coin toss to determine which team started with white on Board 1, and the match was on! After Round 1, Illinois held a narrow lead 4.5 to 3.5. Harrigan, the Indiana captain, made some lineup changes for Round 2, and tried to rally his team and will them on to victory. But it was not to be, Indiana fell to Illinois by a final score of 9.5 to 6.5. Indiana has vowed to avenge this defeat!

The Glenwood Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-8pm at the Blakey Center, 1 South Rebecca Street, Glenwood, IL, 60425. Beginners are welcome.

For more information contact Kenneth Windom at kennethwindmon@gmail.com or call 312-925-9447.



Team Illinois

“Signs are a changing” on *Main Street*



Terry Campbell with
Maria & Gabe Loukaki

Gabriel Loukaki, owner of Gabe's Place located at 9 East Main Street, has made good use of the Main Street TIF and added a brand new sign for the restaurant. The sign was designed and erected by Roeda Signs of South Holland.

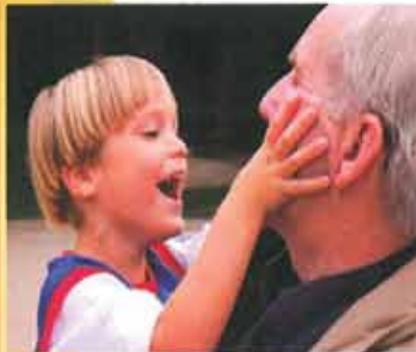
Gabriel and Sula Loukaki opened the popular restaurant on March 5, 1991 and recently celebrated their 20th year in Glenwood. The three member family including daughter Maria takes pride in their staff and their exceptional service. Gabe's is open for breakfast and lunch daily and they offer a Friday Fish Fry. Their St. Patrick's Day dinner is well known too.

The Village is exploring the opportunity of erecting a LED sign on the southwest corner of Main and State Streets. The new sign will be used to market businesses on Main Street and provide information to residents.

SECOND ANNUAL *Masquerade Party*



Celeste Bowman and Melinda Plott will be hosting their Second Annual Masquerade Party on October 27, 2012 at Glenwoodie. Come dressed in your best costume. The cost of \$20 per person will include food, music, cash bar, and fun, fun and more fun. The party will be held at the Glenwoodie Banquet Hall from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Contact Melinda Plott at 708-334-6052 or Celeste Bowman at 708-744-4077 for more details.



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Glenwood Little League Baseball officially ended its Travel 2012 season on June 30th, following a fabulous picnic held at Hickory Glen Park. Each player was presented with a trophy and a gym bag. Two teams were recognized as having outstanding winning records, and advanced to season ending terminates. Both teams went on to win the championship in their respective levels.

The teams and coaches are:

Bronco White Sox, coached by Jarrett Gunn and John Bowman.

Pinto Pirates, coached by Nick Delgado and Clinton Cadle.

We are so proud of all of our players, coaches, and parents, and are already planning for next year. Each year, the board reviews how baseball expenses such as umpire fees, baseballs, other replacement equipment, pizza parties, trophies, gifts, tournament fees, and the season ending picnic will be funded. Raffle tickets sales, team sponsor donations, concession proceeds, and other donations or fundraising proceeds are used to fund these activities. Team parents are required to pay for the uniforms and raffle tickets.

The proceeds from the upcoming October 5th and 6th fundraiser will be extremely important for Glenwood Baseball, as our funds were nearly depleted as expenses for umpire fees, tournament fees, gifts for players and pizza parties were very costly for this very successful year.

Please plan to support Glenwood Baseball, and purchase raffle and dinner tickets, for the October 5th fundraiser to be held at Glenwoodie Banquet Hall. Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each, for eligibility to win \$1000, or 32" TV, or dinner in town. A fundraiser golf outing is scheduled for October 6th, with registration beginning at 12:00pm. Tickets are \$60 each.

You may contact anyone from our fundraising committee for details. Your support will be appreciated. Also, please look for the 2013 baseball schedule, and plan to register your children early for the season. Come out and enjoy the games. You will be glad that you did.



Bronco White Socks



Pinto Pirates

Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association

On August 2, 2012, Secretary Gwen Durkin called the Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association meeting to order and welcomed new Officer Matthew Smith to address the Association members. Officer Smith, who humorously introduced himself by admitting he knew his youthful looks loudly attested of his age, also expressed his satisfaction at being a new officer in Glenwood and the opportunity afforded to patrol this community. He reported on the recent retail theft activity in our Village and encouraged residents to be vigilant and conscientious about locking doors to their homes and cars. He also asked residents to call the police promptly about any suspicious activity near their homes.

Association member and sponsor of Glenwood's Baseball Team, Melinda Plott, reported on the spring and early summer activity of the team and announced the plans for the upcoming Baseball Dinner and Raffle Day of October 5, 2012. She encouraged all to purchase raffle tickets, thus supporting the team efforts. She then assured all that 100% of proceeds go back into baseball team programming. The Glenwood Baseball season starts in April and continues through the last Saturday in June and the raffle dinner serves this year as a culminating activity for this season.

Public Works Director, Patrick McAneney, reported on the summer Ash Tree removal efforts stating that trees that were 90% dead have been removed and remaining tree stumps will be removed this year also. He encouraged all residents experiencing sewer problems to call Public Works first and also to acquire only licensed and certified plumbers to do plumbing repairs. He stated that he has a list of qualified licensed contractors for sewer problems.

Association members were reminded of the upcoming National Night Out of August 7th and the Back to School Bash of August 19th to be held at Brookwood Jr. High.

All residents who wish to be members of the Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association are welcomed to attend the warm and informative monthly meetings held every first Thursday of the month at the Arquilla Park Field House at 7:00 p.m.



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John H. Blakey Senior Center

The Blakey Senior Center is planning many things for the coming months. The most exciting one is honoring our Veterans at our regular senior luncheon on Friday, November 16th. For all senior luncheons, everyone must call ahead and make a reservation. Mark your calendar. The dates for the senior luncheon are on Fridays (9/21,10/19,11/16 and 12/21) and our senior BINGO with Glenwood Healthcare and Rehab are Fridays (9/28,10/26,11/30 and 12/28).

On the second and fourth Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., we have the Glenwood Friendly Seniors Bingo group and they have opened the Bingo to all Glenwood seniors. Come and see how you can join in the fun. The Piece Quilters meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 3:00 p.m. and they have open quilting sessions the on third Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. The Quilters Guild meet on the second Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. so come and find out how you can join these groups and have fun at the same time. Sit and Fit classes are held on Monday and Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and Ms. Georgia Line Dancing from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Finally, we have social groups everyday that play cards and use the Wii console. There is a pool player looking for partners. Remember, seniors, this is your facility so come out and use it. Let Ray and I know what else you would like and we will do our best to attain it for you.

A big thank you to Traci Mapp and Taneisha Hopson and partner School District #167 for all their hard work in making the Back to School Bash a huge success. This was our second Back to School Bash and served twice as many students as last year with school bags and supplies. Also, a thank you to the Glenwood businesses that donated dollars to help make the event a huge success.

Finally for the residents of Old Glenwood, Trustee Campbell, Howard Swacker and JoAnne Alexander are working on getting the polling place back to the Blakey Senior Center. We need your help. If you are a resident and have not signed our petition, please stop by the Blakey Senior Center Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and ask to sign the petition. If these times do not match your schedule, please call the Senior Center at 708-753-2438 and we can set up a time for you. The more signatures we have, the better our chances are in getting the polling place back at the Blakey Senior Center.

If you are looking for information regarding the Blakey Senior Center or Parks and Recreation, just give us a call at 708-753-2438 and we will help you in any way I can.

Once again thank you to all the seniors that help us hold it together. *Ray and JoAnne*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



I'm sure everyone has been noticing the abundant amount of dead trees throughout the Village. They are from the Emerald Ash Borer. We have been dealing with this infestation for the past couple of years, but with the early summer temperatures and the lack of rain, the combination has really taken a toll on them. We are now in the process of removing the parkway trees that are completely dead. Once all those are removed, we will begin removing all of the parkway Ash trees. If you have an Ash tree on your property, it will be dying and will need to be removed as well. The Village does have a dead tree Ordinance. There is a list of licensed contractors available at Village Hall if you do not have a contractor that can do the removal.

I know we are still looking at green leaves on the trees, but soon enough they will be turning and falling to the ground. The Village will be doing the free leaf pick up again this year. It will begin in November and run for 4 or 5 weeks. 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.

While we are on the subject of storm sewers please remember anything that gets spilled or intentionally dumped into a storm sewer goes DIRECTLY to local streams, creeks, rivers and lakes. The Village is under constant watch by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and other jurisdictions to prevent any pollution to the waterways around us. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the Public Works Department immediately at 708-757-2413.

A new electronics law went into effect on January 1st of this year. You can no longer dispose of any electronics in the garbage. If you have tried, I'm sure your garbage disposal provider did not pick it up and possibly placed a sticker on the item explaining why it wasn't picked up. There is an electronics recycling bin located at Village Hall. You may bring in any electronic item and place it in the bin. The items are picked up weekly Vet Tech. Most of their employees are vets from various armed forces.

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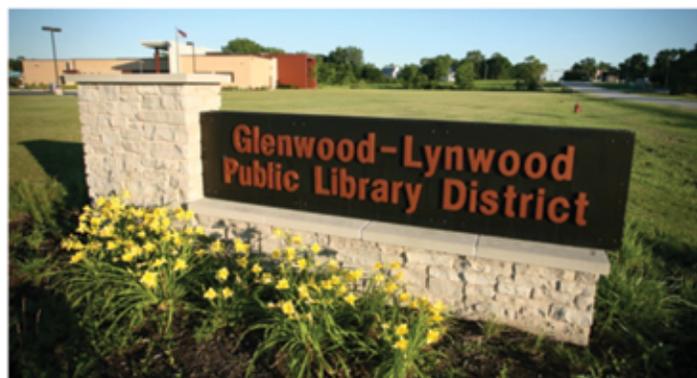
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The Glenwood-Lynwood Library is your place to connect and grow. We have computer access, programs for all ages, and a friendly staff to help you with whatever you need.

We are in the process of reorganizing the library to serve our patrons better. We are moving all of the book and video collections, so be sure to ask a staff member if you cannot find something. The library has become a haven for people who want a quiet place to study, so we will be rearranging tables and soft seating to give more quiet study space. In the coming months, the construction of a media lab will begin. Patrons will be able to create and edit music and videos for personal, school, and work purposes. We are very excited to be able to bring this to our patrons.

Walking Path



We are starting the new Attack on Reading program in September. The friendly reading rivalry between the towns of Glenwood and Lynwood continues to see which town residents will read the most this year. In May we awarded 6th grader Vaughan Haywood with a PSP Vita for reading the most of any child in Glenwood or Lynwood. This year we will open up the program to adults and kids. Moms and dads who read to their kids can earn reading time. Our avid adult readers can also get some credit for time spent reading. Will Mayor Gene Williams (Lynwood) have to give up the Attack on Reading trophy to Mayor Kerry Durkin (Glenwood) next year, or will he get to hold onto it for another year?

Be sure to check out the new walking path behind the library building. It is an excellent place to get exercise, enjoy nature, and watch the inhabitants of our pond.

Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association came together in its fourth meeting on August 8th at the Arquilla Park Field House. President Mike Turner called the meeting to order and brought before the homeowners, Officer Wierzbicki of the Glenwood Police Department who discussed briefly the most recent law-related activities in the community. Officer Wierzbicki addressed several concerns presented by homeowners on the new stop signs in the area, and reviewed procedures in reporting traffic obstruction.

President Turner also introduced Bloom Township Assessor, Susan Fares, who presented an informative review of current property tax billing. Discussing the irony of decreasing home values and increasing property taxes, Assessor Fares stressed that homeowners should review carefully each line of their tax bill. Stating that almost 60% of property taxes are for school districts, she explained that the Board of Review is totally separate from the County's Assessors Office and encouraged homeowners to call Bloom Township for further interpretation of their tax statements. Many homeowners were concerned about tax exemptions and Assessor Fares clarified some of the exemptions presently offered by the State.

Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association members then received copies of the newly drafted by-laws and one new committee formed to assist residents with new government hardship programs. Homeowners then were reminded of the upcoming community activities and the meeting adjourned with several expressing afterwards that they felt more informed and involved in the Glenwood community than ever before.

The Glenwood Estates Homeowners Association meets the second Wednesday of the month at Arquilla Park Field House at 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

WEDDING EXPO

Tuesday, September 18

Glenwoodie Golf Course
19301 S. State Street
6:00pm-9:00pm

Sponsored by BRIDE'S GUIDE

Magazine, this Expo will offer an opportunity to consult with over 60 wedding professions. There will be tastings, door prizes, and goodie bag for the first 100 Brides to register.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Call 219-662-9245 for tickets and more information.



OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 22

Sunday, September 23

Glenwoodie Golf Course
19301 S. State Street
12:00pm - 10:00pm

This is a festive two day community event filled with food, fun, and music that focuses on the German tradition. Enjoy live entertainment including authentic German bands dressed in German garb. A choice of adult meals and child's meal will be available along with authentic desserts. Beverages will include authentic German Spirits and soft drinks. Saturday's events will include FREE Child ID kits, provided by New York Life. Admission is Free.

October

MASQUERADE PARTY

Saturday, October 27

Glenwoodie Golf Course Banquet Hall
19301 S. State Street
9:00pm-2:00am

Come join us for the Second Annual Masquerade Party. Come dressed in your best costume.

The cost of \$20 per person will include food, music, and cash bar.

Contact Melinda Plott at 708-334-6052 or Celeste Bowman at 708-744-4077 for more details.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Wednesday, October 31

Arquilla Park Field House
225 Park Drive
6:00pm-9:00pm

Parents bring your children out to participate in this year's Halloween Festivities! There will be a costume contest for infants-12 years of age.

Beverages, snacks, and prizes will be provided. The Bonfire, conducted by the Glenwood Fire Department, will begin at 7:00 pm.

November

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

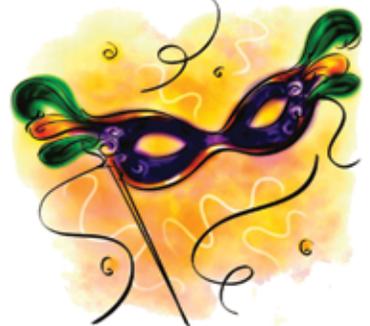
Saturday, November 17

Sunday, November 18

Glenwoodie Golf Course
19301 S. State Street
Saturday, 11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, 12:00pm-5:00pm

The Holiday Marketplace will offer a variety of goods including one of a kind crafts, art, accessories, clothing, and other holiday gift options. Treat yourself to pie samples and hot apple cider while shopping in a festive ambience. There is even a crafts table for the children!

If you would like to participate as a vendor, table space is still available. For more information, contact Joanne Alexander Monday- Friday at (708) 753-2438, 9:00am-1:00pm or Taneisha Hopson at (708) 757-2318 from 1:00pm-5:00pm.



December

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Friday, December 7

Callahan-Strand Park
Across from Village Hall
6:30pm-8:00pm

Join us for a visit with Santa! Children are sure to keep busy with fun activities and games.

All attendees can enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Bring a non-perishable food item and be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Glenwood Celebrates Annual National Night Out

Glenwood's National Night Out once again provided residents with an exciting bevy of activity. Taking place on August 7, 2012 in Arquilla Park, under a beautiful, warm evening sky, the event offered residents civic information, and an opportunity to meet their neighbors. Residents also enjoyed food and lively music provided by Jamiah on Fire and The Red Machine, a spectacular new youth band. A special treat of the evening was an exhibition of the Canine Unit by neighboring Lynwood Police Department.





2012 Fall Schedule

OUR FOCUS

The First Tee of Greater Chicago at Glenwoodie (www.thefirstteechicago.org) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit youth development organization whose mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Through the First Tee Life Skills Experience, young people around the world discover how skills essential to success on a golf course can also help them flourish in life. These skills include self-management, interpersonal communication, goal setting, mentoring, and effective conflict resolution. This curriculum was developed by experts in the field of positive youth development and is delivered by coaches trained through The First Tee Coach program.

PROGRAM FEE: \$55.00 per participant, \$50.00 per residents of Glenwood & South Holland

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE: 12 Hours of Golf and Life Skills Instruction, Logo Hat and Shirt, Glenwoodie First Tee Junior Card and End of Session Celebration! Opportunities to attend local and national academies

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.thefirstteechicago.org (Look for the Glenwoodie program)

Program Level	Tuesday & Thursday
FALL SESSION	FALL SESSION
PLAYEr Class Sept 11 th -Oct 30 th 7-10 Year Olds	4:00-5:30pm
PLAYEr Advanced/PAR Level Sept 13 th - Nov 1 st 11-14 yr olds or PLAYEr Certified Eligibility	4:00-5:30pm

END OF SESSION CELEBRATION: Fall Session – October 30 or Nov 1st 4:00-6:00pm

The End of Session Celebration is an opportunity for participants to demonstrate their golf skills in a competitive tournament. Participants will be recognized for season awards and certification level achievements. Parents, volunteers, sponsors and community officials are invited.

For more information visit Glenwoodie Golf Club or email us at philr@glenwoodiegolf.com



E-Newsletter

Glenwood's E-Newsletter is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter with up-to-date Village information. To sign up to receive the E-newsletter, visit our website at villageofglenwood.com and click on "What's New" located at the top of the home page then click on "E-Newsletter".
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Glenwood Plans Glenwoodie Golf Outing Fundraiser for Everyone!

Glenwood residents are reminded of this year's fundraising Golf Dinner and Outing planned for Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th. The Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and will include the \$1,000 First Place Prize Raffle. The golf outing will be the following Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for both events are available at the Glenwoodie Golf Club, and all proceeds will be used for Glenwood's basketball, baseball and football teams and the youth golf program of the Village. Mayor, Kerry Durkin, looks forward to seeing many Glenwood residents at the dinner and outing!



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mission Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church of Glenwood located at 801 East Glenwood Dyer Road is sponsoring a

Clothing Give-away for Men, Women and Children
on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from
10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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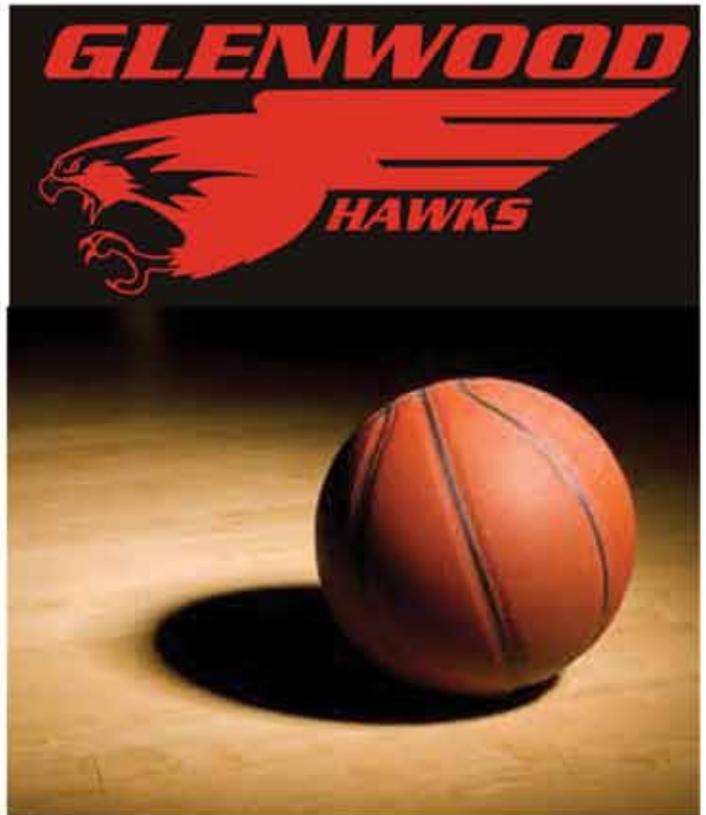
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BRICK PROGRAM

The Village of Glenwood established a Memorial Brick Paver Program when the new Village Hall was constructed. This paver walking path is the gateway to the flag pole in the courtyard of Village Hall. The walkway is in need of some TLC. We will be restructuring the walkway in the near future. The walk is designated to recognize all Veterans of the community that have served our country. Trustee Nielsen is the Veteran Liaison and is spearheading this project.

If you are interested in commemorating a loved one or recognizing any event in your life or the life of a Veteran, please contact Brenda McCowan at Village Hall at 708-757-2310 to place an order. We would like to have all orders in by September 30, 2012. The cost of the engraved brick is \$50.00 and can include up to three lines of text with thirteen characters per line.



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Registration for the 2012-2013 Glenwood Hawks basketball season is scheduled as follows:

Early Registration Boys & Girls grade 1st – 8th:

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 – Brookwood Middle School

Open House 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 – Hickory Bend & Longwood School Open House 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration Boys & Girls grade 1st – 8th:

Thursday, October 25th & Friday 26th – Hickory Glen Field House from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration Boys & Girls grade 1st – 8th:

Saturday, October 27th – Hickory Glen Field House from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 Noon

Boys and Girls in the 1st through 8th grades are encouraged to sign up. Volunteer Coaches and Team Moms are also needed. Practice will begin in November.

For additional information please call: 1-888-773-1191 or visit our website at WWW.Glenwoodhawks.org.



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Village Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

Residents are encouraged to attend all meetings.

Board of Trustees Meetings:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at
7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

Committee of the Whole Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

Special Board of Trustees Meetings:

As called and posted in the Village Hall

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:

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Tuesday

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1st & 3rd Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 12 NOON

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