

THE VILLAGE OF KILDEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Kildeer Village Newsletter. The Village has a new police chief, new police squad cars, new stores, new budget, new award and a new road program. Read on to catch-up on what's happening in Kildeer.

In addition to the printed newsletter, the Village also publishes "e-News," a digital newsletter of current events on a bi-monthly basis (or immediately if an emergency arises). The electronic newsletter is sent via email directly to residents who wish to receive it. If you are not yet receiving e-News please send an email to mtalbett@villageofkildeer.com or call 847-438-6000 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

Hello, friends and neighbors. I hope that you had a wonderful summer.

The Village Board of Trustees and I want to welcome you to the latest edition of the Village Newsletter. Since our last newsletter, in March, many new developments have taken place in the Village. Some of the highlights include recognition for our excellence in financial reporting, hiring a new police chief and the establishment of several new businesses in Kildeer.

Police Chief

In May, following a long and thorough search, I had the honor of appointing Steve Balinski as Kildeer's Chief of Police. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment and Chief Balinski succeeds John Filantres who served as acting Chief following the departure of former Chief Lou Rossi who moved to Nevada.

Chief Balinski came to Kildeer from Buffalo Grove where he rose through the ranks to become Chief of a department with over 65 full time officers and a budget of over nine million dollars. He holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration and completed the Executive Management Program as well as the Staff and Command School at Northwestern University. His service to the Lake County law enforcement community includes terms as Chairman of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group, President of the Major Crash Accident Team, Past President of the Chiefs of Police Association.



I am very excited that Chief Balinski is now part of the Kildeer Police Department and this wonderful Village. Under Chief Balinski's leadership the Village's Police Department will continue to improve its service to residents.



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Nandia P. Black

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Finance Award



The Village of Kildeer received its first ever Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The award is the highest recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by the Board of Trustees and the Chief Village Officer.



Left to right: Les Sokolowski, Barb Stavropoulos, Nandia Black, Michael Talbett, Basel Tarabein, Ralph Liberatore, and William Johnson

Kildeer Finance Director, Annette Zborowski, was also recognized by the GFOA for her work in connection with the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving over 17,500 government finance professions with offices in Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Village Trustee
William Johnson



Village Trustee
Keith Kovanda



Village Trustee
Ralph Liberatore

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

New Squad Cars



In July the Village reduced its fleet of vehicles by declaring six older police vehicles as surplus. The cars will be sold at auction.

Two new Ford Interceptor squad cars were added to the fleet this summer. These cars

were specifically designed and built for police use and were delivered to Village Hall without any specialized equipment or striping. Under the new Chief's direction the cars were transformed into the ready for duty squad cars that you may have seen on Village streets. The markings on the cars were kept the same and the color was changed from silver to white in order to distinguish Kildeer's cars from those belonging to other nearby law enforcement agencies.

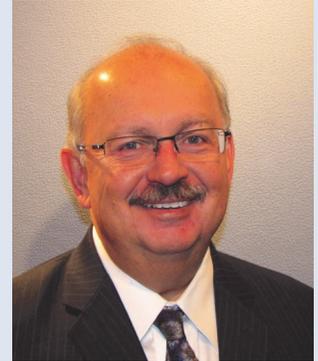


Sgt. Allen Barron

In June, Police Sergeant Allen Barron, a 13 year veteran of the Kildeer Police Department, passed away, a victim of cancer. Sgt. Barron is survived by his wife and two children. Kildeer police provided an honor guard at his funeral in which policemen from departments in Lake, McHenry and Cook County took part.



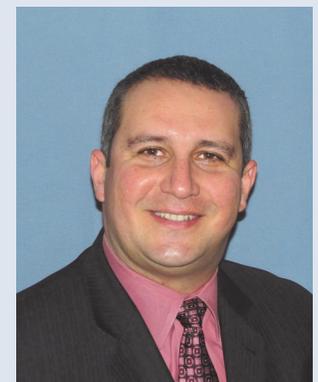
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Village Trustee
Les Sokolowski



Village Trustee
Barb Stavropoulos

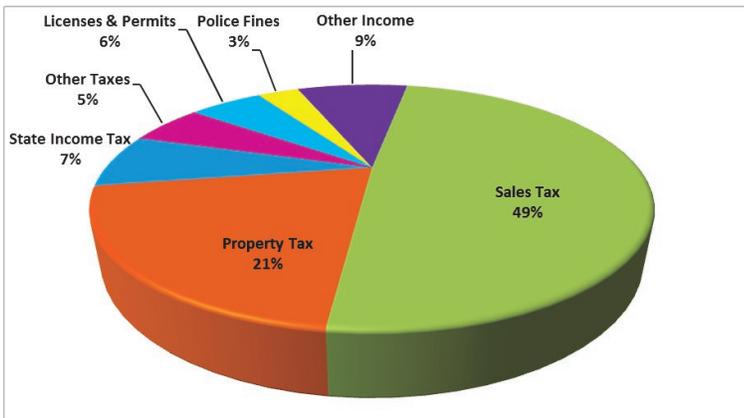


Village Trustee
Ralph Liberatore

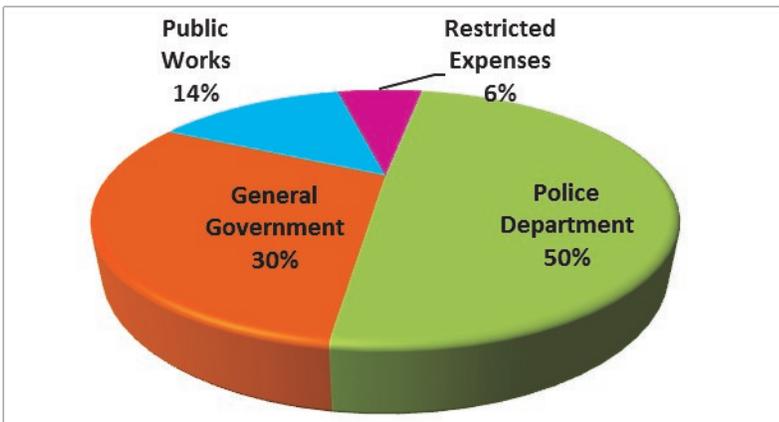
FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

Village Budget

I am pleased to report that the Village Board of Trustees approved a 2013-2014 budget that is balanced. Each fund within the Budget was evaluated to project whether programmed expenditures can be met with reasonably anticipated revenues. Fiscally conservative assumptions were incorporated into the revenue projections to comply with the Board’s philosophy of not spending money the Village does not have.



In brief, the major sources of revenue for the Village are sales tax and property tax. Major Village expenses include the police department and general government (which includes sales tax rebates to the shopping centers) and public works (snow plowing and street maintenance).



The Village’s annual audit takes place in September and, as in the previous four years, it is anticipated that the fiscal year that ended April 30th will close out with a surplus. I am confident that the Board’s goal of adding to the Village’s reserve fund will again be met.

Resident
Volunteers
Serving
the
Village:

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
- PAUL STAVROPOULOS

POLICE
PENSION
BOARD

- ED MCKENNA, CHAIR
- STEVE WALSH

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

Summer Storms



Heavy rains this summer caused significant flooding problems for some residents and severe erosion problems near several Village streets. Two large culverts require replacement and sections of roadway need work to prevent further undercutting. The cost of the emergency repair work exceeds \$100,000.



2013 Road Program

The Village Board approved the following projects for this year's road program:

Resurfacing:

- Hilandale Lane from Route 22 to Hilandale Court
- Hilandale Court from end to end
- Hickory Hill Drive at the intersection of Hampton Court
- Valley Road from 21020 Valley Road to 21173 Valley Road
- Middleton Drive from Long Grove Road to Long Meadows Drive
- Highwood Road from White Pine Drive to end
- Little Pond Road from White Pine Drive to end

Pavement Rejuvenation:

- Long Meadows Drive from Weatherstone Road to Middleton Drive
- Meadows Court from Middleton Drive to end

Pavement Patching:

- Hickory Hill Drive

Bids are being obtained and the work is anticipated to be finished in the next few months.

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

Special Events

There is now a certified course in the Village of Kildeer on which 5K and 8K races can be run. The 5K route is marked in green and the 8K course in red.

Two events are scheduled for this fall. The first event is a 5K/8K RUN & FUN on Sunday, October 6th. The race will start at Whole Foods in The Kildeer Marketplace and then wind through the Village's beautiful tree lined roads when the autumn leaves are showing off their best fall colors.

The event includes 2 bands, a beer tent, vendor booths, food, and the Chicago Bears football game streamed live on a jumbo screen. Prizes include running shoes from Roadrunner Sports. To learn more about this event, go to

<http://kildeeroctoberfestrun.com>.



The second event is the 5K Run for the Gould which will take place on Sunday, October 27th. It will be a 5K race sponsored by Chicago Bear Robbie Gould's charity foundation. There will also be a Kid Dash for children 7 and under in the Kildeer Market Place's parking lot. Robbie Gould will present medals to the fastest man and woman in each age category. Some of Robbie's famous football friends will be there to meet runners and supporters. The first 500 runners to register receive a long sleeve tech running shirt and gift bag. The first 75 registered for the Kid Dash receive a special shirt just for them. Many surprises are planned for the event.



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

Deer Park's Claim Against Kildeer is Dismissed

I am pleased to announce that the Village of Deer Park dismissed its lawsuit against Kildeer and will pay Kildeer \$221,887.94.



Kildeer provided police protection to Deer Park for many years until 2011 when Deer Park terminated the agreement and hired the Lake County Sheriff. The action taken by Deer Park officials to cancel the police services contract resulted in the undeserved layoff of several Kildeer police officers. Deer Park next filed suit against Kildeer for \$1.3 million claiming a breach of contract and fraud. Kildeer strongly denied these meritless allegations.

Kildeer retained an attorney to vigorously defend the Village and to assert a counterclaim against Deer Park for damages. The Judge in the Lake County Circuit Court dismissed five of the eight counts in Deer Park's complaint and all of Deer Park's allegations of fraud. Following the rulings in favor of Kildeer, Deer Park dropped its suit. Bringing this ill-advised lawsuit to an end was one of the Board's goals and it was in the best interest of the Village of Kildeer to settle the case to avoid additional legal expenses.



Under the terms of the settlement Deer Park dismissed its lawsuit and paid Kildeer \$221,887.94. The Village of Kildeer did not pay anything to Deer Park and Kildeer is vindicated by the outcome of this lawsuit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Steve Balinski, Chief

William Kukla, Patrolman

Doug Beres, Patrolman

Nick Baibus, Patrolman

Rob Davis, Patrolman

Mike Hoover, Patrolman

Butch Kropp, Patrolman



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

New Development

In August the Board of Trustees approved plans for a Chick-Fil-A restaurant to be built on Rand Road east of Chipolte and Potbelly's. Plans for the new restaurant are under review and a building permit is expected to be issued in September. Chick-Fil-A will open about four months after construction begins.



A new business that recently came to Kildeer is Luxe Wearhouse, a boutique for fine women's apparel and accessories. Luxe Wearhouse is located in the Quentin Collection Shopping Center.

Campus Colors, the "authentic off campus college store" is moving from Deer Park Town Centre to the Kildeer Marketplace. Campus Colors will join Road Runner Sports and Kreiser's Pet Food next to the Whole Foods store.



Pending before the Plan Commission is the review of a women's workout facility and exercise apparel store called Pure Barre. The Pure Barre fitness approach incorporates the use of a ballet barre to sculpt long, lean physiques. Pure Barre is applying to move into the Quentin Collection Shopping Center.

I am pleased to report that the Village continues to move in many positive directions. The Village Board's goal is to make Kildeer one of the most well-run and best places to live in the area.

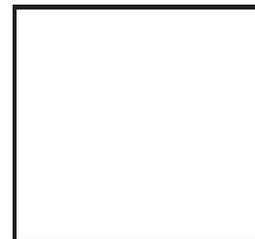
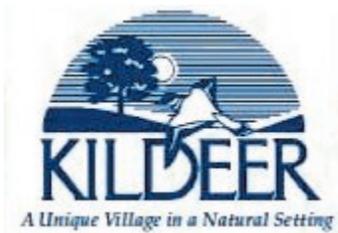
RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS SERVING THE VILLAGE:

POLICE COMMISSION

RICHARD MUELLER, CHAIR
FRANK CAPELLO
JOHN WILLEMS

INTERESTED IN KILDEER?

Residents who would like to become involved in the Village by serving on a Committee are encouraged to contact the Mayor, any of the Trustees, or the Chief Village Officer. Your time and talent can help make Kildeer a better place.



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AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

The first year of Village of Kildeer's Electric Aggregation program was a big success with Village residents enjoying the lowest rate available to any ComEd customer. The program starts its second year with MC Squared Energy Services (mc2) as the supplier of the electricity that ComEd delivers to your door.

The Village of Kildeer secured a two year agreement with mc2 after it submitted the lowest price of the three vendors that provided quotes. The Village locked in a competitive rate of 4.964 cents/kWh until the end of August, 2015 .

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. Electricity prices will be increasing in 2014 and 2015 and the Village locked-in rate is expected to once again be the lowest in the ComEd area over the two year period.

To learn more about mc2, please visit:

<http://www.kildeerelectricityaggregation.com/>