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## Message From the Mayor

Dear Fellow Mundelein Resident,  
 With spring upon us, we are all eager to get outside and enjoy spring youth sports, the end of the school year, bicycling, golfing, and boating on Diamond Lake...and it's all right here in Mundelein.

Last month, I hosted an "Economic Summit" of sorts, and invited Village Trustees, Commissioners and the public. We covered many of the positive things occurring in our Village as well as some challenges. Here are the highlights:

**Housing:** According to Zillow, the home value index for Mundelein increased 8.4% over the past year, a figure higher than any of our neighbors. The company rates our current housing market as "Very Hot," a rating higher than that of our neighboring communities.

**Commercial Vacancy Rates:** Downtown vacancies decreased from 15% in 2012 to 13% in 2014 and our vacancy rate for industrial areas is 10% compared to Lake County's 7.8%. Our office vacancy is 8.8% compared to Lake County's 15.3%. However, our overall commercial vacancy rate is 22% which is higher than Lake County's rate of 11.3%. We expect our new business incentive program will help us address this challenge.

**New Businesses:** In 2014, we saw 50 new businesses enter or start-up in Mundelein. This compares to 41 in 2013 and 38 in 2012.

This is a positive trend we are facilitating and tracking.

**Dominick's:**

The property owner recently hired a new broker to assist them with leasing the shopping center. However, the lease with Dominick's does not expire until mid-2016. After keeping close tabs on the situation, I have become skeptical that Dominick's will sublease their store any time soon. Dominick's and nearby Jewel are owned by the same parent company, Albertson's, and grocery companies are notorious for shuttering competing locations to help business elsewhere. Although we have no control over the situation, we stand ready to help the property owner should an opportunity present itself.

**Old Walgreens:** After many years of not being able to speak with the owner of Hawley Lake Plaza (Hawley St. and Hwy 45), we are finally in negotiations with the property manager to provide an incentive package centered on significant investment and improvements. We aim to see work begin this summer.



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## Village of Mundelein

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD WINNER

TOP 100 SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA—RANKED 42

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

MUNDELEIN PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT—ILLINOIS DISTINGUISHED ACCREDITED AGENCY

RECIPIENT OF SUNSHINE AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

## 35 Years of Service— Mundelein's Deputy Public Works Director Praised by Board for Dedicated Service

Mundelein's Deputy Public Works Director, Joe De Vito, recently was recognized by the Board of Trustees for his 35 years of service. He joined the Village in September 1979 as a laborer in the Street Maintenance division. He rose through the ranks over time, serving as Assistant Street Superintendent and then Street Superintendent before assuming his current role in 1999. He also serves as the Deputy Director of Mundelein's Engineering department.

At a recent Board Meeting, Mayor Steve Lentz read a proclamation detailing De Vito's work experience. When De Vito rose to receive a copy of the award, the Board of Trustees gave him a standing ovation.

"Thank you very much for this honor," De Vito said. "I'll continue to give you many more years of good service. Thirty-five years is a very long time. I remember working many long hours through snow storms and water-main breaks. I can say I've worked on some of the hottest days and in some of the coldest conditions, and I've come through it all unscathed. I've enjoyed it. It's been a very fun ride," DeVito said.

"I have known Joe for over 25 years both personally and professionally. His loyalty and dedication to Mundelein is unsurpassed. He's my 'go-to' guy. If I



*Joe DeVito has served the Village of Mundelein faithfully for 35 years and counting and the Village is grateful for his service. Photo courtesy of Rick Kambic of the Pioneer Press.*

need something done, Joe's the guy I'm going to call and I never have to think twice about it after I make that call," explained John Lobaito, Village Administrator.

"Joe has dedicated his entire professional life to the Village of Mundelein and we are all better just by knowing him. As Deputy Director of Public Works, he manages all of the superintendents and makes sure everyone is focused on what needs to be accomplished. He's a people person and possesses the unique ability to motivate people to work hard for him. He makes everyone feel

part of the bigger picture. He has a heart for Mundelein and this is evident in everything he does," said Mayor Steve Lentz.

"Joe's like a brother to me. We grew up together in Mundelein and ever since Joe was in high school, he wanted to work for the Village of Mundelein. He's a great advocate for Mundelein and he puts his whole heart into everything he does. Aside from being a hard worker and someone who knows everything about public works, he's just a great guy," said Ray Semple, Trustee, Village of Mundelein.

## Message From the Mayor (cont.)

**New Apartments:** Cardinal Square (65 units) and the Coves of Mundelein (36 units) will both finish construction and open this year.

**New Houses:** Orchard Meadows, consisting of 69 single-family units on the old Quig's Orchard site, is scheduled to break ground this spring.

We covered many other topics. Here is a link to my power point presentation:

<http://www.mundelein.org/pdfs/2015/MayorPresentationEDC2015FEB.pdf>

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful spring!

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Lentz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Lentz  
Mayor of Mundelein

## Mundelein Human Relations Commission Announces 2015 Diversity Award Recipients

The Village of Mundelein Human Relations Commission (HRC) announced the recipients of the 2015 Diversity Award in two categories—Individual and Organization. The awards celebrate the actions of individuals and organizations for extraordinary efforts in recognizing and embracing cultural diversity. This is the fifth year that the HRC has presented this award.

This year's individual recipient was **Gretchen Garza**, a teacher at Carl Sandburg Middle School and the 2015 business recipient was **Keumgang Martial Arts Academy/Masters Mike Bolotnikov and Chris Flodstrom**, which opened their doors in Mundelein in September of 2013.

"Mundelein is a growing community rich in diversity and culture. There are many outstanding residents and organizations that greatly contribute to our quality of life," said Commission Chair John Ramer. "The HRC is thankful for the nominations which were submitted by other caring residents and is delighted with the two Diversity Award recipients. They both show a commitment to the principles of the Diversity Award and are making a real difference in the lives of Mundelein residents."

Carl Sandburg Principal Mark Pilut praised Ms. Garza for her efforts to engage all students. "Gretchen is an outstanding educator who models the effort teachers must put forth to reach all students and engage them in learning. She has a huge heart and is a great listener! She knows what her kids and families need and helps them overcome hurdles enabling them to achieve success. She makes a positive impact on the lives of students and makes Carl Sandburg Middle School a great place to learn," he said.

In addition to Ms. Garza's many accomplishments in the classroom she also takes a leadership role on the bilingual team at Carl Sandburg Middle



*2015 Diversity Award individual winner is Gretchen Garza, a teacher at Carl Sandburg Middle School.*

School and makes concerted efforts to engage Latino families. According to information on her nomination form, "She is a strong, effective, and impactful leader at her school and in the Mundelein community."

Keumgang Martial Arts Academy's variety of programs places a strong emphasis on respect, self-esteem, self-confidence, anti-bullying, cultural awareness, and self-control not only at the academy, but also at home and school. The organization's mission and programming is closely aligned to the HRC's mission—to serve as a resource to foster understanding on the value of diversity and respect for everyone.

The Academy demonstrates a strong ability to create and follow through with projects and programs, and strives to contribute to the Mundelein community through charity, education, and mentorship. According to nominator Debra Sebek, "Keumgang Martial Arts Academy Masters along with their students perform charity work each month as a way to give back to the community; thus instilling the values of good citizenship."



*The 2015 Diversity Award business recipient was Keumgang Martial Arts Academy/Masters Mike Bolotnikov and Chris Flodstrom, which opened their doors in Mundelein in September of 2013.*

### MUNDELEIN'S SPRING CLEANUP DAYS PLANNED

Mundelein's village-wide Spring Cleanup 2105 will be held during the weeks of April 28 through May 1 and May 4 through May 8. During this period, Village of Mundelein residents may set out household items and other refuse items (that would normally be collected for an additional fee) for FREE. These items should only be set out on your regular collection day.

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and other appliances containing Freon will not be collected unless refrigerants have been removed and the appliance is properly tagged confirming removal. **The following items will NOT be collected: electronics, oil, gasoline, chemicals, 35 and 55 gallon drums, fuel containers, tanks, pesticides, asbestos, railroad ties, paint and large quantities of construction debris and tires.**

## Four Mundelein Businesses Earn Gold Star Business Award

Economic Development Commission Chairman, Larry Gallas recently announced the 2014 Village of Mundelein Gold Star Business Awards. The Gold Star Business Award Program recognizes Mundelein businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community or have achieved

notable success in their industry. Chairman Gallas and Mayor Steve Lentz made the presentations at a September Village Board meeting.

"The Gold Star Program is one way for the Village to express its pride and appreciation for the accomplishments

and investments made by our local businesses. We are proud of our diverse business community and we want to promote success and encourage other businesses to follow the good examples set by these award winners," Mr. Gallas explained.



### The Village of Mundelein proudly recognizes the 2014 award recipients:



**Luke's of Mundelein, 551 N. Lake Street.** Owner Mike Majestic purchased the long vacant KFC building remodeled it, added outdoor dining and moved his restaurant a few blocks north. In June, the new Luke's opened to rave reviews with an expanded menu, more seating and convenient parking. The restaurant filled a glaring void in the North Lake Street business corridor. (The old Luke's property was purchased by the owners of Hong Kong Chop Suey to provide expanded parking for that popular restaurant.) Mr. Majestic is an avid supporter of community events throughout the year.

**Elly's Pancake House, 345 Townline Road.** Elly's opened at the SW corner of Route 45 and Route 60 in 1996 after a complete interior and exterior remodeling of the former restaurant that occupied the site. With a fresh look, a large dining room, great food and service, Elly's quickly became a favorite choice for breakfast and lunch among local businesses and residents. For over 10 years Elly's has sponsored the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Working with the Mundelein Police Department and Fremont Township, Elly's provides a minimum of 75 Thanksgiving turkeys for needy families. This year the exterior facade was upgraded, the parking lot was repaved, a new trash corral installed, and an inviting entrance foyer was added.



**Alef Sausage, 1026 Campus Drive.** Alef Sausage in Mundelein was founded by Alec Mikhaylov, who came to Chicago from Ukraine in 1992. Alef Sausage started as a retail store front selling sausage and ethnic meat specialties store at 354-356 Townline Road in 2000. Mr. Mikhaylov purchased a 20,000 square foot manufacturing facility in 2005 and began producing sausages and processed meats with his own recipes. Over the years it has expanded to a 40,000 square foot facility with a staff of 13. Alef produces more than 40 meat products, including salamis, beef, pork and veal which are sold to stores and distributors in most states, and in Canada. Alef Sausage and Deli on Townline Road has also expanded over the years and serves as an outlet for Alef products.



**Hitz Pizza and Sports Bar, 700 S. Butterfield Road.** Hitz Pizza and Sports Bar opened after owner Sean Hitzman rebranded his former restaurant following a company restructuring. The sports bar has been a popular destination ever since. Known for great food and a friendly, comfortable atmosphere, Hitz is also known for its commitment to the community. Co-owner Tina Dillon, the front-end manager, supports a variety of local charities and programs including: the Relay for Life, Fire Department Blood Drives, Mundelein Community Days, the Gingerbread Express and others.



# Advocate Condell Medical Center Ranked a 100 Top Hospital and Everest Award Winner by Truven Health Analytics—Two Consecutive Years

Recognized for overall organizational performance across 11 key analytic measures including patient care, operational efficiency and financial stability, Advocate Condell Medical Center, conveniently located in Mundelein's backyard, has been named to the prestigious list of the 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics. Advocate Condell also received the Truven Everest Award that distinguishes hospitals that have achieved both the highest current performance and the fastest long-term improvement over a five-year period.

"We are proud that Advocate Condell has received these awards two years running," said Dominica Tallarico, president of Advocate Condell Medical Center. "This recognition is a reflection of the commitment of our physicians and associates to excellence in

safety, quality, and service." Advocate Condell was selected from 3,000 hospitals surveyed across the nation. Four additional Advocate Health Care hospitals also received the 100 Top Hospital Award.



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## Mundelein Encourages Residents to Consider Sustainable Landscape Initiatives

Lake County residents have a strong tradition of caring about land and water conservation and the Village of Mundelein aims to build on this tradition by encouraging our residents to participate in Conservation@Home.

Lake County's Conservation@Home program's primary mission is to support clean water, rich soil, resilient ecosystems, and sustainable landscaping initiatives. The organization provides residents with information and resources they need to create beautiful, eco-friendly landscapes.

The resources available on the organization's website make it easy for residents to make small changes to their landscape and property that make a big difference to the planet. In fact, did you know that even one native tree or tiny perennial garden of natives can make a remarkable difference. Here's how:

- Provides an oasis for hungry birds as they migrate.
- Serves as a resource for butterflies as they travel from one nature preserve to another.
- Re-connects populations that have become genetically isolated from each other in nature preserves encircled by suburban development.

When practices extend to a larger portion of your property, more benefits accrue:

- Creates healthier places for children and pets to play.
- Reduces the flow of lawn chemicals into streams, lakes and wetlands.
- Absorbs rainwater that would have contributed to flooding.
- Halts an invasive species from advancing into a nature preserve where it would crowd out native wildflowers and ruin wildlife habitat.
- Builds rich soil and land that can deliver its own nutrients and disease control without chemicals.

If your neighbors join in, the synergies are powerful:

- All of the above benefits are multiplied, resulting in healthier and more resilient communities that feature clean water, clean air, abundant natural resources and beautiful places to work, play and relax.



**Indeed, healthy land supports healthy lives!**

To learn more or become a member, visit [www.ConserveLakeCounty.org](http://www.ConserveLakeCounty.org).

**3rd Annual Native Plant Sale | 32492 N. Almond Road, Grayslake**

**May 16-17 & 23-24 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**May 18-22 | Noon-3 p.m.**



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## PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING TOP 5 SPRING PROJECTS

- o **Road Construction**—Bids will be received to begin local road improvement projects during the later portion of the spring and early summer
- o **Mailbox Replacement**—Crews will be out doing permanent replacements of mailboxes damaged by plows.
- o **Tree Trimming/Removal**—Public Works crews will be working with contractors to trim healthy trees and remove diseased ones from the public parkways.  
For specific locations, visit the Mundelein website at <http://www.mundelein.org/post/parkway-tree-trimming-program-begin>
- o **Electronics Recycling**—The Village will continue to offer free drop-off of your old electronic equipment at our Public Works Complex, beginning May 4.
- o **Hydrant Flushing**—Over 1,000 hydrants are planned for maintenance flushing in late April-early May, dependent upon weather. Details on the 2015 neighborhoods targeted are posted at [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org)

# COMMUNITY DAYS

## 2015 Mundelein Community Days Sponsors Needed

Mundelein Days will open Thursday, July 2 at Noon, and close at 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 5. Fireworks will be July 4th and the Parade will take place on July 5. Sponsorship information was mailed to local businesses the first week of March. Mundelein Days depends greatly on financial support from our business community. There are a wide range of sponsor packages available. Once again, our sponsors will be treated to food and beverages on opening night from 5 pm to 11 pm in the Sponsor Tent near the main stage. Complete information about Mundelein Days including, events, music, sponsor and participation forms, is available on-line at <http://www.mundelein.org/MCD/>, from the main page, go to "Village," then "Local Happenings." Please become a sponsor if you can. If not, please support our sponsors in any way possible. See you at the Munch!



# A-MAY-ZING

## Village to Host 20th Annual A-May-Zing Mundelein Annual Day of Caring

It truly "takes a village" to keep Mundelein at its best and all residents are invited to participate in Mundelein's 20th Annual A-MAY-ZING Mundelein's Day of Caring on Saturday May 16, 2015 spearheaded by the Village of Mundelein and the Mundelein Police Department.

Residents in need of assistance with their spring cleanup projects should also call 847-968-3770 to register. Project suggestions for common areas within the community are also welcome! Please visit our website [www.mundelein.org/police](http://www.mundelein.org/police) for more information regarding A-May-Zing Mundelein.



Last year, A-May-Zing Mundelein had 154 residents volunteer comprised of families, scout troops, churches, local organizations and businesses. These volunteers completed spring cleanup projects at 41 locations throughout the village that ranged from yard work, window washing, and home safety inspections to small outdoor repairs. In addition to the volunteers, area businesses (Groot, McDonalds, Taylor Rental and Walgreens) donated supplies to help complete the projects, as well as food and refreshments for the hard working volunteers.

### WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S A-MAY-ZING MUNDELEIN.

Registration and continental breakfast will be at the Mundelein PD from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Volunteers should plan on working through late morning or early afternoon. Any residents, organizations or businesses that wish to volunteer or donate supplies should call Jenni House at the Mundelein Police Department at 847-968-3770.

Registration and a continental breakfast will be held at the Mundelein Police Department, 221 N. Lake Street. Volunteers will receive their projects and should plan on working through the late morning or early afternoon. These Spring Cleanup projects range from yard work to washing windows to painting and other household chores.

A-May-Zing Mundelein is an award-winning event that defines "community." Any residents, local organizations or businesses that wish to volunteer or donate supplies should contact the Mundelein Police Department at 847-968-3770.

APRIL

- 1 Boat Launch Permits on Sale–Mundelein Park and Recreation District
- 3 10 a.m. | Free Egg Hunt (ages 1-6)–Mundelein Park and Recreation District
- 8 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Fire Department Blood Drive
- 14 6:30–9 p.m. | Citizen Fire Academy
- 26 8 a.m.–Noon | Electronics Collection and Food Drive (Metra Station)

APRIL 28–MAY 8 Spring Clean Up

MAY

- 1 Public Works Electronics Drop Off Opens (440 E. Crystal Street | Monday–Friday, (7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.))
- 13 6–9 p.m. | Park on Park Car Show (Seymour and Park)
- 16 8 a.m.–1 p.m. | A-May-Zing Mundelein (starts at Police Department)
- 17 MHS Graduation
- 25 10 a.m. | Memorial Day Parade (starts at Hawley and Prospect)
- 27 Golf Outing to benefit Special Olympics–Steeplechase
- 31 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–MHS Jazz Band
- TBD Cop on a Roof–Special Olympics Fundraiser at Dunkin Donuts

JUNE

- 6 1–5 p.m. | 4th Annual Craft Beer Fest (Village Hall Plaza)
- 10 6–9 p.m. | Park on Park Car Show (Seymour and Park)
- 19 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market–Opening Day New Location–Santa Maria Lot
- 27–28 GLMV Relay for Life–Century Park
- 26 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 28 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–BMR4 (Jazz)
- 28 6:30 p.m. | Miss, Junior and Little Miss Mundelein Pageants (MHS)

JULY

July 2–July 5 Mundelein Community Days

- 3 1–7 p.m. | Fire Department Blood Drive
- 4 8 a.m. | Mundelein Park and Recreation District Freedom Classic Run/Walk
- 4 10 a.m. | Annual Patriotic Celebration–Fort Hill Heritage Museum
- 4 9:30 p.m. | Fireworks
- 5 8–11:30 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast
- 5 2 p.m. | Mundelein Community Days Parade
- 8 6–9 p.m. | Park on Park Car Show (Seymour and Park)
- 10 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 11 8–11:30 a.m. | Cops ‘n’ Bobbers Fishing Derby–Mundelein Seminary
- 12 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–Bandoleros–Kracklauer Park
- 17 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 18 4–8 p.m. | Park on Park Motorcycle Event (Seymour and Park)
- 19 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–Groundspeed (Bluegrass)–Kracklauer Park
- 24 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 26 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Gale Street Car Show
- 26 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–Prairie Brass Band–Kracklauer Park
- 31 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market

AUGUST

- 2 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–Mighty Wheelhouse (Country)–Kracklauer Park
- 4 5–9 p.m. | National Night Out at Santa Maria Grounds (Seymour and Courtland)
- 4 6:30–9 p.m. | Citizen Fire Academy
- 7 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 9 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–Tropixplosion (Caribbean)–Kracklauer Park

## AUGUST

- 12 6–9 p.m. | Park on Park Car Show (Seymour and Park)
- 14 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 16 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–B-Side Band (Rock)–  
Kracklauer Park
- 22 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 23 5–6:30 p.m. | Outdoor Concert–The Nevery Brothers  
(Rock n Roll Evolution)–Kracklauer Park
- 28 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- TBD 11 a.m.–3 p.m. | Del Webb Car Show

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 1–3 p.m. | Fire Department Blood Drive
- 9 6–9 p.m. | Park on Park Car Show (Seymour and Park)
- 11 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 11 3:15 p.m. | MHS Homecoming Parade
- 12-13 10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Mundelein Fine Arts Festival–  
Kracklauer Park
- 13 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | Fire Department Open House
- 19 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 20 One World Festival (Metra Station)
- 25 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 30 End of Public Works Electronic Recycling Drop Off

## OCTOBER

- 2 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market
- 5-11 Fire Prevention Week
- 9 3–7 p.m. | Farmers Market (last market for the season)
- 11 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Fire Department Blood Drive
- 23–25 CERT New Member Training
- 24 4–7 p.m. | Boo Bash–Mundelein Park and  
Recreation District
- 31 4–8 p.m. | Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time –Turn Your Clocks Back
- 3 General Election
- 8 8 a.m.–Noon | Household Chemical Waste Collection
- 16 Toys for Tots drop off begins at the Police Department  
and Mundelein Village Hall

## DECEMBER

- 4 5:30–6:30 p.m. | Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony  
and Fireworks
- 4 5:30–8 p.m. | Citizen Police Alumni Academy  
Spaghetti Dinner
- 4 6:30–8 p.m. | Santa's Cottage Opens (corner of Park  
and Seymour)
- 5 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Fire Department Blood Drive
- 5 Noon–3 p.m. | Santa's Cottage (corner of Park  
and Seymour)
- 12 Noon–3 p.m. | Santa's Cottage (corner of Park  
and Seymour)
- 18 Last day for Toys for Tots Drop Off at Police  
Department and Mundelein Village Hall
- 19 Noon–3 p.m. | Santa's Cottage (corner of Park  
and Seymour)



## Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades

### Home and Neighborhood Security Reminders

The Mundelein Police Department encourages residents to be mindful of important security measures to take in neighborhoods, homes, and automobiles. Residents must be diligent in locking up cars, garages, and residences. Do not leave laptops, cell phones or other expensive items and equipment in your automobile which would be visible to the passerby. When shopping do not leave purses in shopping carts or cars. Rather lock your purse in the trunk if you must leave it in the vehicle. Close and zip your purse while shopping. Don't leave purchased items visible in your car – also lock them in the trunk. Be sure to report any suspicious behavior or people in your neighborhood. The non-emergency phone number to the Police Department is 847-968-4600 and call 911 in an emergency.

### Hands-Free Technology Law in Effect

Illinois drivers are now required to use hands-free technology to talk on cell phones on any roadway, not just school zones and construction zones. The new law also restricts drivers from using personal digital assistants, portable or mobile computers while in traffic. The law does allow for the use of global positioning systems (GPS) and for phone calls in emergencies. Penalties increase for drivers involved in motor vehicle crashes resulting in serious injury when use of an electronic device was a contributing factor. Put It Down and Keep Your Eyes on the Road.

### Citizens' Fire Academy Scheduled

The Mundelein Fire Department will host its popular Citizens Fire Academy. Classes begin Tuesday, April 14 through June 9 in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The academy is held at the main fire station, 1000 North Midlothian Road.

### Mundelein Launches Unique Community Portal on Website

With advances in technology occurring every day, the Village continually seeks new avenues to improve the manner in which it conducts business, both internally and externally. Recently through its membership in the Geographic Information System (GIS) Consortium, Mundelein has launched a Community Portal tool on [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org).

Website visitors may notice a new box called "Mundelein Property Search" on the homepage in the lower right hand corner. Users simply need to type in a Mundelein address and press "Submit" to view the Community Portal. Community Portal links valuable, everyday information to a property, using GIS technology. Users are able to easily explore property tax information, confirm garbage/recycling collection days, locate voting information and learn about local zoning. The Community Portal is truly a one-stop for property information that is easily accessible on the Village website 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please visit [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org) today to get started on a Community Portal "Mundelein Property Search."

### MPD on Facebook

The Mundelein Police Department is now on Facebook! Throughout the year we host a variety of family community events, academies, and classes that will be advertised first on our Facebook page. Like our page and get the inside scoop on these events, safety tips, and other important news.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Mundelein-Police-Department/187781837900042>



### Stay Informed... Stay Connected... Sign Up for ENews.

Please sign up for the Village of Mundelein's weekly E-Newsletter, Mundelein Connection. This electronic newsletter is filled with good news about everything Mundelein. Also, the newsletter will feature stories about what's happening in Lake County. Sign up today at [info@mundelein.org](mailto:info@mundelein.org)

### MPD Golf Outing to Benefit Special Olympics. Join Us!

The Mundelein Police Department is seeking your help in kicking off its 15th Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Special Olympics of Illinois. The event will be held at Steeplechase Golf Course in Mundelein on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Individuals or business can participate by sponsoring a hole, donating a raffle prize or signing up to golf. Hole sponsors are \$125 per sign. We'll handle everything . . . just send us any graphics and wording you want on your sign. Please send your raffle prize or hole sponsor payment to the Mundelein Police Department/Special Olympics, 221 North Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 60060. Hole sponsor graphics can be e-mailed to [jmarshall@mundelein.org](mailto:jmarshall@mundelein.org).

Every year members of the law enforcement community raise money to support participants and volunteers at the local, regional, state, and world Special Olympic Games. The Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run started in 1986 and raised \$10,000. In 2014, Law Enforcement raised over \$2.8 million and Illinois is ranked #4 in the world, the Mundelein Police Department is ranked #7 in Illinois and 4th in the Law Enforcement Category raising \$34,280.89. Our 2015 goal is to raise at least \$35,000.

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Also, remember to stop by a Mundelein Dunkin Donuts on May 29th for Cop on a Roof. You will receive a coupon for a free donut for any donation; you will receive a coffee mug and a free coffee with any \$10 donation.



### Mundelein PD to Offer Latino Citizens' Police Academy

Residents interested in learning more about the Mundelein Police Department and how it operates are invited to participate in Mundelein's second Latino Citizens' Police Academy on Thursday, April 9, 2015 7 p.m. Classes will run every Thursday for 10 weeks, culminating with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7p.m. If you are unable to attend this class there will be another class September 17, 2015 – November 19, 2015. Classes will take place at the Mundelein Police Department, 221 N. Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 60060. The

Village is the first in Lake County to offer a Latino Citizens' Police Academy.

The course is not intended to make citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the police and in return, the police will benefit from the wealth of knowledge the citizens can give about their community.

Anyone interested in attending this program should contact Commander Fred Kliora at 847-968-3772 or by email at [fkliora@mundelein.org](mailto:fkliora@mundelein.org).

*Please be advised that this program will be conducted predominately in Spanish.*



### Did You Know?

★ The Village of Mundelein generated over \$500 million in retail sales in 2014 resulting in approximately \$9 million in sales tax revenue, the highest amount

since 2008. In 2013, retail sales were \$474 million resulting in approximately \$8.1 million in sales tax revenue.

★ Mundelein Police Sergeant Eugenis recently retired after 28 years of dedicated service. The Village applauds his efforts and is grateful for his service.

★ Mauri's of Mundelein recently was selected by Pioneer Press/Sun Times as the second best breakfast restaurant in Lake County.

★ Kirk Players, Mundelein Community Theatre, recently received the American Association of Community Theaters Special Recognition award for the organization's commitment to supporting the arts in the community. This is a national award from an organization that represents over 7000 theaters across the country.

★ Mundelein is ranked 42nd Safest City in America by Neighborhood Scout.

## Mundelein Mayor Invites Residents for Coffee and Conversation

In an ongoing effort to enhance two-way communication with Mundelein residents, Mayor Steve Lentz has organized a new initiative—Coffee with the Mayor. On a once monthly basis, Mayor Lentz and a Village Trustee will sit down with residents for a cup of coffee and conversation. The coffee get togethers take place the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Omega Restaurant, 10 East Maple Street in Mundelein.

Residents are encouraged stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, and get an update on Village happenings. Plus, this is an opportunity to ask questions about what's new in Mundelein or share your

thoughts and ideas. Reservations not necessary! Just stop in to chat. Mayor Lentz and the Village Board are dedicated to serving Mundelein

residents and strive to maintain open lines of communication with everyone. For more information, please call 847-949-3200.



## Mundelein Police Department Takes Active Role in Narcan Training—Heroin Overdose Reversal Drug

Naloxone (also called Narcan) is the antidote that reverses an opioid overdose. It has been used in ambulances and hospitals for decades to reverse overdose. Now, police departments across the country are being trained on how to administer this lifesaving drug and the Mundelein Police Department has taken a leadership role in hosting training sessions for police departments throughout Lake County. Over 100 officers from 40 police departments throughout Lake County attended the training session hosted by the Mundelein Police Department.

“The Heroin epidemic sweeping across our county has no borders

and we’re working to be part of the solution of a large problem in Lake County and beyond,” explains Eric Guenther, Mundelein Police Chief. “Opioid overdose is affecting even the most affluent communities. Protecting life is at the center of every Police Department’s mission and by equipping our officers with Narcan, we are taking a significant step forward in saving lives in regard to opioid overdoses. Narcan is a lifesaver, there’s no doubt about it and it will give us the greatest chance of saving someone’s Daughter, Son, Father, or Mother. We’re actively working to part of the solution of a larger problem throughout Lake County and beyond,” he added.



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## Mundelein Community Connection's Upcoming Events Sure to Please

Mundelein Community Connection, Mundelein's Downtown promotional organization, is making plans for the 2015 event season. Some highlights include: Park-on-Park cruise nights, the Craft Beer Festival and the Farmers Market.

**Park-on-Park** The 15th annual cruise night season opens May 13 at the corner of Park and Seymour Streets, and continues on the second Wednesday of the month through September. The cruise night specializes in pre-1977 vehicles only. The event draws some of the finest classic vehicles in the area. This popular and well-organized event, coordinated and staffed by the On the Road Classics Car Club of Mundelein, has something for owners and spectators alike. Park-on-Park is a street festival and car show combined. Visit [www.parkonpark.org](http://www.parkonpark.org) for more details. The 3rd annual motorcycle night will be held on Saturday, July 11.



**Craft Beer Festival** The 4th annual Mundelein Craft Beer Festival will be Saturday, June 6 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Organized in cooperation with Tighthead Brewery of Mundelein, this unique event features over 30 craft breweries from Illinois and the Mid-West, great music, excellent food, and more. This year the festival will move to the north side of the Metra station in the Village Hall

plaza. Tickets are now available at [Everbrite.com](http://Everbrite.com). Google Mundelein Craft Beer Festival for more information and a link to ticket sales.

**Farmers Market** Mundelein's 2015 Farmers Market has a new home at the NW corner of Rt. 45 and Courtland Street, thanks to the generous cooperation of Santa Maria del Popolo parish. The new location provides great exposure (over 28,000 average daily traffic flow), easy access, and plenty of room. The market opens Friday, June 19 and runs through October 9, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. There will not be a Farmers Market on July 3 or September 4. Shop the Farmers Market for fresh, locally produced fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, bread, specialty foods and more.

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In order to help the utility locator properly identify your project area, JULIE recommends that you mark the area where you will be digging with **white paint and/or flags**. Within two (2) working days, a representative from each member utility company marks the location of their underground facilities with paint and/or flags at the excavation site. Make sure that your property is accessible. The utilities are only required to mark the facilities that they own, not privately installed or owned lines or facilities. **Privately owned** services may include water and sewer services, as well as electric and gas lines to a garage or workshop. Remember, you may not begin your excavation before the dig start time of your ticket, even if all utilities have been marked.

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## Village of Mundelein Wins Sunshine Award for Excellent Government Transparency

Mundelein is in the top 1% of communities in the State of Illinois to earn the prestigious Sunshine Award for excellent government transparency from the Illinois Policy Institute. To receive the Sunshine Award, a taxing body has to score at least an 80 out of 100. Mundelein has an 82.4. There are 6,963 taxing bodies in the State of Illinois (the most of any state) and only 67 of those bodies have received the Sunshine Award, of which the Village of Mundelein is one. Mundelein earned the 2nd highest score out of the 51st-75th largest municipalities in the State.

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, the goal of the transparency project is to grade the transparency of taxing bodies' websites. The Village was scored on ten categories: contact information, public meetings information, public information access, budgets, audits, expenditures,

compensation, contracts, lobbying, and taxes/fees.

"With the launch of our new website, Mundelein embraced the opportunity to take steps to set higher standards for online transparency and government openness, much higher than what State law requires. We adopted recommendations from the Illinois Policy Institute's 10-Point Transparency Checklist and used that checklist as our guide to not only improve our transparency, but try to exceed the Institute's recommendations," explains John Lobaito, Village Administrator.

The Illinois Policy Institute evaluates local governments seeking good candidates for its annual Sunshine Award for outstanding online transparency performance.

### Award Criteria Includes:

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Please visit [www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org) to view the Village's "Transparency" section located at the bottom of the site.

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