

EAST DUNDEE'S HOMETOWN



WE'VE COME A LONG WAY!

The amount of activity and construction in the downtown area alone, is a good indication of our ability to continue to attract businesses and developers, but more importantly, investors. We compete with all the surrounding areas for development, and for them to choose East Dundee as the location to build their business, says quite a lot about their confidence in our Village and what we've accomplished.

Among the new projects underway are the buildings at 311 Barrington Avenue, at 110 River Street, and the new Aliano's Ristorante—all developed by different investment groups. Each of the buildings not only fit in with the look of our Downtown, but greatly enhance it with their design. Their developers have recognized the quality and character of what we have, and are competing to outdo each other when it comes to the look of their building.

In addition to these buildings, there are numerous businesses in the works. They aren't limited to the downtown area either. We have some amazing opportunities for development on both Routes 25 and 72 that will really benefit the Village. I think you'll be pleased to see the types of projects that we are now attracting.

As we finish off the current work such as the lift station, Hill Street Extension, removal of the power lines and a few others this year, we intend to move right into the next phase of building and development, although it's private investors doing the buildings. Rest assured, we continue to work on our Walmart, Dominick's and downtown parking issues.

It's such an exciting time to be here and be a part of this because we're building not just for us, but for future generations of East Dundee residents and businesses. Best of all, none of your tax dollars were

used to fund any of these projects. It is all paid for by commercial property tax within the TIF districts. We've attracted over \$10 million dollars of private development in the last two years and have \$7 million more already earmarked with these next buildings. It was great to present this information and listen to the concerns and questions of over 60 business owners and developers who attended our President's Lunch this past fall.

I'd say it's shaping up to be a good year. Next up? *Dickens in Dundee*, just a little cold weather and some of that white stuff. Next time you plan an evening out, try one of our local dining spots. Remember, by shopping and dining locally, the tax dollars stay here and so do the jobs.



**Your President,
Lael Miller**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Good News on the Local Economy

It's a good time to invest in real estate and retail ventures in East Dundee! For the fifth year in a row, sales tax collections are up month over month from the previous year and not by just a little. Over that five year period, sales of food, cars and general merchandise in East Dundee have increased an average of 9.3% every year. Collections in 2010 for the month of October were \$233,647. This year's October receipts grew to \$363,547. Sales tax is the top source of revenue for the Village from which we pay for streets, potable water, waste water treatment, police protection, building code enforcement and municipal waste collection. And the best part is that we calculated over 95% of those revenues come from people outside the Village.

This year, for the first time since 2008, the value of housing stock has increased. Between 2008 and 2014, the Rate Setting Equalized Assessed Value (which is essentially one-third of the fair market value of real estate) had fallen a jaw dropping 34.2%. In 2008, the "Rate Setting EAV" was at \$125,404,916. By last year, it had fallen to \$82,444,114. But between 2014 and this year, overall real estate values actually rose by \$5,455,063 to \$87,899,177; a healthy 6.6% increase.

Even better news is that the overall value of real estate in commercial and industrial properties rose from the 2014 level of \$16,062,783 to this year's level of \$17,742,602. A very healthy \$1,679,819 or 10.46%. It's a good time to own property in the Village of East Dundee.

And the BEST news is that the Village Board of Trustees has frozen our property tax levy at \$566,396 for the fourth straight year. While the Village comprises only about 2.5% of your total property tax bill, we realize that every little bit we can do to save our residents money helps.



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?

JOIN US!



Call Catherine Domagalski at
847-426-2822 x 6903

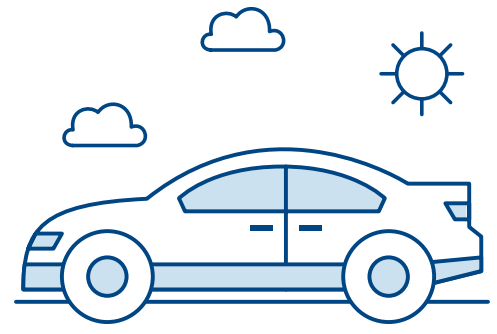
The Dundee Foundation Update

The Dundee Foundation (TDF) is up and operating and the fledgling organization is poised to become the primary sponsoring organization for many activities currently sponsored by local government such as *Motor Mondays*, *Tail Waggin' Tuesdays*, *Wine Down Wednesdays* and *Thirsty Thursdays*. The Dundee Foundation will not be limited to sponsoring social events but rather a variety of activities that benefit the greater Dundee area. To that end, the Board of Directors, with representatives from East Dundee, West Dundee and Sleepy Hollow, adopted the following mission statement: **"Enhancing the quality of life in the Dundee area through education, community events and programs."** Hoping that many of the activities will be multi-faceted, the first program TDF initiated was a partnership with Insurance Auto Auction, Inc. (IAAI). The program encourages area residents to donate their used vehicles to TDF in order to have IAAI auction them off for a small commission of the sale price. This benefits the environment by recycling a vehicle, gives the donor a valuable tax deduction and provides a source of revenue to TDF to carry out its mission. Additionally, TDF's Board of Directors opened up the Foundation's general membership to area residents who want to make the Dundee area a better place to live, work and prosper.

Donate Your Vehicle Today

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.

For more information, call Catherine Domagalski at 847-426-2822 x 6903.

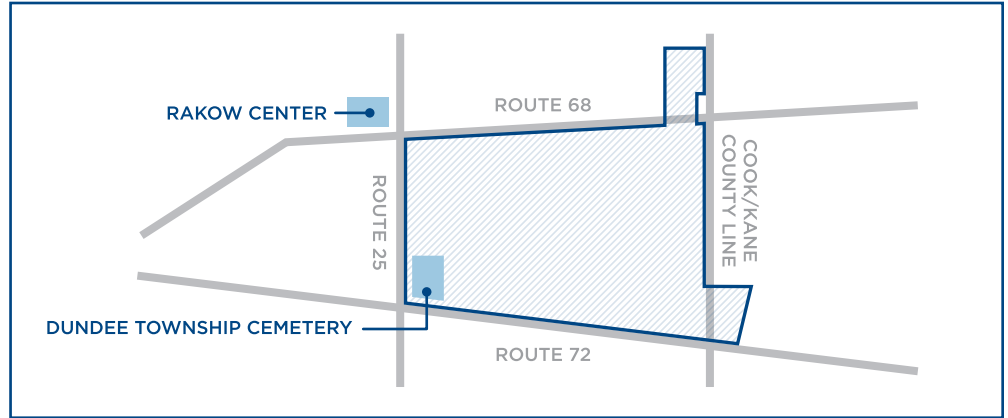


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

East Dundee to Establish a Sustainable Energy District

Sustainability is the power to improve or maintain quality of life without compromising future generations.

The Village Board formally adopted the resolution in February that established a Sustainable Energy Development District. Its boundaries run from the east side of Route 25 from Highway 68 including the Prairie Lakes Industrial Park, to the north side Route 72 (Higgins Road). It will include all of the industrial property from Route 25 east to the Cook County line but will include the 88 acres in Cook County, which is in East Dundee's corporate boundaries.



Did you know that we are currently active in supporting sustainability projects within the Village? A few examples include:

- Newly renovated police station is LEED certified
- A 5% increase in TIF funds for LEED certified buildings
- A “Green Campus” that is being planned by PLOTE
- We support Friends of the Fox by shoring up the river banks and river restoration projects
- Dundee Foundation will be processing vehicles that will be donated and sold through our recently formalized IAAI partnership
- Reclamation of a railroad yard, which now has municipal parking available
- The bike path, that transverses our downtown, was once a railroad. We maintain it along with the county forest preserve district.
- We support NICOR and ComED appliance initiatives and incentives
- Electric charging stations, hot spots throughout town
- Commercial and residential façade programs
- On-going electronic recycling program, located behind Village Hall

District Objectives

- Promote and protect the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public by encouraging energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy
- Develop multiple types of renewable energy sources and conservation measures to reduce dependence upon fossil fuels for heat and power and concentrations of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere
- Increase economic growth and development by attracting and retaining employers whose energy requirements include the use of renewable energy sources and the creation of high quality jobs
- Build high performance, green buildings along with the use of sustainable energy sources contributing to a healthier, more stable economy

Sustainable Energy Development Grants and Incentives Program

The Sustainable Energy Development Grants and Incentives Program is designed to encourage commercial property owners and developers to invest in high performance green buildings and clean, renewable energy generation projects. Such investments enhance economic opportunity and ensure a sustainable quality of life in East Dundee, today and in the future.

What Projects Are Eligible for Incentives?

- New construction/major rehabilitations
 - Projects that exceed the Illinois State Energy code in efficiency by 20% and utilize renewable energy systems for 7% of total overall energy consumption will be considered by the Village for up to an additional 5% Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Business Development District (BDD) project incentives

What Projects Are Eligible for Grants?

- Renewable energy* feasibility studies
 - 50% of study costs not to exceed \$2,500
- Renewable energy* equipment purchases
 - 50% of equipment purchase calculated after any tax credits received not to exceed \$5,000

*Qualified renewable energy includes photovoltaic solar, thermal solar, geothermal and combined heat/power systems

Which Properties in East Dundee Qualify for the Program?

- Non-residential properties located within the village limits may be eligible for participation in the program
 - Preference will be given to those properties located within the designated Sustainable Energy Development District

For more information, contact:

Economic Development Director,
Doug Bergren at 847-426-2822 x 6116

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT



110 RIVER STREET CONSTRUCTION

110 River Street

The structure was demolished this fall. The owner of the property has been working on engineering and architectural plans to develop a new building that will provide retail space on the ground level and residential space on the second floor. Ground breaking will take place at the end of the year with construction expected to begin in the spring.

311 Barrington Avenue

Architectural and engineering plans have been finalized for this site, formerly the location of Dundee Lumber and Stock Yards. Groundbreaking is scheduled for November with construction anticipated to continue through the summer of 2016.

Matt O'Shay's Irish Pub and Joe's Cantina will be open on the street level of the building along with additional retail space. To offer the look and feel of an authentic Irish pub, O'Shay's complete interior is being constructed in Ireland and will be shipped and reassembled on site in East Dundee. The second floor plans consist of 11 residential units that feature an open-floor plan complete with lofts; wooden beams and exposed brick interiors. Plans include a rooftop dining area and 72 public parking spaces.



ALIANO'S RISTORANTE ON RIVER STREET

Aliano's Ristorante to Open On River Street

Aliano's Ristorante, at 310 River Street, is a warm and inviting restaurant offering an extensive menu of family recipes from northern and southern Italy. The owner, Mario Aliano, runs a popular eatery of the same name in Batavia. "I was looking for a second location for a restaurant and when I found East Dundee I knew immediately that this was the place. I felt welcome and realized that this Village is one that gets things done." said Aliano.

The sit down, ambiance-filled restaurant provides an upscale eating experience where guests can leisurely savor their food and are treated as family. Appetizers such as *Artichoke Bottoms* and *Calamari alla Griglia*; are just two of the many offered along with other entrees that include salads, homemade soups and gnocchi; handcrafted pizzas with ingredients imported from Italy; and only the highest grade veal, chicken, beef and seafood. Aliano's seafood risotto recently won first-place in a culinary competition held in Yorkville. "We make everything fresh. That's what we're known for." said Mario. "We make it as you order it. There's not a microwave in the kitchen—no premade anything." In addition to its full service bar, the restaurant also has an extensive selection of wines from Ita Napa Valley and Italy. Aliano's will be open seven days a week, 12 noon-11 p.m.



NEW POLICE STATION ON THIRD STREET

New Police Station to Open by Year's End

Construction of the Village's police station is nearing an end and will result in a state-of-the-art facility that meets both state and federal stringent standards. Dewberry and Associates, an Elgin firm specializing in the design of public safety buildings, has been overseeing the approximately three million dollar renovation of the pre-existing fire district building. The goal was to recycle an historic building into a facility that meets present day standards. Once completed, the 11,000 sq. ft. station will house the village's police force presently occupying a 1,600 sq. ft. addition to the existing Village Hall that dates back to 1891. The move is projected to take place in December, weather permitting.

Backyard Hens Approved

Trustees recently passed an ordinance that allows single family homeowners to keep up to four egg-laying hens in their backyards, with approved permit. Interested residents must pay an initial \$50 fee; file an application and be approved for a coop permit by the building department. According to the ordinance, the Village will inspect the hen house and run to ensure that it meets code. The permit can be renewed annually for a \$25 fee.

Those applying for the permit must also complete a Village-approved class about raising hens in an urban setting. The coop itself must be placed closer to the resident's home and at least 25 feet from any adjacent building including homes, churches, schools or businesses. Regulations are also in place regarding the chickens' care, feeding and waste removal. The village reserves the right to revoke or suspend any coop license.

For more information contact Economic Development Director, Doug Bergren at 847-426-2822 x 6116.

Buy a Car, Get Free Gas

From November 27, 2015 through January 30, 2016, the Village is offering an extra incentive to buy a vehicle at a dealership in town. Anyone purchasing a new vehicle from an East Dundee dealership will receive four \$25 gas cards and if they purchase a used vehicle for over \$5,000, they will receive two \$25 cards. The program introduced last year, was so successful that it has been renewed for this year.

Participating Car Dealerships

Al Piemonte Chevrolet

770 Dundee Avenue

J.D. Byrider

750 Dundee Avenue

Cucci Ford

800 Dundee Avenue

Superior Car Credit Inc.

777 Dundee Avenue

Participating Gas Stations

Dundee Marathon

305 E. Main Street

Shell

1097 E. Main Street

Mobil

421 E. Main Street

Dundee Library Presents Possible Changes

Residents got their first look at sketches of potential improvements to the Fox River Library in East Dundee, when Joe Huberty of Engberg Anderson Architects presented exploratory drawings at a meeting on October 13. Various options and configurations were reviewed that incorporated the theme of "Reuse, Recycle, Renew" and utilized existing elements such as stairs, elevator, plumbing, and structural columns.

The library district has been actively exploring the best way to meet the increasing needs of the community building. Research began in 2008 with a Northern Illinois University study that revealed the community need for convenient, full service library access on both sides of the Fox River. Similar findings in a 2010 survey led to the decision to open the Randall Oaks Library in the lower level of the Randall Oaks Recreation Center, a temporary measure to deliver library service to the residents on the west side of the 40-square mile library district. Recent assessments by a professional library planning consultant and analysis of surveys done in 2013 and 2015 indicate that the current size and collection of the libraries is highly lacking for a district serving 70,000 residents.

The library is still looking for input from the community and will hold another "Designing Our Future" session sometime in December.



INITIAL LIBRARY PRESENTATION

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



Arlene Botta

THE MEASURING CUP

Arlene Botta

Arlene Botta is the owner of the European-style café, The Measuring Cup, located on Barrington Avenue, adjacent to the bike bath. The cozy bistro features a breakfast, lunch and dessert menu highlighted by personalized breakfast pizzas; quiches; soups, pastries and gluten-free and vegetarian items.

Arlene is a Le Cordon Bleu trained chef who began her own catering business on Chicago's Gold Coast in 2004. Botta left the corporate world in the 1990s and decided to follow her culinary dreams that eventually culminated in the opening of The Measuring Cup, 7 years ago. Hand-crafted pies have become a signature item offered by Botta's establishment and have attracted a large and loyal following.

The Measuring Cup is open Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

themeasuringcupcafe.com



Steve & Janice Harvel

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS
OF THE YEAR

Steve & Janice Harvel

Steve and Janice Harvel were honored as the Village of East Dundee's *Volunteers of the Year* at the Third Annual Community Service Awards Celebration on Wednesday, November 18. The annual celebration is hosted by the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce.

Nominated because of their enthusiastic support of the Village's community events, Steve and Janice have dedicated innumerable hours of their time to help with everything from setup and breakdown to actually manning all of the events in the area.

In addition to his involvement with the Village, Steve also serves as an addiction mentor to many. He also supports several community fundraisers and organizations such as the VFW and Lions Club. Janice and Steve have two daughters and are long time residents of East Dundee.



Heather Maieritsch

VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE

Heather Maieritsch

Since she came on board eight years ago, Heather has served the village in a variety of positions and most currently as Deputy Village Administrator and Village Clerk. In addition to working with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historic Commission, she also works cooperatively with the Village Administrator to create redevelopment agreements with businesses and provides the Village Trustees with the research and information they need when considering an ordinance or policy.

Heather received her masters degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University. While completing her undergraduate studies at Southern Illinois University she was a member of the cross country and track team—training that led her to participate in three Chicago Marathons. She lives in Algonquin with her husband, son and Golden Retriever.

Zaida Torres

Zaida Torres stepped into the role of Director of Finance and Treasurer for the Village this past October. Torres oversees all financial functions of the Village including preparation of the annual audit and tax levy; treasurer and TIF reports, and the development of the Village's long-range corporate plan. She's also responsible for managing the Village's investments as well as the administration of the employee benefits programs.

Originally from Manhattan, Zaida received her undergraduate degree from Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu and her graduate degree in Financial Management and Accounting from DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management. An avid jogger, seamstress, crafter and lover of all things musical, she resides in Crystal Lake with her husband and has three daughters and a grandson.



Zaida Torres

VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE

Dickens · in · Dundee

DECEMBER 4-5, 2015

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

EAST DUNDEE

6 P.M.

Tree Lighting
The Depot

Dundee-Crown
Chamber Choir
The Depot

Santa Claus Arrives
The Depot

6-8 P.M.

Pictures with Santa,
Hot Chocolate & More!
The Depot

Neu Family Dental
"Winter Wonderland"
The Depot

Photos w/Live Reindeer
The Depot

Strolling Holiday
Quartet Sing-A-Long
The Depot

Living Windows
Main & River Streets

6-9 P.M.

Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides
The Depot

WEST DUNDEE

6-8 P.M.

Living Windows
Main & N 2nd Streets

Warming House &
Santa Claus
Village Hall

Shop with a Cop Raffle
Village Hall

6 P.M.-1 A.M.

Toys for Tots Collection
& Fundraiser
Bikini Bottom Bar

7 P.M.

Tree Lighting
Village Hall

Dundee-Crown
Chamber Choir
Village Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

EAST DUNDEE

ALL DAY

Gingerbread Houses
on Display
The Depot

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Horse-Drawn
Trolley Rides
The Depot

2 P.M.

*The Hidden History of
"A Christmas Carol"*
Dundee Branch Library

3 P.M.

Gingerbread House
Winners Announced
The Depot

WEST DUNDEE

8 A.M.-12 P.M.

Dickens Breakfast
VFW Post

9-11:30 A.M.

Breakfast with Santa
*Randall Oaks Golf Club
(Reservations Required)*

9 A.M.-3 P.M.

Sweets & Craft Shop
First United Methodist

Cookie Walk & Boutique
First Congregational

9 A.M.-4 P.M.

Dickens of a
Christmas Sale
Bethlehem Lutheran

10 A.M.

Spirit of
Christmas Parade
*Route starts at West Dundee
Village Hall, traveling east on
Route 72 to The Depot*

10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Christmas Tree Sales
Grafelman Park

10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Petting Zoo
Grafelman Park

10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Ron Rhoades
Festival of Trees
Grafelman Park

Santa & Crafts
Grafelman Park

Gingerbread House
Making
First United Methodist

10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

Lunch & Bake Sale
Bethlehem Lutheran

1:30 P.M.

Reading of "A
Christmas Carol"
Mansion Bed & Breakfast



PARTAKE IN OUR HOLIDAY CONTESTS!

- Community Gingerbread House Contest
- Holiday Decorating Contest

CARRIAGE RIDES

Every Saturday through December
December 12, 19, 26 | 4-8 P.M. | The Depot



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT DICKENSINDUNDEE.ORG

Friends of FRED

Friends Revitalizing and Enhancing Dundee (FRED) is in need of folks that can greet others, serve up some food and drinks, help set up events and pass out tickets during our events. That might sound like work to you, but you'd be surprised how we make it fun. If that wasn't enough, you'll gain access to never-before-seen entertainment and get a chance to hang out with some of your neighbors. Members of FRED are always treated right—and all are welcome. If interested, give us a call at 224-293-7107 or email fred60118@gmail.com to find out more. Forms are available at The Depot.

Upcoming Events

THE TURKEY FESTIVAL

November 25, 2015



SHOP SMALL BUSINESSES

November 28, 2015

For more information call 847-426-2255 or visit discoverdundee.org



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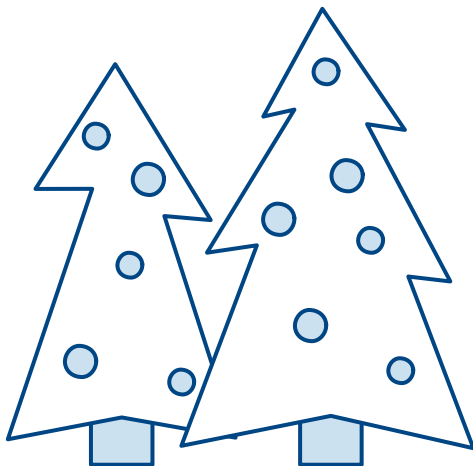
Village Board Meetings

Open to the public, meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. They begin at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall Annex. Meetings can be seen on Comcast's Public Access Channel 17 on Fridays at 9 p.m. For more information, visit our Village website at eastdundee.net.

Christmas Tree Collection

Wednesdays | January 6 & 13

Tree collection is free of charge



Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The holiday season is a busy time of the year for everyone. Unfortunately, criminals like the festive holidays because there are more theft and burglary opportunities for them. Here's some tips to help you and your family stay safe during the holidays.

At the Workplace

- Employees working during the holidays should let someone know where they are and their hours of work
- Close and secure all doors and windows
- Report any suspicious activity or unauthorized personnel immediately to the East Dundee Police Department by calling 911

In Parking Lots

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness
- Park in a high-visibility, well-lit area
- Do not park next to a vehicle with dark tinted windows.
- Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all of your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle
- Leave the store with others; not alone
- Ask security personnel to escort you to your vehicle, if you feel uncomfortable