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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*Kenneth H. Kessler*

As winter becomes a distant memory and spring is behind us, we can now turn our attention on summer. This year Mundelein Community Days will begin July 2nd and run through July 5th. This year's celebration is important inasmuch as it is Mundelein's centennial year, marking the official incorporation of our community. During this recessionary time, many of us have scaled back our vacation plans for this summer. With that in mind, I, along with the Village Board, felt it was important to maintain our high quality community events. I invite you to join me in celebrating our centennial year by attending Mundelein Community Days, the summer concerts, and other centennial events this summer. I can assure you it will be a great summer.

With summer comes our annual Street Program. This year's street program is in full swing and generally includes some areas in Cambridge West Subdivision, the Vacek Brothers Diamond Lake Subdivision, Indian Heights Subdivision and Phillips & Barrs Subdivision. In July, the Village Board will examine options to increase the funding for our annual street program investment. Although we are making good progress, we are not fully satisfied and want to do more. Residents and businesses deserve no less. This will prove to be extremely challenging at a time when we are experiencing decreasing revenues.

On the economic development news, it was recently announced that Mundelein is working cooperatively with Weston Solutions, an engineering firm, to explore the possibility of a joint venture on a downtown project that could include a new Village Hall and office space for Weston. We are very pleased to have such an excellent opportunity with Weston.

At a time when economic development has slowed to a crawl, we have been working to update our building and fire codes, and our zoning ordinance, and revisiting our comprehensive plan. These documents are the backbone of a successful economic development plan. Changes in these core documents will enable us to take advantage of new, less expensive, building techniques and generally put Mundelein on the cutting edge of the most progressive thinking in this area. This is all being done to make Mundelein a pro-business community.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Steve Lentz on his successful candidacy and wish him much success. I would also like to thank Steve "Chip" Cancelli for his eight years of dedicated service to the Mundelein Village Board.

## MUNDELEIN CENTENNIAL



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUNDELEIN!**

Mundelein is coming together like never before to celebrate its 100th anniversary. It is really something to be proud of. Diverse groups, from all corners of our community, are joining in the commemoration. Over 60 people serve on at least

one of the various organizing committees, and nearly 50 non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, and civic groups have contributed time, talent, or treasure to support this fantastic celebration.

We have completed two major events—the opening ceremony February 7th, and “*An Evening of Music*” May 30th, and several smaller events—Kevin O’Donnell book signing, the Centennial Quilt presentation, and the commemorative booklet mailing. There is more to come. We hope you will participate. Thanks for your support.

**OUR LOGO.** The Mundelein Centennial logo was designed by Centennial Planning Committee member, Christa Lawrence, of Christa Lawrence Design. The tree sym-



bolizes the many old trees throughout the Village. It also symbolizes growth and stability. Like our Village itself, it is strongly rooted in the soil of our past while continually growing, changing, and evolving as it reaches for the stars. The Village has had the logo copyrighted.

**UPCOMING EVENTS.** The 100th anniversary celebration continues with the following events:

**June 28** – Opening summer concert featuring birthday cake and ice cream, Kracklauer Park, 5:30 p.m.

**July 27** – “Voices of Mundelein,” Mundelein High School, 8:00 p.m. An original play by the Kirk Players based on stories told by Mundelein residents.

## WHAT’S NEW FOR MUNDELEIN COMMUNITY DAYS?



Once again, Mundelein Community Days (July 2-5) will be “The Best Ever.” We hope you will be able to attend every day. Changes for this year include an extra special Centennial Parade featuring the Great Lakes Navy Band, antique cars, fire trucks bicycles, centennial floats, and special units. If you have never been to the Ft. Hill Historical Society patriotic celebration, please make it a point to attend this year. You will be transported back in time. This year’s ceremony features the renowned Illinois Brass Band. The Kirk Players will perform selected scenes from their original play “*Voices of Mundelein*” on the main stage. You will notice a new look at the festival grounds. The big tent has been reduced in size and a larger, outdoor stage will be utilized. DiCarlo’s will be serving fine wine in the “beer” garden, and the sidewalk chalk art contest has been moved to downtown, along with the car show. Great times are ahead. Happy Birthday Mundelein!

**August 8** – Diamond Lake Community Picnic & Venetian Night Boat Parade, Diamond Lake Beach, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.—food, music, kids activities and wakeboarding demonstration.

**September 27** – Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament, Santa Maria Del Popolo Parish Hall, a fundraising event for the restoration of Old #1.

**October 17** – Community Banquet with tours of University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

**OLD #1.** Fundraising activities for the restoration of Old #1, the 1925 Stoughton fire truck donated to the Village by Cardinal Mundelein, will continue through the summer through local Shop & Share programs and community events. Shop & Share oppor-



tunities will be held at Jewel during the last two weeks of June, and at the Mundelein Wendy’s throughout the remainder of the year. See the Village website for Shop & Share coupons and more information. We have raised approximately \$20,000 in donations. Centennial memorabilia can be purchased at the Mundelein Ace Hardware, the Village Hall, or at Community Days. Items include t-shirts, teddy bears, ornaments, lapel pins, collector plates, refrigerator magnets, and toy replicas of Old #1. The Centennial Quilt will be raffled as a fundraiser for the fire truck restoration.

**CLOCK TOWER PLAZA.** Donations to the Clock Tower fund are also being accepted. As a way to help raise funds for this project, Park View Health & Fitness is holding a “give back/get back” promotion. Between July 12-18, give \$20.00 to the Mundelein Clock Tower fund and get \$20.00 off your annual Fitness or Ultimate membership (discount does not apply to EFT memberships).

## CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The Village staff is working very hard to secure state, federal, and even private grant funding to help defray the cost of needed infrastructure improvements and community development projects.

The reconstruction of Ray's Lane in Diamond Lake and South Lakeshore Drive is being paid, in part, by Community Development Block Grants of \$75,000 each. \$400,000 through a Safer Routes to School grant will go toward sidewalk installation and repair work around Carl Sandburg, Lincoln, and Washington Schools. This project should start later this summer.

We have applied for \$750,000 in stimulus funding for a water main project on West Hawley, \$1 million to resurface Allanson Road, and \$425,000 to construct a bike path on Allanson Road. \$294,000 in federal funding will be applied to a streetlight project in downtown along Route 45, and we hope to go out to bid later this summer for the Route 45 sidewalk from Woodlawn to Hickory, which has been approved for \$461,302 in federal funding.

Thanks to all the hard work of our local state legislators, the proposed State Capitol Funding Bill includes \$350,000 for a traffic signal at Midlothian Road at the Community Park entrance, and \$625,000 for public street and sidewalk repairs and replacement. We are hopeful that the state legislators will approve the capital bill as proposed.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL



We have been fortunate this Spring. In spite of heavy rainfall, which promotes mosquito breeding, the cool temperatures, along with an aggressive pre-hatch treatment program, have kept mosquito nuisance to a minimum.

Wetland breeding areas have been treated, as have all catch basins and confirmed breeding locations. Mosquito fish have been released where appropriate, and mosquito monitoring has begun. The low nuisance levels will not continue for long. At some point soon, when temperature, moisture, and breeding conditions overwhelm the treatment controls, we will have an outbreak of nuisance mosquitoes. When that happens, we will order Village-wide ULV spraying to control the adult mosquito population. If you would like to be notified in advance of a scheduled ULV treatment, or would like to have the spray turned off in front of your house, please call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline, 1-800-942-2555. For additional information on the products used, safety information, or spraying policy, contact Assistant Village Administrator Mike Flynn at 847-949-3223.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 28**

Outdoor Concert  
"Soda"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**JULY 8, AUG. 12 & SEPT. 9**

"Park on Park"  
Downtown Mundelein  
6:30-9:00 PM

**JULY 11**

Cops n' Bobbers Fishing Derby  
Noll Park (NEW LOCATION)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM

**JULY 12**

Outdoor Concert  
"Mr. Myers"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**JULY 19**

Outdoor Concert  
"In Line Six"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**JULY 26**

Outdoor Concert  
"The New Invaders"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**JULY 27**

"Voices of Mundelein"  
A play by the Kirk Players  
Mundelein High School 8:00 PM

**AUGUST 2**

Outdoor Concert  
"Grand Avenue Big Band"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**AUGUST 4**

National Night Out Community Block  
Party & Flashlight Walk  
Santa Maria Grounds  
5:00-9:00 PM

**AUGUST 8**

Diamond Lake Community Picnic  
and Venetian Night Boat Parade  
Diamond Lake Beach  
10:00 AM-10:00 PM

**AUGUST 9**

Outdoor Concert  
"Lakeshore Symphony"  
Kracklauer Park 5:30 PM

**COPS 'N' BOBBERS**

Fishing Derby  
June 11th  
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION!**  
Noll Park, Hampton Lane & Huntington Drive

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT



### Grass Maintenance

April showers might bring May flowers, but it also brings long grass and weeds. The Building Department reminds you that the Village has an ordinance requiring grass and weeds to be maintained less than eight inches in height. Keeping the grass and weeds maintained does a lot for the overall look of your neighborhood and the community. Please do your part in keeping up the appearance of our community by maintaining your lawn.

If there is a property in your neighborhood with long grass in violation of the ordinance, please provide the address of the property to the Building Department at 847-949-3283, or email to [building@mundelein.org](mailto:building@mundelein.org). An inspector will be dispatched the following day to follow up on the possible violation.

### Foreclosed Properties

Unfortunately, the Village of Mundelein has not been spared from the increase of home foreclosures. The downturn in the economy has taken its toll on many property owners and developers. If there is a vacant, or what appears to be a foreclosed property in your neighborhood, please contact the Building Department with the address of the property at 847-949-3283, or email to [building@mundelein.org](mailto:building@mundelein.org). It is a time consuming process for the Village to locate the bank or loan institution that has control of the property and notify them of any violations, as they are the responsible

party for making the corrections, so the sooner we are aware of them, the sooner action can be taken.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



### Protect Yourself from a Home Improvement Scam

- Do not allow strangers into your home.
- Do not hire solicitors that show up at your door stating you need home repairs done.
- Ask for identification to verify that they are legitimate employees working for the village, county, or utility they purport to represent.
- Call the company to verify that an employee was sent to your home for the reason stated.
- If you feel afraid or intimidated by a stranger at your door, for whatever reason, call the Police Department to have a patrol officer dispatched to your home to help you.
- Be alert for any suspicious people and/or vehicles – especially near and around your elderly neighbor's residences.
- Try to obtain a description of any person, vehicle, and license plate numbers involved in suspicious activities in your neighborhood.
- For additional information contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or visit their website at [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt017.shtm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt017.shtm).

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### Police Reminders

- Under Illinois law you must yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Drivers who ignore or fail to do this may be cited with a traffic ticket.
- Please call the Police Department or Building Department about code enforcement issues such as cars parked on unimproved surfaces, commercial vehicles stored in residential areas, overcrowding, excessively tall grass and/or garbage, etc.
- Be aware, alert, and active. There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner in Mundelein so citizen participation is essential to combat crime. Always report suspicious or unusual activity to the police.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



### Emergency Escape Ladders

Have you considered purchasing a fire escape ladder for your home? They can be quite affordable depending on the model you choose, and well worth the investment. The ladders are made of various materials and come in lengths to accommodate your ability to exit a home or building from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or even a 5th floor window. Often,



State Representative Ed Sullivan's office will be moving to a new location at the northwest corner of Route 45 and 176 in the Century 21 Market Place office complex as of July 1st. The new address will be 700 North Lake Street, Suite 101, Mundelein, Illinois.

these ladders are portable and kept inside a bag for easy deployment, and transporting to wherever it may be needed. Portable units should be kept near a window (hung on the wall) so they can be deployed immediately in case of emergency. Some units can be permanently mounted just below a window on either the interior or exterior of a building. Not only are these ladders good for exiting a building during a fire, but they can also be used to escape from inside a structure during any other life threatening situation. The cost for this peace of mind ranges from \$50 to \$800. These escape ladders can be found in local hardware stores or on the internet under residential fire escape ladders. It's a small price to pay to save you or your family. Don't forget, once you are out of the building go to your family's meeting place outside the home to assure that everyone is out. If you have any further questions regarding escape ladders or other fire safety questions, please call us at 847-949-3260.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### After the Storm

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow-melt flows over the ground surface. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants on its way to a storm sewer system, or flow directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water

bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff has adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- ☞ Sediment can destroy aquatic habitats.
- ☞ Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms that remove oxygen causing fish and other aquatic organisms to die.
- ☞ Bacteria can wash into swimming areas creating health hazards and causing beach closures.
- ☞ Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- ☞ Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, solvents, motor oil, etc. can poison aquatic life.
- ☞ Polluted stormwater can also affect our drinking water sources such as wells and the ground water.

Please do your part to keep our stormwater as clean as possible — dispose of wastes properly, construct a rain garden, and report stormwater pollution activity to the Mundelein Public Works Department at 847-949-3270. For more information on clean water and stormwater quality please visit the Village take-away racks located at Village Hall, Public Works Complex #1, Police Department lobby, Park District Community Center, or Fremont Library.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Reminders

- ☞ Annual lawn sprinkling restrictions continue until September 30. Under these restrictions, the east side of Highway 45 is permitted

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to water on even numbered calendar days, and the west side of Highway 45 on odd numbered calendar days, between 5 and 10 a.m. and 6 and 11 p.m.

- ☞ Please keep our town looking good—store garbage and recycling bins out of sight from the street.
- ☞ The following installations are not permitted in the public right-of-way: landscaping structures, irrigation systems, fencing, electrical systems, dog fences, or paved parking spaces.
- ☞ Report out of service streetlights to Mundelein Public Works at 847-949-3270.

## Hazardous Chemical Collection Events

Dispose of unused and expired drugs and other household chemicals safely at one of the SWALCO collection events—July 18th at Wauconda High School, or August 1st at Deerfield High School, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—or by appointment at the SWALCO facility in Gurnee. Call 847-336-9340 for more details.

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**WATER BILL PAYMENTS** due by 20th of the month.

**VILLAGE BOARD** Meetings – Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

**PLAN COMMISSION** Meetings – Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

**APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION** Meetings – Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** Meetings – Third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Fire Station Headquarters, 1000 North Midlothian Road. Meeting agendas are posted on the Village website. Village Board agendas, with supporting information, are posted by close of business the Friday before the meeting.

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