



Midlothian Community Newsletter Summer 2025

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From the Desk of Mayor L'Heureux

Dear Residents,

I hope everyone is staying cool and enjoying the summer weather!

On July 13th, the Beautification Committee hosted Midlothian's annual Garden Walk. This year, 11 amazing gardens were featured in the walk.

On August 5th, the Midlothian Police Department and the Community Police & Safety Committee hosted the 2025 National Night Out, while the Events Committee brought the community together for its annual Community Picnic. Thank you to all who participated and helped make these events a success!

If you have received correspondence regarding the LEAD Service Line Replacement Program and have not yet contacted the Village, please do so as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to have lead water service lines replaced at no cost to the homeowner—an important step in ensuring the safety of our water supply. For additional information, please contact Public Works at [\(708\) 389-9658](tel:7083899658)

Be sure to check out the Grants & Projects and Economic Development section of this newsletter—Our Economic Development Team has some great momentum. There are some exciting developments happening throughout our town, and we're proud to share the progress with you!

Gary L'Heureux, Mayor

LEGEND

- VILLAGE BOUNDARIES (APPROX.)
- OFF STREET
- ... ON STREET
- RIDEABLE

1 PLAN SHEET NUMBER (114)

Midlothian is applying for ITEP funding for the portions of the Natalie Creek Trail project which are within its boundaries and most applicable to ITEP funding. Pages 24-31 from the Phase 1 study are attached.

NATALIE CREEK TRAIL LOCATION MAP

KEY MAP

We are thrilled to announce that IDOT awarded \$3 million to Midlothian for the Natalie Creek Trail project through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) application we submitted last September. It covers the areas in the location map above: the paths on both sides of Natalie Creek in the 146th Street ROW, the path along the 145th Street ROW near the Park District, the crossing at Pulaski along 145th Street, and the sidewalk improvements along Cicero and 147th Street. There is no required local match on the funds.

In June 2025 – The Village applied for a \$18,000.00 grant to cover the costs to upgrade to the 2025 ICC Building Code book. We hope to hear if we received the grant by the end of year.

- Midlothian Police has applied for the 2025 ComEd program which assists with purchasing holiday lighting and decorations.
- Maximum \$2,500 with a 20% local match. To be used for any holiday between November 1, 2025, and February 13, 2026.

IDOT May 2025 Call for Projects – Local Roads Funding Opportunity

- IDOT released a call for projects in May with \$400 million total available funding statewide, which could be used on local roads.
- \$1.9 million was requested for roadway restoration funding associated with the Jolly Homes project.
- \$575,000 was requested for street resurfacing, which had to be cut from the last resurfacing project the Village completed due to budget constraints. (~0.5 miles of roadway)
- \$2.4 million was requested for other various street resurfacing, which is needed around the Village. (~2 miles of roadway)

2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

- Application was sent to Cook County in March to fund a small water main project along Hamlin Avenue (145th Street to 146th Street). This particular block's water main has been a problem for Public Works, with many breaks occurring.
- Funding Request: \$360,000.
- We expect a decision in the fall on whether the Village is awarded the funds.

Belly Button Hill Drainage Improvements

- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways awarded the Village \$300,000 for Design Engineering of stormwater improvements in the Belly Button Hill area.
- Field topography work has been completed, and design engineering is actively being worked on for a first draft set of plans.
- Construction is not funded at this time.

Pulaski Road Water Main Replacement

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awarded the Village a \$1,064,000 grant for replacement of the water main along Pulaski Road from 149th Street to 148th Street, including underneath Midlothian Creek and the Metra railroad tracks. The grant covers both construction and engineering with a 20% local match required.
- Target schedule is submittal to permit agencies in fall 2025 and bidding for construction in early 2026 after permits are received. Plans are being drafted for submittals at this time.
- Construction expected to begin in 2026.

New Sidewalk along Midlothian Creek (Metra Right-of-Way – Pulaski Road to the northeast corner of the Metra Commuter Lot near 147th)

- Funding has been acquired for Construction, Phase 2 Engineering, and Construction Engineering for a new sidewalk along Midlothian Creek from Congestion Mitigation and Air

Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) (combined roughly \$620,000).

- Phase 2 Design Engineering is actively being working on targeting pre-final submittal to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at the end of 2025.
- Target IDOT letting date is June 2026 for a summer 2026 construction.

Jolly Homes Drainage Improvements

- Design Engineering was substantially completed on this project in 2023.
- MWRD wrote the Village a letter with the intent to fund the construction of this project for up to \$3.7 million in July of 2024. The project is still on MWRD's prioritization list for project funding.
- Total funding needed is estimated at \$5.6 million.
- Multiple applications to other agencies for various grants to fund the project without success. Other opportunities are still being looked at.
- Most recently, \$1.9 million was applied for from IDOT during their May call for projects, which funds local roadway improvements. This would cover all the roadway restoration needed for 151st Street to construct the new storm sewers.

Lead Service Line Replacements

- Village received a \$3,735,329 award from IEPA for a Year 1 Lead Service Line Replacement Program.
- As of 7/9/25, approximately \$1.6 million has been spent on lead service line replacements throughout the Village as Calumet City Plumbing has been working diligently since construction season began in 2025.
- The Village has been programmed another \$3,027,000 for a Year 2 project for which an agreement is actively being worked on.

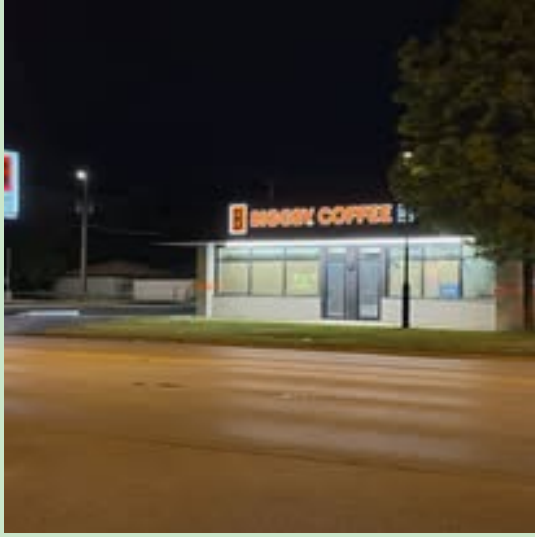
Economic Development / New Businesses



Welcome to Midlothian - Biggby Coffee! In July, Biggby Coffee had it's grand opening. They are located at 3721 W. 147th in Midlothian.

The owners were featured WGN! We are very excited to have this amazing business join our community.

WGN featured Biggby Coffee - [click here](#)



Buddy Bear Car Wash

The New Buddy Bear Car Wash is almost Completed!



Popeye's

The Village received the final documents from the Popeye's construction team. They are preparing for demo and then will rebuild a new building.



May 19, 2025 – Midlothian's Business Open House

Connecting with local businesses and community leaders! At the event, we:

- Rolled out our Streetscape Project – reimagining the look and feel of Midlothian's Downtown.
- Previewed our exciting new Economic Development Video (below).
- Shared details about our Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Programs.
- Engaged in meaningful conversations with business owners.

It was a great day of collaboration, vision, and momentum — the start of something truly great and exciting for Midlothian's future!

Midlothian's Economic Development Video



3831 W. 147th Street - Old Emporium Liquor Store is Coming Down

The Village has purchased the dilapidated building and has initiated the engineering process for its demolition. Once the structure is removed, we will work with Robinson Engineering to explore the possibility of removing the property from the floodway. If successful, the next step will be commercial development of the site.

With the beautiful improvements to the Katie Carls' State Farm building and the ongoing streetscaping project, the future looks bright.



147th Streetscaping Project

The Village of Midlothian recently kicked off a planning and design project with the intent of creating a vision for downtown's streetscapes, open spaces, pedestrian areas, building facades, parking lots, and other key focus areas. The Village engaged The Lakota Group, a Chicago-based firm specializing in urban design, landscape architecture, planning, community engagement, and historic preservation, to conduct the process and develop the plan.

Key steps in the process will focus on collecting and reviewing data; preparing maps; meeting with Village leaders, residents, and other stakeholders; conducting an analysis of land use and physical conditions; and identifying issues and opportunities. This will be followed by the creation of a clear and exciting vision for downtown, built on community input, celebrating Midlothian's unique qualities, and setting the stage for a vibrant and resilient local economy.

Visit our streetscaping website and take the survey:

Midlothian Downtown Plan Website

[Take the Survey](#)

If you would like more information, please email Trustee Sandi Crowley:

Email Trustee Crowley [@scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org](mailto:scrowley@villageofmidlothian.org)



14723 Pulaski (Old Honda Building)

This longtime eyesore has been purchased by Kevin Arrendondo, who plans to develop the property into a vehicle customization shop and showroom. The Village Board will be moving forward with a Redevelopment Agreement.

Mayor L'Heureux Helped Bring Down the Old State of Illinois Building on Kedzie Avenue!

The Village negotiated an agreement with a developer to demolish the existing building and construct a new business on the site.



Midlothian Police Department

2025 National Night Out!

What an incredible evening filled with community spirit—vendors, live entertainment, exciting raffles, and delicious food. We are grateful for all the hard work that went into making this night such a success!

Midlothian Police would like to thank our residents for coming out to the 2025 National Night Out and showing your overwhelming support!

We also want to thank the Community Policing & Safety Committee for organizing the 2025 National Night Out! Every year these volunteers put together an amazing event. We could not do it without the CPSC!





MPD - Safety and Crime Prevention information

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



Chief Rita
Midlothian Fire Chief



Deputy Chief
Kucharski



Captain Gorski



Engineer Moore



Happy Retirement



Congratulations Chief Hotwagner
39 Years of Dedicated Service



Congratulation Deputy Chief
McClelland - 26 years of Dedicated
Service

Building Department

Vacant property cleanup. The Building Department is currently maintaining 12 vacant homes and empty lots around town and is looking to add several more. If anyone sees a lot or vacant home that needs exterior building or lawn maintenance, they can notify the Building Dept. at 708-385-8642.

Just a Reminder that not everyone likes to see your garbage cans out past Tuesday night. Please make it a point to bring them in and store them properly out of sight; if possible, by Tuesday evening on regular pickup weeks.

Front Office



As of June 1, 2025, the Village of Midlothian has transitioned back to Payment Service Network system (PSN).

[Click here for important information.](#)

Happenings Around Midlothian

Upcoming Events- Click Here for the Full List

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 Crowley at scrowley@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 Holiday Events

Check out all of the great Christmas events offered at the Midlothian Park District this year. Click on the link below.

<https://www.midlothianparkdistrict.org/christmas>



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 areas.

[Chamber website](#)

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