



The Village of  
**Glenview**

## **GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT/VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW**

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### **Glenview Park District, Village Board Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Gallery Park Property**

GLENVIEW, IL, Thursday, May 27, 2010 – An Intergovernmental Agreement transferring the management and maintenance of approximately 60 acres of Gallery Park in The Glen from the Village of Glenview to the Glenview Park District was approved by the Village Board at its May 18 meeting and by the Park District Board at its May 27 meeting.

The 140-acre Gallery Park, bounded by Patriot, Chestnut, Lehigh and West Lake, was among the community amenities originally identified in the Community-Reuse Master Plan developed for the 1,028-acre Glen after the Glenview Naval Air Station closed in 1995. Since its inception, the Glenview Park District and Village have worked together to plan, design and manage the Park, which features the 45-acre Lake Glenview surrounded by wetland and natural restoration areas (which permits catch and release fishing from its shores), six miles of walking and biking trails, an amphitheater, boardwalk, playgrounds, gardens, fountain, tennis courts, and athletic fields. An expansive lawn area accommodates community gatherings and Little Bear Children's Garden features a sprayground play area.

Under the lease terms of the Gallery Park Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which is similar to the one adopted by both boards for Air Station Prairie and the Tyner Center, the Glenview Park District will continue to provide both active and passive uses in the park, such as natural area management and protection with sports and recreation activities. Day to day operational costs will continue to be covered by The Glen Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund until it expires, currently projected for approximately 2018. The Park District will assume full ownership of the park in 2022; however, the Village will retain ownership and maintenance of Lake Glenview for storm water retention and the parking lots at the northeast end of the park designated for Metra commuters. The Village currently leases ten acres to the Glenview Park District for Park Center and 18 acres to School District 34 for Attea Middle School, which are also excluded under the agreement.

“The Village of Glenview was very creative in taking acres of runway and turning it into not only a lake that aids stormwater management but also a natural areas restoration and opportunities for a wide variety of recreation activities. The Park District is very pleased to add Gallery Park to its list of natural and historic stewardship responsibilities,” said Glenview Park Board President Judy Beck.

The Park District will also take over coordinating special events at Gallery Park. The Park District already hosts several community events at the park, including the 3V3 Youth Soccer Fest, an annual Kite Fly, the Park Center Triathlon and children’s concerts in the outdoor amphitheatre.

“Because of our excellent working relationship with the Village of Glenview we are able to enhance the services we offer to all our residents. The major benefit of this transfer is to preserve open space in our community, which is in keeping with the Glenview Park District’s

mission of enhancing and increasing the amount of natural resource areas in the district,” according to Glenview Park District Executive Director Chuck Balling.

The Glenview Park District and Village of Glenview have had a long and positive history of cooperation to meet the needs of the community, including the transfer of Air Station Prairie and the establishment of a Village snow dumping site at Community Park West.

“Gallery Park is a wonderful amenity which embodies both the active and passive uses created during the development of The Glen,” noted Village President Kerry Cummings. “And now it makes sense for the Park District, our local expert in open space program planning and stewardship, to take over.”

The acquisition of Gallery Park brings the Glenview Park District’s owned and leased property holdings to 832 acres.

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