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Glen Ellyn Declares June 7-13 as “Bicycle Safety Week” in the Village and Challenges Community Members to Take the Bike Safety Quiz

Glen Ellyn, IL – The Village of Glen Ellyn, along with the Glen Ellyn Park District, have partnered to bring greater awareness to bicycle safety. To kick off this public awareness campaign, Village President Alexander W. Demos and Village Trustees recently declared the week of June 7-13 as “Bicycle Safety Week” in Glen Ellyn.

In recognition of bicycle safety week, Village and Park District officials will be conducting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly installed bicycle repair station that is located along the Prairie Path in downtown Glen Ellyn’s Prairie Path Park. The event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 9th at 9:30am. Following the brief ceremony, a representative from local Glen Ellyn bicycle shop, Element, will be on hand to provide a demonstration to the public on how to properly use the repair station’s accessory tools and air pump. Village President Demos commented, “We think [the new bike repair station] is a value-added asset to our community’s bicycle infrastructure---one that will hopefully encourage more individuals to hop on their bikes and come visit our historic downtown”.

The repair station was spearheaded by the Village’s Environmental Commission as a means to promote bicycling in Glen Ellyn by enhancing the ability for bicyclists to make minor repairs while traversing downtown Glen Ellyn via the Prairie Path. “To the best of our knowledge”, according to Environmental Commission Chairman, Adam Kruezer, “this is the first bicycle repair station of its kind that is installed along the entirety of the Prairie Path”.

Also, as part of Bike Safety Week, Village President Demos is challenging Glen Ellyn citizens to take the Bike Safety Quiz. “We want to promote Glen Ellyn as a bicycle-friendly community, and what better way to do that than to bring greater awareness to how we can all more safely share the roadway”, stated President Demos.

The on-line test, which is the product of a partnership between the Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.) and the League of Illinois Bicyclists, is intended to provide a convenient and educational way of promoting bicycles as a safe and sustainable mode of transportation in Illinois. Those who are interested in taking the on-line safety quiz can do so at www.bikesafetyquiz.com. Also, the local Dairy Queen in Glen Ellyn is offering a 10% discount through June 30 for anyone who brings in a copy of their Bike Safety Certificate of Completion!

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