

## What You Can Do Right Now

Write or e-mail the Village of Glen Ellyn and the three churches that are currently sponsoring PADS overnight sites this month as well as the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce. Write to the Glen Ellyn Chief of Police and ask him what he is doing to enforce the vagrancy laws in this community. Form letters are available below to use “as is” or to customize as you see fit. The form letter has been improved to make it easier to read.

Don't be disappointed if you get no response or the response is something along the lines of denial or surprise; i.e., they had no idea there was a problem and you are the first person who has ever raised the issue. You are not. We started this coalition to rally behind this issue. Remember, you have rights, too.

### Key Message Points

Sympathize with the plight of the homeless—They are deserving of more than what we can provide in Glen Ellyn.

Increasing concerns over the safety of you and your family

Increase in the homeless population on days when Pads provides shelter

Homeless people are drawn into Glen Ellyn and have no place to go until shelter opens

Objectionable behaviors of a select few (most PADS patrons are very nice). Behaviors seen include: public urination, defecation

public consumption of alcohol and intoxication

littering

loitering

trespassing

aggressive panhandling

verbal harassment

sleeping in parks, library bathroom and other public places

disrupting traffic

vandalism

smoking in no-smoking areas

impeding ingress and egress to public buildings

staking claim to seats at the library

staking claim to tables and chairs at local eating establishments

an unkempt appearance and odor and general unstable and frightening behavior

### Stakeholder Addresses

Email: [edc@glen-ellyn.com](mailto:edc@glen-ellyn.com) (the Village does not have a direct e-mail address but there is a form to complete on their website. This email address is for the Economic Development Committee.)

Village of Glen Ellyn

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Ms. Vicky Hase

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Mr. Timothy Armstrong

Mr. Pete Ladesic

Mr. Peter Norton

Mr. James Comerford

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535 Duane Street

Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

### Church Addresses

First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn

535 Forest Ave.

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

630-469-3096

Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister, email: [Lillian@firstconge.org](mailto:Lillian@firstconge.org)

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey, Associate Minister email: [seth@firstconge.org](mailto:seth@firstconge.org)

First Presbyterian Church

550 N. Main Street

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

630-469-2007

Jerry Andrews, Senior Pastor, email: [jandrews@firstpresge.org](mailto:jandrews@firstpresge.org)

John Curphey, email: [jcurphey@firstpresge.org](mailto:jcurphey@firstpresge.org)

Evangelical Covenant Church

277 Hawthorne St.

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

630-469-5405

email: [info@gecovenant.org](mailto:info@gecovenant.org)

Mark Anderson, Interim Pastor

### Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce

Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce

800 Roosevelt Road

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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

630-469-0907

Georgia Koch

Mike Formento

Executive Directors

email: [director@glenellynchamber.com](mailto:director@glenellynchamber.com)

### Police Chief

Mr. Phil Norton

Glen Ellyn Police Chief

535 Duane Street

Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Non-emergency number 630-469-1187

### Form Letter

Dear :

Now that PADS is operating three days a week in Glen Ellyn we are seeing an increase in unacceptable behaviors in the area around the Central Business District. Unfortunately, while most of

the PADS patrons are very nice and polite people, there are some that pose a direct threat to the safety of our community.

Some of the unacceptable behaviors that we are referring to include (insert behaviors you have seen here). The presence of individuals exhibiting these types of behaviors in our Village has a detrimental effect on business, decreases our property values and raises questions about the safety and security of our children, spouses, parents and friends as they move about the community. It robs us all of our ability to take pride in and enjoy our Village in a safe, reasonable and expected manner. It changes the essential character of our neighborhoods. These behaviors would not be tolerated in the day-to-day population and under normal circumstances would not be present in Glen Ellyn.

Many homeless people make their way to our community hours before PADS opens its doors. They have no place to go and are forced to loiter in the streets and public buildings because PADS does not allow them near the shelter until evening. These same people can be found in many of the same places in the mornings after PADS operated a shelter the night before.

PADS attracts these individuals to our community and its volunteers are trained on how to handle dangerous behavior while in their care, but has no control or responsibility for their actions in the hours before or after the shelter operates when they are moving about the Village.

As a community leader we are certain you are as concerned as we are and would never intentionally put the safety of Glen Ellyn residents at risk. We would like an answer from you as to how you are protecting the Village of Glen Ellyn from these dangerous and frightening consequences.

Sincerely,

John Q. Public