

EAST DUNDEE'S HOMETOWN

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WE'RE NOT DONE YET: FORGING AHEAD IN 2016

During this season, it is only natural to look forward to the new year and new opportunities. We already have accomplished many things in East Dundee, but we have many priorities that still need to be achieved. While I would like to get everything done in four short years, we've had a steep hill to climb. Thankfully, with the support of a great Village Board that knows how to work together and the best staff ever, I believe that this year we will get even more done than in previous years.

Here are some of the things that I believe we will accomplish this year.

A NEW GROCERY STORE

We have initiated actions that I feel confident will result in the successful purchase and redevelopment of the empty River Valley Square shopping center, complete with a grocery store.

A REPLACEMENT FOR WALMART

We have been working with several large retailers that are interested in occupying the WalMart building and I'm optimistic that we will fill that space as WalMart leaves in the next 16 months.

311 BARRINGTON WILL BE BUILT

This building and its tenants will bring an exciting component to our downtown and fits in perfectly with our plan of mixed-use and residential over retail. We are expecting occupancy in late summer.

306-308 RIVER STREET DEVELOPMENT

The empty lots between Aliano's and Piece-A-Cake Bakery have been sold to a developer who intends to fill the gap with a mixed-use building.

PARKING

We will be adding 120 spots downtown with plans for an additional 100+. Yes, we still need more, but that's a good problem. It wasn't that long ago that parking was never an issue.

A FUELING STATION/TRUCK STOP

We have plans for an exciting development located east on Route 72 for an operation that would greatly increase the Village's revenue. I anticipate it will be built or at least be fully engineered this year. The project includes a fueling station and convenience stores, with future additions of restaurants and a hotel.

VILLAGE HALL

Construction was delayed due to a reprioritization of funds, but I'm hoping to start this project late this year or as soon as funding permits. Remember, no property tax dollars will be used.

There are so many more projects we are working on, but for now these are our priorities. Please remember that every economic development win enhances the Village's financial future and builds a better community with jobs, investment and opportunities—that means a brighter future for East Dundee. Please support your local businesses—our small business owners are the backbone of America.

—Your Village President,
Lael Miller

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VILLAGE UPDATES

HOME RULE PROVIDES BENEFITS TO TAXPAYERS

STABLE PROPERTY TAXES

In March 2004, the Village residents voted in Home Rule government for the Village of East Dundee. Home Rule allows our Village government to adopt any laws or forms of tax not specifically prohibited by state or federal laws. The Village Board of Trustees promoted the adoption of Home Rule by promising the electorate that the primary tax adopted by the Board would be a Home Rule sales tax used to provide free municipal waste (garbage) pick up for all Village residents, with the balance used only for capital improvements—thereby negating the need to use regular operating funds. Further, the Board promised to never use Home Rule powers to raise the property tax rate any higher than they could as a non-Home Rule village. The Village Board has kept its word for the last eleven years and in fact, once the village property tax levy was set at \$566,396 in 2012, the Board has frozen that figure for the last four years, keeping residents' property taxes stable.

WATER BILL SAVINGS

The Home Rule sales tax has resulted in about \$350,000 each year to fund the municipal waste program, saving every resident about \$250 a year in out-of-pocket expenses. Furthermore, each year since 2005, the Village Board has set aside between \$350,000 to \$700,000 in the water and sewer funds for infrastructure repairs and replacement. In a non-Home Rule setting, those expenses would have been factored into your water and sewer bills, saving an additional \$250 to \$500 per year for every home in the Village.

NO NEED TO BORROW MONEY

Additionally, the balance of Home Rule sales tax has been used for road repairs and to purchase new street equipment like snow plows and police squad cars. That fund also provides the Village a source of working cash eliminating the need to borrow money through tax anticipation warrants to pay daily operating expenses, saving residents the expense of paying bank interest.

ADDITIONAL REVENUES FROM NON-RESIDENTS

As a practice, the Village Board has only used Home Rule powers to create new fees or taxes that predominantly are paid by non-residents. An example of this is the Title Transfer Tax levied on licensed vehicles sold at wholesale. That tax is \$10 per vehicle and is almost exclusively paid for by non-resident auto dealerships that buy vehicles at the weekly auctions held by Insurance Auto Auction, Inc. This year that tax will bring in about \$100,000 with an anticipated growth to about \$250,000 per year over the next few years.

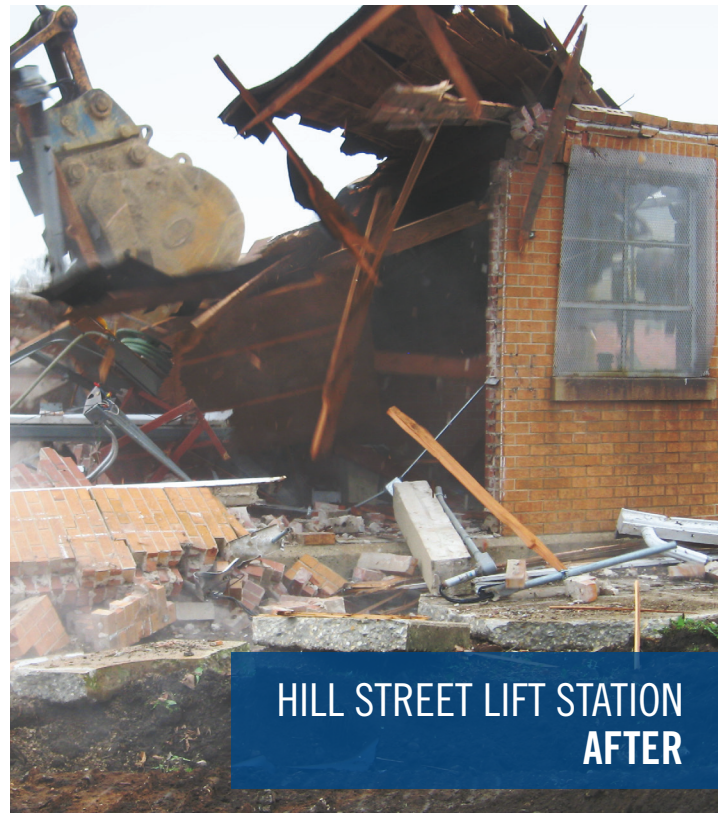
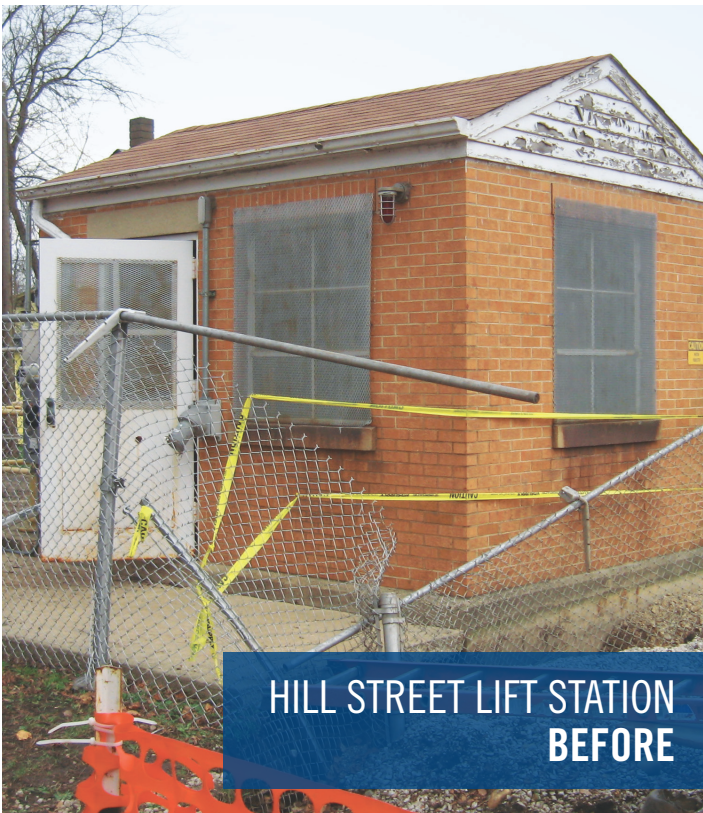
PROPERTY VALUES MAINTAINED

Home Rule powers have also allowed the Village to establish a rental inspection program to determine that all residential, commercial and industrial rental units are well maintained and meet minimum occupancy standards, keeping adjacent properties from depreciating in value.

DOWNTOWN TRUCK ROUTE

The Village Board recently established a new truck route in the Central Business District (CBD) that keeps trucks restricted to Barrington Avenue when traveling from Routes 72 and 68 to points north of the Village. Because the rebuilding of Railroad Street created a narrower turning radius onto River Street and a significant increase in pedestrian traffic in the CBD, the Village staff recommended that through truck traffic be banned from Van Buren, River, Railroad, Hill and Jackson Streets and south of Barrington Avenue from Water and Third Streets. In order to accommodate truck traffic turning at the Barrington and Third Street intersection, the turning radius was greatly expanded prior to the new route being put into place. However, trucks making deliveries in the CBD are still allowed to legally use the downtown streets if their final point of delivery is to a downtown business.





WATER AND SEWER RATES

Water utility rates have not been increased since March 2007 and sewer rates have not been increased since July 2010. This is due significantly because the water and sewer funds have been heavily subsidized by Home Rule sales tax and revenues from East Dundee's seven Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. While it would be nice to freeze water and sewer rates forever, or eliminate the charge altogether like the Village does for garbage removal, that is not practical nor can it be done under Illinois EPA regulations. The IEPA requires that a user fee must be levied on consumers of water and sewer utilities and that fee must have a component that reflects consumption volume. Of the fourteen communities surrounding East Dundee, only West Dundee provides free garbage removal. When water, sewer and garbage removal fees are taken into consideration, East Dundee is the lowest of all fifteen communities for an average consumer. Since East Dundee is a historic village incorporated in 1871, it should come as no surprise that some of our water lines are over 115 years old. Our consulting engineers have put together an aggressive capital replacement program to keep ahead of constant emergency repairs. In order to fund that program, the Village will be looking at modest rate increases as part of this year's budgeting process.

HILL STREET LIFT STATION

The old lift station had been pumping sewage and water from the Flats and the Downtown Business District to the Water Sewage Plant for over 50 years. Because of its age, parts could no longer be found for repairs that needed to be made. That coupled with plans to extend Hill Street, resulted in the old station being taken down and a new one being built underground in an adjacent lot, which was the final part in Phase I of the Renovation Plan for the Downtown District. With the removal of the lift station, Hill Street can now be fully extended into the downtown area. The street is projected to be opened by March 1.

POLICE STATION UPDATE

The newly-renovated Police Station is near completion. Formerly the home of the East Dundee Fire District Station, the new East Dundee Police Station will be a state-of-the-art facility meeting all state and federal regulations and safety specifications. The police department is currently being squeezed into 1,600 sq. ft. of the Village Hall but will be moving into the 12,000 sq. ft. rehabilitated building at the beginning of March. With a budget of just over \$3,000,000, the facility is being constructed with revenues from our seven Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts and Downtown Business Development District. A grand opening is planned for late spring.



COMMUNITY NEWS

RESIDENTIAL FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM RETURNS

Originally introduced in 2014, this program was created to help stabilize the village's residential property values that had dropped slightly over 40% since 2009. Fully funded by video gaming revenue, the program assists homeowners with a 50% matching grant up to \$5,000 for improvements made to their property. This could include such projects as roofing, window or shutter upgrades, exterior house painting and porch repairs. Homeowners would have to spend \$10,000 or more in improvements to be awarded the full amount of the grant.

Last year, video gaming revenues were withheld due to the budget impasse in Springfield. As of the new year, that money has now become available allowing the Village to honor any application that was already filed by homeowners for work done in 2015. Because of the amount budgeted for the program, the Village will accept 10 new applications for 2016. For applications, guidelines and more information on the program visit eastdundee.net or contact East Dundee's Economic Development Director, Doug Bergren, at 847-426-2822 x 6116.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COURSES

EAST DUNDEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Training classes in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Fire Extinguishers are available through the East Dundee Fire Protection District. Classes are held onsite for area businesses and organizations or the East Dundee Fire Protection District offices, 401 Dundee Avenue. Visit edfire.com or call 847-426-7521 x 4006 for more details.

HEARTSAVER CPR/AED

APRIL 14, JUNE 16 | 6 PM

NANO AND MICROBREWERIES NOW ALLOWED

The Village recently amended its zoning code to allow the operation of “nano” breweries and “micro” breweries in East Dundee’s business districts—the B-1, B-2 and B-3 zones in town. Essentially, both are establishments that brew beer and sell it for consumption on the same site with production limited to no more than 155,000 gallons per year for sales off premises. Emmett’s Tavern is a well-known microbrewery in West Dundee. Their batch of beer may run from 500 to 1,000 gallons at a time. A nano-brewery would make batches in the 100 to 200 gallons per batch range. Plans are in the works to locate a nano-brewery in the proposed 311 Building, which is a mixed-use building being built just north of the intersection of River Street and Barrington Avenue.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

As the weather improves you might be thinking about hitting the Bike Trail. Before you do here are some safety tips to keep in mind.

- Wear a helmet that fits snugly
- Wear light-colored or bright reflective clothing to be more visible to motorists
- Equip your bike with a front light and rear reflector if you ride at night
- Obey traffic signals and signs
- Ensure that small children sharing the ride also wear a helmet and are secured in a special seat behind the main bicycle seat
- Register your bicycle with the Police Department to aid police in the recovery and return of a stolen bicycle
- Use a bike path if available instead of the roadway

WINTER NUTRITION TIPS

Wintry days with bone-chilling temperatures, blankets of snow and limited daylight present challenges to all of us. During these frigid months it’s important for all of us to keep our body hydrated and nourished with a well-rounded diet. Here are some “must haves” to add to your daily routines.



LEAFY GREEN VEGETABLES



Choose antioxidant-rich, dark greens such as spinach, broccoli, kale and chard, and select yellow and orange vegetables including yams, carrots and squash.

CITRUS FRUITS



Oranges, lemons, grapefruit and limes are popular vitamin C-packed citrus fruits also rich in flavonoids that promote good HDL cholesterol.

PROTEIN



Eating protein sources at meals and snacks throughout the day helps with blood sugar and energy levels. Beyond red meat, seniors can vary protein sources with eggs, fish, dairy and nuts.

SOUPS AND STEWS



Adding vegetables, beans and lentils to stews and soups is an easy, inexpensive way to increase fiber and nutrients.

VITAMIN D



With less sunshine in winter, the body needs other sources of vitamin D to help absorb calcium and strengthen muscles, such as egg yolks, seafood, grains and fortified milk.



Tips provided by Right at Home, a leading provider of in-home care and assistance for older and disabled adults.

Right at Home
513 Main Street, West Dundee
847-396-9000

SPRING CLEANUP

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- Place in paper bag or 35-gallon container clearly marked YARD WASTE
- Container/bag weight should not exceed 50 pounds
- Branches bundled in groups no larger than 4 feet long and 2 feet wide

SHREDDING & E-CYCLING EVENT*

APRIL 16 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Limited to 3 boxes per person
Drive up-drop off: Public parking lot between Hill and Railroad Streets in downtown East Dundee

Residents: Free
Non-Residents: \$5 for Shredding
\$5 for E-Cycling

Proof of residency required.

**For a complete list of acceptable items, visit countyofkane.org.*

LEAF BURNING

APRIL 9-10, 23-24 | 10 AM - 6 PM

Burning leaves and other landscape waste materials is allowed on the dates above, weather permitting. Please burn only on days when winds are low so smoke irritation to your neighbors will be reduced.

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

MAY 13-14

Limited garage sale signs available at The Depot on River Street.

Sponsored by Kate and Dick Schumacher and Baird Warner Realty

PEOPLE TO KNOW



DOUG BERGREN
VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE

Economic Development Director, **Doug Bergren**, has helped reposition the economic development of East Dundee. To date, he has attracted eight new businesses and facilitated the expansion of numerous existing businesses. He has helped establish four TIFs and three BDDs that aid in business development and fund improvements to the village infrastructure. The successful Commercial Façade Program and Residential Façade Program are also a result of his efforts.

Bergren currently resides with his wife in Mount Carroll where he serves as an Alderman, City Council Liaison for the Historic Preservation Committee, President of the Mount Carroll Community Foundation and member of the Mount Carroll Historic Preservation Society. He also enjoys golfing in his free time.



KATHERINE HOLT
VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE

Katherine Holt has been the Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Assistant for nearly three years and is responsible for preparing the agenda and minutes for various Village Board of Trustee meetings as well as the Planning and Zoning Committee and newly established Dundee Foundation. She also maintains the legislative books and processes various legislation approved at village board meetings. She insures that this information as well as the agendas are posted on the Village website and gathers requested materials for the village administrator.

Holt grew up in Carpentersville and continues to reside in the area. She loves spending time with her daughter and granddaughter. She is an advocate of Animal Rescue Groups, an active motorcycle enthusiast and supporter of up and coming local bands.



STEPHANIE OLOFSON
OWNER OF ONYX STUDIO

Onyx Studio is the newest business to call East Dundee home. Located at 207 Barrington Avenue, right next to Scoo-B-Do's and The Measuring Cup Café, this cozy studio offers services ranging from nail care and facials to waxing and spray tanning. Owner **Stephanie Olofson**, trained nail technician and esthetician, grew up in the area and decided to open her business in East Dundee because she was drawn to the quaint downtown area and knew that her business belonged here.

Designed with an edgy urban feel, Onyx Studio provides a more personal, intimate setting than typical salons and spas. It is an appointment only establishment, specializing in personalized, thoughtful care.

facebook.com/OnyxStudioNails | 847-721-8513



TRICIA SAVIANO
OWNER OF ARTISTICOLGY

Artisticology owner, **Tricia Saviano**, moved her business from West Dundee to its present location at 1 E. Main Street in East Dundee last year. Artisticology offers art classes and workshops as well as open studio time for artists working in a wide range of media. Tricia is also a Registered Art Therapist (ATR) and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) providing art therapy for individuals and groups by appointment.

Artisticology has been a staunch supporter of community events in East Dundee by providing professionally created masks for the Masquerade Ball and hand-painted glasses for Wine Down Wednesdays, both held at the Depot during the summer.

artisticology.com | 847-707-4433

DUNDEE EVENTS



THOM MCNAMEE MEMORIAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

*Honoring the legacy of
Thom McNamee*

IRISH I WAS IN DUBlINDEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

FIREWORKS | 7:30 PM

North of Route 72 on the Fox River footbridge between East and West Dundee

Sponsored by Bandito Barney's

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

DUBlINDEE KILTED 5K | 8:30 AM

South of Haeger Potteries on Bike Path

Register online at dundeestpats.com

PRE-PARADE ACTIVITIES | 10 AM

At the Grandstand in front of the Depot

PARADE | 11 AM

Begins at Rosie O'Hare's, winds through downtown East Dundee and ends at Bandito Barney's

GET IN ON THE FUN

- **March in the parade**
- **Support the FISH & the FOX Fundraisers**
Purchase items or drop off non-perishable food items at designated locations
- **Compete in the Irish Rebel Door Competition**
Open to all homes along the parade route and all local businesses
- **Like us on Facebook at Thom McNamee Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade**
- **Apply to be one of five families competing for the family trophy in the parade**
Open to neighbors, groups or clubs



For applications and more details, visit dundeestpats.com

MARKETS REOPEN



DEPOT MARKET

**SATURDAYS
MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29**

8 AM - 2 PM



FARMERS MARKET

**SUNDAYS
MAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 25**

9 AM - 1 PM



Friends Revitalizing & Enhancing Dundee

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

FRED is the name of our group of volunteers who enjoy working together to make our community events a success. Our volunteers come in all sizes and shapes, ages and levels of experience—everyone is welcome. It's not only a great way to make new friends, but a way to give back to the community, and our FRED volunteers always have fun while doing it. But don't take our word for it. Read what they have to say.



I'm behind the desk at the Depot answering questions, greeting people and learning what's going to happen as the plans are being made. I feel so connected to the community and I love it.

—M. BOCAIN

I love volunteering at the events because I feel involved in the community. I've gotten to know people I would never have met otherwise.

—A. BAY



Now's the time to make good on that New Year's Resolution—get out, get involved and have some fun! Call 224-293-7101 for more info or drop by the Depot to fill out a form.



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East Dundee, IL 60118

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MEET YOUR TRUSTEES

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in the Village Hall Annex. They can be seen on Comcast's Public Access Channel 17 on Fridays at 9 pm. For more information, visit eastdundee.net.



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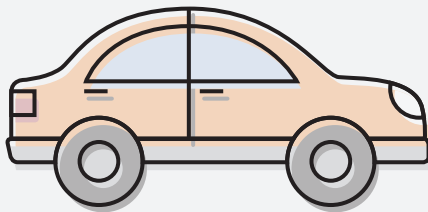
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ANY VEHICLE, ANY CONDITION**

Support the Dundee Foundation and donate any licensed vehicle. It's easy and fast to donate, and you'll receive a year-end tax deduction. The Vehicle Donation Program is offered in partnership with Insurance Auto Auction, Inc.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Are you someone who:

- Wants to make a difference?
- Sees the value of leaving a meaningful legacy?
- Understands what it means to provide for future generations?



For more information, visit discoverdundee.org or call Catherine Domagalski at 847-426-2822 x 6903.