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Message From the Mayor

Annual Review 2020-2021

I am pleased to present Mundelein’s Annual Review of Key Accomplishments and Highlights. It’s important to reflect on our accomplishments, but I trust everyone is more interested in looking forward considering the challenges we’ve all navigated together over the past 12 months. In addition to our key accomplishments update, here are a few items I’d like to share with you.

Stormwater Mitigation Project Update

We are nearly 80% complete on Mundelein’s \$10 million-dollar flood mitigation project. We’ve replaced the old US Music factory on Courtland Street with a detention pond that will incorporate a park and will anchor the south end of downtown. The final phases of the project include installing a stormwater culvert under Route 45. This phase of the project requires, Route 45 to be reduced to one lane in both directions South of Division St. and North of Crystal St. This will be a lane closure only. Route 45 will remain open for the duration of the project, which will be completed in early fall, 2021.

Cardinal Square Building Three

TRES Development, LLC broke ground on a 180-unit market-rate, luxury apartment complex. TRES’s Cardinal Square Development is a master-planned community of nine mid-rise buildings, of which two have been constructed to-date. The new building is being built at 250 Anthony Avenue on the southwest corner of McKinley and Anthony Avenues. A new pedestrian bridge is simultaneously being constructed by the Village of Mundelein

providing Cardinal Square residents and surrounding communities with direct access to the Village Square, Metra Station, and restaurants.



Community Events

We are awaiting (with GREAT anticipation) the Governor’s guidelines on community gatherings. As of this moment, we are in the planning stages for all our community events, so that when we receive word, we will be ready to move forward and welcome everyone to gather and celebrate! We will provide status updates via our website, newsletter, and social media. Also, we are thrilled to announce that Mundelein has been selected as a host site for the prestigious Intelligentsia Bike Race in July, 2021. Complete details to follow.

Downtown Mundelein Residential Projects

Five downtown residential projects, increasing the number of households in the downtown by 400-600, are in various stages of the development process. The projects incorporate several new housing types, and we are very pleased that the developers have selected Mundelein for their projects. I will keep you updated on the status of each of these projects in upcoming issues of the Mundelein Insider.

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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

VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN 2020 KEY SUCCESSES & YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Mayor Steve Lentz and the Board of Trustees are pleased to present the Village of Mundelein’s 2020 Annual Accomplishments Report. This overview is just one way the Village strives to enhance transparency by providing information about our priorities and objectives and work produced during the past year. Every project accomplishment is focused on providing increased value to our residents by identifying internal improvements that have the potential to make our operations more efficient and stronger. There are many exciting accomplishments detailed in this report.

Many of the successes were made possible through careful planning. Innovation and creative thinking are the keys to our successes and those innovations are helping to shape the future of our Village. We will continue to engage and empower our employees as we work as one team, with one purpose, working diligently every day to provide effective governance for Mundelein residents and businesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The purpose of Mundelein’s Economic Development Commission (EDC) is to attract business and industry to the Village and serve as an advisory body to the Village Board on matters related to the business community.

Highlights:

- Business Appreciation Breakfast attended by 150+ and over 90 businesses in February 2020.
- Conducted 200+ wellness check phone calls and in person meet ups with Mundelein businesses from April-May. The purpose of these calls was to: investigate how businesses were fairing during the pandemic, what assistance they needed, direct them to available resources, and reassure them of the Village’s commitment to support local businesses.
- Participated in the ad hoc committee for Park Street.

Gold Star Business Awards Program—an initiative spearheaded by the EDC, recognizes Mundelein businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community or have achieved notable success in their industry. The businesses selected exemplify Mundelein’s entrepreneurial and welcoming spirit.

2020 Honorees:

- Prime Beef
- Center for Wellness
- AREA Coffee
- Dziadus Development

Continual evaluations of the global pandemic impact on businesses led to exploration of possible Village assistance.

These efforts contributed to:

- Park Street outdoor dining
- Buy Local campaign
- Holiday gift card reward program
- Shop Mundelein signs
- Grants

COVID-19 KEY BUSINESS SUPPORT INITIATIVES

- Expedited COVID-19 permits (outdoor dining, signage, PPE, etc.).
- Relief from temporary sign permit standards (open signs, curbside pick-ups, etc.).
- Suspended water billing late payment penalties and water disconnections until April 30, 2021.
- Waived permit fees and certain requirements for temporary outdoor dining.)
- Restaurant Takeout Contact List Webpage.
- Free Village–owned picnic table rentals for restaurants with outdoor dining.
- Business assistance resources webpage.
- Winter Outdoor Dining Grant Program—up to \$5,000 reimbursable for outdoor dining set ups.
- Utility Grant Program for businesses
- Waived 2020-21 licensing fees for: liquor licenses, pawnbrokers, pet shops, taxis, tobacco, video gaming, and others.
- Waived late fees for 2020-21 Annual Business Registration (business registration is \$25/year for all businesses).
- Made In Mundelein—Let’s Support Local Campaign

PROCLAMATIONS

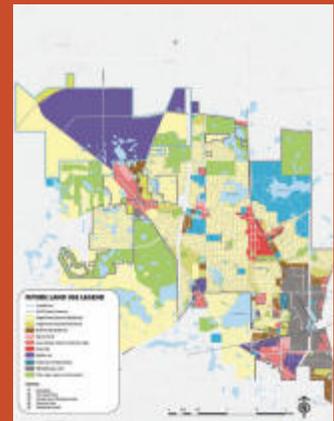
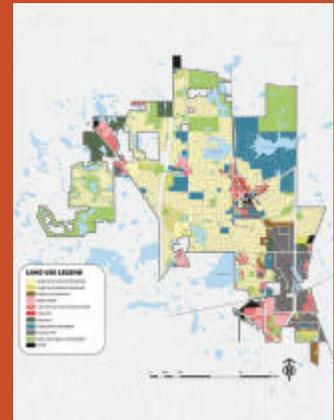
- Kim Radoy—November 9, 2020
- Margaret Resnick—September 14, 2020
- Mae Reeves—August 24, 2020
- John Lobaito—August 24, 2020
- CCHS Girl’s Gymnastics Team—August 10, 2020
- Matthew Pawlowski—July 27, 2020
- Marc Hergott—May 11, 2020
- Gary Wilson—February 24, 2020
- Mike Castiglione—February 10, 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Community Development is charged with administration of ordinances and policies relating to zoning, land use, and economic development within the Village. As such, planning staff guides the Village's orderly development by applying the current zoning codes, facilitating development, implementing community plans, and preserving natural resources. Staff members within the Department provide technical and administrative staff support to the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Economic Development Commission, Mundelein Arts Commission, Zoning Administrator, various other Village Departments, and community groups.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Adopted new Comprehensive Plan—a strategy document that directs short and long-term community development activities.
- Redevelopment Agreement for the Public Works property (440 East Crystal Street) and 444 East Courtland Street adopted in early 2020, Intergovernmental Agreement entered with Highland Park to accept restrictive covenants, and closings occurred for both properties.
- Demolition of US Music building to make way for extensive stormwater mitigation project.
- Final homes under construction at Maple Hill.
- Transitional Care opened and former Winchester House patients transferred to facility. 93,000 square foot facility; 185 beds across three specialty wings.
- The Crossings of Mundelein, Lennar townhouse project, under construction. 182 Townhouse Units.
- Chipotle opening-Renovated former Arby's restaurant.
- Initiated Courtland Park construction drawings.
- Residential Design Guidelines drafts reviewed.
- Initiated work to consider Oak Creek/Townline TIF IV, including draft eligibility report, draft redevelopment plan and project, and initial meetings with taxing bodies.
- The Old Village Hall property buildout nearly complete—New two-story commercial structure providing 23,000 square feet of leasable space for retail, restaurant, or office space.
- Venture One began construction of 195,000 square foot industrial building at 1300 Allanson Road.
- Cardinal Square redevelopment agreement amended and restated, buildings D1 and D2 received conceptual approvals. Earth change in progress for building D1.
- Sheldon Woods amendment to the Rubloff/Mundelein Town Center Annexation Agreement was approved by the Village Board.
- Assisted businesses with outdoor dining opportunities during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Initiated work on a new public special event—Intelligentsia Cup Bike Race.



ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MADE IN MUNDELEIN...LET'S SUPPORT LOCAL CAMPAIGN

The multi-platform media campaign is intended to be a catalyst that brings the community together and creates a sense of pride in the goods and services that are made here and goes beyond reminding people to shop local: **it is a celebration of the hands and hearts that make Mundelein the unique community we have all grown to love.**

The Trustees wanted to find a way to aid as many businesses as possible. The campaign theme was intentionally created to be simple, yet broad reaching. This results in opportunities for businesses and residents to engage in the campaign on an ongoing basis. Central to the campaign: encouraging neighbors and community to support one another. **The website reads:** "So, when we talk about supporting local, we really mean that everything we do, and all you do, supports your neighbor, your friend and your community. It makes us better— together. Made in Mundelein. Made for You."

The importance of the campaign messaging remains critically important: that we should support our local businesses at every opportunity, we are all in this together, and there is no better time than now to alter our spending habits in favor of helping our local businesses get through this tough time.

To learn more or to get involved directly in the campaign, be sure to visit our website (www.madeinmundelein.org) and follow us on Facebook (@MundeleinIL) and Instagram (@Mundelein_IL). If your business has a great story to tell, an upcoming promotion, or want to inform the public of the great things you make here in town, please be sure to reach out to us on our website or email BuyLocal@Mundelein.org.

VIDEOS

- Downtown Long-term Vision—A Look Back...A Look Forward
- Stars on Parade
- Made In Mundelein



HUMAN RESOURCES

- Implemented a robust Human Capital Management (HCM) solution as an efficient and effective measure to record employee time, complete payroll processing, manage human resource functions and improve employee engagement.
- Implemented an innovative solution to Mundelein's recruiting, onboarding, and employee performance evaluation processes.
- Managed the hiring process for the new Village Administrator and Chief of Police, in addition to adding 5 dispatchers from the North Chicago consolidation, a new Utility Supervisor, a Project Manager in Engineering and a new Telecommunications Supervisor.
- Implemented COVID-19 strategies Village-wide to assure the safety and welfare of our employees and the public.
- Finalized the Mundelein Firefighters IAFF 4786 Collective Bargaining Agreement (May 2020), settling grievances, an unfair labor practice charge, reinstating the Lieutenants to 6, and adding a 7G agreement for fire inspection services.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Transitioned Village staff to work from home during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Set up and operated remote Village Board, commission, and committee meetings through GoToMeeting software.
- Transitioned Village employee mobile phone accounts to AT&T FirstNet, a high-speed wireless communications platform dedicated to first responders and those that support their vital efforts.
- Combining and migrating technology from Public Works Complexes 1, 2, and 3 to the new Public Works Facility.
- Supported dispatch consolidation with the Village and City of North Chicago.
- Conducted research to facilitate the adoption of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System to replace the Village's legacy financial and permitting software's.
- **Help Desk Work Orders Completed: 1,352**



GRANTS

■ BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT (BIG) PROGRAM

FYE 2020 Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program Recipients—**9 Recipients**

- o Super 8 Motel
- o 83 Landscape Supply, Inc.
- o International Equipment Trading LLC
- o Chiropractor
- o Southbranch Investments
- o Hinwood Inc.
- o JRT Enterprises dba Emil's Pizza
- o The Clinic Mundelein dba Rise Dispensary
- o 888 Tower Road

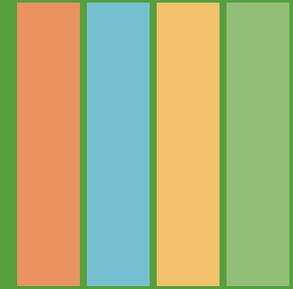
\$73,498 of BIG funds were approved in FYE 2020. These grants have assisted in an overall investment into the community of \$153,776.

FYE 2021 Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program Recipients to date

- o 605-625 Midlothian Road
- o A Salon
- o Nana's Rum Cakes
- o New Dragon Star
- o Townline Dental Care

\$30,547 of BIG funds have been approved in FYE 2021. These grants have assisted in an overall investment into the community of \$218,234.

■ **BIG Program SINCE INCEPTION**—Mundelein's Business Incentive Grant (BIG) Program continues to exceed expectations. The Board of Trustees approved this program in 2015, budgeting \$100,000, increasing to \$125,000, then decreasing for FYE19, FYE20, and FYE21 to \$75,000. Since the program's inception, 54 businesses have received BIG Program funds. The Village of Mundelein has awarded \$423,672 in BIG Program grants, bringing the combined investment to over \$3 million dollars (\$3,000,659) since 2015.



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MUNDELEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Named 39th Safest City in America by Neighborhood Scout
- Continued the A Way-Out Program-the program provides a pathway to end the cycle of substance abuse.
- Received VOCA grant funding to employ a Police Social Worker with an emphasis on providing support to victims of crime.
- Continued to expand the role of the social worker position to focus on victims of crimes and chronic mental health issues.
- Initiated use of the National Use of Force reporting system.
- Officers received a total of 4,003 hours of training.
- All patrol officers have been trained in State-mandated mental health awareness.
- The Mundelein Communications Center is staffed 24/7 with a minimum of 3 dispatchers. Dispatchers answered 16,800 911 emergency calls and 48,441 non-emergency calls. These telephone calls generated 67,078 police calls for service and 6,480 fire calls-for-service. MPD dispatchers are Emergency Medical Dispatch certified to provide pre-arrival basic medical care instructions to callers requesting an ambulance.
- Investigations department was assigned 108 cases of those 11 remain open, 4 were suspended/closed, 76 were closed exceptionally, 17 were closed with an arrest.
- Officer William Guenther was nominated and assigned as Secretary of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigator and will be assigned to the Board for two years.
- **Mundelein Latino Citizen Police Academy**—Due to overwhelming response, the MPD continues to host two sessions per year of the to better serve the community.
- **Code Enforcement**—55 calls started and only 41 ended as a code enforcement complaint.
- Initiated the **Dispatch Services Agreement** with the City of North Chicago in June. This agreement will generate \$575,000 in revenue the first year.
- Entered the third year of the Dispatch Service Agreement with the Village of Winthrop Harbor. This agreement will generate \$143,000 in revenue for year three.
- Implemented Priority Dispatch software for emergency medical dispatch service.



GRANTS

- Completed checks on tobacco sales to minors at all establishments licensed to sell tobacco in the Village. Costs offset by a \$1,760 grant from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.
- Justice Assistance Grant—Bulletproof Vest Partnership—\$6,867.50
- Target Corporation—Shop with a Cop—\$5,000.00
- DAS Charitable Fund Grant for the K-9 Unit—\$8,000.00
- VOCA Grant—Social Worker—\$94,980.00
- VOCA Grant—Social Worker for 2021—\$68,246.00
- IRMA—Body Worn Camera Storage Grant—\$10,000.00
- IRMA—Ballistic Protective Equipment Grant—\$1,400.00
- IRMA—Injury Prevention Grant—\$1,700
- IRMA—Reaccreditation Grant—\$3,500.00
- School Violence Prevention Grant—\$87,566.00
- Illinois Distracted Driver Grant—\$3,600.00
- NICASA Grant for Liquor Compliance Checks—\$4,400.00
- 911 Consolidation Grant—\$147,708.20
- ICJIA—Law Enforcement Partnership for Deflection and Substance Abuse Treatment—\$60,000.00
- America in Bloom and CN EcoConnexions “From the Ground Up” Grant Award (\$25,000). Grant is to beautify the Route 45 railroad overpass just north of Route 60 with trees, shrubs, and flowers. The grant award matches up to \$25,000.
- Census Grant (\$15,000) from the Illinois Department of Human Services and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 7th CALEA Accreditation
- Donated all MPD unclaimed bikes to Chicago-based, “Working Bikes.”

RECORDS—BY THE NUMBERS

- Data entry of 520 arrest reports, 3,705 case reports, and 657 crash reports.
- Audit of 9,241 Traffic, Non-Traffic, and Warning Violations
- 1,121 Ordinance Violations
- 261 Concealed Carry applications
- 381 Freedom of Information requests
- 32 expungements
- 351 Background checks
- Data entry of false alarm information and processing false alarm notifications and invoices.
- Assisted 3,577 walk-in customers during records business hours.

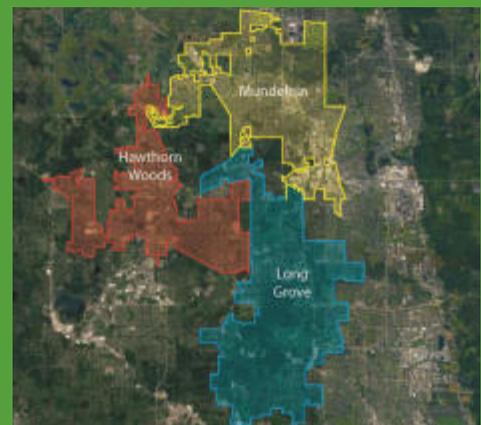
MUNDELEIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to 3,723 fire and EMS-related incidents.
- Treated and transported 1,452 patients to local hospitals.
- Treated and released 643 patients.
- Responded to 31 fires in Mundelein: 11 building fires resulting in a loss of \$592,500. The other 20 fires included 2 passenger vehicle fires, 3 cooking fires, and 15 other types of fires. These fires resulted in a property loss of \$20,000.
- Initiated a new response protocol to staff reserve ambulances at each station with the remaining engine company personnel. Since implementation, MFD has responded to an additional 333 ambulance calls.
- Completed Fire Station Location Analysis evaluating need for a possible third fire station.
- Renewed the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Countryside Fire Protection District.
- Purchased a new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) utilizing a grant received in the amount of \$229,090.
- Received funding for a new station alerting system. Installation is currently underway.
- Established a strategic stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Village of Mundelein.
- Blood Drive–In conjunction with Vitalant, hosted 3 blood drives at Mundelein Fire Station 1-155 pints were collected, 465 lives saved.
- During the months of March-May performed 319 birthday drive by's for local children.



BUILDING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintained minor permit turnaround time to 3.36 average days to approval with a 75% success rate for the 5-day or less permit turnaround, even with following COVID protocols. Maintained 5-day or less permit turnaround timeframe of 4.72 days for all permit submittals, minor and major.
- Performed 2,804 inspections in Mundelein, 1,915 in Hawthorn Woods, and 1,282 in Long Grove, totaling 6,001 inspections for the year.
- Performed 1,590 plan reviews for Mundelein, 98 for Hawthorn Woods and 191 for Long Grove.
- Received 907 complaints which resulted in 3,616 actions toward compliance by the Building Department.
- Filled vacant plumbing inspector position to assist with additional workload.
- Aided in the fast-track completion of the Transitional Care project at the request of the State as it was being considered for a COVID patient facility.
- Completed the plan review process, aided in the technical design and overall completion of the new Public Works complex.
- Completed the plan review process and issued a foundation only permit for the new Cardinal Square D1 and Annex building.
- To accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions and procedures, the Building and Customer Service Departments transformed the entire permit submittal, review, and issuance process, shifting from a large-scale paper-only process to a largely electronic process. This electronic service also was provided to Hawthorn Woods and Long Grove.
- Implemented virtual building and plumbing inspection process. This enabled the Building Department to provide crucial support to builders, developers, and residents while keeping the building trades moving forward and still following the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Building Staff aided Administration in the Alan Josephsen Company relocation project.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Due to the pandemic, nearly all of Mundelein’s community events were cancelled. We look forward to hosting events as soon as our public health officials deem it safe to gather.

- **National Night Out** Hosted a coloring contest where residents colored a “block party” coloring page. Amazon Mundelein donated Kindle tablets as prizes for the winners in the different age categories.
- **Holiday Help Program**—In partnership with Mundelein High School and the Chapel, team distributed over 130 donated turkeys and bags of groceries to Mundelein families in need.
- **Veterans Coat Drive**
- U.S. Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” participant.
- **Shop with a Cop-virtual event.** Partnered with Mundelein High School and the Chapel to help Mundelein children in need. The program helped a total of 350 children, we pledged to help 100 kids or \$10,000.00 this year. Received business and resident donations totaling \$3,800.00.
- **Mayor’s Cup STEM Challenge**—Adapted the successful Mayor’s Cup Math Challenge to the Mayor’s Cup STEM Challenge which incorporates a separate engineering competition in addition to the long-standing math competition. Awarded more than \$5,500 in business-funded scholarships to 74 student winners. This is the seventh year to host this event.
- **MPRD Boo Bash and Doggie Trick or Treat**—Secured giveaway items for both events-Doggie Bandanas (small and large) and children’s face masks.
- **Farmers Market**—24 vendors per week.
- **Halloween Online Decorating Contest**
- **Holiday Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony**
- **Drive-Through Santa’s Cottage**
- **Holiday Online Decorating Contest**
- **Letters to Santa Campaign**—Nearly 500 letters received and responses sent
- **Mundelein Stand-Up**—Active participant in this student-led community outreach program that works cooperatively with students and volunteers to reduce teen consumption of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.



SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **Website Redesign**—Entered into an agreement with Granicus to redesign, host, and maintain Mundelein’s Village website. Launched new site.
- **GIS Map Gallery**—Created “Address Look-Up” page
- **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System**
- **Police Chief Recruitment Brochure**
- **Heritage Museum Grand Reopening**—display case signage, brochure, promotional articles
- **Strategic Planning**—a strategy document that helps to direct long-term planning. The plan reflects the input of the community.
- **Park Street Environment/Long-term Vision**
- **Census 2020 Campaign**—Mundelein reached a final self-response rate of 79.8%. The national self-response rate was 67% and the Illinois self-response rate was 71.4%
- **Shop Local Holiday Gift Card Promotion in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission**
- **COVID-19 Informational Campaign and Website Subsite**
- **Greater Lake County Residents Guide**—Print Ad
- **Kracklauer Park New Entrance Sign**—Initiated the discussion with MPRD about a possible new sign for Mundelein’s premier park.
- **Lake County Mainstreet Realtors**—Mayor Lentz addressed upcoming Mundelein projects, COVID-19 update.



MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION

Stars on Parade

Installed a series of 14 "Stars on Parade" fiberglass sculptures throughout Downtown Mundelein, which were all decorated by local artists. A local business, CARSTAR Mundelein applied the protective topcoat.

Campaign Outcomes: created many small "landmarks" that have become destinations within Downtown Mundelein, fostered community pride, increased logo/branding recognition, and brought some joy to residents suffering the effects of the global pandemic. Based on the success of the project, the MAC hopes to expand upon this project in the future.

Santa's Cottage and "Car"-oling

Provided musical entertainment to drivers during the socially distanced Santa's Cottage via a short-wave radio transmission. All entertainment performed by local talent. The MAC also hosted a "Car"-oling event, which used the same technology to broadcast a holiday-themed singalong caroling experience for families while staying socially distanced inside of their cars. All talent was pre-recorded and locally sourced.

Open Mic Nights (Not Hosted During 2020 Due to COVID-19)

The Open Mic Nights have proven highly successful and there is typically a waiting list for performers who wish to sign-up. The Open Mic Nights will be rebranded in 2021 as "Talent Showcase Nights" to better reflect the nature of the event.

Writing Contests

The MAC hosted its 5th contest in 2020 and published a "Winter 2020" edition of "Mundelein Writes." The writing theme was, "Isolation." The MAC hosts writing contests, winners of which are recognized at a Village Board meeting, receive a cash prize, and are published in a high-quality printed edition of "Mundelein Writes." The "Mundelein Writes" publications are distributed at no cost at the Village Hall. The contest provides valuable opportunities for students and local writers to receive recognition that can be listed on resumes, college applications, Linked In and the like.

Photo Contests

The 2020 theme was "Capture the Moment." The MAC began hosting the annual "This is Mundelein" photo contest in 2018. Winners are recognized at a Village Board meeting, receive a cash prize, and have their photos displayed at the Village Hall. The contest provides valuable opportunities for students and local photographers to receive recognition that can be listed on resumes, portfolios, college applications, and the like. The MAC plans to continue hosting this contest annually, with a rotating theme each year.



MAC FUTURE PLANS AND KEY INITIATIVES

Artist of the Month—Begin featuring local artists on the MAC Facebook page in a "Local Artist of the Month" post.

Art Displays and Pop-Up Galleries—the MAC has budgeted funds to purchase display panels to set up temporary artwork displays. The MAC wishes to explore recognition opportunities for local artists, such as "pop-up" art galleries in the Village Hall, Library, Metra Station, and other key locations throughout the Village.

Artist Inventory—With the launch of Mundelein's new website, the MAC plans to create an online local "Artist Inventory Directory"—a longtime goal since the group's founding in 2016.

Mural—MAC exploring commissioning and installation of a second public mural, site to be determined.

Stars on Parade—Due to the overwhelming positive reaction to this public art project, the MAC hopes to expand this exhibit in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

■ ADMINISTRATION/ENGINEERING

- o Construction of the new Public Works and Engineering Facility--project delivered under budget with the facility fully operational as of October 2020.
- o Western Slope Flood Mitigation underway; construction complete in fall 2021.
- o Updated 10-year capital maintenance plan for all publicly owned facilities, including Metra and Archer Business Center.
- o Continued to implement Park Street improvements adding new, contemporary planters.

■ FACILITY MAINTENANCE

- o Addressed major foundation issue in the Archer Business Center with installation of a leak containment membrane, interior drain tile, and sump pump alarm system
- o Replaced three (3) roof top HVAC units at Archer Business Center
- o Completed kitchen remodeling at Police Station dispatch center

■ VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- o Fuel Management-Reinforced anti-idling strategies along with other staff educational measures to realize a 6% reduction in unleaded fuel usage and a 19% reduction in cost through continued use of efficient purchasing models.
- o Fleet analysis continued to find efficiencies by consolidating an additional dump truck, saving the Village more than \$225,000 in the outlying replacement year.

■ STREET MAINTENANCE

- o FY2021 Joint Resurfacing and Street and Infrastructure Improvements completed
- o Maple Avenue Multi-Use Path-complete; restoration warranty work to be completed in spring 2021
- o FY2022 Street Improvement Program and the McKinley Avenue Pedestrian Overpass-out to bid first quarter-2021. Construction to begin in the spring and late summer, respectively.
- o Resurfaced nearly two miles of Village roads through the supplemental capital program in the Cambridge Country North Unit 3 neighborhood. In addition to this resurfacing, staff completed 36,500 linear feet of crack sealing, 24,219 linear feet of pavement marking, 10,569 square feet of sidewalk replacement and 259 linear feet of curb restoration during FY2021.
- o Trimmed 83 parkway trees.

■ WATER

- o Cited ZERO violations on 2020 Water Quality Report; the Village has never received a violation on level of contamination.
- o Maintained total unbilled water at 4.1%, far surpassing the IEPA requirement and industry standard.
- o Painted Route 83 water tower and updated Village logo on elevated storage tank.

■ WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

- o Treated over 1.28 billion gallons of wastewater during FY2020
- o Scanned 48 miles of sanitary sewer to evaluate pipe condition
- o Cleaned 9 miles of sanitary sewer, removing deposits, debris, and root intrusion
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FYE22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ANNEXATIONS

- Seek developers to consider projects for the Adamski Property, located at the northeast corner of Midlothian Road and Route 60/83.
- Update materials highlighting 290 Townline Road/Adi Mor Property behind Garden Fresh Market, as a potential industrial site to assist with needed space for business attraction and expansion.
- Coordinate with property owners on potential annexation opportunities in the northwestern area of the Village near Mundelein Crossings, SAIA, Route 83, and Winchester Road.

DEVELOPMENT

- Finalize the Redevelopment Agreement of the properties located at 538 Morris (Bradco Lumber Yard)/101 East Maple (Josephsen Recycling).
- Village approved a Redevelopment Agreement for property that includes the former Public Works Facility. The Village will work with the Developer to continue efforts to construct the anticipated housing units for the site.
- Staff will actively engage the property owner, broker, and potential tenants to consider the opportunity of located at 440 East Hawley Street, former Village Hall.
- Oak Creek Plaza Redevelopment Agreement
- Construction Sheldon Woods–New Pulte Home development

PLANNING

- Create Residential Reinvestment Program
- Reuse plans for former Facility Maintenance and Water Division

BEAUTIFICATION, BRANDING, AND OUTREACH

- Courtland Park enhancements in conjunction with stormwater project
- Park Street enhancements

NEW BUSINESSES

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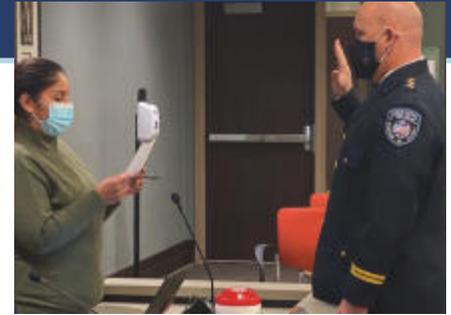
Mundelein Board of Trustees Appoint New Police Chief

At recent Board Meeting, the Mundelein Board of Trustees appointed John Monahan to the position of Police Chief of the Mundelein Police Department effective immediately. With oversight from the Village Administrator, Eric Guenther, Chief Monahan will manage daily operations of the police department including patrol, traffic, training, and investigative functions. He will also prepare and oversee an operational budget of \$11,296,345 and manage the MPD public education programs, community engagement activities, and contract negotiations.

Chief Monahan has served with the Mundelein Police Department since 1996, and he has been a member of the command staff since 2003. He was appointed Deputy Chief in 2011 after serving in roles as Commander from 2009 to 2011 and Sergeant from 2003 to 2009. Deputy Chief Monahan was designated as a "certified eligible police chief" by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police in September of 2019. Chief Monahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Ball State University.

"Chief Monahan has been a dedicated team member with the Village of Mundelein for over two decades. He has

proven to be a strong and capable leader and he has our complete confidence that he will continue to excel in his new position as Police Chief," said Mayor Steve Lentz.



"I am very pleased to congratulate our new Police Chief, John Monahan, on his well-earned appointment. During his tenure with the Village, John has risen through the ranks serving as Deputy Chief for the last nine years. I feel confident that Chief Monahan's leadership skills and steadfast work ethic will help the Mundelein Police Department continue to thrive," said Eric Guenther, Village Administrator.

At the Board Meeting, there was a ceremonial swearing in by Village Clerk Sol Cabachuela including the pinning of his new badge by his wife, Mary Pat. By Ordinance, the Police Chief appointment is made by the Mayor with the consent of the Board of Trustees.

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Community Development Department	949-3282
Director Amanda Orenchuk	
Customer Service Office	949-3283
Finance Department	
Director Doug Haywood.....	949-3246
Water Billing	949-3245
Public Works/Engineering Department	
Director Adam Boeche	949-3270
Police Department	
Police Chief John Monahan	
Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency & TTY	968-4600
Fire Department	
Fire Chief Bill Lark	
Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	949-3260
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An Opportunity to Serve— Mundelein Announces 2021 Commission Openings and Expiring Terms

Mundelein residents who are interested in getting more involved with the community are encouraged to consider applying for the Village of Mundelein’s 2021 Commission openings. Here is a list of expiring terms and specific openings.

Terms Expiring on April 30, 2021:

- Board of Fire and Police Commission—One Opening
- Fire Pension Board—One Opening
- Mundelein Economic Development Commission—Two Openings
- Mundelein Arts Commission—Four Openings
- Mundelein Community Days Commission—Three Openings
- Historical Commission—Three Openings
- Planning and Zoning Commission—Two Openings—Two Openings
- Police Pension Board—One Opening

Current Open Positions:

- Economic Development Commission—One Opening
- Mundelein Arts Commission—One Opening
- Old Number One—One Opening

These volunteer positions provide residents with the opportunity to give back to their community and work with a team of like-minded professionals. To find out more about the function, membership, and meeting information for each Commission, and to submit your application, please visit www.mundelein.org/government/boards-and-commissions.

Positions remain open until filled.

Mayor’s Message (cont.)

Park Street Enhancements

The Park Street closure proved to be a silver lining to the extensive COVID-19 disruptions over the past year. Most Mundelein residents expressed their interest in creating a gathering space in our Downtown. Over the next few months, we will make incremental changes to this area including the seasonal closure of Park Street and other enhancement to this space. Our goal is to create a welcoming environment that draws residents to the downtown.

Made In Mundelein Campaign

To encourage residents to support local businesses, we recently launched the “Made In Mundelein. Made For You.” shop local campaign. The multi-platform campaign showcases Mundelein as an original maker’s place, using the tagline, “Made for you, Mundelein” and the Spanish translation, “Hecho Para Ti, Mundelein.” The campaign consists of a web site, social media, digital marketing, print, signage, and Village-wide communications including e-newsletters, print newsletters, web and more. We intend this to be a catalyst that brings the community together and creates a sense of pride in the goods and services that are made here.

Election Day April 6

Please remember to vote in the upcoming April 6 election. Three new Trustees will be chosen in this election, so let your voices be heard.

Wishing you and your families good health and a happy Spring.

Mayor Steve Lentz

Take Note— Village Reminders–Notes–Accolades

Mundelein Trustees Find Ways to Support Businesses Amid Pandemic

COVID-19 The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to many Mundelein businesses. In response, the Board of Trustees implemented several initiatives to try and help businesses. These include:

- Expedited COVID-19 permits including outdoor dining, signage, and PPE.
- Relief from temporary sign permit standards including open signs, curbside pick-ups, and the like.
- Suspended water billing late payment penalties and water disconnections.
- Waived permit fees for temporary outdoor dining.
- Offered Village-owned picnic table rentals free of charge.
- Created handy business assistance resources webpage for easy reference.
- Created restaurant contact page to encourage residents to support restaurants by ordering take-out.
- Winterize Outdoor Dining Grant Program—up to \$5,000 reimbursable for outdoor dining set ups.
- Utility Grant Program
- Waived 2020-21 licensing fees for: liquor licenses, pawnbrokers, pet shops, taxis, tobacco, video gaming, and others
- Waived late fees for 2020-21 Annual Business Registration (business registration is \$25/year for all businesses)
- Created “Made for You, Mundelein” business campaign to encourage residents to think local and shop local.

Sign-Up Today for Blackboard Connect

Mundelein implemented Blackboard Connect to connect with residents in the event of an emergency, road closure, or community event. Using

Blackboard Connect, officials can record and send personalized voice messages to home phones, businesses, local agencies, and mobile phones in just minutes. The service also sends email, text messages (SMS) to mobile phones and posts on Facebook, RSS feeds and Twitter channels. Messages can also be sent to TTY/TDD devices for people who are hearing impaired.

Publicly available primary residential and business phones in Mundelein are automatically included in the system. However, to ensure the Village of Mundelein has the most up-to-date contact information, including cell phone numbers and email addresses, residents should visit the Mundelein website (www.mundelein.org) and click on the link that says, “SIGN UP NOW – SERVICES BY BLACKBOARD CONNECT,” and provide their complete contact information. Users should also manage their message preferences by indicating their preferred mode of contact, language, and message topics. Those without Internet access are encouraged to call (847) 949-3200 to provide their current information. Residents with call blocking services should add (847) 949-3200 to their approved number list to ensure they receive important notifications from the city.

For more information about Blackboard Connect, please visit <http://www.blackboard.com/connect>.

Lake County Dental Hygiene Clinic Offers Low Cost Dental Care

As always, the dental hygiene clinic at the Lakeshore campus in Waukegan offers free screening appointments and complete dental hygiene services for only \$15. Teeth cleanings, X-rays, fluoride application, and sealants are among the many routine services offered. This is open to the public.

Tax Season Approaching—Beware of Scammers, Cyber Thieves

Scammers and cyber thieves continue to use the IRS as bait. The most common tax scams are phone calls and emails from thieves who pretend to be from the IRS. Scammers use the IRS name, logo, fake employee names and badge numbers to try to steal money and identities from taxpayers.

Taxpayers need to be wary of phone calls or automated messages from someone who claims to be from the IRS. Often, these criminals will say taxpayers owe money and demand payment right away. Other times, scammers will lie to taxpayers and say they are due a refund. The thieves ask for bank account information over the phone. The IRS warns taxpayers not to fall for these scams.

Below are several tips that will help filers avoid becoming a scam victim. IRS employees will not:

- Call demanding an immediate payment. The IRS will not call taxpayers if they owe taxes without first sending a bill in the mail.
- Demand payment without allowing taxpayers to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Demand that taxpayers pay their taxes in a specific way, such as with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to contact local police or similar agencies to arrest taxpayers for non-payment of taxes.
- Threaten legal action, such as a lawsuit.

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