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]
  o Wellness
  o Resources
  o 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]
  o Put money into properties
  o 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]
  o 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]
  o Pick other nights
  o Something with a theme
• More 4th of July type events [village and 4th 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]

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• 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.