

# West Dundee Village Newsletter

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## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN ALL SECTORS SHAPES AN EXCITING 2017

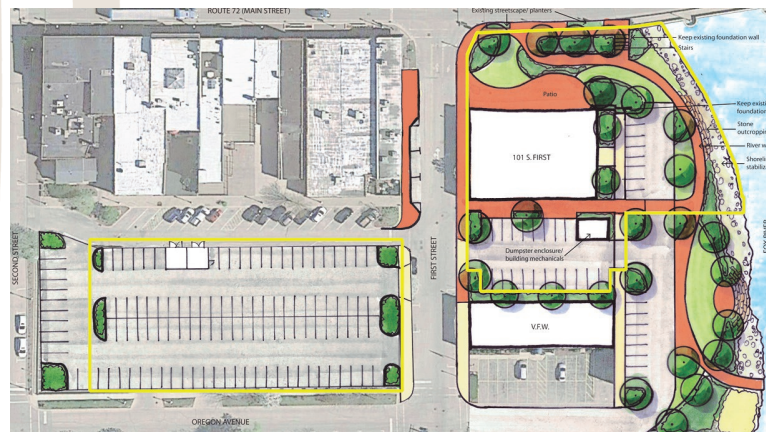
Village President Nelson and the Board of Trustees want to take this opportunity to highlight a year of robust and positive economic development activity for the Village of West Dundee. In the past 24 months, over \$82 million in private commercial investment has been announced within the community. The Village of West Dundee has entered an exciting time for community development--essentially a new chapter--with 2017 promising a continuance of this trend. Among the highlights are:

**Downtown Redevelopment:** Downtown West Dundee is currently undergoing its most extensive renovation in decades. The most dramatic change is occurring on the southeast corner of First and Main. The complex of buildings fronting Main St will be removed by spring to establish a prominent gateway and riverfront for public use. The former bowling alley at 101 S First is being overhauled to accommodate up to four separate uses, including [Around the Corner Candy](#).

The old Pump House and Fire Station at 98 Oregon have been removed. Bricks from the Pump House are being reclaimed with the intent of building a new code-compliant structure designed to pay tribute to the original. Its usable space will support public activities.

On the west side of First Street, the former Ace Hardware building has been removed to make way for additional public parking, and the corner property that previously housed Dylan's Pub is benefiting from nearly \$1 million in upgrades to accommodate a new, family-style restaurant concept called Bamboozels.

On the north side of the downtown area, look for the opening of the [RocHaus](#) live-music theater in the former Clearwater space. The new venue is scheduled to open in April 2017. In addition, façade and interior improvements are being planned for no fewer than five buildings interspersed throughout the downtown area. Downtown West Dundee will continue to transform as these projects are completed.



*Above: Downtown Redevelopment Plan overview. Yellow borders indicate Phase 1 work areas, currently underway.*

The Village Newsletter is published twice annually as a public information service for Village residents and businesses.

More frequent communication is provided to email subscribers of the Village Newslist ([sign up at wdundee.org](mailto:sign_up_at_wdundee.org)) and also via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## 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 Michelle Kembitzky Billy Pflanz Thomas Price Dan Wilbrandt Andy Yuscka
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

<b>Village Hall:</b> 102 S. Second Street	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Public Safety Center #1:</b> 555 S. Eighth Street (Rt. 31)	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Public Safety Center #2:</b> 100 Carrington Drive	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Public Works:</b> 900 Angle Tarn	Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 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 (PSC 2)	847-551-3805
Community Development (PSC 2)	847-551-3806



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 20 Regular Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28 Consolidated Primary Election** (see page 4)

### March

- 6 Regular Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11 & 17 St. Patrick's Day Festivities** (see page 7)
- 20 Regular Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00 pm

### April

- 4 Consolidated Election** (see page 4)
- 7 Yard Waste Collection Begins**
- 10 Regular Village Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 14 Good Friday - Village Offices Closed**
- 22 Village Earth Day Event** (more information TBA)
- 24 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm

### May

- 8 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 13 Backyard Garden Club Plant Sale 9-11:30 am**
- 14 Happy Mothers Day!**
- 22 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28 VFW Memorial Day Parade/Program 2:00 pm**
- 29 Memorial Day - Village Offices Closed**

REFUSE COLLECTION WILL BE  
MOVED TO **SATURDAY**  
FOLLOWING THESE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

*Memorial Day (collection on Sat, June 3)*  
*Independence Day (collection Sat, July 8)*

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**Spring Hill Mall Revitalized:** With the opening of the state-of-the-art 8-screen [Cinemark Theater](#) and the announced opening of [H&M](#) and [Cinnabon](#) this spring, the \$50 million renovation of [Spring Hill Mall](#) is progressing well and will continue throughout 2017 with the addition of new retailers and restaurants.

Concurrently, the Village is in preliminary talks with the owners of the Spring Hill Gateway properties in service of a substantial redevelopment of the center located immediately southeast of Spring Hill Mall.

**Oakview Corporate Park Expansion:** [Renishaw](#), a UK-based manufacturer, will be opening its 133,000-square foot, North American headquarters in West Dundee's [Oakview Corporate Park](#) this spring. 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, [Oelheld](#), a German company specializing in fluids used in manufacturing processes, will be opening a 28,000-square foot development in summer 2017, adding 75 jobs.

**New Residential Development Planned:** A \$20 million plan for a gated, [multifamily development](#) on the east side of Rt. 31 (south of Boncosky Road) is slated for groundbreaking in spring 2017. The 260-unit project will feature market-rate rents and likely will spur development along the Rt. 31 corridor.

Also slated for a spring groundbreaking is [Spring Hill Senior Residences](#), a \$14 million plan for a multifamily development consisting of 61 apartments of affordable, independent senior living on approximately five acres, just south of [Chili's](#).

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.

## BUDGET PROCESS BEGINS

The Village has begun planning and preparing for the upcoming budget process. The Village of West Dundee operates on a May 1 to April 30 fiscal year and over the next three month period, the Village Staff and Board of Trustees will devote a considerable amount of time to developing a budget that is fiscally responsible.

While the Village remains in good fiscal health, the economic constraints of the past several years have been challenging. The Village Board is faced with the difficult task of evaluating expenditures and identifying revenues needed to provide services to the residents and businesses of our community.

Exciting progress on the implementation of the Village's [Downtown Plan](#) as well as the improvements to [Spring Hill Mall](#) currently underway will have impacts on Village's budget, both long- and short-term. In addition, the Village is committed to establish an ongoing funding plan to address the capital needs of West Dundee. Whether it be road improvements, utility infrastructure, major vehicle purchases, or building improvements, the need for capital dollars is a real one and it is our goal to ensure that our community needs are met for current and future generations.



It is anticipated that the proposed budget will be presented to the Village Board by March 6. A Public Hearing to solicit public input will be scheduled during the month of April, prior to formal adoption of the 2017/18 budget by the Village Board.

A copy of the [budget](#), as well as upcoming [meeting dates](#) and [agendas](#) will be available at [www.wdundee.org](http://www.wdundee.org). Board Meeting Agendas are posted online by the preceding Friday.



## LOCAL ELECTIONS COMING UP

Dundee Township voters will be asked to participate in a Primary this election cycle to [select party candidates](#) for the upcoming Consolidated Election. **Election Day for the Primary is Tuesday, February 28.**

**Election Day for the Consolidated Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4.** Many local offices will appear on the ballot this election cycle, including the position of West Dundee Village President and the election of three Village Trustees.

Polls will be open from **6:00 am to 7:00 pm** on both Tuesday, February 28 and Tuesday, April 4.

**Early Voting** opportunities will be available for both the Primary and Consolidated Election. Please visit [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org) and click "[Early Voting](#)" (left column) for locations, dates and times.

To confirm your voter registration, identify your polling place, view a sample ballot, obtain information on absentee ballots or find other information about voting, please visit [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org).

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Please note that Deputy Registrars, including those at the Village Hall and Library, are not able to register voters within 30 days of an election. During these periods, Kane County residents may **register and vote at the same time at Early Voting locations**, as part of Grace Period Registration. For more information about Grace Period Voter Registration, please visit the "Early Voting" page at [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org).

To register to vote, bring two forms of identification, including one with your current residential address.

At all other times, when there is not an election set to occur within 30 days, voter registration is available at Village Hall. This includes a brief period between the Primary and Consolidated Elections, essentially March 2 though 6, and after the close of the Consolidated Election, beginning April 6. This service is available during regular hours of operation, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

## VILLAGE TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters will host a **Candidate Forum** as an opportunity for West Dundee voters to hear from candidates running for Village Trustee. The forum will take place on **Thursday, March 2** at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

The four candidates running for Village Trustee have been invited to participate: Dan Wilbrandt, Cheryl Anderley, Patrick J. Hanley and William Pflanz. Voters will be asked to select three candidates for these Village Board positions as part of the upcoming Consolidated Election.

For more information please contact Carol Grom, League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area, at 847-428-4064.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT - BECKY GILLAM

One of our greatest assets as a community are the volunteers that dedicate their personal time, effort and support to programs that make our community a truly special place. On November 16, 2016, the Village of West Dundee joined our neighboring communities and the [Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce](#) to celebrate the 4th Annual Community Service Awards in recognition of exceptional individuals who go above and beyond to serve their community.

Ms. Becky Gillam, West Dundee's 2016 Volunteer of the Year, has been rightfully compared to the Energizer Bunny. Becky is a tireless public servant who has worked both behind the scenes and on the front line to help bring countless community events and projects to fruition.

Becky plays an integral role in planning, preparation and day-of volunteering for the West Dundee Halloween Party, [Dickens in Dundee](#) and [Heritage Fest](#). Over the past 15+ years, she has been actively involved with numerous events and activities on behalf of the Village, [District 300](#) and other community organizations throughout the area.

Becky may be best known as the driving force behind West Dundee's Earth Day, Every Day Community Gardening events. At Becky's initiative and planning, hundreds of volunteers have participated in the ongoing beautification and maintenance of the public landscape through numerous work days. Becky has sought and collected donations of plant material for this effort, saving tax dollars in the process.

You may also know Becky as the current [Kane County Board representative for District 21](#), serving residents in West Dundee, East Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, Carpentersville, Gilberts and Elgin. Becky also served the residents of West Dundee as a Village Trustee for 5 years and prior to that, as an Appearance Review Commissioner.

Please join us in thanking Becky Gillam for her service and dedication to our community.



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IS BACK

Residents of Kane County can once again recycle unwanted electronics right here in West Dundee at the **Public Works** facility, located at **900 Angle Tarn**. Electronics can be dropped off for recycling **between 7:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday**, holidays excluded.

Most items are free to recycle, including strings of lights, cell phones & tablets, desktop & laptop computers, keyboards, mice, cables & cords, printers, DVD players, VCRs & digital recorders, video game consoles and more.

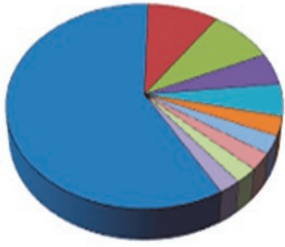
Please be reminded that TVs and monitors are banned from Illinois landfills and will NOT be collected at the curb. Due to the costs incurred for proper disposal, there is a fee required to recycle TVs and Monitors. The cost, between \$25 & \$35 depending on the size of the screen, can be paid online in advance or on site at the time of recycling.

For more information, please visit [www.wdundee.org/?page=waste](http://www.wdundee.org/?page=waste).

## The Kane County Recycles 2017 Green Guide is out!

The annual [Green Guide](#) is the authority on how & where to recycle just about anything in Kane County. Pick up a paper copy at Village Hall or view it online at [wdundee.org](http://wdundee.org).





## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FINANCIAL SCAMS

The West Dundee Police Department receives regular reports from residents who are confronted with attempts to obtain their personal information and/or con them out of their hard-earned money. Schemes and scams can be perpetrated in person, over the phone, through the mail and online using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Below are some simple steps you may take to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and fraud:

### Top 10 Scams of 2015

- 1. IRS Scam
- 2. Debt Collection
- 3. Computer Tech Support
- 4. Phishing
- 5. Sweepstakes/Lotteries
- 6. Craigslist/Online Listings
- 7. Business-Targeted
- 8. Imposters
- 9. PCH Sweepstakes
- 10. Identity Theft

- Shred your documents.
- Create unique passwords & change them regularly.
- Only keep the essentials in your wallet or purse.
- Keep your computer's firewall and virus-protection software up-to-date.
- Monitor your bank account regularly.
- Do not provide your financial information via e-mail or over the phone.
- Register for the Do Not Call list at 1-888-382-1222 or [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).
- Opt out of pre-approved credit card offers at 1-888-5-OPTOUT or [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com).
- **Remember - If it sounds too good to be true - It most likely is!**

## COFFEE WITH A COP

On **February 21, 2017**, officers from the [West Dundee Police Dept](#) and members of the West Dundee community 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 **1:00pm** at [Barnes & Noble](#), at [Spring Hill Mall](#).

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.

## UTILITY INSURANCE SOLICITATION

Several residents have reported receiving a letter regarding an insurance policy for water and sewer service line repairs. Please be advised that this is a business solicitation and is not endorsed by the Village of West Dundee.

For tips on reducing solicitations received by mail, visit [www.ecocycle.org/junkmail](http://www.ecocycle.org/junkmail).

Please note that upgrades or repairs to residential water and sewer service lines are eligible for the [Residential Façade Improvement Loan Program](#).

Under this program, homeowners in West Dundee may apply for a loan for up to 75% of the cost of eligible improvements (maximum of \$6,000), to be repaid within 48 months at 0% interest.

For more information, visit the [Forms & Applications page on wdundee.org](#) and view the Community Development forms.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE DUNDEES

[St. Patrick's Day](#) is a big deal in the Dundees - An opportunity to shake off cabin fever and get back outdoors for a big community celebration. This year's events are taking place over two separate weekends, with the Parade, Adult Big Wheel Race and other activities on Saturday, March 11 and fireworks to take place on St. Patrick's Day proper, Friday, March 17. See below for a schedule of events.

### Saturday, March 11:

- 8:30 am DublinDEE Kilted 5K Run & Walk:** Break out your green for a morning run or walk along the Bike Path in East Dundee. The first 300 entrants receive a kilt, pint glass and more. Race proceeds will benefit FISH Food Pantry and Friends of the Fox River. Registration information is available at [www.dundeestpats.com/kilted-5k](http://www.dundeestpats.com/kilted-5k).
- 10:00 am Pre-Parade at the Grandstand:** Arrive early for pre-parade events at the Grandstand, located next to The Depot in East Dundee. Activities include circus acts, face painting, a pet parade and an invitation to add your chalk art to the parade route.
- 11:00 am Thom McNamee Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade:** The [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) takes place in East Dundee, beginning at Wenzholz Ave, heading south on Water St along the river, then east on Barrington Ave into the downtown area and south on River St, ending at Jackson St ([see route map](#)). Trophies are awarded to parade entrants in several categories, including Fan Favorite. Vote for your favorite parade entry at [www.facebook.com/ThomMcNameeParade/](http://www.facebook.com/ThomMcNameeParade/)
- 1:00 pm Emmett's 10th Annual Adult Big Wheel Race:** Watch from the sidelines along Washington Street between 2nd & 3rd St as grown men and women race downhill on children's plastic riding toys. Multiple heats will lead to 3 ultimate winners for each category - from unmodified to heavily modified Big Wheels or similar "transportation" - and for categories such as Best Dressed and Worst Wipe Out. [Register for the race online](#) and [visit Facebook for videos of previous years](#).

### Friday, March 17:

- 7:30 pm Fireworks:** Bandito Barney's presents a fantastic [fireworks](#) show over the Fox River, with a glow-in-the-dark juggler and performances by the [Dundee Scots Pipe Band](#) near the footbridge. Grab a bite at any of the area restaurants and make your way to the riverfront for the show.

Pull together all of the green clothing and accessories you can find and join the fun! Live entertainment, specials, festivities, and of course Corned Beef, can be expected throughout the day and night at bars and restaurants in East and West Dundee on both days.

Interested in getting involved? Visit [www.dundeestpats.com](http://www.dundeestpats.com) for information about the [Irish Princess and Queen Essay Contest](#), the [Irish Rebel Door Competition](#), the [Kilted 5K](#), [Parade Entry Application](#), [Parade Sponsorships](#), all the ways to donate to the [FISH & Friends of the Fox fundraiser](#), and more.





# Postal Customer West Dundee, IL 60118

Earth Day  
Every Day

COMMUNITY  
GARDENING PROJECT 

Save the date - April 22 | [Prairie Meadow Park Natural Area](#) | [Join the Village Newslist](#) for more info

## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE - COYOTES

Coyote sightings are a common occurrence in Illinois and throughout the Dundee area. Coyotes are not considered to be a public health concern. They prey on smaller animals such as mice, voles, rabbits, woodchucks and squirrels, and will supplement their diet with insects, fruits, berries, and even garbage or pet food when available. It is much less common, but not unheard of, for coyotes to prey on small cats and dogs.

Please be reminded to keep a close watch on pets when outdoors, and eliminate sources of food or shelter that may encourage coyotes and other wildlife to frequent your property.

Below are a few tips to make your property less desirable to coyotes:

- Keep garbage stored securely.
- Use squirrel-proof bird feeders and keep bird feeding areas clean of debris.
- Feed pets indoors. If pets are fed outside, clean up any leftover food immediately.
- Do not leave small pets outside unattended, especially at night.
- Eliminate brush piles and any areas where smaller wildlife may take up residence.



There have been no reports of coyote attacks on humans in Illinois for over 30 years. If you are approached by a coyote, do not run. Yell, stand up straight and wave your arms to make yourself appear larger, or throw something at the coyote to scare it away. If you should observe a wild animal that appears sick or injured, please contact QuadCom dispatch at 847-428-8784 (or 9-1-1).

Learn more about coyotes and other wildlife common to Illinois at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/>. This site is a cooperative effort between the University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Department of Natural Resources.