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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Kenneth H. Kessler

After a detailed selection process and evaluation, I would like to announce the hiring of the new Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Leidig. Deputy Chief Leidig was sworn in at the August 11th Village Board meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Leidig for being selected from a talented pool of candidates. Tim comes to us from the Elmhurst Fire Department and York Center Fire Protection District. He has been in the fire service for more than 15 years. His principal responsibilities will be operations and training.

With the summer quickly passing and the start of a new school year, I want to draw your attention to the new pedestrian crossing signals. Three new illuminated crossing signals have been installed. Two have been placed near the high school; one on Midlothian Rd. and the second one on West Hawley St. The third has been installed on North Midlothian near Mechanics Grove elementary school. The "Enhancer", as they are called, greatly improves the safety of the crossings. Please remember that motorists must stop when pedestrians are in the crosswalk or the lights are flashing.



You may have read about the short rock salt supply in the news lately. Our Public Works personnel use the salt for deicing our streets during the winter months. We were

in danger, along with other communities in Lake and McHenry Counties, of not receiving our supply through the Illinois State joint purchasing program, but alas, we received notice that we would receive our allocation of salt. However, it comes at a significantly increased price. For reasons not fully understood, salt prices have soared 350% over last year's price of \$41 per ton. We are now paying approximately \$140 per ton. Based on our usage, the total cost this year will be nearly \$600,000 compared to our budgeted amount of \$175,000. This will strain our already tight budget. Please drive safely this winter. We will be conserving our salt as much as possible.

The Centennial Celebration Committee is in full swing planning events for 2009. The committee is doing a great job and is excited about the coming year. If you haven't already volunteered for one of the subcommittees, please join us. It will take many volunteers to make our 100th birthday a success. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Michael Flynn at 847-949-3223. Read more about the events planned later in this newsletter.

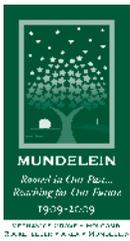
Enjoy the remaining days of summer.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Plan Commission will be holding a public meeting to obtain input on the Zoning Ordinance update. The meeting date has not yet been scheduled, but it is targeted for October 2008. Announce-

ments of the date, location and other information will be posted at the Village Hall, Fire Station No. 1 (1000 North Midlothian Road), and at www.mundelein.org. You may also call Community Development, 847-949-3282, for updates. The current Zoning Ordinance is available on the Village website under Community Information, Municipal Code, Title 20. A detailed analysis of the current ordinance, with recommendations for changes, is being prepared by the Village consultant, Camiros Inc. This document will also be posted on the website and will be available upon request from the Community Development Department prior to the public meeting.

This meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide important input toward the development of an updated Zoning Ordinance that benefits the community. We hope you will become involved.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Village turns 100 on February 1, 2009, the date our Village was incorporated

by the State of Illinois! The Centennial Committee is off and running, but volunteers are still needed.

Four major community events are being planned to celebrate this historic event: On February 7th an Open House will be held at all Village buildings, featuring historical displays, interactive events, and more. On May 30th there will be a theater organ concert and reception at the St. Mary of the Lake University auditorium, featuring professional musicians playing the 1932



LEAF COLLECTION

The leaf collection program for 2008 will begin October 20th and continue for approximately six weeks. A collection schedule will be published in the newspaper and on the Village website; it is only a guide and not meant to guarantee the day of collection. There are too many variables that slow down the process and upset the schedule. Please be patient. To be collected, leaves must be raked to the curb and not be obstructed by a vehicle.

Wurlitzer theater organ. August—Community Picnic and Aquatics Day at Diamond Lake Beach; date and details are still under consideration. Finally, on October 17th, back to the Seminary for tours, a reception on the lawn, a Community Banquet and much more.

The committee is also planning to add a historical flare to each regularly scheduled event that is held in town over the year. We want everyone to be involved, be creative, and celebrate our historic past. The committee is assembling photos, newspaper articles, and historical artifacts to share with interested groups. The Centennial Logo, designed by Christa Lawrence, Christa Lawrence Design, will be featured on street banners, and all publications. It is available for general use. Additional events and memorabilia are also under consideration.

Members of the committee felt strongly that a Legacy Project that leaves something for the community to remember should also mark the Centennial. The Centennial Plaza subcommittee has been organized to plan and implement a distinctive landmark plaza in the northwest corner of Kracklauer Park. This ambitious undertaking will require close

cooperation and partnership with the Mundelein Park District. When built, the plaza will not just provide a memory of the Centennial; it will serve as a landmark for the Park and our community.

Plans are also underway to restore the 1925 Stoughton fire truck that Cardinal Mundelein donated to the Village. The original vehicle is safe in a garage in southern Wisconsin. If successfully restored the truck would be used by the Mundelein Fire Department at parades and community events, and stand as a lasting symbol of our link to the past.

Visit the Village Centennial Website at www.mundelein.org. Share your photos and memories, volunteer, or review the calendar. Help us celebrate—we're only 100 once!

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Returning Veterans

Know of a veteran returning home? If the family would like an escort into town, we would consider it an honor and will gladly provide this service. Please contact Police Department Administration at 847-968-3775.

Traffic Safety

- School is back in session—school zones are posted with a 20-mile per hour speed limit.
- All children ages 12 and under must be properly restrained in the back seat of all vehicles, especially in cars equipped with passenger side air bags.
- Choose the safest walking route to school for your children with the fewest streets to cross, lowest traffic volume, and most controlled intersections.
- Stop for school buses that have their stop signs displayed.

Sex Offenders

With Halloween right around the corner, the Police Department would like to make you aware that State law provides that as a condition of probation, conditional discharge, parole, or supervised release, a sex offender may not participate in handing out candy on Halloween, with two exceptions:

- Sex offenders who by law must register but are no longer on probation, conditional discharge, parole, or supervised release may distribute candy on Halloween.
- The law applies to the individual sex offender, not the residence. Family members of a sex offender may distribute candy on Halloween.

The Police Department monitors these activities to ensure compliance. If you have questions, contact Sgt. John Monahan at 847-968-3790, or jmonahan@mundelein.org. Further information on sex offenders living in Mundelein can be found at www.mundelein.org/police or www.isp.state.il.us/sor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



September is Home Safety and Preparedness Month

*H*ands on Home Safety is the theme of Home Safety Month. Residents are urged to take steps to create a safer home environment from the five leading causes of home injury—falls, poisonings, fires and burns, choking/suffocation and drowning. Home safety is an issue that applies to everyone. Injuries in the home across the country annually result in nearly 21 million medical visits and almost 20,000 deaths. Mundelein can be a safer community by making simple changes in behavior, such as picking up items left on the stairs, testing smoke detectors regularly, lighting darker areas in our homes, using ladders for projects requiring climbing rather than chairs, locking up medicines and poisons and keeping them out of the reach of children, and keeping small objects out of the reach of infants, just to name a few.

“National Preparedness Month” is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage preparedness for emergencies in homes, businesses and schools. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the goal is to increase public awareness about preparing for emergencies. Throughout September, Homeland Security will work with a wide variety of organizations, agencies, and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement.

Open House & Safety Expo

Join the Mundelein Fire Department for the best open house ever September 21st, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1000 N. Midlothian Road in support of Home Safety Month, Preparedness Month and Fire Prevention Week (October 5 -11) featuring: Helicopter displays, Matches the Clown, Operation Life Safety Train Safety game show, Fire Engine 2 rides, family photos in real firefighting gear, sprinkler demonstrations, car extrication demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, dive/rescue demonstrations, food, popcorn, a taste of the Chief’s chili, Fire Safety Trailer classes, slide a real fire pole, safety displays, and more. The Bears’ game will be on! The highlight of the day will be the naming of our parade fire engine, Engine 2. It is an event you won’t want to miss!

Your home should be a safe haven. But do you regularly check for home fire hazards? If not, there is the potential for danger. Fire departments across the country responded to nearly 400,000 home fires in 2006. That’s why the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2008 is “*It’s Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!*”

Smoke Detectors

*T*here is a growing debate about which type of smoke alarm, photoelectric or ionization, is better to protect people in their homes. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has published the following guidelines covering the difference between the two and the recommended practice for the selection of smoke detectors. The USFA advises :

➤ It cannot be stated categorically that one type of smoke alarm is better than any other type in every fire situation that could possibly arise.

➤ Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctly different yet potentially fatal fires, and because no one can predict what type of fire might start in a home, the USFA recommends that every residence and place where people sleep be equipped with either (a) both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms, or (b) dual sensor smoke alarms (which contain both ionization *and* photoelectric smoke sensors).

➤ The location of a smoke alarm within a home may be more important than the type of smoke alarm used. The USFA recommends that users follow the manufacturer's guidance on the location of smoke alarms in a home.

For further information, contact the Fire Department at 847-949-3260.

Firefighter's Swap Meet

The annual Mundelein Firefighter's Swap Meet will be held on October 25th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mundelein High School. Anything fire service related will be bought and sold. For further information, call 847-949-3260, or visit www.mundelein.org/fire.

PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Removal and Winter Driving

The last two winter seasons have taken a toll on the salt reserve inventory. In addition, the rising

cost of fuel and flooding along the Mississippi River have hampered the delivery of salt to the area. The Village of Mundelein has ordered an adequate amount of salt; however, given the seriousness of the situation with respect to deliveries, we will be monitoring the supply and use of the salt carefully. As always, motorists are cautioned to be aware of roadway conditions, and to drive appropriately in all winter conditions. Give yourself additional time for traveling during this time.

Now is the time to inspect your vehicle in preparation for winter. An emergency kit with a blanket, first-aid kit, snow brush, a bag of kitty litter, a cell phone charger, and a shovel are just some of the items that you may wish to have available.

Snow removal operations are adjusted as the storm dictates. Snow removal operations continue until each roadway and street that the department is responsible for has been addressed. The department does not address roadways or streets based on calls to the department. Rather, the department clears roadways in the order of main streets first, side streets second, and dead-ends, cul-de-sacs and others last. The Public Works Department does not plow State or County roads. Remember, parked cars are not permitted on the streets during snow removal operations.

Mailboxes

With the winter season approaching, now is the time to inspect your curbside mailbox to ensure that it is in a condition that can withstand the snow



from a snowplow. The front of the curbside mailbox should be a minimum of six inches behind the back of the curb per U.S. Postal Service standards. If your mailbox and/or post are damaged by the Village during a snowstorm, the Public Works staff will replace the damaged items with a standard kit. Decorative mailboxes will not be replaced and should not be used in the right-of-way.

Street Closure

The Lake County Department of Transportation will be closing West Hawley Street, between Chevy Chase Road and the Countryside Golf Course entrance, sometime in October for the installation of an underground walkway. Watch for signage in the vicinity of the project for the exact date of the closure. The project is estimated to take two weeks, with favorable weather conditions. This is a Lake County project, paid for by Pulte/Del Webb. For more information call LCDOT, 847-362-3950.

STORMWATER NEWS

Use Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer

Grass clippings add excessive amounts of phosphorus to our lakes, streams and wetlands, which stimulates algal formation that interferes with plant growth and reduces oxygen available to fish. Phosphorus from lawn fertilizer is carried into bodies of water by stormwater runoff. When applying fertilizer, keep it out of drainage swales and off of streets, sidewalks, driveways and other impervious surfaces. Consider

using phosphorus-free fertilizer. Fertilizers that are phosphorus-free still contain nitrogen, and it is the nitrogen, not phosphorus, that makes your grass green. The middle number of the fertilizer type is phosphorus; it should be 0.

Congratulations to the Loch Lomond and Countryside Lake Associations for passing programs disallowing use of fertilizers containing phosphorus. Please do your part in helping keep our local water resources clean. Report any observed stormwater pollution activity, including soil erosion or illegal dumping into Mundelein's water bodies or storm sewer system, to the Mundelein Public Works Department at 847-949-3270.

VOTING REMINDERS

Voter registration is available at the Village Hall during regular office hours. You must present two forms of identification, one with your current name and address. Voter registration will close on October 7th and reopen on November 6.

**The official Halloween
Trick or Treat Hours will
be Friday, October 31st
4:00-8:00 p.m.**



Absentee voting for the November 4th election begins by mail and at the County Clerk's office in Waukegan on September 25th. Absentee voting is available to qualified voters meeting certain conditions and offers three enrollment options—Disabled Voter, Student, and Snowbird Programs—which will automatically ensure you receive an absentee ballot at the address you prefer. To request an absentee ballot or enroll in one of the absentee programs, visit www.co.lake.il.us/cntyclk.

Early voting is available October 14-20 to all eligible, registered voters who need not give a reason to vote prior to Election Day. Early voters are required to present a valid Illinois driver's license, an Illinois identification card issued by the Secretary of State, or any other government issued identification document. Find your early voting location and hours by visiting www.VoteEarly.info.

REMINDERS

➤ October is the last month for electronics recycling at our Public Works facility, 440 East Crystal St., 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. The drop-off program will be suspended for the winter months, November through April, and begin again May 1, 2009.

➤ SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection, Nov. 1, Mundelein Metra train station, 205 N. Archer Ave., 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 for details.

➤ SWALCO has recently expanded their household chemical waste program to include public drop-off events at its Gurnee facility, 1311 N. Estes. Public drop-offs will

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be on an appointment basis and take place only on the dates specified. SWALCO will accept public drop-off of household chemical waste at the Gurnee facility on the second Saturday of the month, and only if an appointment was made. Schedule your appointment online at www.swalco.org.

➤ Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 5, 6-6:30 p.m., Kracklauer Park. Music, fireworks, refreshments.

➤ Problems with Comcast Broadband Cable? Call its Customer Service Department at 866-594-1234; Comcast Internet – call 888-262-6300; Comcast Telephone – call 800-266-2278.

➤ Problems with AT&T U-Verse? Call 1-800-288-2020.

➤ Burning of leaves and other yard waste within the Village of Mundelein is prohibited! This includes the use of approved outdoor fireplaces, which are not designed to burn such items. Only seasoned, dry firewood is approved for use in these fireplaces.

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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.

BUSINESS 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.

For copies of Mundelein Matters on tape or in large print, please call or write with the name and address of the recipient, and the choice of the media.

Your opinion is important to us. If you have a suggestion or problem, please address it to Mike Flynn, Assistant Village Administrator, and mail it back or drop it off at the Village Hall, or email to info@mundelein.org. All responses are reviewed and seriously considered.

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