

VILLAGE OF  
GLEN ELLYN

BUDGET  
HIGHLIGHTS:

- Budget maintains quality services that residents expect and deserve
- No new taxes, annual property taxes growing by \$13 for a typical home, just 25 cents per week!
- Village operations have a budget surplus

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# Budget summary

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 2013

Village spending plan for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014

## Village Board adopts budget

After a series of workshops starting last fall, the Village Board adopted the FY2013/14 budget on April 22, 2013. This budget covers financial activity from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.

Village-wide, operating revenues (that is, revenues that are not generated to support our capital programs) exceed our operating expenditures by \$1,008,155. This moderate operating surplus is important to sustain long term Village operations, especially if revenues decline or to pay for unexpected emergencies, such as floods, blizzards or other severe weather events.

The capital program reflects the use of current revenue plus existing savings to pay for planned capital spending. More information on our capital program is on page 3.

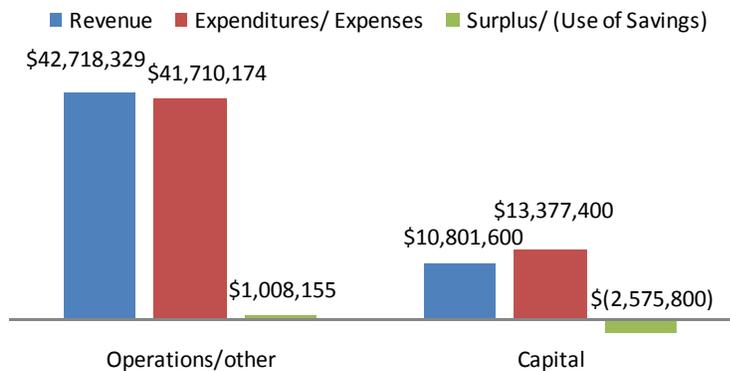
## Surplus in the main operating fund

The General Fund, which supports our main operations such as police protection, paramedic services, forestry, planning and development, and general administration, includes a budgeted surplus.

Revenues total \$16,894,100, which is 3% higher than last year's budget. The largest revenue increase is from state income tax distributions. We are also projecting increases in home rule sales tax revenues and cable franchise fees.

Expenditures are projected to grow by 3.1% to

### FY13/14 Budget - all funds



**Village wide revenues for operations exceed operating costs. Capital projects are paid from current revenue plus savings.**

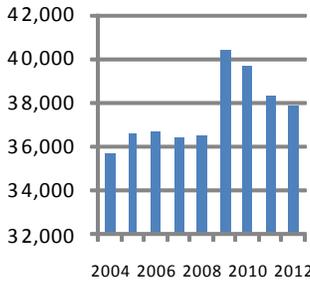
This year's budget maintains quality village services, works to improve customer service, transparency and operating efficiencies, more clearly aligns revenues and costs for specific services, and positions the Village well for the future.

\$16,887,675. Personnel, our largest area of expenditure, is 2.5% higher than last year's budget. We are also contributing more for capital investment in Village facilities, which had not been done for several years before FY12/13 due to budget constraints. Additional capital spending is planned for equipment needed for daily operations.

At the end of the year, we are projecting cash reserves equal to 29% of operating expenditures. We are well on our way to our cash reserve target of 35% of operating expenditures by 2023.

# Public safety

**Police incidents**



*The Police Department responds to 38,000 incidents per year, that's more than 100 per day!*

Outstanding public safety services are provided by the Glen Ellyn Police Department and the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company (GEVFC).

The Village is privileged to receive the services of volunteers that make up the fire company. The GEVFC is staffed with personnel who are professional and well trained. The Village provides some funding and support services, as well as the ambulance service that works with the GEVFC. However, donations to

the GEVFC from residents and businesses directly through your Village Services bill (or through Fire Service SSAs in unincorporated areas) provide large support for these outstanding volunteers.

Police services are provided 24 hours a day by a highly trained staff of law enforcement professionals. This budget includes the addition of one police officer, paid for through forfeiture funds, meaning no net impact on the

General Fund. The Department offers several community programs, including: Coffee with the Cops, Citizens Police Academy, and Child Safety Seat inspections. Also in this year's budget, there are funds allocated for the replacement of equipment used in the daily operation of a professional law enforcement agency.

Public safety spending makes up 56% of the General Fund expenditures, a total of about \$9.4 million this year.

**VILLAGE SPENDING PLAN FOR MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014**

# Transparency and customer service

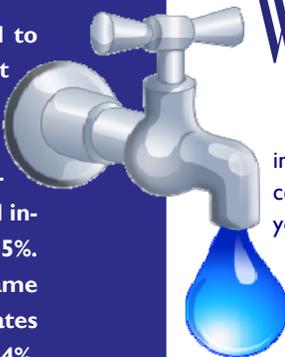
This year, the Village will continue to improve efforts for transparency and customer service. While Glen Ellyn has been a leader in volunteerism, resident involvement, and public information, we are including projects in the budget that will make it easier for residents to stay informed of current Village policy discussions and Village Board meetings. Projects include improved website design and electronic board meeting agenda packets.

Just as important, the Village is working to improve customer service to our utility customers. By popular demand, we will soon be offering online bill payment with no added fees. In early 2014, look for our fully automatic email billing system. Go paperless with ebilling, save time, money and effort with auto pay, and you never have to worry about your Village services bill again! We will provide more information as the new programs become available.



# Water and sewer rates

From 2011 to 2015, the cost for water from the DuPage Water Commission will increase by 115%. During the same time, your rates will grow by 44%.



Starting in 2012, the City of Chicago and DuPage Water Commission announced large increases in the price of water they provide to Glen Ellyn each January 1. By 2015, the Village's cost of water will be 115% higher than it was in 2011. As a result, the rate the Village charges you, the customers, for water and sewer will increase by a 9.5% each year, or a total of 44%.

The Village set these rates so the water and sewer system will have enough money for daily operations, investment in infrastructure, and an appropriate amount of cash reserves on hand in the event of an emergency.

We will continue to monitor our rates and water usage to ensure that our rates cover our costs, and the fund remains self-sufficient.

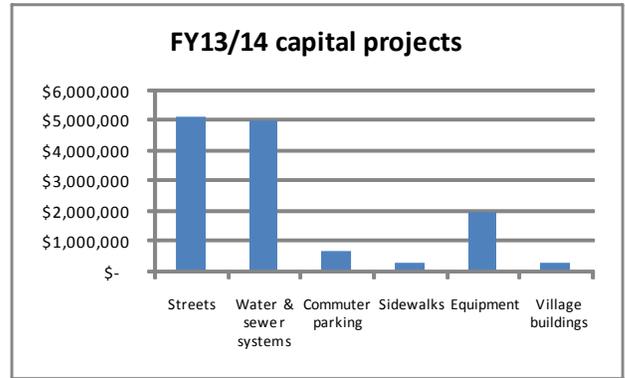
# Capital investment

This year's budget calls for \$13.4 million in capital investment covering a wide variety of projects. This budget will invest more than \$5 million in both our street program and water/sewer infrastructure. Stormwater improvements to Lake Elyn and other areas will have the highest priorities.

Streets that are to be repaired this year include: Country Club Lane, Grandview from Smith to Hill, Brandon from Hill to Ridgewood, Miller Court, Cranston Court, Oak Street between Western and Main, Euclid north of Haw-

thorne, Forest between Oak and Elm, and Taft Avenue west of Lambert. Design engineering for future projects will also continue.

Notable water and sewer projects include water and sewer main improvements associated with the road repairs, the first phase of water main replacement on Roosevelt Road, Hill Avenue water main extension under the railroad tracks between Crescent and Hill, Memory Court lift station, and more than \$1 million in sanitary sewer lining and other improvements.



*We are planning \$13.4 million in capital investment this year.*

A new commuter parking lot will be constructed at Duane and Glenwood, along with many sidewalk improvements and minor Village facility projects.

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# Garbage rates impacted by lower recycling revenue

The annual garbage contract will be renewed this summer. The garbage rates include several components. The largest part is the base rate that is paid for garbage collection services by Allied Waste. For this budget, we are projecting a minor increase in the base rate that residents will pay. Another component of the rate is the recycling credit. Recycling revenue has been

significantly lower this year due to market conditions, so residents will receive a correspondingly smaller credit on each month's bill. The end result is a higher than desired rate increase.

Your rate also covers branch and brush pickup (\$1.75 per month), the bi-annual clean sweep event next scheduled for spring, 2014 (\$0.50), administration fees

(down from \$1.45 to \$1.35), and \$1.00 per month for eventual toter replacement. The recycling rebate is projected to drop from a \$2.15 per month credit to \$0.50. Depending on your service level and contract renewal costs, your rate could increase from 7% to 14%. Rates will be finalized in June or July. We hope to see an increase in recycling rates in the future.

# Employee Pensions

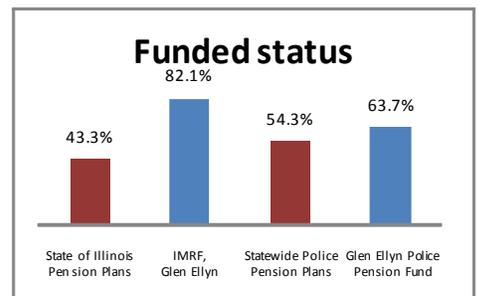
The Village is required by law to participate in two pension programs as well as Social Security and Medicare. Both of the Village's pension plans are better funded than the average public employee pension plans across Illinois. Neither Village pension plan receive any state funding, but their employee contributions and benefits are established by state law.

The Glen Elyn Police Pension Fund covers all sworn police officers of the Village. These officers are not part of Social Security, which means no employee or employer contributions.

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) covers all other employees who work more than 1,000 hours per year.

Even with the Village making

all required contributions, total pension costs and unfunded liabilities have grown in recent years. Without changes, costs and liabilities are projected to grow. We are working with other communities to find long term affordable funding solutions without impacting Village services.



***Glen Elyn's pension programs are in better financial position than many plans in Illinois.***



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**Village of Volunteers**

## Village Links project is nearing completion

The renovation of the Village Links clubhouse is nearing completion. This year's budget for the Village Links reflects a year of transition, including anticipated revenue and expenses for golf activity as well as newly expanded banquet and golf outing business. The Links renovation project includes new banquet facilities, expanded restaurant service, an enhanced patio, a new meeting room, and an expanded driving range.



We are anticipating that the Village Links facilities and services will cover the construction costs. Residents receive the benefits from the golf course's role it plays in managing much of the Village's stormwater—all without general tax support. The Village Links has been and will continue to be self-supporting.

More information about the Village Links and the renovation project can be found at [www.villagelinksgolf.com](http://www.villagelinksgolf.com).

## Typical resident costs

Costs for a typical resident with a home worth \$433,000, using 6,000 gallons of water per month, and 35 gallon curbside garbage service will see their total costs for Village services increase by \$122 this year, or just over \$10 per month.

Annual costs for a typical household	FY12/13	FY13/14	Dollar change	Percent change
Property tax	\$609	\$622	\$13	2.1%
Water / Sewer usage	\$954	\$1,044	\$90	9.4%
Garbage	\$165	\$184	\$19	11.5%
Annual total	\$1,728	\$1,850	\$122	7.1%
Per month	\$144	\$154	\$10	

## Long term financial forecast

For each of the past three years, the Village has prepared a five year forecast to help identify trends and issues of concern. This proactive planning effort has helped identify ways to balance the budget and identify cost control ideas, many of which have been pursued or will be analyzed. Steps have been taken to improve the financial stability of Glen Ellyn, such as a 10 year Capital Plan, increases in reserves and additional funding of the facilities plan.

The five year forecast is available on our website ([www.glenellyn.org](http://www.glenellyn.org), Finance Department, Financial Reports.) Left unchanged, the long term trends are sobering, but only if no corrective action is taken or if the economic climate does not improve. The forecast identifies overall governmental

revenue for operations to increase by 1.5% each year, while our operating costs grow by 4.5%. This is not sustainable and results in a \$3.8 million operating deficit over 5 years.

We are pleased to report that the General Fund, the main operating fund of the Village, has budgeted revenues 3.0% higher than last year, double the growth rate in the five year forecast. Also, expenditures are budgeted to grow by 3.1%, well below the forecasted growth rate.

This is not the end of the Village's diligence. We continue to work hard whenever and wherever we can to achieve cost savings and efficiencies, as well as minimize our reliance on property taxes from homeowners.