



Village of Glen Ellyn
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VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN HOLDS CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING EVENT FOR NEW POLICE STATION

Glen Ellyn, IL – The Village of Glen Ellyn held an official groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Glen Ellyn Police Station on Tuesday, July 5. The new, two-story facility will be located adjacent to Panfish Park, just south of the intersection of Park Boulevard and Taft Avenue.

“This is a special occasion, not only for the Police Department but for the entire community,” said Robert Acton, Deputy Chief of the Glen Ellyn Police Department. “This ceremony included everyone involved with moving this project forward; the elected leadership, our professional Village staff, and of course the design team led by Leopardo, Inc. and Dewberry.”

The Glen Ellyn Police Department currently occupies approximately 11,000 square feet of the lower level of the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, a building constructed in 1929. In addition to the Civic Center’s current space constraints, the structure was never designed for the state-of-the-art technologies, equipment and system requirements needed for modern-day law enforcement. Following nearly four years of space needs analysis and design work, the construction of a more modern-day police station is much anticipated in order to meet the needs of Glen Ellyn’s growing community and law enforcement present-day requirements.

The 29,000 square foot facility will include: essential design elements for safe and efficient intake and housing of prisoners; improved property and evidence storage; a community room for gatherings with area residents, educational sessions and community meetings; added security for the public, as well as employees; and an emergency operations center (EOC) that can be used for training, larger meetings and major criminal investigations, as well as a centralized meeting point in the event of severe weather or other community emergencies.

Panfish Park will also see a number of improvements after construction is complete. Village residents will benefit from a new parking lot and improved lighting, better pedestrian and bicycle access, new signage and improved landscaping and paths adjacent to the park. Future improvements could include additional trees, bank stabilization and lights around the path.

The budget for the new police station is \$13.5 million. The figure includes both design and construction, as well as interior furnishings and finishes, surveys and utility costs. Of the \$13.5 million, \$1.5 million will be funding through federal drug forfeiture funding that will help offset the costs of this project. Glen Ellyn residents will not see increased property taxes due to the construction of the new police station. The project is funded primarily through low interest bonds that will be repaid through current tax revenue collected to fund capital expenses including streets, sidewalks, alleys and storm water improvements, among others.

Anticipated construction completion for the project is September 2017.

Residents and businesses can stay informed on the progress of the project by visiting the Village’s website at www.glenellyn.org. The new police station has a dedicated webpage that will be updated on a continuous basis with photos, videos and construction updates.



About the Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. Small-town charm, civic pride, friendly people and some of the best schools in the state make Glen Ellyn the perfect place to call home. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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