

# The Village Report

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## Glenview Enters the "Electric Age"

Direct from the pages of "Popular Science" magazine, Village of Glenview mechanics have converted a Chevrolet Cavalier to electric power. The vehicle was previously powered by gas. Using electricity, it also needs no oil or antifreeze. As a result, the car produces no exhaust!

At the beginning of this century, more cars were powered by electricity than petroleum products. The limited driving range of the battery-powered vehicles, coupled with the development of the internal combustion engine and the availability of relatively cheap petroleum products resulted in the virtual disappearance of the electric car by the end of World War II.

Recent concerns over foreign control of oil and the effects of air pollution has motivated the Federal Government to pass laws affecting the choices in fueling our vehicles. The Federal Clean Air legislation has mandated that vehicle fleets that are centrally fueled begin using alternative fuels by the late 1990's.

The Village, with its fleet of 150 vehicles, falls under this legislation. As such, during budget discussions last year, the Board of Trustees directed staff to investigate the possible use of alternate-fueled vehicles. After study, the staff recommended converting a test vehicle to electric propulsion.

Supervising mechanic Sam Martin and the three Village mechanics, Bill Adams, Ken Gerken, and John Metler, decided that they could convert a 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier that had been scheduled for replacement to a functioning electric car for use by the Village's Building Inspection Department.

An electric car is ideal for a Village inspection vehicle for several reasons. It is driven over a short distance only on weekdays during working hours, and it is parked in the same location every night so that it can be recharged. Usually only one inspector

drives a car, so a fairly small and light vehicle such as an electric car would be acceptable. With a 21.7 cents-an-hour cost for electricity to recharge, the vehicle should be inexpensive to operate. Also an electric vehicle requires no oil changes or emission testing.

The conversion was completed totally by Village mechanics using a kit purchased from a company in California. Most of the components were fabricated and customized in the Village Service Center or in Mechanic John Metler's home. The mechanics removed the engine, cooling fan, radiator, fuel tank and exhaust system. The frame of the Cavalier had to be modified to accommodate the 16 batteries utilized as a power source. An early problem was the lack of acceleration. Two additional batteries solved the problem, although finding space for them in a small car was no small feat.

Village employees and Village President James Smirles have taken turns driving and evaluating the car. The electric car is in service now, and is being driven by members of the Building and Zoning Department. If it works well, the Village will consider purchasing more electric vehicles for similar uses.







## Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10, 1992

Fire Prevention Week this year is October 4th through the 10th. Fire Prevention Week commemorates one of the worst fires in American history; the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. On October 9th of that year, 250 people died and 17,430 buildings were destroyed.

Recalling that disaster should remind us to practice fire safety in our homes every day. Here are a few more hints:

- Portable heaters and fireplaces must be used safely. Check your operating instructions and always keep safety in mind.
- Keep matches and lighters in the proper hands - not little ones. Each year, children playing with matches and lighters cause hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries.
- Check electrical equipment. Cracked or frayed electrical cords should be replaced. If an appliance is not working properly, fix it or replace it.

For more information, or to arrange a free fire safety inspection of your home, please call the Glenview Fire Department non-emergency number, 724-2141.

*The Glenview Fire Department will be holding three CPR classes in the month of October. Adult, child and infant CPR procedures, along with Heimlich Maneuver choking procedures will be taught.*

*Two of the classes will be one session classes held on Saturday, October 17, and Saturday, October 24, from 8:30 am to 3 pm.*

*The third class is a two session class on Monday evening, October 12, and Wednesday evening, October 21. Both sessions will run from 7 pm until 10 pm. Attendance is required both evenings.*

*Pre-registration is required for participation in either class by calling 724-2141. Enrollment is limited.*

## Glenview Senior Center & Northfield Township Sponsor Tuberculosis Testing

Glenview Senior Center and Northfield Township in association with Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Clinics announce free TB skin testing for all Northfield Township residents on Tue., Oct. 13, 1992 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. with follow-up reading of test results on Fri., Oct. 16.

Tuberculosis is making a comeback in the Chicago area. Senior citizens are the fastest growing group of people infected with TB in suburban Cook County. In light of this increase in TB cases, Northfield Township encourages all residents to take advantage of this free testing. For further information regarding the testing itself, contact Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Clinics at (708) 366-5000.

## State Mandates Question Goes to Voters

*"Should the Illinois General Assembly, in order to stop increasing property taxes due to unfunded mandates on local government, approve a resolution for a State Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the General Assembly and Governor from adopting new unfunded state mandates that impose additional costs on units of local government?"*

This is the question before Illinois voters on the November ballot. Passage of this advisory referendum will send an important message to Springfield concerning the relationship between unfunded state mandates and increases in your property tax bill. As a resident of Glenview, what should you know about the referendum?

Q. What is a state mandate?

A. A state mandate is any legislation passed by the General Assembly which imposes additional fiscal or administrative requirements on units of local government, including municipalities, school districts, and the county. Unfunded state mandates impose these requirements without providing the necessary funds for compliance.

Q. Why is it important to you and your community?

A. Unfunded state mandates place tremendous financial burdens on local government. Each year a larger and larger portion of your local property tax dollar is devoted to funding mandated programs. Unfunded state mandates counteract our local efforts to contain and slow your property tax rates.

Q. Why is the question on the ballot?

A. Despite efforts by local officials to draw attention to the negative local impact of unfunded state mandates, the General Assembly continues to pass along costs to local property taxpayers. The advisory referendum will allow residents to voice their opinion to state imposed costs.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 1992. The last day to register to vote in the 1992 election is October 5. Please exercise your right to vote.

# Senior News

The Senior Services Department is located in the Village Hall on the lower level. A counselor is available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm, and Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm for consultation with elderly residents and/or their families. For more information call 724-1700, ext. 232. See the "Senior News" display in the Finance Dept. (upper level) for important literature.

**Hearing Loss: Causes, Concerns and Coping . . .** Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd. Glenview. A panel of experts coordinated by the North Shore Senior Center will discuss this very common problem. An audiologist, social worker and a woman with a hearing impairment will share their views on the problems, solutions and community services available. Come join us and learn about the latest medical research, technology and support groups available to assist the hearing impaired. Call the library at 729-7500 to register for this informative program. For more details, contact Carol Karol at 724-1700, ext. 232.

**"Health Care: What is the Answer" . . .** Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at the

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Glenview Senior Center located at 901 Shermer Rd. Presented in a light - serious mood by the Rugen Art Players and three club members and moderated by Jean R. Cleland, Community Education Director, N.S.S.C. The program will provide a thumbnail sketch of 3 different proposed solutions to our national health care dilemma during this presidential election year. All ages are welcome to attend. Call 724-4793 to reserve a

seat for this event.

**Medicare Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to volunteer a few hours a week to help process Medicare Claims, please contact Fran Whitman at the North Shore Senior Center 446-8750. Training will be provided for those interested in assisting others with their Medicare claims.

## **Cable Corner**

In October, Glenview Television, cable channel 30, premieres six new shows about Glenview. "Bear-Foot in the Park featuring the Glenview Concert Band," premieres the weekend of October 3 and 4 and is followed on succeeding weekends by Bear-Foot concerts from years past. On Tuesday, October 7, GVTV takes you back to August's Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Glenview Historical Society, featuring story telling and some great antique cars. "Living Trusts versus Wills" a two-part seminar by Attorney Michael Zelmar, premieres the weekends of October 17th and 24th. If you're interested in honing your speaking style, you'll want to tune in to "Toastmasters" on Tuesday, October 20, to find out how this organization can help you improve your public speaking. On Tuesday, October 27, GVTV premieres the North Glen Business and Professional Women's 25th Anniversary celebration. We'll follow the program with a look back at the 1991 North Glen BPW Businesswoman of the Year Award banquet.

The fourth edition of "Bear Tracks," Glenview's monthly video magazine, can still be seen on October 3 & 4 and the weekend of October 13 & 14. The show features an interview with the presidents of Merillac and Loyola high schools discussing the merger of their schools, Roosevelt Pool's 1992 Goldfish Day, a look back by Pat Saunders, a Springman Junior High School teacher starting her 30th year, the dedication of Jackman Park's gazebo and an overview of the services provided by Helping Hands of Glenview. The fifth edition is still in the planning stage at this writing and will premiere the weekend of October 17.

The rest of the October schedule reflects a Fall mood with an autumn assortment including the "1989 & 1991 Grove Folk Festivals", "A Quiet Half Hour - Fall Foliage" and "Holiday Flower Arrangements."

As always, live cablecasts on Tuesdays and replays on Thursdays and Fridays of both the Board of Trustees and Plan Commission meetings will keep you informed of Village issues.

For GVTV's program schedule, tune in to Channel 30's 24-hour message board or look for us under Cablewatch in the Images/Neighbors section of the Glenview Announcements.





# Village and Glenbrook Fire District Merge Earlier than Expected

It has been previously reported that the Village Board approved an agreement with the Glenbrook Fire Protection District providing for the consolidation of the Village and District fire departments. The agreement insures the continuation of service levels to the public, and addresses inequities in the amount of taxes levied against numerous property owners who reside in areas which are within both the District and Glenview.

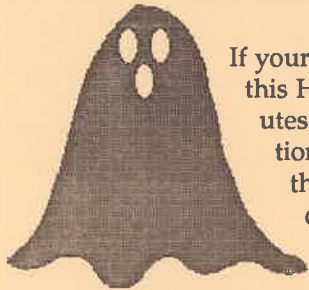
The original agreement stated that as of May 31, 1994, the District would transfer all of its powers and functions for providing services to the Village. **The Village and District are extremely pleased to report that the effective date of the merger has been moved to September 1, 1992; the merger is now a reality!** The District will remain in effect, in accordance with law, to levy taxes in the amount needed to satisfy the expenses for services by Glenview to the District territory. This amount is based upon the cost of providing service to the entire area and the pro rata aggregate equalized assessed value of the District's territory as a percentage of the equalized assessed value of the Glenview territory and the District when added together.

The Village Board has accomplished a long-time goal of disconnecting the double-taxed properties from the District. The owners of approximately 2,000 Glenview properties have been subjected to double-taxation. These properties are primarily located in the Valley Lo, Willows and Indian Ridge areas of the community.

The agreement also addresses the transfer of the fire stations and equipment to the Village, security of the District's Firefighters Pension Fund, and absorption of District personnel. All of the assets of the District, such as fire trucks ambulances and any other equipment, will become the property of the Village at the time of the consolidation. All personnel of the District will be assimilated into the Glenview Fire Department.

Throughout the negotiation of this agreement, the overarching concern of both the Village and District was to continue to provide quality fire and emergency medical services to all persons and properties within both the Village and District territories. As local government entities under Illinois law, the Village and District have the authority to enter into agreements for the purpose of providing services, or for the purpose of transferring their respective powers or functions with respect to providing such services.

## Halloween Safety Tips



If your children plan on trick-or-treating this Halloween, please take a few minutes to go over the following suggestions with your children to ensure that this Halloween is a safe and happy one for everyone.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older child. Instruct children never to enter a stranger's house or vehicle, even if they are invited to do so. Make sure your children's costumes fit well and that they can see well. Use face paint or make-up instead of masks. Instruct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been examined. Cut and wash fruit before eating. Throw away anything unwrapped. Teach children to cross the street only at the corner and never to cross between parked cars or in the middle of the block.

This year, the Village requests that parents allow their children to trick-or-treat only between the hours of 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. on October 31. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Bargain Vehicles Available at Auction

The Village will again participate in the Northwest Municipal Conference Surplus Vehicle Auction this fall. The auction will be held Saturday, October 17, at the Mt. Prospect Public Works Facility, located at 1700 West Central Road in Mount Prospect.

The NWMC holds an auction every year, usually twice in the fall and once in the spring, and sometimes in the summer if there is a sufficient number of surplus vehicles among the communities which are members of the Conference. Types of equipment available are: police cars, pick up trucks, vans, dump trucks, snow plows, administrative cars, and miscellaneous equipment such as lawn mowers, compressors, and trailers.

The equipment is sold on an "as is" basis with no warranty and is available for inspection at 9 a.m. at the auction site. Vehicles may not be driven, but may be started. Bidding begins at 11 a.m., and all prospective bidders must be registered prior to the beginning of the bidding. The NWMC will accept cash or cashiers check in payment, and checks will be accepted as well, but no titles will be given out until checks clear the bank.

Proceeds of the sale are given to the individual participating communities minus ten percent for the auctioneer. Glenview's proceeds go back into the fund for replacement of Village vehicles.