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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. I also would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees for their dedication, hard work and leadership. I am grateful for their service.

The Village of Mundelein's primary focus areas for 2016 included: infrastructure improvements, economic development, and downtown redevelopment—and we have made steady progress in all of these strategic initiatives.

Economic Development

Our economic development efforts garnered high praise from residents, developers, and business owners and we made great strides this past year. The Hawley Lake Plaza Renovation is complete, we welcomed Mundelein's second Jewel-Osco store, Orchard Meadows Housing Development is over 50% sold, Mundelein's Downtown North Implementation Plan is underway, Panera Bread has broken ground and will open in 2017, to name just a few developments. Please take a moment to read a more complete list of accomplishments in the Year In Review article in this newsletter for more good news.

Save The Date—Mayor's State of the Village/Economic Summit Presentation

For the third consecutive year, I will host a State of the Village Presentation on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend this presentation. I plan to give

an overview of recent successes, discuss projects on the horizon, address the financial state of Mundelein, and discuss the Village's 2017 strategic initiatives.



Over the past few years, feedback from residents who have attended the meeting have commented that the meeting was enlightening and helped them to better understand Mundelein's overall vision. I hope to see you at the presentation.

Special Events Thank You

A special note of gratitude goes out to the volunteers and attendees who made 2016 another productive year for the 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.

Light-Up Mundelein

49 decorated small pine trees now light up Downtown Mundelein, a substantial increase from the 25 or so we had last

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Village of Mundelein

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD WINNER
 TOP 100 SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA—
 RANKED 38

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 Honors Four Businesses with 2016 Gold Star Business Award

Four Mundelein businesses have been selected for the Village of Mundelein's 2016 Gold Star Business Award. The 2016 Business Honorees are: MacLean-Fogg, Mundelein Automotive, K-9 Playtime, and Tiemart. The Gold Star Business Awards Program, an initiative spearheaded by the Mundelein Economic Development Commission, recognizes Mundelein businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community or have achieved notable success in their industry.

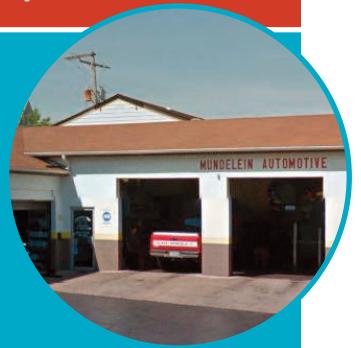
"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate all of the 2016 Gold Star Business recipients for this well-deserved recognition. The businesses honored exemplify Mundelein's entrepreneurial and welcoming spirit. We are pleased that they choose to call Mundelein home and we wish each business continued success in every endeavor," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

The Village of Mundelein Proudly Recognizes the Following 2016 Gold Star Business Award Recipients:



MacLean-Fogg—MacLean-Fogg Company is a group of global enterprises that engineer, manufacture, and distribute products for the automotive and power utility marketplaces worldwide. Founded in 1925, MacLean-Fogg has been headquartered at 1000 Allanson Road in Mundelein since 1964. Today, MacLean-Fogg is an international enterprise with 40 global manufacturing facilities, annual sales in excess of \$1 billion, and a worldwide workforce of more than 4,000 people, including 125 employees in Mundelein. In 2015 MacLean-Fogg celebrated 90 years in business. 2016 is the company's 52nd year in Mundelein. It is a family-owned company dedicated to the education and advancement of its employees.

Mundelein Automotive—This year, Mundelein Automotive is celebrating its 40th year as Mundelein's Premier Auto Repair Facility. Located at the corner of Seymour Street and Route 176, Mundelein Automotive has been serving the Mundelein, Libertyville, Vernon Hills, Grayslake, Long Grove, and surrounding Lake County communities since 1976. Owner, Rob Scarf and his staff take care of all auto repair needs from the family car to the classic muscle car. Mundelein Automotive has been a major supporter of the Park-on-Park car shows from the beginning. The company's A+ rating by the Better Business Bureau shows that Mundelein Automotive is not only fulfilling but exceeding Mundelein's goal and vision to be recognized and known as a welcoming community.



K-9 Playtime—K-9 Playtime provides daycare, training, grooming, overnight accommodations and a variety of specialized services for dogs. Owner Marla Lunt opened K-9 Playtime in Mundelein in 2005. This year Marla expanded the business, which is located at 403 Washington Blvd. into an adjoining unit, increasing the size of the facility to 15,000 square feet. The company's mission is to provide a healthy, safe environment for pets to express themselves. The facility is divided into separate, supervised areas depending on each pet's energy level and temperament. A generous supporter of Mundelein Community Days and the Northern Lake County Arts Collective, K-9 playtime exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit and friendliness that our community encourages.

Tiemart—Tiemart opened at 525 Morris Avenue in 2010, but owners Mike and Darlene Martyka have operated an internet-based sales operation in Mundelein for over 20 years. Tiemart Inc. is a family-owned-and-operated business that provides high-quality neckties and bow ties, pocket squares and fashion accessories at affordable prices. The majority of the company's ties are manufactured exclusively for them. The Martyka's are community-minded and generous supporters of community events and the company has mastered the concept of paying it forward. In several instances, Tiemart has taken generosity to the next level donating ties and socks to the Village of Mundelein and custom-designed ties to Mundelein High School. They have also worked with United Airlines for the past 8 years to raise money for breast cancer prevention and research raising over \$100,000! Mundelein's Tiemart demonstrates the family-focused entrepreneurship and welcoming spirit for which Mundelein is known.



Mundelein Adopts New and Expanded Recycling Program



The Village Board recently renewed the municipal Solid Waste contract with Groot Industries. The new contract, which expires in 2022, lowers collection rates for all single family collection programs, and expands the solid waste and recycling options now in place. Additional disposal options included at no extra charge, include the curbside collection of electronic waste, a food-scrap collection option, and a "limited" weekly collection with an even lower rate.

- Limited Program: 65 gallon garbage container and 95 gallon recycling container (\$17.75/month).
- Limited Senior Program: 35-gallon garbage and recycling container. No bulk item. (\$15.98/month)

"With reduced rates and more recycling services and options, this new contract is a significant win for our residents. Recycling plays a vital and important role in preserving our planet and this contract helps to position Mundelein on the front edge of those efforts. I commend the Board of Trustees and staff for their work in obtaining a comprehensive, long-term solid waste and recycling program with Groot Industries," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Under the new garbage and recycling contract with Groot, residents will continue to have unlimited weekly collection of household garbage with a 95-gallon cart. One bulk item (non-appliance) will be collected each week for no additional charge. The monthly fee for this service is reduced to \$21.60 from \$23.65.

The new garbage collection rates are noted below. Under the new contract residents may switch to one of the new collection programs:

In order to switch to one of these programs you must notify Groot via email (mundelein@groot.com) or by phone (877-404-7668) and provide your name, address and contact information.

- Limited Program: 65 gallon garbage container and 65 gallon recycling container (\$17.75/month).

Please visit Mundelein's website www.mundelein.org for complete details on Mundelein's refuse collection and recycling.

Community Input Sought on Mundelein's Proposed Public Safety On-Street Parking Changes

Over the past year, the Mundelein Board of Trustees has dealt with the question of restricting overnight parking on public streets. After some debate and input from residents, there was no clear consensus on a complete overnight parking restriction or unrestricted parking overnight. With no clear path forward, the Board requested a study on the issue of on-street parking relative to public safety and the parking needs of the residents.

Under this scenario, the following street widths would be impacted:

Street Width	Parking Restriction
20 feet or less	No parking on street
Greater than 20 or less than 24 feet	Parking limited to one side of the street
24 feet or greater	Parking permitted on both sides of the street

The completed study, prepared by the Police Department and Administrative Department staff, was presented to the Village Board of Trustees at the November 14, 2016 board meeting. The study findings indicated that certain streets were too narrow for public safety vehicles to pass with parked cars on the street. The study recommendation is to limit on-street parking on streets where the widest public safety vehicle is unable to pass by parked cars. Based on this criteria, staff recommended to institute an on-street parking ban or limited ban on 21 streets, affecting 60 street segments (blocks).

To this end, the Village is seeking public comment/feedback regarding implementing further restriction of parking on: (1) 44 street segments within the Village between 20 feet and 23 feet 11 inches wide, to allow parking on only one side of the road; and (2) 16 street segments within the Village under 20 feet wide, to completely ban parking on both sides to ensure the largest pieces of fire equipment are able to safely pass through the street. Please provide your opinions on this issue within a 60-day time span by visiting www.mundelein.org/quick-links/parking-study-proposal-overview

Rental Registration Renewals Due Date Fast Approaching

The 2017 Rental Registrations will expire on December 31, 2016. Renewal of these registrations must be received before January 31st 2017 to avoid any late fee charges. Applications are on-line at <http://www.mundelein.org> under the forms and maps icon, and then the Building Department folder. Applications are also available in the Customer Service Office located in the Village Hall. Renewal applications that contain the same owner and contact information are \$30 per address. Those applications that contain new or different information are considered a new application and are \$35. per street address.

The Village implemented this Rental Registration Program on March 1 of 2010. This Ordinance requires all residential

dwelling units that are not owner occupied, be registered with the Village of Mundelein Building Department.

All residential dwelling units including single family homes, apartments, condominiums and townhomes are subject to this ordinance if the unit is not the primary residence of the owner. Residents who are not the owners should make sure that their unit is registered with the Village, and also inform the property owner of this requirement.

If you have any questions about this requirement, or if you would like to know if the unit you're living in is registered, please contact the Customer Service office at 847-949-3283.

Mundelein Welcomes New Planner to the Community Development Team

Mundelein's Community Development department is pleased to welcome Taylor Wegrzyn who has joined the team as a Planner. In this role, he will work cooperatively with developers and community stakeholders on planning documents, conduct planning reviews, engage in proactive economic development activities, and help to implement the Village's existing plans including: the comprehensive plan, master plan, and transit oriented development (TOD) plan.

"Taylor provides experience and perspective from his time at the City of Valparaiso, Indiana. We were very impressed with his work ethic including overseeing the V-Line (Valparaiso Bus Line) ticket office and managing its functions to tackling planning-related functions. He will be a great addition to the staff. We look forward to getting him acquainted with the community and letting him delve into projects Mundelein is actively pursuing," said Amanda Orenchuk, Director, Community Development.

During his tenure with the City of Valparaiso, Indiana in the Economic Development department, Taylor was actively involved in a number of key initiatives.

Some of his accomplishments included:

- Wrote the City's ADA Transition Plan for Facilities in the ROW
- Applied for and received designation as one of 2016's Great Places in America on behalf of the City the American Planning Association's (APA)
- Appointed Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Disabilities



- Worked with potential buyers, Canadian National Railway, and community groups to move a historic rail depot to a new site to avoid demolition by the railroad.
- Oversaw the City's two public transit services and increased ridership 32% over the course of 4 years.
- Part of the planning team for Valpo's Central Park Plaza – a downtown park containing an amphitheatre, ice skating rink, farmers market, and splash pad.

Taylor earned his BA in Geography and Political Science from Valparaiso University. Originally from Crystal Lake, Illinois, Taylor and his wife relocated to Mundelein to be closer to family.

Welcome to Mundelein! A great place to start...and star!

Mundelein Fire Department's Deputy Fire Chief to Retire after Decades of Service



After nearly three decades of dedicated service to the Mundelein Fire Department, Fire Chief Ben Yoder will retire in January, 2017. Chief Yoder began his career with the MFD as a paramedic and he worked his way up the ranks to his current position as Deputy Fire Chief.

"My career as a firefighter all started back in 1989 when I answered an ad to become a volunteer firefighter in my hometown of Mundelein. I thought this would be a great way to help out in my community. Once the training started and I began going on calls, I realized that this is what I needed to do. It took a couple of years but then I was able to make this my permanent career. Myself, along with just about every firefighter I have ever worked with, all have said the same thing from day one—'this is the greatest job,' and it really has been. I will certainly miss the guys and the adrenaline rush of going on calls and helping people," Chief Yoder said.

During his tenure, Chief Yoder enjoyed helping people in their time of need. He also valued the friendships forged and the ongoing camaraderie at the firehouse. He has witnessed first-hand MFD's growth in both size and scope of services.

In his retirement years, Chief Yoder plans to enjoy spending more time with his family along with visiting all the baseball stadiums across the country.

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VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN 2016 KEY SUCCESSES AND YEAR-IN-REVIEW

The Village of Mundelein's primary focus areas for 2016 included infrastructure improvements, economic development, and downtown redevelopment. We are proud of several key accomplishments relative to these strategic initiatives. In terms of infrastructure improvements—collectively between state, county, and municipal projects—we invested over \$20 million in our roads. Projects included: the Hawley Street Reconstruction, repaving Route 45 through downtown, and rebuilding the intersection at Route 176 and 60/83.

"Our economic development efforts garnered high praise from residents, developers, and business owners. We were able to welcome a second Jewel-Osco in the former Dominick's space, Panera Bread has broken ground and will open in 2017, and Orchard Meadows a 77-home housing development is over 50% sold, to name just a few accomplishments," explains Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Thanks to solid strategic planning, 2017 will usher in several exciting development projects. The 130-unit mixed-use Mega Realty development across from the Village Hall will break ground, setting the stage for future development of this area. Springbank (Development Company) is planning to break ground next year on a mix of residential products on the former US Music property downtown. The newly renovated Hawley Lake Plaza will attract new businesses, and our Downtown North Implementation Plan will be presented to the public and then staff will use the strategies outlined in this document as a blueprint for downtown redevelopment.

"Overall, I hope our residents are pleased with Mundelein's ongoing progress and our commitment to our brand promise to be 'Central Lake County's premier location for entrepreneurs and known as a welcoming community,'" Mayor Lentz concludes.

Here is an overview of some of Mundelein's 2016 Key Successes:

ACCOLADES

- Excellence in Financial Reporting Recognition.
- Sixth CALEA Accreditation for Mundelein Police Department.
- Ranked 5th Largest Safest City (30,000 or greater) and 38th Safest City overall (out of 291 Illinois cities).
- *Time Out Chicago* Magazine Names Mundelein "Top 10 Most Desirable Suburb".
- Best Places to Raise a Family—Wallet hub ranked 162 Illinois cities across four dimensions: 1) Family Life and Fun; 2) Education, Health, and Safety; 3) Affordability; and 4) Socioeconomic Environment—Mundelein ranked at 50 out of the 162 suburban cities.
- Tree City USA Recognition—Third consecutive year.
- U.S. Department of Defense "Above and Beyond" award to MFD for their support of the National Guard and reserves.
- Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police presented Officers Smith and Witt with the *Lifesaving Award* for exceptional effort in a critical incident.
- Lake County Municipal League presented MPD with the *Law Enforcement Innovation Award* for the Latino Police Academy.
- Illinois Juvenile Officers' Association presented Officer Witt with the *Juvenile Officer of the Year* for his contributions to juveniles over the past decade.
- Mundelein Police Explorer Program Post 184 took First Place in 5/5 competitions at State Explorer Conference. Explorer Post 184 earned two First Place awards at National Explorer Conference in Arizona.
- MPD recognized for "Most Toys Collected" by U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.
- 2016 Diversity Award Recipient: Lyndex-Nikken, Inc., headquartered in Mundelein for the past 15 years—in business for over 36 years. The company is committed to supporting diversity through their business and hiring practices.
- 2016 Gold Star Business Recipients: • TieMart • MacLean-Fogg • K-9 Playtime • Mundelein Automotive
- Double Tree by Hilton earned the 2016 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for the fourth consecutive year for consistently positive reviews.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Hawley Lake Plaza Renovation–Executed attractive Economic Incentive Agreement
- Panera Bread to Open 2017
- Second Jewel-Osco to open in former Dominick's Space– Executed attractive Economic Incentive Agreement
- Two new restaurants Open in town–In and Out BBQ & Tina G's
- Downtown North Implementation Plan Underway–Farr Associates
- Orchard Meadows Single Family Homes Development–50% Sold
- Fairhaven Crossing–40 Multi-Family Unit Apartment Building to be completed 2016
- Coves of Mundelein–36-Unit Apartment Building–40% Leased
- Cardinal Square–Building C 65-unit Apartment Building–70% Leased
- Plaza Circle Lot 5–Mega Realty 27,000 SF mixed-use 3 acre lot– First Floor Commercial (27,000 SF)/Upper Stories Residential (130 Units)
- 444 East Courtland–purchased in 2015–Redevelopment of the site is anticipated
- Sysmex 39,000 SF addition under construction
- Larsen Manufacturing Expanding–46,000 SF expansion and 12 additional employees
- Transitional Care of Lake County–Contract to purchase property at 850 East HWY 45–\$30 million investment– 185-Bed Skilled Nursing Facility
- Medical Office buildout at Mundelein Crossings
- Revised TIF Districts in the Downtown–TIF I and TIF II– New Boundaries Approved
- Bradco Supply Property Acquisition–538 Morris Avenue
- U.S. Music Property purchased by a developer.
- Updated Opportunity Sites Map and Broker Materials
- Continued Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) Partnership– Providing loans for home purchases on Courtland Street, North Lakeshore Drive, and the Old Hotel.
- Drafted Bicycle Facility Plan
- Secured property from USPS and Cardinal Square to complete the Anthony Avenue connection.

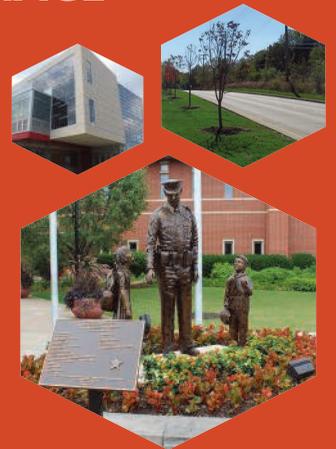


FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Flat property tax levies each year since 2012
- Sales taxes collected by the Village in Calendar 2015 were over \$8.7 million, nearly rebounding to the pre-recession levels of \$8.8-\$8.9 million collected in 2007-2008. NOTE: Sales taxes collected were less than \$7.4 million during the Great Recession in 2009.
- 42% reduction in debt since 2010–\$21 million down to \$12.1 million.
- Water rates are below the average of all other Lake County rates and 2nd lowest amongst CLCJAWA members.
- Saved \$3,000 utilizing contractual snow plowing services.
- Implemented contractual street sweeping program to reduce operational and capital costs for the program–\$60,000 cost savings.
- Reduced fuel consumption for fiscal year–\$65,000 savings compared to FY 2015.
- Maintained unbilled water percentage under 4%, exceeding IEPA standard of 8%.
- Managed winter season at total cost per event of \$13,404-including largest single November snow storm in regional history.
- Restructured Public Works administrative staff saving over \$200,000 over the next 4 years.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS & COMMUNITY IMAGE

- Installed new landscaping/trees within Route 45 median islands to improve gateway appearance.
- East Hawley Street Revitalizations–New planters, diagonal parking, benches
- Downtown Public Parking Purchase and Improvements–Seymour Avenue and Park Street
- STEM Building Addition–\$23.6M enhancement
- Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement Program–100% complete–Spring 2017
- Completed over \$12M in road and infrastructure improvements:
 - West Hawley Street
 - IL 60/83/176 and Schank Road
 - Loch Lomond Utility and Reconstruction
- Midlothian Road Sidewalk Installation
- Downtown Streetscape Improvements–Lake Street, Seymour Avenue, Park Street
- Allanson and Diamond Lake Road sanitary sewer improvements
- Removed 464 ash trees as part of the EAB Management Plan–replanted 269 trees through Spring planting program.
- Retrofit 407 streetlights to LED technology–\$28,000 in annual maintenance and energy savings.
- Mundelein Police Statue–Installation of public art
- Installed new StarCom Radio equipment in preparation for joining the StarCom Radio Network.
- Updated Metra Station with electronic pay boxes and new shelter.
- Repaired 37 fire hydrants as part of ongoing inspection program.



EVENTS

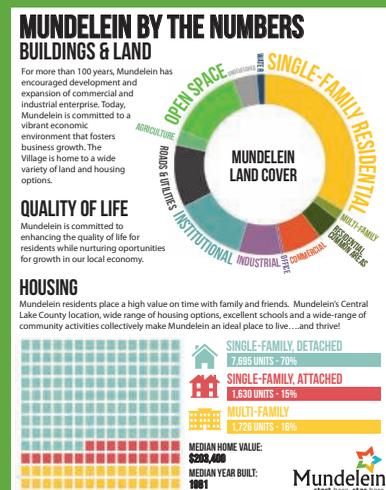
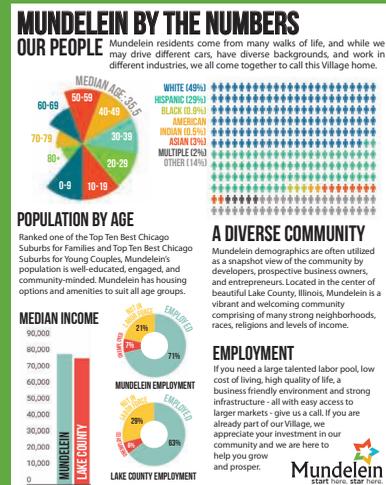
- Craft Beer Festival–2,000 Participants (despite inclement weather)
- Park on Park–700 Visitors each month
- Concerts in the Park
- Mundelein Farmers Market–500 Weekly Visitors and 30 Vendors
- Mundelein Community Days–Thousands of Attendees–*"The Best Ever!"*
- Sixth Annual Mundelein Arts Festival–600 Attendees and 45 Artists
- Fourth Annual One World Festival–500 Attendees
- Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby–400 participants, 500 fish caught
- Latino Police Academy–32 Attendees

GRANTS

- CMAQ Grant–\$975,000 to design and build a multi-use pathway along Maple Avenue between Midlothian Road and Lake Street.
- CMAQ Grant–\$1,750,000 to design and build a pedestrian bridge at McKinley Avenue and the Metra Station area.
- CDBG Grant Money Awarded–\$44,000 to be used for facade improvement–North Lake Street corridor–Facade Improvement Initiative.
- *"From the Ground Up"* Grant–\$11,700 grant awarded to install landscaping along Canadian National Right-of-Way near Metra station.
- EMS Grant–\$1250 to purchase a Laryngoscope.
- NICASA Grant–\$3,700 to conduct liquor license checks.
- IL Liquor Control Commission Grant–\$3,700 to conduct tobacco sales to minor checks.
- DAS Charitable Fund Grant–\$7,700 to continue MPD K-9 Unit.
- Private Donations–\$475 for MPD K-9 Unit.
- Justice Assistance Grant–\$4,155 to help offset costs of the department-issued bullet proof vests.
- Donation from Blum–Kovler (GTI) for fitness equipment (\$2,500), Uniforms (\$1,000) and Explorer's Program (\$1,000).
- Powering Safe Communities Grant–\$5,000 to help fund *"A Way Out-Heroin Exit Program"*.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Mayor's Economic Development Summit/State of the Village Presentation
- Partnered with the Lake County Convention and Visitor's Bureau—*Visit Lake County*—to expand Mundelein's footprint and reach in the County.
- Establishment and launch of the Mundelein Arts Commission
- Diversity Award Reception honoring Lyndex-Nikken, Inc.
- Business of the Year Recognition
- Building Brand Awareness—Developed new marketing collateral pieces
- "Shop Local. Shop Hawley." Marketing Initiative
- Conducted water reclamation facility tours for Mundelein High School Students and Lake Forest Openlands.
- MPD in partnership with the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association, was instrumental in developing "A Way Out"—Heroin and Opioid Public Awareness Program which enables users to turn in drugs and get help for their addiction without threat of prosecution. Since June 1, 2016 inception—25 participants, to date.
- Spearheaded initiative on opiate overdoses county-wide and initiated the first drug reversal program in Lake County. 6 lives saved, to date.
- Veteran's Day Appreciation/Recognition ceremony honoring WWII vets.
- Instituted a holiday tree decorating program for downtown businesses and planted trees on Village-owned property after season.
- Continued Business Profile Video Campaign
- In Focus Magazine—Community Overview Feature Article
- Ribbon Cutting Handout
- Launched Mundelein STAR Employee Newsletter
- Re-designed the Mundelein Intranet to reflect the brand
- Collected \$30,000 for Special Olympics
- A-May-Zing Mundelein—197 resident volunteers completed 106 projects at 40 locations.
- Shop with a Cop—48 children participated, \$6,445 raised for the participants.
- Participated in Operation Stand Down—A Veterans' Assistance Program to collect coats and cold weather clothing to be distribute to veterans and their families, in need.
- Holiday Help Program—Distributed over 75 turkeys and bags of groceries to Mundelein families in need.
- Safe and Smart Kids Camp—48 participants—Conducted by Mundelein Police Department and Mundelein Fire Department.



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Executed new Groot Contract expanding recycling, increasing services, and reducing rates.
- Continued to exceed customer expectations with small business permit turnaround—5 Days or less: *Success Rate: 93% / Average Turnaround Time: 1.77 days*
- Completed Community Fiber Technology Assessment
- Building Department successfully managed 20% increase in activity due to successful community development initiatives.
- Signed fiber agreement with WOW
- Renegotiated MFD contract with Metro with a cost-savings to Mundelein of \$189,388 over the 3-year life of the contract.
- Mundelein Fire Department responded to 3,112 incidents and transported 1,365 patients to local hospitals.



Mayor Applauds Mundelein Community Connection for Successful 2016 Special Events

Mundelein Community Connection (MCC), recently wrapped up its 2016 season and each community event far exceeded their goals in terms of attendance and community engagement. The MCC members are dedicated to economic development, historic preservation, and sustaining the healthy community spirit of Mundelein's downtown central business district. The not-for-profit organization is comprised of business owners, residents, and community volunteers who care deeply about sustaining Mundelein's hometown appeal.

"Mundelein Community Connection members are civic-minded people who are committed to promoting downtown Mundelein by hosting unique special events such as the Annual Craft Beer Festival, Park-on-Park, Mundelein Arts Festival, Santa's Cottage, Farmers Market, just to name a few. These events are the soul of Mundelein and I applaud each MCC member for their efforts to make every event successful and enjoyable for all," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

"2016 was another very successful year for MCC and the organization is in a good financial position to start the New Year. As a committee we strive to build on our successes of

prior years and spend time assessing how we can improve our events from year to year. We are very grateful for the success we had with all of our 2016 events and that success just makes us want to work even harder to make each MCC sponsored event the best it can be," said Terry Skirba, Executive Director, Mundelein Community Connection.

Looking forward to 2017, Farmers Market Manager, Gary Gunther will continue to cultivate relationships with the vendors he has secured over the last two years. This season, inclement weather made the Mundelein's Farmers Market challenging for organizers and vendors alike, but all are committed to the continued success of this endeavor. Gary is in the process of securing vendors for next year and the Farmers Market will continue to be held in the Santa Maria parking lot as this location has proven to be an ideal spot to host Mundelein's Farmers Market.

Here's a brief recap of the Mundelein Community Connection's efforts over the past year:

- Park on Park—500 cars per week attracting 2,500 visitors per event.
- Farmers Market—36 vendors participated (20 FT and 16 PT) Averaging 600 visitors per week.
- One World Festival—6 Food Vendors, 15 Vendors/Exhibitors participated. Over 700+ attendance. Visitors enjoyed six acts (singers and dance groups).
- Tighthead Craft Beer Festival—A joint project of Tighthead Brewery and MCC—2,000 attendees, and 40 breweries. Another huge success!
- Mundelein Arts Festival—45 Vendors and 1800 attendance.
- Mundelein Community Days—5,000 people attended Community Days each festival day.
- Santa's Cottage (2015)—1,500 visitors over the course of three weekends, record attendance. 18 Mundelein businesses, and 5 businesses outside of Mundelein contributed to the childrens' goodie bags.
- Looking forward to Santa's Cottage—2016: Friday, December 2, 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday: Dec. 3, 10, and 17 from Noon-3 p.m.

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Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades

Thank you Mundelein!

Mundelein officials received high praise from SWALCO regarding the most recent household chemical waste collection event. 857 cars were counted as compared to 797 in the prior year.

Save the Date! Mayor Lentz to Host Third Annual Economic Summit to Address State of the Village and Business Development Efforts

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend Mundelein's Third Annual Economic Summit on March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel-510 IL-83 in Mundelein. Mayor Steve Lentz has called a special Joint Committee of the Whole Meeting with the Board of Trustees, Economic Development Commission (EDC) and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to address the State of the Village, Mundelein's business development efforts and key successes, and discuss the Village's 2017 strategic initiatives. Over the past few years, feedback from residents who have attended the meeting have commented that the meeting was enlightening and helped them to better understand Mundelein's strategic vision.

Please make plans to attend!

Snow Fall Reminder

A brief reminder since we are now in the winter season to remember that when there is snowfall of 2" or greater that 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.

Mundelein High School Theater to Present

This winter will bring a twist on one of Shakespeare's most popular and beloved plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Staged on the school's 200-seat thrust stage, Mundelein Theatre will be setting the play in the day room of a mental hospital. So what happens when the inmates get control of the asylum? The answer is, of course... Shakespeare!

The story and language remain the same - the marriage of Theseus and Hippolyta, four young Athenian lovers, a group of rude mechanicals, all controlled and manipulated by the fairies who inhabit the forest in which most of the play is set. The play runs January 22, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. and January 23 at 3:45 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming theater season visit www.mundeleintheatre.org.

25 Mundelein Businesses Earn "Top Picks" Recognition in 2016 Readers' Choice Listing

Congratulations to all of the 25 Mundelein businesses that earned "Top Picks" recognition in the Daily Herald's Annual Readers' Choice 2016 community listing:

- *Franks for the Memories* (Best Chicken Wings)
- *Luke's of Mundelein* (Best Hot Dog and Fries)
- *Nikko's Grecian Grill* (Best Gyros)
- *Mambo Italiano* (Best Italian Food)
- *Dover Straits* (Best Seafood)
- *Pita Inn* (Best Vegetarian Cuisine)
- *Elite Dance Company* (Best Place to Dance [Studio])
- *Fremont Public Library* (Best Library)
- *Lakeside Lanes* (Best Bowling Alley)
- *Steeple Chase Golf* (Best Public Golf Course)
- *Total Body Yoga* (Best Yoga/Pilates)
- *Consumers Credit Union* (Best Local Bank)
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- *Wilson Home Restorations* (Best Door & Window Replacement)

- *Flowerama* (Best Florist)
- *Jewel* (Best Grocery Store)
- *Aldi* (Best Grocery Store)
- *Ace Hardware, Mundelein* (Best Hardware/ Home Improvement Store)
- *Corner Health Food* (Best Health Food Store)
- *Mouse in the House Interiors* (Best Interior Designer)
- *Boston Plumbing* (Best Plumbing)
- *Garden Fresh Market* (Best Place to Buy Produce)
- *Mundelein Pediatrics* (Best Pediatrician)
- *Agony of De-Feet, Mundelein* (Best Shoe Store)
- *Rogan's Shoes* (Best Shoe Store)

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Please bring your Christmas trees to be recycled between January 2-7, 2017.



Police Statue Commemorative Bricks Still Available

Mundelein's first piece of public art, a police statue commemorating the Mundelein Police Department's service to the community, is in place in front of the MPD. The statue has been well received by residents. Commemorative bricks have proven to be very popular and these bricks are still available for purchase. The bricks are a great way to honor a loved one and/or express your gratitude to the men and women in law enforcement. The bricks are available for \$250 for a 4 x 8 brick and \$500 for 12 x 12 brick. Please place your order by April 1 for Spring-2017 installation. Please call Cynthia Peart at 847-949-3225 or by email at cpeart@mundelein.org.

Our Promise

Mundelein will be Central Lake County's premier location for entrepreneurs and known as a welcoming community.

Mundelein Police Department's House Watch Program Provides Peace of Mind

During the holidays, many residents leave their homes in order to vacation with their friends or relatives for a short stint, or leave their homes for an extended period of time to seek warmer weather. In either case, the Mundelein Police Department recommends that if your home will be left unattended, you should stop all mail deliveries; stop all newspaper deliveries; set light timers throughout the house so as the house appears occupied; ensure that if it snows, someone clears the snow from your driveway so that again, the house appears occupied; notify the police department so that your house can be added to our "house watch" list (police officers will then conduct extra patrols of your home while you are away); and most importantly, notify a trustworthy friend or relative so that they too can keep an extra eye on your home. If you follow the above recommendations, the house will appear occupied thus hopefully preventing your from being burglarized.

Here's how it works:

A simple call to the Mundelein Police Department 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 you will want 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.

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Public Works and Engineering News and Notes

IMPORTANT WINTER TIPS AND REMINDERS—As we face another winter season, please remember to keep your home and neighborhood safe by the following:

- o Do NOT bury fire hydrants when clearing snow from driveways;
- o Avoid frozen plumbing by insulating water lines, keeping home temperature 62°F and have the water flushed out of lines at vacant homes;
- o Do NOT blow or shovel snow back into the roadway;
- o Make an effort to clear snow from sidewalks;
- o Check that all outdoor spigots are turned off and garden hoses removed;
- o When there is a snowfall of 2" or greater that all vehicles must be removed from the streets to allow for snow removal operations.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING—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 through January 31, 2017. 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.

MAJOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS—After a busy and successful construction season, the major roadways throughout the Mundelein are now complete. With the reconstruction of West Hawley Street, the intersection of Routes 60, 83 and 176, and Route 45 resurfacing, the Village's main business districts are more accessible than ever! Please remember to shop Mundelein!

HOLIDAY PLANTER DECORATING—Mundelein has partnered with the local business owners to decorate more than 40 of the planters in the Lake-Seymour-Park Street business district. Each of the planters has been planted with a 4' holiday tree which the businesses have decorated with their own brand of holiday flair. Please take the opportunity to visit the area and enjoy the festive look!

Public Works and Engineering Winter Activities

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—While most projects wind down, there are still some projects that will continue into the winter season and carryover to the spring. 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>.

EMERALD ASH BORER—We are almost there! Public Works and Engineering has completed 90% 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 of this or any other Public Works facility, contact (847) 949-3270.

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.

Mundelein Businesses Invited to Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast

In recognition of the important contributions the business community makes to the economic vitality of our community, the Mundelein Economic Development Commission will host its annual Business Appreciation and Networking Breakfast on February 16, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 510 East Route 83, Mundelein. All Mundelein businesses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Stephanie Leese Emrich, a certified Guest Service Professional (CGSP) as awarded by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Emrich, has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 25 years. Continuously approached to instruct on service standards and to speak on her favorite subject, Ms. Emrich founded Service Speaks in 2010. Service Speaks™ aims to help organizations recognize the value of service and to teach businesses how to shift to a service-focused culture.

Raised in a Disney culture of hospitality, Ms. Emrich learned first-hand about building a service culture by watching her grandfather's hotel prosper just a few minutes from Disney World. This inspiration, led her to the front desk of Chicago's Drake Hotel the day after graduating from the University of Illinois/Champaign. High-profile service roles with Hilton, Air France/Meridien Hotels, and the Four Seasons all paved the way to give Ms. Emrich the background and credibility to teach and talk about service excellence to all types of businesses through the lens of hotel guests.

Mayor Steve Lentz, will address economic development and business development in the Village of Mundelein.

Additionally, Mayor Lentz and Village Administrator John Lobaito will take questions from the audience on issues regarding State and Local government.

"This event is a chance for the EDC, Mayor Lentz, the Village Trustees and the Village Staff to thank the business community for their contributions to Mundelein and share information on a number of important issues impacting business in the year ahead," explains Village Administrator, John Lobaito.

A continental breakfast will be provided. Members of the Village Board and Economic Development Commission, as well as Village Staff will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information regarding Village programs and projects. As in previous years, the Mundelein Business Alliance has organized a local business showcase featuring Mundelein companies to promote its primary objective of promoting Mundelein businesses.

"We think it's important to reach out to our business community and let them know we appreciate their investment in Mundelein and we want to share with them the positive steps we are taking to enhance the Village, explains John Lobaito, Village Administrator.

There is no charge for this event, however reservations are appreciated. Please RSVP by February 10 to Tami Schafernak, Executive Assistant, at 847-949-3223 or at tschafernak@mundelein.org.

Mundelein Police Department's House Watch Program (cont.)

- 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.

Message From the Mayor (cont.)

year. I'd like to thank all of the community-minded business owners and organizations that made this initiative such a success. The names of the participating businesses are listed on the Village website.

Thanks to focused municipal planning, 2017 will usher in several exciting development projects. Overall, I hope our residents and business owners are pleased with Mundelein's ongoing progress and our commitment to our brand promise to be "Central Lake County's premier location for entrepreneurs and known as a welcoming community."

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

Steve Lentz
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