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Downtown
Glenview
MAKING DOWNTOWN **BRIGHTER**

Changing Landscape



From this beautiful scene of autumn leaves to snow on the ground, life in the Midwest constantly reminds us that change is inevitable. And that also has been the theme of recent Village meetings focused on the redevelopment of the former Bess site.

The FDG steering committee is an amazing assortment of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds. The opinions of this group about the direction of this anchor Downtown site are as varied as our experiences as professionals and residents.

We've attended the recent Village meetings (recap below) and have expressed our opinions there as individuals, rather than as FDG representatives. But most of us agree that this site should reflect our overall FDG mission which is to support **economic growth, community engagement and thoughtful design** to improve our Downtown.

One thing that I'm particularly passionate about, and was able to share at Wednesday's Appearance Commission meeting, is to preserve some of the mature trees pictured here at the former Bess site. Change can be good, but sometimes we need to look at existing resources when creating new development. Thoughts always welcome at: friendsofdowntownglenview@gmail.com.

Thank you for reading,
John Hedrick
Founder, Friends of Downtown Glenview

Bess Site Update: Planning Commission and Appearance Commission Meeting Recap

The focus of the Nov. 12 Planning Commission meeting was on traffic and pedestrian safety related to Drake Group's plans for the former Bess site.

The Village hired a comprehensive traffic engineering study, which looked at peak traffic time of 7-9am and 4-6pm. Many meeting attendees spoke in opposition, expressing concern that the peak times are already congested. The next Planning Commission meeting is Dec. 10, and it is anticipated the Commission may move ahead to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the project at that point.



The Nov. 13 Appearance Commission meeting included presentations by the Drake

Group's architect and landscape architect. The commissioners made a number of suggestions about color choices for the building, landscaping viability, and the appearance of the long ground floor walls on Depot and Pine streets. Drake Group representatives said they would consider the comments and return with revised plans. At least one more Appearance Commission meeting will be held on these aspects at a meeting date to be announced.

Please click here for [Village/Drake Group Documents](#)

Giving Tuesday - Support FDG



Did you know Friends of Downtown Glenview recently gained non-profit status? As Giving Tuesday approaches on Dec. 3, please consider making a contribution to help our organization's efforts to revitalize the heart of our community. With your support, we can continue to build Downtown into a major destination for unique home-grown local living experiences. All donations are tax deductible. Donate now at: <https://downtownglenview.org/donate/>.

Thank you.

Making Spirits Bright - Holiday in the Park & Parade

Kick off your holiday season with the Glenview Chamber of Commerce 24th annual Holiday in the Park & Parade from 4-6 pm on **Sat., Nov. 30**. Follow the parade down Glenview Road from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church going west to Jackman Park. Festivities include a visit with Santa, hay rides, a train for kids, carolers, cookies, hot chocolate, and popcorn. Stop by Glenview Grind for a warm-up before or after the parade!



Get to Know... Kevin Count of Corner Optical

1. What sets your business apart?

Corner Optical is the only office in the Midwest offering hand-made, Bespoke (custom) eyewear made in-house. We offer a wide selection of unique eyewear, not available in chain stores, as well as familiar brands.

2. Why Glenview?

Glenview has been and continues to be a vibrant and growing Village. Having opened 10 years ago, it has been a joy to watch the Downtown become a destination point for many Glenview residents!

3. You might be surprised to know...

I'm one of two opticians in the US to have traveled to France to be trained by Master Craftsmen in frame-making. It turns out my family originates from the same town that the

eyewear industry was born over 200 years ago.

4. What's your favorite quote or funny joke?

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. ~Mark Twain



Raise Your Hand

FDG is looking for energetic volunteers to help with various Downtown initiatives especially those with a background in architecture, fundraising or project management. Please fill out this simple [volunteer form](#) and we will contact you to discuss how you can help.

We look forward to seeing you around Downtown.

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