

Thank you for your interest in the governance of the Glen Ellyn Library!

For many years, the Civic Betterment Party has helped individuals like you become more involved in the village, and eventually to run for elected office in the Village. The goals of the CBP are to identify potential candidates for the various elected offices in Glen Ellyn, to ensure that they understand the duties of the various elected officials in the Village, and to assist them in the election process.

What does the Library Board Do?

The Library Board provides leadership and guidance to the salaried staff of the Glen Ellyn Public Library. It sets policies, review budgets and helps maintain relationships between the Library and the residents of the Village.

The Board holds its regular meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the third floor of the Library.

For more information about the role of the Library Board, please feel free to contact:

Linda Richman, Library Board President (term expiring 2009)

Arden Barnett, (term expiring 2011)

Bill Cranny, (term expiring 2011)

Lucy Dallman, (term expiring 2011)

Weldon Johnson, (term expiring 2009)

Randolph Sailer, (term expiring 2009)

Larry Stein, (term expiring 2011)

Further information can also be obtained from the Director of the Library, Dawn Bussey, at 630-469-0879 or at dbussey@gepl.org.

What does the Civic Betterment Party Do?

Prior to each election, a nominating committee, comprised of residents appointed and elected from the various school attendance districts within the Village, is convened. This committee is charged with identifying potential candidates for elected office and encouraging them to learn more about the office. (Although many potential candidates have learned about village governance from their service on various appointed boards and commissions within the Village, many have not.) In the early fall, the nominating committee as a whole meets with the identified individuals. Through a question and answer session with each candidate, the nominating committee explores the various issues involved in Village Governance. After meeting with all of the identified potential candidates, the nominating committee prepares a slate of nominees to present to the Town Meeting in November. (This slate traditionally includes two or more candidates for each position to be filled.)

Prior to the town meeting, candidates seeking nomination (whether as a result of the regular nominating process or through the procedures for nominations from the floor) will have the option to video tape a short speech that will be broadcast on the local cable channel. At the Town Meeting, the candidates can meet with the residents of Glen Ellyn and have the option to give a short speech. Village residents attending the Town Meeting choose those candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the primary (if a primary is held) and in the general elections the following spring. The CBP assists the winning candidates in preparing and filing the necessary nominating petitions and candidates' statements.

For more information about the Civic Betterment Party, please call Dean Clark at 630-858-8099 or Jeff Mansfield at 630-858-3342.