

# EAST DUNDEE'S HOMETOWN

SPRING 2016

## TLC FOR THE HEART OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

*Three years into our plan to develop a vibrant downtown district has resulted in a number of new businesses and eateries opening their doors in our town as well as many improvements to our infrastructure. But as our downtown business district has continued to bloom and expand, it became apparent that the very heart of the district—The Depot and its grounds—needed a facelift. Public Works employees, volunteers and donated materials have helped us begin that process.*

### THE DEPOT IS THE PLACE TO GO

The Depot on River Street is the center of our downtown. It's the place where many of our events are held throughout the year. Built in 1985 as a replica of an old train depot, it has become the *de-facto* gathering place as well as serving as our Dundee Visitor Center and housing the offices for our marketing and events staff.

### LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

Situated along the Fox River Bike Trail, and bordered by Barrington Avenue to the north and Railroad Street to the south, The Depot is home to our weekend markets as well as *Motor Mondays*, *Tail Waggin' Tuesdays*, *Wine Down Wednesdays* and *Thirsty Thursdays*.

### CHANGING BUT THE SAME

This spring, we are making several renovations to The Depot, making it more efficient and welcoming while retaining its character and charm. The Depot's interior has been reconfigured to reflect its use as a center stage for many events as well as a visitor's center. The Depot grounds will also be enhanced with the addition of walking paths, landscaping, and other improvements to better serve the community and increase its use as a multipurpose public area. We'll also be adding a new roof, gutters, downspouts and a coat of paint to the building's exterior.

### COME AND VISIT

Our Depot will now serve more as a village green than it has in the past as we welcome several new stores to the downtown this spring and summer. Additional shopping destinations are coming so residents and visitors will

have more opportunities to visit the "new" downtown. While we continue to add buildings and businesses, we are strongly focused on retaining the downtown's unique blend of architecture and character.

As the days lengthen and the weather warms up, take some time to enjoy our improvements and visit the Depot with your friends and family. We think you'll enjoy the great lineup of events we've got planned for this season. It's a great way to wind down the week with your neighbors and enjoy the best of what East Dundee has to offer.

—Your Village President,  
**Lael Miller**

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# VILLAGE UPDATES

## INCREASE TO WATER & SEWER RATES

### DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE— HOLDING THE LINE

Mindful of the hardships faced by many residents during the Great Recession, the Village has successfully held the line on all fees and taxes under its control for the past 6 years. In addition to stabilizing property taxes since 2012—and in spite of rising operational costs and an aging infrastructure—the Village has not raised the sewer rates since 2010 and the water rates since 2007.

### CHANGING ECONOMICS

The Village’s ability to continue heavily subsidizing water and sewer rates with home rule sales tax and tax increment financing, as it has done throughout most of the recession, is coming to an end.

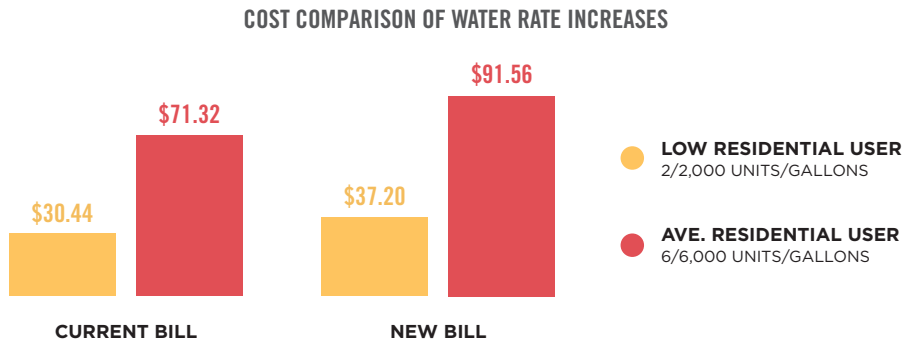
According to Village Administrator, Robert Skurla, “Wal-Mart will be moving out and that will reduce our overall taxes by \$875,000 annually. That’s home rule sales tax, municipal sales tax, business development district sales tax, local utility taxes, water and sewer bills and the Village’s portion of regular property taxes. Our home rule sales tax revenues will decrease this year—not as badly as four or five years ago—but we still have to make adjustments.”

### STARK REALITY—INCREASE IN RATES IS NEEDED

Faced with continual increases in operating costs which include the cost of chemicals and other supplies, replacements to water lines that are over 115 years old and the need to implement an aggressive capital replacement program designed to keep ahead of constant emergency repairs, the Village Trustees voted to raise water and sewer rates by 33%.

### EFFECT ON YOUR WATER BILL

Water bills have increased by \$10.12 per month for the average user. Below shows how the increase effects the bi-monthly bill of low and average residential users.



### A LOOK AT OUR NEIGHBORS—LOWEST RATES IN AREA

Compared to rates currently charged by twelve neighboring communities, East Dundee’s are the lowest in the area.

GARBAGE, WATER & SEWER MONTHLY RATES | 2015-2016

CITY	GARBAGE	WATER/SEWER	FIXED CHARGE	TOTAL
Algonquin	\$21.00	\$48.86		\$67.86
Barrington	\$32.64	\$51.78	\$15.72	\$100.14
Batavia	\$21.84	\$55.12	\$7.65	\$84.61
Carpentersville	\$6.00	\$54.18	\$7.63	\$67.81
Crystal Lake	\$21.38	\$43.14	\$5.24	\$69.76
East Dundee	FREE	\$31.94	\$5.00	\$36.94
Elgin	\$13.92	\$38.57	\$56.87	\$109.36
Geneva	\$21.84	\$60.16	\$15.51	\$97.51
Huntley	\$18.75	\$40.38		\$59.13
Saint Charles	\$21.84	\$47.10		\$68.94
Schaumburg	\$2.06 <i>cart rental</i>	\$60.18	\$3.40	\$65.64
West Dundee	FREE	\$33.97	13.93	\$47.90
Woodstock	\$23.00	\$42.85		\$65.85



## PAY YOUR WATER BILL

Pay your water and sewer bill online any time of the day or night, any day of the week. It's easy, convenient and secure!

**Questions?** Contact Jessica Jessogne at 847-426-2822 x 6100.



### VISIT EASTDUNDEE.NET



### CLICK ON THE E-PAY ICON

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### FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO SET-UP A PAYMENT

Have your account number, service address, amount due and type of payment ready  
*MasterCard, AMEX and Discover only*

### ENROLL IN AUTO PAY

Never worry about late fees again! Set up a direct debit account and your bill will be paid on time, every time. It's easy and free!

- 1 **Fill out an auto pay application**  
*Forms can be found at [eastdundee.net](http://eastdundee.net)*
- 2 **Drop form off along with a voided check at Village Hall**

*Auto Pay will be effective at the start of the next billing cycle*

## NEW BUSINESSES

### MIDWEST RETRO **OPENS 5/8!**

Find all things repurposed  
*207 Barrington Avenue, East Dundee*

### UNCOMMON PALATE **OPENS 5/8!**

Offering upscale wines, cheeses and boutique gifts  
*316 N River Street, East Dundee*

### TICKET ESTORE **NOW OPEN!**

For concerts, sporting events, special events and more  
*312 N River Street, East Dundee*

## LICENSE YOUR DOG

Fast, easy and free at Village Hall!

Fill out a form and receive a tag with a number assigned specifically to your dog.

Just another safeguard against losing your best buddy!



## VILLAGE HALL OFFICES CLOSED

### MEMORIAL DAY

**MAY 30, 2016**

### FOURTH OF JULY

**JULY 4, 2016**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## JOIN US: TWO-FOR-ONE OPEN HOUSES

SUNDAY, MAY 8 | 9 AM – 1 PM

### POLICE STATION

120 Barrington Avenue, East Dundee

This state-of-the-art 12,000 sq. ft. facility has met all state and federal regulations and safety specifications and is on its way to receiving gold certification from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The two-story environmentally sustainable station is located next to the Village Hall in the former fire district building. Designed to lower future long term operating and maintenance costs, the station boasts a solar energy system; HVAC systems equipped with high efficiency air conditioning and air handling units and a building automation system. Revenues from the Village's seven Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF), Downtown Business Development District (DBD), grant money secured from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation and the Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program were utilized for this project. The new station replaces the previous one dating back to 1891. Drop by for a visit.

### THE DEPOT

319 N River Street, East Dundee

Situated between the Fox River Bike Trail and River Street, The Depot has become the “go-to” destination for year-round community events. As with any highly-visited 30-year-old public building, this landmark needed some sprucing up. The new interior was inspired by old-fashioned train stations. Drop in and see how the renovations have made a world of difference. The Depot also houses the Visitor Center and a new Tech Bar for trail users.



### JOIN US FOR THE GRAND OPENINGS OF MIDWEST RETRO & THE UNCOMMON PALATE

Make a day of it in East Dundee. Check out our newest businesses in town as well as the Farmers Market, The Depot and the Police Station.



## PROPERTY TAX RATE DROPS BY 3.9%

Good news for property owners in the Village of East Dundee! The overall tax rate for the Village actually went down for the first time in over ten years! Last year's tax rate was \$11.144465 and this year's tax rate is \$10.77795, a drop of 3.29%. Here's what that means to the average property owner:

- 1 If you own a house with fair market value (FMV) of \$120,000, the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is one-third of that, or \$40,000. The old tax rate of \$11.144465 is a tax on every \$100 of EAV, so last year's tax bill would have been \$4,457.79. With the new tax rate of \$10.77796 per \$100 valuation, your 2016 tax bill will be \$4,311.19, saving \$146.60.
- 2 A home with a FMV of \$240,000 with an EAV of \$80,000 would go from a 2015 tax bill of \$8,915.57 down to a 2016 bill of \$8,622.37, saving \$293.20.
- 3 A commercial property with a FMV of \$1,500,000 and an EAV of \$500,000 would go from a 2015 property tax bill of \$55,722.30 down to a 2016 bill of \$53,889.80, saving \$1,832.50.

Unless your real estate FMV has gone up through re-assessment, most property owners should see this 3.29% drop in their overall tax bill for 2016.



## SUMMER FUN REMINDERS

'Tis the season of outdoor celebrations, gatherings, parties, adventures and fun! Before throwing a get together with your friends and family, remember that the Village has set some guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. Below are a few rules and pointers that will make your summer both safe and enjoyable.



### BLOCK PARTIES

- A request form and petition must be filled out and submitted to the Village at least 21 days before the event
- Block parties may only be held during daylight hours
- Alcoholic beverages and food can not be sold
- No amplified music allowed after 9 PM
- Block parties are an invitation-only event and not open to the general public
- All residents on the street must be invited and agree to the party
- Applicable laws regarding loud music, disorderly conduct, etc. apply
- Barricades will be provided by the Village

Visit [eastdundee.net](http://eastdundee.net) for complete details.

Search "resident info kit".



### BACKYARD FIRE PITS & RECREATIONAL FIRES

- No permits needed
- Maximum size is 3 ft. wide by 3 ft. high
- Keep a safe distance of 3 ft. from any open flame
- Fire can only burn for 3 hours
- Fire pits are limited to approved commercially manufactured containers and must remain at least 15 ft. from any structure, trees, wires, etc.
- Some form of extinguishing equipment must be readily available
- Adult supervision required
- Only wood fires allowed



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Village Ordinance on burning materials states that if any open or recreation fire is deemed to be offensive, objectionable, or poses a health hazard, the Village Police Department or Fire District are authorized to order the fire to be extinguished.



### OUTDOOR GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

#### All Types of Grills

- Before use, check for any animal nests and remove them
- Remove any excess grease or build up from grill and grease trays
- Maintain a safe clearance between an open flame and your house, garage, shed, deck, etc.
- Keep some form of extinguishing equipment nearby
- Do not leave the grill unattended

#### Gas Grills

- Check for leaks in the tank, hose and grill fittings before lighting
- Replace any damaged, leaking or rusted parts
- Ensure the lid is open before lighting grill

#### Charcoal Grills

- Only use charcoal starter fluid and never mix with another flammable liquid

## BACKYARD CHICKENS

Due to the popularity of residents raising their own chickens for fresh and organic eggs, the Village passed an ordinance designed to ensure this activity is done in a responsible way.

- Single family homeowners can keep up to four egg-laying hens in their backyards, with an approved permit
- Application for a coop permit must be filed with an initial \$50 fee and approved by the Building Department
- No roosters allowed
- Applicants must complete a Village-approved class about raising hens in an urban setting
- Hen house and run will be inspected to ensure it meets code
- Permit can be renewed annually for a \$25 fee
- The coop itself must be placed closer to the resident's home and at least 25 ft. from any adjacent building

**Questions?** Contact Doug Bergren at 847-426-2822 x 6116.

# PEOPLE TO KNOW

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**BLAIR MOTL**  
PAYROLL VAULT

**Blair Motl** opened Payroll Vault in 2014 as a one-man operation with zero clients. A year later his business was lauded as *Small Business of the Year* by the Kane County Chamber. Two years later, his company has attracted an extensive client base and expanded to three employees. Providing a wide range of payroll services that even includes coaching human resource departments in hiring and firing techniques, Payroll Vault has been an active force in changing the software used by the industry. Blair, who has brought an energy and excitement to his field, was recently tapped by The Professional Association of Small Business Accountants to teach payroll classes to other accountants.

Motl, who grew up in the area and still lives locally with wife, Doree, also sits on the board of the Dundee Township's Boys and Girls Club. A successful metal sculptor in his own right, Motl is currently developing a plan with Tricia Saviano of Artisticology to offer a hands-on art program for the Teen Club in the Rakow Recreation Center. "It's pretty exciting for Payroll Vault and Artisticology to join forces to create something that will have an impact on kids lives" he said. "We hope to be able to get a program in place for the summer."

 [payrollvault.com](http://payrollvault.com)  **847-428-2858**

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**ADAM PETERS**  
WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT

**Adam Peters** oversees the Village's wastewater treatment facility and manages the facility's lab that closely monitors test samples for quality assurance. Since he started with the village 16 years ago, he's seen the facility's capacity grow from handling 1.15 million gallons of waste water a day to the present 2.3 million gallons a day. During that time, he's trained and studied to become a Class One Waste Water Operator—fully certified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. His additional duties include overseeing maintenance of Village equipment ranging from vehicles and pumps to street cleaners and chain saws and street maintenance that encompasses pavement, snow removal, signage, lighting, street cleaning and more. All in all, he's responsible for over 30 miles of sewers and 60 lane miles of road. Peters also manages outside contractors and the purchases of vehicles, materials and supplies for the Village.

Although he grew up in East Dundee, Peters currently lives in Huntley with his wife Kerri and three children. He says, "East Dundee is a great place to work. There have been a lot of changes that have occurred since I started working here, and it's been great to have the chance to be involved in all of the growth in the Village. I like it here. I know everybody. It's home."

 [eastdundee.net](http://eastdundee.net)  **847-844-9461**

# DISCOVER DUNDEE

## THE DUNDEE FOUNDATION & NEU FAMILY DENTAL PRESENT 2016 SIZZLIN' SUMMER EVENTS

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**MOTOR MONDAYS**  
JUNE 6 • JULY 4 • AUGUST 1 | 5 PM - DUSK

*The Depot*

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**TAIL WAGGIN' TUESDAYS**  
JUNE 14 • JULY 12 • AUGUST 9 | 6-8 PM

*The Depot*

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**WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS**  
JUNE 22 • JULY 20 • AUGUST 17 | 6-10 PM

*The Depot*

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**THIRSTY THURSDAYS**  
JUNE 30 • JULY 28 • AUGUST 25 | 6-10 PM

*The Depot*

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
MAY 29 | 2 PM

*Main Street*

**LUNCH IN THE PARK**  
JUNE 8 • JULY 6 • AUGUST 3 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

*The Depot*

**FLAG DAY**  
JUNE 14 | 11-11:30 AM

*The Depot*

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
JUNE 17 • JULY 15 • JULY 29 | 7-8:30 PM

*Locations Vary*

**HISTORICAL WALKS**  
JUNE 19 • JULY 10 • AUGUST 7 | 11 AM - 12 PM

*The Depot*

**HERITAGE FEST**  
SEPTEMBER 16-18

*East & West Dundee*



Friends Revitalizing & Enhancing Dundee

## GET OUT, GET INVOLVED AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Our volunteers are the reason our events are so successful and fun. But don't take our word for it, take theirs.

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*I've been a volunteer at all the events and think it's a great way to give back to the community and meet some great folks. I also volunteer at the Depot twice a week greeting runners, visitors and bicyclists, and really feel like I'm a part of our town Dundee.*

—B. CANNAN

*My wife and I have been volunteering over 2 years now and have had fun working the events and meeting new people. We also volunteer at the Depot and really like meeting the residents who happen to stop in.*

—D. ROBERTSON

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Call 224-293-7101 for more info or drop by the Depot to fill out an application.

**JOIN OUR NEXT FRED MEETING!**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 | 6:30 PM**

*Rosie O'Hare's Public House*

## MARKETS OPEN MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND



**DEPOT MARKET**  
SATURDAYS, MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29  
8 AM - 2 PM



**FARMERS MARKET**  
SUNDAYS, MAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 25  
9 AM - 1 PM



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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 Fridays at 9 pm. For more information, visit [eastdundee.net](http://eastdundee.net).



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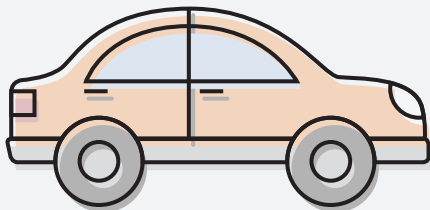
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### WE'RE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

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](http://discoverdundee.org) or call Catherine Domagalski at 847-426-2822 x 6903.