

West Dundee Village Newsletter

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EXCITING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY SETS THE TABLE FOR BUSY 2016

As we near the close of 2015, the Village President Nelson and the Board of Trustees want to take this opportunity to highlight a year of robust and positive economic development activity for the Village of West Dundee. We have entered an exciting time for community--essentially a new chapter--with 2016 promising a continuance of this trend. Among the highlights are:

Key Plans Developed and Adopted: The Village adopted its first [Economic Development Plan \(EDP\)](#), commissioned and accepted a [Downtown Plan](#), and developed a [Retail Market Study](#). (Click the links to view these documents.) These key documents are assets in the Village's efforts to attract and retain businesses in West Dundee. All told, the focus of these plans is to assist the Village in increasing sales tax revenue, enhancing the community's equalized assessed valuation (EAV), and creating jobs.

New Community and Economic Development Director Hired: The Village welcomed Tim Scott to the Village team in the spring. Mr. Scott, who holds a masters degree in Urban Planning and Business Administration, comes to West Dundee from Hinsdale, where he held a similar position. Mr. Scott's extensive experience in downtown and mall redevelopment has proven to be an asset for West Dundee, given the community's extensive activity on both sectors in 2015.

Spring Hill Mall Upgrades: Mall owner Rouse Properties announced its \$38.5M renovation of [Spring Hill Mall](#), which will feature an 8-screen Cinemark movie theater, along with new dining and shopping options. The plan to reinvigorate the mall is made possible by an extensive public-private partnership involving Rouse Properties and the villages of West Dundee and Carpentersville. Demolition of the JC Penney's wing has commenced in anticipation of new construction being started in late winter, after the new year. This project will have a positive and sustained impact not only on the mall itself, but also on the surrounding properties—including the Spring Hill Gateway and the nearby restaurant parcels.



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VILLAGE BOARD

West Dundee is governed by a [Village President & Board of Trustees](#), elected at-large.

The [Village Manager](#) is responsible for the administration of Village activities and services.

Village President Christopher Nelson

Village Board of Trustees Patrick Hanley
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Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro

The **Village Board meets** on the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month at **7:30 pm** at **Village Hall** unless otherwise noted. Meeting agendas are posted at wdundee.org. The public is invited to attend and citizen participation is encouraged.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Village Hall: Monday - Friday
102 S. Second Street 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Public Safety Center #1: Monday - Friday
555 S. Eighth Street (Rt. 31) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Public Safety Center #2: Monday - Friday
100 Carrington Drive 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Public Works: Monday - Friday
900 Angle Tarn 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Dispatch 847-428-8784
Village Hall 847-551-3800
Police Administration (PSC 1) 847-551-3810
Public Works 847-551-3815
Fire Administration, Community Development & Building (PSC 2) 847-551-3805

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

25 Turkey Festival at The Depot
26+27 **Village Offices Closed - Thanksgiving**
28 **SATURDAY Refuse Collection**
28 **Final Yard Waste Collection**
Fall Leaf Collection Program Ends

December

1 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
5+6 **Dickens in Dundee**
7 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
21 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
24+25 **Village Offices Closed - Christmas**
26 **SATURDAY Refuse Collection**
28 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

January

1 **Village Offices Closed - New Years Day**
2 **SATURDAY Refuse Collection**
4 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
5 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
8+15 **Christmas Tree Collection**
18 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
25 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

February

1 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
2 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
15 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
22 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

March

1 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
7 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
12 **St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festivities**
21 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
28 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

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Oakview Corporate Park Expansion: [Renishaw](#), a UK-based manufacturer, broke ground on its 133,000 square foot, North American headquarters in West Dundee's Oakview Corporate Park. With the development comes approximately 100 career-level positions. Renishaw's selection of our town is an important step in the Village's overall plan to add jobs and to diversify the local economy. Additionally, Taiwan-based metal fabricator [King Shan](#) doubled its holdings in the [Oakview Corporate Park](#), adding 45,000 square feet of space in 2015.

Senior Residence Plan Submittals: Plans have been submitted for two senior citizen residence facilities in West Dundee, [Bright Oaks Memory Care](#) and [Gardner Capital](#) Senior Independent Living. Both concepts bring significant investments into the community and add much-needed residential density.

Businesses Re-Invest: Several West Dundee business re-committed to their successful operations in West Dundee. Two prime examples come from the downtown area, with [Emmett's](#) implementing \$250,000-worth of enhancements and [Spa Bleu](#) completing a \$500,000 renovation.

Downtown Improvements: With the Downtown Plan adopted, development plans have begun in earnest. Look for the opening of the RocHaus live-music theater in the former Clearwater space, along with the new [Dooley's Irish Pub](#) in the adjacent building formerly occupied by MT Barrels. The complex of buildings at the southeast corner of First and Main streets will be undergoing significant changes in 2016, with plans to be discussed publicly in the near future. In addition, façade and interior improvements are being planned for no fewer than five buildings interspersed throughout the downtown area. In the new year, Downtown West Dundee will be continuing the transformation begun in 2015, with the village serving as an active partner and facilitator.



The economy of West Dundee is strong and growing stronger. The Village will remain an active part of this transformation and is committed to working aggressively to continue the positive momentum gained in the last 24 months. Stay tuned as the landscape of West Dundee grows and evolves in the coming year and beyond.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHOPPING LOCAL

In the flurry of holiday shopping and dining out with friends, family and coworkers, the Village of West Dundee would like to encourage and remind you to support our local businesses whenever possible.

By shopping locally, you not only support local jobs and economic growth, but the success of local businesses also improves the marketability of our trade area, which helps to retain and attract retailers and other businesses. Shopping and dining in West Dundee also generates local sales tax dollars directly to the Village. These sales tax dollars are used to help defer the cost of providing municipal services throughout the community.

Another way to support our local businesses is through participation in “10-for-10” **Shop Local Events**. 10-for-10 is a program facilitated by a volunteer committee as part of the West Dundee Ambassadors program, intended to support and bring visibility to local restaurants and retailers, while providing an opportunity for social interaction with business owners and fellow residents. Participants are asked to visit particular businesses during a designated time frame, and spend at least \$10. The following 10-for-10 events are scheduled for the month of December. [Join the Village Newslist](#) for information about future events.



Wednesday, December 2 from 6-8 pm

Dining: [Olive Garden](#) (800 N Eighth St)
Shopping: [Spring Hill Mall](#)

Wednesday, December 16 from 6-8 pm

Dining: [Emmett's](#) (128 W Main St)
Shopping: [Honey Poo Poo's](#) (92 W Main)
[swell gallery](#) (123½ W Main)

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



COFFEE WITH A COP

On **January 12th, 2016**, officers from the West Dundee Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss concerns and build relationships over a cup of coffee. All community members are invited to attend. The event will begin at 10am at **Starbucks (203 N. Eighth Street)**.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity to ask questions and get to know the officers who work in your neighborhood. There will be no agenda or presentation, simply conversation.

[Coffee with a Cop](#) is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to build lasting connections with the communities that they serve.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Residents and businesses of the Dundees are invited to show their holiday spirit and compete in a decorating contest in conjunction with Dickens in Dundee.

The award categories have been amended this year to keep it fun and fresh - They are as follows:

- ... Best Nostalgic Display (*think Norman Rockwell*)
- ... Best Clark Griswold (*excessive lights & decorations*)
- ... Reason for the Season (*religious display*)
- ... Inside Out (*indoor display visible from the street*)
- ... Best Use of Lighting
- ... Best Decorated Business
- ... Best Decorated Block*



Register your house, block or business by Tuesday, December 1, 2015 by sending an email to decorating4dickens@gmail.com. If you do not have email access, stop by Village Hall (East or West Dundee) or The Depot to enter. Entries must include your name, address of the property, contact information and which category you would like to compete in.

*For the Best Decorated Block, only one resident needs to enter in this category for the block to be considered. Encourage your neighbors to go all out, or coordinate on a theme.

Houses will be photographed for judging on Saturday, December 5 between 6:00 & 9:00 pm. (Be sure to turn the lights on!) Photos of participating homes will be posted online, where the public will vote for the winners in each category. Voting will take place on the Dickens in Dundee Facebook Event Page. You do not have to join Facebook to vote. Visit www.dickensindundee.org for the link.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

Residents who plan to be out of town for an extended period of time are encouraged to register for the House Watch program.

While you are away, a police officer will check on your house at least once per night and monitor for suspicious activity.

For more information, contact the Police Department at 847-551-3810 or police@wdundee.org.

DON'T LET A CROOK RUIN YOUR HOLIDAYS

Protect your home, yourself and your belongings from theft this holiday season, and year-round, by taking a few extra precautions:

- If you are away, have someone watch your house to shovel snow and pick-up mail and newspapers. Program interior and exterior lights to go on and off by an automatic timer. Turn on the outside lights to your residence at night to deter criminals from using the cover of darkness to their advantage.
- When shopping, avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't park in unlit or secluded areas. Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard for help if you become separated.
- Beware of con games and fraud. When someone asks you for a donation, ask to see identification. Donate only to charities you know, and never give your credit card number over the phone.
- Don't leave any valuables inside your vehicle. Lock your car, roll up all the windows and set the alarm system or anti-theft device. Park your vehicle inside your garage instead of on your driveway or street.





DUNDEE LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Come to Grafelman Park to purchase your **Christmas tree, wreaths** and **garland** from the [Dundee Lions Club](#).

Sales begin on "Black Friday", November 27, from 10 am - 6 pm. Regular hours are as follows, until December 13:

Thursdays & Fridays from 6 pm - 8 pm

Saturdays & Sundays from 10 am - 6 pm

Dundee Lions will collect non-perishable food items and disposable diapers for the FISH Pantry, and also eyeglasses, cell phones and battery chargers, hearing aids, old keys and holiday light strings for recycling.

All profits for Lions fund raising events are donated to local charities. For more information visit dundeelions.org.

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES SET

Curbside Christmas tree collections are scheduled for **January 8 & 15**, along with regular refuse collection as provided by the Village.

Trees need to be stripped of all decorations and placed at the curb with the cut end facing the street. Trees do not have to be cut up, bundled or placed in yard waste bags.

Trees in plastic bags or wrapped in plastic will not be accepted. In addition, trees or greenery covered with artificial snow cannot be accepted.

Garlands and wreaths must be disassembled. The organic portion should be placed in a yard waste bag while the rest is discarded as refuse.

If you live in a building with more than three units, contact your building owner or refuse hauler regarding Christmas tree disposal, or recycle it (see next story for information).

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

You can also recycle your Christmas tree with the Dundee Township Highway Commission.

Bring your tree (all decorations removed) to the Dundee Township Garage at 1900 Sleepy Hollow Rd (at Rte 72) until January 15.

Call Highway Commissioner Larry Braasch at 847-426-0898 for more information.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

In addition to electronics and household battery recycling, holiday lights are accepted for recycling at the West Dundee Public Works facility at 900 Angle Tarn.

Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am & 3 pm.

For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit the [recycling page at wdundee.org](http://recycling.page.at.wdundee.org).

DRIVEWAY APPROACH SNOW REMOVAL

The Village of West Dundee offers driveway approach snow removal to senior and disabled residents.

This service is limited to the section of the driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, and for snowfall events of 2" or more. Registered driveway approach locations are cleared of snow at the conclusion of the Village's snow removal obligations for all streets, parking lots, etc. The cost for this service is \$15 for each removal. Participants are billed periodically, with payment due upon receipt of an invoice from the Village.

To sign up, please stop by or call Village Hall at 847-551-3800 to request an application or [download the form](#) from the Village's website, www.wdundee.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT - MARK JOHNSON

The Village of West Dundee, along with our neighboring communities and the [Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce](#), celebrated the Third Annual Community Service Awards on November 18, 2016, in recognition of individuals who go above and beyond in service to the community.



One of our greatest assets as a community are the volunteers that put their personal time, efforts and support into the programs and projects to make our community a truly special place. This year's West Dundee Volunteer of the Year is a prime example.

Mr. Mark Johnson was selected for this award based on his vision and leadership in the [Challenger Baseball program](#), a division of Little League Baseball designed for children with special needs. Each Challenger player plays side by side with a Little League Buddy, providing opportunities for each to learn new skills and grown as individuals.

What began 7 years ago with a goal to establish 2 Challenger teams for an afternoon of baseball at South End Park, has blossomed into a full-day event with participation by 14 teams (140 Challenger players + 140 buddies) from all over the region. The Challenger Jamboree, which is held at [Randall Oaks](#) each September, celebrated its 4th year in 2015.

Please join us in thanking Mark for his service and dedication to the youth of our community.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

From November 1 through April 1 each year, a winter street parking ban is in effect, which prohibits parking on Village streets **between the hours of 2 am and 6 am**.

The purpose of the winter street parking ban is to ensure that in the event of overnight snowfall, the roads are unobstructed and can be completely cleared by the Public Works Department prior to the morning rush.

However, if you have short-term guests or your vehicle cannot be moved, permission *may* be granted for temporary overnight street parking. Call the Village's emergency dispatch center, **QuadCom, at 847-428-8784** with the vehicle's location, make, model and license plate number to request overnight street parking.

Please be aware, however, that in the event of two or more inches of snowfall, the vehicle may have to be moved at your expense and/or ticketed if it will inhibit snow removal operations.



SNOW REMOVAL OBLIGATIONS

Please help us to ensure safe travel for pedestrians and vehicles throughout the Village this snow season:

- Please clear snow from around the fire hydrants near your residence to allow emergency crews quick access in case of fire.
- Keep public and private sidewalks clear of ice and snow for everyone's safety, including that of school-age children who walk daily to their bus stop.
- Do not stockpile snow at street intersections. This creates a visual obstruction that places everyone at risk.
- Please do not deposit or blow snow or ice onto Village streets.
- Please help neighbors who are unable to clear snow from sidewalks.



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DICKENS IN DUNDEE is December 4 & 5

Visit www.DickensInDundee.org
or look inside for an event schedule!

2015 PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Within the budget process for this year, the Village Board was able to allocate \$30,000 towards the annual parkway tree planting program in a continued effort to combat the significant loss of public trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Homeowners Associations and individual homeowners participated in the program on a 50/50 shared cost basis, allowing for an additional funding in an amount of \$17,400 toward replanting of trees throughout the community.

With these funds, 170 trees were planted by Trinity Landscape on parkways in front of homes and businesses, and along parks and public land, during late October and early November.

Tree species planted include 5 different species of Maple, 3 Oak species, 3 Linden species and 1 variety of Honey Locust. In addition, Dundee Landscape Nursery donated 5 Spruces and 5 Washington Hawthorns.

The Village of West Dundee would like to extend our thanks to the 50/50 program participants, whose contributions helped to significantly increase the number of trees that were able to be planted.

Over the past 5 years, over 1,300 trees have had to be removed from street sides and public land such as parks, the Riverwalk and landscape berms. Following this year's tree planting program, more than 300 trees remain on the list for replacement, with many more identified for removal. The Village Board has committed in recent years to the replanting of trees for the benefit of property values and community aesthetics.

If you have any questions related to parkway trees, including tree health, maintenance, removal or replacement, or stump removal, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-551-3815 or publicworks@wdundee.org.

