

# THE VILLAGE OF KILDEER NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the newest edition of the Kildeer Village Newsletter in its new format. Additional pages are made possible because of a recent arrangement with Liturgical Publications, Inc. which is paying for the printing and part of the distribution costs. The Village is now able to provide more frequent publications of the newsletter and to defray some of the Village's expenses.

In addition to the printed newsletter, the Village also publishes a digital newsletter of current events on a bi-monthly basis (or immediately if an emergency arises). It is titled e-News and is sent electronically to our residents who wish to receive it. If you are not yet receiving e-News please contact Village Hall at 847-438-6000 or send an email to the Village's Administrator at [mtalbett@villageofkildeer.com](mailto:mtalbett@villageofkildeer.com) and you will be added to the e-News distribution list. All email addresses provided to the Village are strictly confidential and are not given or sold to any third party.

## FROM THE DESK OF

# MAYOR NANDIA P. BLACK

Along with the Village Board of Trustees I want to welcome you to the latest edition of the Village Newsletter.

Since the last edition, many of the goals that were set by the Village Board have been met. One of these objectives was to be more responsive to residents and to make village government more transparent. To accomplish this, the Village has taken several steps, including:

- Making resident concerns a priority by having staff return all phone calls in a timely manner.
- Undertaking a comprehensive reconstruction of the Village's website to make available more useful information to residents and non-residents alike in an easy to use format. Many pictures were added to illustrate the high quality neighborhoods within Kildeer and to show the attractiveness of our Village. The website also serves to promote government transparency by providing the Village's budget, audit report, and compensation disclosure on-line.
- Proactively notifying residents about Village events and news by sending out an email newsletter on a regular basis.
- Establishing an annual Residence Day Golf Outing at Kemper Lakes (mark your calendars, the next outing is scheduled for Sept 16, 2013), two Open Houses at Village Hall, two electronic recycling events, one Halloween event, and two Volunteer Appreciation Dinners.



Village President  
Nandia P. Black

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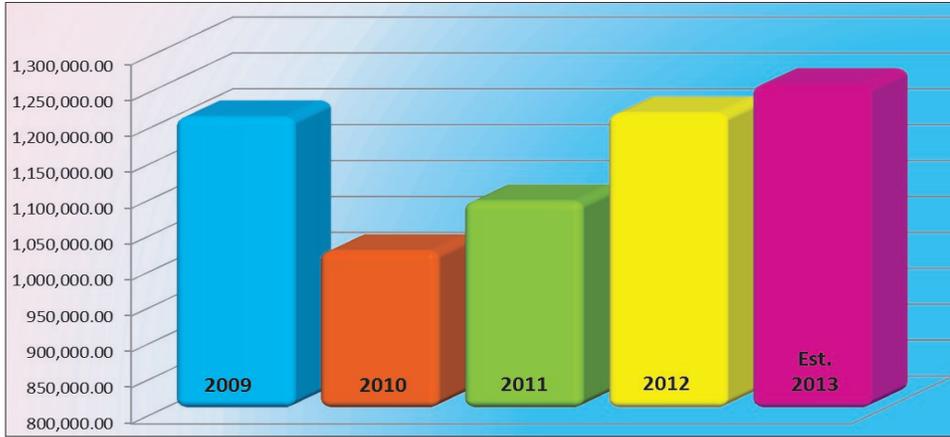
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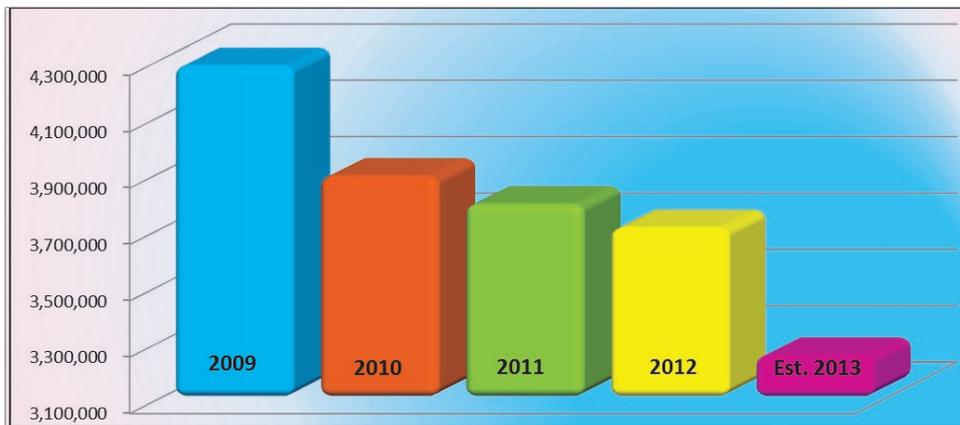
FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

Another Village Board goal was to improve the Village's financial position. Starting in 2010 there was a significant drop in sales tax revenue, the chief source of income for the Village.



Sales Tax Revenue

The Board responded to the drop in revenue by exercising good fiscal management and reducing expenses.

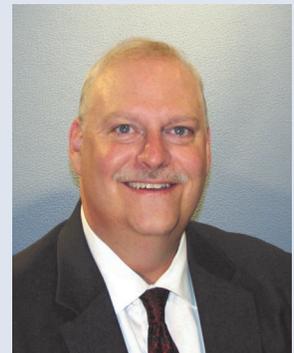


Expenses

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Village Trustee  
William Johnson



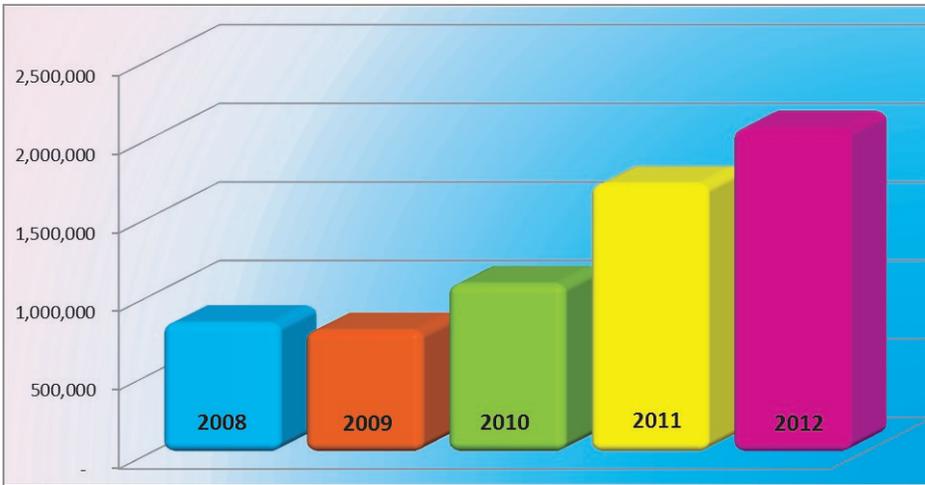
Village Trustee  
Keith Kovanda



Village Trustee  
Ralph Liberatore

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

During this period of falling revenues and expenses the Board was able to put the Village in a better financial position by growing the general fund balance by 61% from 2009 to 2012. The increase in general fund balance equates to a growth in reserves from almost 1 month to about 5.5 months of Village expenses.



General Fund Balance

In addition to increasing the reserves, the Board of Trustees also improved the Village’s financial position by doing the following:

- Revamping The Village's finance system by establishing a Finance Manager position and converting to a municipal accounting software system. This step has led to improved efficiencies in several Village operations and provided a more sound basis for planning and decision making. The improvement in the finance area can be measured by the quality of the Village's recent budget and audit reports that have been prepared, for the first time, in conformance with guidelines established by the Government Finance Officers Association, the most highly regarded standard for village government work.
- Restructuring the debt from construction of the Village Hall in 2002 to reduce the interest rate from 5.3% to 3%. As part of the debt restructuring, the Village achieved its first ever bond rating (Moody's Aa3).
- Arranging an early pay-off of a loan that was part of the 2003 Boundary and Land Use Agreement with Deer Park thus saving Kildeer \$40,000 in interest payments.

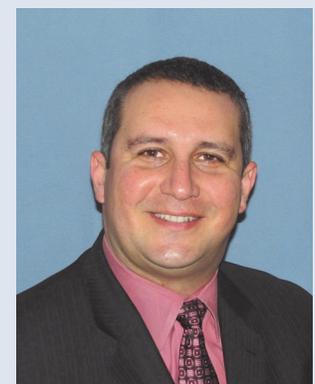
ELECTED OFFICIALS



Village Trustee  
Les Sokolowski



Village Trustee  
Barb Stavropoulos



Village Trustee  
Basel Tarabein

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

- Changing the Village's insurance broker which helped our financial position by getting new policies of liability insurance. The new policies contained lower deductibles at a lower premium while, for the first time, included \$1,500,000 coverage for loss of sales tax revenue, the Village's largest revenue source. The new coverage protects the Village should anything happen to prevent the stores from operating in our shopping centers. Thus, the Village would have sufficient funds to operate following a disaster.
- Reorganizing staffing levels led to better management of personnel costs and promoted sustainability. In November 2011, the Village of Deer Park terminated the Police Services Agreement with Kildeer which resulted in the laying-off of the extra personnel who provided that service. The burden of solely assuming certain previously shared law enforcement expenses such as liability insurance and pension payments made it a challenge to achieve a balanced budget for 2012-13. The Village now has ten full time employees.

The Finance Manager and the Administrator are evaluating all of the Village's departments and operations to identify opportunities for cost savings and more efficient delivery of service options. The budget for the next fiscal year (May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014) is now being developed. The overall goals in the next fiscal year are to further the premier character of Kildeer as one of the most desirable places to live in the region.

In addition to improving the Village's financial position, the Board of Trustees created an Electric Aggregation Program that enabled residents to realize substantial savings on their electric bill through a competitive bidding process. Following overwhelming voter approval in the March 2012 referendum, Kildeer residents now enjoy one of the lowest electric rates in the entire state (4.05 cents per kilowatt hour). The rate went into effect in July 2012, just in time for the summer air conditioning months which generate the highest bills. The low rate from Constellation Energy will continue until the end of summer 2013. Residents are automatically included in the program unless they "opted out" of the program by mailing a notice to Constellation Energy stating that they did not want to participate in the program. The annual savings over ComEd rates average about \$600 per household which exceeds the Village's portion of a Kildeer resident's property tax bill (which is approximately 3% of your total bill).

# Resident Volunteers Serving the Village:

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## ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

JOHN COUGHLIN, CHAIR  
ALISSA ADLER  
RICK BLASGEN  
KEN WOLTER

## PLAN COMMISSION

MIKE ARETOS, CHAIR  
RICH BARBOUR  
LARRY BOWMAN  
KEVIN OSBURN  
JEFFREY SCHRANK  
MARY KAY SCOTT  
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## POLICE PENSION BOARD

ED MCKENNA, CHAIR  
STEVE WALSH

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

Electricity rates have historically been lowest in the spring and the Village solicited bids from electric suppliers so that the Village will have another low rate in place when the current contract expires in September.

The 2008 contract with Waste Management for trash collection in the Village was renegotiated without a price increase for 2012. The new contract provides residents with three different service options and the ability of upgrading to a 96 gal. recycling cart (the cart with the yellow lid) each March. The service options and 2013 rates, representing a 3% increase, are as follows:

- 1) continuation of the current unlimited residential curb service (use your own cans or bags) and a recycling cart for \$18.15/month;
- 2) unlimited service using a Waste Manage supplied rolling 96 gal. trash cart, (your own cans or bags) and a recycling cart for \$21.25/month; or
- 3) residential trash pickup limited to one WM 65 gal. trash cart and a recycling cart for \$18.03/month. Residents who choose option 3 and may have additional trash to be picked-up on a day can purchase stickers at Village Hall for \$2.75 each.

Residents are encouraged to recycle. The target for each household is to recycle 60% of what is thrown away. [If you are using a 65 gal. recycling cart (recycling carts have a yellow lid) and you would like to upgrade your recycling cart to the 95 gal. size, please contact Waste Management’s Customer Service at 800-796-9696 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.] Recycling carts can be upgraded from the 65 to the 95 gallon size in March for no charge.

The Village Board also took steps to improve the building permit and inspection program by instituting a contractor registration system and requiring a certificate of insurance. For the protection of residents, contractors must produce a certificate of insurance naming the homeowner where the work is to be done as an additional insured under the policy before a building permit is issued.

RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS SERVING THE VILLAGE:

POLICE COMMISSION

RICHARD MUELLER, CHAIR  
FRANK CAPELLO  
JOHN WILLEMS

VILLAGE CLERK

LINDA RHODES

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS APRIL 9TH

Tuesday, April 9th, is election day for the following offices:

Kildeer Village President  
3 Kildeer Trustees

Ela Township Board

School Board

Ela Library Board

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

Some of the other actions taken by the Village Board include the following:

- Instituted Performance Management System for Police Officer Accountability;
- Created a New Emergency Plan for the Village;
- Commissioned Comprehensive Study of the Condition of all Village Roads;
- Completed Phase 1 of Regional Bike Path Network;
- Conducted an extensive Vegetation Trim-Back of Village Right-of-Way;
- Renovated Welcome to Kildeer Signs;
- Renovated Street Signs in Several Subdivisions;
- Installed New Phone System and Computers for Village Hall and Police;
- Installed LED Lighting in Village Hall Parking Lot;
- Completed Major Drainage Improvement Project in Bishop's Ridge Subdivision;
- Obtained Grant Support for Bishop's Ridge Project (\$20,000); Obtained Grant Support for Kildeer Marketplace Development (\$60,000); and
- Participated in the formation of the Buffalo Creek Clean Watershed Partnership which secured a \$20,000 grant from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and a \$104,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

There are several notable projects to look forward to in 2013 including:

With great anticipation, The Kildeer Marketplace opened on March 6, 2013. This exciting shopping center, located at Rand and Plumwood Road (the site of the former Ozzi's Waterpark), is the new home for the Whole Foods Market and a 15,000 sq. ft. retail center that includes Kriser's, an all-natural pet food store, and Road Runners, a sports apparel store. Please stop by and welcome the newest businesses in Kildeer.

You may have noticed the new sign on Route 22 at the entrance to the Sanctuary Club. Building permits have been issued to two builders to construct houses in this development. Lexington Homes owns 26 lots on the southern section of the development and is offering custom homes for sale starting around \$750,000. Orleans Homes owns 53 lots in the northern section and is selling new homes starting around \$600,000 aimed at "empty nester" buyers who want to stay in the area and downsize from a large lot to a "maintenance

# POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

A search is underway for a new Police Chief. Former Chief Lou Rossi left Kildeer to assume a law enforcement position in Nevada and former Lake Zurich Deputy Chief John Filantres is serving as Interim until the new Chief comes on board this Spring.

Also coming to the Department will be two new Ford Interceptor squad cars. The new cars will be painted white with new striping.



## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

free” neighborhood. Custom homes are also being built in the Meadowood and Enclave Subdivisions demonstrating that Kildeer remains a desirable place for home buyers.

A frequently asked question is, “When is the Fifth/Third Bank at Rand and Quentin Roads going to open?” Construction of the building was completed in 2012 and the Village issued a certificate of occupancy to the bank in December. Presently only the ATM machine is operating and the Bank has yet to inform the Village when the entire branch will be open.

Lake County is finalizing plans to widen Quentin Road. The first phase of the widening project will begin in the spring when the area between White Pine and Rand Road is improved by adding turn lanes and a median to divide the north and southbound lanes. The median will enhance safety by preventing cars entering or leaving the BP gas station from crossing the Quentin Road centerline. The Village Board is cooperating with Lake County to upgrade the appearance of the medians so they include trees and flowers to beautify this important gateway to our Village.

The second phase of the Quentin Road improvement project will extend from White Pine Road north to Route 22. Construction on this portion of the road is not expected to start until 2015 and will include medians planted with trees. Also included will be a sidewalk and an 8-10’ high noise wall on the western side of Quentin Road along the border with Lake Zurich. On the eastern side of Quentin Road, a bike path will be constructed connecting to the current bike path that was part of the Phase 1 Quentin Road project which runs behind and through the Quentin Collection Shopping Center. The current bike path connects to a path on the Deer Park side of Rand Road that runs to Long Grove Road and over to the Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve path system.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the process of finalizing plans to widen Route 22 from Quentin Road to Route 83. That traffic improvement project will also include a sidewalk and bike path network going eastward that will connect Kildeer to the Heron’s Creek Forest Preserve at Old McHenry Road.

I’m pleased to report that the Village is moving in a positive direction. The steps already taken provide a firm base upon which to continue building towards the Village Board’s goal to make Kildeer one of the most well-run and best places to live in the area.

This commitment will ensure that the Village of Kildeer will retain its status as one of the top places to live in the State of Illinois. As reported by Yahoo.com at <http://voices.yahoo.com/best-places-live-illinois-2012-7481894.html>, Kildeer is the fifth best place to live in Illinois (above Long Grove #7, Hawthorn Woods #11 and Deer Park #18) based on three criteria: (1) median household income (adjusted for cost of living); (2) educational attainment (% of residents 25 years and over who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher); and (3) property crime rates per 1,000 residents (burglary and automobile thefts).

Nandia P. Black

## A LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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In June 2009 I became the Administrator for the Village of Kildeer. My main objectives were to respond to the needs of the residents, bring more transparency to village operations and apply performance management practices to our Police Department.

I am pleased to inform you that, during the past four years, these goals were met. Communication significantly improved through my close involvement with our Homeowners' Associations, the establishment of the Village e-News and the restructuring of our Village website. Greater transparency was achieved by making the Village's budget, audit report and compensation disclosures available on the website. The Kildeer Police Department implemented for the first time, performance management practices which is leading to increased accountability and better performance.

One recent achievement that I am very proud of is the Village's Electric Aggregation Program. Through my legal background and business skills, I was able to secure for our Village one of the lowest electric rates in the entire state (4.05 cents per kilowatt hour). The Village's Electric Aggregation Program enables our residents to realize substantial savings on their electric bill. Our low rate with Constellation Energy results in an average annual savings of \$600.00 per household over ComEd rates.

Another noteworthy achievement is the substantial growth of the Village's General Fund. In 2009 the General Fund contained reserves representing less than one month of expenses. Now in 2013 the General Fund contains reserves of more than 5 months of expenses. This growth in the General Fund was accomplished through better management, reduction of expenditures and renegotiation of vendors' contracts. No neighboring Village achieved such a proportionate growth in its reserves during the recession which dominated this period.

In bringing these improvements to the Village of Kildeer, it has been a pleasure working with a wonderful team. The talent and dedication of our Village Board, Finance Manager, Plan Commission, Architecture Committee, Police Pension Board and Police Commission are unparalleled. This Village Board has contributed to the advancement of Kildeer in many ways.

Some of these accomplishments include upgrading Village roads, replacing culverts, upgrading all of the sanitary lift stations, and investing in other capital projects which will benefit Kildeer for many years to come.

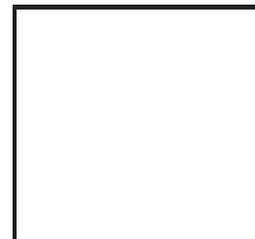
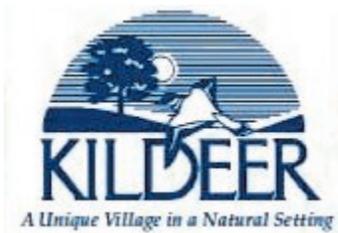
We look forward to another four years of successful teamwork with an emphasis on communication and responsiveness. Our goal is to continue to distinguish Kildeer as a premier Village and a leader in innovation and service while preserving its treasured tranquil residential character.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Talbett





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## AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

The Village of Kildeer recently signed an agreement with MC Squared Energy Services (mc2) to provide electricity to Village residents and small businesses (15,000 kWh or less) at the conclusion of the current agreement with Constellation Energy. The Village's contract with Constellation expires at the end of August 2013.

The Village of Kildeer took prudent steps to secure an agreement before the summer months when electricity rates historically increase. The Village of Kildeer solicited bids from electricity suppliers and mc2 submitted the lowest price of the three vendors that provided quotes. The Village decided to lock in a competitive rate at 4.964 cents/kWh for a 24-month agreement.

***The Village will work closely with mc2 to provide a seamless electricity supply transition from Constellation for our residents and small businesses so there is no action to be taken at this time.***

Prior to the switchover to mc2 there is no need to do anything if you wish to stay in the Village's program. You may receive mail from other electric supply companies asking for your business. You should be very cautious about providing your ComEd account number to anyone requesting it unless you are absolutely sure that you do not want to stay in the Village's program.