

DEPOT LIFE

A NEWSLETTER FOR EASTSIDERS



An Exciting Time to be in East Dundee

The upcoming year looks to bring many new changes and improvements that will continue to make East Dundee a great place to live, work, and play.

Oktoberfest

One of the major changes can be seen in the creation of the Village's First Annual Oktoberfest. After extensive outreach to the business community and residents, the Village decided to discontinue participation in Heritage Festival and instead refocus our resources on a new event of our own. Oktoberfest will include live music from some of the area's best bands, local food

and beverage vendors, as well as fun contests and games. The festival will take place on October 12-14th in East Dundee's historic downtown. Stay tuned for more details!

Strategic Planning

Over the course of the next year, the Village Board will also be taking measures to prepare East Dundee for the future. In the coming months, the Board will begin a strategic planning process that will work to define the Village's vision for the future and the steps to make that vision into a reality. While the strategic plan does create a clear roadmap, the strategic plan will also help the Village to become proactive, rather than reactive, by identifying future risks and challenges.

Other Initiatives

In addition to these major efforts, the Village is also working diligently to promote transparency, ensure financial stability, stimulate economic development, and beautify both neighborhoods and commercial areas. You can read more about these projects in the following pages or by visiting the Village's website.

I am proud to report that both inside and out, good things are happening in East Dundee!

-Your Village President
Lael Miller

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News and Announcements

Efforts Continue to Attract New User for Former Dominick's Space

The Village is continuing its efforts to fill the space that was left vacant when Dominick's left in 2007. The space, located in the River Valley Shopping Center at the intersection of Routes 25 and 72, contains approximately 62,000 square feet. The Village has actively marketed the site to potential developers and grocers, but these efforts have faced stiff headwinds that continue to make filling the site difficult.



There are a number of issues that have made it difficult to attract a new grocer into the open space in the River Valley Shopping Center. Recently, one of the major issues was resolved, leaving the Village Board and staff hopeful about future prospects. Up until recently, Dominick's continued to pay the rent to the landowner despite not having occupied the space for 9 years. Because of the continued payments, the landowner had little incentive to fill the space. To persuade the landowner to buy out Dominick's lease, the Village initiated eminent domain proceedings. As a result, the landowner settled with Dominick's and for the first time since Dominick's closing, Dominick's is completely out of the picture. The Village has conducted several studies on the economic need for a grocer within the area and hopes to attract a grocery store to the space, but is exploring all options to fill the space. It is important to note that there are several impediments to overcome including the significant amount of renovation needed to make the space suitable for a grocer. After Dominick's left, the interior space was demolished, making the space unrecognizable as a former grocery store. In order to return the space to that use, the owner or a potential tenant would need a significant amount of resources to complete the amount of work needed to prepare the space for a re-opening. In addition, the building is ill-suited for many different types of economic incentives that are normally utilized to attract new businesses. While some incentives, such as sales tax sharing agreements, could be applicable, incentives such as TIF increment sharing would have little impact due to the high value of the property at the time the TIF was created.

Despite these issues, the Village believes that the space is an excellent reuse or redevelopment opportunity. The space is ideally located in a high traffic area with visibility and access from both Routes 72 and 25, is closely located to nearby residential areas, and is within a trade area with a population of 181,000.

Beautification Projects Underway

As part of the constant effort to attract visitors to our downtown businesses, the Village has launched a beautification effort on the Depot grounds and throughout the downtown. You will notice more flowers, better maintained parkways, and improved upkeep of the Depot grounds. These efforts will improve the general image of our downtown and will make a East Dundee a more attractive place to live, work, and visit!

Village Strives to Increase Transparency

New Budget Snapshot

Over the last year, the new Village Administration has worked to increase transparency and make information more easily accessible to all of its residents. The Village has worked to simplify the annual budget by reformatting and categorizing budget expenditures and will continue to make the budget more accessible by working to consolidate funds to reduce the number of inter-fund transfers. In addition, as part of the overall effort to increase financial transparency, the Village has created the Budget Snapshot. The Snapshot is an easily understandable guide to the Village's annual budget and seeks to supplement the Village's annual budget with clear images, graphs, charts, and narrative. For a copy of the 2019 Budget Snapshot, visit www.eastdundee.net/?page=reports or stop by Village Hall for a printed copy.

Electronic Newsletter

In addition, the Village has worked to strengthen its communication efforts by launching a weekly electronic newsletter that focuses on providing timely, up to date information on Village events and services, as well as providing residents with important tips and reminders regarding a variety of topics from recycling to preparing your home for the spring thaw. To sign up for the newsletter, visit www.eepurl.com/de6wV5.

Growth along Route 72

Late this summer, construction is anticipated to begin on three new buildings in East Dundee's Terra Business Park. The development, which consists of a Speedway fueling center, an 11,100 square foot commercial center, and a 46,000 square foot industrial center, is anticipated to generate \$300,000 in annual sales tax that will be used to support existing operations and fund outstanding obligations. As a result of this project, the Village has also acquired a \$2 Million grant for the Illinois Department of Transportation for the signalization of the intersection of Route 72 and Christina Drive. As construction continues through the summer, be aware of heavier than usual truck traffic within the area.



Upcoming Events

East Dundee is proud to highlight its historic downtown and beautiful parks with year round events. Our downtown is a perfect venue to welcome lifelong residents, returning friends, or new visitors to the Village with popular events that are great fun for all ages. All events are free and take place at the Depot, located at 319 North River St, in East Dundee's downtown unless otherwise noted. Come join in on the fun!

June

28th 6-9pm Thirsty Thursday Street Fest

Presented by Pal's Rooftop. This family-friendly event offering live music from **Hillbilly Rockstarz**, plenty to eat and drink, games and fun!



July

11th 6-9pm Wine Down Wednesday

Wine, live music from **Dueling Pianos**, varied offerings of local food.

13th 7-8:30pm Concert in the Park

Co-sponsored with the Dundee Township Park District and takes place at Lions Park.

16th 5-9pm Motor Monday

A fun filled night with beautiful cars centered around the Depot. Presented in partnership with MiRPA (Midwest Racing Preservation Association).

26th 6-9pm Thirsty Thursday Street Fest

Presented by Pal's Rooftop. This family-friendly event offering live music from **Libido Funk Circus**, plenty to eat and drink, games and fun!



East Dundee's First Annual Oktoberfest

The First Annual Oktoberfest, presented by Flood Brothers, will be held in the East Dundee's Downtown and is a great way to celebrate the coming of fall. The event will feature a carnival, live music featuring some of the best headliners in the area, and fantastic German food, beer, and games! The stage will host performances from Modern Day Romeos, Bella Cain, 97 Nine, the Polkaholics, and 8 Track. The festival will take place over the course of three days, from Friday, October 12th, until Sunday, October 14th. Make sure to mark your calendar!

August

3rd 7-8:30pm Concert in the Park

Co-sponsored with the Dundee Township Park District and takes place at Lions Park.

8th 6-9pm Wine Down Wednesday

Wine, live music from **FeelGood**, varied offerings of local food.

20th 5-9pm Motor Monday

Presented in partnership with MiRPA.

30th 6-9pm Thirsty Thursday Street Fest

Presented by Pal's Rooftop. This family-friendly event offering live music from **HiFi Superstar**, plenty to eat and drink, games and fun!

October

12-14th First Annual Oktoberfest

November

30th Dickens In Dundee

Featuring holiday lights, family activities, refreshments, crafts, living windows and carolers. The traditional Dickens in Dundee parade will take place on the following day. Its an excellent way to celebrate the start of the holiday season!



Are you interested in being a sponsor for East Dundee's well renowned events? The Village will welcome thousands of visitors to East Dundee as part of the 2018 event season and thousands more will view advertisements for the events on social media, in newspapers, and through other marketing tools such as websites, community calendars, and electronic signs. For more information on this opportunity, visit www.eastdundee.net or call (847) 426-2822.

Village Notices

Dog Licenses

If you own a dog, be sure to register your dog with Village Hall. The registration is fast, easy, and free! By registering your dog with the Village, you will receive a small tag with a number that is assigned specifically to your dog. This acts as a safeguard against losing your pet and helps the Police to identify owners for runaway dogs. Stop by Village Hall today to take advantage of this free program!

Pool Filling

Will you be filling up a pool for the summer? You can rent a hydrant meter from the Village to reduce the cost of filling a pool. When you use a hydrant meter, you are only charged for the water that flows through the meter, rather than being charged for the associated water treatment when the water re-enters the sewage system. Because of the limited number of hydrant meters available, call Village Hall at (847) 426-2822 for more information and to reserve the equipment.

Overnight Parking

Residents are reminded that overnight parking on Village streets is prohibited. All vehicles must be off the street between the hours of 2-6 AM. This allows the Police Department to quickly notice suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood and the Public Works Department to remove snow from the streets in the most efficient manner during the winter months.

Water Leaks

Do you think your water bill is too high? Approximately 50% of households have some kind of plumbing leak due to worn out washer, flappers, or faulty tank valves. While these may seem small, they can easily result in hundreds or even thousands of gallons of water needlessly wasted. Not only is it a waste of natural resources, but it also registers through your water meter, which could affect your water bill. For tips on how to locate and identify a leak, visit www.bit.ly/EDwaterleaks.

Water Billing Due Dates

The Village of East Dundee bills residents on a bimonthly basis. Water bills are due on the following dates this year:

Mail Date

July 31th

September 28th

November 30th

Due Date

August 22nd

October 22nd

December 21st

Senior Discount

Beginning with the water bill that will be received by residents in August, all seniors who registered with the Village to receive the Senior Rebate for the Refuse Collection Fee will receive a twenty five percent discount on all trash collection fees moving forward. This program will take the place of the rebate program. To register for the discount, please stop by Village Hall at 120 Barrington Avenue. For any questions, please contact the Village at (847) 426-2822.

Volunteering Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering? Whether on a committee or for helping out with events, the Village is always in need of volunteers! Examples of opportunities include serving on the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Police Pension Board of Trustees, the Police Commission, or one of a variety of roles at our many events. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Brad Mitchell at (847) 426-2822 ext. 6118.

Fall Shredding Event

The Village's annual shredding event will be taking place on Saturday, October 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until the shredding truck is full. Both Village residents and nonresidents can bring sensitive documents to the event for safe disposal and recycling. While the event is free to Village residents, non-residents will be charged a \$5 fee. All participants will be limited to 3 banker sized boxes. Due to the limited truck capacity, businesses will not be permitted to participate.



Yard Waste Collection

From now until November 30th, East Dundee residents can dispose of yard-waste on regularly scheduled trash pick days. Leaves or other yard waste can be placed on the curb for disposal in any container labeled "yard waste" or in the large paper bags generally sold for that purpose at large box stores. Please note that branches must be cut into 4 ft. lengths and must not be larger than 2 feet in diameter. Bushes cannot weigh more than 50 pounds and cannot be longer than 4 feet or wider than two feet in diameter.

Fourth of July Garage Pickup

Due to the holiday falling during the regular pickup day, the collection day for that week will be Thursday, July 5th.

Village Offices Closed

July 4th— Wednesday, July 4th

Labor Day—Monday, September 3rd

Veteran's Day (Observance) - Monday, November 12th

Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 22nd

Day After Thanksgiving—Friday, November 23rd





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Village Board Meetings

Meetings are held at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Village Police Station. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the Month. For more information, visit www.eastdundee.net.



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