

VILLAGE OF *Glen Ellyn* ILLINOIS

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Glen Ellyn Residents,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We are into our first week under the Governor's "Stay At Home" directive. I cannot say enough about how proud I am of the residents of Glen Ellyn who are pulling together, in a socially distant manner, to make this work. The creativity, outreach and support for one another, whether you are family, friends or strangers, is incredible.



Many businesses have been beyond generous, and creative, during this time to offer an outlet while you are at home. There are numerous fitness gyms that are offering online live workouts, regardless if you are a member, and this week the Park District is hosting "Cake Wars", a baking challenge for both adults and kids. It's fun to see administrators of social media groups hosting talent contests for all ages.

I've witnessed residents going above and beyond, by offering to go shopping for those who are most vulnerable during this pandemic. Please continue to extend support to those that need it.

I had a resident make the suggestion of hanging the Village's 4th of July American flags throughout the community to show support for the country during this time. I thought it would be such a wonderful display of solidarity, that I contacted our Public Works Director who was happy to work with his team to hang and display the flags throughout the downtown. If you have an American flag at home, please join the rest of the community in displaying them. The message is that we stand together, and that we will get through this time with the help of one another.

I want to reassure residents and businesses that Glen Ellyn's police, fire, EMS, water and sewer systems maintenance, wastewater plant operations and other critical public services are continuing. The Village continues to be operational, with staff available via email and phone to answer any of your questions.

For those that are in the fortunate place to be able to help volunteer, there are several organizations in need, with the list growing every day. You can visit the [Giving DuPage website](#), which has developed a Volunteer Portal.

Thank you all for pulling together during this time. As I am in constant contact with other Presidents and Mayors across the state, it is apparent how very fortunate we are to be living in Glen Ellyn and have access to the resources we do.

Please keep following the Governor's stay at home guidelines. Do what you can to slow the curve and above all else, stay safe.

Diane McGinley
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