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Glen Ellyn ILLINOIS

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VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN TO CELEBRATE 3RD ANNUAL MARKET FRANCAIS

Glen Ellyn, IL – The Village of Glen Ellyn will host its third-annual Market Francis on Wednesday, April 26 from 4-8 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center Gymnasium, located at 535 Duane Street. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to experience French food, culture and a variety of French inspired items for sale by local Glen Ellyn and DuPage County vendors. This event is open to the community and free of charge.

In 2014, the Village of Glen Ellyn joined together with Le Bouscat, France to form a Sister City partnership. The partnership was formed to foster mutual opportunities for cultural, educational and economic exchanges that highlight the diversity and rich culture between the two international partners. Le Bouscat is located in the Bordeaux region of France and boasts many similarities to Glen Ellyn such as population, strong local economy and a vibrant and engaged citizenry. In honor of the Sister City partnership, once a year, the Village transforms the Civic Center into a French Street Market to host Market Français.

This year, visitors to the market will experience a more robust line-up of local businesses and organizations participating. Food, wine, craft beer and a variety of specialty items will be available for sale. Participating vendors include:

- Cabernet & Company, Glen Ellyn
- Reserve 22 at the Village Links, Glen Ellyn
- Euro Crepes, Glen Ellyn
- Adelle's, Wheaton
- The Stand, Glen Ellyn
- Marche, Glen Ellyn
- The Sweet Shoppe, Glen Ellyn
- Chocolaterie Stam, Glen Ellyn
- The Beer Cellar, Glen Ellyn
- Olive 'n Vinnie's, Glen Ellyn
- Sunset Slush, Glen Ellyn
- Papier Girl, Glen Ellyn
- Sweet P. Doll Studio, Glen Ellyn
- The Green Branch, Glen Ellyn
- Bottle & Bottega, Glen Ellyn
- Shawn Sargent Designs, Glen Ellyn
- Courier Travel, Glen Ellyn
- Real Fruit Tea, Glen Ellyn
- Alliance Francaise, DuPage County
- Glen Ellyn Public Library
- French Honors Society, Glenbard West High School, Dist. 87

There will be vibrant music from a local accordionist, kids' games and activities, among other happenings that celebrate the French culture. Special features to this year's market include:

- **Antique Bugatti on Display:** Attendees can have their picture taken next to this 1937 classic car. Weather permitting, the Bugatti will be on display outside of the Civic Center.



- **French Street Mime:** As a new addition this year, a French Street Mime will be providing entertainment throughout the entire event, and will offer balloon artistry for children.
- **Caricature Artist:** Former Walt Disney World caricature artist will be on hand to draw live caricatures for participants throughout the event. A \$10 donation is requested, with the proceeds helping to offset the Market Francais event expenses.
- **French Bulldog Parade:** New this year, 8-10 rescued French Bulldogs will be in attendance. There will be a brief parade at 6:30 p.m., followed by one on one meet and greets with willing guests.
- **Unveiling of Sister City Mural:** A mural depicting the Sister City partnership and the unity of the two cities will be unveiled during the event. The mural, to be painted by community members on April 22, will be unveiled at Market Francais and ultimately housed in the Village.
- **Virtual Reality Experience:** The Glen Ellyn Public Library will be offering attendees the opportunity to virtually visit France, with the ability to see certain landmarks and even visit our Sister City itself. The age range for this VR experience is 8-and-up. Children between the ages of 8-18 will need to have a parent sign the VR waiver, which will be provided.

For more information on this event and to learn more about Glen Ellyn's Sister City, please visit www.glenellyn.org/sistercity.

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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