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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*Kenneth H. Kessler*

We are approaching the end of another calendar year, but we are only midway through the Village's fiscal year which runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is useful to take a mid-year assessment of what we have accomplished, and what we need to do to meet our fiscal goals.

The 2012 Village budget for all funds (operations, water and sewer, and special funds) is \$40,493,503. Revenues from all sources for the year were anticipated to fall a little short; therefore, funds from reserves will be used to make up the difference. This is the third straight year the Village Board has chosen to transfer funds from reserves to balance the budget. The use of savings, along with staff reductions, expenditure cuts, and other cost controls has allowed the Village to continue to provide high quality service and to make investments in its infrastructure such as the annual Street Improvement Program, and still remain on sound financial footing.

Unfortunately, we can not afford to invest as much in the street program as we would like, but the Board and I are pleased that we have been able to

maintain our annual repair program at approximately \$2 million. We plan to continue a similar funding level again next year.

The Board and I also feel strongly that now is the time to lay the groundwork, through planning and site preparation, for future development. We have spent a lot of time and resources on developing the 10.5 acre site on Hawley Street for transit-oriented development. We believe this property will prove to be a reliable economic engine for the Village, our schools and other public entities in the years to come. Stimulating economic growth is a complex process that requires careful planning and thoughtful development, but like our investment in 165 N. Archer Street, which now houses Sigma Services, Tighthead Brewing, Kapp Graphics, and EternaBond Inc. (who collectively employ nearly 150 people), we believe our investment will be beneficial to our community in the long term. You can read more about our development initiative on page 2 "Making Way for Transit-Oriented Development".



*from Mayor  
Kessler and  
The Village  
Board of  
Trustees*

# Making Way for Transit-Oriented Development



On November 7, 2011, Omega Demolition of Elgin, Illinois began tearing down the industrial building located at 225 E. Hawley Street. The Village contracted with Omega to remove this building in order to make way for redevelopment of the 10.5 acre site. Key to this project is a \$625,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant will pay for most of the demolition work. Funds were also set aside in escrow by the former property owner to be used for environmental cleanup of the site.

The project is moving forward smoothly. The demolition is estimated to take 90 days, but final grading and seeding will not be completed until Spring 2012. All the aluminum, copper and other metals from the building will be recycled. The concrete floors, foundation, brick and asphalt will be crushed for road base or backfill, leaving very little of the structure to be taken to the landfill.

The Village of Mundelein purchased the property from Sigma Services in 2010 in order to pursue implementation of its transit oriented development plan for a mixed use business, retail, and residential development adjacent to the Metra commuter station. The Village is working with environmental engineers from Weston Solutions, Inc. to prepare the site and install public infrastructure. A 35,000 square foot, LEEDS certified, office building housing Weston Solutions, Inc. and the Village Hall is planned for the site. Additional lots for commercial, office, residential and parking are also planned.

The Weston Solutions partnership is an important component in stimulating redevelopment of the site and making the Village Hall possible. Weston brings a high-technology with 50 employees and (subject to a final terms agreement) will be a tenant in the Village-owned building, thereby reducing the cost of ownership for the Village and generating revenue for the T.I.F. district.

## Com Ed Reliability Improvements

Recently, Village officials and ComEd representatives met to discuss the lessons learned from the severe wind storms of June and July 2011 and to review ComEd's actions to improve the reliability of the electrical delivery system. ComEd has been challenged by critics to implement procedural changes and make equipment improvements that will reduce the frequency and duration of outages throughout its system. Following the summer storms Mundelein and many communities have been communicating with ComEd regarding deficiencies in communication channels and outage responses.

Based on this input and a technical review of the system, beginning in January 2012 ComEd will be making reliability improvements in sections of Mundelein and throughout the ComEd system that include:

- ◆ The installation of "trip saver" fuses that will automatically reset when short-term faults (such as minor tree contact) occur.
- ◆ Underground cable replacement where needed.
- ◆ Installation of Hendrix Cable systems on overhead lines where tree canopies are a problem.
- ◆ Enhanced tree trimming activities. This more aggressive method of tree trimming create a 10 foot zone in all directions around primary conductors for 12,000-volt and below circuits, and removing over-hanging branches.

In Mundelein ComEd has targeted the Holcomb subdivision, the Northshore/Lakeview Drive area, and N. Lakeshore Drive/Grove Street areas for these improvements. Aerial photos depicting the targeted areas are available on the Village web site [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org) under the ComEd Reliability Improvements icon.



# Fire Department

Heating equipment, especially portable space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves, require careful use and proper maintenance. The Mundelein Fire Department offers the following tips to help families prevent fire and burn injuries during the winter months.



## Fireplace and Wood Stove Precautions

- Burn only seasoned hardwood. Do not burn trash, cardboard or Christmas trees. These items burn unevenly, may contain poisons or generate excessive heat.
- Have a professional inspect your chimney every year. Fix any cracks, blockages and leaks and clean out any build-up in the chimney that could start a fire.
- Cleaning logs can be used to help reduce the build-up of creosote in fireplaces. Check labels to ensure logs have been tested and approved by UL. Even with logs, fireplaces still need to be inspected by a professional yearly.
- Open flues before fireplaces are used.
- Use sturdy screens or glass doors to keep embers inside fireplaces.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside or near sleeping areas.
- Keep young children away from working wood stoves and heaters.

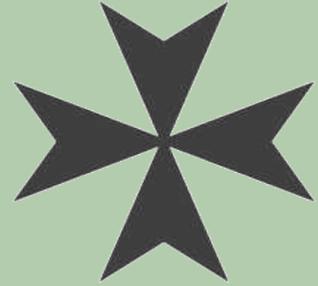
## Space Heater Safety

- Make sure your space heater has been tested for safety. Look on the bottom for a label such as ETL, UL or CSA.
- Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Don't leave space heaters unattended.
- Turn off space heaters before going to sleep.
- Always supervise children and pets when a portable space heater is in use.
- Never use space heaters to dry laundry.

## Carbon Monoxide Reminders

- Install at least one CO alarm near sleeping areas.
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up your home's central heating system annually.
- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced.
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or in a closed garage.
- Never use a portable electric generator indoors, in a garage or in a confined area that can allow CO to collect.

## The Maltese Cross



The symbol of protective honor most associated with the fire service is the Maltese Cross. It dates to the days of the Crusades.

During these battles fire was used as a weapon against the heavily armored knights. As the Crusaders advanced upon the walls of a city, they were struck by glass bombs containing Naphtha, distilled petroleum. When the liquid penetrated the knight's armor, a flaming torch was tossed into their midst. Some individuals risked their lives to save their comrades. The efforts of those knights who rescued others from the fire were recognized by awarding each hero a special cross, the Maltese Cross, as a badge of honor.



The eight-point Maltese Cross is an international "Symbol of Honor, Courage, and Dedication" of the fire service's willingness to make great sacrifices in order to protect others, just as the Crusaders sacrificed their lives for their comrades centuries ago. The Maltese Cross is a firefighter's badge of honor.

# Police Department

## “Ruse” Burglaries Reported

Over the past several weeks our area has experienced numerous distraction or “ruse” burglaries. The subjects committing the burglaries target elderly individuals and pose as utility workers, surveyors, landscapers, home improvement contractors, or village representatives. The object is to distract the homeowner while another subject enters the residence and ransacks rooms looking for cash and jewelry.

The following is a list of recommended procedures should unknown persons come to your house requesting assistance or asking to complete any type of work that you did not request:

1. Ask for identification when someone comes to your door and call the police for verification -- leave the individual outside and lock your door while making the phone call.
2. Don't leave your house or allow anyone inside your house.
3. Get involved -- check on your neighbor if you see any suspicious behavior on your street.
4. Contact the police immediately should you become suspicious of any persons/vehicles in the neighborhood and attempt to obtain license plate and vehicle information.



## House Watch Program Offered

House Watch is a police service that helps protect unoccupied homes while Mundelein residents are traveling away on business or leisure. Police will inspect homes periodically to help ensure their security. To enroll, please contact the Police Department at 847-968-4600.

## Stand-up Program Works to Reduce Alcohol—Drug Abuse

Mundelein's STAND-UP Task Force is a group consisting of students, parents, local business members, and various governmental groups who are very concerned about the health, safety and well-being of Mundelein youth and the community-at-large. The group works together in an effort to reduce alcohol and drug abuse among students. Stand-up meets monthly at the Mundelein Police Department and organizes activities for students to participate in, discuss new laws, and other strategies to combat underage drinking and drug abuse. This task force has over 50 members and is growing. If you are interested in joining the group and taking a stand against alcohol and drug abuse, you may join the group for their next meeting on January 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Mundelein Police Department Training Room or contact Deputy Chief John Monahan at 847-968-3770 or visit the police department website for more information.



## New Seat Belt Law Effective 1/1/12

A new seatbelt law goes into effective on January 1st, which requires the use of seatbelts in all areas of a vehicle. Don't forget to buckle up in the back seat too.

## Electrical Aggregation Referendum on March Primary Ballot

In March 2011, 19 Illinois communities approved referendums to permit their community to “aggregate” electric power usage in order to obtain a lower electricity rate. The average resident in those communities is now saving \$125 to \$175 per year in the cost of electricity.

There will be a referendum on the March 20, 2012 primary ballot to determine if Mundelein residents would like the Village to pursue aggregation here. If approved, the referendum would allow the Village to solicit bids on behalf of residents and small businesses to secure lower electric supply rates. To start in the Municipal Electric Aggregation process, residents must vote YES on the referendum.



If the referendum fails, no change will be made for the community as a whole. If the referendum passes, the Village is under no obligation to switch suppliers if the bids are not favorable. The referendum simply gives the Village the right to solicit competitive bids. If the bid is not lower than the ComEd rate no change will be made, all residents will remain with ComEd.

ComEd will continue to manage and maintain the electrical network (substations, poles, transformers, wiring, etc.) that delivers electric power. Residents will continue to call ComEd in the event of a power outage. Residents will still be customers of ComEd’s delivery system and receive bills from ComEd with the only difference being the name on the line item for power supplier, and hopefully a reduced price. Should the municipality choose a new energy supplier, the supplier will contact each electric account to offer them the opportunity to “opt out” of the new plan.

The wording of the Referendum will be as follows:

<i>Should the Village have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?</i>	YES
	NO

## DIVERSITY AWARD NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

The Human Relations Commission will once again recognize the efforts of a special individual or group that promotes programs for cultural awareness. The 2012 Diversity Award will be presented by the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

The successful nominee must demonstrate leadership qualities, be a role model, create or be part of a program that recognizes diversity, promotes social or cultural understanding, or builds cross-cultural relations. Nominations will be assessed based on successful activities which provide opportunities for others to learn about, and acknowledge the value of diversity.



Members within or from outside the community may submit nominations, nominees must live or work in Mundelein. Nomination forms will be accepted until January 15, 2012. Forms are available on the Village’s website or by calling (847) 949-3282. Individuals, businesses and non-profits that contribute to a positive inter-group relations are all deserving of nomination.

## Business Gold Star Award Recognition Program



The Gold Star Recognition Business program was created by the Economic Development Commission to recognize Mundelein businesses that make significant aesthetic improvements to their property, receive a major industry award, or contribute to the Village of Mundelein in an exemplary manner. "The purpose of the Gold Star Program", Economic Development Commission Chairman Mike Hamilton explained, "is to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of local businesses. We have so many excellent businesses that contribute to the economic and cultural fabric of our community, it is important that we draw attention to their successes".

The 2011 awards were presented at the October 24, 2011 Village Board Meeting to the following businesses: *Medline Inc., McDonald's of Mundelein, The Caboose Restaurant, Lake County Health, Pain & Rehabilitation Center, and Debbie's Floral.*

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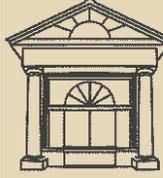


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# Public Works and Engineering

## Christmas Tree Collection



The Village's annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place the weeks of January 3 - 7 and January 9 - 13, 2012. Groot Disposal will collect Christmas trees for recycling on your normal recycling collection day. Please help do you part to reduce the waste in our landfills by recycling your tree following these simple steps:

1. Remove all decorations and tinsel.
2. Recycle only natural trees.
3. If you use a bag to prevent needle droppings, the bag must be removed once the tree is at the curb.

Trees which have not been properly prepared will be left for the regular weekly garbage collection.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS DROP-OFF

Have your holiday lights lost their twinkle? If so, the Village is partnering with Elgin Recycling, Inc., for a free holiday light recycling program that will run from December 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. Starting December 1, individuals and families interested in recycling their old holiday lighting can bring their items to one of the following locations Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

Village Hall	440 East Hawley Street
Public Works Facility #1	440 East Crystal Street
Fire Station #1	1000 N. Midlothian Road
Fire Station #2	1300 S. Lake Street

Only the light strands themselves will be taken; bulbs do not have to be removed. However, light strands connected to wreaths, garlands, or other material cannot be taken. If you have any questions or bulk drop-offs, please contact the Public Works and Engineering office at (847) 949-3270.

## Snow Removal Reminder

**S**now that is pushed or blown into Village streets or across into the neighboring parkway creates hazards for motorists. Many times snow is piled high in parkways from private property causing blind spots for oncoming traffic.



In February 2008, the Village enacted Ordinance 08-02-11 which prohibits any person from shoveling, plowing, or otherwise placing snow or ice from a private driveway, parking lot or other private property onto any highway, street, or public sidewalk that will hinder, obstruct, impede or otherwise interfere in anyway with traffic on that highway, street or sidewalk. It also prohibits the relocation of snow to another parcel of land within the Village.

Please be sure to inform your snowplow contractors of these requirements.

## Electronics Prohibited in Trash Collection



**Effective January 1, 2012**, the State of Illinois electronics waste landfill ban goes into effect. **Waste disposal haulers will no longer accept the following electronics:**

*Televisions, Small Servers, Monitors, Scanners, Printers, Electronic Mice, Computers, Cable and Satellite Receivers, Keyboards, Digital Converters, Fax Machines, Digital Video Disc and Cassette Recorders, Video Game Consoles, Digital Music and Video Players*

Residents must dispose of these prohibited items by taking them to designated residential electronics collection drop off sites. The Village of Mundelein Public Works Electronics Recycling Program operates from May to September at 440 E. Crystal Street. To help alleviate the anticipated pent up supply of electronics before the Mundelein drop-off center opens; a special electronics collection will be held April 14, 2012 at the train station.

## 2011 Street Improvements



The annual Street Improvement Program has come to a close with another successful year. Each season's projects are an investment in our community and are designed to enhance the quality of life for the Village of Mundelein residents and business alike. We thank everyone for their patience this year during the program.

## Public Works

### Q & A

## Snow & Ice



**Q: The plow left some snow at the end of my driveway, can you please come and remove it?**

A: There are thousands of driveways in the Village. If we used all our plows and spent just 60 seconds per driveway, it would take several days to clean the bottom of driveways alone. One thing you can do to minimize the problem is to pile snow that has been shoveled from the driveway on the downstream side of the driveway. If the snow hits the pile, it will be moved onto the grass or sidewalk, not back into your driveway.

**Q: Why don't the trucks plow and salt on the way to their routes?**

A: Each snowplow has an assigned route. If the trucks spread salt on the way to their destinations, then they wouldn't have enough to spread along their own route. And plowing along the way would be just that much longer until the truck reached its assigned route, causing further delays in completion of the assigned snow plowing routes.

**Q: I am having a party tonight. Can you plow in front of my house before guests arrive?**

A: We wish we could comply with such requests, but equipment and manpower limitations do not permit us to deviate from our pre-determined snow plowing routes.

## Building Department



### Window Replacement Permits

Permits are now required for replacement of existing exterior windows. Illinois has adopted an Energy Conservation Code that sets minimum requirements on building elements to save energy. This code, like

the stage plumbing code is mandatory throughout the state. The Energy Code sets minimum standards on the energy efficiency of windows. Like insulation, windows are required to meet a "U" factor. A "U" factor is the measurement of temperature difference between the warm and cold side of a building component. The energy code requires that new windows (replaced or new construction) have a "U" factor of no more than 0.35. This value indicates the ability of the window to limit the amount of temperature that is transmitted through it.

Permits for window replacement are \$35. Information on the window must be submitted with the permit application so the Building Department can verify the "U" factor of the windows being used. In most cases, the permit will be issued while you wait. If you have any questions on "U" factor, window replacement or new energy code, contact the Building Department at 847-949-3283 or visit the U.S. Department of Energy's website at [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov) for more information.

### 2012 Rental Registrations Due

2011 Rental Registrations expire on December 31st. All residential properties that are not occupied by the owner must be registered with the Village. Please be sure to register or renew your registration with before January 17, 2012 to avoid any late fee penalty. Applications are available at the Village Hall or at [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org) (go to forms, map and building department).



The renewal fee is \$30. New applications are \$35 per address with an additional \$2 per unit when the building has more than one rental unit. A late fee will be applied to applications received after close of business on January 16<sup>th</sup>.



### WINTER WATER TIPS

With cold temperatures, some home water lines and meters may be susceptible to freezing. To avoid frozen pipes, follow these tips:

- ◆ Leave a faucet dripping or just barely running, to keep water moving and prevent freezing. Consider placing a bucket under that faucet to capture the water for other household uses.
- ◆ Insulate pipes susceptible to freezing temperatures.
- ◆ Keep thermostat of vacant property at 62°F.
- ◆ Remove outside garden hoses from the spigot and make sure the spigot is off.

## Veterans Services Available

In Lake County, veterans and active duty military personnel and their families can utilize this program which offers free mental health and support services. The Lake-McHenry Veterans and Family Services provides these services through a network of agencies. The program is designed to help military personnel, veterans and their families face challenges, before, during and after deployments. The program is funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA). The goal of the program is to help reduce veteran hospitalizations, homelessness and to assist veterans /military personnel and their families with education and support counseling. Services are available at the following locations:

Drop-in Center 5320 W. Elm Street (Route 120) McHenry, IL 60050 (815) 322-2620	Lake County Health Department 121 E. Grand Avenue Lake Villa, IL 60046 Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Mon—Fri) 847-377-VET6 (8636)
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### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a great place to advertise your Mundelein business? Why not advertise in Mundelein Matters. Advertisements are sold for the full year (a total of 4 publications) by LPI Publications which will begin contracting for 2012 available ad space in early January.

For more information contact:

Duane Budelier  
LPI Publications  
1-800-950-9952 x2525.

## Mundelein Community Connection

Mundelein Community Connection, Mundelein's downtown promotions and economic development organization is now planning events for next year.

Park on Park cruise nights sponsorship are now available, contact Mr. Pete Christie at 847-838-3049 or email him at [carloway@att.net](mailto:carloway@att.net). Mr. Christie will be taking Park on Park sponsorships for 2012 until March 23rd. The Park on Park event is held on the second Wednesday evening of each month from May through September. Visit [www.parkonpark.com](http://www.parkonpark.com) for more information.



The Mundelein Arts Festival Committee is back in action. Artist applications will be available soon for the 2nd Annual Arts Festival on September 8 and 9, 2012. The early bird application deadline is April 15, 2012. Visit [www.mundeleinartsfestival.com](http://www.mundeleinartsfestival.com) for more information.

The 2012 Mundelein Farmers Market will open on Friday, June 15, 2012 with a big kickoff celebration. Market vendor applications will be available February 1, 2012 and are due April 30, 2012. The Market will be open every Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through October. For more information, visit [www.mundelein.org/farmers\\_market/](http://www.mundelein.org/farmers_market/)



## New Business Development

It is without doubt that the economy is sputtering; however, it is equally true that the spirit of the American free enterprise system is still working. Businesses still find a way to start up and even expand. We do not have room here to recognize all of the new businesses that have opened in Mundelein since September, but some notable new business openings include: **Tighthead Brewery**, 161 N. Archer Street, production beer manufacturer with distribution throughout the region, and on-site sales; **Party Fantasy**, a family recreation facility, 342 Townline Road; **Fresenius Medical Care**, 1402 Townline Road, outpatient dialysis clinic; **Goodman Distribution**, 1060 E. High Street, wholesale distribution of HVAC products; **Mavericks Bar & Grill**, 2061 W. Maple Ave.; **Granite Works**, 1150 Allanson Road, installation and fabrication of Granite countertops; **Sportscards Plus**, 515 North Lake Street; **Whiskers and Wags**, 1126 W. Maple Ave; and **CYMCO Technologies**, R&D metals and mineral processing. Recent business expansions at **Larson Manufacturing** and **Alef Sausage**, offer evidence that faith in our economic system is not misplaced.

# Save the Date

Dec. 1 - Jan 31	Christmas Light Recycling
Dec. 17	Santa's Cottage Noon to 3 p.m. - Park & Seymour
Jan. 3—7 Jan 9 - 13	Christmas Tree Recycling Program (please place at the curb on your regular trash pick-up day)
Feb. 1	Farmers Market Vendor Applications Available
March 23	Park on Park Sponsorships due
April 14	SWALCO Electronics Collection 8 a.m.—12 Noon Mundelein Metra Station
April 15	Fine Arts Festival early bird application deadline



**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, 7:00 p.m.

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

**\*HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION Meetings** - First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meetings** - Fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at the Mundelein Police Station, 221 North Lake Street

\*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 the close of business the Friday before the meeting.

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](mailto:info@mundelein.org). All responses are reviewed and seriously considered.

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

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