

Survey Results: Parking Downtown

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These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

289

Total Participants

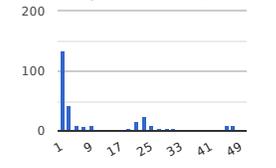
279 of 416 initially invited (67%)
10 others

Margin of error: ± 6%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
241

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Started:
Jul 6, 2021 11:30am CDT

Ended:
Jul 8, 2021 11:39am CDT

Target Participants:
All Glencoe

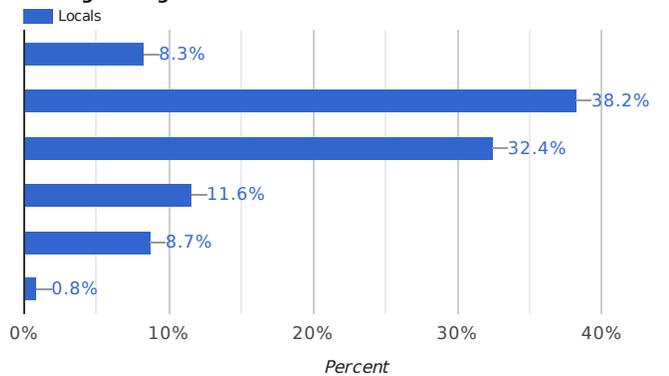
Q1 The Village of Glencoe is studying parking downtown and would like your input.

How easy or hard do you think it is to find parking in downtown Glencoe?

(241 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (241)
Very Hard (1)	8.3% (20)
Somewhat Hard (2)	38.2% (92)
OK (3)	32.4% (78)
Somewhat Easy (4)	11.6% (28)
Very Easy (5)	8.7% (21)
Not Sure	0.8% (2)

Average rating: 2.74

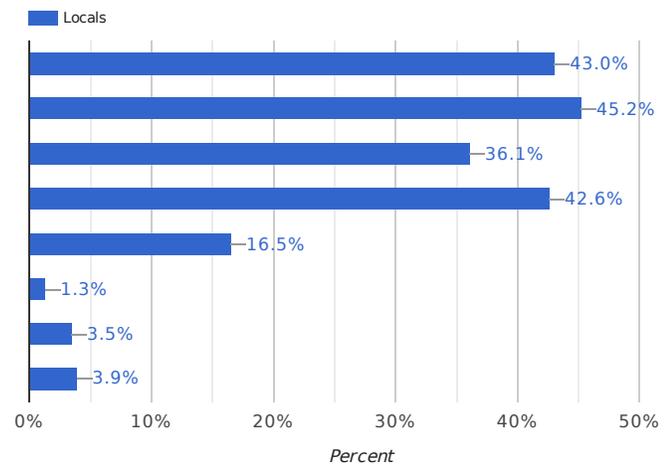


Q2 For your typical trips downtown, about how long do you want to use parking spots? (You can choose up to THREE)

(230 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (230)
Less than 15 minutes	43.0% (99)
15 to 30 minutes	45.2% (104)
30 to 60 minutes	36.1% (83)

Options	Locals (230)
1 to 2 hours	42.6% (98)
2 to 4 hours	16.5% (38)
More than 4 hours	1.3% (3)
I don't drive downtown	3.5% (8)
Other:	3.9% (9)



downtown live
 walk day
 town usually
 parking

2 hrs.

I mostly avoid driving downtown. I usually try to walk to town.

I live within walking distance from downtown.

I usually walk in town unless the weather is bad.

More bicycle parking would be nice

All day

I don't know what you're thinking but please don't build a parking garage , we live 10 minute walk

definitely depends on time of day. Easy in off hours

Usually not a (big) problem, but depending on the day/time it can be a little difficult.

weekends mid day/lunch time or weekdays between 12-3

Hometown and the RE agency (@Properties) dominate spots

during the daytimes it is awful.

I only occasionally park downtown. It's hard to park if there's a special event going on.

Convenience (closer spots) matters more for quick trips which can be a challenge

I'm there around lunchtime

I want a spot close to certain businesses. The worst is during the day from 11am to 4pm

during the late morning, early afternoon

On-street parking is usually impossible during business hours. Village lot is sometimes full.

very rare occasion

after school drop off, during lunch time, midday saturday

During business hours.

It's the weekend or special event

Restaurants take up room

Going to hometown

lunch hour

Generally during the lunch hour

School is getting out at Central

I am just running in to the pharmacy or foodstuffs. If I don't find a nearby spot I don't go

so many spots are being used for curbside pick up even though fewer people are using that service

at lunchtime

Around lunchtime

on rare occasions -it does happen but not often enough to worry about. ticket u turn and roll

lunch hour

Summertime, lunchtime,

Fridays, weekends, bad weather

I go around lunch time

It's lunchtime

Weekdays at lunch is about the only time parking is hard to find. BUT I do always find a spot!

Trying to go to the library with kids. Could the area in front of library be reserved for patrons

Weekday lunchtime is the hardest time to park.

Only Over the lunch hour

Its during the very busy periods - lunch time especially

I live in town

7/7/21 midday

A few less cars would be nice but don't mess with delicate beautiful balance we have.ce

I have a disability and need to find closest spot

It's lunchtime

On fridays

Spots are full. I haven't not gone, but I have delayed and come back.

More outdoor dining area; block off streets more often for pedestrian only events

Just get the clutter of outdoor dining out of the street. It is unsightly. Parking isn't the issue.

More parking 2 hours or more as well as keeping restaurants outdoor seating maxed

A parking lot/deck for employees of restaurants

i'm not sure if the problem is bad enough that it warrants a real solution if that makes sense.

to strive to return the parking to what it was prior to covid.

More signage directing people to train station and other parking lots

To be fair to ALL businesses, not just the restaurants

30 min spots

Reserve closest train spots for 2 hour parking

Fewer salons that fills spots for hours.

To enforce 'no employee parking' with more rigor. @Properties, and others are def part of issue

To encourage more biking - no problems parking bikes!!

When open again, matinee parking for Writers Theatre should be directed to train station lot only.

More of our able-bodied citizens to walk and bike whenever possible.

More 30 minute spots

Priority parking for residents of Glencoe

A more understanding population that acts for the greater good and isn't selfish and impatient.

A parking structure where parking is always available.

to keep the outdoor dining program year round!

More outdoor dining

Limit Park (from Green Bay 3-4 blks west) and Vernon (from Hawthorn 3-4 blks north) to 1/2 hour max?

More bike parking and room on the sidewalks. The outdoor dining is a hazard to pedestrians.

More spots and parking options during special events and summer weekends.

Sidewalks also need to be cleared

Return of the bike rack on Park west of Vernon (near the ComEd utility boxes)

we need fewer retail curbside pickup spots now that it's safe to go inside stores without masks.

To encourage people to walk or bike, obey signs and not cross between cars!

To not let the theater patrons park all over town for over 2 hours and get away with it.

no more than 1 spot for curbside pick up at each business that uses that

to preserve downtown while making parking available. There are not many good options to build more

More 30 minute spots

people willing to walk 2-3 blocks and have more patience

More parking in general. Outdoor dining program is a great amenity

signs pointing to "overflow parking" areas to remind people it's only 1 block away

I like the outdoor dining spaces.

Spots for longer than 2 hours

An over/under pass across Green Bay road connecting the train station lots to the downtown for foot

We need more spots, but part of the appeal is the extra outdoor dining, so I'd want to keep that.

30- 60 minute spots

We need parking for those village residents who live and work in the down town area.

more spaces

Support our restaurants. When pandemic goes, their outdoor spaces can decrease.

Outdoor dining off the street is great. Don't understand Guild Hall's use of prime parking spots

Fewer curbside spots (which are usually empty when I have gone by).

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about parking downtown?

(72 responses by locals)



Having quality restaurants with outdoor seating has massively improved the character and quality of village life in my opinion. I sincerely hope we help them maintain their "street" presence.

Don't get rid of outdoor dining for parking spots!!

We should have a parking structure to accommodate a lot of cars.

Please stop giving spots to restaurants. Stop already. What a waste for other shop owners.

Restaurants using outdoor space are good for the community. People see each other, the restaurants earn more revenue, and it contributes to a more lively downtown, encouraging more people to come and to stay.

Parking is not an issue. People that are super concerned about parking can move to literally any other suburb. Walkability while still having some reasonable parking is a key highlight of living in Glencoe.

many people can park on the streets close to downtown or over by Central school. This is typically sufficient.

There's plenty of parking. Get people to walk a little. Get rid of the onstreet dining -- not because of parking, but because it is unsightly and favors a particular type of business.

Build a parking deck

I am unhappy with the idea of keeping dining structures taking up parking spaces. I have been avoiding going to town because it is no longer an enjoyable place to be. Maybe great if you want to dine, but if you want to shop, walk around, see neighbors, and enjoy the Village, then you're in the wrong place. What happened to all of the Tuneup downtown studies that we all worked so hard on? I thought we had a good plan. I understood adjustments due to covid. But now I don't understand why Glencoe is considering keeping these structures on the street.

i would much rather have a difficult time finding parking than to alter the character of downtown glencoe. one thing that could help is better management of the stoplight at green bay and park. people might use the train parking lot more if that intersection felt a little safer. the timing of the walk sign is infrequent and very short.

Pre pandemic there were too many 15 minute parking spots. Hard to know now. You need to advertise the free parking at the Glencoe train station. Most people in this town or visiting can walk 2 blocks or less.

Guild Hall and Valor needs to remove the tents/igloos.

You get very different answers depending on whether Park avenue or vernon and park intersection are being questioned or a periphery of another block or two in each direction Should have defined "downtown" in this survey

Stop over specking our gorgeous little village.

Get rid of the Home Time spaces. No Home Time double parking. Home Time is your biggest and most fixable parking issue.

Sell permits for the "employee" lot

Thanks for your hard work and for being proactive!

The summer is a problem, with people visiting Glencoe for the beach and parking downtown. They should be directed to park in the lots. And for visitors coming from out of town visiting Glencoe residents, I wouldn't mind having to purchase a parking pass for their car for the days/weeks they are here, that they can use downtown. I'd rather pay and get a spot then visitors need to be moving the car constantly and worrying about their car

It's unbelievable Guildhall is able to keep those structures up and so many parking spots are taken up by "pick up only" spots now that the pandemic is much improved. Very biased against other businesses. Makes me want to take my business elsewhere. Am disappointed in our Village government as parking had been a known issue for years. Please open parking back up!

We don't need the curbside spots at Hometown anymore. I also don't think we need the greenhouses at Guildhall anymore. I do like that there are more outdoor dining options at Valor and Guildhall.

Add additional signage re overflow (hopefully 2 or 3 or 4 hour) parking at Train station. Reserve closest lot. Will help a lot i think

I think the added restaurant/leisure space is more important than the parking spaces. People need to be reminded they can park in the commuter lots

Individuals may complain (tickets!) but residents would appreciate enforcement of much needed restrictions on employee parking. They have their own lot.

Parking seems to be difficult only at very specific times/days. It is not a constant problem. I do worry that residents with limited mobility cannot be dropped off easily. I also don't think a lot of residents appreciate how easy it is to bike around Glencoe. Nowhere is more than 15-20 mins by bike and parking bikes is so easy.

I liked the outdoor dining options at Hometown coffee and Guildhall. I didn't have many problems with parking. I live close to downtown and try to walk whenever I can. I could see it being more of a problem for those who live further away or work in Glencoe and need parking.

seems like building a garage is one option

I don't mind walking a bit further if I'm going out to dinner, but find a lack of short-term spots (15 or maybe 30 minutes) to be a challenge when running errands, etc.

The angled parking spots on Vernon and Park Ave represent a safety risk during busy periods. I would prefer these to be modified to parallel parking, and create more spots slightly out of the village center, within easy walking distance.

Adding a few 2 hr slots, iwill primarily benefit restaurants and salons. These spots should not be in central business strip (Vernon or Park) during regular retail hours as these will impact most small retailers. I support "Shop Glencoe" but drivers should move cars if staying longer so to allow other residents ease of access to retailers.

Please make some spots for Glencoe residents only!

Honestly? I don't really see any issues with parking downtown; might take a few extra turns to find an available spot; but that means businesses are doing well; which keeps them operating in Glencoe for the locals. If there are issues or concerns, have not been informed. Very content on my side.

Glencoe does a great job and has lots of parking on an ordinary basis.

We should investigate the development of an underground parking lot that allows for overground development on the current central location

Please don't ruin the burgeoning cafe culture to create a few more parking spaces. Why not have a parking valet system in the middle of town or one of the lots so everyone can be accommodated? Just like they do at Highland Park hospital and shopping centers.

More trees and shady parking. The heat is only going to get hotter.

Worst times are before 5 pm, including on weekends. Restaurants - where the 2 hour idea makes most sense - are evenings/weekends mostly, when such a limit seems less needed. Any way to use, during peak times, some of the Village parking lot on south side of Hawthorn, west of Green Bay?

I have no real opinion about whether there are too many or too few parking spots. I think the outdoor dining is a hazard to pedestrians and it's unsightly. If we want outdoor dining in the downtown, consider making the block on Vernon btw Park and Hazel into a pedestrian street (all brick). From a sustainability perspective, we DO NOT want to encourage driving. Making

parking harder = good for the planet (just sayin'). Please focus on making downtown more pedestrian and biker-friendly, with a particular focus on accessibility, usability, and inclusive design.

I think regulating more of the existing spots with time limitations is the best solution. We don't need more spots, but rather better use of the existing ones. People staying in spots for more than an hour should have to walk further to a business

I am 100% against the outdoor dining area (Guildhall) to become permanent! An eyesore to our villagecharm minus!!!!

All parking including valor should be restored. Also sidewalks, unfair to those disabled.

We have pretty good parking already! That being said I would rather have the restaurant survive and have tons of outdoor seating than have more parking spots. If we increase parking but decrease outdoor seating for restaurants that doesn't help anyone because then we will have parking but no restaurants to go to! And that's coming from someone who doesn't even dine out given COVID!

I believe that there are enough parking spaces overall. There is a perception of a parking problem because people expect to be able to park in front or a very short distance, from where they are going. If you compared walking distances of parking to store at Old Orchard, or Northbrook court, to Glencoe, the spaces in the commuter lots are not to far away.

For those willing to walk one block, there is always parking available downtown.

Love going into downtown Glencoe. I think once things return to normal, parking may become more of an issue, but my big issue is not enough bike parking. E.g. it would be nice to have racks near Starbucks or the Grocery stores and trees do not always cut it. >>> SEND THE SAME SURVEY in the winter when our transportation methods change.

Make biking to town easier by placing bike racks at the edges of the business district. I would prefer not to ride behind parked cars to reach a bike rack. I like riding to town and walking through the business district. The one on Park west of Vernon was perfect, but was removed sometime during the pandemic.

The streetscape should be restored to prior covid status, once the pandemic is over. Sidewalk outdoor seating for restaurants is adequate no need to take space from the road or parking.

While we could perhaps use a few more parking spaces, I wouldn't want the town to lose its charm by building any parking structures or anything like that. I don't mind the restaurants taking some spaces, but I don't see the point of keeping those enclosures now that most people are vaccinated. Additional open-air outdoor seating is always welcome, but I don't like the greenhouses.

Weather is a factor and I do think that it is more difficult to park in the winter months. That is when I prefer to be closer to my destination. I do think parking should be limited to two hours in the main downtown area with some longer parking for library patrons. It works out well for shopping because the grant has its own parking. I don't see Grand patrons complaining about parking. Maybe some short term parking close to Starbucks in places that need it.

We love the outdoor dining in Glencoe. It's a good policy to use some parking spaces for outdoor dining use by local establishments. One of the best decisions made by village leaders!

Wish I had a good suggestion.

On theater afternoons , there is nowhere to park. Start ticketing these cars so they won't do it again.

Driving through town has gotten a bit hectic and I have started to avoid walking in certain areas because of the tables and all the traffic. I do understand that tables were set up outside because of pandemic restrictions, but it is a bit too crowded for my taste.

It's very time of day dependent. Plus in the summer I'm much more willing to walk far than in winter

There are too many short term spaces.

I'm within 1/2 mi of downtown so especially in nice weather, I typically walk. For my usage, I like 15 mins spots and think there could be more but not sure I'm typical. The 15 min spots on Vernon next to Parkway aren't great because inconvenient for me to have to go north up Vernon when I pull out. Love that we have extra outdoor dining - I have no issue with parking being diverted to dining!!

Move the public works building, and build a garage

There is a real need for over night parking near the 900 and 1000 blocks of Green Bay Rd. Our only option is to park 4 blocks away at the southeast commuter lot. If the Park District is suppose to be apart of Glencoe and our tax dollars go to support the park district, it seems to us there must be a way to allow us to park there over night. Of course there would be rules, enforcement and fines just like the commuter lots.

We need more parking by the library and friends park

Thank you for this survey!

This survey addresses only parking. PERMANENT outdoor dining in downtown GLC clutters our village-scape and compromises GLC's charm. It also creates obstacles in the streets, especially during heavy snowfalls and freezing temperatures. Certainly, our long winter is when the desire to park close is at a premium.

I dont think you need any changes. There is enough parking and I like the outdoor dining

Parking is an issue, and will get worse as the downtown gets nicer, but I would rather maintain the outdoor dining program than terminate it to get the parking back. Turning the parking lot behind foodstuffs into a multi-story parking would certainly help (no idea if that's a realistic option).

Would you consider some reserved guest parking on Greenwood between Park and Hazel for residents of that block on Greenwood? It is especially difficult for our guests to find parking.

Consider making the Vernon parking lot available to Glencoe sticker holders only and then direct non-residents to the Metra lot. I also think signage for "Additional Parking" areas would be helpful.

It can be somewhat challenging around the library, and friends park, and in the area on park ave west of vernon. But you can usually find parking pretty quickly.

I only have trouble finding parking at lunch time

Love the extra outdoor dining. The town feels more like a walkable town. If there's a way to add spots close by, that would be great as well.

Allocate parking for 1. Village residents who live and work in the downtown area and who spend money in town on regular basis 2. Maybe appropriate resident spots (for fee) protected parking spaces 3. Allocate spots on north side of train for Writers theater guests. When the theater is in session it's often impossible to find spaces as these patrons typically dine in town then theater.

Don't build a garage, let the restaurants keep the outdoor space, the pandemic has been a disaster and I thought the solutions were brilliant and I wish the restaurants the best. Not connected to the restaurant or local business industry but frequent them all the time. I love downtown Glencoe. FWIW I'm a 50-year-old married dude with three young kids.

The parking is fine except at certain times (which I think is Friday or rainy lunch hrs). I wouldn't make changes for usually parking us fine

Better signage on Old Green Bay (signs are too small) and better publicity about the recent changes