

THE VILLAGE OF KILDEER NEWSLETTER

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GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Kildeer Village Newsletter. New businesses are coming to the Village, a shopping center celebrates its one year anniversary, a new staff member is working at Village Hall, a former "Top Cop" retires, and new Police Officers are on-board. 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.



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NANDIA P. BLACK

Hello, friends and neighbors. It's been a long winter and I hope that many good things are in store for you this Spring.

The Village Board of Trustees and I want to welcome you to the latest edition of the Village Newsletter. Since our last edition the Village marked the 20 year anniversary of Officer Doug Beres' service to the Police Department and we bid farewell to Officers Nikolai Baibus and William Kukla. Three new full time Police Officers were hired along with two part time Officers.

The Village also welcomed Andrea Litzhoff to Village Hall to serve as the new Director of Building Permits and Communications. Several new businesses opened in Kildeer and Whole Foods in the Kildeer Marketplace celebrated its one year anniversary. I'm also pleased to report that the Village's bond rating was upgraded.

Officer Doug Beres

In November the Board of Trustees recognized Police Officer Doug Beres who has provided 20 years of service to the Village of Kildeer. Police Chief Steve Balinski noted that Officer Beres discharges his law enforcement duties professionally and with compassion and that he is a valued member of the department.



Officer Doug Beres (left) Chief Steve Balinski (right)



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Officer Nik Baibus



On November 24th Officer Nikolai Baibus retired from the Kildeer Police Department. Mayor Nandia Black recognized that Officer Baibus made over 500 arrests for people driving under the influence of alcohol and that over 95% of those arrested by Officer Baibus were convicted.

His extraordinary law enforcement record earned Officer Baibus the title of “Top Cop” for two years in a row. “Nik Baibus is a fine example of a Kildeer Police Officer- - professional, dedicated and hard-working. We are grateful for his service to Kildeer and he will be missed,” said Mayor Black before wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Officer Bill Kukla



Police Officer William Kukla retired last month after a 40 year career in law enforcement, the last 25 years spent in Kildeer. Officer Kukla was a veteran investigator, interrogator and evidence technician. He served as a member of the Kildeer Police Pension Board and as a Steward for the Kildeer Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. Following a brief vacation, Bill Kukla will return to the Village on a part time basis working in an administrative capacity.

Officer Ed Wagner



Ed Wagner joined the Kildeer Police Department as a full time officer in February. Officer Wagner is a veteran law enforcement professional who served in Buffalo Grove as Deputy Chief, Patrol Commander, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Detective and Patrolman. Chief Balinski told the Village Board that “Officer

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Village Trustee
William Johnson



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

Wagner is a great addition to the Department; his skills and understanding of community policing will help improve the quality of services delivered to the residents and businesses of Kildeer.” Officer Wagner is married and has two children.

Officer Tom O’Connell



Another veteran officer joining the Police Department as a full time officer is Tom O’Connell who comes to Kildeer from the Village of Lake Zurich. Tom is regarded by the command staff and first line officers as “one of the finest quality officers that has ever served Lake Zurich” said Chief Balinski. Officer O’Connell is

skilled as a field training officer and defensive tactics instructor. Together with Officer Wagner, Officer O’Connell will be an excellent role model for the younger officers. He is married with two children.

Officer Aaron Santiago



Aaron Santiago also joined the Village as a full time officer. He comes from the College of Lake County where he was a full time sworn police officer. Officer Santiago “has a strong desire to be part of a professional law enforcement team, and he fits well into the vision of making the Kildeer Police Department one of best in Lake County,” said Chief Balinski. Officer Santiago served as a part time

officer in Hawthorn Woods for two years before his appointment to Kildeer. He is married with two children.

Rounding out the new police officer appointments are two part time officers, Tom Radtke and Greg Schwall. Officer Radtke previously worked for Kildeer in a part time capacity and Officer Schwall is a full time police officer in Buffalo Grove. Both individuals will be a tremendous asset to the Kildeer Police Department.

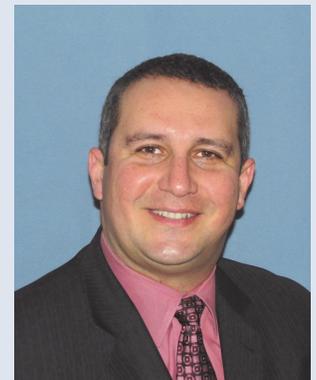
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FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BLACK (CON'T.)

Andrea Litzhoff



Administrative duties at Village Hall were reorganized in December and a new position entitled Director of Building Permits and Communications was created. Andrea Litzhoff, a recent graduate of Northern Illinois University holding a Masters Degree in Public

Administration, was hired to fill the new position. If there is a home addition or renovation project in your future you will be talking with Andrea.

Kildeer Marketplace

The long awaited Kildeer Marketplace opened on March 6, 2013.



Whole Foods, Kriser's Gourmet Pet Food and Road Runners Sports (now joined by Campus Colors) had their one year anniversary this month. Mayor Black, Police Chief Balinski and Chief Village Officer Talbett were on hand at Whole Foods bagging groceries as part of the first year celebration event.



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MARY KAY SCOTT
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BOARD

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STEVE WALSH

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

New Development



Chick-Fil-A

The Village issued a building permit for a Chick-Fil-A restaurant east of Chipolte and Potbelly's in the Shops at Kildeer. Construction of the restaurant will begin as soon as weather permits. Chick-Fil-A will open about four months after construction starts.

New in the Quentin Collection:



LUXE Wearhouse

LUXE Wearhouse has a carefully edited selection of designer samples and merchandise from some of the most sought after lines and trends in the fashion industry. These lines are often featured in the top fashion magazines as well as carried in the best specialty stores and premier department stores. Merchandise at LUXE Wearhouse is beautiful and affordable and ranges in price from \$5 to \$400.



Tuesday Morning

Now open in the Quentin Collection is Tuesday Morning, a national retail chain specializing in closeouts of medium to high end name brand gifts, home furnishings, housewares, luggage, toys, seasonal items, gourmet food and fashion accessories for men, women and children. Stop by and find yourself a bargain.



Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa

Whether you just need a day of rejuvenation from everyday stresses or have a specific problem or pain, feel better by experiencing one of the special Hand and Stone massage services including: Swedish, Deep Tissue, Sports, Hot Stone, Trigger Point or Pre-Natal.

Pure Barre

Pure Barre offers total body workouts for women that last 55 minutes per class targeting hips, thighs, abs and arms. Classes are offered at various times throughout the day so you can accommodate your fitness program around your busy day. Find everything you are looking for in a workout at the Pure Barre in Kildeer.



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In February the community welcomed Mariano's. Through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Lake Zurich the Village of Kildeer receives 40% of the sales tax generated by the grocery store.

Village of Kildeer's Bond Rating Upgraded

Moody's Investor Service provides credit ratings and produces research covering over 22,000 government entities and 10,000 corporations worldwide. In 2010, when it was time to refinance the debt incurred to build Village Hall, Moody's assigned Kildeer its first ever bond rating. The initial bond rating for the Village was Aa3. A Moody's rating of "Aa" represents obligations judged to be high quality and subject to very low credit risk. The numerical modifier "3" indicates a ranking in the lower end of the Aa category. Investors refer to bond ratings when determining the degree of risk that may be associated with the Village's issuance of bonds which is often directly related to the amount of interest that must be paid by the Village. Going from a rating of Aa3 to Aa2 may result in a lower interest rate.



On March 4, 2014 Moody's announced that the Village of Kildeer's risk rating was being upgraded from Aa3 to Aa2 moving the numerical rating up from the lower end of the Aa category to the midrange. Among other things, Moody's cited several reasons for the upgrade including the Village's moderately sized economic base with a strong demographic profile, healthy financial operations, and below average debt burden. Excerpts from the Moody's report are copied below.

Moderately Sized Tax Base With Above Average Demographic Profile

The Village's affluent tax base is expected to experience moderate growth as new commercial and residential developments are built in the near term. The Village's estimated full value reached \$3.1 billion in 2013 following years of steady growth in the Village's residential properties and retail sector. The Village experienced an average annual tax base growth of 2.4% over the last five years, a significant departure from other communities in the area that have been subject to valuation declines during the economic downturn. Two of the Village's three shopping centers represent the Village's top two taxpayers, including a new development that opened in March 2013 and is home to Whole Foods Market. Additionally, following a period of stalled residential developments during the previous five years, the Village reports new housing starts in the community, with 89 lots available and construction underway of new single family homes on 20 lots. Management also notes a 45 acre parcel available for development that could include an additional retail component. Income levels in the Village substantially exceed national levels, with median family income at 282.0% of the U.S. figure according to the 2006-2010 American Community Survey estimates. The county's unemployment level of 9.0% as of December 2013 approximates the state level of 8.6%, but is markedly higher than the national rate of 6.5%, both for the same time period. The Village reports an unemployment rate of 3.5%

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Healthy Financial Operations and Reserves

The city's financial operations are expected to remain healthy as a result of prudent budgeting practices and strong reserves, but financial flexibility is limited by the Village's lack of home rule status. The Village implemented improved budget management practices, including hiring a full-time Finance Manager in 2010. The Village's finances were also bolstered by a 0.5 percentage point increase to the Village's non-home rule sales tax rate, bringing the total rate to 1.5%. The increase, which was approved by voters in March 2012, generates an additional \$500,000 annually. In fiscal 2013, the Village posted its second consecutive operating surplus which is reserved for dealing with unanticipated situations. For fiscal 2014, the Village is anticipating an operating surplus in the General Fund due to sales taxes exceeding budgeted expectations and the Village's receipt of \$221,000 in one-time funds from litigation settlements.

Approximately 45.8% of the Village's operating revenues were derived from sales tax receipts in fiscal 2013. Future revenue increases are limited by the Village's non-home rule status. The Village works with one collective bargaining unit for its police officers. A three year contract was entered into in the Spring of 2013 and calls for salary increases ranging from 2.75 to 3.00% through 2015. The Village provides sewer services for its residents, but is looking to transfer its ownership rights to Lake County. The Sewer Fund posted an unrestricted net assets position of \$965,000 at the close of fiscal 2013. Its narrow cash position of \$137,401 at the close of fiscal 2013 is mitigated, in part, by the limited capital needs as the system was recently constructed and reports minimal leakage rates.

Modest Debt Burden

The Village's debt burden is expected to remain manageable given its lack of future borrowing plans. The Village's direct debt burden of 0.1% of estimated full value is not expected to increase over the near term given the Village's commitment to fund ongoing capital needs with cash on hand. Principal payout of the Village's existing debt is below average at 49.4% over the next ten years. All of the Village's debt is fixed rate and the Village is not party to any derivative or swap contracts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Steve Balinski, Chief

Doug Beres

Mike Hoover

Butch Kropp

Ed Wagner

Aaron Santiago

Tom O'Connell

Tom Radtke

Greg Schwall



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Grants Received



The Illinois Department of Commercial and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that the Village of Kildeer will receive a \$125,000 grant in 2014. State Representative Ed Sullivan, who supported the grant application on behalf of the Village, stated that "the

funding is for a much needed drainage project which will minimize flooding in the Village." The Village Engineer will be ready to start work on the project when warmer weather permits. The project addresses concerns arising from repetitive flooding on Plumwood Drive in the Kildeer Glen subdivision.

The Village also received funding from DCEO and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to replace all of the original interior and exterior lights at Village Hall with energy efficient and long lasting LED lights.



The Board of Trustees and I wish to thank Chief Village Officer Michael Talbett for his key role in obtaining these grants.



As evidenced by the Moody's report, the new commercial activity, and the high quality of the professional staff and Police Officers working at the Village, Kildeer continues to move in many positive directions. The Village Board's goal is to make our town the most well-run and best place to live in the area.

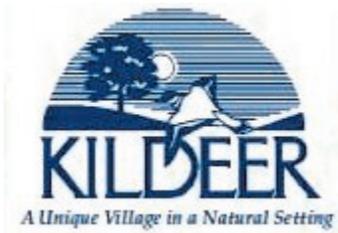
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Residents who would like to become involved in the Village by serving on a Committee are encouraged to contact the Mayor, any of the Trustees, or the Chief Village Officer. Your time and talent can help make Kildeer a better place.



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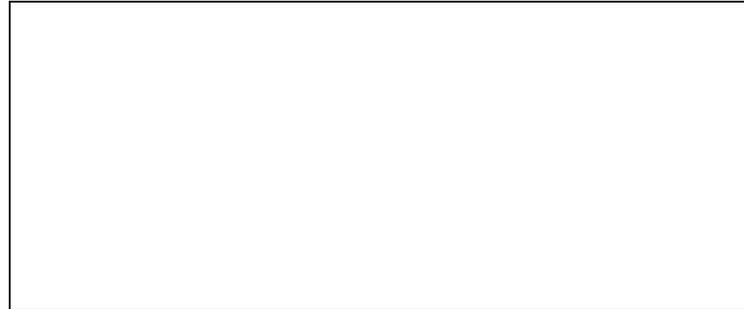
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Kildeer Residents' Day at Kemper Lakes Golf Club

The 2014 BBQ Challenge will take place on August 9th

Food, music and fun in the sun!

September 8, 2014
Save the date and mark your calendar.