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Message From the Mayor

We will all remember the summer of 2020. The closures, event cancellations, and the aggressive steps we are taking to keep everyone safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic all seem like the new normal. Thank you to everyone for your resilience. We are trying to make the best of a very difficult situation. I love seeing all the families outside walking, biking, and simply enjoying each other. This is one positive result from an otherwise tragic situation—we have all been given the gift of time together.

Village Administrator Thank You and Farewell

Our Village Administrator, John Lobaito, was scheduled to retire in June 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he agreed to continue to work in his current capacity to help usher Mundelein through this crisis and assist with the transition period to a new Village Administrator. We are extremely grateful for his visionary leadership and for establishing the foundation for years of future growth and community development. We will have a new administrator hired soon, allowing John to proceed with his retirement plans. John's extensive contributions to Mundelein are outlined in this newsletter.

Think Mundelein First—Shop Independent and Local Campaign

To help Mundelein businesses emerge from the coronavirus public health and economic crisis, we are preparing to launch a "Think Mundelein First" marketing and communication campaign to assist local businesses recover as quickly as possible. It is very important that Mundelein

residents and business owners patronize our own village's businesses first and foremost. Please watch for this initiative to develop in the coming months.

Racial Issues

I am very interested in hearing from our residents about specific issues of racial disparity occurring in our village. If you see an issue, and feel there is a chance the Village can do something about it, then let's discuss. I am all ears. Please keep in mind that our services involve police, fire, public works and economic development. Email me at slentz@mundelein.org. Thank you.

Mayor's Video Messages

I hope you have had the opportunity to watch my "Message from the Mayor" videos. This platform provides the opportunity for me to communicate more broadly with all residents and the message can be easily shared, as well. Hopefully, this will help to keep you well informed on a variety of Mundelein issues. I record a message a few times per month. To view past messages, go to the Village website and search "Mayor's Videos."

Census 2020

We are doing very well with our self-response for the 2020 Census; however, we still want EVERYONE to complete the census so Mundelein will receive its fair



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The coronavirus pandemic has created a local business crisis. Mayor Lentz and the Board of Trustees are committed to doing everything they can to assist local businesses recover as quickly as possible.

We believe one of the first steps in this process is to simply remind people to, "Think Mundelein First." Supporting local is the way to empower our entrepreneurs, support our local economy, create jobs, keep taxes as low as possible, and create a better quality of life for all of us.

As a gesture of support to our local businesses, we dedicate this page to feature the businesses who have supported our community newsletter with their advertising commitment this past year. We hope residents will "pay it forward" by patronizing these businesses.

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THINK MUNDELEIN FIRST.



Mundelein Trustees Approve 22-Acre Redevelopment Agreement for Stormwater Project, Real Estate Development and Public Open Space

At a recent Mundelein Board Meeting, the Trustees approved the redevelopment agreement between the Village of Mundelein and Springbank Mundelein Station, LLC (SB) for 444 East Courtland Street (Former US Music Site) and 440 East Crystal Street (Mundelein Public Works). Mundelein in partnership with Springbank LLC envision this property to anchor the south end of Mundelein's downtown to a include an essential stormwater management function, park-like natural space, and a beautiful Downtown destination site for the entire community's enjoyment.

The approximately 22-acre site presents an ideal opportunity for Downtown stormwater management that coincides with redevelopment of this property due to the size of the parcel, close proximity to Downtown and the Metra train station, as well as existing access to infrastructure.

"To say that this project has been a monumental undertaking is an understatement. I want to congratulate our Village Administrator, John Lobaito and our Community Development Director Amanda Orenchuk and her staff for their commitment to the project over the past several years. Thanks to their tenacity, vast knowledge, diligence, and hard work, we were able to bring this incredible project before the Board for approval," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

"By subdividing the property, we have been able to bring both parties together to enter into a mutually beneficial Redevelopment Agreement that provides positive outcomes for private and public purposes. This project has significant long-term community benefits including development, beautification, economic development, stormwater management, transportation needs, and additional community amenities. Once completed, this project helps us to achieve many of our long-term Downtown redevelopment goals. I express my sincere gratitude to Village staff and to Springbank, LLC for all their efforts to

bring this project over the finish line. This was an incredible undertaking and congratulations to everyone who helped us get to this point," he added.

The project is generally divided into the following areas:

- Lot 1: A twelve (12) acre parcel for a future Village stormwater project and public amenity area;
- Lot 2: A three (3) acre parcel for a future private development (apartment project);
- Lot 3: A one half (1/2) acre parcel for a future Village stormwater project; and
- Lot 4: A six (6) acre parcel for a future private development (townhouse project).

Overall, the project achieves several key Village objectives:

- Regional Stormwater Detention
- Removal of a blighted building
- Public open space, which has been identified in the Village's 2004 TOD Plan and the 2011 Comprehensive Plan
- No money upfront on a \$9 million TIF project, with an additional \$2 million in fee credits
- Additional housing units for the Downtown, which has been identified as a need by local businesses and within the 2004 TOD and 2011 Comprehensive Plan
- Redevelopment of sites in the Downtown and removal of incompatible land uses
- Introducing additional connectivity within the TOD/ Downtown areas

"This project required the highest levels of persistence, patience, critical analysis, and cooperation. As we introduce the project to the public, we believe it is a project we can hold up as a public benefit and true accomplishment," explains Amanda Orenchuk, Director, Community Development.



Developer Presents Concept Plans on Two Downtown Residential Projects to Mundelein Trustees

At a recent Mundelein Board Meeting, the Trustees listened to a concept presentation from Tim DeBruler of The Debruler Company on two new development projects slated for the Downtown. The first project, Chicago Avenue Property, located at 437 North Chicago Avenue, proposes 54 market rate multi-family apartments. The second project, Hawley-Prospect Property, located at 513 East Hawley Street and 350 Prospect Avenue, proposes a 45 to 50-unit affordable, senior housing apartment building.



CHICAGO AVENUE PROPERTY

The proposed one and a half acre market rate apartment project to be positioned on the southeast corner of Chicago Avenue and Park Street and adjacent to the CN Railroad right of way, will feature a single, 54-unit four-story building with the ground floor containing both structured parking and amenity rooms for young professionals. A large outdoor terrace on the fourth floor where the building overlooks the intersection of Park Street and Chicago Avenue.



HAWLEY-PROSPECT PROPERTY

513 East Hawley Street and 350 Prospect Avenue are two neighboring lots. The two properties are separated by a twenty-foot alley, owned by the Village of Mundelein, and have a total area of 1.33 acres. The corner property, 513 East Hawley Street, is currently improved with a single-story, multi-tenant shopping center anchored by MGN Lock and Key. 350 Prospect Avenue, formerly known as 0 Prospect Avenue, is currently vacant: it's only prior use having been as right of way for the North Shore Line railroad. The DeBruler Company aims to redevelop these properties with an affordable, senior apartment building with ample on-site parking and a small outdoor amenity space.



“Despite the eventful path to get to this point, these projects reflect a true win-win for everyone. These well-designed buildings will provide much needed additional market rate rentals near the train station and much needed senior affordable housing in downtown. I couldn’t be more pleased,” said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

DeBruler concurred with Mayor Lentz and remarked, “It has been a long, arduous road to get here but we are here now, and we have two great projects for the Mundelein community. We are very happy to be progressing forward.”



Both proposed projects fulfill Mundelein’s vision for the new downtown as outlined in Mundelein’s Comprehensive Plan.

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Mundelein's Village Administrator Announces Retirement—Leaves Impressive Legacy

After more than 35 years of public service, Village of Mundelein Administrator, John Lobaito has announced plans to retire in 2020.

In a written statement sent to Mayor Steve Lentz, the Board of Trustees, and Department Heads, Lobaito said he would retire as of June, 2020. Due to the worldwide pandemic and the impact this has had on Mundelein, John agreed to work in a consulting capacity to help in the transitional phase with the new Village Administrator.

In his retirement letter, Lobaito referenced mixed emotions concerning this decision. "It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to give notice of my retirement. Collectively, I have 25 years of service to the Mundelein community."

He went on to thank the Board of Trustees for their continued support and for the opportunity to serve the Mundelein residents and business owners. "Public service has been professionally and personally rewarding for me. At times, the challenges have been great, but the accomplishments, achieved collectively, sustain my positive outlook for Mundelein's future and for that, I will be forever thankful," he said.

Over the course of three decades, Lobaito has worked in municipal government in several capacities. His career trajectory in Mundelein—starting as a Building Inspector to Deputy Building Commissioner to Director of Community Development to City Administrator to his current position as Mundelein's Village Administrator—has provided the background and foundation to support regional planning, community building, and placemaking efforts on behalf of the Village.

During his 25 years with the Village of Mundelein, Lobaito was instrumental in launching many major initiatives including: Mundelein's Master Redevelopment Plan, Downtown North Implementation Plan; the revitalization of the Village's downtown, construction of the new Village Hall, Transit Oriented Development plan, Comprehensive Plan Update, the modernization of its wastewater reclamation facility, municipal re-branding project, and a number of high profile infrastructure projects. Additionally, Lobaito played a key role as the Village dealt with the significant challenges posed by the economic downturn that began in 2008. Throughout this growth and development process, Mundelein has attained a high grade Aa3 bond rating and the Village's finances are secure.

"I have had the privilege of working with John for many years...first as a Trustee and now as Mayor. John's steady and thoughtful leadership has been a tremendous asset to me and our Board. He has provided

outstanding guidance and management on many complex issues and his contributions will endure for generations. His insight, knowledge of the community, and governance will be missed. Every corner of the Village has benefitted from John's vision. In municipal government, the Village Administrator position is like a corporate 'Chief Operations Officer.' This person is critical to the proper running of our village and John has excelled in this role and we are all grateful for his visionary leadership," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

"John will be greatly missed by the Village Board, his staff, Commission members, and residents. We wish him all the best in his retirement and thank him for helping to place Mundelein on a positive trajectory," Mayor Lentz added.



Numerous initiatives, all of which have been under John's supervision, have put the Village of Mundelein on track toward community revitalization, modernization, and innovation:

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan–URS/RTA (2004)
- Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) (2005)
- Downtown Development Review–*Business Districts Inc.* (2010)
- Comprehensive Plan–*Houseal Lavigne Associates* (2011)
- Master Redevelopment Implementation Plan–*Farr Associates* (2012)
- Zoning Ordinance Rewrite–*Camiros* (2012)
- Purchased land for future Mundelein Public Works to move from current Downtown location (2013)
- Municipal Rebranding Initiative–*Business Districts, Inc. and Wohltgroup* (2014)
- New Village Hall and Plaza (2014)
- Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program (2014)
- New Sign Ordinance–*Camiros* (2015)
- Tax Increment Financing District (TIF I and TIF II) (2016)
- North Lake Street Enhancement Program (2018)
- Hawley Street Expansion (2018)
- 1-2-3 Permit Program (2018)
- Gateway Signage (2019)
- Diamond Lake–Lakefront open space on Route 45 (2019)
- Website Redesign (2019)
- Downtown North Implementation Plan–*Farr Associates* (Currently Underway)
- Comprehensive Plan Update–*Slated for 2020 due to rapid changes in Mundelein*
- New Public Works Facility (2020)
- Springbank Redevelopment Agreement/Stormwater Mitigation, Public Space, Residential (2020)
- Old Village Hall Redevelopment (2020)

Over the course of the last two decades, here are just a few of the large projects that developers have brought to Mundelein thanks to John's reputation and ability to oversee and manage these significant initiatives:

- Alef Sausage Expansion
- Barefoot Bay Aquatic Center
- Beelow Annexation on Winchester Road
- Cardinal Square Condominiums and Apartments
- Carmel Expansion
- CLM Subdivision (CVS, TCF Bank, Animal Hospital)
- Coves of Mundelein
- Diamond Lake Condos
- Dominick's Transition to Jewel
- Dunbar Recreation Center
- Dziadus Development of Old Village Hall
- Forest Plaza
- Garden Fresh Expansion
- Gateway Signs
- Glen Garden Estates
- Grand Dominion
- Gurman Foods
- Hampton Reserve
- Hawley Lake Plaza Renovation
- Hawley Street Reconstruction
- Hickory Woods
- Jaeckel Subdivision
- Lake County Courthouse
- Lakefront Purchases
- Lake Plaza
- Lake Ridge
- Maple Hill
- McLaughlin Annexation across from Mundelein Crossings
- Medline Expansions
- Mundelein Crossings
- Mundelein High School Expansion
- Mundelein Meadows (Aldi)
- NCS Expansion
- New CVS S Lake Street
- Northfield Block Expansion
- North Lake Enhancement Program
- Opening and leasing of Archer Business Center
- Orchard Meadows
- O'Reilly Auto Parts New Building
- Pace Shelters
- Public Works and Engineering Facility
- Rise Medical Dispensary and now Cannabis Dispensary
- Ruprecht and various expansions
- Springbank RDA
- Sysmex Expansion
- Tall Grass Ridge
- The Crossings of Mundelein
- Tighththead and Bosacki's Breweries
- Townline Center Renovation
- Transitional Care of Lake County (Thrive)
- Veteran's Memorial Plan
- Washington School Expansion

Mundelein Announces 2019 Gold Star Business Award Recipients

Three Mundelein businesses were honored as the Village of Mundelein's "2019 Gold Star Business Award" winners. Due to the pandemic, we were not able to properly acknowledge this prestigious recognition sooner. Nonetheless, we wanted to proudly recognize these businesses now.

"We gratefully acknowledge all of our Mundelein businesses for being a part of our community. The Gold Star Award recipients are models for success, and we look forward to their continued success and we hope they are an inspiration to other Mundelein businesses in the year ahead," Mayor Lentz said.



The Village of Mundelein proudly recognizes the 2019 award recipients. Congratulations to the 2019 honorees!



SHEAR PARADISE

400 North Seymour Avenue—Opened in 2004, Shear Paradise has maintained a strong presence in downtown Mundelein. This business offers a full-service dog grooming experience in a clean, friendly, cage-less environment. Owner Claudia Kawalec ensures that all their clients' pets are treated as if they were her own and Claudia's passion is working with animals and giving them the best care possible. The Economic Development Commission has selected Claudia and Shear Paradise as a Gold Star Award Winner for their role in organizing the annual Community Days Pet Parade. Thanks to their help, the Pet Parade has become one of the most fun and most well attended events at Community Days. We applaud Shear Paradise for their community-minded spirit and for their love of animals!



THE OFFICE CLUBHOUSE

914 North Lake Street—Mac Goodwin opened the Office Clubhouse in 2018 after undertaking a significant remodeling project at the property. His business provides an exceptionally designed space, outfitted with high-speed internet, coffee bar, private conference rooms, and more. The Office Clubhouse has been selected as one of the Economic Development Commission's Gold Star Winners for their substantial investment in remodeling the property and their continued involvement in the community. In total, the owners invested over \$100,000 transforming the outdated building into an immaculate space for those seeking a more flexible office solution. Additionally, the Office Clubhouse has provided extensive support to their neighbors at the Loch Lomond Property Owners Association. The EDC applauds The Office Clubhouse's vision. An increase in self-employment, as well as advancements in technology, is changing how people work. This is evident in every neighborhood cafe: laptop screens, conference calls while drinking coffee and crowded tables. Congratulations to Mundelein's The Office Clubhouse for addressing this need.



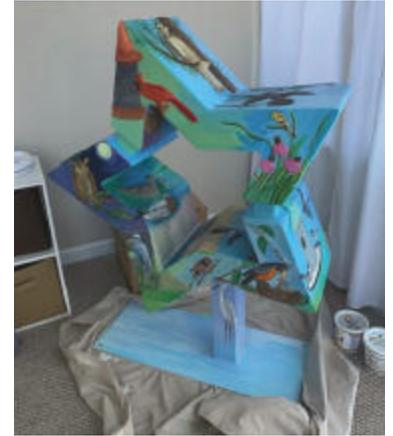
TINA G'S CAFE

10 East Park Street—Restaurateurs and longtime Mundelein residents, Tina and Phil Gilardi, have an extensive and impressive history of serving delicious food to their customers throughout Lake County. In 2016, they opened Tina G's—an Italian American restaurant in Downtown Mundelein. Tina G's serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner with menu selections that are "outside the box" and more upscale than typical burgers and pizza fare. The restaurant was an early recipient of the Village's BIG Grant Program which assisted in the substantial remodeling which was needed to transform their two units at the corner of Park Street and Lake Street into a truly amazing dining environment. The Economic Development Commission has selected Tina G's as one of this year's Gold Star Award winners due to their generous and committed support of Mundelein school programs of all varieties. They are also recognized for their investment in helping to re-develop Mundelein's Downtown.

Mundelein Arts Commission Preparing for "Stars on Parade" Exhibit This Summer

In an effort to continue to further the arts in Mundelein, the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) has launched a unique public art campaign. The program titled, "Stars on Parade," is modeled after the well-known 1999 "Cows on Parade" exhibit in Chicago. This unique concept, replicated in communities nationwide and regionally including Batavia, Lincolnshire, Oak Lawn, Algonquin, Naperville, Aurora, and more, is sure to be a great community-builder. Local artists are busy at work painting the sculptures, which will be installed in Downtown Mundelein later this summer.

The MAC commissioned a series of 15 fiberglass sculptures in a shape inspired by the Mundelein star logo. Each star is currently being painted or decorated by a local artist in a theme of their choosing. The stars will be sprayed with a durable topcoat and displayed outdoors throughout Downtown Mundelein for 3-5 years (or longer if the stars' condition allows!).



"We want this to be a project BY the community FOR the community—that's our primary goal. We believe the stars will make our local artists shine while adding some fun landmarks for the Village to enjoy. We want the stars to capture the community's unique spirit. We believe this initiative has potential to bring people together to share their artistic talents and creativity with the community," explains Colleen Malec, Staff Liaison, Mundelein Arts Commission.

Follow the Mundelein Arts Commission's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MundeleinArts for project updates!

Mundelein Arts Commission Announces Third Annual Photo Contest

The Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) is pleased to announce the launch of the Third Annual "This is Mundelein" photo contest for area shutterbugs. This year's theme is "Capture the Moment," and the contest is open to all who live or work in Lake County. Photographers and photo enthusiasts are encouraged to use their creativity to capture a visual moment in time. For anyone interested, please review the guidelines and submittal instructions at www.mundelein.org/MAC. Submissions are due August 15, 2020.

Winning photos will be displayed at the Village hall. Cash prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 will be awarded for first, second, and third place, respectively. Anyone who lives or works in Lake County may participate, but the photo must be taken in Mundelein, Illinois.



All images must be submitted in digital .JPEG, .JPG, or .PNG format. Photos will be judged by Kirschner, an award-winning local photographer, along with members of the Mundelein Arts Commission who are trained in how to judge photography. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three photos and the winning photographs will be displayed at the Mundelein Village Hall.

Interested photographers can find a complete set of rules for the contest at www.mundelein.org/mac.

APWA Names Mundelein's Facility Maintenance Superintendent "Professional Manager of the Year"

Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees congratulate Paul Schafernak, Village of Mundelein Facility Maintenance Superintendent, for being named "Professional Manager of the Year in Facilities and Grounds" at the 2020 Annual American Public Works Association (APWA) Lake Branch awards ceremony. The APWA Awards Program recognizes outstanding individuals, groups and chapters representing the best in public works.

The "Professional Manager of the Year Award in Facilities and Grounds" recognizes the outstanding achievements in the area of facilities and/or grounds management within the public works field and seeks to honor recipients who inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good. To be eligible for nomination for this award, candidates must have a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience, manage and have made significant contributions in the field of public facilities and/or grounds, and may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of public works, specifically in the area of facilities and grounds.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) serves professionals in all aspects of public works—a fact that sets it apart from other organizations and makes it an effective voice of public works throughout North America. With a worldwide membership more than 30,000 strong, APWA includes not only personnel from local, county, state/province, and federal agencies, but also private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals.

In a nomination letter sent to the awards committee, Adam Boeche, Director of Public Works and Engineering stated in part, "it is my pleasure to nominate Paul Schafernak for the APWA Professional Manager of the Year for Facilities and Grounds. Paul has proven himself to be an excellent leader and manager. Once outdated and archaic, he brought the Village facilities into the 21st Century."

Paul has worked for the Village of Mundelein since 1991, originally working in the Water Division as a Maintenance Technician to his current position as Facility Maintenance Superintendent—the highest attainable position in the division. Paul is responsible for operating and maintaining 27 Village-owned buildings and facilities, over 1,700 streetlights and a 156,000 square foot commercially leased building.

Paul's highest achievement, to date, is the construction of a new 124,000 square foot public works complex. "Over the last year, Paul has spent countless hours reviewing and revising plans, meeting with contractors, and coordinating with staff to successfully manage the entirety of the project.

Paul has taken time to research new and innovative technologies to incorporate into the building. He



implemented a state-of-the-art automated lighting system utilizing ZigBee technology. Additionally, Paul introduced highly efficient radiant tube heating in portions and unconventional air exchangers in portions of the building. He has been the go-to person for every aspect of the project from design to build, down to the last faucet fixture. Simply put, there is no new Public Works and Engineering facility devoid of Paul's expertise," Boeche explained.

"His ability to take on roles outside of his regular duties is what distinguishes Paul from others. He is outgoing, ambitious, and reliable. Paul is the guy I can always trust to get the job done and done right and he will always go the extra mile for our community," Boeche concluded.

Message From the Mayor (cont).

share of Federal funds. Mundelein's self-response rate as of June 30, 2020 is 75.3%. The current Illinois self-response rate is 66.6% and the national self-response rate is 61.8%. Please keep in mind that if you do not complete your 2020 Census on your own, Census representatives WILL visit your home. Questions? Please call the Village Hall for immediate assistance!

New Spring Clean-up Date Announced

Mundelein's village-wide Spring Clean-up will take place August 11 through August 21. Collection will occur on your regular garbage pick-up day.

New Developments

Our stormwater mitigation project is well underway. Please read the article in this newsletter for a project overview. Also, the new (name) Long-Term Care Facility is now open. The new Public Works facility on Allanson Road will open this fall and the Old Village Hall Project on Hawley Street will open (date). We have many new development projects in process and I will discuss these in my Mayor Update videos. You can also go to the Mundelein Facebook page to keep up to date on the good development news.

Steve Lentz
Mayor

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Mundelein Park District Welcomes New Executive Director

Mundelein Park & Recreation District's Board of Commissioners recently announced the hiring of Ron Salski as the District's new Executive Director. Prior to accepting this position, Salski served as the Executive Director of Lake Bluff Park District for nearly 12 years. Overall, he has 26 years of experience in the field of parks and recreation.

"Mundelein Park & Recreation District is very fortunate, excited, and proud to have someone of Ron's caliber to succeed Ms. Margaret Resnick, an exceptional Executive Director for the past thirteen 13 years," said Jesse Ortega, Park District Board President. "The Mundelein community will continue to have the best park district managerial operations in the state with Ron as Executive Director."

Before Lake Bluff Park District, Salski served five years as the Director of Park & Recreation Services at Wheeling Park District. Earlier experience includes Division Director and Superintendent of Recreation at Hoffman Estates Park District and Superintendent of Recreation and Recreation Supervisor at Salt Creek Park District (Palatine). Salski served as Chairman of the Board for the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA), state-wide association, Team Leader for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Sand Management Working Group, Treasurer of the Girls Feeder Basketball Advisory Committee. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Research Council and is a Committee Member of the IAPD/IPRA Joint Distinguished Accreditation Committee.



Mundelein Park & Recreation District's future Executive Director, Ron Salski with his family. Pictured left to right: Ashton, Addison, Julie, Ron, Annalie, and Mowgli Salski. Photo Credit: Regi Mele

Salski and his family have been Mundelein residents for 12 years. "Since we moved here, my family has been significant supporters of Mundelein Park and Recreation District and the community," said Salski. "We frequently participate in Park District programs and special events, visit the golf course, gym and fitness center and enjoy bike rides to its many parks. I am honored to be serving the community that I love and making a difference in what I believe is the best Park District in the State of Illinois. It is my dream job and I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for giving me this opportunity to lead and become even more integrated in the Mundelein Community. The Park District has an innovative, passionate, and dedicated staff, so I look forward to collaborating and working together to continue offering quality programs, facilities, parks, and services."

Construction on Schedule, Under Budget on Public Works and Engineering's New Facility

To consolidate all of the Public Works and Engineering (PW&E) into one centralized location and to relocate existing public works offices and facilities out of the downtown area, the Village of Mundelein is constructing a new \$23 million public works and engineering complex, located at 801 Allanson Road, west of Washington Street.

The new facility is located on a 21-acre site, which will house in one location all PW&E functions such as maintenance, vehicle storage, road materials storage, and administrative offices.

Part of the facility will utilize an existing 26,000-square-foot office building formerly occupied by Natus Medical, a

medical manufacturing company. This new, consolidated facility replaces three former facilities which were geographically separated and functionally obsolete, thus streamlining operations and allowing for more efficient service delivery.

Construction has continued even during the pandemic. "The schedule was moderately impacted by the pandemic and has now pushed the final delivery of the project back by 20 working days. The expected completion date is now the end of June. The project is tracking below the original budget amount by 3% and is at about 80% completion," said Adam Boeche, Director of Public Works and Engineering.

Mundelein's Annual Water Quality Report Now Available to View

The Village of Mundelein Water Division is pleased to present to residents this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report summarizes the quality of water that the Village provided last year, including details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing the highest level of professional services to meet our residents' needs now and for future generations.

The Village of Mundelein's Water Quality Report is available to view online. This report contains important information about the source and quality of Mundelein's water during 2019. To view the 2020 Annual Water Quality Report online, please go to the Village of Mundelein website:

www.mundelein.org

Here are a few quick facts about Mundelein's water supply:

- The Village of Mundelein has arguably the highest water quality in the country due to access to a fresh water source—Lake Michigan.

- The primary treatment facility Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) from which Mundelein receives its water, has won the prestigious "Excellence in Water Treatment Award" for 14 consecutive years with only 3 other utilities in the nation accomplishing this feat.

- Mundelein was in full compliance with State and Federal drinking water regulations in 2018.
- Mundelein's water is checked for over 300 contaminants.
- Most contaminants were undetectable or at a zero level.





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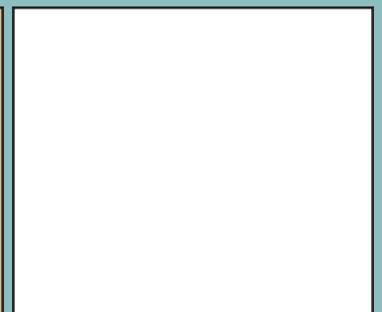
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Mayor Highlights Mundelein’s Progress During Seventh Annual State of the Village Address

Mayor Steve Lentz recently hosted the Seventh Annual “State of the Village” presentation to offer residents an inside look at Mundelein’s 2020 vision. This year’s meeting took a broader perspective of the Village and focused on accomplishments, challenges, business development activity, and Mundelein’s outlook. Mayor Lentz addressed residents in the board room and via live stream technology immediately preceding the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

In addition to Mayor Lentz, the Mundelein Board of Trustees, Village Clerk, Economic Development Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Village Administrator, and Department Heads were on-hand at the meeting to address resident questions.

Like last year’s presentation, the “State of the Village” began with a “Top Ten” list of the Mayor’s and Board of Trustees most pressing issues and focus areas.

The 2020 “Top Ten” list includes:

1. Stormwater Mitigation Project
2. Old Village Hall Redevelopment
3. IDOT’s 60/83 Project-Governor Visit
4. 2020 Road Improvement Program
5. New Public Works and Engineering Facility
6. Stars on Parade Public Art Project
7. New Website Launch
8. 2020 Mundelein Census
9. Community Development KEY PROJECTS
10. Sign Code Update

“During the State of the Village address, I provided a broad overview of some of our larger projects and initiatives and we have lots more going on behind the scenes. We are optimistic about the changes that are taking place throughout Mundelein and we believe it is important to share our progress and plans. Informed residents can help us tell the Mundelein story and this positive dialogue benefits the entire Village,” said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

During the presentation, Mayor Lentz also provided information on occupancy rates. Commercial occupancy is 80.6; Industrial 97%, Downtown 73.8% for an overall occupancy rate of 90.3. “We have two notable large vacancies that skew our numbers, specifically Oak Creek Plaza (201,508 SF) and U.S. Music Property (110,000 SF). Redevelopment is already underway on both properties. Our overall occupancy rate without these two properties is actually quite good: Commercial: 88%; Industrial 97.5%; Downtown: 85.5% for an overall occupancy rate of 93.5,” Mayor Lentz explained.

Other topics addressed included the Business Incentive Grant (BIG) program, 2020 tax levy summary, new business, contractor, and rental registration program, upcoming community events, shared dispatch services, and pension obligations.

View the complete presentation at www.mundelein.org

Take Note— Village Reminders–Notes–Accolades

Mundelein to Host Public Hearing to Review Village's Proposed Comprehensive Plan

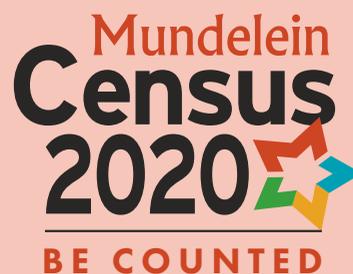
The Village of Mundelein plans to host a public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission on August 19, 2020 at 7 p.m. relating to the consideration of a new Comprehensive Plan. Municipal Planning consultants Kimley-Horn began work on updating the Village's plan in 2018 after rapid changes in development and the land use sectors, particularly Commercial, Industrial, and Housing. Focus was directed particularly to the Diamond Lake area, commercial corridors, and potential growth areas. Further details will be posted to the Village website as information becomes available. The public is welcome to review the document, which will be posted no later than 15 days prior to the public hearing date and provide commentary to staff or the Planning & Zoning Commission. Additional questions should be directed to Community Development at planning@mundelein.org or (847) 949-3282.

New Spring Clean-up Date Announced

Mundelein's village-wide Spring Clean-up, postponed due to COVID-19, has been rescheduled to August 11 through August 21. Collection will occur on your regular garbage pick-up day. 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. This is an ideal time to discard large items that cannot fit into the trash can. Please take note that these extra items should only be set out on your regular collection day.

Here are a few important guidelines to follow: 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 are NOT collected with Spring Clean-up: electronics, oil, gasoline, chemicals, fuel containers, empty chemical drums, pesticides, asbestos, railroad ties, paint, tires, and large quantities of construction debris.



Thank You Mundelein—Three-Fourths of Households have Completed the 2020 Census

As of June 2020, three-fourths of Mundelein households have taken the 2020 Census and Mundelein's self-response rate is 74.8%. If your household has NOT responded, it is not too late! Visit my2020census.gov to take the 2020 Census online or call 844-330-2020 to complete the questionnaire by phone. To complete by phone in Spanish, call 844-468-2020. It only takes LESS THAN 10 minutes and an accurate count means significant funding for essential services in our community. Remember, completing the 2020 Census is required by law. **Please complete the census as soon as possible to AVOID REPEATED VISITS to your home from the US Census Bureau.**

Mayor and Trustees Express Support to Community

"In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path—the path of compassion, courage, understanding and love." - Amit Ray

In the midst of the uncertainty, pain, and disruption caused by this global pandemic, Mayor Steve Lantz and the Board of Trustees, extend their heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19, and to those who are suffering with the virus. They also express their earnest support to everyone—business owners, residents, employees, students, parents—who are all impacted by this crisis. We remain "Mundelein Strong."

Up-to-Date COVID-19 Information

Please visit Mundelein's website www.mundelein.org for up-to-date information on COVID-19. Much of the information links to the experts on this subject.

Mental Health Help Available

Every person reacts differently during uncertain times. It is common for people to feel mixed emotions, and many may experience feelings of anxiety, stress, or sadness. Some people have had to take on new roles in their households. Others have had to create new traditions for significant life events, such as celebrations and losses. Many also have experienced financial difficulties that can heighten stress levels. Taking care of one's mental health is a vital part of taking care of one's overall health.

Mental health organizations continue to provide support through phone or video therapy. Please check with your insurance to identify covered services. Many agencies offer sliding scale options for those without insurance. There are also 24/7 helplines available. If you need assistance finding support for you or your loved ones, feel free to contact the Village of Mundelein social worker Jenny Ugalde at 847-968-3798.

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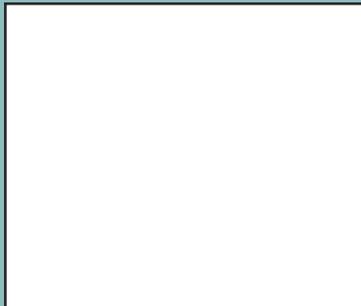


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