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Water Rates to be Consolidated

At its November 19, 1991 meeting, the Village Board voted preliminarily to consolidate the various water rates in the Village. By consolidating the rate now, all residents will bear an equal share of the cost of maintaining and improving the quality of the entire water system for all of Glenview. In addition, all residents will share in cost savings, as described below.

Some historical background is in order. In 1977, Glenview purchased the two well water systems that formerly served the west side of the Village and a large unincorporated area. At that time, the policy decision of the Board of Trustees was that the rate payers of the new area would bear the full cost of acquiring the systems and also the full cost of extending lake water to the area. A three tiered rate structure was established whereby residents in the "old" municipal system paid one rate, customers in the Village on the "new" system paid a second rate, and customers on the "new" system but in unincorporated Cook County paid a third rate. That rate design is shown below as it existed in 1979:

Old System: \$1.05 / 1,000 gallons
New System-
In Village: \$2.10 / 1,000 gallons
New System-
Not in Village: \$3.15 / 1,000 gallons

To provide accurate cost accounting information, to separate the record keeping and for audit purposes, the Village set up two separate enterprise funds for the water utility. The East Water Fund encompassed the "old" Glenview system, and the West Water Fund took in the newly acquired system.

In 1984 and 1985, it became apparent that the East System was not meeting its operating expenses much less generating any funds to meet depreciation costs or fund

any capital improvements. Additionally, as the system continues to age, there has been a significant change in the time spent maintaining the east versus west system. For example, in the late 1970s, the vast amount of utility manhours were invested in repairs of the west water system. Today, over 70% of the Village's utility time is spent to maintain the east system. Given that trend, the Board authorized an increase in east system rates from \$1.05 to \$1.80, the first such increase in the "old" water rate since 1976.

Since the water rate increase of 1985, the only water rate increase has been to pass through wholesale rate increases from Wilmette. These have been substantial as Wilmette has embarked on a needed capital improvement program to install a west side storage and pumping station, build a new transmission main from the plant to the new station and conduct repairs and improvements to their plant on Lake

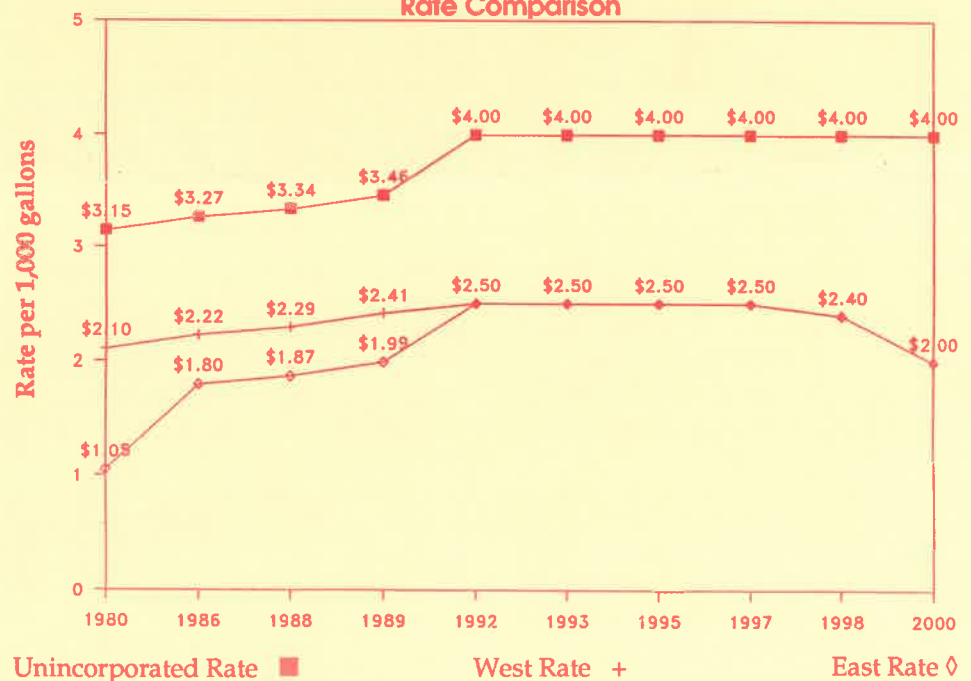
Michigan. As a result of these pass through rate adjustments, the present water rate structure is as follows:

East System: \$1.99 / 1,000 gallons
West System-
In Village: \$2.41 / 1,000 gallons
West System-
Unincorporated: \$3.46 / 1,000 gallons

Costs to operate the Village's water systems have increased over the last 6 1/2 years as a result of higher energy costs, material and supply costs, labor costs, vehicle replacement costs, etc. To compensate for these increased expenses and to accomplish a consolidation of the water rates so that all residents pay the same rate, the Village Board approved a new rate structure for a combined water utility. The new rates, which will go into effect January 1, 1992 are as follows:

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Water Rate Consolidation Rate Comparison



Water System Consolidated (continued from page 1)

Resident Rate: \$2.50 / 1,000 gallons

Non-resident
Rate: \$4.00 / 1,000 gallons

The new rate design provides a single and uniform rate for all Village residents, maintains the traditional spread between the in-Village versus unincorporated rate, and still "pays the bills".

By consolidating the rates, everyone will share in the benefits (and costs) of capital improvements, without regard for which system they reside in.

The relatively heavier debt load carried by the West Water Fund will be fully paid for by the year 2000. Theoretically, if a debt burden is removed from the West Fund's sole obligation, a rate reduction could follow if further debt is not incurred.

Glenview will begin selling water to Citizens Utility Company (a private water utility company which provides water to areas in and around Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights) in 1992. If the systems were kept separate, the estimated profit from the sale of water to Citizens (\$240,000 annually) would be applied solely to the West System, since the bulk of the Glenview facilities that are used to service Citizens were put in by the West System rate payers. With a consolidated rate, that "profit" will be used for the benefit of all Village water customers, not just some of them.

In conclusion, the Village Board believes it is in the best interest of all residents to consolidate the water rates. The bottom line is that this is one Village, not two. The consolidation of the Glenbrook Fire Protection District with the Village Fire Department and the Village-wide Storm Water Management Program (SWAMP) are examples of the Trustees' philosophy on unifying the Village.

If you would like to ask any questions about the rate consolidation, please contact either the Public Works Director, Bill Porter, or the Finance Director, Dennis Lauer.

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Christmas Tree Recycling Program Continued

The Village of Glenview and the Glenview Park District will be collecting Christmas Trees for recycling again this Holiday Season. Starting Thursday, January 2, 1991, and continuing through Friday, January 10, 1991, residents may place Christmas trees on the parkway for recycling. All decorations, nails, and tree stands must be removed from the tree as they will damage the shredding equipment. One final collection of all Village streets will begin Monday, January 13th at 7 am., weather permitting. Any trees placed outside after our final go around will have to be disposed of by your regular refuse hauler.

This year multifamily buildings will be included in the program. Village staff will be contacting the Homeowner's Associations to establish centralized collection points for each property development.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 724-1700, extension 251 weekdays from 8 am. to 4 pm.



Cable Corner

The conversion of the cable television system to a single-cable system, was completed in November. Cable subscribers with cable-ready televisions or VCRs capable of receiving 60 channels, no longer need a cable box unless they are subscribing to one of the premium channels requiring an addressable box. Households who do need a tuner to get 60 channels can rent one from TCI for \$2.00 each month. Subscribers who have not been converted by TCI and still have the old box should contact TCI at 299-9250. As always, subscribers may call the Cable Office at 724-1700, extension 265 for assistance.

Programming of local interest can now be found on the following channels:

- 30 - Glenview Television (government access),
- 31 - Local Origination (TCI staff-produced programming of local interest),
- 34 - Public Access (programs created by residents),
- 35 - Glenview Park District,
- 37 - School Districts 30 and 31,
- 41 - Oakton College,
- 43 - School District 34,
- 46 - Glenbrook South High School,
- 49 - Glenbrook North High School,
- 52 - O'Hare Arrivals/Departures with Marseilles Weather audio.

Overnight Street Parking Ban: December - March

No parking is allowed on Glenview streets between 2 and 6 am. December 1 through March 31. Please warn all of your visitors of the restriction. When it snows, village crews begin clearing during early morning hours. Parked cars make the job nearly impossible, and very dangerous. Even if no snow falls, the parking ban remains in effect, and violators may have vehicles towed at their own expense. Out-of-state licenses do not exempt vehicles from the ban.

Those with urgent needs for on-street overnight parking should immediately inform the Village Hall, in writing, stating the reasons for the urgency.

Happy Holidays!

Community Bulletin Board

As space permits, announcements of upcoming nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpartisan events of interest to a large part of the community will be included. Items for the January issue must reach the Village Hall by noon **December 2**.

The **Glenview Area Historical Society** invites you to attend its **Annual Holiday Open House** from 2 to 5 pm Sunday, December 8 at its headquarters at 1121 Waukegan Road. There is no admission fee. For further information about the afternoon's festivities, or about the Society, please call 724-2235.

The **Glenbrook South High School Band** invites the community to be their guests at the annual **Band-O-Rama** performance on December 11th at 7 pm in the Watson Auditorium. Admission is free. Please come see an indoor version of their award-winning 1990 Field Show, and bid them good luck on their upcoming performance and competition at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Florida.

Glenkirk, a not-for-profit social service agency that serves developmentally disabled people, is looking for volunteers who can teach evenings at its College for Living in the Glenview and Northbrook

area. Teachers in the fields of Special Education, Social work, psychology, physical fitness and computers are especially needed, but any volunteers who would be willing to share their individual areas of expertise are welcome. There is also a need for volunteers to go on field trips with clients and staff members. Call Eleanor Moseley, Volunteer Coordinator at 272-5111, ext. 212.

The second annual Glenview "**Sing-Along Messiah**" will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 6 pm at **St. David's Episcopal Church**, 2410 Glenview Road, at the corner of Glenview and Shermer Roads. Refreshments will be served after the performance. Admission is free by ticket, but donations will be accepted at the door to help defray costs. To secure tickets, call St. David's at 724-1341 and indicate your appropriate voice type, i.e. soprano, alto, tenor, or bass. Singers are asked to bring their own music.

Senior News

The **Coordinator of Senior Services** office is located in the Village Hall on the lower level. She is available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 am to 4 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.

"**Circuit Breaker Program**"... Tax relief is available to seniors (age 65+) and disabled persons who pay property taxes or rent (apartment or mobile home rent). In addition, a pharmaceutical card is issued to help defray "part" of the cost for prescriptions that cover heart disease, blood pressure, arthritis and diabetes. There is a co-payment requirement for all prescription medicine covered under this program. To qualify, you must be at least 65 or disabled during the tax year for which you are applying and have a household

annual income under \$14,000. Claims for the tax year must be filed no later than Dec. 31. Forms are available from Carol Karol (ext. 232) at the Village Hall.

"**Patient Self-Determination Act**" Beginning December 1, 1991, all health care providers who participate in Medicare and Medicaid (nearly all hospitals and nursing homes) will be required to inform patients entering their facilities about state law governing the availability of and their options to execute advance directives (com-

Good Neighbor Food Drive: Please Share What You Can

Once again the Glenview Police Department is serving as a drop off site for the mammoth Eddie Schwartz WGN Radio/ Good Neighbor Food Drive. You may help by donating non-perishable groceries which will be stored in area food pantries and distributed to families in need throughout the coming year.

Groceries may be dropped off at the Glenview Police Department, 1215 Waukegan Road any time prior to 8 pm Friday December 6, 1991. The items will then be transported to the Civic Center by off duty police personnel.

Any questions may be answered by contacting officers Gary Counihan or Frank Gyondla at 729-5000.

Your generosity is appreciated.

The Village of Glenview Administrative Offices and Public Works Facility will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday January 1, 1991 for the holidays.

monly referred to as living wills and durable powers of attorney in Illinois).

Under the new law, patients being admitted to a hospital must be informed in writing of the rights they have under state law to determine their medical treatment if they should become incapacitated.

Sample forms and helpful guidelines are available from Carol Karol 724-1700, ext. 232, or the Department on Aging 1-800-252-8966.

Holiday Safety Tips

These tips are offered in the spirit of an enjoyable and safe holiday season.



Shop Safely

- ❖ Keep your purse close to your body-in front of you where you can see it- and cover the clasp or flap with your hand or forearm.
- ❖ If you carry a wallet in your clothes, keep it in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.
- ❖ Walk confidently. Be alert. Notice who passes you and who is behind you. Be especially mindful of pickpockets on crowded buses and trains and among crowds of holiday shoppers.
- ❖ Don't overburden yourself with packages that may make it difficult for you to keep track of your purse or wallet or to respond to a personal threat.
- ❖ Teach your children to go to a cashier and say they are lost if they get separated from you in a store or shopping mall. Make sure they know their name, address and phone number. Tell them NEVER to go to the parking lot to look for you or the car.
- ❖ Don't leave packages or other valuables on the car seat where they can be seen. Lock them in the trunk.
- ❖ When you use your credit card to make a purchase, keep your eye on it to be sure that it's used to print one slip only. Remember to tear up the carbons after signing a credit card slip. A crook could take the carbon from the trash, copy the number, and use it for mail-order or telephone purchases. Do not allow persons to look over your shoulder to read (and memorize) the card number and expiration date.

Beware of Cons

- ❖ When someone asks you for a donation on the street, ask to see official identification for the organization. Find out what the purpose of the charity is and how your donation would be used. Ask if contributions are tax deductible. If you're not satisfied with the answers, don't give!
- ❖ Give only to charities that you know. Check out the ones you've never heard of before, or those with names similar to well-known charities. Ask for a brochure or other written documentation describing the charity and how its funds are used.
- ❖ Be suspicious of charities that accept only cash. When you send a check, make it out to the organization, not to an individual.

Protect Your Home

- ❖ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- ❖ If you go away, get and use an automatic timer for your lights, radio and t.v. Turn down the bell on your phone. Ask a neighbor to watch over your house, shovel snow, pick up mail and park in your driveway. Also, the Glenview Police Department has a home watch program. Call 729-5000 for details.

Practice Fire Safety

- ❖ Never place lighted candles near combustible materials.
- ❖ As you unwrap gifts, put all wrappings in a carton and dispose of promptly. Never burn wrappings in the fireplace.
- ❖ Choose only those electrical toys, tree decorations and lighting sets which are listed by a recognized, independent testing agency.
- ❖ If a live tree is used, purchase a freshly cut tree which has been stored outdoors. Keep the tree outside until needed. Do not set up until a few days before the holidays.
- ❖ Have an escape plan for your home and discuss it with your family and overnight guests.
- ❖ Install smoke detectors on each level of your home. If you already have them, check them to ensure that they are working properly. Consider giving smoke detectors as gifts - nothing tells them more that you care!
- ❖ Keep small children out of the kitchen, while cooking holiday feasts, to avoid accidental burns.
- ❖ Don't drink and drive - have a designated driver at all holiday parties.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

POLICE	724-2131
FIRE	724-2121

Non-emergency phone numbers:

Police	729-5000
Fire	724-2141

Village Refinances its Mortgage???

Refinancing is a prudent thing to do. Not only individuals and companies refinance, but governments do as well. On Tuesday, November 19, the Village of Glenview sold \$4,165,000 of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale will retire outstanding bonds that are at a higher interest rate. The Village sold the bonds by sealed bid. Because of the strong financial condition of the Village, and its Aaa bond rating, thirteen bidders were interested. The bids ranged from a high bid of 5.257% interest on the bonds to a low of 4.968%. The winning bid was submitted by Bank One Capitol Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These figures represent the interest payments the Village will make to the bond holders (similar to a mortgage rate).

The winning interest rate of 4.968% is a major reduction from the 9% interest that the Village was paying on the previously issued bonds. In real terms, the refinancing will save \$200,000 in interest over the next eight years. The bonds to be retired early are part of the 1979 Corporate purpose bonds and part of the 1984 Library Expansion Bonds. Every resident should be proud that the Village's fiscal policies have proven to be so successful.