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Message From the Mayor

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. The Village continues to make progress on many fronts and I am proud to provide this overview.

Awards and Accolades

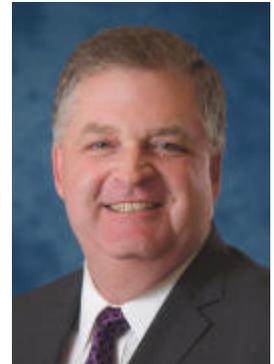
I am very pleased to announce that recently Mundelein was awarded a Local Government Excellence Award for Community Health and Safety by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Mundelein's "A Way Out" program earned this international recognition. I want to recognize Police Chief Eric Guenther for his role in conceiving and launching the "A Way Out" program. I also wish to acknowledge Lake County for its role in embracing the program and promoting it throughout Lake County. We are grateful for the ICMA recognition but more importantly, we are committed to helping as many people as possible through this innovative and life-saving program.

Mundelein also earned an "Innovation Award" from the Lake County Municipal League for our Business Incentive Grant (BIG) program; earned a "2018 Illinois Sustainability Award Finalist" from the University of Illinois for its numerous and innovative sustainability practices; and finally, the Mundelein Police Department was awarded the "2018 Governor's Hometown Award" for its annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Congratulations to everyone involved in all of these initiatives. You make Mundelein proud.

Downtown Redevelopment

One of the roles of government is to

preserve and enhance the assets the municipality possesses as a means to build a better community. Over the course of the last 12 months, the Board has authorized several strategic actions aimed at downtown redevelopment. Please read the article inside this newsletter to learn more about specific actions taken; all of which are aimed at improving the community's image.



Mundelein's Mural

I am so pleased to report that Mundelein's first mural is now in place and the communities' response to this display of community pride has been overwhelmingly positive. If you have not yet seen the mural up close and in person, please be sure to stop by Park Street. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Mundelein Arts Commission, property owners Nora and Paul Arroyo (Park Street Restaurant owners), and finally to the artist, Giuseppe Percivati for his ability to capture the essence of life in Mundelein in his beautiful artwork.

Holiday Tree Lighting Moves to New Location

Please take note: This year, Mundelein's annual Tree Lighting ceremony will take place in front of Village Hall on November 30. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. We hope to see everyone on the Village Hall Plaza!

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Mundelein Trustees Embrace Downtown Redevelopment— Taking Bold Steps to Achieve Vision

Over the course of the last few months, Mundelein’s Board of Trustees have authorized strategic actions towards development and redevelopment within downtown. According to the Village of Mundelein’s Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Redevelopment Plan, the Village must acquire and assemble key properties for redevelopment. Acquiring these key properties enables Mundelein to guide the development of the property in a manner that is consistent and supportive of the place making efforts currently underway.

“Our vision for Mundelein’s Downtown is to transform the space into a vibrant, active, attractive, walkable, mixed-use area that provides living and shopping opportunities, connects to transit, provides civic functions, and respects the character of the Village. To achieve this vision, we have to take calculated steps to turn our vision into reality. All of the recent demolitions and property acquisitions, clears the way for redevelopment, moving us closer to the downtown vision and improving Mundelein’s image,” explains Mayor Steve Lentz.

To recap, here are a few high profile actions taken:



In keeping with the Village of Mundelein’s ongoing downtown redevelopment vision, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution for filing an eminent domain suit to acquire 101 East Maple Avenue (1.85 acres) for redevelopment purposes. For more than five years, Mundelein staff and the Board of Trustees worked with the owner to find a more suitable location for the paper recycling business. The property is one of the few remaining and most visible industrial business in the Downtown. *“Alan Josephsen’s business is a good, successful business. However, the location of this type of business in the center of Mundelein’s downtown does not fit with Mundelein’s long-term vision for the area and is impeding downtown redevelopment,”* explains John Lobaito, Village Administrator. The Village of Mundelein will seek development of the property in a manner consistent with the Village’s Redevelopment Plan for downtown Mundelein.



Authorized the execution of a \$10,000 purchase contract for one acre of vacant land located at 429 Morris Avenue. The property is situated in the heart of Mundelein’s downtown, just north of the intersection of Hawley Street and Morris Avenue. Mundelein’s long-term vision is to deindustrialize the downtown by creating a walkable, mixed-use downtown neighborhood with residential homes, commercial shopping, and family-oriented amenities. According to the *Downtown North Implementation Plan*, the vision for this parcel may be a neighborhood park, a dog park, or a playground in anticipation of residential population growth in the downtown.



Authorized the execution of a \$57,500 purchase contract for the acquisition of a house located at 440 North Chicago Avenue. This 6,300 sq. ft. property is situated in Mundelein’s expanding downtown area. This home purchase opens up the land for future downtown development. The property owner was a willing seller and the purchase is consistent with the objectives outlined in Mundelein’s Downtown North Implementation Plan. This planning document provides a vision to help the Village conceptualize, organize, and focus its redevelopment efforts.

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In an ongoing and decades long effort to enhance the downtown, the Village of Mundelein secured a Lake County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for use towards business district improvements in 2016. The CDBG funds must be allocated to an area designated as a low-moderate income census tract. Staff identified the North Lake Street Corridor (Route 45) as a potential investment area that met the parameters of the CDBG program. This Lake County grant was the impetus of the North Lake Enhancement Program. To this end, Mundelein approved grant funding for three high profile properties in the heart of Mundelein's transforming downtown. The grants were awarded as part of Mundelein's North Lake Enhancement Program—a government to business grant program designed to improve, modernize, and beautify the building facades along Route 45—one of the most heavily traveled corridors in the downtown.

The first three recipients of the grant funds are as follows:

Mouse in the House Interiors—425 N. Lake Street—Community Investment: \$142,542.50; Grant Amount: \$50,000.

Veronica Haro—Property Owner—Amazing Wig World, Rocky Blue Grooming, and Amazing Body Spa—453-457 N. Lake Street—Community Investment: \$50,554; Grant Amount: \$30,332.40

Lake County Vision Care—437 N. Lake Street—Community Investment: \$47,705; Grant Amount: \$28,623

"We believe our North Lake Enhancement Program (NLEP) will help to transform an important Village gateway corridor. Beautiful facades in the front combined with attractive and functional parking arrangements in the rear mean that downtown Mundelein could once again be a destination for dining and shopping. We're very pleased that these three property owners are taking advantage of the program and we're hoping the other eligible property owners in this corridor will participate, as well," Mayor Lentz said.

The North Lake Enhancement Program's key objective is to provide the means to beautify retail buildings on the east side of the Lake Street corridor in the downtown area. This corridor is one of the main gateways into the community and serves as an opportunity to make a positive image change.

"This is an exciting time to be living, working, and owning/operating a business in Mundelein. We've spent the last two decades planning for the future, improving our infrastructure, and establishing our identity. Now, we're putting our plans into action and it's very satisfying to witness first-hand Mundelein's progress," Mayor Lentz concludes.

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Authorized the execution of a purchase contract for the acquisition of a 16-unit residential apartment building for \$1,550,000. The .89 acre property is located at 516 South Lake Street. Trustees also reached consensus to purchase the 602-614 South Lake Street—property located next to 516 Lake Street. The owner agreed to sell the property for \$775,000.00. This purchase opens up 3.3 acres of Diamond Lake frontage to be developed into a lakefront park with 400 feet of roadside visibility and over 260 feet of Diamond Lake frontage facing Route 45. More than 25,000 vehicles pass by this area every day. Acquiring lakefront property for the benefit and enjoyment of the entire community is one of the Village's strategic objectives as outlined in Mundelein's Comprehensive Plan.



Authorized the demolition of the building located at 538 North Morris Avenue, formerly home to Bradco Enterprises which vacated in May 2009. This demolition clears the way to facilitate redevelopment of the site which is a 2.8 acre property with 2 parcels of property and a 26,000 sq. ft. building. In 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of the property for \$200,000. The property appraised at \$525,000.

Trustees Approve Purchase of Building to Pave Way for New Public Works and Engineering Facility, Neighborhood Park

At a recent Mundelein Board meeting, the Trustees approved the purchase of the 26,000 sq. ft. Natus Medical Inc. building located at One Bio Logic Plaza, in Mundelein for \$1,305,600. This office building will be remodeled to serve as the new home for Mundelein Public Works and Engineering administrative offices. As an added benefit, this purchase clears the way to build a neighborhood park adjacent to several large rental communities currently lacking a neighborhood park and gathering space.

As a result of careful fiscal planning, there will be no new property tax increase to pay for the purchase of this building, or the cost to construct the new Public Works and Engineering facility. Mundelein staff is actively engaged in marketing the existing 6.5 acre Public Works facility for redevelopment.

The purchase of the Natus Medical building is the next strategic step in fulfilling Mundelein’s long-term vision for downtown redevelopment. “We are in the process of consolidating all Public Works operations to be more efficient plus we want to move Mundelein’s Public Works and Engineering facilities out of the downtown to free up this land for redevelopment and a more appropriate downtown land use. Also, this project will not result in a tax increase,” explains Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Utilizing Mundelein’s Comprehensive Plan as a road map, Village officials seized an opportunity to purchase land adjacent to the Natus Medical building during the great recession in 2007 at far below market rate. The Village anticipated that moving Public Works out of Mundelein’s



downtown would be necessary to realize Mundelein’s redefined vision for downtown.

Since the land purchase in 2013, Mundelein has been planning for the construction of a new Public Works & Engineering facility on the Village-owned property on Allanson Road. Late last year, staff evaluated the potential benefits of acquiring the industrial building next door and constructing an addition to the building owned by Natus Medical Incorporated, as opposed to constructing a stand-alone Public Works building as originally planned. A preliminary project cost analysis by the Village’s architect, determined that the acquisition of the Natus building would significantly reduce the total project cost.

Construction is anticipated to begin in fall, 2019 with occupancy targeted for summer, 2020.

Police Statue Committee Thanks Mundelein Residents for Support

Recently, the Mundelein Police Statue Committee and the Village of Mundelein hosted an appreciation ceremony for residents who purchased commemorative bricks in support of the police statue, “The Protector.” The statue, presents a powerful image to Village residents and visitors concerning the selfless contributions made by those in public service on a daily basis.

On behalf of the Village of Mundelein and the Police Statue Committee, Mundelein proudly acknowledges the following residents for their commitment to this public monument:

**Chang-West Family
Gardner-Smith Family**

Message From the Mayor (cont.)

In Memorium

Most recently, we bid farewell to two Mundelein champions—Dottie Watson and Former Trustee Jim Nutschig. Please read their tribute articles in this newsletter. Both Dottie and Trustee Nutschig served Mundelein for decades and their contributions to the Village endure. We are grateful for their selfless service and we will miss them.

To help you stay up-to-date on Mundelein happenings, I would like to invite you once again to sign-up for our weekly E-Newsletter—Mundelein Connection. Please send your email address to info@mundelein.org. Enjoy the beautiful Fall season in Mundelein and Lake County!

Steve Lentz, Mayor

Clearly Identified Homes and Businesses Essential to First Responders

During emergency responses, a home or business owner's address is the single most important reference point that first responders must rely upon. With this in mind, when you assess your home or business, please look at the address numbers from the street during the day and during the night. If you cannot clearly see your address, please take steps to make your address numbers more visible.

Also, make sure there are no plants, bushes, or trees covering the numbers and that the numbers are at least 4 inches high and one half inch wide. The numbers must also be of a contrasting color from the background they are mounted on. The address numbers must also be a block or Arabic style number, not spelled out in letters. By ensuring that you can see your address numbers, means first responders will be able to see your address numbers, as well.

If you should have any further questions about house numbers, please feel free to contact the Mundelein Fire Department at 847-949-3260.



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Mundelein Trustees Appoint Bill Lark as Fire Chief

At a recent Village Board Meeting, Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Bill Lark as Fire Chief. He was sworn in by Mundelein Village Clerk, Sol Cabachuela. Chief Lark is the 13th Fire Chief to serve Mundelein's nearly 32,000 residents since the Village incorporated in 1909.

"We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Lark as Fire Chief. Over the past two years, he has proven himself to be a very capable and valuable member of the Village of Mundelein team and has shown he is more than proficient to assume the role of Fire Chief. We anticipate all good things from him in the future," said Eric Guenther, Police Chief.

"This promotion has been part of a larger plan in restructuring and stabilizing the fire department over the past few years. We are happy with the progress and improvements that have been made up to this point and we believe now is the right time to return the fire department to a traditional structure," Chief Guenther adds.

Police Chief Eric Guenther served as Public Safety Director Since August 2015—overseeing both the Mundelein Police Department and the Mundelein Fire Department. Village officials created this position along with the Chief Deputy Fire Chief position as short-term cost saving measures and to assist with a planned reorganization of the Mundelein Fire Department. Chief Guenther was selected to provide administrative leadership continuity during this period, while then Battalion Chief Lark was promoted to Chief Deputy Chief to oversee daily operation of the department.

Chief Lark is a highly decorated 28-year veteran of the Mundelein Fire Department.

He began his career with the Mundelein Fire Department in February 1990 as a paid on-call firefighter. He was hired to a career position in January 1994. During his tenure, he has held every rank in the department: promoted to Lieutenant in 2007; Battalion Chief in 2014; Deputy Chief in 2015; and Chief Deputy in 2017.



Chief Lark has a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Technology from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He has attended many fire service schools and has attained many certifications. In 2017, he attained his Chief Fire Officer certification through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall.

Additionally, Chief Lark attended the Enhanced All-Hazards Incident Command Course at Texas A&M University and he is Blue Card Incident Command certified. In addition to his current duties, he also serves as the Team Leader of the MABAS Division 4 Water Rescue and Recovery Team.

Tips for Outdoor Recreational Fire Safety

Recreational fires are allowed within Mundelein's village limits if the following criteria are followed:

1. Fires in portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible materials and only in the backyard and must be used on noncombustible surfaces. Fireplaces and pits that use liquefied gas as a fuel shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations as to proper placement.
2. Fuel for an outdoor fireplace shall consist of only seasoned, dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper or commercially available paraffin wax and woodchip fire starters.
3. A source of extinguishment must be present, such as a garden hose, 5 pound ABC fire extinguisher or another water source and be available for immediate use.
4. Materials that CANNOT burn in such fireplaces include, but is not limited to: leaves, paper, plywood, construction debris, and trash.
5. If your fire produces a large amount of smoke, which affects your neighbors, you may be required to extinguish it.



As with any open flame device, close adult supervision is extremely important. These fireplaces should never be left unattended for any length of time. Extinguishment of the contents of the fireplace should be completed prior to terminating its use.

Mundelein to Add 3 Firefighter Positions— Move will Help Reduce Overtime Costs

The Village of Mundelein is in the process of conducting candidate testing for three new firefighter positions, created last month as part of an ongoing series of changes in the department. One new firefighter was approved in February as part of the decision to eliminate a lieutenant position. The previous total of 15 full-time firefighters increases to 19 after trustees approved adding three more positions at the June 25 Village board meeting.

“We believe there will be many benefits that will come out of this—improved service to the residents and visitors of the Village, also a reduction in the amount of overtime that we’re using to cover our shifts. We are always focused on the well-being of our fire department personnel,” said Bill Lark, Fire Chief. “Their physical and mental health, as well as their home lives, we believe will improve, and thus increase the morale of the department itself,” he added.

“In an effort to address the overtime issues—from both personnel and financial standpoints—we knew that we needed to hire more firefighters, so this has been our strategy all along,” says John Lobaito, Village Administrator. “Our long-term goal with the Fire Department reorganization is to eventually have four lieutenants instead of six and to hire two new firefighters during the summer. One lieutenant



will staff each 24-hour shift—instead of one at each station—and an administrative lieutenant will then substitute when other employees are injured or on vacation,” Fire Chief Lark explains.

“These staffing changes along with overtime savings ultimately will pay for these firefighters. They are not specifically budgeted in this year’s budget, but we expect the savings in overtime to cover the cost,” Lobaito said.

MFD Offers Smoke Detector Maintenance Tips

It only takes a few minutes to clean a smoke alarm. Most upkeep can be performed by simply removing the outer cover of the detector and with the brush attachment on your vacuum, vacuum the internal components of the detector, along with the cover itself. An alternative is to purchase a can of “air” and spray that inside to blow out anything that has collected.



Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years. As time goes by, the sensors within the device degrades and may not work properly. When it is time to replace, there are many options including a ten year battery operated device equipped with a battery that will last ten years.

If you elect to replace your hardwired smoke alarms, these are now equipped with battery back-up. You may want to consider purchasing a ten year battery as your back-up power to replace the one(s) that come with the hardwired smoke alarms. These batteries are only marginally more, but will pay for themselves in two years by not having to purchase replacements.

Fire Extinguisher Disposal Protocols

If you have an old fire extinguisher that you wish to discard, currently there is not a collection program for old fire extinguishers and SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) does not accept fire extinguishers at their locations. So, here are a few easy steps to follow so you can discard your fire extinguisher in the trash:



1. Release any pressure contained in the extinguisher by a short squeeze of the trigger thereby shooting a small amount into an open area.
2. Then, let the extinguisher sit for a few days, making sure the pressure has been released.
3. Once you are confident there is no longer any pressure, dispose in a trash bag in your regular garbage.

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

The Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) is delighted to announce the top three winners in the First Annual MAC Photography Contest. Photographers interpreted the contest theme, “This is Mundelein,” in a number of creative ways. **First place was awarded to Yas Saeki for a spectacular photo of lightning above the Village Hall; second place honors to Fran Tritthardt for a stirring photo of a Mundelein veteran at the Village’s annual Memorial Day observation, and third place honors to Jon Dawson for his whimsical action photo of a local little league baseball game.**

The contest was conducted under the direction of MAC Commissioner Stan Kirschner, who is also a certified Chicago Area Camera Club judge. He trained four other members of the MAC as judges, and the 19 entries were judged on a point system of 3-9, which is the standard professional judging criteria.

“I was very pleased with the submissions to the first MAC Photo Contest,” says Kirschner. “The quality of submissions was outstanding, varied, and unique in photo composition,” he said, adding, “Our Village Liaison Colleen Malec provided excellent support in coordinating the input and communications, and I am looking forward to next year’s contest.”

The winning photos will be printed and mounted on a black background and will be on display at the Village Hall lobby. Additionally, winners received prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 for first, second and third place. The winning photographers will be presented with their awards at the August 27 Village Board meeting.

Kirschner, a professional photographer who studied with Ansel Adams, enjoys sharing his expertise with other camera buffs. To this end, recently he presented an informative session at the Fremont Library during which time he shared camera techniques with other photography enthusiasts. More than 55 people attended his presentation, the thrust of which was to share concepts of lighting, composition, and tricks of the trade that they could walk away with and put into practice to improve their photography skills.



Yas Saeki—First Place



Jon Dawson—Third Place



Fran Tritthardt—Second Place



MUNDELEIN
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MUNDELEIN THEATRE ANNOUNCES FALL PERFORMANCES

Mundelein Theatre is proud to announce its Fall theatre offerings.

The New Faces production will be **Diamondbacks and Diamonds in the Sky**, by Jill Pertler. New Faces features freshmen and sophomores, as well as juniors and seniors who have not had the opportunity to be in a show at MHS. During the course of the play, the Carter family finds out what happens when you combine a wedding with the end of the world. What starts as a simple tale of a wedding grows into a story about the complexity of love, with a dash of humor thrown in on the side. Directed by Jeff Harding, the play runs October 24 at 3:45 and October 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The fall play will be **The Diviners**, by Jim Leonard, Jr. This theatrical play is the story of a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanted preacher in southern Indiana in the early 1930’s. Co-directed by Jonathan Meier and Dominick Basso, the play will be performed on November 15 at 7:30 p.m., November 16 at 3:45 and 7:30 p.m. and November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Mundelein Theatre students will once again compete in the **Chicago Shakespeare Slam**. The team will develop and perform two five-minute pieces to compete against schools from throughout the Chicago area. Last year the team was named “Slam Champs,” and they are anxious to defend their crown in their regional bout on December 3 at Juarez Community Academy in Chicago. There will be a public performance of their slam pieces on November 2 at 6 p.m.

Mundelein Arts



MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION HIRES RENOWNED ARTIST TO PAINT CUSTOM MURAL

In an ongoing effort to further the arts and bring vibrancy and character to Downtown Mundelein, the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) recently commissioned an artist to paint a mural on a building wall located at 18 E. Park Street. The 12-foot high by 66-foot wide wall space was donated by Nora and Paul Arroyo, owners and operators of Park Street Restaurant.

The artist, Giuseppe Percivati, also known as “Pepe Gaka,” took about three weeks to complete the mural. The artwork features the word “MUNDELEIN” with an image representing life in Mundelein in each letter. The finished art-nouveau inspired design conveys a sense of community pride and welcoming spirit—two essential tenets of Mundelein’s brand.

The \$11,567 cost for the mural is funded by the MAC’s annual budget with money earmarked for arts programming.

According to the MAC, the Park Street site was chosen because the property owners were enthusiastic and supportive of the project; the location has good visibility; and the mural suits the eclectic, historic, mixed-architecture vibe of the Park Street area.

“We feel confident that the community will embrace this public art display especially because it will be visible during special events like Park on Park Cruise Nights and the like. We wanted to get this first project complete before we ventured into higher profile locations along Route 45 and Hawley Street,” explains Colleen Malec, Village of Mundelein Planner and staff liaison to the MAC.

“We are thrilled that now Downtown Mundelein has a beautiful mural on display. We hope this first mural is just the beginning of additional public art. Murals build a sense of community identity; make neighborhoods more welcoming, vibrant, and walkable; and this art has the potential to inspire further investment and economic development,” Malec adds.

The group chose artist Giuseppe Percivati (artist name “Pepe Gaka”) for his extensive portfolio of outdoor murals, talent for original and creative artwork design, knowledge of materials, equipment, time, maintenance, and budget.

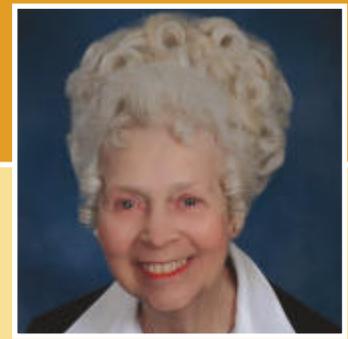
“Giuseppe works full-time as a muralist around the world and his proposal best met the criteria outlined in the ‘Call for Artists’ proposal. He was the most qualified, had a reasonable price, and demonstrated high professionalism and quick response times. Plus, his past clients highly recommended him to us. In the planning stages, he has been open to all of our ideas, and he quickly grasped our vision for our first mural,” Malec says.

“The entire MAC hopes that this initiative generates a sense of community pride and will inspire more public art by private property owners, businesses, and non-profits. We’d like this to be the first mural of many and inspire future public art installations by other entities,” Malec concludes.

For more information on the artist, please visit www.pepegaka.com.



Mayor and Board of Trustees Remember, Honor Dottie Watson



Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees express their heartfelt condolences regarding the passing of Dottie Watson, President and Curator for the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country and the Fort Hill Heritage Museum, who passed on August 30, 2018.

While the Mayor and Trustees mourn Dottie's passing, they also acknowledge and celebrate her contributions to the Village of Mundelein and the armed forces. The Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country was founded in 1956 to preserve the history and historical artifacts of Mundelein and Fremont Township. For 62 years, Dottie Watson and her late husband Leland "Trig" Watson shared a passion for history and dedicated much of their time to preserving the history of Mundelein.

For three decades, Dottie worked tirelessly to preserve and educate the public about the historical significance of the Village of Mundelein and Fremont Township. The meticulously maintained Fort Hill Heritage Museum is a source of pride for the community and Dottie's legacy will endure for generations to come.

In conjunction with the annual Mundelein Community Days, Dottie organized the annual Fourth of July Patriotic

Celebration which recognizes the contributions of the armed forces to our country. Dottie was instrumental in compiling information and artifacts for the Great Lakes Naval Museum which opened in 1997. Thanks to her and her late husband's efforts, they helped to preserve an important part of our nation's history.

As a token of the Board of Trustees esteem, the Village of Mundelein presented two Mayoral Proclamations to Dottie and her late husband Trig. In 2003, Leland "Trig" and Dottie Watson were recognized as "Outstanding Citizens of the Village of Mundelein" and in 2016, Dottie was recognized for her 60 year legacy with the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country.

"We mourn the loss of Dottie and gratefully recognize her many contributions and her selfless dedication to the preservation of history for future generations. She served as Mundelein's unofficial historian and dedicated countless hours to preserving the local history. We also celebrate her support and passion for the men and women in our military. We are all in her debt," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

Mayor, Trustees Honor Third Longest Serving Trustee—Jim Nutschnig



Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees express their sincere condolences on the sudden passing of friend and colleague, Jim Nutschnig—the third longest serving Trustee in the Village of Mundelein history and Mayor Pro Temp. Former Trustee Nutschnig served for 22 years from 1991-2013. Prior to being elected Trustee, he served on Mundelein's Plan Commission from 1989-1991.

During his Tenure on the Board, Mr. Nutschnig was Chairman of the Permits Committee. Some of Mr. Nutschnig key accomplishments include: bringing Metra service and a train station to Mundelein, the completion of a new police station and 2 new fire stations. He was instrumental with the expansion of Mundelein's wastewater treatment plant, help to facilitate key property acquisitions in the downtown, and was an avid supporter of Mundelein's infrastructure improvements all of which have helped to set the stage for the growth Mundelein is experiencing today.

"Former Trustee Nutschnig served Mundelein for over two decades and thanks to his efforts and

those of his fellow Board members, Mundelein is experiencing tremendous growth. We are in his debt and offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

"Jim was someone with whom I could always count on. He was an avid champion for Mundelein—always seeking to find ways to improve the Village. I sincerely appreciated his loyalty, dependability, and strong work ethic. Jim was a great friend and colleague to myself and to his fellow Board members," said Marilyn Sindles, 3-Term Mayor, Village of Mundelein.

In addition to his dedicated service to Mundelein, Jim was a Vietnam Veteran in the United States Navy. He was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout pack leader and a baseball coach for Mundelein Little League. He was also past president of the Santa Maria School Board.

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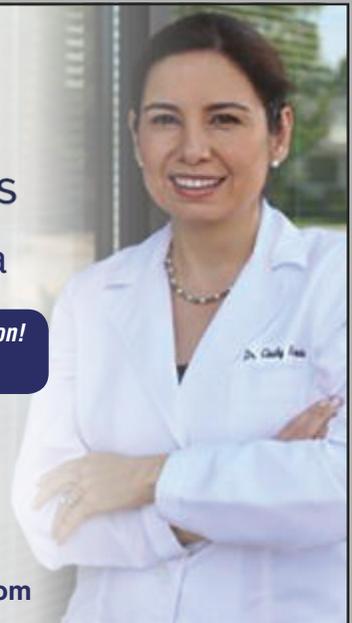
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Village of Mundelein Electric Aggregation Program Accepts Lower Energy Bid—Program Offers Residents Competitive Rates

In an effort to help residents and small businesses get the best and most competitive electricity rates, the Village of Mundelein invites homeowners and business owners to participate in an electrical aggregation program. In the first three years of this program, the average participating homeowner saved \$329, for a cumulative Village savings of over \$3 million.

Since 2015, the Village has contracted with Dyengy, Inc. after completing competitive annual bidding processes. After this year's bidding process in July 2018, the Village just accepted a bid from Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.

Current Village Program with Dyengy, Inc.:

Oct 2017–Oct 2018 7.091 cents per kWh, a fixed rate for 12 months.

Upcoming Village Program with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.:

Oct 2018–Oct 2020 7.499 cents per kWh, a fixed rate for 24 months.

A 100% renewable energy product is also available at a fixed rate of 7.599 cents per kWh for the same term by contacting Constellation at (844) 252-3272.



All residents and small commercial retail accounts located within the Village limits will automatically be enrolled unless the account holder:

1. Chooses to opt out as directed in the opt out notice; or
2. Has already switched to another Supplier; or
3. Is a participant in the Residential Real-Time Pricing (RRTP) hourly-rate program

Opt out notices were mailed to eligible ratepayers in August 2018. There is no enrollment fee and no early termination fee to vacate the program at any time.

Residents receive one bill from ComEd includes the electric supply charges from Constellation. ComEd will continue to charge for delivery. The way you pay your bill, such as budget billing or automatic payment is not be affected.

To contact Constellation NewEnergy, Inc, please call 844-252-3272. For questions regarding Mundelein's Aggregation Program, please contact the Assistant Village Administrator's Office, 847-949-3223.

Groot Industries Announces Contractual 2018 Rate Increase for Residential Garbage, Recycling Collection

In partnership with the Village of Mundelein, Groot Industries announced a contractual 2% rate increase for residential garbage and recycling collection services. The rate increase went into effect on October 1, 2018. Mundelein residents who have questions about this adjustment can call Groot Customer Service at 877-404-7668.

Refuse/Recycling	Current Rate	Adjusted Rate
Unlimited Curb	\$22.03	\$22.47
Senior Curb	\$19.83	\$20.23
Limited Curb	\$18.11	\$18.47
Senior Limited Curb	\$16.30	\$16.63
Recycling Only	\$7.70	\$7.85
Refuse Sticker	\$2.60	\$2.65
Multi-Family	Current Rate	Adjusted Rate
Multi-Family Per Unit	\$8.94	\$9.12
Yard Waste	Current Rate	Adjusted Rate
Annual Subscription	\$104.06	\$106.14
Yard Waste Sticker	\$2.60	\$2.65

Mundelein Police Academy Alumni to Host Tenth Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Mundelein Police Academy Alumni Association will host its tenth annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 4:30) at the Mundelein Police Department, 221 North Lake Street, immediately following the annual tree lighting ceremony (being held at the Village Hall). Join the MPD for a heaping plate of spaghetti and garlic bread.

The Alumni Association assists the Police Department with many events throughout the year and has donated equipment such as portable breath testers for the department's use and donated money to our Shop with a Cop event. We will have a 50/50 raffle and raffle off local merchants gift certificates, the raffle will be held at 7:30. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and children under 4 are free, tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance in the lobby of the Police Department.



MPD to Host Meat Raffle at Hitz Pizza—Proceeds to Benefit Special Olympics

The Mundelein Police Department is seeking your help in kicking-off its third annual meat raffle to benefit the Special Olympics of Illinois. Join the Mundelein Police Department for the Bears vs. Bills game and have the chance win some delicious meat donated from local vendors.

The raffle will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hitz Pizza, located at 700 Butterfield Road in Mundelein. Tickets can be purchased at the police department. Advanced tickets are \$25, tickets at the door are \$30, and include an all-you-can-eat buffet and 5 raffle tickets – you must be present to win the meat raffle. Additional Raffle Tickets are 5 for \$10. There also will be a 50/50 raffle – tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20 and people can purchase them in advance – you do not need to be present to win the 50/50 raffle.

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Public Works and Engineering Fall Activities

ROAD CONSTRUCTION—Construction activity is nearing completion throughout the Village. Road reconstruction and water main improvements in the Armour-McCormick Boulevard commercial corridor and Leighton Tower Road will be completed by late October. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during Mundelein’s busy construction season.

WASTEWATER PLANT TOURS—The Village owns and operates one of the region’s most advanced reclamation facilities. To schedule a visit to this award-winning facility, please contact 847-949-3275.

MUNDELEIN’S LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM UNDERWAY—

Mundelein’s solid waste contractor, Groot Industries, Inc., is currently conducting curbside leaf collection. The program runs from mid-October through early December. This schedule is dependent upon the weather and how quickly leaves fall from the trees, so timing may vary. Here are some things that you can do to help leaf collection go smoothly:



- Please remember to rake leaves to the back of the curb and NOT into the street. Leaves raked into the street may not be collected and can have serious impacts on street sweeping activity in the area, reducing its effectiveness.
- Do NOT mix limbs, brush, stone or other debris into the leaf piles
- Avoid placing leaf piles near storm drains
- Pile leaves away parked cars or low hanging tree limbs

Second Annual Snow and Ice Control Open House Planned

Mundelein Public Works and Engineering is responsible for maintaining nearly 210 miles of local roads and right-of-ways, sidewalks, multi-use paths, Metra, and many public facilities. So, how does your Public Works team manage winter operations in Mundelein?



Residents are invited to take a behind-the-scenes look at Mundelein’s snow and ice control management at Mundelein Public Works and Engineering’s 2nd Annual Snow and Ice Control Open House and Touch-A-Truck event on November 3 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Mundelein Public Works facility 440 E. Crystal St.

This family-friendly event has something for everyone. For the kids-there is the Touch-A-Truck station and salt and loader demonstrations. For adults there will be stations set-up around the garage showcasing the equipment that PW & E utilizes during winter operations and what it takes to keep it operating at peak capacity; a materials station that highlights the salt and calcium chloride that Mundelein uses to manage ice; and a storm management station that explains the steps PW & E takes to effectively manages all of Mundelein’s winter storm events.

PW & E staff will be on-hand to address questions on: equipment, personnel, data analysis, materials and procurement, contractual services, safety and training, and maintenance. This open house is informative for adults and fun for the children.

Take Note— Village Reminders–Notes–Accolades

Mundelein’s Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event Moved to Village Hall Plaza

This year, the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 30, 5:30 p.m at a



NEW LOCATION. The event will take place in the plaza area in front of the Mundelein Village Hall. Festivities include: music, refreshments, fireworks, an ice sculpture performance, and an appearance from Santa Claus himself. Great fun for the entire family! Please join us!

Mundelein Adds Long-Term Parking Spots at Metra Station

Six parking spots at Mundelein’s Metra train station are now reserved for long-term parking. The long-term parking spots are located on the north side of the lot, spaces 29 through 35. Signs declaring the spots reserved for long-term parking are posted in the lot at 205 N. Archer Avenue. People using the long-term spots are required to pay the \$1.75 daily parking fee, in advance. This daily rate is a significant savings over other long-term parking options at the airport or downtown Chicago. Under Mundelein’s new long-term parking program, people may park their car overnight in the reserved spots for up to seven days. Parking in the same spot for more than seven consecutive days is prohibited. Exceptions can be granted by the police department if requested ahead of time.

Parkview Health and Fitness Center Announces New All-Inclusive Low Rate

The Mundelein Park and Recreation District is pleased to introduce a

new “all-inclusive \$31 per month membership” at Parkview Health and Fitness Center. The \$31 all-inclusive membership includes: unlimited group exercise classes, use of all Parkview equipment, indoor heated pool for lap swimming, indoor track, and basketball court.

Rumor vs Fact Page Designed to Set Record Straight on Timely Mundelein Issues



A new study finds that by every measure, false rumors are more likely to spread than true ones. This fact highlights the need for a better—and especially faster—approach to correcting misinformation. Mundelein wants to set the record straight. Instead of sharing rumors, misinformation, and unverified claims, this Fact VS Rumor page is dedicated to presenting the actual facts. Also, if you have a rumor you’d like to report or a question to ask the Village of Mundelein please send an email to info@mundelein.org with “Rumor VS Fact” in the subject line.

Mundelein Offers Several Drop-Off Spots for Toys for Tots Donations

The Village of Mundelein has three drop-off locations for the U.S. Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program. The Toys for Tots Drop-Off locations are as follows: the Mundelein Village Hall (300 Plaza Circle), Mundelein Police Department (221 N. Lake Street) and Mundelein Fire Department (1000 N.

Midlothian Road). Unwrapped toys, in their original packaging can be donated for distribution to children who are less fortunate by placing the items in the collection bin located in the lower lobby of the Village Hall and Police Department and the main lobby of the Fire Department on Midlothian Road. Mundelein’s Toys for Tots collection campaign runs from November 17 until December 15, 2018.

Mundelein’s “Old Number One” Wins Community Choice Award Second Year Running



Mundelein’s first fire truck – the 1925 Stoughton “Old Number One,” won “The Community Choice” at the Barrington/Countryside Antique Fire Truck Show. More than a dozen fire trucks were showcased this year. The trucks ranged from Mundelein’s 1925 Stoughton to some trucks from the 20’s - 50’s - 60’s - 70’s and several newer trucks, as well. Congratulations to the Old Number One committee for all of your efforts to preserve this important piece of Mundelein history. At 93 years young, this old fire truck looks pretty good for its age!

Neighborhood Watch Meetings Planned

The Police Department is setting up Neighborhood Watch Meetings for the fall months. Please call 847-968-4600 and ask for the Crime Prevention Office if you are interested in hosting or attending.

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