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Message From the Mayor

As the year winds down, now is the perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to what's ahead for the Village of Mundelein in the New Year.

THANK YOU

2015 was yet another productive year for the Village. Mundelein's numerous festivals, community events, concerts and special events all exceeded expectations in terms of number of participants, caliber of entertainment and community engagement. Thank you for your role in helping to make Mundelein a great community in which to live, raise a family, and enjoy a high quality of life. Please take a moment to review some of Mundelein's accomplishments in the "Year In Review" newsletter article.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I'm proud to acknowledge that Mundelein once again received the Tree City USA designation. The village also was ranked in the Top 50 Safest Cities (#44) by SafeWise, a nationally-recognized security organization and the 42nd Safest City in America by Neighborhood Scout. Mundelein also earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA). Kudos to Mundelein Finance Director, Doug Haywood and his team.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

The integration of Mundelein's new brand is an ongoing and exciting process. This past year we have upgraded our facility signage, upgraded the Police Department

and economic development websites, rewrote a new sign code, redesigned the Village's new resident packet, and launched a Think Local campaign to name just a few initiatives. Every branding decision originates from our Brand Promise to be "Central Lake County's premiere location for entrepreneurs and known as a welcoming community."



BIG GRANT PROGRAM

To help revitalize Mundelein, Village Trustees approved a Business Incentive Grant (BIG) program for businesses of all sizes. The Trustees budgeted \$100,000 for business and property owners to use to improve their property with the ultimate goal of enhancing the overall look of our community. To date, 7 businesses have benefited from this program

DOMINICK'S UPDATE

The holding company for Dominick's just renewed their lease for an additional five years. I am consistently in contact with the property owner (Brixmor) on a monthly basis and continue to converse with the holding company. Both parties have commercial broker's working diligently to

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Village of Mundelein

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD WINNER

TOP 100 SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA—
 RANKED 42

MUNDELEIN PARKS AND RECREATION
 DISTRICT—ILLINOIS DISTINGUISHED
 ACCREDITED AGENCY

CALEA ACCREDITED—THE GOLD STANDARD
 IN PUBLIC SAFETY ACCREDITATION

RECIPIENT NEW URBANISM CNU MERIT
 AWARD FOR MASTER REDEVELOPMENT
 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS FOR FAMILIES

MOODY'S AA1 RATING—SECOND HIGHEST
 GRADE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

RECIPIENT OF SUNSHINE AWARD FOR
 GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS FOR
 YOUNG COUPLES

Mundelein Ranked Among the 50 Safest Cities in Illinois by Nationally Recognized Security Firm

SafeWise, a nationally-recognized security organization that helps families and communities stay educated about safety and security in the home and on the go, recently released its 2015 "50 Safest Cities in Illinois" report, and the Village of Mundelein ranked among the top 50 Safest Cities in Illinois registering at 44.

To compile the "SafeWise Report" SafeWise analysts considered public safety initiatives and the most recent FBI crime data from 2013 to rank these cities, which all have a minimum population of 5,000 people.

The report noted: 44. MUNDELEIN

Mundelein officers recognize that their duties extend beyond catching the bad guys. Victim care is a crucial part of how the Mundelein Police Department protects and serves. Their efforts received national attention, leading the department to be chosen as one of three agencies across the country to participate as a pilot site in a national program to enhance response to crime victims.

The complete Safest Cities list and research methodology can be accessed at: <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-illinois-2015/>

"We found many of the Illinois cities that made our list embrace the principles of community policing, and citizens and law enforcement really work together to keep the community safe," SafeWise security analyst Alexia Chianis said. "While the cities on this years' list are diverse, they all have a strong sense of community pride, impressive public safety initiatives, and top-notch municipal leaders who are doing everything they can to keep crime rates low."

ABOUT SAFEWISE

SafeWise is a nationally-recognized security organization that helps families and communities stay educated about safety and security in the home and on the go. SafeWise has been featured on the Huffington Post, AngiesList, Mashable, and Homes.com. The SafeWise Report awards communities making the extra effort to excel at public safety, and helps inform both new residents and seasoned locals of the safety of their most cherished neighborhoods.



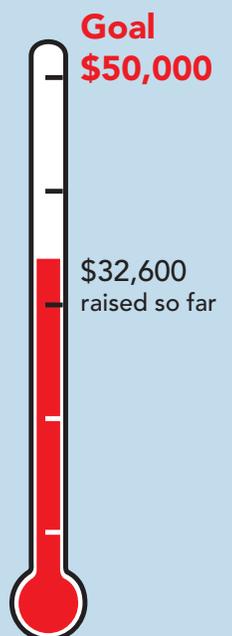
Police Statue Fund Close to Reaching Fundraising Goal—Final Push for Donations Now Underway

After two years of concentrated and dedicated effort by Jack and Sue Forshaw along with the Police Statue Fundraising Committee, the Police Statue Fund is very close to achieving its fundraising goal. "In round numbers we are about \$10,000 away from having enough money raised to place the order for Mundelein's police statue. We are very excited to have reached this milestone and we extend our most heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has donated money to this initiative," said Jack Forshaw, Committee Chairman, Police Statue Fund. To date, \$32,600 has been raised.

Now, time is of the essence, however, as the remaining \$10,000 needed to place the order for Mundelein's police statue must be raised before the end of 2015 so the price remains at the negotiated price of \$45,000. "We are in the final phase of this important fundraising campaign and we're

almost at our goal. So if anyone has considered making a donation to the statue fund now is the ideal time. We are very grateful to everyone's support of this project," Mr. Forshaw added. All donations made by the end of the year are tax deductible for 2015.

Although a donation in any amount is welcome, a \$100 donation will purchase a personalized 4" x 8" brick to be placed at the statue site, in the donor's name, or in memory of a family member, friend, or loved one. Visit the statue website for more information on the Police Statue Fund project or regarding bricks available for larger donations. **To reach the police statue fund website go to www.mundelein.org and click on Quick Links or click here: <http://www.mundelein.org/government/police-statue-fundraiser>**



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Mundelein Honors Five Businesses with 2015 Gold Star Business Award

Five Mundelein businesses have been selected for the 2015 Gold Star Business Award. The Gold Star Business Award Program recognizes Mundelein businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community or have achieved notable success in their industry. Mayor Steve Lentz and Economic Development Commission Chairman Larry Gallas, recently presented awards to the businesses and thanked them for their contributions to the Village of Mundelein at a recent Board Meeting.



The Village of Mundelein Proudly Recognizes the Following 2015 Gold Star Business Award Recipients:



DoubleTree Hotel, 510 East IL Route 83. With more than 400 hotels in 33 different countries and territories, DoubleTree strives to create a rewarding experience for their guests. Equipped with 183 guest rooms and a full-sized ballroom for events and conferences, the Mundelein location can serve all their client's leisure or professional travel needs. The Mundelein DoubleTree was recognized for its involvement in community programs and recognition as the premier hospitality business in the Village.

Butterfield Bodyworks CARSTAR, 1066 Campus Drive. Butterfield Bodyworks CARSTAR has been in business serving Mundelein and its surrounding communities with their auto body repair needs for over 10 years. A modern, state-of-the-art auto body repair facility, staffed with industry certified technicians; Butterfield Bodyworks CARSTAR strives to provide the perfect blend of exceptional customer experience and high-quality repair using the latest technology available. CARSTAR was recognized for its community involvement and charitable contribution, particularly the program to give a car away to needy families.



Bill's Pizza & Pub, 624 South Lake Street. Bill's Pizza & Pub is a family-friendly restaurant with a unique, comfortable, north woods inspired dining room. Bill and his wife Pat established their landmark pizza business in 1957. Bill's has become an established and well-known family restaurant in the Chicagoland area, having served Mundelein and surrounding communities for decades. Bill's Pub was recognized for over 50 years of business operations in Mundelein, and its involvement in community events.

Taste of Paris, 161 North Seymour Avenue. Taste of Paris is traditional French restaurant, bakery, and catering service with over 35 years of experience bringing a little bit of Paris to Mundelein. This restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers an array of pastries to either enjoy at the bakery or take home. Taste of Paris is located one block east of Route 45 in between Courtland and Division, one block away from the Mundelein Metra Train Station. Taste of Paris was recognized for its involvement in community events and assistance to Mundelein Community Connection.



Sysmex, 1 Sysmex Way. Since its founding in 1968, Sysmex has become a leader in the medical products industry. In keeping with their corporate mission of shaping the advancement of healthcare, Sysmex contributes to ongoing developments in healthcare and human health. Sysmex also continues to provide a stable supply of high quality products to its customers as it aims to contribute to the health of people around the world. Sysmex was recognized for its recent decision to expand its manufacturing facility in Mundelein.

Pace Dial-A-Ride Service Greatly Expanding Service Area

The Villages of Libertyville, Mundelein and Libertyville Township are pleased to announce the expansion of the Pace Dial-A-Ride service that has been serving senior citizens and individuals with disabilities in the three jurisdictions for 30 years. Beginning February 1, 2016 Mundelein, Libertyville and Libertyville Township will begin a new partnership with the Townships of Fremont and Shields to provide a broader service area and extended service hours. The new partnership will be called the *Central Lake Partners Coordinated Transportation Service*.

Under the new program an eligible rider from Mundelein will be able to travel to any location in the Villages of Mundelein or Libertyville or in the Townships of Fremont, Libertyville, or Shields. In addition, the following specific locations outside of these jurisdictions have been added to the service area:

- College of Lake County
- Grayslake Medical Centers
- Greenleaf Medical Centers
- Lake County Health Department
- Walmart Fountain Square
- Lake Forest West Metra Station
- More shopping/medical locations in the Townline Rd. (Rt. 60) corridor

Maps of the expanded service area are available on the Village website.

The Dial-a-Ride program that has served Mundelein and Libertyville has become the model for this type of service in Lake County. The goal is to provide broader access to medical, education, shopping and jobs for seniors and



people with disabilities; to slowly expand the service to reach more areas of the county; and to standardize the wide array of eligibility requirements and fares that apply to existing services. This expansion is made possible by a Federal Transportation Grant to the Lake County Department of Transportation. All riders currently being served in the current program will be served in the new program, but the eligibility age for new riders will be raised from 55 to 60 years old. In addition, the current \$1.00 fare, which has not been increased in 30 years, will increase to \$3.00.

Questions regarding the expansion of the service can be directed to the Lake County Department of Transportation at 847-362-2430; or the Mundelein Village Administration Department, 847-949-3223.

For more information visit the village website at www.mundelein.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Mundelein Business Appreciation and Networking Breakfast Planned

The Village of Mundelein and the Economic Development Commission (EDC) will host its Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast on January 28, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel, 510 East Route 83 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. All Mundelein Businesses are cordially invited to this event.

Bob Roitblat, the founder and president of Mainsail Consulting Group, entrepreneur, author, and a seasoned executive with more than 30 years of business experience will be the event's keynote speaker. In addition to Mr. Roitblat, speakers include State Representative Bob Dold, and Mundelein Mayor, Steve Lentz.

This event is a chance for the EDC, the Mayor, Village Trustees, and Village Staff to network with Mundelein businesses and thank them for their contributions to the community. It is also an opportunity to share information on important local issues, improve business-to-business interactions, and keep the lines of communication open. Business owners and managers, please "Save-the-Date" now and watch for a personal invitation in the mail shortly after the New Year.

The Mundelein Business Alliance, whose mission is to promote Mundelein Business and foster business-to-business sales, will sponsor a Business Showcase and Networking Hour from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

Mundelein Police Encourage Residents to Utilize Vacation Watch Program

With the holidays fast approaching we would like to remind you of the Mundelein Police Department's Vacation Watch program.

Here's how it works:

A simple call to the Mundelein Police Department's non-emergency number at 847-968-4600 or complete the form on our website at <http://www.mundelein.org/mpd/pdfs/2015/VacationWatchRequest.pdf> and fax it to 847-968-3756. The dispatchers will take some basic information from you then your address and dates you will be gone will be passed along to the patrol division. This information is shared at the daily roll call briefings and officers will be assigned to conduct periodic checks of the residence while you are out of town.

Along with notifying us of your absence, here are a few other safety measures to follow:

- Notify a friend, relative or trusted neighbor that you'll be away and leave emergency phone numbers with them in case they need to reach you.
- Be sure all of your doors, windows and gates are locked when you leave.
- Manually lock your garage door from the inside and disengage your electronic device, this eliminates the possibility of thieves entering with garage door decoders.
- Be sure to stop your mail and your newspaper deliveries or have a friend, relative or trusted neighbor bring it in for you daily.
- Put a couple of indoor lights and your radio on a light timer—this gives the illusion someone is home.
- Arrange for someone to take care of your property while you're away. Keeping the driveway shoveled once the snow starts falling or even simply driving a car in and out of the drive to give the appearance that a vehicle has been there recently.

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Village of Mundelein Year In Review— 2014-2015 Key Accomplishments

Village of Mundelein Mayor Steve Lentz, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator John Lobaito along with the Village staff worked together over the past year to accomplish a number of projects, initiatives, and special events.

“The end of the year provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, of which there are many, and look forward to the coming year to refocus our efforts on our new goals yet to be realized. I am proud of everything the Village of Mundelein accomplished over the past year and I applaud the Village Board of Trustees for their vision and leadership,” said Mayor Steve Lentz.

Village Administrator, John Lobaito concurs. “We’ve had a very productive year and I am proud of the entire Village staff for their commitment and hard work. Everyone on the team understands our vision and strategic direction, so we’re all moving toward the same goal—a revitalized Village of Mundelein,” Lobaito said.

The Village made significant forward strides in economic development, public safety, technology, and other areas. The accomplishments featured here are just a small sample of the many projects and initiatives undertaken in fiscal year 2015. All of the key accomplishments are part of the Village’s broader Strategic Plan to build a better Mundelein for residents, business owners, and visitors.

Here are several of the Village of Mundelein’s key accomplishments:

- **Park on Park**—550 cars per week attracting 2,500 visitors.
- **Farmers Market**—21 full-time vendors and four part-time vendors. 15 non-profits and 15 featured businesses. 800 visitors per week.
- **One World Festival**—1,000 visitors enjoyed six acts (singers and dance groups) and 18 vendors.
- **Craft Beer Festival**—1,800 visitors, 100 volunteers and 42 breweries.
- **Mundelein Arts Festival**—45 Vendors and 2,000 visitors per day.
- **Mundelein Community Days**—5,000 people attended per day.
- **Mayor’s Math Challenge**—300 student participants—distributed \$10,000 in donated scholarships.
- **Santa’s Cottage**—1,000 visitors.
- **Holiday Light Festival**
- **Tree Lighting**—400 people attended.
- **Concerts in the Park**—a total of nine concerts with an average attendance ranging from 200 to 500 people.
- **National Night Out**—Over 650 participants attended the event which included an outdoor movie (approximately 200 more people than last year).
- **A-May-Zing Mundelein**—158 residents volunteered their time to complete 95 projects at 38 locations.
- **Cops and Bobbers**—second year the derby was held at the Seminary and over 400 people participated. The lake was stocked with 200 pounds of catfish and blue gill and over 500 fish were caught.
- **Arbor Day Celebration**—Public Works teamed up with Washington School for a tree planting ceremony, instruction on how to take care of trees, and emphasis on the important role trees play in our lives. The event was attended by second grade students, parents, teachers, Village of Mundelein staff, and District 75 Administration.
- **Bike Rodeo**—Approximately 200 residents attended.



- **Latino Citizen Police Academy**—The first of its kind in Lake County, the LCPA is a ten-week program designed to provide Latino residents with a better understanding of how the Police Department and other agencies work together. A total of four academies have been held since 2014 averaging between 32 and 35 people.
- **Gang Resistance Education**—Taught to all sixth-grade students, featuring life skills and making good choices in day-to-day decisions.
- **Junior Police Academy**—The academy, taught by the Carl Sandburg Middle School Liaison Officer, was offered to 33 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as a part of District 75's summer scholars program. The program's curriculum is designed to give students the opportunity to experience life as a police officer in an academy setting.
- **Police Chaplain Program**—Recruits local ordained ministers of varying denominations and currently has one volunteer chaplain, Jon Edstrom, who responds to varying calls for service such as critical incidents and death notifications.
- **School Liaison Programs**—Liaison Officers are assigned to Mundelein High School and Carl Sandburg Middle School. These programs have been in place for 21 years and 18 years respectively with a core component being to attempt to breakdown any barriers that exist between students and Police.
- **Senior Police Academy**—11 participants attended the ten-week program designed to provide an understanding of Police operations geared towards the needs of seniors.
- **Women's Self Defense**—86 adult participants and 100 Carl Sandburg Students took the course.
- **Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**—assists and supports the Mundelein Police Department in its overall mission by promoting awareness through volunteerism. 116 members—25 active participants.
- **Citizen Police Academy**—An Academy was held in the Spring of 2015 and 26 individuals experienced first-hand what officers encounter on a daily basis.
- **DARE**—The assigned officer visits each school once a week for 14 weeks involving fifth-grade students in a variety of exercises and providing children the skills to recognize and resist pressures that cause them to experiment with drugs and alcohol.
- **Explorer Post #184**—In conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, the Post consists of 14-21 year olds who have an interest in pursuing career in law enforcement. There are 15 police Explorers.
- Community Policing initiatives were continued with citizen contacts (3,073 since September 1, 2013) and park checks (10,165 since September 1, 2013).
- Continued to partner with Lake County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Shanes, Carl Sandburg School, Fremont Middle School, and West Oak Middle School to recognize area middle school students for exceptional academic achievement and/or behavioral improvements in eighth grade.
- Continued leadership training by sending department supervisors to Northwestern University Executive Management Program and Northwestern University Staff and Command Classes.
- **Holiday Help Program**—Distributed over 75 turkeys and bags of groceries that were donated from local businesses and organizations to Mundelein families in need.
- **Shop with a Cop**—50 children participated and a record number of donations of \$6,900 were received.
- **Participated in Operation Stand Down**—a Veterans' Assistance program to collect coats and cold weather clothing to be distributed to veterans and their families who are in need.
- Collected more than \$34,000 for Special Olympics in 2015.
- Renewed school contract with Fremont District 79 for the fee-based DARE service contract and extended services to St. Mary of the Annunciation.
- Assisted Districts 75, 76, and 120 with State mandated Emergency Preparedness training.
- Participated in the "Camp I Am Me" burn camp in Ingleside with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance by providing engine rides for burn camp victims.
- Provided OSHA required emergency planning for several businesses including fire drills, extreme weather, and fire extinguisher training.
- Instructed 27 classes to approximately 300 citizens, businesses, and Village employees in CPR and operation of an AED.
- Provided fire extinguisher training classes 11 times including seniors at the Mundelein Senior Center.
- Hosted Annual Mundelein Fire Department Open House. 1,000 attendees.
- Hosted eight blood drives over 12 month period. 365 units of blood collected.
- Hosted Citizens Fire Academy. 19 adults attended.
- Hosted Smart and Safe Community Forum to address police interaction with the public. 100 community members attended.



Village of Mundelein Year In Review— 2014-2015 Key Accomplishments (cont.)

Community Development

- **Fairhaven Crossings**
 - 40-unit apartment building located downtown
 - Provides affordable housing for low income families and persons with disabilities
 - Received funding from Illinois Housing Development Authority
 - Expected completion date: Summer, 2016
- **Orchard Meadows—Residential Housing Development**
 - 69 single family subdivision by K Hovnanian Homes
 - Under Construction—Model Now Open
- **Coves of Mundelein**
 - 36-unit apartment building situated on the west side of Diamond Lake Road
 - Expected completion date: Spring, 2016
- **Cardinal Square East**
 - Completed 2nd building of 9 proposed apartment buildings in the Cardinal Square development.
 - 65-unit apartment building
- **Hickory Woods-Ryland Homes Townhomes**
 - 34-unit townhome development
- **Economic Incentive Agreement—Hawley Lakes Plaza Redevelopment**
 - Negotiated and executed a \$750,000 economic incentive agreement
 - Improvements underway—New façade, landscaping, parking lot lights, parking lot, roof, and mechanicals
 - Expected completion date: Spring, 2016
- **Business Incentive Grant (B.I.G.) Program**
 - \$100,000 in matching grant funds available to assist businesses in improving/enhancing properties and to attract and retain businesses.
 - To date, \$75,000 distributed to businesses: Luke’s, Bosacki’s, Garamoni, Tina G’s and Cabinet Creations Plus
- **Amendments to Sign and Zoning Ordinance**
 - Executed proactive changes to these ordinances to continue to be resident, contractor, property owner, and business owner friendly.
- **Launched New Village—Wide Sign Ordinance**
 - Complete rewrite of ordinance to be business friendly and in line with our brand promise to make Mundelein a vibrant and welcoming community.
 - 5 year amortization schedule for pole signs and box signs, business eligible for grant monies for replacement of these types of signs.
- **Hosted First Annual Residential Real Estate Brokers Meeting**
 - 40 brokers attended
- **Systemex Corporate Expansion**
 - Approximately 50,000 square foot addition
 - Mundelein Road renamed the road near the building to Systemex Way
- **International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Booth—Navy Pier**
 - 2nd time for Village to participate in this important networking event. Approximately 2,500 in attendance—property owners, brokers, retailers, and developers.
 - Marketed the Village and its new economic incentive tools



Cost Savings

- Saved \$10,000 using contractual snow plowing services program in Grand Dominion, Woodhaven, Lakeview, and Metra lot as compared to in-house services.
- Maintained unbilled water percentage under 3.5%, exceeding IEPA standard of 8%.
- Coordinated Village-wide fleet maintenance program with Finance, updating Vehicle Replacement schedule to meet budget limitations.
- Implemented contractual street sweeping program to reduce operational and capital costs for program. Saved \$150,000 in capital expenditure.
- Implemented GPS system on snow plow vehicles to improve route efficiency. Estimated \$4,000 in operational savings by reducing man-hours during snow-ice response.
- Reduced workplace accidents/injuries from previous year for fourth consecutive year. In fact, IRMA claims experience went down 40% (\$28,000) when comparing 2014 to 2013 totals.
- Managed winter season at total cost per event of \$18,603, including fifth largest single snow storm in regional history.

Building Department

- Initiated a five-day permit turn around for all smaller permits. (Success rate of 92.8%)
- Average time to issue small permits 2.27 days.
- 15,000 sq. ft. tenant build-out for KSN.
- Construction of new 7500 sq. ft. O'Reilly's auto parts.
- Completion of Cardinal Square building 2, 65-unit apartment building at 301 McKinley.
- Issued 1670 permits to date.
- Performed a total of 3821 inspections.
- Received 1031 complaints to date.
- Performed 4568 "actions" towards solving complaints.
- Issued 75 Notices to Appear to the Administrative Hearing.
- Issued permit for first new home in Orchard Meadows development.
- Issued 399 Business Licenses.
- Issued 460 Rental Registration Renewals.
- Issued 215 Certificate of Occupancy's.
- Secured the demolition of the old Quigs Orchard building.
- Contractors' Licenses: Issued 390 licenses.
- Taxi Driver Permits: Issued 34 driver permits.
- Block Party: Issued 10 block party permits.
- Solicitors' Permits: Issued 20 solicitors permits.



Public Works Village Infrastructure

- Completed the following infrastructure projects: 2015 Road Program, Route 60 Water Main Improvements, Utility Facilities Driveway Sealcoating, Lomond Drive Storm Sewer Repair, Midlothian Road Traffic Signal, 2016 Road Program Design, and Lake Street Sanitary Rehabilitation.
- Completed contractual crack sealing (16,583 feet) and thermoplastic pavement marking (10,925 feet) on various Village roads.
- Initiated West Hawley Street Improvement project with Lake County DOT.
- Removed and replaced 129 street signs.
- Trimmed 1,244 parkway trees.
- Removed 617 ash trees as part of EAB Management Plan, replacing 320 trees through spring and fall planting program, thus far.
- "Making Mundelein Magnificent" campaign continued with tree removal/replacement, downtown brick paver resetting, and tree well and street light landscape bed enhancements.
- Resurfaced 7,745 square yards of local roads with in-house resources.
- Completed demolition and site restoration at Well Stations 3, 4 and 5.
- Installed new meter reading software compatible with current system and future upgrades.
- Replaced 12 fire hydrants. Repaired 31 hydrants as part of inspection program.
- Issued Water Quality Report with zero violations.
- Created new parking lot plan for additional needs at Archer Business Center.
- Continued improvements at Metra Station with news box consolidation project.
- Installed new crosswalk beacons to complete final retrofit for all rapid flashing beacons within Village.
- Inspected 850 hydrants throughout the Village.
- Painted 241 hydrants.
- Replaced 463 feet of storm and sanitary sewer pipe with in-house staff.
- Repaired 57 storm and sanitary manholes.
- Replaced four street light controllers.
- Installed new electric service for holiday lighting on Route 45, north of train overpass.



Equipment

- Purchased and placed into service: one ambulance, five squad cars, four administrative vehicles, one fire pumper, one inflatable boat, one jet-vac truck, one service van, one fire van, a one-ton dump truck, and two three-ton dump trucks. Prepared equipment information and trained employees on new equipment.

Village of Mundelein Year In Review— 2014-2015 Key Accomplishments (cont.)

Awards | Accolades

- Received Tree City USA designation for second consecutive year.
- Received Urban Forestry Award from Chicago Region Trees Initiative.
- Named 42nd Safest City in America by Neighborhood Scout.
- Ranked in Top 50 Safest Cities in Illinois by SafeWise Security Firm-Ranked 44
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting (CAFR) to Finance Director Haywood.
- Participated in the U.S. Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program. Recognized for most toys collected at Mundelein Police Department drop-off site.
- Mundelein Police Explorer Post received a first-place award for both the Police Bicycle Operators Course and the Live Fire Competition.



Grants | Funding

- CDBG funding for East Hawley Streetscape for \$80,000. The project is proposed in two phases at a cost of approximately \$400,000 in total.
- Received FEMA Grant-Assistance to Firefighters Operations and Safety Grant-\$40,910 to install cot lift and fasteners in two medical intensive care units (MICU)s.
- Received \$12,600 DAS Charitable Fund Grant to initiate Mundelein’s K-9 Unit.
- Received \$23,100 in private donations for Mundelein’s K-9 Unit.
- Received \$4,062.50 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-Bulletproof Vest Partnership) to offset the cost of the department-issued bulletproof vests.
- Secured grant federal funds (available in 2018) of \$2,000,000 through the Illinois Commerce Commission Grade Crossing Protection Fund Program and funding has been recommended for the pedestrian overpass and Maple Avenue bike path through the CMAQ program in the amounts of \$1,680,000 and \$974,500, respectively. The estimated cost of the pedestrian bridge crossing project is approximately \$4,000,000 and the Maple Avenue path is estimated at \$1,300,000.



Communication | Marketing

- Prepared marketing materials to promote the Business Incentive Grant (B.I.G.) Program.
- Produced 15 Business Profile Videos with Mayor Lentz to assist in Mundelein’s business development efforts.
- Worked cooperatively with area leaders and prepared marketing collaterals and giveaway items for Mundelein’s “ReTHINK MUNDELEIN Realtors Open House. Fifty realtors/brokers and over ten community leaders attended.
- Produced Mayor’s PowerPoint presentation for Town Hall Joint Meeting with Village of Mundelein, Economic Development Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission for February 2015 meeting—over 125 residents and members of the media attended.
- Produced SAIA informational video for community meeting at Mundelein High School—over 300 people attended.
- Produced Mundelein Public Relations/Photo Tour video.
 - Produced “Good Morning MUNDELEIN!” video with Mundelein High School Fine Arts students.

Branding | Social Media

- Produced community events poster featuring Mundelein’s high-profile community events.
- Newcomers Packet—updated all materials to reflect Mundelein’s brand.
- Economic Development Packet—updated materials
- Police Department Website Launch
- Economic Development Website Launch
- Website traffic increased 100% over 2014 due to E-Newsletter redesign with links to website.
- Installed new Facility Signage.
- Installed Archer Business Center Sign.
- Facebook Launch—nearly 1300 “Likes” to date.
- Drafted Social Media Policy

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PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING Winter Initiatives and Project Updates

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

While most projects wind down, there are still some underground utility projects that will continue into the winter season. Please take extra precaution in the work zones during this time, as hazardous conditions can increase with the colder temperatures. Additional information about all Village construction projects can be found at <http://www.mundelein.org/government/construction-updates>.

SPECIAL EVENT PREPARATION

There are many wonderful events to enjoy during the winter season. PW&E is proud to assist in site preparation, traffic control, and event management for the Winter Lighting Festival, Santa's Cottage and other top tier entertainment opportunities in the Village.

EMERALD ASH BORER

We are almost there! Public Works and Engineering has completed 75% of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and will continue to work through the winter on removal of dead or dying ash trees. In addition, Public Works crews work with contractors to trim other healthy trees and remove diseased ones from the public parkways. For specific locations, contact Public Works and Engineering at (847) 949-3270.

WASTEWATER PLANT TOURS

The Village owns and operates one of the area's most advanced reclamation facilities. The winter is a great time to schedule a trip to see the Village's award-winning water reclamation facility! To schedule a visit, contact (847) 949-3275.



News and Notes

WINTER TIPS

As we face another winter season, please remember to keep your home and neighborhood safe by the following:

- Do NOT bury fire hydrants when clearing snow from driveways;
- Avoid frozen plumbing by insulating water lines, keeping home temperatures at 62°F and have the water flushed out of lines at vacant homes;
- Do NOT blow or shovel snow back into the roadway;
- Make an effort to clear snow from sidewalks;
- Check that all outdoor spigots are turned off.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING

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 through January 31, 2015. Anyone interested in recycling their old holiday lighting can bring items to Public Works, Village Hall, or either of the Fire Stations between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. If you have any questions or bulk drop-offs, please contact the Public Works and Engineering office at (847) 949-3270.

VILLAGE RECEIVES \$5 MILLION TOWARD PEDESTRIAN PATHS

Public Works and Engineering Department recently received approval of grant requests on two major projects within the Village; a pedestrian overpass for the Canadian National railroad near McKinley Avenue and a multi-use pedestrian path along Illinois Route 176. \$3.7 million was procured for the overpass through the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program, while \$1 million was obtained through CMAQ for the Route 176 path. Both projects are in the design phase and are tentatively set for construction in 2018.

The Police Statue Committee Thanks You! (continued from page 2)

The Mundelein Police Statue Committee would like to sincerely thank the following companies and residents for their donations to the Mundelein Police Statue Fund over the past few months:

Ruth Kelly
Terry Skriba
R.N. and R.J. Alfredson
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Residents or businesses interested in making a tax-deductible donation can send their checks made payable to **MUNDELEIN POLICE STATUE FUND**. Send checks to the Village of Mundelein, 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, Illinois 60060. Donations also can be made online at: www.mundelein.org/policestatue.

Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades

Snow Fall Reminders

Residents are asked to please remember to abide by the Village's snow fall policy. When there is snowfall of 2" or greater all vehicles must be removed from the streets to allow for snow removal operations. You may park your vehicles in the street for 30 minutes only while removing snow from your driveway. Also, remember you cannot move snow from your property or the sidewalk in front of your house into the street.

The Village's Christmas Tree Collection and Holiday Lights Recycling Programs

The Village's annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place

January 4 through the 8. Groot Disposal will collect Christmas trees for recycling on your normal recycling collection day. Please follow these simple instructions:

- Remove all decorations, tinsel and bags used to transport the tree to the street.
- If you take your tree down before the week of January 4th, don't place it at the curb until the night before your collection day.
- Only natural trees can be recycled.

Trees that are not properly prepared for recycling will be disposed of in the garbage collection. The Village of Mundelein encourages everyone to recycle whenever possible. Natural trees are chipped and disposed of at a nearby landscape recycling facility.

On another issue, holiday lights can be conveniently recycled for no charge at the following Village facilities:

- Village Hall—300 Plaza Circle
- Public Works Facility #1—440 East Crystal St.
- 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 from the strands. However, light strands connected to wreaths, garlands, or other material cannot be taken. Residents dropping lights off at Village Hall are limited to two 25-foot strands or equivalent length. If you have any questions or bulk drop-offs, please contact the Public Works and Engineering office at (847) 949-3270.

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New Parade Routes for 2016

Due to the reconstruction of Hawley Street, the parade route for the Memorial Day parade and the Mundelein Days parade will change this summer. Both parades will begin at the Mundelein Metra station parking lot, just south of the Village Hall. The Memorial Day parade will end at Memorial Park on Emerald Ave. as usual, but the route to the park will be down Division Street to Pershing Ave., then north to Emerald Ave. The Mundelein Days parade also will proceed down Division Street. At Midlothian Road the parade will turn north to Hawley Street then west to Mundelein High School.



This is a significant change, so please take note. There will no parade on Hawley Street. Please make adjustments in your viewing locations. The reviewing stand for the Mundelein Days Parade will be set up on Division Street between Rt. 45 and Lincoln Ave. Both parades will return to Hawley Street in 2017.

**Mundelein Police Offer
Holiday Safety Tips**



During the holiday season, the Mundelein Police Department wants to assure your personal safety and the protection of your valuables. You and your family will be less vulnerable to theft by following these tips.

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Always lock your car doors, roll up the windows, and take your keys with you. Thieves often go from car to car, checking the doors and will move on if yours is locked.
- Do not leave any valuables in your car. If you must leave items like gifts, purses, cell phones, computers, conceal them from view, or lock them in your trunk.
- Park in open, well-lit populated areas. Parking in a garage or off the street is best in residential areas. Avoid parking near large trucks or vans that can obstruct visibility.
- Should a theft occur, report it immediately to the police.

MAIL THEFT

- Promptly collect delivered mail from your mailbox, especially when you are expecting personal items. Or ask a trusted neighbor or friend to gather your mail for you.
- If you plan on being away, ask the post office to hold your mail until you return.
- Avoid sending money or cash items in the mail.
- Do not place outgoing mail in an unsecured mailbox. Use a U.S. Postal Service mailbox, or hand your mail personally to your carrier.
- Before discarding mail with personal information on it, you should shred it first.
- Should you fail to receive an expected check or other valuable mail, contact the issuing agency immediately.

Please report any crimes or suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY to the Mundelein Police Department 9-1-1 Emergency and 847-968-4600 Non-emergency number.

Family Business 70 Years Strong— Larsen Manufacturing Wins Daily Herald's 2015 Entrepreneurial Excellence Award

Larsen Manufacturing, a world premier metal manufacturer specializing in precision sheet metal stamping and metal fabrication, recently earned the Daily Herald's 2015 Entrepreneurial Excellence Award. Corporate headquartered in Mundelein, the company prides itself in offering customers the best quality and service available in today's manufacturing marketplace.

The company serves the automotive, aerospace, consumer electronics and other industries. Larsen Manufacturing had \$3 million in revenue that first year. Revenue this year is projected to be about \$40 million, according to Dave Larsen, Owner and President, Larsen Manufacturing.

"We are both pleased and proud that Larsen Manufacturing calls Mundelein its home. The Larsen family business story epitomizes the American dream. Specifically, with hard work, dedication, and belief in your dreams, anything is possible. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we congratulate Larsen Manufacturing for winning a very well-deserved Entrepreneurial Excellence Award from the Daily Herald," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Dave and Denis Larsen, fraternal twin brothers who co-founded Larsen Manufacturing in Mundelein, know how a family business can succeed, be acquired, and even rise up again in a different form. That's what they faced since their grandfather Leonard Larsen Sr. and a partner founded two companies that later led the twins to create their own metal stamping and fabrication business.

The roots of Larsen Manufacturing reach back to 1946 when Grandfather Leonard Larsen Sr. and a partner founded

Algonquin Tool and Die Co. on Cicero Avenue in Chicago and it continued until 1952. Algonquin made televisions for Motorola, Zenith and others. In 1955, Leonard then worked with a partner to start Electro Metal Products in Skokie until it was acquired in 1998.

Now, Larsen takes the history and knowledge behind those predecessor companies, uses the latest technologies and marks 15 years in business in Mundelein.



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Message From the Mayor (cont.)

secure a tenant in that space and we stand at the ready to assist them in that endeavor with various economic incentives. Of course, I will keep our community apprised of all developments as available for communication.

SAIA UPDATE

Although the construction on the site progresses, the SAIA/ Grayslake lawsuit is still in the discovery phase. If you wish to receive updates and notices on this topic, please email us at info@mundelein.org and ask to be placed on the email list. Members of this list receive status updates and announcements regarding upcoming important meetings and court dates.

LIGHT UP MUNDELEIN

Lastly, I want to thank all of the businesses that volunteered to make the Light Up Mundelein initiative successful. The names of the participating businesses are listed on the Village website. Thanks to you, we had 27 decorated small pine trees lighting up Downtown Mundelein. Next year, we are hoping more businesses will join in to spread holiday cheer.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, we wish you all health, prosperity, and peace in the New Year.

Steve Lentz
Mayor

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