



New Public Works and Finance Directors Join Glen Ellyn

The Village of Glen Ellyn is pleased to welcome two new department directors to the Village staff.

Public Works Director



Julius Hansen has taken over as Public Works Director, replacing Joe Caracci who served in the position for four years.

Hansen brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in public works to the community, and since 2002, was the

Public Works Director for the Village of La Grange Park, IL. Prior to that, he worked for the City of Elmhurst, IL.

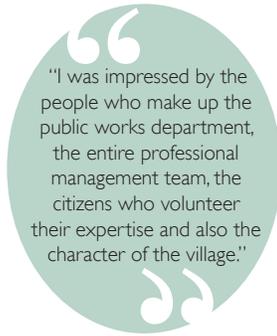
Hansen holds a bachelor's degree from Lewis University in public administration and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University. He oversees a staff of 28 full-time employees.

He discussed some of the features of Glen Ellyn that appealed to him. "I was impressed by the people who

make up the Public Works Department, the entire professional management team, the citizens who volunteer their expertise and also the character of the Village," he said. "This combination

gives the Village a rare and wonderfully unique character."

In expressing his goals for his department, Hansen indicated that the Public Works Department is embarking on a program that will save money by using Public Works employees to



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District 87 Variation Requests Approved

At the meeting on Monday, January 30, the Village Board voted to approve School District 87's variation requests regarding proposed improvements to Memorial Field. Proposed improvements include the installation of a fence, impervious surfaces, a lighting system, bleachers, an ornamental gate and a batting cage. The decision comes after two Village Board Workshops, a Village Board Meeting and a public hearing that spanned 11 Plan Commission Meetings. Throughout the process, the Village provided interested residents the opportunity to present oral and written comments to the Plan Commission and Village Board.

Glen Ellyn Moves Forward with Downtown TIF District

Glen Ellyn's Downtown Strategic Plan, adopted in October 2009, created a vision for the future of downtown Glen Ellyn. Recommendations included an implementation plan, together with a variety of funding sources. One recommended funding source was the designation of Glen Ellyn's Central Business District as a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

After completing an Eligibility Study in spring 2011, it was determined that the downtown was eligible to be designated as a TIF District, leading the Village to move forward with the statutory process required to create a TIF, including the creation of the official Redevelopment Plan and Project Report.

More recently, a Joint Review Board (JRB) was convened on November 17, December 8 and 16, to discuss the TIF proposal. The JRB was made up of representatives of School Districts 41 and 87, DuPage County, the Glen Ellyn Park District, College of DuPage and Milton Township, together with a citizen representative and a Village of Glen Ellyn staff member. During

these meetings, the JRB discussed various aspects of the proposed TIF, including:

- How it met the objectives of the TIF Act
- The plan requirements and eligibility criteria
- How the Village intends to use TIF funds

Following JRB deliberation, a motion was made that the proposed Downtown TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved and that the project area satisfies the requirements of the Illinois TIF Act; the motion was approved by a vote of 4-2.

A public hearing on the matter was held during the Special Village Board Meeting on January 9 where members of the community had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

On February 13, the Village Board officially designated the downtown as a TIF District with the approval of three TIF ordinances. The Village would like to thank all those involved for their time, effort and input.

To review the Plan and learn more about the TIF District, please visit the TIF District webpage at www.glenellyn.org.



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perform certain tasks formerly undertaken by contractors. One example, he said, will be the Village's Parkway Reforestation Program in which Public Works staff will plant 100 parkway trees in spring and 100 trees in fall, saving the community \$30,000 this year.

Other important new initiatives, according to Hansen, include the Hawthorne Boulevard Reconstruction Project. "This street makes up an important segment of the Village transportation system that connects two schools on opposite ends of the community."

Other 2012 Public Works goals will be the evaluation of the overall sewer system to make improvements that enable it to function at maximum design capacity. "Increased maintenance, together with structural repairs to maximize capacity and improve efficiency will reduce flooding," Hansen said.

Hansen and his wife Kathleen have two children; in his spare time, he enjoys trout fishing.

Finance Director



Kevin Wachtel has taken over as Glen Ellyn's new Finance Director, replacing former Finance Director Jon Batek. He oversees a staff of five full-time and many part-time employees.

A veteran municipal leader, Wachtel brings to the position 13 years of experience in finance and administration. Prior to coming to Glen Ellyn, he was Finance Director for the Village of Riverside, IL, and also held positions with the Villages of Palos Park, Wilmette and Niles.

He described his goals for the Finance Department. "I'd like to see improved financial reporting so that residents have a better picture of the Village's financial position," he said. "It's also important that we support operating departments and policymakers so that we can best manage Village services to residents within resource constraints."

Additional goals, Wachtel said, will be to maintain the quality of current financial

practices and to continue to be fair and honest in financial reporting and as a service provider.

Wachtel holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University in political science and public administration.

He and his wife Bridget have three children, and his hobbies include cycling and spending time with family.

One of the reasons he chose to work for the Village of Glen Ellyn was its excellent reputation. "I knew it was a premier community in the Chicago area," he said. "I looked at this position as a challenge to grow professionally and as an opportunity to work on some interesting economic development initiatives — projects that can really make a difference for the community."

"Since I began in November," Wachtel continued, "I have been impressed with the high caliber of people — employees, volunteers, and elected officials alike — who are dedicated to making Glen Ellyn a wonderful place to live, work and shop. It is a great place to make a difference." ■

▶ Program Helps Improve Home's Energy-Efficiency

Homeowners now have the opportunity to receive an assessment of their home's energy use to improve energy-efficiency through a program of ComEd and Nicor Gas. The Home Energy Savings Program is an energy-efficiency service for residential customers who live in single family homes that are jointly served by ComEd and Nicor Gas.

The Home Energy Savings Program provides an assessment of a single family home's energy use that includes:

- Recommended changes and upgrades that can improve the energy-efficiency and comfort of the home.
- A proposal for weatherization improvements that qualify for

incentives (50 percent of costs up to \$1,250) from ComEd and Nicor Gas.

- Free installation of energy-saving products, such as energy-efficient shower heads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).

How it Works

- The Home Energy Savings assessment will be performed by Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified professionals from Conservation Services Group (CSG), the program implementer.
- There is a \$99 co-pay to receive the Home Energy Savings assessment.
- The total time for the assessment is approximately 2-1/2 hours per home.
- During the visit, the technician will perform a detailed assessment of the

home to identify changes and upgrades that may further improve the energy-efficiency and comfort of the home.

- When the assessment is complete, the homeowner will receive a report that details the energy-saving products installed and summarizes the home's energy consumption. Additionally, the homeowner will receive a proposal for weatherization improvements that qualify for incentives (50 percent of costs up to \$1,250) from ComEd and Nicor Gas.

To participate, please call 877-821-9988. For more information, please visit www.nicorgasrebates.com/homeenergysavings.



Save the Date

Saturday, March 3,
April 7, May 5

Coffee with the Cops

On the first Saturday morning of each month, the Chief of Police plays host to interested residents

who would like to interact with law enforcement personnel in a non-enforcement environment. Participants can discuss neighborhood issues, such as traffic or parking; seek information on various police programs; and learn about specific police duties and responsibilities, such as investigations, traffic accident reconstructions and evidence collections. Coffee with the Cops sessions are held from 8 - 10 a.m. on the second floor of the Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, and pre-registration is not required.

Sunday, March 4

Deadline to register for the 2012 drawing of weekend permanent reserved starting times at the Village Links. Golfers can sign up at the Village Links through 5 p.m., Sunday, March 4. Foursomes signed up by March 4 will draw for starting times on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Sunday, March 11

A Look at Zook's Unique Architecture
Glen Ellyn Historical Society presents Betty Green, an expert on architect R. Harold Zook, in an afternoon of education, information and examples of the "Green Initiative" demonstrated in Zook's use of stone and paneling as far back as 1932. Green will discuss Zook's historically significant work that includes several structures in nearby Hinsdale and three homes on the border of Glen Ellyn and Lombard. The event will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main Street. Tickets are \$8 for GEHS members, \$5 for students and \$10 for non-members. Tickets are available at Stacy's Corners Store, by phone or by mail. For more information, please call 630-469-1867 or e-mail info@gehs.org.

You may have noticed that the Village of Glen Ellyn newsletter now has a new design and a new "look." We welcome your feedback and encourage you to let us know about issues that you would like to see addressed in future issues of the Village Newsletter by calling 630-469-5000.

Thursday, March 15

Last day for Village of Glen Ellyn residents to purchase 2012 Village Links Resident Cards at the pre-season discount.

The pre-season annual Resident Card fee is \$10 (\$5 for juniors age 21 and younger). After March 15, the regular fee of \$20 (\$10 for juniors) will be in effect. Resident Cards provide green fee discounts at the Village Links Golf Course. Only individuals who reside within the corporate limits of the Village of Glen Ellyn are eligible to purchase Resident Cards.

Thursday, March 15

Deadline for applications for the Ed Posh Scholarship. The Ed Posh Scholarship Fund, an independent organization founded by local golfers to honor former Village Links Head Golf Professional Ed Posh, is accepting applications for four scholarships in 2012. These scholarships are for \$2,500 per year and can be renewed for up to four years, creating a potential value of \$10,000. Applications can be obtained at the Village Links Clubhouse or downloaded from www.edposhscholarship.com. Applications are due by March 15, 2012, to: Ed Posh Scholarship Fund, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Sunday, March 18

Historical Society Fundraiser Salutes Radio Theater

Experience the "old radio days" at this Glen Ellyn Historical Society Fundraiser featuring radio troupe "The Need To Be Seen" who will perform live radio theater in the historical manner at the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main Street. For those who remember the radio days — and even those who don't — it's sure to be an entertaining event. Performance begins at 2 p.m. Ticket cost is \$8 for GEHS members, \$10 for general public and \$5 for students. Tickets are now on sale at McChesney & Miller Grocery Store and Stacy's Corners Store. Seating is limited; only 100 tickets available. For information please call 630-469-1867 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Members of "The Need To Be Seen" radio troupe will perform at the Glen Ellyn History Center on Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

General Primary Election (see page 7).

April & May

Village Links Spring Special

For \$175, golfers can play unlimited free weekday golf in April and unlimited half price weekday golf in May (excluding May 28). This special applies to green fees on all 27 holes. Any golfer who does not realize at least \$175 in green fee savings in April and May will be given a full credit for the difference.

Monday, April 2

Yard waste collection resumes on Mondays with stickers.

Saturday, April 28

Recycling Extravaganza, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Duane/Lorraine lot adjacent to the public library parking lot. **Includes electronics recycling.**

Prairie Path and Great Western Trail

Cleanup, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Prairie Path Cleanup meets at Prairie Path Park near the gazebo. To help with the Great Western Trail cleanup, please email FrndsGrtWstnTrl@aol.com. Watch for a *Special Newsletter* in April with more details about these events or visit www.glenellyn.org.

Monday, April 30

Deadline to purchase Village vehicle stickers and dog licenses (see page 6).

Bi-annual Clean Sweep begins. Watch for more information in the upcoming *Special Newsletter*.

Monday, May 14 and 21

Monthly branch and brush collection resumes through October. May 14 for homes on Hill Avenue and north of Hill Avenue. May 21 for homes south of Hill Avenue. No stickers required.

Village Links Golf Course Facility Improvements

The Village has hired architects and engineers to design facility improvements at the Village Links golf course.

Facility improvements are planned in two phases. Phase I improvements include an expanded clubhouse with a bar, new dining rooms and new rest rooms. A small addition to the driving range tee is planned, along with parking closer to the clubhouse. Consultants retained for Phase I of the project include golf course architect Garrett Gill of River Falls, WI; building



architect Craig Pryde of PPK Architects in Glen Ellyn; and engineer Dwayne Gilliam of V3 in Woodridge, IL.

Construction may begin this fall, pending approval of the design and necessary permits.

Village Links revenues will pay for these Phase I improvements. Phase II plans include a driving range expansion and renovation at a future date as funds allow. Project details can be found at www.villagelinksgolf.com.

Economic Incentive Guidelines Updated

The Village of Glen Ellyn puts great stock in the importance of its business community and recently updated its Economic Incentive Guidelines, designed to spur and incentivize community development.

In developing the updated guidelines, the Village evaluated multiple Chicago area communities to gain a better understanding of how other municipalities are currently addressing economic incentive requests.

Economic incentives are designed to bridge a financial gap for quality projects that will generate substantial new revenues, additional jobs or other benefits for the Village — and otherwise would not have been possible without the incentive.

The goals of these incentives are to:

- Attract businesses/developers to high-priority redevelopment sites.

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- Draw high-priority and unique businesses to the Village.
- Improve properties that are considered unattractive or have been vacant for long periods of time.
 - Provide higher quality architectural and landscape treatments to further improve the aesthetics of an existing or proposed development.
 - Further the Village's reputation as a destination for shopping, dining, cultural events and entertainment.
- Improve the quality of housing choices and increase the vibrancy and economic development potential of the downtown.
- Provide for growth and retention of existing anchor businesses.

For more information, please visit the Economic Development page at www.glenellyn.org.



Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village will plant approximately 200 parkway trees in 2012: 100 in the spring and 100 in the fall. The spring program is closed, but if you wish to participate in the fall Share-the-Cost Reforestation Program, and have an open space, please call 630-469-6756 for more information. The deadline for registration for fall planting is June 1, 2012. For more information, please visit the Public Works page at www.glenellyn.org.

Hawthorne Reconstruction Project

This spring, the Village will begin a major reconstruction project on Hawthorne Boulevard, from the Wheaton border on the west (at Hadley Junior High School), to its endpoint on the east at Glenbard West High School.

The project is expected to span the spring and summer of 2012 and will consist of the complete rebuilding of Hawthorne with a concrete pavement, as well as upgrades to the underground water, sanitary and storm sewer systems.

The planned work will also incorporate the rehabilitation of Pleasant Avenue between Cottage Avenue and Hawthorne.

Known as the Hawthorne Improvements Project, this work is estimated to cost \$4.5 million, and will constitute the only major roadway rehabilitation project in Glen Ellyn in 2012. For more information on the 20-year street improvement plan, please visit the Public Works page at www.glenellyn.org.

Proper Mulching of Trees

Save money on mulching trees and shrubs while protecting this valuable community asset

Installing mulch around trees and shrubs is beneficial for many reasons: it retains moisture, moderates soil temperatures, reduces weed growth and adds nutrients to the soil. If placed up against the trunks of trees, however, it can have the opposite effect — and cause bark decay and insect infestation.

Correct way to mulch



Many landscapers are unaware of this danger posed to trees and routinely over-mulch parkway trees — known as volcano mulching because of its volcanic shape. When landscapers make their regular visits to area properties, they often rake mulch towards the trunk of the tree and add more mulch to trees

Incorrect way to mulch



This type of mulching — known as “volcano mulching,” is now prohibited by the Village Code, according to a new Ordinance, if applied to parkway trees.

that are already properly mulched. Each time more mulch is added, the threat to the tree becomes greater.

To address this issue, the Village has amended the Village Code to prohibit volcano mulching of parkway trees or other plants (8-4-5 (B) Damage to Trees, Shrubs). The Village Code can be found at www.glenellyn.org.

How to Mulch

Apply mulch immediately after planting and use organic material such as wood chips or shredded bark. Mulch should be placed around the entire root ball area, 3 to 4 inches deep, but never up against the trunk of the tree. Questions about mulching can be addressed by the Village Forester at 630-469-6756.



Program for Ash Trees Threatened by EAB

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a destructive insect that has killed tens of millions of ash trees throughout the Midwest, and in 2009 was confirmed to be in Glen Ellyn by the Department of Agriculture. This insect feeds on the inner bark of the ash tree, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.

With the assistance of community volunteers, the Village's Forestry Division has identified and tagged the community's parkway ash trees and has assigned them a rating based on the health of the tree. Trees with the highest ratings are being treated for control of EAB (7-10 on a scale of ten being highest).

Trees rated 1-5 will be removed, while residents with parkway ash trees that are rated a 6 will be notified by the Forestry Division this summer to provide the resident with the option to underwrite the cost of treatment.

Based on the experience of neighboring states, it is anticipated that most or all of the untreated ash trees will die, since EAB populations are expected to increase over the next several years. For more information on Emerald Ash Borer go to www.illinoiseab.com or www.emeraldashborer.info.

Local Landmark Status Given to Three Glen Ellyn Homes

Glen Ellyn's historic streetscapes are one of our community's most outstanding features, and to maintain that character, the Village of Glen Ellyn encourages historic preservation and landmarking of homes. Three homes were recently designated as Glen Ellyn local landmarks.

542 Hillside Avenue

The property located at 542 Hillside Avenue was nominated for landmark status as a home that is associated with a significant historical individual in the community. Known as the "Orrin D. Dodge House," this home was constructed in 1891 and named for a former Village President. In

1926, the property was moved from Main and Hillside to its current location. Renovations to the house include restored exterior Victorian wood siding. The house was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and Village Board for landmark designation.



418 Ridgewood Avenue

The property at 418 Ridgewood Avenue was nominated for landmark status by the daughter of the property owner. Constructed in 1915, the home is an excellent example of craftsman style architecture according to a recent Village of Glen Ellyn Architectural Resources

Survey Report. One unique feature is a family room addition, completed in 1960, that was designed and constructed by Don Erickson, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright. The Historic Preservation Commission and Village Board voted to grant landmark designation for the property.



525 Forest Avenue

The property at 525 Forest Avenue was submitted for landmark designation by the owner. Constructed around 1906, the home is an excellent example of Victorian style architecture. In 1992, a front porch and two-car garage were added to the property that complement

the existing Victorian style of architecture. The Historic Preservation Commission and Village Board voted to have the property designated as a landmark due to its historic and architectural interest, adding to the charm and character of the community.



Vehicle Sticker and Dog License Renewals

Vehicle sticker fees help to pay for the maintenance of Village roadways and other capital improvements. The 2012 vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight, Monday, April 30. All vehicles registered to a Glen Ellyn address, including leased vehicles, company cars and vehicles kept outside of the Village, are required to purchase and display a current Glen Ellyn vehicle sticker.

Dog licenses also must be purchased by April 30. Applications are included with the vehicle sticker renewal form sent to all households.

For more information, please visit www.glenellyn.org or call the Cashier's Office at 630-547-5235.

Historic Preservation Commission Awards

The Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission recognizes and supports homeowners and other builders who help preserve the historic fabric of the Village. To recognize these contributions, the Historic Preservation Commission holds an annual awards program. Nominations are accepted January 1 through April 1 of each year, and awards are presented in four categories:

The Renovation of the Year Award recognizes outstanding renovations to the exterior of a home or building that maintains architectural

integrity and contributes to the preservation of Glen Ellyn history.

The Restoration of the Year Award recognizes outstanding restorations of historic Glen Ellyn homes or buildings in a manner fitting their historic character, while adhering to Glen Ellyn's Historic Preservation Guidelines.

The Streetscape Compatibility Award recognizes outstanding new construction that preserves a neighborhood's architectural style and scale.

The Architectural Details Award recognizes outstanding efforts to restore an exterior detail element of a home or building in a manner fitting its historic character.

The Renovation of the Year Award recognizes outstanding renovations to the exterior of a home or building.

Residents are encouraged to nominate projects of special interest in their neighborhoods. For more information on the awards and how to nominate a home or building for the Historic Preservation Commission Awards, please visit the Historic

Preservation Commission webpage at www.glenellyn.org or call the Historic Preservation Commission staff liaison, Michael Strong, at 630-547-5248.

Historic Preservation Nomination Form

For projects completed in 2011, nominations accepted through April 1, 2012.

Please consider: _____
 (Address of home or commercial building)
 to receive a 2011 Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission Award in the category of:

- Renovation of the Year Restoration of the Year
 Streetscape Compatibility Architectural Details

Owner _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Architect _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Contractor _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Landscape Architect _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Nominated by _____

Address _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Date _____

Please attach a brief description and photos of the project.

General Primary Election March 20

A General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20, for the nomination of federal, state and county candidates. To vote in this election, you must have registered 28 days prior to the election. You can download the registration application from the DuPage Election Commission website at www.dupageelections.com and mail it in. Early Voting will take place at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, from February 27 through March 15, 2012. Early Voting hours are Mon.-Wed, Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sat.: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information and a list of other Early Voting locations, please visit the DuPage County Election Commission website (www.dupageelections.com) or call them at 630-407-5600.

- ❖ **Participate in a Village Board Meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance** and then talking briefly about your organization or upcoming event. This is an ideal way to publicize the activities of your organization to the community, with Board Meetings televised and re-broadcast on local cable channels and the Village website. If you would like to have your group lead the Pledge at a Village Board Meeting, please call 630-469-5000.
- ❖ **Building and excavation permits** – designed to protect your family and property – are required for many building projects, including fences, driveways, decks, accessory structures, interior remodeling, heating and air-conditioning equipment, sewer and water service repair, electrical and plumbing work, swimming pools and lawn sprinkler systems, to name a few. For more information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 630-547-5250, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure of your project requirements, a staff member is available to answer your construction and zoning questions.
- ❖ **To stay abreast of Village and community activities each week**, sign up for Glen Ellyn's weekly e-newsletter at www.glenellyn.org.
- ❖ **Spring rains can cause storm water runoff and flooding problems.** To avoid potential damage to your or your neighbor's property, new landscaping and paving work should be designed to avoid or control runoff problems. For this reason, a building permit is now required for the addition or replacement of over 100 square feet of hard surface pavement on your property, or a change to the grade for an area over 300 square feet. If the submitted construction plan may contribute to storm water problems, the permit plan review will include options and suggestions for revisions. For more information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 630-547-5250.

Police Services, Fire Emergency... 9-1-1 • Police Administration... 630-469-1187
 (Also use this number to report Public Works emergencies when the Civic Center is closed.)
 General Information... 630-469-5000 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)

New Businesses

North Side Bar & Grill
 499 Pennsylvania Avenue
 630-469-4602
Sports Bar and Restaurant

Sun Spa Glen Ellyn
 565 Roosevelt Road, Suite B (in Market Plaza)
 630-469-4508
www.sunspaglenellyn.com
Therapeutic massage and foot massage

Chicago Prime Meat Market & Catering
 (New location)
 682 Roosevelt Road in Pickwick Place
 630-790-0100 • www.chicagoprime.com
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Village Clerk

Suzanne R. Connors

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