



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, November 7, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

Meeting Procedures Statement

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Review of Minutes

- 1) October 3, 2024 Community Relations Commission Meeting Minutes

D. Commission Liaison Reports

- 1)
 - School District
 - Park District
 - Library
 - Police Department
 - Village Board
 - Staff

E. Audience Participation

F. Commission Action Discussion

- 1)
 - 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - Did You Know - National Native American Heritage Month
 - Did You Know - Thanksgiving from the Native American Perspective
 - Refugee Journey Simulation - partnership with College of DuPage
 - DEI Training for Village Leadership and Staff
 - Dance/Cultural Event - partnership with College of DuPage
 - A Day In The Life of Film Series - partnership with College of DuPage

G. Adjourn - Next Meeting December 12, 2024



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2024
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center

Board or Commission: Community Relations
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: October 3, 2024
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairperson	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Molly McGinnis Knapke	Commissioner	Present
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present
Maariya Quadri	Commissioner	Absent
Alisha Badie	Student Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee Liaison	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The October 3, 2024 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairperson Irwin at 7:05 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 6, 2024 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 6, 2024 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Ali

SECONDED BY: Commissioner McKee

RESULT: Unanimous

C. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report* – Trustee Simon provided several updates, noting that the Village Board is currently in the midst of the budget process, with weekly workshops taking place. Last week, the focus was on reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget. The largest portion of the village budget is allocated to the police fund, which accounts for 50% of the total budget, followed by the CIP. The trustees have requested a zero-growth budget this year to avoid increasing the tax burden on residents, and staff has successfully met this goal.

Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke inquired about the budget process and whether fees are part of the discussions. Trustee Simon clarified that fees are considered separately from the budget but are still taken into account.

Trustee Simon also provided an update on the DuPage Health Coalition, an organization that provides healthcare services through partnerships with hospitals and healthcare providers to assist those in need. Notably, the coalition is not funded by taxpayer dollars. They help individuals with medical debt by negotiating lower bills and also provide assistance with healthcare costs and prescriptions. Trustee Simon expressed surprise at the level of need in DuPage County and wanted to inform the commission about this service. She emphasized that the Community Relations Commission is not solely focused on DEI but also on providing resources to people in need. She suggested that the commission could help raise awareness of this valuable service.

2. *Park District Liaison Report* – No report

3. *Library Liaison Report* – No report

4. *Staff Report* – No report

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. DEI Resource Guide – Chairperson Irwin provided an update, noting that the Village Attorney reviewed the DEI Resource Guide last week and made some editorial revisions. She asked the CRC if there were any comments regarding the edits and requested a motion for approval. Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke motioned to approve the DEI Resource Guide, as revised in September 2024, and Commissioner Badie seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Refugee Journey Simulation with COD - Chairperson Irwin and Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke met with the College of DuPage (COD), and COD expressed interest in partnering with the CRC for the upcoming Refugee Journey Simulation. During the discussion, it was agreed that the CRC/Village logo would be included in promotional materials, with no budget impact for the commission. Chairperson Irwin asked the CRC if they would like to partner with COD again this year. Commissioner McKee inquired about the benefit of this partnership. Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke explained that the village would help amplify the event by partnering. Trustee Simon emphasized the importance of keeping this event visible to raise awareness.

Commissioner McKee motioned for the Community Relations Commission to partner with COD on the Refugee Journey Simulation this November; Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Film Initiative - Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke provided an update on the film initiative, noting that partnering with them would allow the village to amplify the event's reach. The films for the fall have already been selected, but there may be an opportunity for more input in the spring. She asked if the CRC was interested in partnering, and the commission expressed their support. Additionally, they discussed the possibility of contributing to the Global Flicks series by selecting a film of their choice and potentially providing financial support for the event. Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke will reach out to Global Flicks for more information.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner McGinnis-Knapke moved and Commissioner Ali seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next meeting – November 7, 2024.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison



Community Relations Commission *Did You Know ...*

November 2024

National Native American Heritage Month

“The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. The event culminated an effort by Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, who rode across the United States on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to designate a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, more than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November National American Indian Heritage Month.”

““Native American Indians were the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States of America,” the government [resolution](#) read, noting Native peoples’ “essential and unique contribution to our nation.” This November, you can learn more about North America’s [first](#) inhabitants by finding out which Indigenous lands you live on, using a collaborative, [interactive map](#).”



Sources: [Facts for Features – National Native American Heritage Month – U.S. Census Bureau](#), [Which Indigenous Lands You Live On – Smithsonian Magazine](#), [Interactive Map – Native Land Digital](#), [Map – American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States – U.S. Census Bureau](#), [Map – American Indians and Alaska Natives in Alaska – U.S. Census Bureau](#).

Additional Resources

- [Native American Indian Heritage Month – Congressional Resolution](#).
- [Native American Heritage Month – National Archives](#).
- [American Indian Treaties Catalog – National Archives](#).
- [Bureau of Indian Affairs School Records – National Archives](#).
- [Indian Census Rolls and Federal Population Censuses – National Archives](#).
- [Records of the Bureau of India Affairs – National Archives](#).
- [Native American Heritage Month – Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#).
- [Indigenous Peoples of the Americas: A Guide to Resources at the Library of Congress – Library of Congress](#).



Community Relations Commission

Did You Know ...

November 2024

Thanksgiving from the Native American Perspective

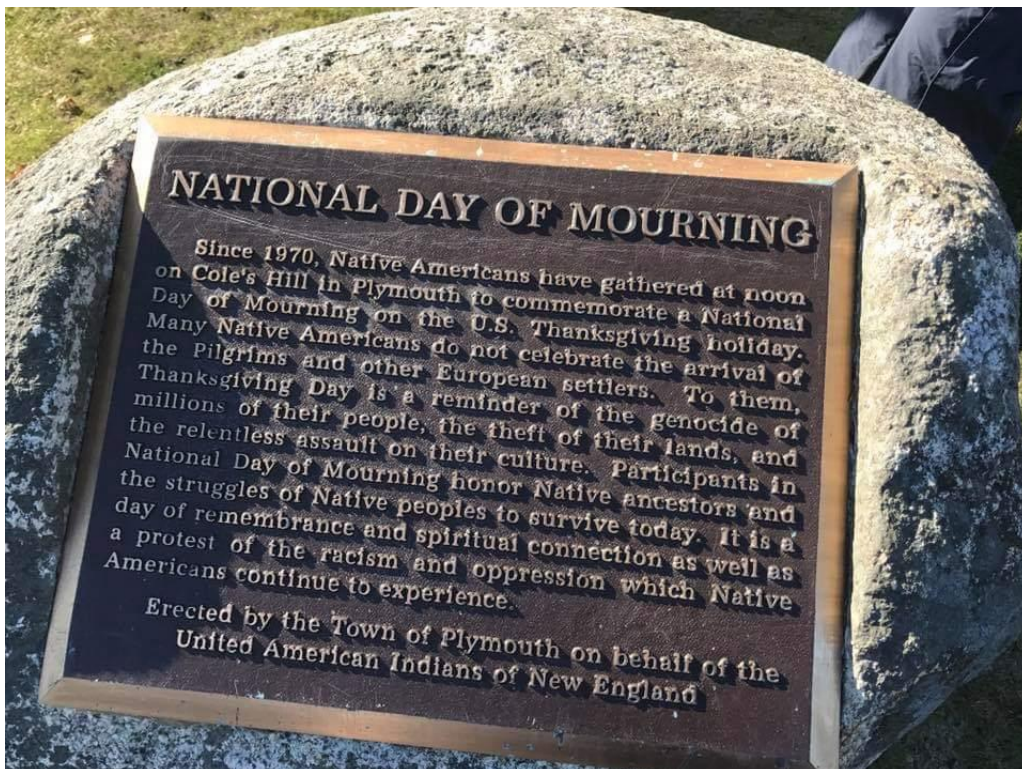
"There are always two sides to a story. Unfortunately, when it comes to the history of Thanksgiving, generations of Americans have been taught a one-sided history in homes and schools.

The dominant cultural and historical story has been told from the perspective of the European colonialists who landed near Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts in 1620. In this version of the Thanksgiving story, the holiday commemorates the peaceful, friendly meeting of English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe for three days of feasting and Thanksgiving in 1621.

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It's important to know that for many Native Americans, Thanksgiving is a day of mourning and protest since it commemorates the arrival of settlers in North America and the centuries of oppression and genocide that followed.

Organized by the United American Indians of New England in 1970, the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving) is recognized as the National Day of Mourning for Native Americans and their allies.

Many people gather at Cole's Hill in Plymouth for an organized rally and day of mourning on Thanksgiving."



Cole's Hill Plaque to commemorate the National Day of Mourning at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Sources: [The History of Thanksgiving from the Native American Perspective – Native Hope.](#)

Additional Resources

- [Thanksgiving from an Indigenous Perspective – Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.](#)
- [This tribe helped the Pilgrims survive for their first Thanksgiving. They still regret it 400 years later – The Washington Post, republished by The Seattle Times.](#)



Fleeing For Your Life: Refugee Journey Simulation

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024
11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
or 2 to 3:15 p.m.

**Health and Science Center
(HSC), Room 1234**

Compelled by persecution, abject poverty or destructive climate change, people across the world flee the homes they know for the unknown. Discover the challenges faced by those who embark on the journey in this interactive simulation. Participants will take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. This immersive experience will engage you physically and emotionally through true stories and discussion questions.

To register for the 11 a.m. session:

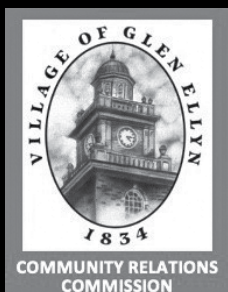
<https://lu.ma/ncb8evs5>

To register for the 2 p.m. session:

<https://lu.ma/3jwj19t0>

For more information

[Joan DiPiero, dipieroj@cod.edu](mailto:dipieroj@cod.edu)



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College of DuPage Living Leadership Program and
the Glen Ellyn Community Relations Commission.*

Village of Glen Ellyn Official Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule – Calendar Year Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025 Draft

		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Village Board Meetings	2 nd & 4 th Monday 7:00 pm	13, 27	10, 24	10, 24	14, 28	12, (27)	23	28	25	8, 22	13, 27	10	8
Village Board Workshop	3 rd Monday 7:00 pm	(21)	17	17	21	19	16	--	--	15	20	--	--
Architectural Appearance Commission	2 nd Wed. as needed, 7:00 pm	8	12	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
Capital Improvements Commission	2 nd Wednesday 7:00 pm	8	12	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
Community Relations Commission	1 st Thursday 7:00 pm	2	6	6	3	1	5	--	--	4	2	6	4
Environmental Commission	3 rd Tuesday 7:00 pm	21	18	18	15	20	17	--	19	16	21	18	--
Finance Commission	2 nd Friday 7:00 am	10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Historic Preservation Commission	3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	16	20	20	17	15	--	--	21	18	16	20	18
Plan Commission	4 th Thursday 7:00 pm	23	27	27	24	22	26	24	28	25	23	13	11
Fire & Police Commission (Police Dept.)	2 nd Tuesday 3:30 pm	14	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	(12)	9
Recreation Commission (Village Links)	Last Friday 7:00 am	31	28	28	25	30	27	25	29	26	31	(21)	--
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 nd Tuesday 7:00 pm	14	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	(12)	9

- Meetings of the **Police Pension Board** are held on a quarterly basis (January 15, April 16, July 16, and October 15).
- Meetings of the **Building Board of Appeals** are held on an “as called” basis.

Official Village Holiday Schedule (Civic Center Closed)		
New Years’ Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr.	Monday	January 20, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2025
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2025
Veteran’s Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2025
Village Holiday	Friday	November 28, 2025
Village Holiday	Wednesday	December 24, 2025
Christmas Holiday	Thursday	December 25, 2025
Village Holiday	Friday	December 26, 2025

Meeting dates noted in parentheses have been changed to accommodate federally recognized holidays. All meetings of the Village Board and of the advisory Boards and Commissions are held in the Civic Center unless otherwise posted.

Any changes to this schedule will be posted in the Civic Center and on the Village website at www.glenellyn.org at least 48 hours prior to the time listed on this schedule.

