Your story is our community’s history

“They had horses just when I was five, six years old. I remember that. Now my grandpa… my grandpa died in 1933. He never drove a car he only drove horses.”

Do you remember buying your produce directly from the farmer down the street? Did you bake cookies in the Wagner farmhouse with Rose Wagner or help brother Pete with chores?

For more information or to schedule your oral history recording session contact Christine Shiel
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You are an eyewitness to Glenview’s history as a small farming community.

Don’t let your story be lost!

Recording stories of the last working dairy farm in Glenview

Don Long, life-long Glenview resident

Historic Wagner Farm is a facility of the Glenview Park District.
Learn more at glenviewparks.org
Help preserve our history for the future.
The Historic Wager Farm Oral History Project seeks to collect and record stories from people in our community who have personal knowledge to share of Glenview’s agriculture roots and of the Wagner family, the original owners of Wagner Farm. By recording stories of Glenview’s farming history, we bring the past into the present, with colorful descriptions of Wagner Farm, Glenview residents and historic events. These memories are powerful expressions of our community’s traditions and values.

There is no other source as vivid or as authentic as the memories of personal experience.

Share your story.
You are a primary source for the history of an important and much-loved community asset, Historic Wagner Farm. Don’t let your story be lost!
In preserving this history and providing access to students, community members and researchers, we ensure that the historical chain stays intact and that our community’s roots are a part of its future.

You can help!
To preserve your story for future generations, or to volunteer to help the Historic Wagner Farm Oral History Project, please contact Christine Shiel, volunteer coordinator, at 847-657-1506 or christine.shiel@glenviewparks.org
Visit us on the web to learn more: glenviewparks.org/facilities-parks/wagnerfarm

Oral History: A scholarly endeavor
Oral history is a method of preserving historical information through recorded interviews with participants in past events.
Memoirs add human emotions, thoughts, and feelings to the historical record. Honest remembrances of the past are critical tools that allow future generations to more fully comprehend history’s lessons.