



Village of Glencoe

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Agenda

675 Village Court,
Glencoe IL

Thursday, June 18, 2026

5:30 PM

Morris Conference Room

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Honorable Howard Roin, Village President
Joe Halwax, Trustee
Georgia Mihalopoulos, Trustee
Dudley Onderdonk, Trustee
Michael Rosenblat, Trustee
Gary Ruben, Trustee
Hilary Scott, Trustee

II. DISCUSSION

- II.a.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Public Safety Commission Annual Report
- II.b.** Review and Discussion of 2025 Plan Commission Annual Report
- II.c.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community Annual Report
- II.d.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Preservation Commission Annual Report
- II.e.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission Annual Report
- II.f.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Sustainability Task Force Annual Report
- II.g.** Review and Discussion of the 2025 Tree Commission Annual Report

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. ADJOURN

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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: II.a.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Public Safety Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Katy Darr, Human Resources Manager

Purpose and Actions Requested: Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Public Safety Commission Annual Report

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Public Safety Commission's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Chair St. Eve plans to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and along with staff will be available to answer questions at that time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Public Safety Commission Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. Public Safety Commission 2025 Annual Report



VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEMORANDUM

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DATE: June 18, 2026
TO: President Roin and Village Board of Trustees
FROM: Public Safety Commission
SUBJECT: Public Safety Commission 2025 Annual Report

Annual Report: This annual report is prepared for the Village President and Board of Trustees as required by the Glencoe Public Safety Commission Rules and Regulations for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Formation: The Glencoe Public Safety Commission, created by an ordinance adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 1982, was established to conduct examinations for original appointments to, examinations for promotions within, and to hear charges brought against members of the Department of Public Safety.

Activities: The Commission met six times in 2025, where they updated the Commission rules and launched a continuous examination process for Entry-Level Public Safety Officers. As a result of this examination, the Commission approved two Public Safety Officer Entry-Level Final Eligibility Lists. The updated Commission rules provided the Public Safety Commission and Public Safety Department with the ability to collect examinations and applications on a continuous testing cycle, allowing for a nimbler approach to continuously review potential candidates.

The Commission conducted 31 interviews for both entry-level and lateral candidates resulting in three candidates being hired within 2025.

Consultants: The Commission utilized the services of Elrod Friedman for legal services, Conrad Polygraph of Hinsdale for polygraph services, National Testing Network for Public Safety Officer application and written examination services, Endeavor OMEGA of Glenview to conduct pre-employment physical examinations, and BRAVE Wellness Center. of Chicago for pre-employment psychological exams.

Officers: Chairperson Amy St. Eve served as the Commission Chair and Human Resources Manager Katy Darr served as Commission Secretary.

Rules: The Commission operated under the Rules and Regulations adopted in June 2025.

Members: Members serving on the Commission are as follows:

Amy St. Eve
Daniel Rubinstein
Andrew Berlin



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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: II.b.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of 2025 Plan Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Taylor Baxter, Development Services Director, Choose an item.

Purpose and Actions Requested: Discussion

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience, Economic Vitality

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize their activities over the preceding year. The Plan Commission's report is attached for the Village Board's information. Chairman Bruce Huvad plans to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Plan Commission Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Preservation Commission Annual Report



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2025 Plan Commission Annual Report – June 18, 2026

Since the adoption of the “All in, Glencoe” Comprehensive Plan in December 2024, the Plan Commission has met nine times. In addition to the Commission’s regular role in performing Exterior Appearance reviews, the Commission’s work has focused on Comprehensive Plan Implementation.

Exterior Appearance Reviews

The Commission regularly performs Exterior Appearance reviews for projects that require a permit and that change the exterior appearance of buildings in the Village’s commercial zoning districts. In 2025-2026, these reviews have included:

- New signage for an office use at 385 Park Avenue
- Façade renovations and signage for RDK Sushi, 317 Park Avenue
- Façade renovations and signage for Club V Health, 63 Green Bay Road
- New fencing for a parking area at 371 Hazel Avenue
- The renovation and expansion of the Glencoe Public Library

Each of these reviews has been performed in accordance with the Village’s adopted Design Guidelines, and several have included the requirement of plan revisions to better adhere to these Guidelines.

The review of the Glencoe Public Library project began with a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission in the fall of 2025, which allowed the Library to present their initial plan set for review and comments. This project also required Special Use Permits, which were reviewed by the Zoning Commission and Village Board, and which were approved prior the Exterior Appearance Review process. Through this review, the Plan Commission worked with the Library to revise their plans to help ensure that the project will enhance the Village’s appearance for many years to come.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation

The Commission met in the spring of 2025 to discuss its priorities for the implementation of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The highest-priority implementation project over the last year has been the development of a Planned Development (PD) ordinance. The Commission worked for several months with the Village’s planning team, including Village staff and consultants from Teska Associates, to develop a framework for this process, including in-depth discussions of which projects should go through a PD review, which zoning and development standards could be made more flexible to accommodate design enhancements, and which design enhancements the Village is looking for through this process.

The PD ordinance requires a Zoning Code amendment, the first step of which is on the Village Board’s regular meeting agenda this month.

The Commission also spent several months reviewing and refining the in-progress Glencoe Streetscape + Parking Study. The Commission provided feedback on all aspects of this Study and helped refine priorities of projects and policies. The Commission also reviewed draft versions of the Study and provided feedback and recommendations regarding its compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. This Study is on the Village Board's regular meeting agenda for adoption this month.

Looking Ahead

In the second half of 2026, having completed its work on the PD ordinance and the Streetscape + Parking Study, the Commission will again review the Comprehensive Plan so that it can again determine which projects it will prioritize in the coming months. These may include beginning work on updating the Design Guidelines to better accommodate Planned Development review and to help implement the Streetscape + Parking Study.



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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: II.c.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community Annual Report

Staff Contact: Katy Darr, Human Resources Manager

Purpose and Actions Requested: Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community Annual Report

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Council for Inclusion and Community's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Chair Guzman plans to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community 2025 Annual Report



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DATE: June 18, 2026
TO: President Roin and Village Board of Trustees
FROM: Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community
SUBJECT: Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community 2025 Annual Report

Annual Report: This annual report is prepared for the Village President and Board of Trustees as set forth in the Village's municipal code for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. It will be presented at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Formation: The Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community changed over from its forerunner, the Community Relations Forum, in 2021 after a long-standing history of similarly aligned initiatives for decades. The Council was created in recognition of the village's commitment to fostering and maintaining a strong sense of community and to acknowledge the value of diversity and inclusion within the Glencoe community. In furtherance of this purpose, the Council is dedicated to the village's public policy against discrimination, bigotry, bias, or hate in any form and encourages mutual respect, cooperation, tolerance and understanding among those who live, work, visit or do business in the village.

Activities: The Commission met ten times in 2025 working to coordinate, develop and assist with events throughout the community, as follows:

- Community organization partnerships:
 - Supported the District 35 Family Belonging and Hearts & Minds in Motion events
 - Supported Pride month through support of the Library Rainbow Pride event and Writer's Theater Drag Story Hour and as a presence at the Glencoe Sidewalk Sale
 - Supported the Writer's Theater Glencoe Al Fresco Affinity Night
 - Co-hosted a speaker with the Glencoe Public Library
- Attended Village events, including:
 - Touch a Truck
 - Hosted a sensory room and interactive games at 4th of July and a sensory room at Light the Lights
- Approved one "Getting to Know the Heart of Glencoe" article
- Created a communication plan for social media content
- Held donation drives for school supplies, Halloween costumes and co-sponsored the "Stuff the Squad" food drive
- Launched a "Good in the Neighborhood" program

Officers: Chairperson Rafael Guzman served as the Council Chair, Trustee Hilary Scott served as Trustee Liaison. Staff liaisons included former Assistant Village Manager Ben Wiberg and Public Safety Administrative Services Coordinator Emma Kraus.

Rules: The Commission operated under the rules and procedures as defined in Village Ordinance Number 2021-15-3511.

Members: The Commission as of 12/31/2025 are as follows:
Rafael Guzman
Hilary Scott
Eleanor Chye
Laura Epstein
Annice Moses
Amy Mysel
Emily Robins



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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: II.d.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Preservation Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Adam Hall, Assistant Village Manager

Purpose and Actions Requested: Discussion

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Preservation Commission's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Chair Van Vechten plans to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Preservation Commission Annual Report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Preservation Commission Annual Report



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June 9, 2026

Dear President Roin and Members of the Village Board:

The Preservation Commission respectfully submits this annual report summarizing its work over the past year. The Commission met monthly from June 2025 through June 2026, reviewing landmark applications, conducting advisory reviews of demolition applications and proposed changes to landmarked properties, advancing significant policy initiatives at the Board's direction, and expanding public engagement around historic preservation in Glencoe.

By the Numbers

Over the course of the program year, the Commission held 12 regular meetings and reviewed 16 demolition applications submitted to the Village. The Commission recommended one new Certified Landmark designation (222 Maple Hill Road, a 1922 French Normandy Revival residence) and reviewed two properties for a Certificates of Appropriateness, at 80 Estate Drive and 693 Greenwood Avenue, as well as two advisory matters involving Honorary Landmark properties at Booth Cottage and 515 Greenleaf Avenue. Three property owners have inquired about landmark status of the last year, and the Commission has been working with them on their application materials.

Policy and Code Work

Following the 2025 Annual Report, the Commission worked closely with the Village Board to undertake a comprehensive review of Glencoe's preservation framework. The Commission completed comparative research on programs provided in adjacent communities, which informed a coordinated set of recommendations recently adopted by the Village Board.

An outcome of the yearlong review was a comprehensive rewrite of the Preservation Code, consolidating the separate certified and honorary landmark chapters into a single, modernized historic preservation chapter. The Commission also recommended the establishment of a Pilot Permit Fee Rebate Program providing up to \$10,000 per project for renovation and rehabilitation of landmark properties, supported by a new demolition fee structure of \$3,000 for standard residential demolitions and \$5,000 for demolition of Honorary Landmarks.

The package also includes new zoning incentives, developed in coordination with the Zoning Commission, that allow increased floor area of up to 25% for Honorary Landmarks and 35% for Certified Landmarks, as well as more flexibility of yard setbacks.

Frank Lloyd Wright Monument Restoration

The Commission advanced the restoration of the Ravine Bluffs concrete monuments designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. A forensic analysis of the monument was completed by DetailLab and preliminary cost estimates were obtained from contractors who reviewed the forensic analysis. The Commission will recommend inclusion of the remediation project in the 10-year Community Investment Program with consideration of project phasing. The Commission has also been exploring grant funding to offset the costs of this rehabilitation.

Public Education and Engagement

The Commission launched a three-part Preservation Lecture Series at the Glencoe Public Library, with sessions on Glencoe Modern, notable Glencoe designers and buildings, and the benefits of landmark designation. The series is intended to build community awareness of Glencoe's architectural heritage and support the new incentive programs that will be available on January 1st.

Looking Ahead

With Village Board adoption of the modernized Preservation Code and incentive package targeted with an effective date of January 1, 2027, the Commission's focus in the year ahead will be implementation, including outreach to landmark property owners, processing rebate applications, continued review of new designations, and ongoing public education. Additional effort will focus on expanding the Historically Significant property list especially houses that were built between 1935 – 1975, the period known as Mid-Century Modern.

Finally, in the wake of lifetime Glencoe resident and architect Scott Javore's retirement to California, the Commission brought on another architect to serve as an advisor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Van Vechten, Chair Glencoe Preservation Commission



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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: II.e.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Taylor Baxter, Development Services Director, Rich McGowan, Senior Planner

Purpose and Actions Requested: Discussion

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Economic Vitality, Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Village staff will present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission Annual Report



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2025 Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Commission Annual Report – June 18, 2026

Zoning Board of Appeals – By the Numbers

In 2025, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held nine public hearings, consisting of 20 total cases and 35 variation requests, all of which were held either in the Morris Conference Room or at the Takiff Center due to the Council Chambers being under construction.

The variation requests were heavily driven by 15 requests for additions (by far the most common project type requiring variations) consisting of 17 setback variations, 12 floor area ratio (FAR) variations, and six miscellaneous variations. Notably, the ZBA did not formally deny any requests in 2025 (and has not done so since 2022), though several cases have been deferred or withdrawn before a potential denial could take place.

Between hearings, staff reviewed a total of 26 total cases, marking a 36.8% increase from 2024 (19 cases) and a 188.9% surge from 2019 (9 cases). This is the highest volume of cases since 2018 and likely beyond. This increase may be due to the discontinuation of a policy limiting agendas to no more than three cases a month, greater communication on available options from staff, and a higher demand for local construction. Staff also introduced several process changes in 2025 and the first half of 2026, including detailed information for notification letters, application updates, and on-site public notice signage.

Zoning Commission Highlights

Since the start of 2025, the Zoning Commission has held public hearings and made recommendations to the Village Board on six Special Use Permit applications and four Zoning Code amendments.

Special Use Permit applications have included:

- An office use on the ground floor at 385 Park Avenue
- Relief from height limits for an accessory structure at the Takiff Center
- A veterinary clinic on the ground floor in Hubbard Woods Plaza (While this SUP was approved, the applicant did not move forward with the project)
- A resale store drop-off location for North Shore Exchange on the ground floor
- The expansion of the Glencoe Public Library as a non-retail, non-residential use in the Central Business District (The Commission also approved a parking reduction SUP, which is no longer applicable due to changes in State law)
- Relief from height limits for driving range netting at the Glencoe Golf Club

Zoning Code Amendment hearings have included:

- Clarifying regulations regarding the authority to continue non-conformities when structures are demolished or destroyed
- Updates to the Zoning Code to implement a Comprehensive Plan recommendation to bring minimum lot size and lot width requirements in the R-C zoning district more in line with existing lots in the area
- The creation of a new “Preservation Variation” process and changes to allowable zoning variations to provide more flexibility for Honorary and Certified Landmarks
- Changes to regulations for non-residential uses in residential zoning districts

Looking Ahead

The Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing and begin its discussion of the proposed Planned Development (PD) ordinance this summer. The Commission also expects to work on significant Zoning Code amendments to help implement the Comprehensive Plan at the time the Village receives a higher degree of certainty regarding State-level zoning-related reforms. Commissioners will continue to hold public hearings on code amendments referred to it by the Village Board.

For 2026, staff’s goal for ZBA hearings is to provide applicants and participants with pre-application handouts in attempt to simplify the technical complexities pertaining to zoning variation requests and public hearing procedures.



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Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Sustainability Task Force Annual Report

Staff Contact: Jen Maddux, Management Analyst

Purpose and Actions Requested: Discussion

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Sustainability Task Force's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Village staff plan to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Sustainability Task Force Annual Report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Sustainability Task Force Annual Report



Glencoe Sustainability Task Force 2025 Annual Report

The Glencoe Sustainability Task Force (STF) works to conserve natural resources and champion sustainable, economically sound practices. In 2025, the STF advanced a wide range of initiatives that strengthened sustainability efforts throughout Glencoe.

The STF accomplished the following initiatives in 2025:

- Onboarded two new members to serve and welcomed Trustee Michael Rosenblat as the Village Board representative.
- Assisted in selecting the consultant and served as volunteers on the Planning Team for the Sustainability Action Plan, scheduled for completion in 2026.
- Discussed with Village leadership new opportunities to enhance the Village's sustainability practices due to its new Home Rule status and supported a coal tar ban, passed by the Village Board in April 2025.
- Organized and served as volunteers for the 7th annual Donate and Recycle Drop Off Event in May 2025, collecting items from more than 220 carloads.
- Worked with the Tree Commission to review the Village's Tree Preservation Ordinance and recommend possible areas to investigate that would enhance tree preservation related to property redevelopment.
- Supported the Village's curbside Buckthorn Collection Program and monitored progress on Buckthorn removal near Green Bay Road and Westley Road, a joint effort with Cook County Forest Preserves.
- Promoted environmental conservation through a series of Sustainability Sunday posts on social media.
- Highlighted other sustainability programs, including the Recycle Coach app, the Hefty ReNew recycling program and the WasteNot curbside food scrap service.
- Participated in Friends of the Green Bay Trail Day, holding an informational booth.
- Partnered with the Glencoe Park District to hold the annual stargazing event at Glencoe Beach, attracting approximately 50 attendees in November 2025.
- Developed a plan to celebrate its 10th anniversary, including co-branding existing programs, highlighting past accomplishments, planting a commemorative tree and planning a year-end community event.

The STF set the following goals for 2026:

- Support development of the Village's first Sustainability Action Plan and prioritize implementation actions.
- Participate in the Friends of the Green Bay Trail Day.
- Develop and carry out programs celebrating the STF's 10th anniversary, including highlighting past accomplishments and planning a year-end community event.
- Expand public education on Buckthorn, advocate for its removal on public and private property, and continue supporting Village projects such as the Green Bay Trail improvement effort.

- Promote new sustainability initiatives, including Illinois's programs for responsible paint and household battery disposal.
- Encourage water conservation by raising awareness of the Village's online water billing portal, which provides customers with consumption data and usage history.
- Partner with the Glencoe Golf Club to hold the annual fall stargazing event.
- Organize and hold the annual Donate and Recycle Drop Off Event.

Respectfully submitted,

Sustainability Task Force Members and Volunteers



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Staff Report

Agenda Date: 6/18/2026

Agenda #: ll.g.

Agenda Item:

Review and Discussion of the 2025 Tree Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Monica Sarna, Public Works Director

Purpose and Actions Requested: Discussion

Budget Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Priority Addressed: Community Resilience

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Annually, the Village's commissions prepare reports for the Village Board which summarize the commission's activities over the preceding year. The Tree Commission's 2025 annual report is attached for the Village Board's information. Staff Liaison Monica Sarna plans to present the annual report at the June 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Village Board acceptance of the 2025 Tree Commission Annual Report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Tree Commission Annual Report

Glencoe Tree Commission 2025 Annual Report

Many people refer to Glencoe as a “Leafy Community.” Surveys reveal that our residents highly value the trees in the Village. Our trees provide many benefits including sequestering carbon, cleaning the air, saving energy, providing beauty & value, shade & cooling, rainwater capture, mental & physical health and wildlife habitat.

The Glencoe Tree Commission’s duty is to provide guidance on the preservation, care, management and protection of trees within the village in accordance with the urban forestry management plan, and best management practices. The Commission makes recommendations to the Village Board for: specific improvements for the preservation, care, management and protection of trees within the Village; to recommend rules and regulations for budget, plans, projects and schedules regarding the preservation, care, management and protection of trees within the Village; to review the Village urban forest management plan and provide recommendations for improvements; to work collaboratively with Village staff to support Village ordinances and urban forest management plan; and to manage and administer all plans, programs, projects and tasks delegated to it by the Village Board.

The Tree Commission accomplished the following initiatives in 2025:

- The Tree Commission participated in the annual Arbor Day Celebration each year with District 35, rotating the location of a new tree being planted on school property.
- The Tree Commission collaboratively and creatively developed a buckthorn removal program to address buckthorn on private property. This program was successfully executed by Village Staff starting in October and November of 2024. Since the start of the program:
 - The Village collected buckthorn from 105 residents.
 - Public Works crews disposed of over 250 cubic yards of chipped buckthorn.
- The Tree Commission launched an annual public awareness campaign to engage residents in a discussion regarding their favorite local trees as part of the “Tree of the Year” nomination. A Burr Oak was selected as the 2025 Tree of the Year and highlighted in Inside Glencoe.
- The Tree Commission proactively discussed tree preservation in association with ongoing development throughout the Village, such as the new Golf Course Clubhouse, Forest Edge Subdivision, and 5 Briar Subdivision.
- Supported and discussed the ongoing planning for a join tree nursery with the Village and Park District at Shelton Park.
- Engaged with Village staff on revised tree preservation ordinance language, and reviewed updated ordinance language to support the requirements of Urban and Community Forestry Grant, which is funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and administered by the Morton Arboretum.

For 2026, the Tree Commission has set the following goals:

- Work with Village Staff to update ordinance language regarding tree preservation and new development.

- Continue to promote educational material regarding the benefit of trees, the threat of invasive species such as buckthorn and pear trees, and proper tree management and care in coordination with the Sustainability Task Force.
- Continue to educate the public about Buckthorn and advocate for the removal of Buckthorn on public and private property. Monitor, promote and assist with Village projects that support the removal of buckthorn, such as the Green Bay Trial Improvements scheduled for construction in 2027.
- Engage other Village commission and community partners by asking them to meet and discuss areas of mutual interest and benefit.
- Meet with the Sustainability Task Force to define roles and areas of cooperation regarding the Village's tree canopy.
- Continue support and promote the celebration of Arbor Day in collaboration with District 35 and Glencoe students.
- Engage in discussions with neighboring municipalities regarding tree care and maintenance.
- Stay educated and engaged on disease or infestations that may impact the Village's urban forest.
- Further engage the community to increase awareness of the benefit of trees.
- Support the Sustainability Action Plan's goals regarding the urban forest.
- Recruit more public engagement with the Tree Commission.

Respectfully Submitted, 6/18/2026

Tree Commission Members

Dudley Onderdonk, Village Board Representative

Brian Lammers, Co-Chair

Nina Schoeder