

September 29, 2016

**What do you love about Glen Ellyn?**

- Downtown—it's a real place, community
- Sidewalks
- Prairie Path
- Lake Elly
- Generosity
- Glen Art Theater
- Urban forestry program
- Downtown—small feel
- Flowers and trees
- People friendly
- COD
- Public library programs
- Senior tennis club
- Transportation
- Safety
- Quaint and convenient

**I wish GE had: [who can help with this or who do we need to get involved]**

- More senior activities [village, ESSE, Park District]
  - Wellness
  - Resources
  - Fairs
- McChesney's still here [economic development, chamber of commerce, planning and development--Stacy]
- Meijer @ old Dominick's [economic development, chamber of commerce, planning and development--Stacy]
- Improve downtown [economic development, chamber of commerce, planning and development--Stacy]
  - Put money into properties
  - More unique businesses
- More information about existing businesses [economic development, chamber of commerce, planning and development--Stacy]
- Local type restaurants [economic development, chamber of commerce, planning and development--Stacy]
  - I.e. Egg Harbor like
- Bike lanes [village]
- Revitalize Newcomer's or Welcome Wagon [village]
- Consider ongoing meetings for community members (beyond the newcomers) [library]
- More information on historical society/Stacy's Tavern [historical society]

- Car show night (like Lombard) [village]
  - Pick other nights
  - Something with a theme
- More 4<sup>th</sup> of July type events [village and 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee]
- More naturalized yards [village, The Conservation Foundation, Morton Arboretum, horticulturist, park district, problem based learning, incentivize people]
- More locally owned restaurants [chamber to recruit, economic dev]
- Downtown grocery store [chamber, ED, village]
- Remove the millennium clock [village]
- Larger selection of housing (lower end) [change zoning for affordable housing and senior housing]
- Film festival [COD, international film and cultural festival]
- More stores, stable restaurants [Shop local marketing]
- More affordable housing [Cultural Awareness-building]
- Economic and cultural diversity inclusion [Positive cultural sharing]
- Diverse tax base [Incentives—for businesses to locate]
- Old fashioned ice cream parlor [CO-OP with high school students]
- Activities for middle school-aged children [Combine organizations to create opportunities]
- More parking [park district, village, Union Pacific RR, high school district]
- Lights on Prairie Path [county]
- Architectural tours [architectural commission]
- Hay rides [park district, churches]
- High school parking [district 87, village, zoning]
- Inns and B&Bs [zoning and marketing]

### \$500 projects

- APP contest for Glen Ellyn “Wikipedia”
- Ice Cream Social
- Dunk tank—for fun or for charity
- Fun fact night—folklore and trivia about Glen Ellyn
- Invite back famous Glen Ellyn folks (Lucas II, Survivor, Sean Hayes)
- Village owned store front with rotating sellers
- Birthday cards to everyone
- Story core (history recorded)
- Make waffles (a community-wide waffle supper/breakfast)
- Pay it forward day (share the stories)
- Nerf gun war
- Tailgate party (HS football games)
- Scavenger hunt
- Volunteer Fair @ library

**What keeps you up at night? Anything else?**

- Late night train announcements
- Skunks are a danger to dogs
- Lack of civil discourse
- Taxes/school funding
- COD and Village—should work together
- More focus on partnerships in the community
- Redistribution of county taxes
- All folds to be safe in community
- Open and honest discussion of Glen Ellyn issues

October 6, 2016

**What do you love about Glen Ellyn?**

- Safe—kids can be independent
- Events are enjoyable
- Opportunities for all ages
- Physical beauty
- Friendly—capacity for strangers to differ: difference between disagree and dislike
- Know everybody
- Cozy place
- Activities for family
- Diversity and cultural sensitivity
- “real” downtown
- Beauty and accessibility to Chicago
- Great education
- Diversity

**I wish GE had: [who can help with this or who do we need to get involved]**

- More businesses [ **city manager, chamber of commerce** ]
  - Notions
  - Groceries
  - Moderately priced shopping
- More directive school crossings. Lights or something [ **citizens group or public forum** ]
- Full day kindergarten [ **district 41, make it tuition based? Tax revenue where’s it going** ]
- Support for working moms/parents
- Childcare options
- Restaurants more
- Better parking (structure)
- More chamber of commerce events
- Beautification of Roosevelt Rd—it’s the Gateway to GE [ **village** ]
- Parking [ **community engagement, village government—decisions needed** ]
- Outdoor gathering places in downtown –attractive [ **village and park district** ]
- Fill up empty storefronts with diverse businesses [ **village, chamber, input from residents, downtown alliance** ]
- Activities for middle school kids [ **park district, YMCA, schools, seniors, parents, children, library, churches** ]
- Lower property taxes (although we do enjoy a high level of services) [ **state and county representatives** ]

- More services for adults with disabilities [senior day care, special recreation association, what are other communities doing]
- Storm water management (flooding and horticulture) [village, park district, and nearby municipalities]
- Wise residential development (long term planning) [involve middle school and high school in planning, strategic planning]
- Healthy retail industry [strategic planning]

### **\$500 projects**

- Roving winter fire pit
- Pop-up events—unannounced, unrepeated
- Music sharing events (people come and play)
- Pet parade
- Public art (donations/students) pay artist to design and community executes
- Purchase trees (general and diverse species)
- Free library and bench
- Community coffee event—use the boat house and talk about issues
- Initiate community drumming circles (indoors and outdoors)
- Community book clubs—one book, one community
- Flamingo night (purchase plastic flamingos to hand out to neighborhoods—put the flamingo in your yard on Thursday night and the neighbors know to come to your house Friday night for a gathering)
- Winter block party on main street
- Valentines event
- Snowman event
- New Year's Eve event

### **What keeps you up at night? Anything else?**

- No central place to get event information (central calendar)
- How do we communicate on village issues?
- Are we engaging everybody? We're a really diverse community.