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### **Fire Alarm System Requirement Under Consideration for Downtown Business District**

The Village of Glen Ellyn has reviewed the existing buildings in the downtown C5A zoning district and determined that there are some significant life and fire safety risks. The majority of the buildings were constructed in the early 1900's prior to the development and implementation of the current building and fire codes.

The Village is soliciting comments, suggestions and participation in future Village meetings and discussions regarding a required automatic fire alarm system within all buildings in the C5A zoning district.

An informal meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Clayton Meeting Room on the second floor of the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street to further explain and discuss the proposed fire alarm system requirement. Village and Fire Company staff will be available to answer questions and hear concerns, comments and suggestions.

The Village Board has created a Fire Prevention Award Program to assist existing business and property owners within the downtown C5A and C5B zoning districts with financial assistance up to \$15,000 to update or install fire alarm or sprinkler systems that meet the Village standards. The installation of a fire alarm system also satisfies an eligibility requirement of the Downtown Retail Interior Improvement Award Program for new businesses.

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