

VILLAGE OF

Glen Ellyn ILLINOIS

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**VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN AND COLLEGE OF DUPAGE LOOK TO CREATE
INNOVATION CENTER AT THE CIVIC CENTER**

Glen Ellyn, IL – With the opening of the Glen Ellyn Police Department’s new station at 65 S. Park Boulevard, additional operational space is now available in the Civic Center, the previous home to the Police Department. This allows for the opportunity for the Village of Glen Ellyn and College of DuPage (COD) to potentially partner together to fill the space to utilize it for COD’s small business development center operations. While these discussions are preliminary, the Village and COD will be considering entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize a process to design and cost out improvements to the Civic Center in order to meet these needs.

Approximately six months ago, the College of DuPage, in working with the Village and Choose DuPage Economic Development Alliance, began to explore the creation of an innovation center near downtown Glen Ellyn. Private investor groups and other higher education institutions have also joined the exploration of an innovation center that COD is now calling “Innovation DuPage.” A variety of sites in downtown Glen Ellyn were viewed as options. Ultimately, the Civic Center was determined to be the best location to meet this vision by all potential partners working to create the innovation center.

“Glen Ellyn is centrally located within the anticipated innovation center service area,” said Joseph Cassidy, dean of continuing education and extended learning at College of DuPage. “The Civic Center is also easily accessible to potential clients, very accessible to the train, and is more visible to potential stakeholders.”

If discussions between the Village and COD continue to progress well, next steps would include both parties entering into a license agreement and/or intergovernmental agreement that would formalize this partnership. The Glen Ellyn Village Board is considering the MOU at the Monday, June 26, 7 p.m. Village Board meeting.

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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