

# STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Glendale Heights, Illinois

Village President Chodri Ma Khokhar

## 2022 State of the Village Report



Village President  
Chodri Ma Khokhar

On behalf of the Village Board of Elected Officials and the Village of Glendale Heights, I am proud to present the 2022 State of the Village Address as I highlight our many accomplishments over the past year. The Village has great leadership with eight elected officials. I'd like to introduce my fellow Village Board of Elected Officials:

Marie Schmidt, *Village Clerk*  
Bill Schmidt, *District 1 Trustee*  
Mohammad Siddiqi, *District 2 Trustee*  
Michael Light, *District 3 Trustee*

Pat Maritato, *Deputy Mayor & District 4 Trustee*  
Chester Pojack, *District 5 Trustee*  
Mary Schroeder, *District 6 Trustee*

I'd like to highlight a restructure and name change to one of our Departments that occurred in 2022. The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department has been re-branded to the Leisure Services Department to better encompass all recreational activities under one Department. Meanwhile, the Facilities Division will now report directly to the Administration Department of the Village. The Center for Senior Citizens and the Glendale Lakes Golf Club both fall under the Leisure Services Department. Although this does not directly affect the residents of

Glendale Heights, it does give more resources amongst Divisions to provide even more programming and special events.

In 2022, one of our biggest achievements was the grand re-opening of Camera Park which includes a new inclusive playground, fitness area, splash pad and more. I am so proud of the hard work the Leisure Services Department spent on providing this state-of-the-art facility to the community. I encourage everyone to visit Camera Park to see how it has been completely transformed into a major staple in the Glendale Heights community.

The Village of Glendale Heights continues to strive towards building a bigger and brighter future for the residents of our great community. In 2022, we took major strides in creating a comprehensive master plan to help drive the Village forward with new ideas, short-term and long-term goals, and a vision for the future. I continue to work with our Village Board, Department Heads, and all Village staff to ensure we stand true to our motto of being "A Proud and Progressive Village for All People."



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## Finance

In reviewing the audited results of operations for fiscal year 2022 and comparing them to the previous year, the value of total Village assets increased 13% or \$25 million; rising to \$212 million from \$187 million. Total revenues also grew from \$57 million in fiscal year 2021 to \$60 million in fiscal year 2022. This increase in revenue was in spite of the residual effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain issues and rapidly increasing inflation. In fact, sales tax revenues, which fueled 23% of

total General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2022, were once again up from the previous year. How did this happen? Thanks to steadfast efforts encouraging economic development and having a diverse mixture of sales tax generating businesses such as automobile dealerships, grocery stores and big box home improvement stores. Sales tax revenues have grown by more than 36% since fiscal year 2015 as can be seen below.

**Fiscal Year      Sales Tax Revenues**

2015	\$6,419,508
2016	\$7,119,873
2017	\$7,378,796
2018	\$7,660,811
2019	\$7,720,958
2020	\$7,956,964
2021	\$8,239,102
2022	\$8,754,110

Additionally, in fiscal year 2022, the Village’s General Fund finished the year with a fund balance position of \$22.1 million, its highest mark in more than two decades; exceeding both the level recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the amount established by Village policy.

On August 31, 2021, the Village received the first of two installments of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds. The amount deposited was \$2,285,018.24. The Village Board has pledged this money for water, sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant infrastructure needs, which is one of the eligible uses for these funds. The second installment of funds was received this past August.

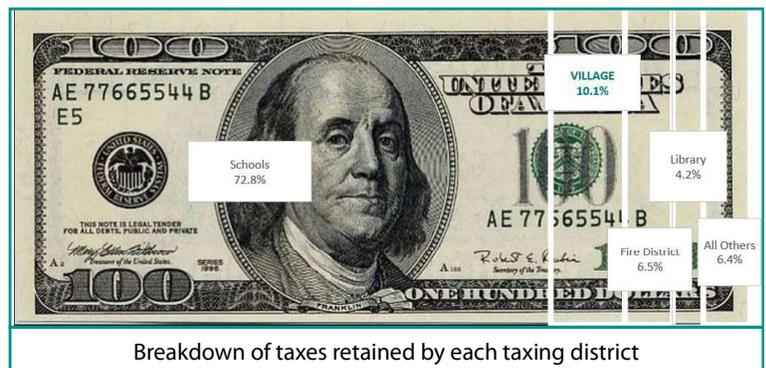
Regarding water billing and consumption statistics, the Village billed 752,409,100 gallons of water in fiscal year 2022, representing a slight decrease from the previous year’s billing of 753,248,000 gallons. This past year, around 106,000 individual water bills were issued, totaling \$11,987,492. We are also expecting the release of an app to monitor water usage and set alerts. This software is due to be launched later this year.

The primary goal and responsibility of the Purchasing Division is to obtain the best value possible for the taxpayer's dollar, within the rules and regulations that govern the public purchase of goods and services. In a typical fiscal year, the Purchasing Division will issue more than 50 separate bids and contracts. The Village strives to purchase at the lowest possible cost, consistent with the needs of the user department. With supply chain issues continuing to pose a challenge, the Purchasing Division staff employed creative options and alternatives to ensure sufficient resources were available for smooth operations throughout the Village.

Residents will be pleased to know that the 2022 Village Tax Levy contained no increase from the prior year. Overall, the Village’s share of property taxes amounts to less than 11% of the total property tax burden.

On July 5, 2022, the GFOA awarded the Village with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This is the 39th consecutive year in which the Village has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

On March 8, 2022, the Village was recognized by the GFOA with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget document. This marks the 9th consecutive year in which the Village has received this recognition.



## Police Department

Our Police Department employs a combined staff of 90 personnel, including 55 sworn police officers, five part-time officers, four community service officers, records clerks, crossing guards and an Evidence Officer. The department also has a strong volunteer pool of 18 individuals who are members of the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA).

I am very proud of the Glendale Heights Police Department for maintaining the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Accreditation. The Police Department earned their first accreditation in 2008 and was most recently re-accredited for the fifth time in 2021. CALEA Accreditation serves as the Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies.

Our Police Department is one of only approximately 800 law enforcement agencies throughout the country who has earned CALEA Accreditation status. CALEA standards are rigorous, and ensure the department is following best practices in law enforcement. Part of the CALEA standards require the Police Department to review each incident in which force is used ensuring that our officers are using the appropriate response for the situation and within legal parameters. CALEA standards also ensure that citizen complaints are investigated thoroughly and in a timely manner. In October 2022, CALEA assessors performed a remote compliance review of the Police Department standards. The Police Department met all CALEA mandated standards and was found to be in full compliance with all the CALEA requirements.

This year, the Police Department deployed 10 Flock system license plate reader cameras throughout the community to detect and capture evidence, input hot alerts for investigative leads, and receive real time alerts on vehicles related to criminal actions. Since the installation of these cameras, we have helped in over 115 investigative leads both within Glendale Heights and other communities in the area.

The Police Department is dedicated to its mission and working with the community to continue building relationships and trust. In 2022, the Police Department helped organize and participated in many events for all ages to continue to build relationships throughout the community.

For over 25 years, the Police Department has held week-long classes at Safety Town for children five to seven years of age. The classes are held over the summer and taught by officers from our Police Department, as well as representatives from other community organizations. For children in 5th through 8th grade, the Police Department hosted the 14th annual Junior Police Academy. Participants experienced various aspects of police work from the initial testing process to evidence processing, traffic stops and officer safety skills.



Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Our state certified School Resource Officers spent the school year teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) to 5th grade students and addressing school related concerns. There are three School Resource Officers, one for each District Glendale Heights children attend. They work to build student and police relationships, and they investigate police related incidents within the schools.

The Police Department also strives to keep our residents informed of important crime prevention tips by hosting Neighborhood Watch meetings and providing a monthly newsletter. These meetings rotate throughout the community every month to provide a more relaxed and intimate setting for residents in each area. The Police Department continued to provide training to local businesses and places of worship on active violence awareness. This training provides employees and residents with options if a violent event occurs within their vicinity.

In the fall of 2022, we held our 24th Citizen's Police Academy, which offered residents an opportunity to get a realistic view of police work through instruction taught by officers from the Glendale Heights Police Department.

Many of our officers did a number of fundraising initiatives including the Polar Plunge, Cop on Top at our local Dunkin' Donuts, and No Shave November. All of the money raised from these programs was donated to the Illinois Special Olympics. Through these efforts, the Glendale Heights Police Department received the coveted Flame of Hope trophy for the commitment to the athletes of the Illinois Special Olympics. Officers also participated in the Brittany's Trees event placing 46 Holiday trees throughout Glendale Heights. The money raised from the sales of Brittany's Trees goes towards the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes foundation. The Police Department teamed up with the Village and other entities to host the Glendale Heights Charity Golf Classic. The Glendale Heights Charity Golf Classic helped raise funds for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #52 Community Enrichment Fund, which helps to support the annual fishing derby, Heroes and Helpers, and other community involved events.



The Glendale Heights Police Department was once again awarded CALEA Accreditation in 2021. One of only 800 agencies across the country with this honor.



Cop on Top at Dunkin' Donuts Annual Fundraiser

The Police Department sponsored the annual National Night Out in August of 2022. The event was held on the Village of Glendale Heights Civic Center campus, and residents were offered free food and games. National Night Out is held to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, and strengthen our police and community partnerships. We want to thank the many other community groups who help make this event a huge success each year! The Police Department also hosted Movie with a Cop, held in July, August, and September. The annual police sponsored fishing derby occurred in October. Kids of all ages gathered at Lake Becerra to eat hot dogs and see who could catch the biggest fish.

In 2022, the Police Department hosted our own Heroes and Helpers event to assist local youth with purchasing Christmas presents for their families. The Police Department partnered with the Glendale Heights Target Store to raise enough funds to take twenty kids shopping. Police officers picked up each child at their residence and drove them to Ki's Restaurant where they enjoyed Breakfast with Santa. Officers drove the children to the Glendale Heights Target Store, where upon entering the parking lot, the police emergency lights and sirens were turned on to make the kids feel like celebrities. Target team members greeted the children and officers, and the shopping began. Target team members helped wrap the gifts for the children at the conclusion of the event. This annual Heroes and Helpers event is truly a special day for both the children and the officers.

The Police Department increased the proactive initiative for mental health services through collaboration with Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS) to provide the highest quality of service for our residents. Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services continues to do co-responder bi-weekly in person visits with officers along with a 25% increase of social service referrals.

The Police Department welcomed Benjamin the Comfort Dog to our police family. Benjamin came to us from the LLC K-9 Police Ministry program to provide support for our community members. Benjamin works with the Glendale Heights community to bring comfort and calmness to those dealing with crisis, trauma, tragedy, and any other difficult situations.



The Glendale Heights Police Department was proud to introduce Benjamin to the Glendale Heights community in 2022

The Police Department established the rank of Police Commander as part of the department's succession plan. The succession plan will increase organizational performance by preparing individuals for critical roles in command and executive positions. A number of specialty training positions have been implemented which include two officers added to the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mobile Field Force, one officer assigned as the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Officer, one officer has been assigned as General Detective, and three civilians have been trained as Comfort Dog Handlers.

The Police Department continues to train our officers to the highest standards. In addition to the monthly online training, officers participate in hands on training with scenario-based role play in subjects such as de-escalation techniques and crisis intervention. Every eligible sworn officer has been trained for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). This training provides a community-based approach to improve the outcomes with encounters of those having a mental health crisis. Officers also attend specialty training such as evidence recovery, proper use of force, lead investigator, and mental health awareness.



The Village welcomed 55 new businesses in 2022 including Crumbl Cookies located at 179 W. Army Trail Road

## Community Development Department

The Community Development Department focuses on maintaining and improving property values within the Village. Economic development continues to be a priority in the Village. Increased economic development improves property values, increases the tax base through property tax and sales tax, and lessens the tax burden on all property owners, as well as gives area residents more opportunities to shop and eat locally. The Community Development Department worked with several developers and businesses in 2022 to open new businesses and construct new developments. The Village welcomed 55 new businesses in 2022 that occupied a combined area of approximately 870,095 square feet of existing commercial, industrial and office space that was

vacant. Among the new businesses include; Marcy Laboratories, Crumbl Cookies, Essentials Dental, Advance Technical Services, Delmar International, Fancy Sprinkles, OMG Inc., Elizalde Medspa & Wellness Center and many more.

In 2022, the recently constructed business park development at 760 E. North Avenue was fully occupied by OMG Inc. and the business park building at 1 E. North Avenue is now fully occupied with three new businesses including DH Pace Company, Coda Resources, and Delmar International.

The Community Development Department reviews and issues new business applications and coordinates the reviews with the two local Fire Districts, the Police Department and the Public Works Department. The Department also processed business license renewals for the 515 businesses and 73 home occupations within the Village.

In 2022, the Community Development Department received 2,833 building permit applications for industrial, commercial and residential construction. A vast majority of the building permits are for residents who are making improvements to their homes and increasing property values in their neighborhood. Staff reviewed the permit applications and conducted inspections to verify that work performed complies with national code standards and ensures safe structures. The Department also issued 52 permits to utility companies to conduct work in the public right-of-way.

The Village issued licenses to 1,365 single-family home rental properties and 100 multi-family licenses (which covers 3,761 units in 426 buildings) in 2022. Staff works with property managers, owners and tenants to ensure that the rental units are properly maintained through the licensing and inspection process as well as the crime prevention partnership program. Through this program, the Village provides property owners and tenants a manual and training seminars about their rights and obligations to comply with the law. This program is important to deter crime and help protect property values in the community.

Staff responds to service requests from residents as well as identifies property that is not properly maintained, and contacts owners to request that violations be addressed. Although a majority of property owners address violations, if not addressed, staff issues citations to require that property be properly maintained. The Village Board continues to look at ways to improve the inspection process to work with both buyers and sellers of property in the Village.

## Public Works Department

In 2022, local road infrastructure was improved throughout the Village as part of the In-House Road Program overlaying Blair Lane, Hickory Lane, Timber Lane, Asbury Drive, and John Street. The project involved the removal and replacement of deteriorated and structurally damaged curbs and sidewalks along with base repairs to the roadway before the new asphalt surface layer was applied. The In-House Road Program undertook the repaving of over 4,000 square yards of surface roadway, and the replacement of 150 linear feet of curb and 3,200 square feet of sidewalk.

The Contracted Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Project was undertaken on approximately four streets in the Village.

The purpose of the project was to replace structurally damaged and hazardous sidewalks. Another aspect of the project was to preserve the mature parkway trees, by elevating the replaced sidewalks over the root system of the trees, rather than removing the tree itself. The Village is responsible for approximately 130 miles of sidewalk.

Streets Division Staff responded to 22 snow and ice events throughout last year's winter season, plowing and de-icing 76 center lane miles of roadway and 147 courts. The Street Division also responded to 55 separate flood control events including clearing of storm inlets and streams to alleviate standing water on roadways. Additionally, the Division responded to 383 work orders throughout the year and over 2,908 JULIE locates for buried utility services.

The Village pursued a grant opportunity for the rehabilitation of West Fullerton Avenue from Bloomingdale Road to Schmale Road,



1 E. North Avenue is now fully occupied with three new businesses



During a major snowfall, the Streets Division plows and de-ices 76 center lane miles of roadway and 147 courts

and was successfully awarded the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant for \$897,687 through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for federal funding. This project will consist of asphalt surface rehabilitation of a four inch grind and overlay, construction of high visibility crosswalks, curb modifications at the intersection of Fullerton Avenue at Van Meter Street, pavement striping, and American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp and sidewalk improvements.

The Engineering Division ensures the Village upholds all local, state and federal mandates, including storm water management compliance, and erosion control inspections on active construction sites. In 2022, the division reviewed over 110 permit applications including engineering drawings and storm water reports.

The Village completed improvements to Klein Creek between Hesterman Drive and Mill Pond Drive. The Village was successfully awarded a Storm Water Quality Grant for approximately \$648,000 from DuPage County Storm Water Management and an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) 319 Grant to help cover construction costs for the project. This project removed the concrete channel in the creek and restored natural stream function. This includes improvements to the ground water infiltration, natural prairie, and riparian habitats on the creek banks along with water quality and the planting of 110 trees and shrubs.



Klein Creek between Hesterman Drive and Mill Pond Drive

The Division provided contract supervision and construction observation for large road projects. One such project was the 2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Road Program which included the reconstruction of nine streets, at a total cost of approximately \$4.3 million dollars. Streets that were improved this year were Coventry Circle, Greenbriar Drive, President Street, Arlington Lane, Lincoln Avenue, Cardinal Drive, Hesterman Drive, Charles Drive, and Devon Avenue.

The Village's contractor continues to maintain vegetation in the East Branch DuPage River Tributary 1 Streambank Stabilization project. Invasive species were removed and native plants were added to create a healthy and sustainable streambank area. Besides offering stabilization to the creek, the vegetation improved the habitat for wildlife and filters pollutants from the water. The overall creek improvements included streambank stabilization, dredging, vegetation management of invasive species, and the planting of new trees and shrubs. The project is now in the phase of planting and managing native species, which will continue for a total of five years. This project previously received \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The Department was awarded assistance on a bicycle and pedestrian feasibility study in the Village from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). CMAP will provide technical consultants to prepare a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This could lead to further projects to create bike routes in the Village and potentially connect to regional bike routes.

The Division is working on numerous projects to improve the Village's Storm Sewer System. The Village's contractor has completed the replacement of 330 feet of corrugated metal pipe with reinforced concrete pipe under Lincoln Avenue. Work has begun on the Jacobsen Avenue Sewer Lining Project. The project consists of installing 1,260 lineal feet of pipe lining in the existing storm sewers. Engineering is currently in the process of designing improvements to mitigate flooding in the Pearl Avenue/ James Court area. The Village was awarded a DuPage County American Rescue Plan Storm Water Grant for the sum of \$252,419. Construction is expected to start sometime in 2023.



The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed over 1.2 billion gallons of wastewater in 2022.

The Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) processed over 1.2 billion gallons of wastewater this year within Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) guidelines and regulations.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant completed an industrial user inventory as part of a condition of its IEPA Discharge Permit. The information provided from this inventory will ensure that all local businesses follow federal and local regulations when discharging wastewater into the Village's collection system. The inventory also provides the mechanism for the Village to establish best management practices in processing conventional and industrial discharges into the wastewater stream.

The WWTP was successful in passing the annual Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Testing (DMRQA) as required

by the IEPA. This testing ensures Village laboratory procedures and methods meet or exceed the standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Capital Improvements continue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the rehabilitation to Digester #2 which began in August of 2021. One aspect of this project included the rehabilitation of the sludge conveyance system with the addition of a new sludge pump and screw conveyor. This portion of the project is being funded by a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant that the Village was successful in receiving in 2019 for an amount of \$350,000.

Through its membership in the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW), the Village participates in the implementation of a chloride reduction program to improve local stream water quality. Additionally, the DRSCW is preparing a Nutrient Implementation Plan for the Village and other Municipal members which will identify measures and projects to reduce offensive condition impairments and meet applicable dissolved oxygen criteria. This is also a requirement of the Village's IEPA Permit and will assist the IEPA in

determining future discharge limits that will be achievable for treatment facilities.



Capital improvements continued at the Wastewater Treatment Plant including rehabilitation to Digester #2



Final repair of a water main break

The Village's Water infrastructure was improved in 2022 with the replacement of approximately 2,400 feet of water main on Glengary Drive, Windsor Lane and Chapman Court. This project was partially funded through a \$400,000 DuPage County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This project included the upsizing of water main from 8" to 10" to improve fire flows in the area and added new main line valves and fire hydrants. Also completed this year was the installation of approximately 350 feet of 6" water main on 2nd Place east of Victoria Lane. This water main extension was installed by the Utilities Division staff. The cost of these two infrastructure improvements to the Village Water Distribution system was approximately \$1 million.

As of this year, four of the six Village water distribution storage tanks are currently on an annual maintenance program with Veolia North America. Veolia North America provides annual inspections and maintenance repairs (internal and external) to the water storage tanks. Scheduled for 2024, a fifth water storage tank will be placed on this maintenance program to continue to provide annual maintenance and help improve water quality Village wide.

Utilities Division staff continued to perform maintenance to the public water infrastructure system by responding to 26 water main breaks, eight fire hydrant replacements/repairs, 37 b-box repairs, and 21 main line valve repairs. In-house projects and maintenance to the water system continued with the flushing of 667 fire hydrants, 2,597 utility locates and 413 work orders completed by staff. Additionally, IEPA mandated water sampling was completed, and I am pleased to report that all 557

IEPA samples resulted in no violations or water quality issues.

The annual water distribution leak detection survey was undertaken by Water Services Incorporated. The survey identified 10 fire hydrant leaks as the only leaks. Utilities Division staff repaired or rectified all reported leaks. Additionally, a portable leak detection system is deployed in the older section of the distribution system. This system has alerted the Utilities Division to leaks either in the water mains or fire hydrants.

Preventative maintenance to the Village's sanitary sewer collection system continued with the jetting of 113,794 feet (21.5 miles) of public sewer mains. The Mill Pond Lift Station Retrofit Project is being designed this year and will be out to bid for construction in spring of 2023. Additionally, the North Avenue catchment area Inflow and Infiltration manhole repairs is being designed and will be out to bid for construction in spring of 2023. This will significantly decrease groundwater entering into the sanitary sewer system.

Over the last few years, the Fleets Division has made changes to its heavy truck purchases. We are now purchasing Peterbilt trucks with stainless steel salt spreaders and dump bodies. These upgrades will allow the Village to utilize these vehicles for at least 12 to 15 years with a longer life expectancy in the overall Fleet. The Division will continue to service and repair over

350 Village vehicles and pieces of equipment. In-house repairs and maintenance allows for a quick turn around and lower costs to the Village.

## Leisure Services Department

The Recreation Division offers a wide variety of programs for all age groups from tiny tots through adults. The Division strives to provide activities and programs that are affordable, fun and engaging in a safe environment.

The Recreation Division offered over 40 new programs and trips this year including E-Sports Leagues and Pickleball. Pickleball is one of America's fastest growing sports. If you are interested in Pickleball, courts are set-up on weekday mornings at the Sports Hub and a court has also been established at Nazos Park.

This was a busy year for the GH<sub>2</sub>O Aquatic Center as residents were able to take swim lessons, join the Dolphin Swim Team, visit during open swim, join in the six special events, and rent the facility for private gatherings throughout the summer months. If you haven't been to GH<sub>2</sub>O in a while, don't miss your opportunity to try out the FlowRider, one of the only surf simulators in the area.

The Recreation Division also helped to run 33 special events in 2022.

We have a number of new ideas planned for 2023 including a Summer Concert and Movie Series. Make sure to check out the Village Newsletter for more information on all of the special events planned for Glendale Heights in 2023.



Pickleball is now offered at the Sports Hub and courts are available at Nazos Park



Glendale Heights Fest returned after a two year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic

After a two-year pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Glendale Heights Fest returned. We had one of our best years ever with a few positive changes to ensure the event was safe and fun for all attendees. Final Carnival revenue figures for the entire five days of the 2022 Glendale Heights Fest (including ticket sales, wristband sales, Mega Pass sales, and Fast Pass sales) totaled \$416,795, or roughly \$26,000 greater than in 2019.

The Glendale Lakes Golf Club generated just under 22,500 rounds of golf and hosted 132 golf events in 2022. Golf outings and events like the Spring Fling and Turkey Shoot make up a number of these events. Additionally, the Glendale Lakes Golf Club hosted a number of wedding receptions, Quinceneras, showers, baptism parties and many more. This was an increase in events from 2021. We are hoping to see even more events in 2023, so if you are looking for a venue to host an event, please check out our banquet information at [www.glendalelakes.com](http://www.glendalelakes.com).

The Glendale Heights Charity Golf Classic was held on Friday, June 17th and raised \$18,000 for five worthwhile charities. The charities included the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the DuPage Senior Citizen Council Meals-on-Wheels Program, the Glendale Heights Christmas Sharing Program, the FOP Lodge # 52 Community Enrichment Fund, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund and the Glendale Heights Foundation. We will be moving the date for the 2023 Charity Classic to late August so contact the Glendale Lakes Golf Club to find out how you can get involved.

A number of projects and purchases were completed this year at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club. Bunker renovations were completed on holes seven and 17, and the fairway bunker that separates holes one and nine. The biggest purchase of the year was for 77 new golf carts that are to be delivered in March of 2023.

The Glendale Lakes Golf Club continues to be the home golf course to five high school golf teams including the Glenbard North Boys and Girls,



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Glenbard East Boys and Girls and the Glenbard West Girls teams. The Glendale Lakes Golf Club also hosted the boys Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Regional Tournament.



On July 21, 2022, the grand reopening of Camera Park took place with the residents having the opportunity to check out the new playground area, fitness equipment, challenge course, educational components, Frisbee golf, and lighting. A month later, the complete park opened when the splash pad was turned on. The splash pad remained open through September for kids to cool down and enjoy the water feature.

In addition to the Camera Park reopening, there were a number of park parties and events held throughout our community parks. If you are looking to host a family gathering or party this summer, consider one of our many local parks for your event.

The Center of Senior Citizens offers comprehensive senior citizen resources with the goal to serve the needs of senior citizens. The Center for Senior Citizens received 7,550 member visits in 2022. This was more than double the member visits in 2021.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Council serves as a planning committee to the Center for Senior Citizens. The Advisory Council is dedicated to identifying the growing needs of our senior population and establishing comprehensive programs that meet the needs and improve the quality of life to our seniors now and into the future. The Council worked with Center staff to bring a variety of programs and special



Camera Park ribbon cutting ceremony on July 21, 2022. The new and improved Camera Park features a new playground area, fitness equipment, challenge course, splash pad and more!

events to senior members including educational seminars, arts & crafts classes, travel opportunities, fitness classes and much more.

The 2022 National Council on Aging Senior Center Month theme was: Strengthening Community Connections. With this theme in mind, we sought ways to connect with other organizations within the community and it offered us many intergenerational opportunities to share talents. Seniors play a vital role in our communities and their willingness to volunteer their talent is a great resource to the community as a whole. We will continue to bridge generations and collaborate with organizations now and into the future.

Our partnership with the DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) allowed us to continue to support the nutritional needs of our seniors. DSCC utilized the Center for Senior Citizens to provide 17,525 delivered meals to homebound seniors within Glendale Heights and surrounding communities. 1,540 meals were prepared for senior residents to pick-up here at the Center and communal dining returned to ease social isolation.



The 2022 National Council on Aging Senior Center Month theme was: Strengthening Community Connections. "Spill the Tea" was one of our partnership programs where senior citizen members interacted with Glenbard District 87 students to help build relationships amongst students and senior citizens.

## Summary

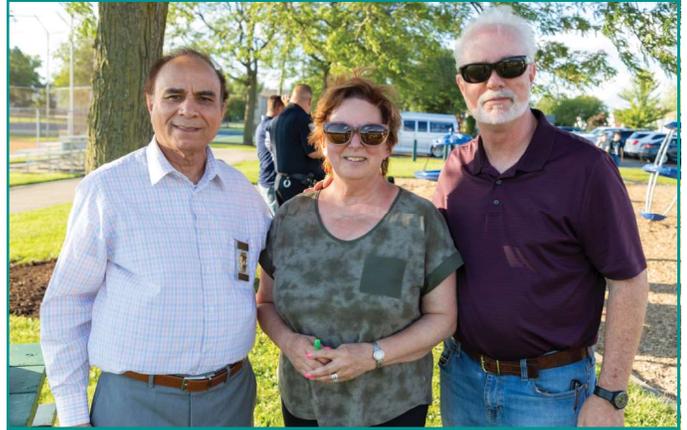
We saw many amazing accomplishments throughout 2022, and I look forward to what 2023 has in store for the Village of Glendale Heights. I encourage everyone to get involved in the community so that we can work together. The Village offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, committee and commission positions, along with seasonal, part-time and full-time employment opportunities throughout the year. I encourage you to visit our website to learn about these opportunities or contact the Village to find out how you can get involved.

Residents are invited to join us on the first Saturday of each month for Coffee and Chat with the Village President and Board at the Center for Senior Citizens. If you cannot attend our Coffee and Chats, please do not hesitate to contact your District Trustee if you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding the Village. We are here to serve you, the residents of Glendale Heights. We look forward to continued growth in 2023 and the many years ahead!

Sincerely,



Chodri Ma Khokhar  
Village President



Village President Khokhar is always willing to meet with residents if you have any questions, comments or concerns