

# Park District celebrates 'winning' 2018



**DAVE DILLON**  
President, Glenview Park District

For the Glenview Park District, 2018 was a winning year.

Taking input from taxpayers, a task-force-crafted referendum received overwhelming approval on the March ballot.

The \$17 million in funds will allow the District to make improvements to Glenview's historic landmark, The Grove, and to the 45-year-old Glenview Ice Center, and to purchase open space for park purposes.

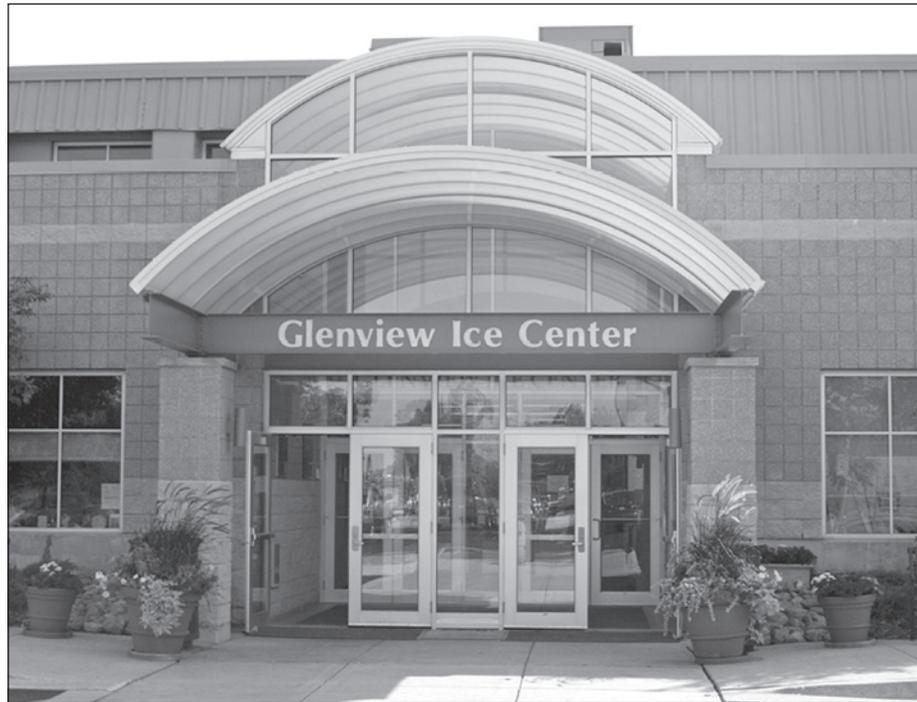
In 2018, the District

became an Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and maintained its prestigious Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investors Services.

The marketing team took home three awards from the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association Conference for logo design, media relations campaign and integrated photography.

Later, the Arts Department received the Helen Doria Arts in the Park Award for year-round classes, the summer concert series, concert band and Flick Park's new focal point, a donation from the Glenview Park Foundation.

It's a 10-foot-tall brushed aluminum tree with a cast



The Glenview Ice Center is set to undergo major renovations in the coming year after voters overwhelmingly backed the project in March. PHOTO SUBMITTED

12-inch glass bird that captures the devotion of a mother bird.

Early in the year, the

Park District Board unanimously approved a Comprehensive Master Plan to guide our decision-making

in the next 10 years, something that hasn't

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## 2018: An active year for League of Women Voters



The League of Women Voters Glenview-Glencoe had an active year in 2018. Here are some of our activities:

- Registered 234 voters at 19 events;
- Organized Voter Registrar trainings;
- Led candidate forums for the November 6 elections for State and Cook County candidates;
- Held programs on Home Rule Authority, Abolishing the Electoral College, Fake News, Empowering Leaders in the Community, Understanding the Caucus System, and African-American Life on the North Shore;

Presented Civics classes to High School students;

- Attended the Women's March, March for Your Lives and the Pro-Immigration March;
- Lobbied in Springfield for the ERA, Independent Maps, and Fair Tax;
- Conducted interviews with our state Senators and Representatives.

We will continue our work in 2019. Keep informed of the events we sponsor at [www.lwvglens.org](http://www.lwvglens.org).

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## GBS students ready to tackle any challenge



**LAUREN FAGEL**  
Principal, Glenbrook South High School

Resilience. That is the word that comes to mind when I think of today's youth.

I know every older generation thinks that it had it "harder" than the next generation, but as a high school educator

for more than 20 years, I feel confident in saying that this generation of teenagers is faced with more complex challenges than ever before.

With the advent of social media and the ever-present barrage of information at our fingertips, people are inundated with constant news and images of global and national events, the job of distinguishing fact from fiction, and the need to prioritize the information they receive.

Teenagers, who are still developing their social, emotional, and academic identities, have this same challenge.

Add to it the adversities of real life: losing a loved one, suffering an illness, not achieving a goal, feeling disappointed by the actions of a friend, experiencing family financial struggles, just to name a few.

But I am here to tell you — if you ever want to see human beings move past conflict, stand up after faltering, or push through a hard time - come to a high school.

Glenbrook South, in particular, is full of thoughtful, dedicated young people who overcome obstacles with grace and positivity.

And I am fortunate to

be among the adults who have the opportunity to provide support for our students, guide their decision-making and nurture their self-discovery.

When I talk about my profession to others, I often hear, "You must be crazy to work with teenagers!"

I always respond with how lucky I am and how inspiring it is to be around high school students each day. While we are the teachers and they are the students, I learn valuable lessons from them.

I encourage you to reach out and ask a young person what they think about a current issue or how they

feel about their school experiences.

Don't be surprised by an insightful, reflective, intelligent response.

And when the going gets tough, teenagers get going. I can't think of a skill more needed for success in life than resilience.

Thank you to the Glenview community for your unwavering support of Glenbrook South.

I am proud to serve as principal of our high school, and I will continue to give my very best to the students, staff, parents and community. Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

## SOCIAL SNAPSHOT



### TOP WEB STORIES

From [www.Glenviewlantern.com](http://www.Glenviewlantern.com) as of Sunday, Dec. 30:

1. Teen candidate enters race for Glenview Village Board
2. NFYN: Accused killer of Wilmette Uber driver on move to adult jail
3. Kohl Children's Museum CEO Sheridan Turner to step down in May
4. Police Reports: Car burglars strike again, steal Cadillac, wallets, electronics
5. From the Editor: Make this race count

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The Glenview Police Department posted this photo on Facebook Dec. 24 with: "Congratulations to our four newest Officers, who just graduated from the Police Academy! Best of luck on a rewarding career."



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Historic Wagner Farm posted this photo on Facebook on Dec. 27 with: "Our baby is getting so big! Stop by and give her some love in the New Year!"

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## GO FIGURE

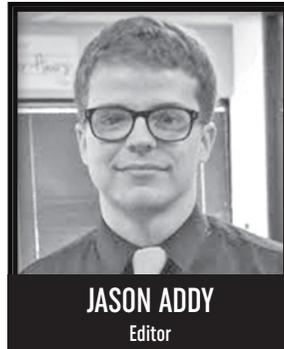
An intriguing number from this week's edition

# 12

The number of Glenview officials who weighed in on 2018 in this Year In Review issue of *The Glenview Lantern*.

## FROM THE EDITOR

# The year ahead



JASON ADDY  
Editor

Though the rest of this special Year In Review edition of *The Glenview Lantern* is dedicated to all that happened in 2018, I'd like to use this space to turn

your attention to the year ahead.

I took over as editor of *The Glenview Lantern* at the end of September, and I've spent the last three months doing my best to get up to speed and find new stories to tell in Glenview.

Now that I feel a little more settled, I am beyond excited to get to work in 2019 telling the stories of this community and its movers and shakers.

Though only a few days old, 2019 is already positioned to be a big year for the Village of Glenview.

## PARKS

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been done since 1982.

Commissioners also approved the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan and the new Park District Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles.

The Glenview Park District Board moved forward with Phase 3 of an intergovernmental project to help alleviate flooding issues for some Glenview residents, a great thing when two government agencies like the Park District and the Village of Glenview can work together. The Park District is thrilled with the project that will improve storm water for so many residents.

Commissioners continue to support a positive environment for all.

This year, the District revised policies for transgender employees, patrons and participants to provide guidance for staff and participants in how to best

provide a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

In addition, the District made great strides in Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits state and local government from discrimination on the basis of disability in the delivery of programs and services.

There were many changes over the past year.

The Tennis Club now has a new general manager. Mark Baladad has a background in both business and tennis.

Jonathan Kuester is Wagner Farm's new director. His agricultural roots go back to childhood, and he comes to Glenview from Schaumburg's Volkening Heritage Farm. Wagner's long-time director Todd Price was promoted. He is now Superintendent of Leisure Services.

West Fork Park was renamed to honor the life of Thomas J. Richardson, the District's second executive director. Among his accomplishments: preserva-

tion of land at Glenview Naval Air Station, Park Center, the acquisition of Wagner Farm and historic Schram Memorial Chapel and the development of West Fork Park.

First and foremost, the Glenview Village Board could have a slew of new faces come summertime. Seven candidates are running for your vote for one of three open seats on the board during the April 2 election.

Incumbent Trustee Mike Jenny, Mary Cooper and Chuck Gitles are campaigning under the "Citizens for Glenview" banner; Tom Greenhaw, Dia Morgan and Cathy Wilson are running as the Better Government in Glenview Party; and 19-year-old Benjamin

Polony is seeking a seat as an independent candidate.

This is the first time since 2001 that two full slates of candidates have been nominated to run for a seat on the board, and the hotly contested election could play a significant role in determining the Village's future over the coming years.

Besides the election, I know that Glenview residents will continue their fine tradition of breaking records and scaling new heights in 2019.

I cannot wait to share those stories with you.

On behalf of all the members of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Glenview Park District, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

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