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***Application deadline for Glencoe Caucus Nominating Committees is April 17, 2024.***

Since 1936, the Glencoe Caucus System has been recognized as the non-partisan way Glencoe selects candidates to run for elected positions on our Village, School, Park, and Library Boards. Through the Caucus system, candidates for elected office are nominated by our elected representatives who make up the Caucus Nominating Committees.

Every other year, registered Glencoe voters select neighbors from their precinct to serve on the Village Nominating Committee and the School Board Nominating Committee. According to the Caucus Plan, the main charge of the Village Nominating Committee (VNC) is to nominate a complete slate of candidates for the required elective offices of the Village, Park District, and Library Boards. The School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) provides the same function in nominating a slate of candidates for the School Board and selecting a Glencoe representative to the New Trier High School Caucus for board candidates.

Applications are now being accepted to be considered for each of the Nominating Committees in 2024. The applications are available at the [GlencoeCaucus.org](http://GlencoeCaucus.org) website. Application deadline for nominating committee membership is April 17, 2024.

Members of the Nominating Committees are selected from the precinct they live in by the registered voters of their precinct in an on-line voting process from May 1 to May 17. Online ballots are accessed from the Glencoe Caucus website. The Caucus Plan designates the desired size of the Village Nominating Committee being comprised of up to 30 members, and the size of the School Board Nominating Committee up to 20 members. The Caucus Plan designates 4-year terms for Nominating Committee members with 1/2 of the members elected every 2 years.

Generally, the Nominating Committees meet in late summer to begin the review of their responsibilities and then set a schedule to interview candidates for the elected Village and School Board positions. Persons interested in being considered for slating by the respective nominating committees must apply by September 15, 2024. Applications are available on the Glencoe Caucus website.

Nominating Committees will meet, interview, and review the qualifications of every candidate who applies to be slated for an elected position. The primary responsibilities of the Nominating Committees culminate with their recommendations being presented at the Biennial Town Hall Meeting in December, where the community as a whole vote for the slate of candidates in the Spring Elections.

In May you can obtain a ballot to vote for residents who seek to be elected to one of the two Nominating Committees in the Village. In order to enhance the ease of the election process, this election will again be conducted through the use of an electronic ballot. When available, the Glencoe Caucus website ([www.glencoeCaucus.org](http://www.glencoeCaucus.org)) will provide access to your ballot. A flyer will be sent to all Glencoe residents with notification and instructions on the balloting process for

nominating committee selections. The Caucus also welcomes donations to offset the cost of mailing out the flyer to the community. Donations can be made through the Glencoe Caucus.org website.

Glencoe has enjoyed a culture of excellence in governance. In part, because residents have stepped up to serve on one of the Caucus Nominating Committees. Take the time, get involved!