

Village of Glen Ellyn

SPRING 2015 QUARTERLY



No Tax Levy Increase

The Village Board approved the CY15 budget without an increase to the property tax levy. While the overall amount property owners will pay on their tax bill depends upon the property's assessment and other taxing district levys, the Village portion was not increased from the prior year. The Village has a diversified revenue stream and strong fiscal reserve policies, which enable the Village to consider freezing the property tax levy this year. For those reasons, the Village has been able to keep the Village percentage of your tax bill relatively low. The Village portion of your bill is less than seven percent of the overall tax bill. In addition, half of that revenue is dedicated to capital project funding, including streets and sidewalk improvements. Therefore, less than four percent of your tax bill goes to the Village to support operations such as public safety (Police and EMS) and Public Works (street maintenance and snow plowing).

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Calendar Year 2015 Budget

On December 8, 2014, the Village Board adopted the budget for Calendar Year 2015. The annual budget lays out the operating and capital plan for the Village necessary to maintain the Village's services and infrastructure. This is the first calendar year budget for the Village, as the Village transitioned itself from an April 30 fiscal year end to a December 31 fiscal year end. The fiscal year end was transitioned to a December 31 year end to align the budget year with the annual property tax cycle. The Village has a balanced General Fund budget with a small surplus of \$60,000. The Calendar Year budget also continues investment in Village infrastructure and facilities. For more information on the budget, please visit www.glenellyn.org.

THE Glen Ellyn EXPERIENCE

The Village has launched a video program to showcase the people and places that make Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a unique place in the Chicagoland area to shop, dine, work or play. The videos are posted to the Village's website and YouTube account and GETV for viewing and sharing. They are also featured in the Village's weekly electronic newsletter. If you aren't receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, and would like to sign up, please visit www.glenellyn.org.

The Village Newsletter Has a New Look

Welcome to the redesigned Glen Ellyn newsletter, now named the *Village of Glen Ellyn Quarterly*. We hope that the new design and additional color will make for a more enjoyable reading experience for residents and businesses.

Village Moves Forward with New Police Facility

In December 2014, the Village Board preliminarily agreed to fund a new police department, capping the cost of the project at \$12 million. This action followed several years of discussions and research which centered on addressing the deficiencies with the existing police facility.

The Glen Ellyn Police Department currently occupies approximately 11,000 square feet on the lower level of the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street. The Department moved into this space in the early 1970s after the Village purchased the former Duane Street Junior High School from District 41 and converted it into the current Civic Center.

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New Police Facility continued from page 1

The Civic Center is currently occupied by the Village Administration, Facilities Maintenance, Finance Department, Planning & Development, and the Police Department.

In 2011, the Village commissioned a study to evaluate the current use of space by all of the Village departments operating at the Civic Center. The architectural firm, Dewberry, was selected to complete the study. The comprehensive scope of services included an assessment of the quantity and type of space at the Civic Center; analyzed the advantages and disadvantages of the existing site; provided block diagrams that depicted the size and configurations of repurposed space; and delivered preliminary cost estimates based upon the size and scope of the proposed space needs. The results of the first study were presented to the Village Board in June 2012. An updated analysis was presented to the Village Board in January 2014.

Based upon the facility needs study, eight conceptual plans were produced, each presenting varied levels of redevelopment of the Civic Center space. The plans also included potential relocation of the police department to a stand-alone location elsewhere in the Village. Evaluation of this process led to a consensus agreement that the Village would best be served through the

construction of a new police facility on property adjacent to Panfish Park. This decision also included a desire to phase in the redevelopment and reallocation of vacated (former) interior police space to other Village Departments.

Once the police department is relocated, over 30 Civic Center parking spaces currently used for police vehicles, employees

and other agencies will become available for public parking to assist in meeting the needs of the downtown businesses.

The Village is currently preparing to move forward with the new police

building by first selecting architectural and construction services. The design and planning process which follow are expected to take several months. Early site work will include the demolition of three vacant homes along Park Boulevard adjacent to Panfish Park.

Financing for this project will likely include issuing bonds that will be paid through capital fund dollars over the next 20 years. By currently having very little debt, yet continuing to set aside funds for future capital projects, the Village has provided a way to invest in facilities without raising taxes. By investing in public assets, planning for the future and enhancing how we provide services, a new Police Station will be the best option for the Village.



New YourGOV Technology

Available Now

The Village of Glen Ellyn is pleased to introduce YourGOV, an innovative citizen request application that enables residents to easily report non-emergency issues and service requests using the web or a smartphone (always call 911 in an emergency).

In just three steps, YourGOV users can communicate about common issues, such as potholes, vandalism, street light outages and more. Available for immediate use, the app enables residents to communicate location, details and photos. YourGOV will automatically deliver requests to the Public Works Department where they are reviewed and routed for proper handling.

The decision to add YourGOV promotes the Village's goals of engaging the public in Village operations, improving customer service, and responding quickly to community issues and service requests. When using YourGOV, the Village encourages residents to create an account, so that you can be notified when the issue or project is resolved.

Find a link for the YourGOV web-based request portal at www.glenellyn.org. Users of the Apple iPhone™ can download the free YourGOV iPhone app in the iTunes App Store. Users of Android™ enabled smartphones can download the free YourGOV app in the Google Play store. At this time, an app for Window devices is not available. For more information, please visit www.glenellyn.org or call Public Works at 630-469-6756.

Glen Ellyn Historical Society Names New Executive Director



Karen Hall

Karen Hall has accepted the position of Executive Director for the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. Formerly, Hall was the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Cultural Foundation in Lafayette, Indiana. She will take over the management of the Historical Society's day-to-day activities and events. More information about the Glen Ellyn Historical Society can be found at www.glenellynhistory.org.

Glen Ellyn Photo Contest

Do you have a flair for photography? Enter your photos that best exemplify the "Spirit of Glen Ellyn" and you could win a \$20 Chamber gift certificate. You may submit up to five photos and the deadline is July 1 for our Spring Photo Contest. Selected photographers' work will be displayed on the Village website and in the Village Newsletter and E-News. For more information, please visit www.glenellyn.org.



BigBelly Saves on Collection Costs

As part of a joint eco-friendly initiative between the Village and the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, the Village rolled out a BigBelly dual station in the Downtown Business District last fall, with one side designated for refuse and the other for recycling. Resident response to the BigBelly stations has been very positive and four more will be installed around the downtown in April.

These solar-powered containers use a compactor after a "full" sensor is triggered. As a result, BigBelly containers hold five times as much garbage as a regular can. The larger holding capacity helps prevent refuse overflow and gives the downtown a cleaner look.



Four more of these dual BigBelly refuse and recycling stations will be added in the downtown this spring.

In addition, these new containers will save the Village an estimated \$9,000 per year by cutting down on refuse collection frequency. This will more than offset the cost of the containers.

Permanent Drop Box for Unwanted Medications

Residents now have a permanent location to drop off unwanted medications in the lobby of the police department, which is accessible 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

Accepted Drugs include:

- Prescription medications
- Controlled substances
- All over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils
- Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic Remedies

Not Accepted:

- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide

The Village of Glen Ellyn recently partnered with Save a Star, a 501(c)3 charity that specializes in prescription drug abuse education and providing municipalities with drop boxes for drug collection. For more information on Save A Star, visit www.saveastar.org.

Unwanted medications can now be dropped off in the lobby of the police department, which is accessible 24 hours a day/seven days a week.



The Village Of Glen Ellyn Rolls Out Online Civic Center Room Reservation Software

Residents can now conveniently reserve rooms in the Civic Center via the web. The Village has introduced an online room reservation software known as Spaces where residents can reserve a room from the comfort of their living room. Previously, residents and organizations were required to contact the Civic Center directly to reserve a room.

With the implementation of Spaces, residents will now be able to see which rooms are available and select the right one for their date and time.

Residents and organizations can find the link for Spaces on the Village website homepage at www.glenellyn.org. Effective Wednesday, February 4, all reservations will be registered online using Spaces. All room and gym reservations accepted before that date have been input into Spaces by Village Staff.

How Spaces Works

When residents login into Spaces, they will be prompted to create an account before they can reserve a room. Users must also select an organization. All current organizations that have reserved a room with the Civic Center have been put into the system. First time organizations that would like to make multiple reservations must call the Village at (630) 496-5000 to register their organization.

If residents would like to reserve a room only once, they have the ability to use the "One Time Reservation" organization.

Currently the Village rents out five rooms for public meetings and gatherings, free of charge to residents. Each room differs in size and can hold up to 75 people. The Village also rents out a gym to basketball groups for \$15 an hour.

For more information please contact the Village at (630) 469-5000 or online at www.glenellyn.org.

Links Adult and Junior Lesson Programs

Registration is available now for **Adult and Junior Lessons Programs** at the Village Links.

Saturday, February 21

1850s and 1860s Baseball Stories: Before the Chicago Cubs and White Sox

Celebrate the opening of spring training at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society as Professor Bruce S. Allerdice takes a look at the National Pastime during the 1850s and 1860s in Chicago. He also will discuss how the Cubs were formed and what happened when their predecessor team played local boys, the Danby Rustics. Allardice is an avid sports historian, heads up the Civil War Baseball subcommittee for the Society of American Baseball Research and is a member of the society's biography committee, specializing in researching the lives of 19th century ball players. Event takes place at 2 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main Street. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students under 18 are free. For more information, please visit www.glenellynhistory.org or call 630-469-1867.

Saturday, February 28

Deadline for Ed Posh Scholarship Applications

The Ed Posh Scholarship Fund, an independent organization founded to honor former Village Links Head Golf Professional Ed Posh, is accepting applications for four scholarships in 2015. These scholarships are for \$2,500 per year and can be renewed for up to four years. This program is funded by the Annual Ed Posh Scholarship Shootout, Friday, July 17, at the Village Links. Applications can be obtained at the Village Links Clubhouse or downloaded from www.edposhscholarship.com. Mail applications to: Ed Posh Scholarship Fund, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

March, April & May

Village Links Spring Special

For \$175, golfers can play unlimited free weekday golf in March and April and unlimited half price weekday golf in May (excluding May 25). This special applies to green fees on all 27 holes.

Friday, March 6

Tee Times available for Good Friday, April 3, at the Village Links.

Saturday, March 7, April 4, May 2

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 8 - 10 a.m. on the second floor of the Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, and pre-registration is not required.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 8

Deadline to register for the 2015 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 8. Foursomes signed up by March 8 will draw for starting times on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Reserve 22 at the Village Links.

Sunday, March 15

Last day for Village of Glen Ellyn residents to purchase 2015 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. Purchase a V.I.P. card and start saving 20 percent on 2015 green fees on both the 18- and 9-hole courses. V.I.P. card holders also receive an added 10 percent discount on all golf shop merchandise purchased in 2015.

Sunday, March 15

From 2-2:45 p.m., veteran actor Terry Lynch will portray Pierre Salinger, White House Press Secretary under the Kennedy administration in "**Pierre Salinger and the 1000 days of Kennedy's Camelot.**" Salinger was one of the most trusted advisors of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. This dramatic reenactment not only covers the tragic events of November 22, 1963, but the 1000 days that made up the Kennedy administration. Glen Ellyn Historical Society, 800 N. Main St. Tickets are \$8 for GEHS members, \$10 for adult non-members and \$3 for students. For more information, please visit www.glenellynhistory.org or call 630-469-1867.

Saturday, April 4

Spring Scramble at the Village Links. Sign up as individual or foursome.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Brunch at Reserve 22 at the Village Links. Seatings at 9:30 a.m., 12 and 2:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Monday, April 6

Yard waste collection resumes on Mondays with stickers.

Sunday, April 12

Wedding Walk

Taking place from 12-4 p.m., visit businesses to find ideas, book services, taste treats and explore downtown Glen Ellyn. Registration 12-2 p.m. at Veiled by Cha Cha, 524 Duane. Tickets are \$25 for the bride plus two guests. For more information, please visit www.downtownglenellyn.com.

Wednesday, April 15

Glen Ellyn Sister City French Market fundraising event, 5-9 p.m., Glen Elly Civic Center.

Friday, April 17

Family Shelter Service annual Gala, "The Secret Garden" 6:30 - 11:30 p.m., The Abbingdon, Route 53 and Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. Proceeds benefit Family Shelter Service, offering help and hope to victims of domestic violence. For tickets and more information, please visit www.familyshelterservice.org.

Saturday, April 25

Recycling Extravaganza & Electronics Collection, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Duane/Lorraine parking lot. **Includes electronics recycling.** See page 5 and 6 for more information.

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 clean-up, please email FrndsGrtWstn-Trl@aol.com. See page 5 for more information.

Thursday, April 30

Deadline to purchase Village vehicle stickers and dog licenses (see page 10).

Saturday, May 2

The Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn will host its fifth "**Wines and Finds**" event in downtown Glen Ellyn from 1-4 p.m. with great shopping and wine tasting at downtown businesses. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance for \$30 (\$35 at the door). For more information, please visit the Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn at www.downtownglenellyn.com.

May 6-9

Find books for the whole Family at the **Wheaton-Glen Ellyn AAUW Used Book Sale**, Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane St. Proceeds go to fellowships and local scholarships. For more information, please visit wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net.



Glen Ellyn Earth Day Events April 25

Do something good for the environment and join in Glen Ellyn's Earth Day events: Recycling Extravaganza, and Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Clean-Ups.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Recycling Extravaganza & Electronics Collection

Duane & Lorraine parking lot (just west of the Glen Ellyn Public Library parking lot)

Bring a wide variety of recyclable items and electronics to the Recycling Extravaganza, organized by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Environmental Commission.

► You May Bring

- Electronics (see page 6)
- Laser and ink jet cartridges
- American flags
- Hearing aids and eyeglasses
- Fire extinguishers
- Bottle caps
- Juice pouches
- Loose and broken jewelry
- Cell phones
- Lead-acid batteries (used in cars, lawn mowers, ATVs)
- Keys
- Medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs – no biohazard materials)
- Working bikes
- Tools
- Lawn mowers
- Toys
- Small appliances
- Clothing and other textiles
- Shoes
- Household batteries

Not accepted: household hazardous wastes, prescription drugs, paint, fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers, plastic and stereo speakers in wooden cabinets.

See page 6 for a complete list of acceptable electronics.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Prairie Path & Great Western Trail Clean-Ups



Volunteer assistance is needed to help these valuable community resources thrive. Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for the annual Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Clean-ups. Volunteers will meet at the Prairie Path next to the gazebo south of the train station. To help with the Great Western Trail Clean-up, please email: FrndsGrtWstnTrl@aol.com. This is an ideal opportunity to donate a few hours of your time to help maintain these natural gems, which are enjoyed by the community throughout the year.

April 25 Collection: Electronics Recycled

This event is not for businesses. Residential recycling only.

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| ■ Batteries
(NiMH, NiCd, Li, Li Ion, Lithium Coin, Sealed Lead Acid) | ■ Hard Drives | ■ Radios |
| ■ CD Players/ROMs | ■ Keyboards | ■ Scanners/Fax Machines |
| ■ Cell Phones | ■ Mice | ■ Large and Small Household Appliances |
| ■ Computer Monitors – CRTs and Flat Screens | ■ Microwaves | ■ Stereos |
| ■ Controllers | ■ Modems | ■ Switching Boxes |
| ■ Copy Machines | ■ Network Hubs | ■ Tape Players |
| ■ Desktop & Laptop Computers | ■ Peripherals | ■ Telephones |
| ■ Docking Stations | ■ Power & Network Cables | ■ Televisions – CRTs and Flat Screens |
| ■ Extension Cords | ■ Printed Circuit Boards | ■ UPS (personal & network) |
| ■ Gaming Consoles | ■ Printers | ■ VCRs |

Electronics are banned from Illinois landfills and cannot be put out with household refuse

Birds, Bees & Plants *From the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission*

As you look forward to spring and summer gardening, look to native plants. This plentiful selection of perennials, shrubs and trees are beautiful, easy to care for and support wildlife, including beneficial insects.



A few specifics about this group of plants:

Native plants (also called indigenous plants) are plants that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region.

They have adapted to the geography, hydrology, and climate of that region. Native plants occur in communities, that is, they have evolved together with other plants. As a result, a community of native plants provides habitat for a variety of native wildlife species, such as songbirds and butterflies.

Native plants do not require fertilizers. Vast amounts of fertilizers are applied to lawns and beds. Excess phosphorus and nitrogen (the main components of fertilizers) run off into lakes and rivers causing excess algae growth. This depletes oxygen in our waters, harms aquatic life and interferes with recreational uses.

Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife. Native plants attract a variety of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife by providing diverse habitats and food sources.

Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage. In the U.S., approximately 20 million acres of lawn are cultivated, covering more land than any single crop. Native plants are a part of our natural heritage. Natural landscaping is an opportunity to reestablish diverse native plants, thereby inviting the birds and butterflies back home.

Listed here are a few plants to consider. These plants are well suited to the scale of a home garden.

PERENNIAL GRASSES AND FLOWERS

- Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
- Little Blue Stem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)
- Purple Coneflowers (*Echinacea pallida* & *purpurea*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnate*)
- Sand Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
- Blazing Star (*Liatis aspera* & *pyncnostachya*)

- Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago speciose* & *reddellii*)
- Bee Balm (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Smooth Blue Aster (*Aster laevis*)
- Phlox (*Phlox paniculata* & *pilosa*)

SHRUBS

- Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
- Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
- Common Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Swamp Rose (*Rosa palustris*)
- Wild Black Currant (*Ribes americanum*)
- Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)
- Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

TREES

- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis* & *grandiflora*)
- Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornum alternifolia*)
- American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Oaks such as Bur, Red, White, Swamp White & Shingle for use as shade trees



	Time of Year	Guidelines	Stickers Needed
Regular Refuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One wheeled refuse cart each week; any additional bags and/or containers up to 33 gallons and 50 lbs. require one refuse sticker each. Bulk items and appliances require one refuse sticker each. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Refuse stickers (\$2.45) for each additional bag 
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue recycling carts for glass and metal containers, aerosol cans, plastics #1 through #5 (including plastic rings, juice boxes, milk and juice cartons), newspaper and mixed paper, recyclable paperboard items (food boxes, etc.) and corrugated cardboard (no larger than 3 square feet). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stickers needed Request additional cart if needed: 630-469-1036 
Yard Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins in April and ends in November Every Monday (except holidays) End date may be extended if weather permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cans/bags (not plastic) of yard waste require one sticker each. Yard waste can be contained in kraft paper bags (not plastic) and/or unlined 33-gallon trash containers with stickers, placed separately from regular refuse, facing the street. Branch and brush can also be put out for this pick-up. Branch and brush should be in bags, cans or bundled with twine; each bundle or can requires one yard waste sticker (maximum weight 50 lbs.). Sod is not yard waste; dispose of as refuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Yard Waste stickers: \$2.45 
Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October-November Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaves can be collected April-November, but leaf stickers can only be used in October and November and must be disposed of in a Kraft paper bag (sorry no reusable carts or bins for use with leaf stickers). For disposal of leaves with regular yard waste stickers from April through November, you may place them in reusable containers or Kraft paper bags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow Leaf Waste sticker: \$1.50 
Free Branch & Brush Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-May through mid-October Residents on and north of Hill Ave. pick-up is 2nd Monday of the month Residents south of Hill Ave. pick-up is 3rd Monday of the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material should not be bundled or otherwise containered. Branches may not exceed 10 inches in diameter. Also, no root balls, dimensional lumber or any material exceeding the 10-inch dimensions. The maximum size of a brush pile should be 4 feet high x 8 feet wide x 20 feet long. Larger piles will not be removed. Professionally cut trimmings are not included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stickers needed 

Please call Republic Services with questions about your refuse/recycling collection at 630-469-1036

Where to Buy Stickers

Refuse, leaf and yard waste stickers can be purchased from the Cashier's Office or the Police Department (open 24 hrs.) in the Civic Center (535 Duane Street). Stickers are also sold at:

- Jewel/Osco, 599 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn & 2031 Main Street, Wheaton
- Len's Ace Hardware, 485 Roosevelt Road

Save on Utility Bills, Conserve Water



Rain barrels are a great way to reduce your monthly water bill while doing something good for the environment by conserving this precious resource. Through the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission's Rain Barrel Program, residents can receive a \$40 reimbursement for the purchase of a rain barrel. Rain barrels, priced from about \$75 and up, can be purchased at a variety of Glen Ellyn businesses. Please visit the Environmental Commission webpage on the Village website at www.glenellyn.org for requirements and the Rain Barrel Reimbursement Program application. One reimbursement per household permitted.

New Water and Sewer Rates on January 2015 Bill

The Village of Glen Ellyn obtains its water supply from Lake Michigan. The water first travels through the City of Chicago water system, then the DuPage Water Commission (DWC), before arriving in Glen Ellyn. In late 2011, the City of Chicago passed four annual water rate increases. Because of the Chicago increase, the DWC passed along annual increases in its water rates. From 2011 to 2015, the Village's cost to buy water from the DWC will increase a total of 115 percent.

The Village funds its water and sewer system through the Water and Sewer Fund. This fund is an enterprise fund, where most dollars required for daily operations system maintenance and capital investment are provided by monthly consumption-based charges and fees; no general tax support is provided. In late 2011, the Village identified a plan that included annual increases of 9.5 percent through 2015 to appropriately fund the Water and Sewer Fund. These rates will ensure healthy, appropriate cash reserves, as well as funding to complete needed capital improvements and the ongoing operation of the utilities.

The water and sewer resident rate, effective with the January 2015 bill, will increase from \$15.40 per 1,000 gallons to \$16.86 per 1,000 gallons. Residents will pay \$9.75 for water and \$7.11 for sewer per 1,000 gallons. A resident using 6,000 gallons a month will see a \$8.76 increase in their monthly water and sewer bill.

The new water and sewer rates are effective on the January 2015 Village services bill. If you have questions about the new water and sewer rate, please contact the Village of Glen Ellyn at 630-496-5000.

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of year-round at the permanent facility at Naperville Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Rd., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except holidays). This site does not accept latex paint or electronics. For more information, please call the Naperville collection site at 630-420-6095, the DuPage Solid Waste Department at 630-407-6700, the Household Hazardous Waste Information Hotline at 630-407-6760, or visit www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx.

The Village waste hauler, Republic Services, will pick up latex paint with your regular refuse pickup if it is dried or has been solidified with sand, sawdust or kitty litter; remove the paint can lid prior to disposal. Used motor oil can be disposed of in a sealed, labeled milk jug and placed next to the trash container at the curb. For more information about refuse/recycling collection, or household hazardous waste disposal, please call Republic Services at 630-469-1036.

Glen Ellyn Saves the Monarchs

The Village of Glen Ellyn, the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, The Glen Ellyn Public Works Department, Glen Ellyn Park District, Glen Ellyn Public Library, Willowbrook Wildlife Center and Ben Franklin School have partnered to develop and promote a civic effort to save the monarch butterfly from extinction.

Recently, the monarch butterfly population has decreased by 90 percent! Studies have shown that a primary cause is the marked decrease of native milkweed, as compared to non-native species. The Village and its partners will purchase and plant native milkweed waystations and native gardens at selected locations and will encourage Glen Ellyn's residents to plant milkweed waystations and native gardens. The Village and its partners plan to give interested residents milkweed seeds and plants.



On March 21, 2015, Ben Franklin's students will plant its waystation and native garden at the school and the Glen Ellyn Library will host morning and afternoon

programs that will inform residents about the crisis and how to plant monarch waystations and native gardens. Seeds will be distributed.

On June 20, 2015, the Village and the Glen Ellyn Park District will plant milkweed in demonstrative gardens. Residents will be invited to attend. Those that do will be given as many as three plants to plant in their own gardens. The Village hopes to develop a registry that will show the locations of planted gardens. The goal is to plant milkweed gardens at as many as 100 public and private locations.

Let's do what we can to save Illinois' state insect; the noble monarch butterfly!



RESERVE
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TWENTY-TWO

Celebrate Dine Network

Fridays

Fish Fry at Reserve 22 at the Village Links.

Sundays, March-October

Sunday Brunch at Reserve 22 at the Village Links.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Brunch at Reserve 22 at the Village Links. Seatings at 9:30 a.m., 12 and 2:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Wedding Receptions

Corporate Banquets

Special Events



485 Winchell Way • www.villagelinksgolf.com
To make a reservation or schedule your next event, please call 630-469-5550



Take in this coupon for 10 percent off two entrees

RESERVE 22 Expires 3/31/15

Be Prepared for Heavy Storms

Floods can happen quickly. Preparation before disaster occurs is key. Following are some suggestions for preparing and also preventing obstructions that contribute to flooding.

- Keep storm sewer inlets and drainage ditches clear of debris, including leaves and grass clippings.
- Make sure your sump pump is working. Consider a battery backup unit.
- Monitor potential flood hazards on an All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or television or on the internet at www.noaa.gov/floods.php.
- Copy your most important papers (mortgage papers, deeds, passport, bank and credit card information). Keep the copies in your home and place the originals outside your home in a secure place like a safety deposit box.
- Go through your basement (if not your entire house) and take photos of your most valuable possessions (furniture, musical instruments and electronic equipment). Store these photos with your other papers.

- Save and store receipts for any expensive household items, such as appliances and electronics, so you have proof of their original cost.
- Assess your flood risk and make sure you have adequate flood insurance coverage.

Floodplain Questions?

You can get help determining whether your property is in the floodplain from the Planning and Development Department at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center or by phone at (630) 547-5250. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps are also available at the Glen Ellyn Public Library and online at www.fema.gov. Enter "Map Service Center" in the search box. Additionally, the Planning and Development Department has elevation certificates on file for buildings constructed in the floodplain.

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Flood Insurance Available

Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Since Glen Ellyn participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can protect your home and contents by purchasing a flood insurance policy. You should obtain coverage

for structure and contents since there can be more damage to the contents than the structure. Renters can also buy contents coverage even if the owner does not insure the structure.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective.

To find out more about flood insurance, contact any licensed insurance agent or broker — the same person who sells your home and auto policies. All agencies

charge the same premiums. You may be denied federal assistance after a disaster if you don't have flood insurance.

2015 Major Roadway Improvement Projects

The anticipated 2015 Street Rehabilitation Program will include four new projects and some carryover work from the 2014 Street Resurfacing Project. Nearly four miles of roadway improvements, ranging from simple resurfacing to complete reconstruction are planned. Each roadway project will include varying amounts of underground water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer upgrades, as well as sidewalk, curb & gutter, driveway approach and roadway surface enhancements. Project construction typically will be underway in the spring of 2015 and be completed in the fall, with certain street segments having special starting and completion dates.

Crescent Boulevard Reconstruction

About one-third mile of Crescent Boulevard in proximity to Glenbard West High School will be reconstructed with a new concrete pavement to provide improved pedestrian safety and traffic flow in the corridor. Total cost of construction is estimated to be \$2,800,000 (including \$1.6 million

in federal grant funding), with work slated to occur during the 2015 summer months. Portions of Crescent will be completely or partially closed during construction.

Elm-Cottage-Geneva Connectors Improvements

About 1.1 miles of roadways and two short alley segments will be rehabilitated in and near Elm Street between Western and Main, as well as on Cottage between Western and Pleasant. The scope of the work ranges from straightforward resurfacing to complete replacement of the existing roadway section to alley reconstruction and includes various sidewalk, water, storm and sanitary sewer upgrades. The estimated total construction cost is \$2,200,000.

Glenwood-Arbor-Ridgewood Improvements

Three street segments with a combined length of 0.8 miles in the central portion of the Village will be upgraded with new curbs, driveway approaches, full-depth asphalt pavement, sidewalk extensions

and various underground improvements. Anticipated total construction cost is \$2,900,000.

2014 Street Resurfacing – Additional Segments

In the fall of 2014, the Village Board authorized resurfacing of an additional 1.1 miles of asphalt roadways at selected locations displaying accelerated deterioration. The cost of the additional resurfacing is estimated to be \$215,000. Work will begin early in the 2015 construction season and should be completed by the late spring.

2015 Street Resurfacing

The project will provide straightforward resurfacing of about one-half mile of street sections scheduled for rehabilitation this year in the current long-term roadway improvements plan. The work is budgeted at \$300,000 and will be performed as part of a standalone resurfacing project or combined with the annual major patching effort in the late summer and fall of this year.

New Businesses

1776 Home Care, LLC
 800 Roosevelt Road, E114
 www.1776homecare.com
 Senior Care

A Toda Madre
 499 North Main Street
 630-747-0969
 www.atmrestaurant.com
 Restaurant & Bar

Elevate
 535 Pennsylvania Avenue
 630-847-4310
 www.elevate-creative.us/
 Photo & Art Framing

Fast On Site
 528 Duane Street
 630-793-9349
 www.fastonsite.com
 Computer Sales & Service

Green Path
 800 Roosevelt Road, Suite 21
 800-550-1961
 www.greenpath.com
 Credit Counseling

Made in Italy Express
 546 Crescent Boulevard
 630-469-4161
 Food Store/Sandwich Shop

TPE Enterprises
 799 Roosevelt Rd., Building 3,
 Suite 105
 630-858-6500
 www.tpeenterprises.com
 Financial Consulting

Vehicle Sticker and Dog Licenses

*The 2015
 vehicle stickers
 must be
 purchased
 and displayed
 by midnight,
 Thursday,
 April 30.*

The 2015 vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight, Thursday, April 30. For all vehicles registered to a Glen Ellyn address, including leased vehicles, company cars and vehicles kept outside of the Village, you 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 and the online application,

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



Volunteer Fire Company Seeking New Members

For the past 107 years, the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company has served the residents of Glen Ellyn, responding to their calls for help, night or day. During



these 107 years, only a few hundred men and women have shown the dedication to be able to wear the Fire Company uniform and serve. These are your neighbors,

these are our friends and they represent all who call Glen Ellyn home. In 2014, the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company responded to 1350 calls for service.

The Fire Company is seeking individuals who have a sense of commitment to our community and are up to the challenge of providing the residents of the Glen Ellyn Fire Protection District with the high level of service they deserve.

If you are:

- 21 years of age or older
 - Live within one mile of the Fire Protection District boundaries.
- Contact us if you are unsure

- Able to pass a thorough physical and background check, at Fire Company expense
- Able to perform physically strenuous work
- Willing to dedicate a substantial amount of time for training during the first 12-18 months while on probationary status
- Dedicated to serving others as an uncompensated volunteer
- Looking to be a part of a small, dedicated and highly trained team of first responders

To volunteer, please contact Lt. Scott Parrish, Training Officer, at 630-469-5265 ext. 104 for more information.

Village Urges Homeowners to Treat or Remove Ash Trees on Private Property

The Village of Glen Ellyn continues its fight against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a pest that has killed millions of native Ash trees since it was found in Michigan in 2002. The insect was first identified in Glen Ellyn in 2008 and since that time has killed almost half of the parkway Ash trees. The remaining parkway Ash trees are being treated to prevent infestation, but some of the treated parkway trees could fall victim to the pest in the next five years.

The Village has proactively identified Ash trees on private property that are in need of removal to help residents take action in 2015. The trees identified show symptoms of EAB and must be addressed before they become a potential safety hazard. In addition, the longer residents wait to remove a dead Ash tree on private property, the more costly the tree is to remove.

The Village has also proactively identified Ash trees on private property that are in good condition to help residents understand

the importance of treating now to prevent the tree from becoming a victim of EAB. The trees identified have the potential to survive if treated now and continuously for the life of the tree. The decision to treat an Ash tree in good condition on private property, with the associated cost, is one that the property owner should make.

If your Ash tree has great landscape or personal value and is in good condition, you may wish to have the tree treated with an insecticide approved for EAB. The tree will need to be treated for the rest of its life.

If the tree is not a candidate for treatment, it should be removed. If left untreated, the tree will become a hazard by dropping limbs or even falling.



Please consult the Public Works Department webpage at www.glenellyn.org to view a video that will assist in identifying Ash trees on your private property or call Public Works at 630-469-6756 for more information about Emerald Ash Borer.

Many Volunteers Needed for Fourth of July Celebration

The Glen Ellyn Fourth of July Committee coordinates the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks, as well as the Picnic in the Park, which helps to underwrite the costs of the celebration. Many individuals are needed to help put on this community

celebration, which is an all-volunteer effort. For more information or to attend a Fourth of July committee meeting at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, contact Dawn Smith at 630-251-9186 or DawnLouiseSmith@hotmail.com.



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Village of Glen Ellyn QUARTERLY

New Branch and Brush Guidelines

To save on costs for the Branch and Brush Collection Program, the Village has implemented new guidelines as follows:

- **Branches may not exceed 10 inches in diameter.** Also, no root balls, dimensional lumber or any material exceeding the 10-inch dimensions.
- The maximum size of a brush pile should be 4 feet high x 8 feet wide x 20 feet long. **Larger piles will not be removed.**
- Professionally cut trimmings are not included.

RAPID REMINDERS

2015 BRANCH AND BRUSH COLLECTION PICK-UP DATES

May 11, 12, 13, 14
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

May 18, 19, 20, 21
South of Hill Avenue

June 8, 9, 10, 11
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

June 15, 16, 17, 18
South of Hill Avenue

July 13, 14, 15, 16
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

July 20, 21, 22, 23
South of Hill Avenue

August 10, 11, 12, 13
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

August 17, 18, 19, 20
South of Hill Avenue

September 14, 15, 16, 17
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

September 21, 22, 23, 24
South of Hill Avenue

October 12, 13, 14, 15
Hill Avenue & North of Hill

October 19, 20, 21, 22
South of Hill Avenue