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Glen Ellyn Set to Welcome French Sister City Delegation

Glen Ellyn, IL – The Village of Glen Ellyn is preparing to welcome, for the first time, officials from its Sister City---Le Bouscat, France. The French delegation is set to arrive by Metra train Tuesday morning, April 14, at approximately 9:30 a.m. at the Glen Ellyn downtown train station. Visiting officials will include the Mayor of Le Bouscat and his spouse, as well as an additional elected official.

Village officials have a full two-day itinerary planned for the French visitors, including a tour of the community, which will include, among other notable sites, the Central Business District, the College of DuPage, Stacy's Tavern, and Glenbard West High School. The Village President and Board of Trustees are also scheduled to host a dinner reception for the French visitors at the Village Links Reserve 22 restaurant on Tuesday evening. The international exchange will conclude on Wednesday evening with a visit to the Market Français event at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

The Sister City partnership was formed last April in order to foster mutual opportunities for cultural, educational, and economic exchanges that highlight the diversity and rich culture between the two international partners. Le Bouscat is located in the Bordeaux region of France and boasts many similarities to Glen Ellyn such as population, strong local economy, and a vibrant and engaged citizenry.

Preparation for the French visit was spearheaded by members of the Village's ad hoc Sister City Committee, which has been meeting over the past several months to also begin laying the ground work for on-going cultural events within the Glen Ellyn community that will seek to raise awareness of the Sister City partnership, and identify fundraising opportunities to support future international exchanges between the two cities.

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