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Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce

CONNECTING BUSINESS WITH THE GREATER COMMUNITY

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Wednesday December 18, 2019

Greetings!

Thank you everyone for making 2019 a great year! The Chamber has hosted over 75 events this year to showcase your business and get you in front of your customers and the community.

Please note in 2020 the Glen Ellyn Chamber will be forwarding information for additional member services provided through the Illinois Association Chamber of Commerce Executives (IACCE). IACCE has partnered with Atena to offer Group Health Insurance offering a 25% savings compared to ACA premium rates. As well as Met Life for a complete benefits package. GECOC members who are brokers have access to sell these plans.

Additionally via the IACCE, training options are available for the new Annual Sexual Harassment Training required as of January 1, 2020 to all employers who must train all employees in Illinois each year. The first deadline is January 1, 2021. Employers who do not provide compliant training will be subject to penalties. Additional training is needed for independent contractors, hospitality industry and more.

The selling of Chamber Gift Checks have been busy! Note a new fresh look but remember it is the same program. Any expired checks can be reissued via the Chamber office. The Glen Ellyn Public Library is selling The Glen Ellyn Chamber Gift Checks as well. All active Chamber Members can participate. [Please confirm you are properly listed in the Gift Check Program.](#)

Thank you for your Chamber membership. Together we make Glen Ellyn a wonderful place to work, live and play.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday,

Dawn Smith
Glen Ellyn Chamber Executive Director

Chamber News and Member Event Info

**The Glen Ellyn Community
Awards Voting December 2nd- January
26th**

Tuesday Evening February 11, 2020

recognizing the BEST OF GLEN ELLYN at the 56 Annual Awards Banquet.

The voting icon / logo should be on your social media, newsletters, website and marketing for your patrons to VOTE for YOUR organization with a hyperlink to the our webpage:
www.GlenEllynChamber.com/Awards
Voting currently taking place **December 2nd - January 26th.**

The categories are:

Business (Popular vote - Use icon)

Non-Profit of the Year
Restaurant of the Year
Retail of the Year
Service Industry Business of the Year

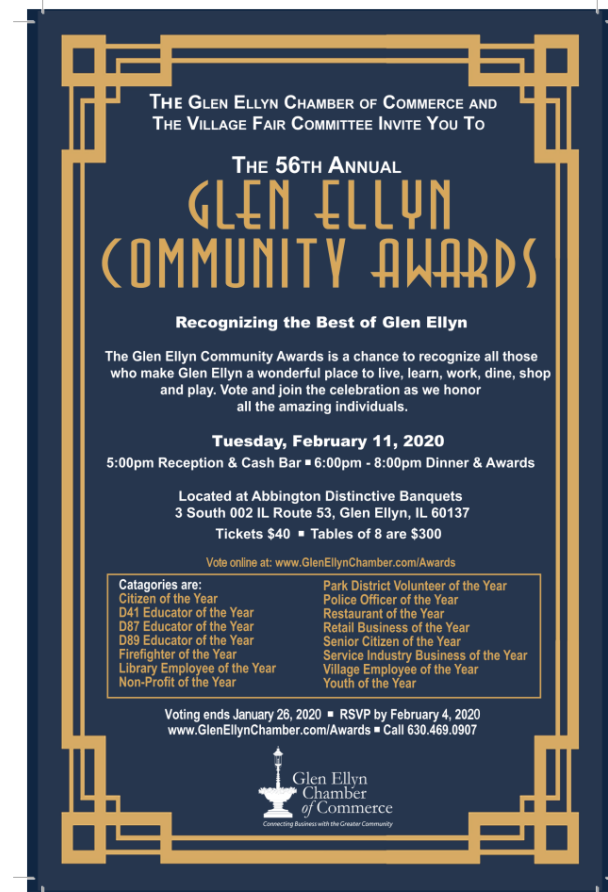
Civic

D41 Educator of the Year
D87 Educator of the Year
D89 Educator of the Year
Firefighter of the Year
Library Employee of the Year
Park District Volunteer of the Year
Police Officer of the Year
Village Employee of the Year

Service

Stuart S. Stone, Citizen of the Year
Paul Herwaldt, Senior Citizen of the Year
Youth of the Year

Your business will be recognized at this event, and publicized in print of both newspapers and magazines, in social media, in the Chamber directory.



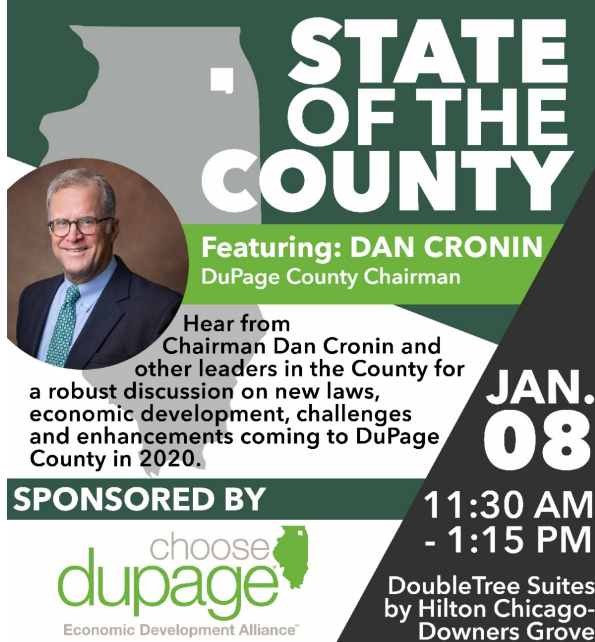
State of the County Multi-Chamber

**Wednesday January 8, 2020
11:00 AM - 1:15 PM**

**Location: DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
Chicago-Downers Grove
2111 Butterfield Rd, Downers Grove**

Come on out and network with business professionals as you enjoy this luncheon

**\$35 Chamber Member
\$50 Future Member
\$85 Tabletop**



STATE OF THE COUNTY

Featuring: DAN CRONIN
DuPage County Chairman

Hear from Chairman Dan Cronin and other leaders in the County for a robust discussion on new laws, economic development, challenges and enhancements coming to DuPage County in 2020.

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11:30 AM - 1:15 PM

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Economic Development Alliance

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Chicago-Downers Grove

[Register Here!](#)

Chamber Monthly Meeting:

STATE OF THE VILLAGE
presented by Village President Diane McGinley and the
Annual Installation of the Glen Ellyn Chamber 2020 Board of Directors

Tuesday January 14, 2020
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Brookdale Glen Ellyn
60 N Nicoll Ave Glen Ellyn

\$25 Chamber Member
\$30 Future Member

Please register to see President Diane McGinley who will be giving the State of the Village. Join us for our Installation of our Board of Directors for 2020 and learn initiatives the Chamber will be providing in the new year!

[Register Here!](#)



Third Thursday Business After Hours

Thursday January 16, 2020
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Block Advisors
800 Roosevelt Rd Bldg A Suite 106

Come network with your fellow Chamber members. Wine will be served!

This is a FREE Event



[Register Here!](#)

CHAMBER 101



Chamber 101 Informational Meeting

**Wednesday January 22
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Location: Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust
Lower Level Conference Room
357 Roosevelt Rd Glen Ellyn**

**FREE to all Members
and Prospective Members**

CHAMBER 101 MEMBER INFORMATION MEETINGS

*ARE YOU MAXIMIZING YOUR
CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP?*

The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce has many new member benefits and cost saving programs. Whether you are interested in learning what a chamber membership will give you, you are a new member or a veteran, come and learn how the Chamber works for you!

Training of on-line marketing through the Chamber website and social media is available and how to be involved in events to boost your business recognition.

[Register Here!](#)

Chocolate, Cheese & Wine Tasting

Are You Interested in becoming a Sponsor for our Chocolate, Cheese & Wine Tasting event which has been SOLD OUT the past 2 years?

Business Sponsorship Opportunities Available!



[Click this link for sponsorship and registration form.](#)

SOUVENIR WINE GLASS SPONSOR - \$800 (one available)

Includes: 350 Wine Souvenir Event Glasses with Business Logo imprint, 4 Tickets to Tasting, Business LOGO on: Welcome sign, Chamber website, media promotions, event program and listing on printed materials

SNACK TRAY/WINE GLASS HOLDER WITH IMPRINT- \$600 (one available)

Includes: 350 Wine Glass Holder-Snack Tray with Business imprint, 4 Tickets to Tasting, Business LOGO on: Welcome sign, Chamber website, media promotions, event program and print materials

CHOCOLATE - \$ 300

Includes: 2 Tickets to Tasting, Business Name on: Welcome sign, media promotions, name on Chamber website, event program and print materials

CHEESE- \$200

Includes: 1 Ticket to Tasting, Business Name on: Welcome sign, Chamber website, event program

WINE - \$100

Business Name on Chamber website and event program

Friday January 31, 2020

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location: Reserve 22
485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn**

**\$40 in advance
\$45 at the door (if available)**

Enjoy an evening of wine, chocolate and cheese tastings from around the world. The admission ticket includes a souvenir wine glass, wine tastings, as well as, chocolate and cheese. In addition, local Glen Ellyn restaurants will be showcasing a sample off their menu. All tastings will be available for purchase the day of. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

[Register Here!](#)



What is your Frida Experience Glen Ellyn?

This comprehensive presentation of the life and works of Frida Kahlo presented by the McAninch Arts Center will feature 26 original pieces spanning her career as one of Mexico's greatest artists the summer of 2020.

Tickets which went on sale online on December 10th, have already been sold in over 35 US states, Canada, the UK, and more. 30% of sales are from out of state.

With the hundreds of thousands of visitors expected to visit Glen Ellyn and the tourism dollars it will bring, together the MAC, the Village of Glen Ellyn, the Glen Ellyn Chamber, Downtown Alliance and the DuPage Convention Visitors and Bureau are working hard to bring the business to you by promoting your **Frida Experience**. Submit your Frida Experience to bring visitors to your storefront by completing this form.

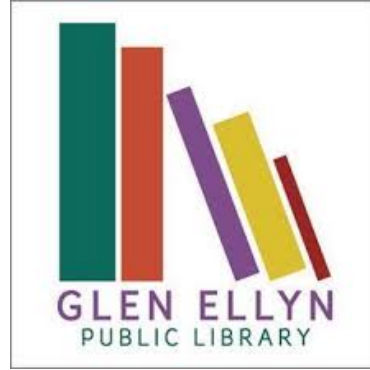
[Tell us your Frida Experience!](#)

Glen Ellyn Public Library

Microsoft Word, Intermediate

**Wednesday December 18
7-8:30 PM**

Register Here!



Village of Glen Ellyn

Plan Commission Recommends Approval of Proposed Civic Center Parking Garage and Pedestrian Access to Main Street

On December 12, the Village's Plan Commission held a public hearing to review the proposal for the four-story Civic Center public parking garage and pedestrian access to Main Street.



The Plan Commission heard presentations, public comment and followed with a 5-1 vote to recommend approval of this project to the Village Board.

The Village Board is expected to give consideration to the project at the Monday, January 13, 7 p.m. Village Board meeting at the Civic Center, 535 Duane Street.

About the Proposed Project

The proposed project includes a four-story public parking garage and other associated public improvements for the properties located at 535 Duane Street and 423 N. Main Street, more commonly known as the Glen Ellyn Civic Center and the Shonkwiler Building, respectively. Part of this proposal includes the demolition of the Shonkwiler building and the residential building to its rear. In the place of this building, a public space to serve as a connection point from Main Street to the public parking garage is proposed.

The proposed public parking garage will contain 277 parking stalls, and an additional 10 parking stalls to the west of the driveway off of Duane Street. A total net gain of 212 additional parking stalls will serve commuters, businesses, residents, visitors and Civic Center employees.

Additional Information

Plans and documents are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department at the Civic Center during normal office hours. Any questions or comments should be directed to Planner, Katie Ashbaugh at kashbaugh@glenellyn.org.

The full Plan Commission packet of plans and documents are available for public view on the Village's [website](#). The agenda packet for the Village Board Meeting on January 13 will be posted to the Village's website by Friday, January 10.

The project website offers additional information on the proposed project, can be found [here](#).



Village Receives Grant Funding for New Train Station and Pedestrian Tunnel

View southeast from the proposed plaza to pedestrian underpass.

Village of Glen Ellyn President Diane McGinley and the Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees, along with U.S. Representative Sean Casten (District 6), U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (District 8) and other officials

came together on November 25 to celebrate a \$14.4 million federal grant for the downtown Glen Ellyn Train Station project. The \$20 million project includes building a new station and constructing a pedestrian tunnel that will improve access, enhance safety and create a greater connection with the Village's downtown area.

In October, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) notified the Village of an award of \$14.4 million in funding for the Glen Ellyn Metra Station. CMAP allocates these federal funds, which are made available through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement program.

Improvements will include a redesigned station lobby, exterior façade, and pedestrian underpass. The goal is to allow for greater mobility across the north and south sides of downtown. The pedestrian underpass will be a decisive safety improvement that allows commuters to bypass freight traffic during busy times. The new depot aims to be fifty percent larger in capacity and offer amenities such as enclosed warming stations. Phase I engineering is complete and design concepts are being evaluated.

Central Business District Parking

For Parking through the Winter months, there are several options to consider for patrons, employees and visitors. All lots are conveniently located in the Downtown area.

Park by the Path is a program that allows for parking after 11 am in select zones near the Illinois Prairie Path. The Village has increased the amount of free parking in six designated commuter lots. "Park by the Path" emphasizes that downtown parking users (including customers, employees and commuters) are encouraged to park in the designated parking lots along the Prairie Path at no cost weekdays after 11 a.m. and weekends all day, with no time restrictions. Please see the above map for parking lot locations.

The Blue Dot Employee Parking Program allows employees to park in designated spaces in the below map area highlighted in blue. Blue Dot permit holders are exempt from posted time restrictions in the Blue Dot zones. The permit is \$50 per year and can be purchased at the Village's Cashier's Department.



Please visit the Village Website for more details: [Parking Option](#)



New Apartments - 48 Unit Project

On the corner of Duane and Melrose, passerbys will notice construction has started on the Village's newest apartment project. Avere on Duane is a four story multi-family project that aims to host 48 luxury units upon completion. The project is now completing foundation work and expects a completed building permit as the year ends. Delivery of units is expected by Q4 of 2020. For more information on this

project, visit here: [Avere on Duane](#)

Bucky's - Gas Station

Located at on the southeast corner of Roosevelt Road and

Lawler Avenue, the Bucky's 24-hour gas station and convenience store is nearing completion. Management aims to begin stocking the store in December 2019 and hopes to have it fully functional by January of 2020. The development includes a 7,100 square foot convenience store with outdoor merchandise, 12-pumps designed for 24-vehicles and a 2,296 square foot car wash connected to the convenience store which will be open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



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