



Midlothian Community Email-August/September 2023

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From the Desk of Mayor L'Heureux

Dear Residents,

As we approach the end of summer, we want to thank everyone that participated in our summer events. The Village Board and I hope you have enjoyed the events as much as we did, and we look forward to what fall has in store.

The Garden Walk this year featured the largest number of homes we have ever had for our event, and they did not disappoint. In addition to those featured in the Garden Walk, we also have so many other beautifully landscaped yards and stunning gardens throughout the entire Village. Thank you to the Beautification Committee and Trustee Killelea who hosted the event, we know their pride was in full bloom.

National Night Out - which I have been told is the best around, and it is an amazing event. It was an evening filled with family fun, local vendors and great food. Personally, I truly enjoy seeing Midlothian children interact with our Officers. It was a humbling experience to be there for the end of watch call for Officer Kevin Tracy, who retired after 27 years of service to Midlothian residents. We wish him well in retirement. This event is hosted by the Community Police and Safety Committee, Trustee Crowley and the Midlothian Police Department We can't thank you enough for your efforts.

Our Inaugural Village Picnic on the Village Green was a success. The food and entertainment were fantastic! It was great to see families out for an afternoon of fun, enjoying the outdoors. **Three Sisters** frozen custard was the hit of the picnic! Who doesn't love something cold on a hot summer day. Trustee Crowley and long-time resident Mary Damiani won the Egg Toss contest, this was a moment to see. Trophies were provided to the winners for every game, and in both adult and kids categories! Thank you to the Events Committee and Trustee Johnson for bringing the community together.

The Mayor's 37th Annual Golf Outing was SOLD OUT more than two months in advance of the event. There were 100 golfers and 160 attendees at the dinner. The weather tried to rain on our outing, but we persevered. All of the proceeds from this outing go to Luminaria. Thank you to Jack and Jodi Hille for putting the event together. I would also like to thank Matt Prim, Dianna Jedd, and the Village Board for all of your hard work. We will be presenting a check to Luminaria at an upcoming Board Meeting.

Exciting Announcements to Share - we have complied a lot of information about projects and funding. I'm excited that we have begun the process of looking for an architect to plan the new Public Works facility. We also have a number of grants that we received, and will apply for new ones in the upcoming months. We will continue to keep residents updated as new information becomes available. If you live in the area of Springfield School, please take a look at the planned construction for the school's expansion project.

Lastly, at the August 23rd Board Meeting, Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller gave

a presentation on some of the County funding projects that will benefit Midlothian. I am proud to announce that the County has allocated \$800,000.00 to address the long-standing road issues on Linder Avenue. This is something the Village has been working on for over 38 years!!!

Mayor Gary L'Heureux

From The Board



Grant updates:

At the August 23rd Board meeting, Trustee Crowley reported:

BRIC Grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) - The Village applied for a \$6 million grant to assist with the flooding efforts in the Jolly Homes area.

[Click here for additional information about the BRIC Grant](#)

SRTS Grant (Safe Routes to School) - The Village is in the process of applying for this grant. If approved the grant will add new and replace deteriorated sidewalks on school routes.

[Click here for SRTS grant information.](#)

GIGO Grant- Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunity - The Village will be applying for this grant to assist in the design, development, and implementation of a flood prone property.

[Click here for additional information on the GIGO Grant](#)



Community Rating System

Trustee Caveney announced a FEMA/Community Rating System Update: Effective 10/1/2023, Midlothian's CRS rating will be upgraded to Class 6. *This new rating will provide a 20% discount on FEMA flood insurance premiums to those property owners in the Special Flood Hazard Area who carry FEMA flood insurance policies.*



ARPA Projects

Trustee Crowley reported that two of the Board approved projects that are being funded by ARPA are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

1. Midlothian Police Department worked with Public Works to identify Village areas that needed additional lighting. These new light poles are scheduled to be installed in September.
2. Public Works contracted a company to sandblast Midlothian's fire hydrants. This project is underway, and the newly painted hydrants look great!



It's Scarecrow Time in Midlothian!

Trustee Caveney was excited to announce that the annual Fall Fest Scarecrow display will be held on Sunday October 29, from Noon - 3:00pm. This is a free family-friendly event, and there will be pumpkins and treats for the kids.

This year's theme: **SCARECROWS AROUND THE WORLD**, celebrating Midlothian's diversity and honoring our heritage. Thank you to resident Kathy Faulkner for submitting the idea.

Office of the Clerk



Deputy Clerk Jackie Harris

Please join us in congratulating Jackie Harris as she takes on her new role as Deputy Clerk. Jackie joined the Village in 2018 as Manager of Administration and we are excited about the passion she brings to her new role.

Welcome to Midlothian

**SHOP LOCAL
EAT LOCAL
SPEND LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL**

Please Join the Village Board in Welcoming the Following New Business to Our Town

Shop Local!

Taqueria Los 2 Hermanos - is located at **4740 W.147th Street**. It is a new restaurant in town and owned by Bueno Gonzalez.

One Stop Safety, LLC, - is located at **14810 S. Cicero Ave, Unit 2D**. This business provides DOT safety and compliance services for trucking companies and owner operators. It is owned by Nenee Rodriguez.

Joy Cleaners - is located at **4822 W.148th Street, which is the Mid Oaks Plaza** It is a dry-cleaning, alterations and shoe cleaning business. It is owned by Jong Wook Kim.

GM Crazy Liquidation, - is located at **4751 W.147th St**. It is a retail store that offers a broad selection of liquidation merchandise spanning from electronics to toys. It is owned by Ali Ghunaim.

5MC's dba Shamrock's - is located in Tiffany's Plaza at 4736 W.147th St. It is a gaming bar, and is owned by Feras Salman.

Stay tuned for other new businesses coming to our town in 2023!

Police Department



2023 National Night Out

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's National Night Out.

We are honored with all of the support we get from our amazing community.

A Special thank you to the Members of the Community Policing and Safety Committee! This event is possible because of all of your hard work and dedication.

Midlothian National Night Out-2023
Thank you for your participation

- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
- Saint Christopher School
- Knights of Columbus
- Midlothian Park District
- Midlothian Library
- Welsh Concrete
- Bright Start District 143
- R&B Towing
- State Rep Bob Rita
- Oak Forest Fury
- South Suburbia Crisis Center
- Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness
- Beautification Committee
- Katie Carl's - State Farm
- B&B Towing
- Colgate Bright Smiles Bus

Thank you!



[Click here to visit our CPSC Facebook page for more photo.](#)



Midlothian Police and Fire Departments Welcome Students Back to School on the First Day of the Year

First responders were upfront and present to welcome children back to the 2023-24 school year. They handed out a variety of items to support students and to wish them a successful school year.



Please welcome Officer Ahmad Abdelqade to the Midlothian Police Department. Officer Abdelgader was sworn in at the Village Board Meeting on July 12, 2023.



Please welcome Officer Tiffany Rybinski to the Midlothian Police Department. Officer Rybinski was sworn in at the Village Board Meeting on July 12, 2023.



Please welcome Officer Alizandra Sanchez to the Midlothian Police Department. Officer Sanchez was



Please welcome Officer Daniel Metzger to the Midlothian Police Department. Officer Metzger was sworn in at the Village Board

MPD - Safety and Crime Prevention information



September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

2023 Theme: Preparing for Older Adults

The Ready Campaign's 2023 National Preparedness Month theme is "Take Control in 1, 2, 3". The campaign will focus on preparing older adults for disasters, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation.

[Click here for more information on National Preparedness Month](#)

MPD - Things to Know

Report Traffic concerns to MPD by using our [Traffic Complaint Form](#)

[Request a Vacation or Safety Watch](#)

[Schedule a Neighborhood Safety Meeting](#) or call 708-385-2534

Fire Department



September Fire Safety / Information

As the fall season brings cooler temperatures outside, inside things are warming up. During the fall and winter months fire hazards in your home or business stem largely from heating the space. According to the American Red Cross there is even a drastic increase in the number of US house fires during this time:

1. Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and locate your fire extinguishers.
2. Develop a home fire safety and evacuation

plan.

3. Bring fire safety to work through proper training and have post-fire recovery plan.
4. Check your Heating System!

Additional safety tips



Fire Department Grant Awarded

Deputy Chief McClelland, with the assistance of the Village's grant writing company, applied for and was awarded the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

This grant will provide 25 Knox Boxes per year for two years to Village residents (Seniors and persons with disabilities). These boxes allow Fire Department staff access to residences in the event residents are not able to answer the door.

Great Job DC McClelland!



Please Welcome Paramedic Bret Piekarski to the Midlothian Fire Department. Paramedic Piekarski was sworn in on August 9, 2023.



Please Welcome Paramedic Matthew Hensler to the Midlothian Fire Department. Paramedic Hensler was sworn in on August 9, 2023.

Public Works

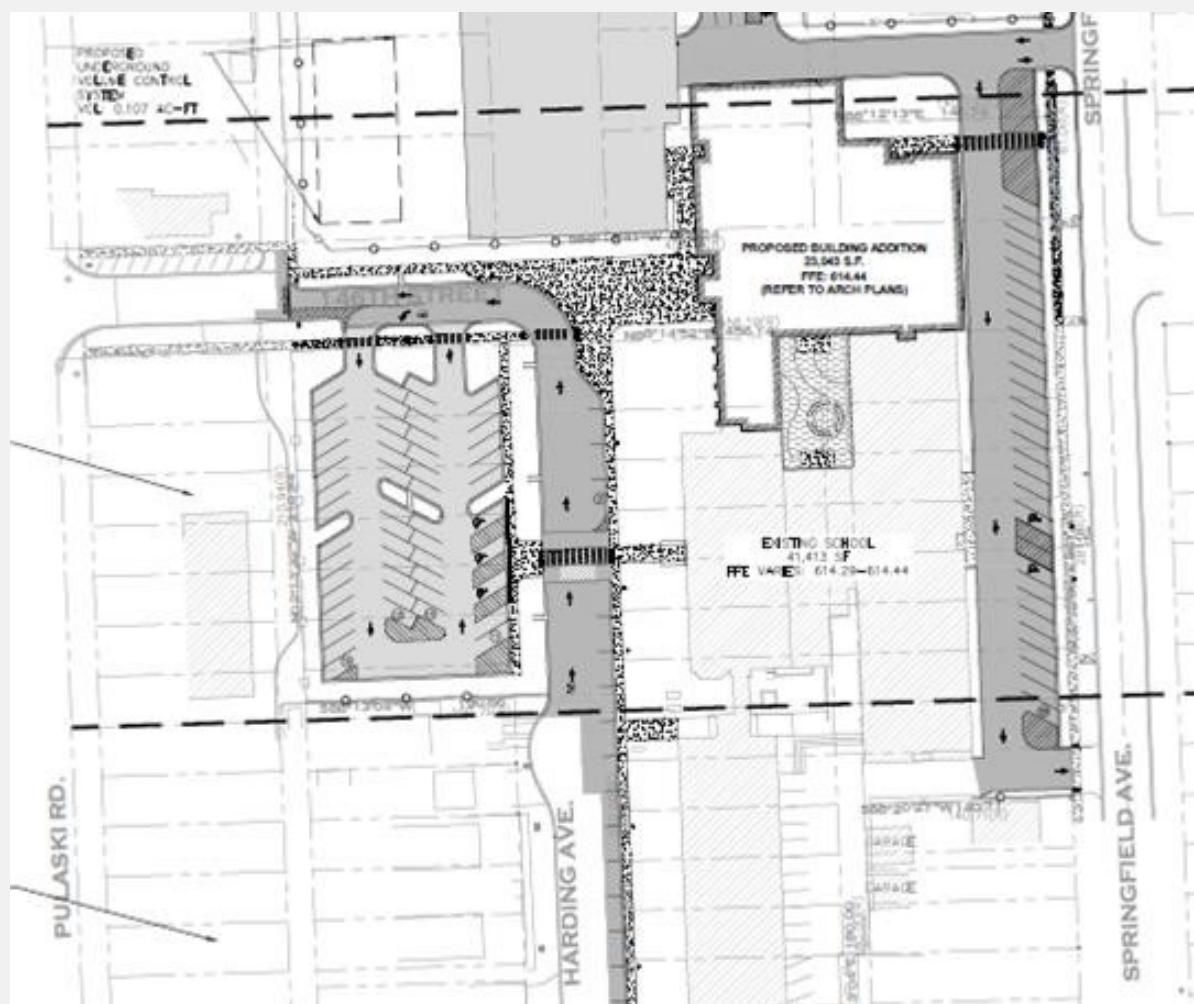
CONSTRUCTION NOTICE!

The Springfield School Expansion Project is Underway

Work to permanently close 146th Street between the alley east of Pulaski (behind KFC) to Springfield Avenue began on Wednesday August 16th.

Part of this project is to extend Harding Ave north to 146th St. Once the project is complete, traffic will only flow from east to west on 146th St. from Harding to Pulaski.

Please see site plan below for the future traffic configuration/flow.



2023/2024 Public Works Projects

Sewer and Water

- Lead Service Line Replacement - **The Village has received a IEPA forgivable loan for \$2.3 million** to cover the cost for replacing approximately 150 lead services in Midlothian. This will not only cover the cost of the Village's portion of replacing the lines, but it covers the homeowners' lines as well. The projected start date for the project is Spring 2024.
- 149th & Pulaski Water Main Replacement. **The Village applied for and was awarded the STAG Grant in the amount of \$1.064 million.** The match for this grant is 20% which we are looking at other funding opportunities to cover that cost.

Streets

- The Village will use Rebuild Illinois Funds (RBI) and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenue to identify and resurface residential streets. The Village is going out to bid in September for resurfacing project.

Flood Mitigation

- Belly Button Hill - **Cook County will be funding up to \$300,000** for design engineering for a flood mitigation project for Belly Button Hill.
- Jolly Homes - Engineering for the Jolly Homes flood mitigation plan was completed in August. The report will be posted as soon as it is available.
- Jolly Homes - Construction- Now that engineering is complete, we are ready for construction. The Village has applied for a \$6 million BRIC grant (see grants above) to cover the cost of construction. We are waiting to hear if we will receive the grant.
- Flood Prone Property Grant - Trustee Caveney assisted Public Works in applying for this grant that will cover the cost of purchasing a flood prone property. The Village is applying for funding opportunities to cover the cost of demolition and green infrastructure.

Building Department



A Message from the Building Department

If you need a contractor to complete work on your property, that work may require a permit and inspections by the Village. Check the BD page on the Village website for a list of work requiring a permit. Don't forget to schedule the final inspection after the work is completed. All permitted work requires an inspection, and in some cases, two inspections.

[Link to the Building Department Webpage](#)

Front Office

Happenings Around Midlothian

[Upcoming Events- Click Here for the Full List](#)

Event Committee to Co-Hosting Halloween Home Decorating Contest

Together the Gluszek Food Drive and the Events Committee will co-host a Halloween Home Decorating Contest. The flyer below provides all the details on:

- How to register your home for the contest
- When judging will occur - October 22-25th
- Where to drop off food donations to support those in need



Pictures from the Events Committee Picnic



The Village Has Volunteer Opportunities

Community Policing and Safety Committee - Contact Trustee Crowley at scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org

Beautification Committee - Contact Trustee Killelea at dkillelea@villageofmidlothian.org

Events Committee - Contact Trustee Johnson at kjohnson@villageofmidlothian.org

Historical Museum- Contact Clerk Moskal at amoskal@villageofmidlothian.org

Economic Development Committee - Contact Trustee Caveney at kcaveney@villageofmidlothian.org



Helpful Links

School Districts that Serve Midlothian Students



[Link to Elementary School District 143](#)

[Link to Bremen High School District 228](#)

[Link to School District 142 \(Midlothian residents living west of Kenton\)](#)



Midlothian Park District Celebrating 70 years

Check out all of the great programs offered at the Midlothian Park District.

[Midlothian Park District Webpage](#)

Midlothian Library



Promote the power of knowledge and provide the community access to information for the fulfillment of its educational, cultural, professional, and personal interests.

[Midlothian Library Website](#)

Midlothian Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber promotes community wide businesses in the Village of Midlothian and surrounding area.

[Chamber website](#)

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