

VILLAGE OF GOLF NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Held the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall

- ◆ June 14
- ◆ July 12
- ◆ August 9
- ◆ September 13

LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

As we move into summer, the following summarizes some of our key accomplishments and activities since the last newsletter in January:

- ◆ Passage of the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 (started May 1)
- ◆ US Census
- ◆ Metra Station Project
- ◆ Establishment of Line of Credit with Glenview State Bank
- ◆ Signing of new water agreement with Morton Grove
- ◆ New Ordinance regarding vacant properties

All of the above will be discussed in more detail in this newsletter. Overall, the Village has been running smoothly. There have been no major events and our focus has been on the budget and projects related to the Metra Station and railroad tracks. We are also learning how to deal with home foreclosures. We are continuing our focus on reducing costs, although we are getting close to a point where we may have to reduce Village services to attain more significant savings.

Going into the summer, are our key focus areas are:

- ◆ Continuing work on storm water management
- ◆ Planting of new trees in our parkways in the fall
- ◆ Continue records management process and cleaning out old records
- ◆ Creation of long term plan
- ◆ Completion of Metra project and other Metra improvements

When you see any of our board members, clerk, treasurer, and administrator around the Village, please thank them for the outstanding job they are doing. They spend their personal time keeping the Village running and making it a great place to live. I couldn't imagine how high our real estate taxes would be we if didn't have the dedication and hard work of these volunteers.

The 4th of July is right around the corner and I am looking forward to seeing you at the activities.

Sincerely,

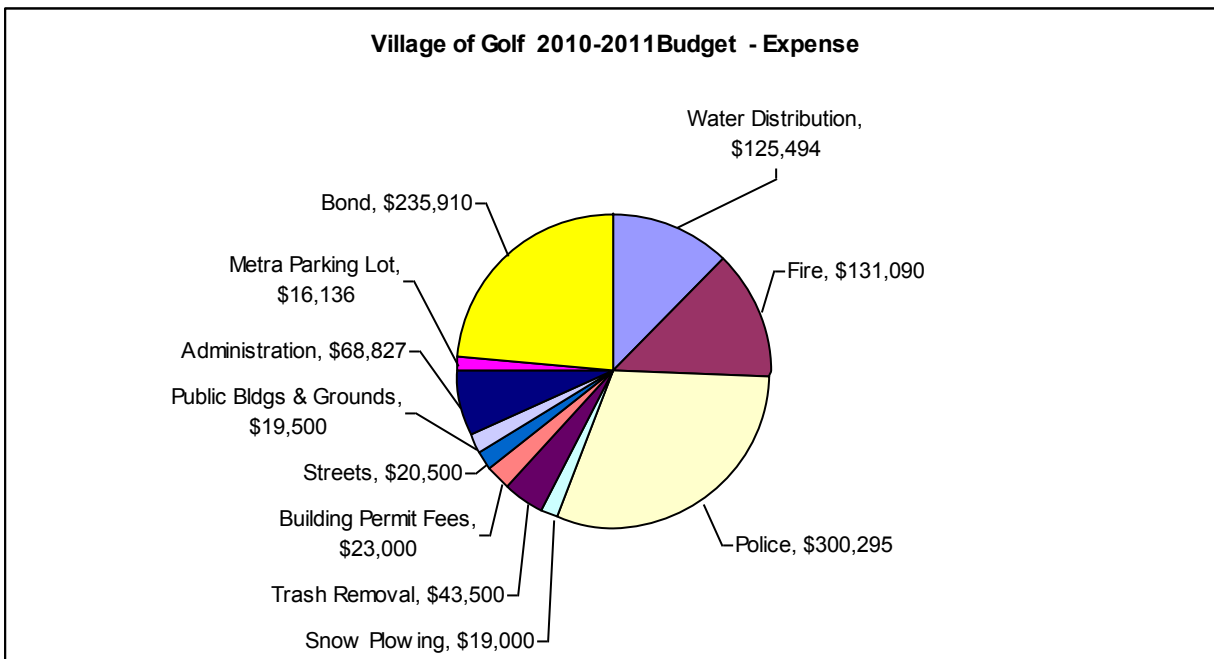
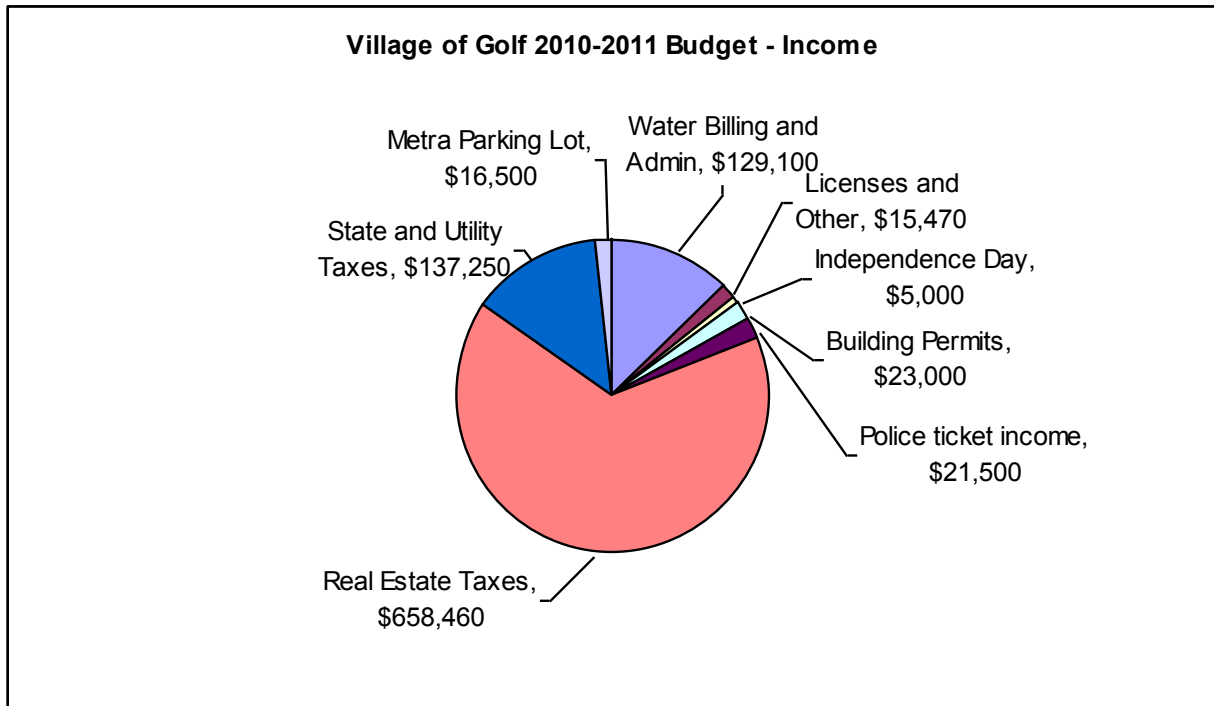
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VILLAGE FINANCE AND 2010-2011 BUDGET

In May, the board passed the 2010-2011 budget. In addition to covering our expenses, our goal had been to add more to our capital reserves. However, when accounting for annual increases in our core services (e.g. insurance, fire, and police) and the reduced income from the State of Illinois, there was not a lot of money left over. The good news is that we currently do not see issues in covering our expenses and should have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Besides covering our normal operating costs, we allocated additional funds for a new police car and for removal/planting of trees in our parkways.

The following charts summarize our budget:



VILLAGE FINANCE AND 2010-2011 BUDGET (CONTINUED)

The board also made a decision to open a \$250,000 Line of Credit with Glenview State Bank. The primary (and only) purpose is to provide a cushion for cash flow and have availability to cash in case of an emergency. For the last couple years, Cook County has been extremely late in sending out the final tax assessments. Our bond and fire payments are due by December 1st and last year our real estate tax bills were due to Cook County on December 1st. Cook County processes the payments and then sends them on to the Village. Due to the time discrepancy, in 2009 we had to borrow from our capital account for a few weeks to cover these costs. Currently, our capital account has dwindled down to about \$75,000 as we used the money in that fund to pay for the road work last summer.

METRA PROJECTS AND ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS

The Metra Bridge Project is planned to be completed in late June or early July. In general, this project has gone extremely well and the Village appreciates the excellent communication by both Metra and the contractor's working with the Village in keeping us up to date.

The following summarizes the completion criteria:

- ◆ Removal of the temporary tracks and planting of a special grass designed to grow to an appropriate height on the location where the tracks were removed.
- ◆ Ensuring that there are no additional water drainage issues in the area due to the project.
- ◆ Installation of a 6 foot black vinyl chain-link fence from Golf Road to the Metra parking lot.
- ◆ Planting of new landscaping at the end of Park Lane up through and including the cul-de-sac by the field house. Due to our early summer heat, this may take place in the fall.



Over the last few months, the Village trustees have met several times with Metra and the company that installed and maintains the advertising billboards. An agreement has been reached to move the two billboards that are currently on the West side of the tracks. One billboard will be placed in the warming hut and the other on the East side of the tracks just north of the Metra station. Metra will plant five-foot tall Colorado Green Spruce trees to block the view of the billboards from the Village.

Metra has agreed to reimburse the Village for painting of the train station and the warming hut. This work is scheduled to start the week of June 1st and should take 3 to 4 weeks.

2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census is still in progress. By now, you should all have filled out and returned your form. Currently, 86% of our residents have responded. For those of you who have not, Census workers will be coming you home to complete the form in person.

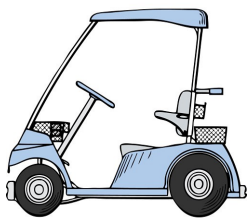
Also, we are aware that over 10% of the Village never received a census form. Many of you who did not receive one have obtained a form and mailed it in. We are still trying to figure out why so many residents did not receive forms and why some who contacted the Census Bureau were told their address was not in the U.S. Census database. Our goal is to ensure everyone gets counted for 2010 and that we do not run into this issue again in 2020.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Every year, for the 4th of July Fireworks, the Village pays the full amount of approximately \$10,000 and asks for contributions from Village residents to help defray some of that cost. For many years, we would receive about \$5,000, or half of the cost. In the last few years the contributions have decreased from \$4,000 to a little over \$3,000. We cannot afford or justify absorbing this additional expense and would ask all those who have not contributed the last few years to consider a contribution of \$25-\$50. We have signed the contract for this year's fireworks, but if we do not receive closer to the historical \$5,000, we will be forced to reduce the fireworks for the following year. Many of you have continued to donate and we appreciate your generosity. For those who have not, please consider making an appropriate donation when the letter is sent out. We promise you will continue to get a good "bang" for your buck.



GOLF CARTS, MOTORIZED BIKES/SCOOTERS AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES



Illinois State Law prohibits the use of golf carts, mini-bikes, and other small motorized vehicles on public roads. Based upon discussions with the Village board and Village Police, the Village of Golf agrees with this law and will enforce it. There was a recent incident in the Village where a child lost control of his motorized bike/scooter and fell in front of an oncoming car. Fortunately, the car was going slow enough and was able to stop.

There is another class of vehicles called Low Speed Vehicles (LSV). These vehicles must meet certain safety and speed standards. They also must be registered with the State of Illinois and have an LSV license plate. They are allowed by Illinois State Law on any public street with a speed limit of under 30 Miles/Hour. A licensed LSV that is registered as a vehicle with the Village of Golf is permitted on Village streets.

TREES AND PARKWAYS

As was mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Emerald Ash Borer has invaded the Village of Golf. There are close to 70 Ash trees on Village parkways that have been removed or will be removed in the next two years. We have also lost parkway trees to Elm disease, construction, and for other reasons. The cost to replace all of these trees with larger and more mature trees is much more than the Village can afford.

We are looking for a volunteer to create a tree plan for our Village parkways and, in the fall, lead the residents in planting approximately 1" diameter trees according to the plan. This will include working with an arborist to ensure proper placement and species.



In Celebration of Arbor Day, the Village will once again be delivering seedlings. It is recommended that you plant them in a flower bed or protected spot to avoid the lawnmower and other hazards. Keep them well watered over the summer, and fed with a mild fertilizer. Once the tree reaches 3-5' it can be moved to a permanent location. Tree shelters will be available in the fall, so stay tuned for the notification.

WGA REQUEST FOR PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Several years ago the Western Golf Association (WGA) expanded their building. Due to this growth, they do not have enough parking spaces for their employees. They also have unused interior space they would like to complete and hire additional employees. WGA employees are now having to park along Briar Road due to the lack of spaces in their parking lot.

The WGA would like to expand their lot to add additional parking spaces between their current lot and the train tracks. This land is owned by Metra and would require the Village to lease this land from Metra at no cost. The Village would then authorize the WGA to build additional parking spaces for both Metra commuters and WGA employees.

The Village board is considering this WGA request for the following reasons:

- ◆ There is a mail truck that blocks access to the Park for up to 10 minutes three times a day. Adding this lot would allow vehicles to access the park via a different route. This would also allow Emergency vehicles instant access or allow someone to leave immediately in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Adding additional Metra spaces would provide more income to the Village and, as the lot currently fills up every day, would allow more spaces for our residents to park.
- ◆ WGA employees would no longer have to park their cars along Briar Road and would reduce traffic along Briar. This reduced traffic would make the road safer for residents with children.
- ◆ The WGA is part of our Village and has provided a location for our Village Hall at no cost to the Village. They also allow us to use their board room for Village activities.

However, the Village is in the beginning phases of this request. The Trustees are concerned about the possibility of adding a large unattractive parking lot to our Village and increasing traffic to the Village roads. If Metra approves the lease of the land, the WGA would perform a traffic study and come up with options of a well-landscaped and visually appealing area.

Your comments are welcome regarding this request. Any considerations for this parking lot need to be in the best interest of the Village.

FORECLOSURES AND VACANT PROPERTIES

With the downturn of the economy, we have had or currently have properties in foreclosure that are abandoned. When this occurs, it is very difficult to get the bank (the holder of the mortgage for the property) to maintain it and ensure that it is safe. In these cases, the Village has to incur the expenses to maintain the property. In order for the Village to recover these expenses, a vacant property ordinance was passed at the May board meeting. However, as a way to ensure payment, the Village must also require a transfer stamp. The sale of a home cannot be completed without a Village Transfer Stamp. There is no actual cost of the transfer stamp, however in order to obtain a stamp, all monies owed to the Village are to be paid. We plan to pass the Transfer Stamp Ordinance at the June board meeting.



NEW WATER CONTRACT WITH MORTON GROVE

In February the board approved a new water agreement with the Village of Morton Grove. This new agreement allows us to pay a lower rate. The savings from this new rate is being allocated for improving our infrastructure and making the water department self-sufficient, as recommended by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the IEPA. In the past, water impellers and infrastructure maintenance/repair was paid for from the capital improvement and general fund account. Also, any additional water income is currently being targeted for annual valve testing and repairs, locating/mapping of water lines, and replacing all the impellers in our water



DO YOU HAVE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM?

For those of you with lawn irrigation systems, it is an Illinois State Law to have your cross-connection/backflow preventer inspected yearly. If you do not have a cross-connection/backflow connector, you are required by law to have one installed. The Village failed the IEPA audit in 2009 and received a warning for not having the cross-connection inspection reports on file for all residents with sprinkler systems. The Village needs to have them all on file for 2010 in order to avoid fines. You should have received an explanatory letter from Mary Howe (our Utilities Trustee) a few months ago. Copies of the letter and the Golf Cross Connection brochure are available at Village Hall. If you have not had this inspection done yet, please schedule it ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Howe at m.howe@villageofgolf.us. Any residents that have sprinkler systems and have not submitted this inspection form to the Village by July 1st will result in code violations/fines until the form is received by the Village.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICE—SIGN-UP!

All of our residents should have received a message from the Village of Glenview inviting us to add our phone numbers and email addresses to its Code Red™ Emergency Notification System. This system allows municipalities to instantly send out critical emergency messages (such as evacuation notices or missing child alerts) to the phone numbers and email addresses of any portion of an affected community. Due to our close relationship with Glenview in the area of emergency services, Glenview has agreed to include Golf residents in its system and to notify us of any emergencies that might affect us. Your Golf village officials also can use this system to notify Golf residents of any emergency situations that only affect our Village, such as downed trees blocking access to a portion of the Village.

If you have not already done so, please go to the Village of Glenview website - www.glenview.il.us, click on the link "Sign Up for Our Emergency Notification System" on the right side of the home page under "Useful Links," and enter all of your contact information so that you receive any important notices. You can be assured that the information you enter will not be shared with anyone, but remain protected and secure within only the Code Red™ database. If you do not have internet access, we recommend you work with a family member or friend who does. In addition, you can always call (847) 901-6082 and Glenview staff will assist you. If you have any questions or concerns about this new system, please contact Scott Gross, Trustee of Emergency Services.

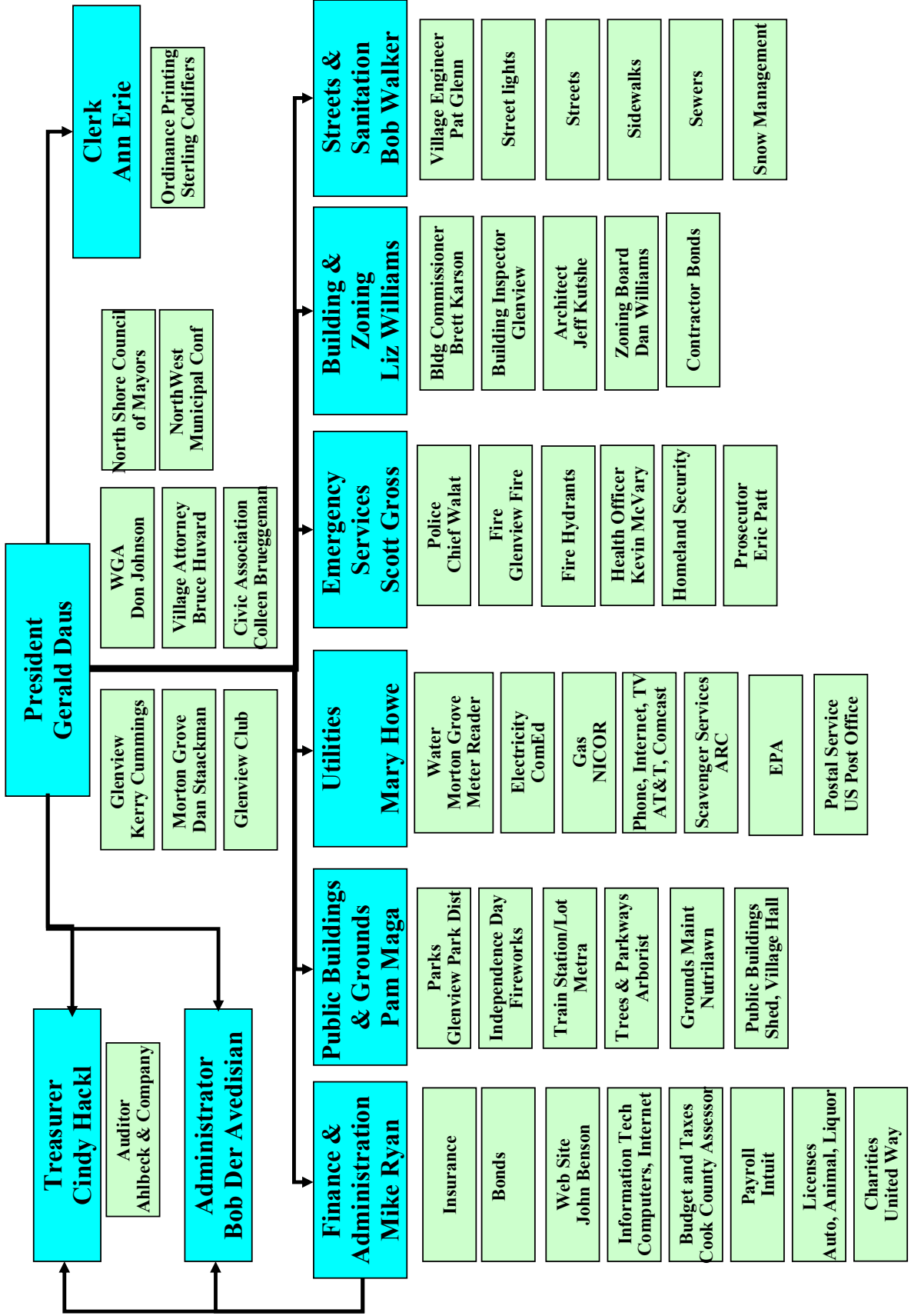
WAUKEGAN & OVERLOOK CONSTRUCTION

Both Waukegan Road and Overlook Road (between Waukegan and the trains tracks) are scheduled to be re-surfaced over the summer. The Waukegan road construction should start in mid-June. Information regarding the Waukegan resurfacing can be found in the Glenview Newsletter at :

<http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/manager/newsletters/reports/Current.pdf>



Village of Golf – Organization Chart - 2010



President
Gerald Daus

Treasurer
Cindy Hackl

Auditor
Ahlbeck & Company

Administrator
Bob Der Avedisian

Glenview
Kerry Cummings

Morton Grove
Dan Staackman

Glenview Club

WGA
Don Johnson

Village Attorney
Bruce Huvard

Civic Association
Colleen Brueggeman

North Shore Council
of Mayors

North West
Municipal Conf

Clerk
Ann Erie

Ordinance Printing
Sterling Codifiers

Finance & Administration
Mike Ryan

Insurance

Bonds

Web Site
John Benson

Information Tech
Computers, Internet

Budget and Taxes
Cook County Assessor

Payroll
Intuit

Licenses
Auto, Animal, Liquor

Charities
United Way

Public Buildings & Grounds
Pam Maga

Parks
Glenview Park Dist

Independence Day
Fireworks

Train Station/Lot
Metra

Trees & Parkways
Arborist

Grounds Maint
Nutrilawn

Public Buildings
Shed, Village Hall

Utilities
Mary Howe

Water
Morton Grove
Meter Reader

Electricity
ComEd

Gas
NICOR

Phone, Internet, TV
AT&T, Comcast

Scavenger Services
ARC

EPA

Postal Service
US Post Office

Emergency Services
Scott Gross

Police
Chief Walat

Fire
Glenview Fire

Fire Hydrants

Health Officer
Kevin McVary

Homeland Security

Prosecutor
Eric Patt

Building & Zoning
Liz Williams

Bldg Commissioner
Brett Karson

Building Inspector
Glenview

Architect
Jeff Kutshe

Zoning Board
Dan Williams

Contractor Bonds

Streets & Sanitation
Bob Walker

Village Engineer
Pat Glenn

Street lights

Streets

Sidewalks

Sewers

Snow Management

VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

Our intention is to use e-mail as our primary vehicle of communication. We request that rather than call the village hall, please send any questions, issues, or complaints in an e-mail to either the trustee e-mail address on the last page of this newsletter and on our Village web-site or j.daus@villageofgolf.us. The more detail you provide, the quicker we will be able to get your question or issue answered. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please continue to call the Village Hall or a Village trustee.

We also are sending any announcements or notifications out via e-mail. The Village newsletters will be e-mailed and posted on the web-site. This will save on postal costs and administration.

John Benson has volunteered to be a our webmaster and has done an outstanding job of putting together our web-site. Please take a minute to review. Over the next few months we will be adding new content, so please continue to check it out. The web address is www.villageofgolf.us

The Village of Golf is a "Home Rule" community governed by the Illinois constitution and its Village ordinances (you can read our village ordinances, including our building code, at www.sterlingcodifiers.com/Golf,IL. The Village has long had a volunteer government (trustees and the Village president receive \$1 per year and the Village Clerk and Treasurer receive a modest monthly stipend).

The Village Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month at the Village Hall. Agendas are posted on the website and on the bulletin boards at the Post Office and around the Village. The six Trustees function like department heads with one taking on responsibility for a different aspect of Village government including the Emergency Services Department, Administrative Department, Public Buildings and Grounds Department, Financial Department, Water Department, Sanitation Department and Streets & Sidewalks Department. You can see the specific, current assignments in the table below.

We also have a part-time Village Administrator who handles much of the day-to-day work of your Village government. You can contact Bob Der Avedisian at administrator@villageofgolf.us or give him a call at 847-998-8852.

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Position	Person	E-mail address	Responsibilities
President	Jerry Daus	j.daus@villageofgolf.us	Liaison, leadership
Trustee	Scott Gross	s.gross@villageofgolf.us	Emergency services
Trustee	Bob Walker	b.walker@villageofgolf.us	Streets, sanitation
Trustee	Mary Howe	m.howe@villageofgolf.us	Utilities
Trustee	Mike Ryan	m.ryan@villageofgolf.us	Finance & admin
Trustee	Lis Williams	l.williams@villageofgolf.us	Building & zoning
Trustee	Pam Maga	p.maga@villageofgolf.us	Public buildings & grounds
Treasurer	Cindy Hackl	c.hackl@villageofgolf.us	Accounting
Clerk	Ann Erie	a.erie@villageofgolf.us	Village clerk
Building Commissioner	Brett Karson	bldgcomm@villageofgolf.us	Buildings

THIS LISTING CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE—WWW.VILLAGEOFGOLF.US