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Message From the Mayor

I hope this message finds you and your family doing well despite everything that is happening around us. With our recent celebration of Thanksgiving and as we all look forward to the forthcoming holidays, I hope you are finding comfort in family, friends, and the simpler things in life. On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees, I wish everyone health, happiness, and all the best in the New Year.

Here is a quick overview of some of Mundelein's initiatives and activities. Budget Outlook

While the overall financial outlook of the Village is down compared to last year, we feel we are in a better position than many of our neighboring communities. The Village Board and staff have taken preemptive steps to counter the downward trend. Due to the pandemic, Mundelein is navigating:

- o Less sales, state income, hotel, and motor fuel taxes
- o Increased cleaning/sanitation expenses
- o Overall revenues are down approximately 7%.

We have taken several steps to manage expenses, including:

- o Employee furlough days
- o Delayed new vehicle purchases
- o Delayed Lakefront Park improvements
- o Reduction in authorized overtime
- o Reduction in operating expenses

Strategic Planning Consultant

Mundelein has hired a consultant to assist with the Strategic Planning process. This is particularly important this year given the financial impact of COVID-19. The

consultant will lead the administrative team through all aspects of strategic thinking and planning. The report generated at the conclusion of this process, will serve as a planning tool for next fiscal years' budget and budget document.



Shop Local Campaign

Mundelein has launched a coordinated, comprehensive, and ongoing buy local campaign with the goal reminding residents to alter their purchasing behavior and become more deliberate about choosing local, **independently owned businesses** first. We believe this community-wide marketing campaign is a great way to help more of our businesses, empower entrepreneurs, support the local economy and create jobs. This will be an 18-month endeavor to start, with the intention that this campaign will endure long beyond the initial push.

Give and Receive...Gift Card Promotion

This holiday season, join Mundelein's Economic Development Commission's "Give and Receive" shop local promotion. By shopping local and supporting all Mundelein businesses, you'll spread goodwill throughout the community AND you will earn the chance to receive a gift card valued at \$25, \$50 or \$100! Visit Mundelein's website for complete details and **SHOP LOCAL!**

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Village of Mundelein

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD WINNER

TOP 100 SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA—RANKED 44

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS FOR YOUNG COUPLES

10 BEST CHICAGO SUBURBS FOR FAMILIES

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL—TOP 100 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ILLINOIS

MUNDELEIN PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT—ILLINOIS DISTINGUISHED ACCREDITED AGENCY

CALEA ACCREDITED—THE GOLD STANDARD IN PUBLIC SAFETY ACCREDITATION

RECIPIENT NEW URBANISM CNU MERIT AWARD FOR MASTER REDEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

MOODY'S AA2 RATING—THIRD HIGHEST GRADE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

RECIPIENT OF SUNSHINE AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

MUNDELEIN VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR—2017 PLANNING ADVOCATE AWARD RECIPIENT, AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION—ILLINOIS CHAPTER (APA-IL)

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA) COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESS STORY

Mundelein Approves \$300,000 Business, Residential Relief Programs, "Shop Mundelein" Marketing Campaign

At a recent Board Meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved a relief package for Mundelein residents and businesses totaling more than \$300,000 in revenue for FY 2020-2021. This relief package was adopted to help alleviate some of the financial impacts on Mundelein businesses and residents caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mundelein's Coronavirus Relief Package includes the following assistance:

- o **Waiving Fiscal Year 2020-21 licensing fees for eight specialty business license categories.** These categories include dealers in secondhand goods, all classes of liquor licenses, pawnbroker, pet shop operators, taxicabs, tobacco, video gaming, and others. Fees for these business licenses typically generate approximately \$180,000 in revenue each year for Village operations.

- o **Waiving late fees for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Business Registration.** Mundelein businesses are required to register with the Village for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and pay an annual \$25 fee when able to do so; however, no late fees will be charged this year.
- o **Suspending water disconnections and late payment penalty fees.** For Fiscal Year 2020-21, residents and businesses should continue to pay their water/sewer bills when able to do so; however, no late fees will be assessed, and no disconnections will take place until May 2021.

By focusing on waiving liquor and gaming licensing fees, the Trustees placed a high priority on providing relief to Mundelein restaurants and bars that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 shutdown and related ongoing occupancy restrictions.

Mundelein's Restaurant and Bar Grant Fund—A Helping Hand

- o Offering Up to \$5000 in Grants for Restaurants Impacted by COVID-19. \$150,000 allocated to fund this grant program.
- o The idea for this unique grant program originated from Village staff members during internal brainstorming sessions focused on best practices on a myriad of pressing issues.

Program Specifics

- o This is a grant program...not a loan program.
- o Unanimously approved by the Mundelein Board of Trustees as a united show of support to our restaurants and bars amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.
- o Restaurants and the Village of Mundelein team-up to split the costs 50/50 on several qualifying expenses up to \$5,000.

Qualifying Expenses Include

- o Outdoor Cover Items: tents, canopies, awnings, gazebos and the like.
- o Seasonal partitions or barriers for spacing between customers.
- o Outdoor heating equipment-Fuel and gas is NOT an eligible expense.
- o Outdoor lighting and/or outdoor lighting fixtures and equipment, outdoor furniture.
- o Any other items deemed necessary by the restaurants to gear up for outdoor service during the cold weather.

Mundelein's Restaurant & Bar Relief Fund



Approval Process

Completed applications are reviewed by Mundelein's Building and Community Development Departments to ensure zoning, building, and fire requirements are satisfied. Applicants are notified within 3 BUSINESS DAYS regarding which requested funds will be approved. Upon approval, the Building Department issues a temporary structure permit for a 180-day period.

Reimbursement Protocol

Once applicants receive an approval letter from the Village, they may proceed with the purchase or rent the approved equipment with the understanding that Mundelein will reimburse 50% of the total approved expenditures (up to \$5,000) upon receipt of evidence of payment.

Purchases made prior to the launch of Mundelein's Restaurant and Bar Relief Fund may be eligible for reimbursement under this program provided the restaurant owner can provide receipts.

THINK MUNDELEIN FIRST...SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Mundelein Trustees also approved the “Think Mundelein First” marketing campaign aimed at promoting local businesses in town. Following a thorough vetting process that included review of submitted materials and in-person interviews, the Selection Committee chose a5 Branding and Digital for the shop local campaign. A5 operates by a simple philosophy: “To deliver great work that gets you where you want to go, and we do it on time and on budget.”

The goals outlined by a5 Branding and Digital Inc., lists increasing awareness for locally owned and independent businesses in town, as well as driving traffic and creating loyalty. The campaign will run for 18 months, ending in March 2022.

a5 is a branding and digital consulting firm from Chicago. The company has worked with Villages and companies across predominantly Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, including Northbrook, Niles, Gurnee, and Barrington. Plus, a5 has worked with Visit Lake County and Lake County partners.

Over the course of the campaign, a5 will help to develop various media, including a website, a YouTube campaign, social media, as well as a campaign theme and tagline. Taylor Wegrzyn, Planner in the Community Development, explained that a5 plans to have some content rolled out by the upcoming holiday season.

“It might not be a full kickoff of the campaign with a fully developed theme, but at least some aspect (in the next month or so),” Wegrzyn said. “Time is of the essence.”

Official advertising will take the form of posters and signs, social media posts, email campaigns, print and radio advertising, press releases and various events, documents from the village and firm show. Overall, part of the initiative will be to keep people shopping local businesses, Wegrzyn said.

“It’ll be broad with a general theme of ‘support your local businesses,” Wegrzyn said. “Bringing attention to Mundelein businesses in general will likely have a spill-over

effect to other businesses in town.”

Scott Adams, president of the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein Vernon Hills Chamber of

Commerce, said he feels once the program is launched, it will be well-received and helpful. He added the chamber will partner with the Village in ways like how they have partnered with other municipalities on various campaigns.

“The pandemic has created economic hardship on local businesses. To help Mundelein businesses emerge from this public health and economic crisis, the Board of Trustees proposed executing a “Think Mundelein First” marketing and communication campaign to help local businesses recover as quickly as possible. The Board operated from the premise that supporting local businesses through a community-wide marketing campaign is the best way to assist the largest number of businesses, empower entrepreneurs, to support the local economy, and to facilitate a path forward for the business owners,” explained Steve Lentz, Mayor.

“The primary goal of this coordinated, comprehensive, and ongoing buy local campaign aims to alter residents’ behavior and become more deliberate about choosing local, independently owned businesses first, thus improving customer loyalty, sales, and the local economy,” he added.

“We understand the devastating impact that this pandemic has had on our businesses and families, and we want to do everything we can to ease their financial and emotional burden,” Mayor Steve Lentz said in a release. “We hope that this relief program gives residents and business owners one less thing to worry about in a time that has caused all of us significant anxiety and concern.”



“*We stand Mundelein Strong with our restaurants!*”

“We know our restaurant and bar owners are among those who have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis and they have been adapting to COVID-19 restrictions since earlier this year and the colder weather will bring additional challenges for outdoor seating. We want to do everything we possibly can to help all our businesses get to the other side of this crisis. This grant program is just one example of our efforts.”

—Steve Lentz, Mayor

MUNDELEIN LAUNCHES STARS ON PARADE PUBLIC ART CAMPAIGN

SPECIAL THANKS to the
Mundelein Arts Commission
and to the talented artists
who created these works of art!
You make Mundelein PROUD!

By Cindy Lesperance

Sponsored by CARSTAR Mundelein



Location 6 - Hawley Lake Plaza

Birds of Lake County

By Linda Doyia



Location 8 - Near Park Street Parking Lot

Diversity

By Colleen Schippers-Margolis
Sponsored by Dawn Abernathy



Location 7 - Near Park Street Mural

Alice in Wonderland

By Talia Zaviatov



Location 13 - Near Ace Hardware

Fish Tank

By Shawn Killackey
Sponsored by Village of Mundelein Staff
In Memory of Lyndie Maloy



Location 11 - Village Hall

By Zoe Trahan



Location 14 - Near Dragon Star

Starry Night

By Alison Pearl



Location 2 - Near La Luz

VOLUNTEER @ Mundelein CERT

By Kimberly Immerhausen-Kelly
GARDEN DWELLINGS



Location 5 - Near Ron's Hobbies

Mundy Proud

By Mundelein LGBT Alliance and Allies



Location 4 - Near Tony Cannoli

We Are All Made of Stardust

By Stacey Kalmanovsky



Location 9 - Near Azteca

The Legacy Effect

By Samantha Daab
Sponsored by The Old Number One
Preservation Committee



Location 3 - SE Corner of Lake/Park

Live and Explorari!

By Melissa Ramer and Betsy Andersen



Location 10 - Near Karina's Bakery

Our Start: Postcards from
Mundelein's Past

By Sara-Jane Schaub-Sinclair
Sponsored by Dawn Abernathy



Location 12 - Near Mauri's

Mundelinkster

By Lake Street Tattoo and Piercing
Sponsored by Lake Street Tattoo and Piercing



Location 1 - South of Luke's

Mundelein Arts Commission to Create "Doors of Mundelein" Poster Collage

To celebrate creativity and the arts in all forms, the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) is pleased to announce its next community arts initiative, "Doors of Mundelein."

"We want to feature your festive front doors and stoops and plan to create a poster collage to showcase the 'Doors of Mundelein'. Whether your entryway is decorated for the season, is unique or ornate, or is just plain interesting to look at, it could be included on the poster art for the community to enjoy," explains Stan Kirschner, MAC Member.

The submission period is open now through January 4, 2021, and may feature Halloween/Autumn themes, Winter/Holiday themes, and non-seasonal or non-decorated doors. Any residence or business located in Mundelein qualifies. If your doorway is selected by the MAC, a photographer will visit to take a photo that will be used in the collage (all final photos are taken by one photographer for consistency). There are no cash prizes, but owners of featured doorways will receive three free copies of the poster.

To participate, take a photo of your doorway and send it either: 1) via Facebook Messenger to the Mundelein Arts Commission page; or 2) via email to cmalec@mundelein.org. Please include the address of the door, your name, contact number, and email address. By submitting your photo, you are acknowledging that the MAC may use an image of your door in the published poster. Address numbers can be edited out of the poster by request.



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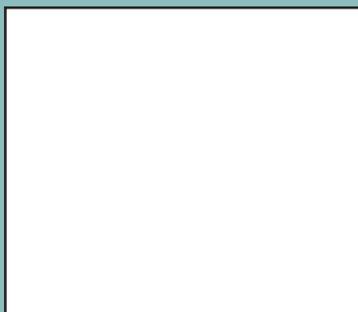
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Former Police Chief Named New Village Administrator

In July, 2020, the Mundelein Board of Trustees approved Mayor Steve Lentz's appointment of Eric J. Guenther as the new Village Administrator making him the third village administrator over a 45-year period. He assumed this position effective August 3, 2020.

"This is a historic evening for us," Mayor Steve Lentz said at the meeting. "The Village Administrator is really the most important hire a municipality can make . . . That person is at the top of the organization and with a lot of responsibility." Four months ago, the Village of Mundelein hired GOV HR recruitment firm to assist with the search process for a new Village Administrator. 59 applicants from across the country applied for the position. GOV HR presented the Board of Trustees with 14 candidates. The Board narrowed this group down to 7 candidates for "video" interviews. Following the video interviews, the pool narrowed to 4 candidates for in-person interviews.

"In just 8 years, Eric Guenther has distinguished himself at the local, state, and national levels through his leadership and innovative thinking. Last year, he was named 'Chief of the Year' by the Illinois Chiefs of Police and then the American Medical Association awarded Eric the prestigious 'Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Public Service' for his work with the 'A Way Out' Program. I am very pleased that he decided to pursue the Village Administrator position. Eric knows Mundelein's issues and people. He is intelligent, an excellent communicator, and a gifted leader who works well with people. We know Eric to be honest, ethical, and well respected by our employees and his peers. He will make an excellent Village Administrator for our community," said Mayor Lentz.

"The search process for our new Village Administrator spanned nationally and we had many qualified candidates apply. It was a rigorous vetting process and I applaud the Trustees for their diligence and engagement. Thanks to their careful assessment of each candidate, our community can have great confidence in this decision," Mayor Lentz added.

"In his new role as Village Administrator, Eric's proven leadership, effective project management skills, strategic thinking, and the respect he garners in the community and with staff, will certainly help Mundelein continue to grow and thrive. His commitment to Mundelein and his passion for executing Mundelein's strategic vision will be immediately apparent," said Trustee Ray Semple.

"I am honored to have been selected as Mundelein's new Village Administrator. I feel confident that my leadership and organizational skills will benefit the community. This position has similarities to the police department role from the standpoint of managing projects,

managing personnel, and making sound financial decisions. I am looking forward to working closely with the Mayor and Board of Trustees and the Villages management team to achieve Mundelein's short and long-term strategic goals. I have intimate knowledge of the Village and I believe the continuity I bring to this position will serve the Village well. I am grateful to John Lobaito for his leadership which will certainly help me keep Mundelein on its positive trajectory," Eric Guenther said.



Eric's primary focus areas in the first several months of his tenure include:

- o Enhancing technology
- o Community development
- o Leadership development/Sustainability
- o Intergovernmental partnerships
- o Short term-Covid-19 response and long-term fiscal stability
- o Strategic Planning

Guenther joined the Mundelein Police Department in September 1995. He has served as Deputy Chief, Commander, Sergeant, Criminal Investigator, and Patrol Officer. Eric has demonstrated his noteworthy leadership and management acumen with the launch of the nationally-renowned and award-winning, "A Way Out" program—an initiative that provides a pathway for Opioid addiction that focuses on treatment as opposed to prosecution. He has also spearheaded the Latino Police Academy, led the 911 consolidation with 3 communities, and directed the process to equip all Lake County law enforcement officers with the lifesaving, anti-opioid drug, Naloxone.

Eric earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Criminal Justice-Law and a Master of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in Public Safety Administration. He attended the 204th session of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and the 242nd Session of the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, Virginia. He also attended the 51st Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Mundelein Fire Department Awarded Innovative Risk Management Award



In recognition of the Mundelein Fire Department's proactive safety response to the Coronavirus pandemic, Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) recently awarded the department with the Innovative Risk Management Award for its use of a new and revolutionary Aerapy device in the fire house to combat COVID-19 in the bunk room.

"IRMA approached us in March when the pandemic began and offered to sanitize our ambulances and those of our neighbors in the county. They visited us on three consecutive Mondays to sanitize over 25 ambulances each day. During these visits, I began asking questions about UV-C technology and inquired about their other products," explains Darren Brents, Deputy Chief, MFD.

"They showed me the Zone360 device that can be installed at the ceiling level to sanitize the air. We had focused much of our attention on surface cleaning and had not yet addressed air quality. In talking to IRMA representatives, we learned the importance of addressing both the air and surfaces," he continued.

"Our Foreign Fire Tax Board agreed to purchase one unit for each bunk room at our two stations. The units run 24/7 and sanitize the air in the enclosed bunk rooms where the viral load is highest (five people sleeping in proximity). The goal was to address the current pandemic while providing a long-term solution to the seasonal flu, allergies, and such. These devices kill organic pathogens 99.99% of the time and on the first pass through the machine without creating ozone. Scientific studies validated these findings. I'm very pleased that the Foreign Fire Tax Board just approved the purchase

of an additional four devices for use in our public classrooms at Station 1," Brents said.

The MFD shared its positive experience with IRMA regarding this new technology resulting in IRMA conducting virtual meetings with IRMA members from across the state so they could hear first-hand how this product works. Members enthusiastically responded to the product resulting in a 10% product discount. IRMA is recognizing the MFD's role in facilitating this collaboration.

"My conversations with Darren about the use of the new Aerapy device in the fire house to combat COVID-19 in the bunk room spurred such momentum here at IRMA, leading to a very successful webinar with Aerapy and furthering our partnership with Aerapy which currently includes discounted pricing for the membership on their devices. Due to this collaboration we are pleased to award the Mundelein Fire Department with the IRMA Award (Innovative Risk Management Award)," said Jennifer Swahlstedt, ARM, Director of Risk Management & Training with IRMA in a letter.

Annually, IRMA awards one of its members with this award to an organization that has demonstrated an ability to mitigate a new or emerging risk within their organization either with innovative technology or development of a program that other members could emulate in their own organizations. Examples of past recipients included Bartlett Police Department for use of an embedded psychologist in the department for their mental wellness program and River Forest Fire Department for use geofencing to mitigate auto accidents.

Mundelein's 2021 Fiscal Year Budget Impacted by Pandemic

The Mundelein Board of Trustees recently approved the Fiscal Year 2021 \$63.6 million budget, a \$10.3 million or 14% decrease from the FY2020 budget of \$73.9 million. The General Corporate Fund has budgeted revenues of \$26.95 million and budgeted expenditures of \$26.95 million, a 2% decrease from the prior year. Anticipated total revenue is \$52 million. The Board approved a reduction in the Village property tax rate from \$1.53 to \$1.48 per \$1,000 estimated assessed value (EAV).

The FY2021 Budget allocates \$23 million for Village-wide capital improvement projects, including completion of the new public works and engineering facilities, \$10 million downtown Western Slope subdivision flood mitigation improvements, Route 176 multi-use path, and nearly \$5 million on street improvements. Funds are also budgeted for \$75,000 to the Business Incentive Grant (BIG) program,

and a \$100,000 investment in a comprehensive "Think Mundelein First" campaign reminding people to shop and think local first. Mundelein's water/sewer rates remain unchanged. The new fiscal year began May 1, 2020.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted Mundelein's budget and bottom line. The loss of tax revenue will make it very challenging for us to accomplish our goals, but we have a plan for a viable path forward. I am pleased with the budget we've approved and I'm looking forward to a productive year in terms of infrastructure improvements and economic development," said Steve Lentz, Mayor.

To view the FY2021 Budget, please visit Mundelein's website, www.mundelein.org and click "Budget."

MUNDELEIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

SHELDON WOODS–PULTE DEVELOPMENT

(187 single-family homes): Pulte Home Company. As part of the development, Pulte proposes to subdivide a 2.92-acre commercial lot along Schank Avenue to be retained by the seller for future commercial development. A breakdown of the project’s land uses is generally as follows:

- o Residential Lots–36.59 acres
- o Commercial Lot–2.92 acres
- o Park Lot–8.85 acres
- o Storm/Open Space/Buffer–36.05 acres
- o Right of Way–16.25 acres



THE CROSSINGS OF MUNDELEIN–LENNAR

182 Townhouse Units–on approximately 40 acres of land and featuring numerous wetland and open space amenities. Models of the townhouses are now open.

HOUSING IN MUNDELEIN

The prices in Mundelein have been steadily improving as the housing quality improves. We can attribute Mundelein’s improved outlook to new investment in the community that is finally producing results, community amenities actively marketed, and reinvestment into existing housing stock.

Mundelein continues to approve new housing units to add to the variety of housing opportunities in the Village. Since 2007, the Village has introduced in construction and approvals 1,400 new housing units (50% from Grand Dominion).

We have seen this residential growth and evolution in a variety of types of housing units such as single-family, townhouses, apartments, and senior housing. Mundelein remains committed to pursuing a wide range of housing options to meet the needs of the changing demographics.

Thanks to a progressive thinking Board of Trustees and our talented team of support staff, Mundelein continues to encourage new opportunities in the community by improving the review processes, streamlining permits, and removing barriers with antiquated zoning and impact fees. We are poised to welcome developments that meet the needs of our current and future residents through diversity.

This housing philosophy is demonstrated by the projects we have under construction or projects that are ready to come online (Maple Hill is finalizing last few homes, Lennar is under construction, Pulte and DR Horton have concepts under review, Cardinal Square is coming to the Board this fall for 2 of the buildings that were conceptualized in 2005, and a few additional projects Downtown are under review for entitlements.)

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Burial of overhead utility burial in Downtown Staff is finalizing a cost analysis with ComEd to develop a preliminary estimate for the relocation of utilities related to proposed development and enhancements to the Downtown. Additionally, the Village has strived to improve the gateway signs at the entrances of the Village, install new planters and plantings, and introduce additional public art (Stars on Parade).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village has been keeping a close watch on development trends and future needs of the Village. To this point, Mundelein’s Comprehensive Plan is being updated. The plan focuses on areas for future residential, the contracting Commercial Development Market (and how to repurpose those sites), and areas for additional industry.

CARDINAL SQUARE

(Apartments and Condos) (Building A–**COMPLETE**–84 units, Building C–**COMPLETE**–65 units, **PROPOSED**: D1 and D2–90 units per building)

Cardinal Square was the first project approved by the Village Board after the adoption of the 2004 Transit-Oriented Development Plan (TOD). The approved project, under developer Teng, consisted of a total of nine buildings and over 500 units. The multi-family residential project fit the vision and recommendations of the TOD to revitalize and redevelop the Downtown, specifically the area around the train station. The 13-acre site was previously known as the Greenhill Property and consisted of six (6) industrial buildings that had been vacant since the late 1990's.



VENTURE ONE REAL ESTATE, INC.

Construction underway on a 195,000 square foot industrial spec building at 1300 Allanson Road.

STORMWATER MITIGATION PROJECT

Mundelein's Stormwater Mitigation project is currently underway. The Board of Trustees prioritized the need for this project due to impacts from the flooding that occurred July of 2017.

Since the approval of the Redevelopment Agreement in April 2020, the following has transpired:

- o Award contract for Stormwater Project construction
- o Land transaction for US Music Site and Village Public Works & Engineering
- o Demolition of structures at US Music site
- o Easements acquired for stormwater project
- o Construction activity on Division Street, Kracklauer Park, and Seymour Avenue
- o Design of Park (Courtland Commons) west of the stormwater basin, but still on the US Music site
- o Negotiations to move the private residential project forward
- o Submittal for grants–hopefully to offset some of the costs

OAK CREEK PLAZA

The Oak Creek Plaza property (approximately 36.3 acres) has a long history that has resulted in several years of vacancy:



National homebuilder, D.R. Horton, proposes a mixed residential development that incorporates 16 small-lot single-family homes and 175 townhouse units. As part of the development, D.R. Horton proposes to relocate the parking for X-Factor Trampoline by dedicating 2.0 acres of land south of the business. A breakdown of the project's land uses is as follows:

- o Small Lot Single-Family
- o Townhouses (175 Units)
- o Detention/Open Space/Park
- o Commercial Parking (for X-Factor Trampoline)
- o Access Roads

Other details regarding the Oak Creek Plaza Site:

- o Temporary Parking for Amazon through the end of the year with a six-month extension.
- o A proposed TIF District is under consideration for the Townline Road area. A Draft Feasibility Analysis was presented to the Board. Further parcels are being considered for inclusion that will go into the Draft Feasibility Analysis. If pursued, there will be several public meetings and other statutory requirements that will occur to establish the district. Oak Creek Plaza is one area within the area of consideration.

Revamped and Refurbished Mundelein Heritage Museum Now Open

Fans of Mundelein's unique history will surely appreciate the refurbished Mundelein Heritage Museum. The former 1920s-era Soo Line railroad depot at 601 Noel Drive, just east of Route 45 near downtown, has been closed for renovations and updates, but it is now OPEN from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday and from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through December, with group tours available by appointment. During the coronavirus pandemic, face masks are required, and no more than 10 people will be allowed in at a time.

The facility, owned by the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, opened in 1983 as Fort Hill Museum. The museum was formerly run by longtime museum curator and president of the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country, Dorothy "Dottie" Watson, until she died nearly two years ago.

The museum features all things Mundelein including information about people and activities from about 1900 to the 1970s. There are new exhibits on pioneers, one-room schools of Fremont Township, memorabilia from iconic local businesses, military displays from World War I and II, and displays dedicated to the five names of the village (Mechanics Grove, Holcomb, Rockefeller, Area and Mundelein).

The Mundelein Historical Commission members have reorganized, and updated displays as needed, refocused on the history of Mundelein, and added a display room for rotating exhibits. We are very pleased with all of the changes, and we are excited about reopening the museum to the public," Ron Salski, Mundelein Park District Executive Director.

Last fall, commissioners and volunteers began cleaning, reorganizing the archives, taking inventory and cataloging



thousands of items—among other details—to refresh the building and displays.

"We've been very busy organizing, updating, and it has been a labor of love. The response we have received from the community since reopening has been very positive and gratifying. We hope many more people stop by to learn more about Mundelein's history and the stories behind the story," said Mike Flynn, Historical Commission Chairman.

Residents interested in owning a piece of Mundelein history can buy a brick from the former Hawley Street village hall for \$5.

The commission always is looking for volunteers to do research, be docents or help archive material, Flynn said. Visit the historical commission section at www.mundelein.org.

Message From the Mayor (cont).

Special Message from the Mayor Video

In my latest "Message from the Mayor" video, I address the history of Mundelein's downtown redevelopment—revealing the strategic steps taken over the course of more 15 years—to create a sense of place in Mundelein's downtown. Please take a moment to tune in! The link to the video is on the Village website under "Mayor's Video."

Topics Include:

- o Transit Oriented Development
- o Creation of two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts
- o Deindustrialization of the Downtown
- o Flood Mitigation Efforts
- o Moving Public Works and Engineering facilities from the Downtown, consolidating to one facility
- o Mundelein's Vision for the Downtown

Restaurant Grant Program

To help our restaurants amid the coronavirus pandemic, the Village Board approved a business grant program that will help restaurants prepare for outdoor winter and spring dining with funds up to \$5,000. The grant will help businesses purchase tents, heating equipment, chairs, tables, and other gear to help make outdoor dining a viable option for the upcoming winter. This program is in response to restaurants and bars navigating reduced capacities for indoor dining, thus increasing the need for an outdoor option. We know our restaurant and bar owners are among those who have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis and we hope this program will provide some relief.

Please join me in celebrating the New Year with a refreshed sense of hope and optimism.

Steve Lentz
Mayor

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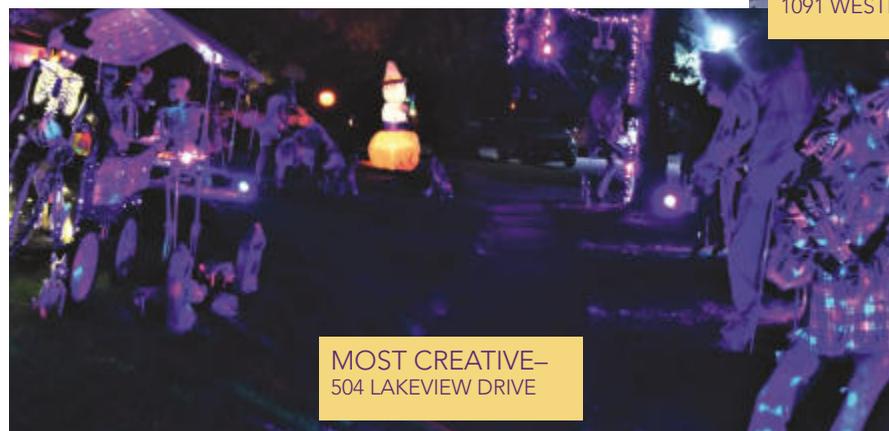
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Congratulations to Mundelein's Halloween Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Mundelein's First Annual Halloween Decorating Contest! Special thanks to all the Mundelein residents who participated in this contest by nominating their homes for consideration and many thanks to all the residents who placed their votes. We had 27 homes submitted and more than 1,000 votes cast.

Please start thinking about new ideas for next year, as the Mundelein Community Connection in partnership with the Village of Mundelein, plans to host this fun contest again for Halloween 2021! This is a great community builder and a nice way to share your Mundelein pride.

The three contest winners received a collection of Mundelein spirit items, a \$50 SHOP LOCAL gift card, and community recognition for their creativity! Please join Mayor Lentz, the Board of Trustees, and Mundelein Community Connection in congratulating and celebrating our winners!



Important Reminder Regarding Mundelein Business Registrations

To give Mundelein businesses support during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village of Mundelein previously extended the deadline for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 business registrations from April 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020. To this point, all Fiscal Year 2019-2020 business registrations are now expired.

To provide some relief to the business community, a late payment penalty fee will NOT be imposed for businesses who register for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 after November 1, 2020. It should be noted, however, that Fiscal Year

2020-2021 business registrations must be submitted to the Village prior to April 30, 2021. For those businesses that still need to register for the current fiscal year, please complete a Business Registration Application and submit it to the Village. The annual fee for each business registration is \$25. For those renewing their business registration at the Village Hall in person, staff can access your record and verbally verify your contact information to avoid the need to fill out a form again.

Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades

MPD Launches New Resident Welcome Program

The Mundelein Police Department has initiated a new program in which police administration and the beat officer assigned to a specific part of the community will introduce themselves to new residents (both owners and renters) in an effort to build relationships. It is important to the MPD that residents' first contact with the Police Department be a positive one. During the visit, Mundelein police officers will briefly introduce themselves, provide information about the MPD programs/resources and leave contact information for the resident in the event they need police services. These introductions now take place every weekend.

Toys for Tots

The Village of Mundelein Village Hall, Mundelein Police Department, and the Mundelein Fire Department all will be drop off points for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots annual toy drive. Unwrapped new toys can be brought to all these sites until December 16, 2020.

MGN Lock and Key—A Loyal Mundelein Business Partner for Five Decades

In the summer issue of the Mundelein Insider, we featured news on an exciting downtown residential development, "Hawley-Prospect" property—a proposed 45 to 50-unit affordable senior housing apartment building. While this is great news for Mundelein's downtown redevelopment, this announcement

caused some confusion regarding an important and popular longtime business, MGN Lock and Key. Please note—MGN Lock and Key is NOT closing and when the development breaks ground, we are thrilled to report that MGN Lock and Key plans to stay in Mundelein and relocate in the community. MGN Lock and Key has been a business partner in the Mundelein community for over 50 years. This full-service locksmith agency provides rekey, lockout, and repair services remotely and in shop. They can generate keys for antique furniture, machines, and much more. Plus, they sell a variety of home safes. Thank you MGN Lock and Key for calling Mundelein "home" for 5 decades! You make us Mundelein Proud!

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Trustees Considering Creating New Taxing District to Promote Southside Redevelopment

At a recent Board Meeting, Trustees discussed the possibility of creating a special taxing district to help fund public improvements on the commercial property along the south side of Townline Road -- also known as Route 60 -- between Route 60/83 and Butterfield Road. This area is a high-traffic commercial zone. The biggest single property in the zone is the 42-acre Oak Creek Plaza shopping center, which is on the south side of Route 60 just east of Route 45. However, approval of a tax increment financing (TIF) district for the area would take time and input from the public and government agencies that would be financially impacted by the plan.



Redeveloping the shopping center has been a primary goal for Mundelein. Although some free-standing restaurants near the front of the plaza operate, the center's contiguous storefronts have stood vacant for years. Developer D.R.Horton presented a preliminary concept plan to build single family houses and townhouses on the plaza site, but the proposal is not yet finalized.

Village Trustees think a TIF district could encourage activity there and to the west, where Elly's Pancake House, Empire Buffet, Prestige Auto Spa and other businesses operate.

In a TIF district, tax revenue generated by a property's increasing value or new development is diverted to a fund that pays for land purchases, infrastructure improvements and other projects.

TIF districts legally can last 23 years or longer. To qualify for TIF status, properties must legally qualify as blighted.

Mayor Steve Lentz spoke in favor of the concept. "There's a need for great investments in public improvements there," he said.

Mundelein Fire Department Endorses 10-Year Battery Smoke Detectors

Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have working smoke detectors. Sadly, in 2019 there were 91 deaths due to residential fires in Illinois and 71% of those deaths occurred in homes that did not have working smoke detectors. Illinois has changed their smoke detector law which now requires residents who have smoke detectors that are not hard-wired and are battery operated only to replace these units with 10-year battery sealed units by January 1, 2023. The Mundelein Fire Department encourages residents to take a proactive approach to this problem by replacing all smoke detectors within your home that are battery operated only with these new 10-year sealed battery units. The most significant benefit to you and your family is that you will have a working smoke detector when needed. You will also have a 10-year window without having to replace batteries, which can cost \$40-60 over a 10-year span. If you have hard wired smoke detectors in your home or have a low voltage system that has detectors with battery back-up, then you should continue changing your batteries once a year. You can find these 10-Year detectors at any hardware store.

Take Note— Village Reminders—Notes—Accolades (cont.)

Call for Ideas...Suggestions... Input to Assist Mundelein Businesses Amid Pandemic

As we collectively react to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a great desire to give our community as much support and as many advantages as possible. While the Village continues to actively research and assess opportunities and possibilities for recovery, we want to leave no stone unturned. We will try to think of every way we can to secure Mundelein's future. To this point, we are seeking any and all creative ideas, great examples, or professional research that the Village or our businesses in all industries (office, warehousing, manufacturing, service, retail, hospitality, and food service) could use to combat the many challenges presented by COVID-19. Specifically, if you have ideas, suggestions, or experience with effective winterized, outdoor dining setups; air filtration or ventilation systems; or other proven tactics that the Village should consider, please share your ideas with us by sending an email to planning@mundelein.org with a subject line of COMBAT COVID IDEAS. Together we will be #MundeleinStrong!

Village of Mundelein's Board of Trustees Meeting...Listen, Comment, Engage

Mundelein's regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting take place every other Monday night beginning at 7 p.m. Residents can listen to the meeting live from the comfort of their home or watch the meeting from your computer, tablet, or phone via the link below. During the Public Commentary, residents can submit their comments via info@mundelein.org, call 571-317-3122 to address the Board live during the meeting, or you can text to 224-360-9156. Please put "Public Commentary" in the subject line. The meeting access code is 503-261-661 and no audio pin is required. Comments received during

the meeting, but after the public commentary portion has ended, will be provided to the Village Board after the meeting.

Home Address Numbers— An Important Reminder

In an emergency, the Mundelein Fire Department uses computer locating technology to identify residents' homes. Properly installed address numbers greatly assist first responders to locate homes. Mundelein follows the International Building Code which states that "numbers will be of Arabic type and not spelled out. Each character shall be a minimum of 4" in height with ½" minimum stroke width." If numbers cannot be seen during the day (and especially at night) those numbers most certainly will not be able to be seen at night. Please make sure you have the proper numbers mounted on the house facing the main road to your home and keep all vegetation cleared of these numbers. We do not want a delay in response time in an emergency.

The Crossings of Mundelein— New Townhome Subdivision NOW UNDERWAY!

Construction is currently underway on units being readied for 2021 move-ins. The Lennar Corporation is a prominent national homebuilder and has begun construction of a new 182-unit townhome subdivision called "The Crossings" of Mundelein. The development is located on 40-acres along Route 83, north of the Mundelein Crossings Shopping Center, and will include varying size configurations and an attractive mix of front and rear-facing garage designs. Units will come equipped with fully appointed kitchens, smart home automation technology, modern floorplans, and many other premium finishes at no additional cost to buyers. With 27 acres of pathways, natural and common

areas, the subdivision provides ample opportunity for future residents to enjoy a lower maintenance lifestyle in a natural setting. The price point is a range from upper \$200,000 to mid \$300,000. Inquire today!

MPD Reminds Residents to Secure Valuables

The Mundelein Police Department encourages residents to be mindful of important security measures to be taken in neighborhoods, homes, and automobiles. Residents must be diligent to lock their cars, garages, and residences. Do not leave laptops, cell phones, and other expensive equipment in your automobile which would be visible to the passerby. 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.

Community Development Director Inducted Into Professional Organization

Mundelein's Community Development Director, Amanda Orenchuk, recently was inducted into Lambda Alpha International which has members from many parts of the world who have distinguished themselves in all of the various disciplines and activities that relate to the use and re-use of land. The membership is by invitation only. Current members in good standing nominate individuals who have extensive experience (at least 10 years) in the fields of land economics, architecture, engineering, real estate, planning, government, academia, real estate, land use and zoning law, and the like. Additionally, to be accepted into Ely Chapter membership, individuals must have a demonstrated commitment to community through public service contributions. Congratulations, Amanda!

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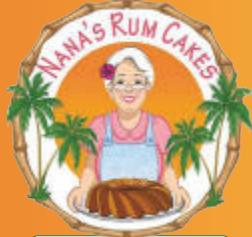
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