

Welcome to Glen Ellyn! Whether you live, work, do business, play here or are just visiting - we're glad you're here!

Regional Chicago is filled with choice. Why Glen Ellyn? What makes our village unique?

On the surface, Glen Ellyn is very pretty. Start from the internationally renowned Morton Arboretum at our southern tip and walk, run, bike or drive north and see forest preserves, lakes, a golf course, shopping areas, parks, educational institutions, houses of worship, every housing size and style imaginable and even a Village Arboretum. Travel through our New England style downtown and incredible Lake Ellyn and wind up at our History Park including Stacy's Tavern, which dates back to 1846. Did I mention trees? Glen Ellyn prides itself on its urban forest.

Beauty, however, is only the beginning. Award-winning schools, recreation and social opportunities abound. Join the over 300-member strong Newcomers Club and go from there! From Food Pantry to Country Club and everything in between, volunteer opportunities are plentiful and rewarding.

And culture: College of DuPage is host to professional orchestra, band, dance and theatre ensembles and Glen Ellyn's Village Theatre Guild operates out of a former one-room school house. The Glen Ellyn Historical Society and Glen Ellyn Park District offer a wide variety of programming for all ages and, along with the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce host a number of free community events each year. Visit Glen Ellyn during the Taste/Village Fair, 4<sup>th</sup> of July or Holiday Walk and you'll swear you're in Mayberry!

Like sports? Opportunities thrive for every level of skill and competition imaginable whether participant or spectator.

The list continues:

- World-famous Anima, (the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus)
- A grocery store that has been in business for 150 years
- Willowbrook Wildlife Haven – a hospital and “zoo” for handicapped animals
- Superior entrepreneurial entities and national chains for dining and shopping
- The Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company – serving the village for over 100 years
- State of the art DuPage Medical Group and Central DuPage Hospital medical clinics
- The Illinois Prairie Path and Great Western Trail multi-use paths
- Dedicated and customer-service oriented village employees

I could go on. Is Glen Ellyn nirvana? No, but it is close. And Chicago is just a short train-ride away from our downtown!

Glen Ellyn has its challenges, like ensuring rising public expenses do not exceed expected revenues, but with five-year forecasts and careful planning, the village can rise to its economic development opportunities. The private, public, non-for-profit partnerships in Glen Ellyn simply are unmatched. We can meet any challenge.

What is the real secret to making life in Glen Ellyn, IL unique? The people. In all shapes, sizes and professions, people are friendly and helpful. Smiles and “good mornings” are plentiful. The Village government strives to reflect the excellence of its citizens. They are a dream come true.

Again, welcome to Glen Ellyn. If we can be of any assistance, please contact us at 630-469-5000 or [Info@GlenEllyn.org](mailto:Info@GlenEllyn.org).

Sincerely,

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