



April, 2005

Village President
Gregory S. Mathews

Dear Fellow Resident:

For almost 100 years, the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company has provided high quality fire protection services through the efforts of its volunteer firefighters and voluntary financial donations by our residents. However, those donations received by the Volunteer Fire Company during their annual fund drive are no longer sufficient to meet the escalating costs of such things as new fire trucks, training, and personal protective gear for each volunteer.

Trustees
Mary Jane Chapman
Daniel T. Gardner
Mary C. Loch
John M. Mulherin
Mark Pfefferman
Thomas H. Riley, Jr.

As Village President, I have been looking for ways to help the Volunteer Fire Company resolve its budget deficit, but without imposing new taxes. As a matter of fact, the Volunteer Fire Company saves Glen Ellyn taxpayers several million dollars each year when compared to neighboring communities.

Village Manager
Gary Webster

The Village's recent Community Attitude Survey indicated that 70 percent of our residents are willing to support the Volunteer Fire Company by adding a monthly donation to their water bill. We are, therefore, announcing this new option that allows you to easily authorize a modest addition to your monthly water bill to help support our Volunteer Fire Company.

Our unpaid Volunteer Fire Company members responded to over 1,400 calls for help last year. For the Fire Company to continue on a volunteer basis, our community needs to match their spirit with our voluntary financial donations through either their annual fund drive or this new monthly water bill option.

Civic Center
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137
(630)469-5000
Fax (630)469-8849
E-mail: info@glenellyn.org
Website: www.glenellyn.org

Attached is a listing of ways in which you can donate to the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company. If you wish to use the new monthly water bill donation option, please complete and sign the form on the bottom of the attached page. Please help keep the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company independent, community-based, and not added to our property tax bill.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Mathews
Village President

Police Department
535 Duane Street
(630)469-1187
Fax (630)469-1861

GWM:kb

Public Works Department
30 South Lambert Road
(630)469-6756
Fax (630)469-3128

Our Survival Depends on YOUR Contributions!

Suggested minimum donation

Just \$95 per household



Volunteer Firefighters are FREE but ...

Fire Apparatus payments ...	\$200,000/annually
Personal Protective Gear ...	\$6,500
	x 55 volunteers
Training ...	\$30,000/annually
Equipment Maintenance & Repair ...	\$25,000/annually
Insurance ...	\$20,000/annually

... and many additional fiscally challenged expenses annually

Fire Protection is NOT free!

Make your donation TODAY!

It's tax deductible

Service, Tradition and Volunteers Since 1907

The *Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company* is expanding your payment options to make a donation. We realize that making a one-time annual donation may be hard on your budget, so we are now offering a monthly donation option. Making a donation is now easier than ever! Choose an option that is best for you:

Donate online with a credit card or PayPal account:

Visit our website at www.glenellynfire.com and select the link from the menu labeled "Make A Donation". You can pay directly from an existing PayPal account, or you can choose to pay with a major credit card (MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express). Existing PayPal account not required.

Mail your contribution to:

The Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company
P.O. Box 460
Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-0460

Drop off your contribution at Station One:

Stop by our downtown fire station at the corner of Main and Pennsylvania Ave., during the day from 6:30 am until 6:30 pm.

NEW!

Monthly donation via your Village of Glen Ellyn Water Bill:

Fill out and return the card below. The amount you choose to donate will be included on your monthly water bill as a separate tax-deductible line item.

Everyone is eligible for this option, even if you do not receive a water bill. You will be billed monthly.

(Detach and return this form to enroll in the monthly donation option)

Return to: Cashier's Office
Village of Glen Ellyn
535 Duane St.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Please provide the following information so that we can enroll you:

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Select a monthly donation amount. This amount will be included on your water bill each month as a separate line item (please check one):

___ \$8 ___ \$10 ___ \$12 ___ \$15 ___ \$20 ___ Other: \$ _____

Signature

Date

Suggested minimum donation is \$8 per household, \$12 per business.