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Message From the Mayor

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Village Clerk, and the Village staff, we wish all Mundelein residents a very Happy New Year! As we look forward to 2018, I want to pause to reflect on our 2017 accomplishments.

In addition to maintaining a high level of police, fire and public works service, the Village of Mundelein's primary focus last year included: improved street funding and street improvements, establishing an overhead line burial program, rescheduling our permit fee charges, maintaining a balanced budget, and continuing our parkway trees replacement program. 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.

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 nearly complete, we welcomed Mundelein's second Jewel-Osco store, Orchard Meadows Housing Development is now 100% sold, Mundelein's Downtown North Implementation Plan is making steady progress, Panera Bread and Ulta Cosmetics are now open and business is thriving.

Join Us!

Business Appreciation Breakfast

I would like to personally invite all business owners, managers, and representatives to join us for our Annual Business Appreciation and Networking event on February 15, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Double

Tree Hotel. Our keynote speakers are Erik Brejla, Assistant Deputy Director-Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Mark Peterson, President and CEO, Intersect Illinois. I look forward to seeing everyone there.



Property Taxes

Last month, as was the case in 4 of the last 5 years, the Village Board of Trustees voted to levy the same dollar amount as the previous year for the Village of Mundelein line item on our property tax bills. This reflects the efficient financial discipline we've built into our village operations in all departments. Due to increasing overall village asset values, many residents will see decreases in this line item from the previous year.

The pension line item is a different story, however. Due to changes primarily in Springfield, related actuarial assumptions, i.e. life expectancy and investment yield levels, our annual pension contribution bill increased by 20%. On a per home basis, this property tax increase amounts to approximately \$4/month for a \$200K home, and \$6/month for a \$300K home. This issue concerns me greatly and I will address it further at my State of the Village address next month.

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Village of Mundelein

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN
 AWARD WINNER

TOP 100 SAFEST CITIES IN
 AMERICA—RANKED 38

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL—
 TOP 100 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
 IN ILLINOIS

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

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

RECIPIENT OF
 SUNSHINE AWARD FOR
 GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS
 FOR YOUNG COUPLES

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS
 FOR FAMILIES

Mundelein Arts Commission Looking Forward to Furthering the Arts and Introducing New Initiatives

In an effort to ensure that arts and cultural opportunities are available community-wide, Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees established the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) in August, 2016 to expand the scope of artistic awareness in the Village. Under the leadership of Chairperson and Mundelein resident, Joyce Lee, this 10-member Commission has already made an impact on the local arts community.

By partnering with other artistic and cultural agencies, groups, businesses, and individuals, the MAC has successfully launched several initiatives all of which have been well-received by the community over the past year.

"It has been very gratifying that the Mundelein community has responded so favorably to our ideas to promote the arts. As we reflect on our successes, this indicates to us that the community is seeking artistic and cultural outlets. This is very exciting for us, as we have many more new ideas to promote the arts in Mundelein," Lee explains.

Here are a few of the MAC's accomplishments over the past year, as well as future plans:

WRITING CONTESTS



- The Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) hosts biannual writing contests, open to all Lake County residents. Each edition of the contest has a different genre, such as short stories, poetry, or play-writing. Each contest also has a theme – the Fall 2017 theme was "Home."
- Cash prizes are awarded for all contests. The MAC publishes winners and honorable mentions into a preserved collection called *Mundelein Writes*. Issues of *Mundelein Writes* are available for free at the Village Hall.
- The first-place winner of the Fall 2017 Short Story Contest was "Undercurrents" by Linda Frederick. Second-place was awarded to Nancy Taylor for "Going Home". The third-place winner was "Summer Vacation" by Heather Williams.
- Spring 2018's contest will be targeted towards young writers, and will be open to junior high and high school students. Stay tuned for more details as they become available! Email jlee@email.mundelein.org if you are interested in participating.

TEN-MINUTE PLAY CONTEST

- The Mundelein Arts Commission hosted a 10-minute play competition. The three winning 10-minute plays were brought to life by directors and professional actors. About 50 people attended the performance.
- For this contest, writers were asked to create a small-cast, 10-minute play, which were then judged by Lake Forest resident and professional actor/director Bob Sanders. Although such plays are short, they must still be able to include the elements of full-length plays, creating a complete dramatic arc and relatable situation.
- The final production included the first-place winner, "Love, Iniquitous," written and directed by Jessica Motyka. The second-place winner "Funeral," by Jeffrey Burd, directed by Bob Sanders. The third-place winner, "The Shoe Game," was written and directed by Susan MocarSKI.



MURALS

- The MAC is currently exploring opportunities to commission murals on empty walls in an effort to bring color, vibrancy, and life to the community.
- The initial focus will be on Downtown Mundelein. The MAC is engaging property owners of potential sites to gauge interest.
- A workshop with the Village Board is planned in early 2018 to discuss locations, materials, design, and funding. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

OPEN MIC NIGHTS



- The MAC organizes a series of Open Mic Nights hosted at local businesses to promote music, poetry and literary readings, and the performing arts in the Village of Mundelein. Open Mic Nights make a great evening out on the town for those in the audience, while supporting local artists and businesses.
- The Spring 2018 Open Mic Nights will take place at space generously donated by Taste of Paris in Mundelein, 161 N. Seymour Avenue. They are scheduled for Friday nights—April 20th, May 18th, and June 15th from 6:30–9 p.m. Venues for previous Open Mic Nights have been donated by AREA General Store and El Barrio Restaurant.
- Sign-up is in advance. If you are interested in reserving a spot at a future Open Mic Night, contact Jeff Justman at jjustman@email.mundelein.org.

ARTWORK IN VACANT STOREFRONTS

- The Mundelein Arts Commission is working to establish a program to fill the Village's vacant storefronts with local artists' work.
- The MAC is working to partner property owners with local artists in order to create a mutually beneficial relationship—a local artist receives exposure and an opportunity to display their work, while the vacant property gains increased attention from a visually interesting space, which may lead to quicker occupancy.
- Any artists interested in displaying their artwork, or property owners interested in temporarily donating their space, should contact darends@email.mundelein.org for more information.

ARTIST DIRECTORY

- The MAC is creating a directory of local Mundelein artists—visual, written, video, performance, you name it—to be made available to the public on the Village website. It's hoped that through this listing, people seeking everything from crafts persons to performers to writers will be able to easily locate a nearby professional to meet their needs while keeping business local. This database will also be used as a contact list when the Arts Commission is seeking artist participants for upcoming programs.
- The webpage is expected to be completed and live in Spring of 2018. Anyone wishing to add their information to the list is invited to send their name, contact information, description, webpage URL (optional), and an image (optional) to jlee@email.mundelein.org.

All of these initiatives support the MAC's Mission statement, *"As part of the Village of Mundelein's promise to be a welcoming community, the Mundelein Arts Commission shall seek to create an environment in which cultural, visual, and performance art will enhance the quality of life for the Mundelein community."*

Message From the Mayor (cont.)

Save The Date:

Mayor's State of the Village Presentation

On Monday, February 26, at 6 p.m., at the Village Hall, all residents are invited to attend my "State of the Village" presentation. For the fourth consecutive year, I will give an overview of recent successes, discuss projects on the horizon, address the financial state of Mundelein, and discuss the Village's strategic initiatives. A Q & A period will follow and staff will be on-hand to field questions as well. If you cannot attend, please consider watching the live stream.

New Projects

Myself along with the Village Clerk, Trustees and our dedicated staff, we are working diligently behind the scenes to bring forth some exciting redevelopment projects. 2018 should usher in announcements on several of these and our hope is that 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."

Steve Lentz
Mayor

Village-Wide Resident Survey Reveals Positive Perceptions of Mundelein

Recently, the Village of Mundelein conducted a Village-wide resident survey to solicit resident opinions of the Village's services, image, appearance, perceptions, and reputation. Fako Research & Strategies (FR & S) of Lemont, IL, developed, conducted interviews, and analyzed the data. The survey was conducted by phone and online mediums. In total, 441 Mundelein residents participated in the phone and online surveys.

Dave Fako, President and Founder of FR & S, gave a presentation to the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees regarding the survey findings and mentioned Mundelein's sample size and overall positive survey results. "These are very high marks for a community-wide survey and you should be proud that your residents are engaged and responsive. The sample size is a good, representative sample, as well," Fako explained.

Several categories in Mundelein received highly satisfactory responses from residents. 9 out of 10 residents believe Mundelein Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments) meets or exceeds their expectations. Additionally, 9 out of 10 residents believe that Mundelein is as safe as or safer than neighboring communities. Perceptions of safety in a town significantly impact commerce and economic development. These favorable responses can be attributed to the professionalism of the Mundelein public safety staff from the Police and Fire Departments.

Police Chief and Public Safety Director Eric Guenther was very pleased residents think so highly of the police and fire departments. "Customer service has to be at the forefront of public safety. We feel it is what our citizens both expect and deserve," he said.

Seventy-eight percent of the people who took the survey said the Public Works and Engineering Department meets or exceeds expectations, while only 63 percent of the people surveyed thought the Public Works and Engineering Department's street maintenance efforts are satisfactory.

"This is an area where I think we could look for a little bit of improvement," Fako said.

Mundelein Public Works and Engineering Director Adam Boeche acknowledged the community's concern and said his department is focused on this issue.

"We are encouraged by the survey as it relates to some of our core services such as potable water reliability and snow and ice control, where we scored extremely high. We also recognize what the community is telling us about our local roads and will continue to attack the issue with our robust capital improvement program. Over the last 5 years, we have rehabilitated over 15 miles of road. This level of remediation exceeds many

community programs and has been something important to us as staff and to the Mayor and Board. We are dedicated to completing more and more each year with the available funding through our Road and Bridge and Motor Fuel Tax resources," Boeche explains.

In 2013, the Village made a promise for Mundelein to become Central Lake County's premier location for entrepreneurship and known as a welcoming community. 8 out of 10 residents currently agree or strongly agree that Mundelein is a "welcoming community." The Village has been positioning itself to be known as business-friendly and welcoming and the results of this resident survey is showing that these efforts have been effective.

"Overall, the Village of Mundelein should be proud of these ratings from the perspective of the favorable opinions, but also in the small share of the population that expressed less favorable views," Fako concluded.

To read the full resident survey report from FR&S, please visit the Mundelein website: www.mundelein.org.

Here are a few other Key Survey Findings:

- The majority of survey respondents rate various variables in the "meets" to "exceeds" expectations. These opinions are indicative of a municipal government that is generally serving its population well, with satisfactory and exemplary service.
- The community favorably ranked various factors related to the Village's appearance, accessibility, image, desirability, customer service and Village branding and communication practices.
- According to the survey results, residents rate their experiences/interaction with the Police and Fire Departments, Public Works, and Building Department as positive and favorable.
- The Village's Public Works and Engineering Department earned favorable opinions on most ratings related to sidewalks, lighting, snow removal, and professionalism.
- In fact, 8 out of 10 residents believe that Mundelein's Public Works and Engineering Department meets or exceeds expectations. 8 out of 10 residents also believe that snow removal service meets or exceeds expectations and 9 out of 10 believe water service reliability meets or exceeds expectations. Village Public Works services, and the infrastructure they provide and maintain, lay the foundation for economic growth within the Village.
- 69 percent of people think the downtown's appearance has been improving in recent years, and 74 percent think the general appearance of Mundelein's parks has improved.
- 89 percent of the people surveyed think Mundelein is as safe or safer than other communities in the Northwest suburbs.
- Mundelein engages in strategic planning and the results of the survey have helped to identify some areas where improvement is warranted such as: neighborhood street maintenance, the Village website, and downtown appearance.

Trustees Refinance Mundelein's Bonds Resulting in Thousands Saved

Recently, the Mundelein Board of Trustees refinanced its 2010A General Obligation Bonds with \$5.565 million of 2017 General Obligation Bonds. This financial move results in more than a \$765,000 reduction in future interest payments on the Village's debt.

Over \$650,000 in net present value savings is realized by issuing these new bonds at a much lower interest rates than the 2010 bonds. "This move means that significantly less tax dollars will be needed in the future to repay these new bonds and additional money can be invested in the community," explains Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Mundelein's Aa2 rating by Moody's Investor Service (third-highest available rating) enabled the Village to attract multiple investors willing to purchase the Village's debt. Moody's rationale for granting Mundelein's high debt rating include: sound reserves, low debt burden, strong socioeconomic profile, moderately sized tax base, and home-rule authority.

SAVE THE DATE! Business Appreciation Breakfast Planned

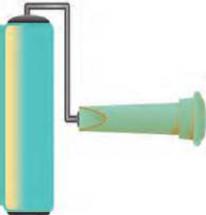
In appreciation for businesses' commitment to the Village of Mundelein, Mayor Steve Lentz, the Village Board of Trustees, the Mundelein Business Alliance (MBA) and the Economic Development Commission (EDC) cordially invite all Mundelein business owners and managers to the **Annual Business Appreciation and Networking Breakfast**. The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 510 East Highway 83 in Mundelein.

The breakfast provides businesses with first-hand news concerning economic and business development in the community, networking opportunities, a Business Showcase, and a keynote speaker. The MBA, whose mission is to promote Mundelein business and foster business-to-business relationships, sponsors the Business Showcase. Breakfast will be provided by Doubletree Hotel. Please contact planning@mundelein.org if you are an owner or manager of a Mundelein business and are interested in attending the event and/or reserving a Business Showcase booth.

Please make plans to join us!

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VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN 2017 KEY SUCCESSES & YEAR-IN-REVIEW

The Village of Mundelein's primary focus areas for 2017 included street funding and street improvements, overhead line burial, permit fee charges, tax levy, and parkway trees replacement program. Additionally, the Village remained committed to furthering the Mundelein brand and pursuing its economic development and downtown redevelopment strategic initiatives. We are proud to outline some of Mundelein's 2017 key accomplishments.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Conducted Community-wide Resident Survey (Fako Research & Strategies)
- **Social Media–Facebook**
 - Significant increase in responsiveness/12 months (4-minute average response time)
 - The Village of Mundelein Facebook page has 2,271 “likes,” an increase of 26% since December, 2017.
- **Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) Established–MAC Accomplishments to Date:**
 - Open Mic Nights (4), Short Story Writing Contest, 10-Minute Play Contest, Arts Commission Plan
- Launched “A Way Out” program to help fast-track access to substance abuse programs and services for those struggling with substance abuse. Program is generating national attention.
- Overdose Awareness Day–An event dedicated to awareness, prevention, and remembrance in regards to the opioid crisis. Speakers: Mayor Steve Lentz and Police Chief Eric Guenther
- Expanded holiday tree decorating program for businesses and planted 50 trees in planters throughout the downtown district.
- Women’s Self Defense Class–65 Participants
- Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby–400 Participants–500 Fish Caught
- Latino Citizens Police Academy–67 in spring session and 49 in fall session
- Shop with a Cop–46 children participated, \$6,000 donated to effort
- Holiday Help Program–75 turkeys and bags of groceries donated for families in need.
- Toys for Tots Program–Recognized for outstanding support of Marine Air Control Group 48 United States Marine Corps Reserve
- Safe and Smart Kids’ Camp–50 Participants
- National Night Out–550 Participants
- Special Olympics Collection–\$43,000 total raised from fundraisers held throughout the year.
 - Cop on a Roof–\$3,485.76
 - Polar Plunge–\$10,712
- Women’s Self Defense Class–65 Participants (2 sessions)



FLOOD EVENT MANAGEMENT

- Responded to 6 inches of rain in 7 hours, exceeding the largest single rainfall event in Mundelein history and highest crest on record for the Des Plaines River.
- Coordinated Disaster Declaration and ongoing coordination with Lake County EMA.
- Implemented Blackboard community-wide messaging during flood recovery period.
- Coordinated building fee waivers and special refuse pick-ups for impacted residents.
- Evacuated 61 individuals to the Police Department from two apartment buildings and various single family homes where CERT provided sheltering services.



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fires–between September 1, 2016 and September 1, 2017–14 building fires, 4 cooking fires, 5 trash fires, 5 passenger vehicle fires.
- Transported 1,935 patients to local hospitals between September 1, 2016 and September 1, 2017.
- Completed 1,480 life safety inspections of local businesses.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Orchard Meadows–Residential Development 100% Sold
- Lake Ridge Townhomes
- Maple Hill–New Residential Development
- Ulta Beauty Inc.–11,000 SF Commercial Space
- Mega Realty–Village Hall Mixed-Use Development Concept: First Floor Commercial, Upper Stories Apartments
- Cardinal Square D1 & D2 Concept–Building Three and Four of this Development
- Completion of Reinders Tower Road–New 30,000 SF Facility for Distribution and Service of Commercial Toro Equipment and Pond Aerators
- Transitional Care of Lake County–Assisted Living and Long-Term Care Facility; Entitled, Under Permit Review
- Metro Self Storage–Climate Controlled, Three Story Storage Facility
- Barreca Paving, Tower Road–7,000 SF New Facility; Employs 60 People
- Completed 10-Year Recreational Lease Renewal with ComEd for Bike Path
- Finalized Land Acquisition–102 Goodwin Place–To Redevelop as a Park
- North Lake Enhancement Program (NLEP)–421-469 North Lake Street
- Urban Land Institute–Technical Assistance Panel (ULI-TAP)–The professional panel, supplied by ULI, will analyze current and future development along the Townline Road corridor and will provide the Village with implementation tools to enhance the corridor’s appearance and development potential.



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Mundelein has developed a “special emphasis list” targeting the most highly visible properties. Many high profile vacancies in town are generating interest among developers.
- Overall, the occupancy rate for Industrial and Commercial spaces is 89.58% which is consistent with much of Lake County.
- Industrial and Office–With an occupancy rate of 94.86%, the Village is doing exceptionally well at filling industrial and office spaces.
- Commercial–With over 3.5 million square feet of commercial space, the Village is one of the largest providers of commercial space in Lake County. The 2017 occupancy rate for these commercial spaces (82%) is not substantially different than other Lake County communities; however, it suggests that a continuing effort by the Village to redevelop these spaces is necessary.



NEW BUSINESSES

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| ■ Panera Bread | ■ Super Mercado La Salsa | ■ Vape N Juice |
| ■ Prime Beef, LTD | ■ Office Clubhouse (<i>Under Construction</i>) | ■ Envios Paloma |
| ■ The Eating Hub | ■ GNC | ■ Lake County Physical Therapy |
| ■ Ulta Cosmetics | ■ Lakes Apothecary | ■ Mmm...Tea Company |
| ■ Gale Street (<i>Under New Ownership</i>) | ■ USA Vein Clinics | ■ Chateau Elite Day Care |
| ■ Family Fishery (<i>Under New Ownership</i>) | ■ Gourmet Blending | ■ Los Magueyes Mexican Grill |
| ■ Glamtique | ■ Premier Truck and Equipment | ■ Entourage Clinical Services |
| ■ Park Street Restaurant (<i>Under New Ownership</i>) | ■ eCycle Solutions | ■ Amazon Distribution Center |
| ■ Lucky Bernie’s | ■ 1800 Radiators | |

BUSINESS EXPANSIONS

- Ruprecht Expansion–\$9.8 million Community Investment
- Mambo Italiano
- Lakeside Recreation Center



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Sales taxes collected by the Village in Calendar 2017 were over \$8.4 million. Sales taxes collected were less than \$7.4 million during the Great Recession in 2009.
- Over 50% reduction in debt since 2010—\$21 million down to \$10.3 million.
- Refinanced 2010 bonds saving \$767,000 in future debt service payments.
- Water rates are below the average of all other Lake County rates and 2nd lowest amongst CLCJAWA members.
- Maintained unbilled water percentage under 4%, exceeding IEPA standard of 8%.
- Recipient: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant—\$7,777 to improve the urban forest within the Lake Michigan Watershed. Funds used to remove the remaining ash trees and plant new trees.
- Participant: Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)—Savings Through Efficient Products, (STEP) grant program.
- Applied for and received CMAQ Grant for Route 176 Multi-use Path—Approximately \$1 million (80% of project cost).
- Purchased a 2017 Pierce engine/pumper. The engine/pumper is \$30,000 under budget due to the \$50,000 trade in of engine 351.
- Developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) and awarded the contract to FSS Technologies for fire alarm monitoring throughout the Village. This new contract will provide a cost savings on the average of \$100 per alarm, per year.



PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING COST SAVINGS

- LED Streetlight Project—17% reduction in energy usage at Metra Station (2016 vs. 2015 calendar year)
- Personnel Costs—FY2017 actual expenditures for PW&E were lower than FY2016 by \$1,000 (in a \$3.7 million budget). By comparison CPI rose 2.5% from January 2016–January 2017
- Contract Plowing—Augmented contractual resources for this upcoming winter after consistent cost savings during 3-year pilot program (\$14,000 average per season).
- Claims Frequency—Sustained annual reductions in frequency in PW&E; 5-year claims average: 2008–12 37 claims/year, 2012–16 22 claims/year.
- Claims Costs—Dramatic reductions in cost in PW&E; 3-year claims cost average: 2010–12 \$401,510/year, 2014–16 \$55,385/year.
- Successfully transitioned contract management responsibilities to PW&E from Assistant Village Administrator's office.
- Initiated coordination and management of all fire inspections with building inspections with the goals of providing better customer service, cost savings, and more efficient coordination of efforts.
- Entered into a service sharing agreement with the Villages of Vernon Hills and Libertyville for Building inspections on an as needed basis.
- MPD partners with Lake County Law Enforcement to launch electronic data exchange system.



TRANSPARENCY

- Village of Mundelein FOIA Requests-Processing, on average, 25 FOIA Requests/month
- Mundelein Police Department FOIA Requests-Processing, on average, 30 FOIA Requests/month

GRANTS

- FYE 2018 Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program Recipients—9 Recipients:
 - Laretta's Italian Bake Shop & Café
 - Lucky Bernie's
 - Beauty In Motion
 - 750 Tower Road
 - The Office Clubhouse
 - Fresh Café
 - Ivanhoe Shoppes
 - Alamo Insurance
 - Lakeside Recreation Center
- \$92,077 of budgeted BIG funds have been approved in FYE 2018. This year alone, these grants have assisted in an overall investment into the community of \$528,375.
- BIG Program Results-To-Date—Mundelein's Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program continues to exceed expectations. The Board of Trustees approved this program in 2015, budgeting \$100,000 annually and increasing this year to \$125,000 annually. Since the program's inception, 26 businesses have received BIG Program funds. The Village of Mundelein has awarded \$292,716 in BIG Program grants, bringing the combined community investment to over two million dollars (\$2,199,328) since 2015.



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS & COMMUNITY IMAGE

STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Water main replacement and sanitary sewer spot repairs in North Hills: \$1.2 million
- Reconstruction of streets and utility repairs in Loch Lomond neighborhood: \$3.4 million
- Resurfaced McRae Lane, Armwood Lane, Blue Spruce Lane, Cairo Court, North California Street, Walker Place, Orchard Street, and Birch Court



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Butterfield Sanitary Sewer Extension—\$225,000
- Constructed new 1,300 foot pedestrian path to connect Longmeadow Estates Subdivision to Mechanics Grove School, reducing bus service for District 75—\$175,000.
- Chemical Phosphorus Removal, Wastewater Treatment—\$1 million
- Continued Loch Lomond Infrastructure Modernization Plan as part of capital improvement program
- East Hawley Sidewalk—Connected two segments and replaced deteriorated sidewalk
- Downtown North Implementation Plan—Visionary and strategic document featuring: public space ideas, future land uses, adaptive building reuse and the like. This initiative is already generating interest on projects such as purchase and proposed renovation of 401 North Seymour (former Bank of America).
- Gateway Sign Project—Three new, contemporary sign types will be installed in different gateways into the community—over several years.
- North Lake Street Enhancement Project—Plan to enhance Lake Street corridor in the downtown area.
- Pedestrian Overpass Design—Coordinating with Public Works and Engineering to refine the design
- Bike Mundelein Initiative—New, custom-designed bike racks will be installed in key locations.
- Completed Board Policy for undergrounding overhead utilities
- Facilitated an agreement with Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County for the relocation of a home at 101 Wellington to 516 Prairie Ave. site saving demolition costs and the ability to re-use the home. Also facilitated the purchase of the old hotel, 534 N. Seymour by the Affordable Housing Corporation for rehabilitation.



OTHER PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING HIGHLIGHTS

- Retrofit 355 streetlights to LED technology as part of Phase 2 of the LED Retrofit project—\$350,000
- Hydrant Flushing—897 hydrants and Painted 276 hydrants as part of annual program.
- Issued Water Quality Report with zero violations
- Conducted engineering and environmental studies for improvement of IL 60/83 Intersection.
- Completed 11,214 service requests

BUILDING & CUSTOMER SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Researched and Launched New 1-2-3 Building Permit Fee Program:
 - o Significantly reduces complexity of building permit fees resulting in better customer experience
 - o Creates internal efficiencies
 - o Reduces inconsistencies and discretion with building fees
 - o Simplicity of new fees positively impacts businesses and residents, supports brand promise
- Maintained small permit turnaround time to five days or less, with an annual success rate of 93%.
- Updated all Building, Fire and Electrical Codes to current editions.



NEW GROUND SIGNS

- Dairy Queen ground sign—S. Lake Street
- Ahlstrand Marine's new ground sign on Townline
- Quick Pick monument sign at 635 N. Midlothian
- Mundelein High School entrance signs
- Ulta improvements at Mundelein Crossings
- Cardinal Square
- Greg's Custard
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- Greg's Custard

COMMUNITY ACCOLADES

- Mundelein named "Tree City USA" for the fourth year in a row in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management. Earned 1st Growth Award.
- **Mundelein High School Earns Top 100 Ranking in 2018 Best Public High Schools in Illinois List**—For the third year in a row, Mundelein High School is in the top 100 high schools according to Niche. This year MHS ranked 76 in Illinois. During the previous three years, MHS has moved up 16 spots and improved a full letter grade from a "B" to an "A."
- Police Chief named President—Lake County Chiefs of Police Association
- **Mundelein Businesses Ranked "Best of the Best" by Daily Herald Readers' Choice Awards—DoubleTree—Libertyville/Mundelein: "Best of the Best" in the following categories:**
 - Best Venue for a Quinceaera
 - Best Place to Work
 - Best Hotel (Local)
- **Other Mundelein "Best of the Best" Honorees are:**
 - Best Chicken Wings
 - Best Ribs
 - Best Chiro
 - Best Thrift Store
 - Best General Merchandise Store
 - Frank's for the Memories
 - Gale Street
 - Center for Wellness, Dr. Jon Engstrom
 - Goodwill
 - Target
- John Lobaito, Village Administrator—Recipient of the American Planning Association—Illinois Chapter, Service Award—Planning Advocate—for efforts within the Downtown
- RTA Recognition for TOD Implementation, including featured speakers at a CMAP/RTA Workshop and at an Implementation Presentation with DePaul's Chaddick Institute.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Third Annual Economic Summit—75 Attendees—Streamed live through Facebook (over 300 views)
- Fourth Annual Mayor's Cup Math Challenge—225 Students; \$18,000 in scholarship money awarded—donated by Mundelein businesses.
- 2017 Community Days—Nearly a break-even budget. Other Community Days Highlights: Record carnival attendance, sold out tickets, record beer sales (Over \$70,000)
- Sixth Annual Craft Beer Festival—1,300 attendees; Gross revenues of nearly \$55,000 to Mundelein Community Connection
- Fourth Consecutive—Public Works and Engineering hosted Arbor Day celebration in conjunction with Washington School.
- Seventh Annual Mundelein Arts Festival—45 artists participated, more than 2,800 attendees over two days
- Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration—50 Vietnam War Veterans received personalized Mayoral proclamations, Board Recognition
- A-MAY-ZING Mundelein's 22nd Annual Day of Caring—info to come.
- Park-on-Park Cruise Nights—Once monthly May through September
- Farmers Market—25 vendors per week
- Concerts in the Park—May-August: 350 participants/average weekly attendance
- Coffee with the Mayor—Held once monthly; Average attendance 20 people
- Business Appreciation Breakfast—200 Attendees
- Broker/Developer Opportunity Event—35 Attendees
- MBA/EDC Mixer—100 Attendees



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Ulta Cosmetics Now Open at Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center

Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the recent opening of Ulta Cosmetics in the Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center. The new, beautifully renovated 11,000 sf commercial space originally occupied by Party City opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a line of more than 200 excited customers waiting to enter the store.

“Over the years, the Village and property owner Mr. Bill Shiner have worked cooperatively to encourage retailers to locate in this area. Mundelein retailers currently operating in the Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center such as Target, TJ Maxx, and Home Depot, have had strong results. We anticipate that Ulta cosmetics will also be a successful tenant in this growth corridor of the Village,” said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

According to Village Administrator John Lobaito, Mundelein has received over \$18 million in sales taxes from the Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center since it opened in 2005. “The shopping center generates between \$1.5-\$1.6 million annually in sales tax to the Village. Retailer TJ Maxx generates \$300,000 annually in sales tax and preliminary estimates indicate that Ulta would generate \$60,000 annually. Ulta is a premier tenant and we hope that this



will help to attract other tenants to the shopping center,” Lobaito explains.

“We are very pleased to have negotiated an economic incentive deal with Mr. Shiner that benefits all parties involved. We believe this is a good deal for Mundelein because this incentive will help to attract more interest in our Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center. The diminishing number of available retailers to fill vacant retail space is a well-known fact across the country. In the coming years, there will likely be fewer newly built centers, so we anticipate fierce competition to fill available retail space. Incentive deals help Mundelein stay competitive,” Mayor Lentz concludes.

Mundelein Police Department House Watch Program— 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.
- Manually lock your garage door from the inside and disengage your electronic device, this eliminates the possibility of thieves entering with garage door decoders.
- Put a couple of indoor lights and your radio on a light timer—this gives the illusion someone is home.

- Leave a light on outside and use a broomstick or wooden pole to secure sliding doors and windows.
- 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.

During the holiday and winter season, 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 you from being burglarized.

MPD Reminds Residents to Take Extra Precautions During Winter Driving Season

With Winter upon us, the highways and byways we drive change drastically. Roads you were able to count on being the faster route to work, school, or shopping are all seemingly gridlocked at the same time. The reason...snow and Ice. Here are some tips to keep you safer during the winter months:

- Allow yourself more time to get to your destination safely.
- Increase your following distance to allow for the longer braking distances on snow-covered roads.
- Reduce your speed to allow for reduced grip or possibly icy conditions.
- Make sure to properly maintain your car. A good check-up prior to the winter months can catch worn tires, faded brakes or other vehicle issues that may leave you stranded or worse, in a crash.
- If you have newer, teen drivers in your household...remind them of the dangers of winter driving and maybe take them into an empty parking lot to practice some basic driving skills.
- Make up a winter survival kit. This could consist of road triangles, blankets, non-perishable food items, water, an emergency flashlight etc.
- Please keep your cellphone charged so that you can summon emergency assistance.
- If your car does become stuck in a snow bank...please don't leave it running. If the exhaust is plugged with snow the car can fill up with Carbon Monoxide. Please remember the above item and call 911 to summon emergency assistance and place your emergency flashers on so we can find you that much sooner.



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Public Works and Engineering News and Notes

WINTER TIPS—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—Holiday lights lost their twinkle? If so, the Village is partnering with Elgin Recycling, Inc., for a free holiday lights recycling program that will run through January 31, 2018. 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.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPEN HOUSE—Public Works and Engineering hosted their first-ever snow and ice control open house. Residents learned how PW&E manages winter events and got to see the equipment and materials up-close. Stay tuned for our next event!



Public Works and Engineering Outlines Winter Activities

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—While most PW & E 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 on the Mundelein website, www.mundelein.org/government/construction-updates.

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 to this facility or any other Public Works facility, please 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.

HOLIDAY PLANTER DECORATING—The Village partnered with the local business owners to decorate 50 of the planters in the Lake-Seymour-Park Street business district. Each of the planters was 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!

Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades

Mundelein Community Emergency Response Team Hosting Free Training Sessions

Do you know what to do in an emergency? Are you ready to take care of yourself, your family, and neighborhood? Did the recent flooding in our community or the natural disasters happening around the globe spark your interest in obtaining training to have the skills to volunteer and give back to those in need? If so, consider joining the Mundelein Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for a weekend of training on emergency preparedness.

Training is free to individuals 18 years of age or older (or those 16 and 17 years old with a permission slip and waiver from their parents). Individuals who complete the course and live within a 10-mile radius of the Village of Mundelein are invited to join the CERT team, although this is not a requirement. Training will take place at Mundelein Fire Station #1 at 1000 N. Midlothian, January 19, 6–10 p.m., January 20, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. and January 21, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Please visit the Mundelein CERT website www.cert.mundelein.org/training.html or contact the fire station at 847-949-3260 to sign up for this in-depth and valuable training. Please sign up by January 10, 2018 and follow us on Facebook at <http://fb.me/MundeleinCERT> for emergency preparedness tips.

Please Note: the class will be taught in English but Spanish materials could be made available.

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

Mark Your Calendars! 2018 Mundelein Community Days Dates Set—

The Mundelein Community Days Commission has recommended to the Village Board that the 2018 Community Days festival begin on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5 p.m., and wrap-up on Sunday, July 1, 2018 with the fireworks display starting at 9:30 p.m. In 2018, the Fourth of July holiday falls on a Wednesday. When this occurs, this presents a challenge for scheduling the fireworks display, as this event is the highlight of the festival. In the past, the Village has held the fireworks show separately from the festival, however, the Commission decided against this for next year because our loyal vendors depend on the high attendance the fireworks display draws to make their involvement with the festival profitable. Further, Mundelein’s budget for this event is also greatly impacted by not including the fireworks show during the festival.

MFD Acquires New Fire Engine

In an effort to best serve the Mundelein community, the Mundelein Fire Department is pleased to announce the acquisition of a new fire engine to its equipment fleet. The 2017 Pierce Enforcer replaces a 2003 fire engine. The new fire engine has a 1500 GPM pump, 750 gallon water tank, Front bumper mounted pre-connected

extrication equipment and Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical capabilities. The purchase price for the vehicle was \$505,000. The fire engine will serve the Mundelein community for years to come.

Weekly Collection for Electronic Waste

DID YOU KNOW? There is now a weekly collection and recycling program for electronic waste. Please contact Groot customer service at 877-404-7668 to set-up a collection date.

Snow Fall Reminder Regarding Parked Vehicles

With the winter season upon us, please remember if 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.

Bike Mundelein

As a continuance of Downtown revitalization efforts, the Village has partnered with a local Mundelein business to design and fabricate twenty new bicycle racks to be installed throughout the Downtown. Jay-R’s Steel & Welding, Inc., located on Tower Road in Mundelein, is a family business that was established in 1981, and involves three generations of metal fabricators. The bike racks, which will be installed by Spring of 2018, read “Bike Mundelein” and feature the Village’s logo in a black and stainless steel construction.

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