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GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT**

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**Glenview Park District Installs New Lightning
Warning System Effective April 28**

GLENVIEW, Ill., April 17 – The Glenview Park District is installing a new system to alert residents that lightning is approaching. The Strike Guard Lightning Detection system will replace the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System effective Friday, April 28.

The Strike Guard system is an improvement from the Thor Guard system. Thor Guard was able to predict when lightning was likely due to current local weather conditions. The Strike Guard system is designed to detect lightning occurring at a 20 mile distance and will begin sounding alerts when lightning is occurring within a 5 mile distance. Strike Guard provides a more accurate method for alerting residents when lightning is present in the area.

The unit sends one 15-second blast of the horn, which signals that outside activities should be suspended. A strobe light will begin flashing and remain flashing until safe conditions return. When the threat of lightning strikes has passed, three 5-second blasts are emitted and the strobe light will shut off, indicating that outdoor activities may resume.

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Participants using outdoor facilities should always take appropriate shelter when the warning signals are activated. If the weather is threatening but no warning signal is heard or seen, use good judgment and clear the area. Do not wait for the warning signal to activate.

Lightning detection is in place at the following parks and facilities: Apollo School, Community Park West, Crowley Park, Flick Park, Gallery Park, Glenview Park Golf Club, Glenview Prairie Club, Glenview Tennis Club, Johns Park, Park Center, Roosevelt Park, Swenson Park, The Grove, Westbrook School and Willow Park.

The system is tested on the first Tuesday of every month between 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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About the Glenview Park District

The Glenview Park District serves over 55,000 residents including all of Glenview and Golf, small portions of Niles, Northbrook, Northfield and Skokie, and unincorporated areas beyond the village limits. The District owns, maintains and operates more than 845 acres. Connect with us at www.glenviewparks.org.