

## ADVENTURES IN GLENVIEW

# The Glenview superhero movie



**W**onder Woman, Guardians of the Galaxy ... there's no doubt, superhero movies are once again big business this summer. So let's get our piece of the action. Coming soon to ArcLight Glenview: "Dawn of The Bear."

We open on Jim Patterson, president of Glenview, sitting in his office high atop the Glenview Village Hall. Appearance Committee Chairman Mark Demsky enters.

DEMSKY: Mr. President, things are not looking good.

PATTERSON: That's your problem, Demsky. You're the Appearance Committee Chairman.

DEMSKY: This isn't about ugly stores on Waukegan Road, Mr. President. Johns Park has disappeared.

PATTERSON: Great Scott Cleaners! How?

DEMSKY: It's Morton Grove, sir. They're jealous our town is cooler than theirs, so they've built a giant robot that is scooping up our parkland and replanting it in Golf Mill. Manor Park and

Ladendorf Park, they're all now in Golf Mill. It's like the Garden of Eden over there.

PATTERSON: But isn't Golf Mill in Niles?

DEMSKY: Boy, Morton Grove is dumb.

PATTERSON: Dumb or not, they have to be stopped. It's time to call The Bear.

Demsky pushes a button and a wall map of Glenview slides open to reveal a Gyros Sandwich from Spiro's Delicatessen and a small electric fan. The fan blows the aroma of the sandwich out the open window. The aroma wafts across Lake Avenue and over Swainwood until it reaches the Bear Statue at Jackman Park. Suddenly, the lanterns in The Bear's teeth begin to glow, as do his eyes. The Bear comes to life. He spits the lanterns out.

BEAR: Blech! Ugh, I need a breath mint. But there's no time. Klinky, Klanky, let's go. We've got work to do.

The two bronze statues of a boy and girl sitting on the wall come to life as The Bear's pedestal lowers to the ground. The trio rushes across the street to the Glenview Bike Shop, where they flip up the "Rent Me" signs on the bikes out front. This transforms the bikes into supercool motorcycles.

BEAR: I bet more people would rent these if they knew you could do this.



**The Bear Statue at Jackman Park saves the Village in Denny Hebson's not-too-improbable tale of giant robots stealing Glenview's parks.** 22ND CENTURY MEDIA FILE PHOTO

They race up Harlem Avenue until they come upon a robot, 10 stories tall, scooping up the Central Tot Lot at Central and Lehigh.

BEAR: Drop that Tot Lot, hot shot!

ROBOT: Bot not.

BEAR: Your funeral, snot pot. Klinky, Klanky, get him!

But the robot has placed a set of monkey bars over the metal children, trapping them inside. All looks lost until, suddenly, a voice rings out.

VOICE: Did somebody order a cow pie?

It's the Wagner Farm Cows, all wearing capes,

come to save the day.

BEAR: 'Bout time you ladies showed up.

COW: Prepare for udder destruction, Robot.

A great battle ensues and the giant robot is vanquished. Klinky and Klanky are freed and Glenview's parks are saved. But just as our heroes begin to relax, a loud roar comes from the west. The Bear rolls his eyes.

BEAR: Des Plaines.

But that will have to wait for the sequel.

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