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COMMISSION MEETINGS
(Meetings are held monthly at the Village Hall.)

Civil Service: 7:00 p.m., first and third Monday
Community Resources: 7:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Economic and Commercial: 6:30 pm., second Monday
Environmental Enhancement: 7:00 p.m., third Tuesday
Marketing and Branding: 6:00 p.m., third Monday
Plan: 7:00 p.m., first and third Thursday
Senior Services: 3:00 p.m., first Wednesday
Sister Cities: 7:00 p.m., third Wednesday
Veterans: 7:00 p.m., second Wednesday
Zoning Board of Appeals: 7:00 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Last year was very productive in the areas of public safety, Downtown Tinley redevelopment and our plans to make the Village a regional corporate powerhouse.

In 2018, the Village focused on improving public safety by installing new license plate reading cameras at key intersections, conducting a police staffing study and hiring a new police chief and seven new officers. These improvements also extend to the Fire Department, which last year was awarded the highly coveted ISO Class 1 rating. According to FEMA, there are more than 27,000 fire departments in the United States, and the Tinley Park Fire Department is one of only 71 departments in the entire country to receive an ISO Class 1 rating. Public safety improvements will continue in 2019 and beyond as we strive to make Tinley Park a safer community for all.

Downtown Tinley is primed for redevelopment in 2019, and this is because the Village laid the groundwork in 2018. Last year we created the Oak Park Playbook, a grant program designed to give small businesses the capital to improve themselves, which will in turn enhance the look and feel of Downtown Tinley. To date more than 20 local businesses have expressed interest in being part of this program.

Downtown Tinley should also reflect our Village’s strong sense of community. As such, we broke ground on Harmony Square in March. When complete, Harmony Square will be a public gathering place with a stage for our outdoor concerts, an open area for the Farmers Market, a splash pad for summer fun and an ice skating area for use in the winter. Harmony Plaza will serve as a community gathering place year-round and will be the centerpiece of our new downtown.

As important and promising as each of these improvements are to our downtown, none of it would be possible without the creation of the New Bremen TIF district. This TIF replaced the Main Street South TIF district and gives us the means to fund each of these improvements, as well as ensure the long-term success of Downtown Tinley.

In addition to the developments downtown, I have partnered with the mayors of Orland Park and Mokena to form the Chicago Southland Interstate Alliance as a way for our three communities to use our combined resources to pitch the area surrounding I-80 as a regional powerhouse, primed for developing new office space.

Another area of improvement I am very proud of is all of the work we have done to create new job opportunities in town. Thanks to the hard work of everyone at Village Hall, we helped facilitate the expansion of a Two Men and a Truck location here in town, creating 60 to 90 new jobs in Tinley Park. Our staff also worked with Airy’s to ensure they were able to stay in Tinley Park, thereby retaining 40 Tinley Park jobs. Our efforts to bring new businesses to Tinley Park also resulted in welcoming Collision Damage Experts and its 15 new jobs to town. I am very proud of our staff’s hard work, as they were instrumental in each of these deals.

I’m pleased to report that 2018 was a bright year for Tinley Park, and I’m confident 2019 will be even brighter!
As you read the pages of this report, you’ll see that Tinley Park has a number of ambitious plans in the works, from building a new downtown music plaza, constructing a new modern fire station, significant road and water improvements throughout town, and hiring new police officers. We are able to do this primarily because of the very strong financial position the Village is in. Our bond rating is AA+, which is very good.

We have large reserves set aside for many capital projects. In addition, we always look for ways to fund projects through grants. As an example, in the past couple of years we have received more than $6.7 million in grants for things like bike paths, road improvements and LED street lighting.

Our operating budgets are developed and managed in a fiscally prudent manner. In most years, our revenues exceed projections, and our expenditures are below budget. These surpluses allow us to fund many of the capital improvements that are mentioned in this report. Many communities, as well as the State of Illinois, are in financial straits because of pension costs, but our one locally managed fund, the police pension fund, is financed 100% every year and is well above the state average in terms of funding levels.

We also share resources with other local governments to deliver better service and save money. We actively participate in organizations like the Illinois Municipal League and South Suburban Mayors and Managers, where we share model ordinances, make joint purchasing opportunities available, and lobby the state on issues of mutual interest. Tinley Park water is purchased from Oak Lawn, and we are working with Oak Lawn and other communities in the system on a $220 million project modernizing and adding redundancy to the water system.

Public Safety also works closely with other communities. Our fire department, for example, is part of a compact called MABAS that is utilized when a department needs assistance beyond the resources they have. The police department is a member of several area major crime task forces that give communities resources from throughout the area when a major crime happens in their community.

Besides all of the ambitious capital projects and economic development projects on tap for this year, there are a number of other plans staff will be working on in 2019:

- A new citizen survey will be sent out this spring. The Village issued a survey in 2016 and now plans to do one every three years to determine in what areas residents think we need to improve and what additional priorities and services the Village Board should be looking at.
- The Village will be seeking proposals for its refuse contract, which expires on September 30. Nuway Disposal has been the Village’s long-time contractor. The Village is currently discussing what potential new services could go in the contract, in addition to the current weekly collection of waste and landscape waste, and bi-weekly collections of recyclables.
- Recently, we had an outside firm (BKD) conduct a fraud assessment report for the Village. BKD made a number of recommendations that the Village has already started implementing and will continue to implement over the next few years.
- Last year, the Village Board approved a new pay plan that puts a greater emphasis on merit in consideration of employee salary increases. Beginning May 1, management employees will move to a performance evaluation system where their entire salary increase will be based on merit.
- Our senior managers were trained in the tools of “Lean Six Sigma” last year and will use what was learned to continue to improve services and increase efficiency. This year there will be special training classes for staff on ethics, among other topics.

As always, please feel free to contact me at dniemeyer@tinleypark.org or (708) 444-5000 if you have any questions or comments.
Developing the Tinley Park Mental Health Center Property

Once upon a time, Tinley Park was nothing but open, untamed land. If you wanted to build something, you’d need only walk a few paces in any direction and begin sawing wood.

Today, however, finding available land is a hard sell, especially if you’re looking for something substantial. Luckily, the Village has the 280-acre Tinley Park Mental Health Center (MHC) property at 183rd Street and Harlem Avenue, which is near the geographic heart of Tinley Park. This property is unique in that it provides arguably the single-largest development opportunity available in the Village today.

Before development can begin, the land needs to be obtained from the State of Illinois, which still owns it. The Village is working closely with State officials on how to best acquire the land. This process has taken a bit longer than expected due to the two changes in leadership in Springfield since 2012, when the MHC was first closed by then-governor Pat Quinn.

“We really want to get the best deal that we can for the Village,” Village Manager Dave Niemeyer said. “Owning the property gives us more control over picking a developer that will fit the vision we want for the site. There’s also the chance the State could offer it to another State agency, and that would produce zero tax dollars for the Village, so owning the land ourselves is key.”

In the meantime, the Village has sent a message to the State that it’s serious about developing the property by entering into an exclusive negotiation rights agreement (ENRA) with developer Melody Square, one of three interested firms that responded to an RFP the Village issued in 2017. This agreement, which began in January 2019 and lasts for six months, exists solely to allow both parties to negotiate and doesn’t commit the Village to any plans or financial obligations. Any final agreements and/or zoning entitlements will be reviewed by the Plan Commission and the Village Board. The Village is working with an environmental attorney to assist staff in understanding the responsibilities associated with potentially owning a site that requires environmental cleanup and how to best manage any liability. The environmental attorney is assisting the Village in working through the site analysis to better understand the potential land uses in relation to the environmental cleanup associated with those land uses.

To stay up to date on this project and others around Tinley Park, please visit TinleyPark.org/CurrentProjects.
HARMONY SQUARE
A prime destination, no matter the weather.
Imagine it’s the dead of winter and, burnt out on Netflix and only mere seconds away from succumbing to a severe case of cabin fever, you and your family decide to bundle up and head over to Downtown Tinley for a little ice skating underneath a sparkling February sky.

The great news is that there’s no need to imagine this scenario, because it’ll be here quicker than you can say “ice skates!”

The Village held a groundbreaking ceremony in March for Harmony Square, a public space at Oak Park Avenue and North Street, just east of Teehan’s Tavern, that will have year-round programming such as live concerts and outdoor exercise classes. Construction will begin soon, with a target grand opening of 2020.

Highlights of the coming plaza include a performance stage and a splash pad/interactive water feature with overhead shade structures, as well as an artificial turf lawn that will provide plenty of room for informal play and space to picnic while watching musical performances. The turf area transforms into an ice rink in the winter months and will be large enough for free skate or hockey games. Skate rentals will be available, along with a warming hut and fire pits that will be located near casual seating areas for those cold winter nights.

Construction of the plaza will include infrastructure improvements and the reconstruction and beautification of North and South streets with brick pavers. The plaza will also be anchored and framed by new and existing transit-oriented mixed-use and commercial development opportunities. It’s sure to be a prime destination for residents and regional visitors alike!
MARKETING

Responsible for the Village’s communication, community engagement, special events, branding and tourism initiatives, the Marketing Department made community engagement a top priority in 2018, working to grow its Facebook and Twitter pages and creating Instagram and LinkedIn pages for the Village.

The Marketing Department also expanded its ability to deliver information on Village news and events to the public, most notably in the creation of the “Tinley Today” video news program that airs on a regular basis on Tinley TV and the Village’s YouTube channel.

2019 Marketing Action Plan
Key Initiatives

- Begin construction of Harmony Square in Downtown Tinley
- Implement new, branded wayfinding signage program
- Brand visibility initiatives, including brand awareness posters, pole banners, street printing and signage
- Expand tourism marketing efforts
- New “Musical Chairs” public art program
- New “Community Profile and Opportunities” brochure
- Community pride campaign
- Conduct citizens survey

Special Events

The Village offers a variety of events year-round for the entire family (see pages 10-11). The Village also supports many community events through the issuance of a free special event permit application, which is available on the Village website. In 2018, the Marketing Department processed 57 such applications.

Council Chambers Retrofit

As part of a continual effort to bring quality programming to residents of Tinley Park, the Village recently completed a retrofit of the Council Chambers at Village Hall featuring three stationary cameras and an integrated audio system, as well as a new control console that requires only one operator instead of two.
Facebook
To see Village news and events in your Facebook feed, simply “Like” Facebook.com/VillageofTinleyPark.

Twitter
Get your news in 140 characters or less on the Village’s Twitter page at Twitter.com/VillageTinleyPk.

Instagram
Visit Instagram.com/villageoftinleypark to see all the great things going on in Tinley Park.

LinkedIn
Connect with the Village on its brand-new LinkedIn page by visiting Linkedin.com/company/village-of-tinleypark.

YouTube
Watch select Village programs on your own time on the Tinley TV YouTube page, available at TinleyPark.org/TPTV.

Village Website
Visit the Village website at TinleyPark.org for a surplus of valuable information, including board meeting minutes and agendas, current projects, calendar of events, breaking news and more!

Community Email
Subscribe to the Village of Tinley Park’s Community Email program to receive weekly emails containing the latest news. Sign up by visiting TinleyPark.org and following the “Stay Informed” quick link on the homepage.

CodeRED
The CodeRED community notification system sends time-sensitive emergency alerts and critical information residents and businesses, as well as non-emergency information.

Tinley TV
Tune in to Tinley TV on Comcast Channel 99 for news programs, board meetings, details on upcoming events, and more!

Sign up for eNotify to get notification of updates on select pages on the website. Click on “Stay Informed” to participate.
Run for Your Life Safety 5K
Sunday, May 5 | 8:30 am Race Time
80th Avenue Train Station
Presented by Tinley Park Fire Department

Benches on the Avenue
“Prized Page Turners”
May through October
Along Oak Park Avenue

Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday, May 27 | 10:00 am
Gen. Patrick Rea Veterans Plaza
80th Avenue Train Station
Presented by Veterans Commission

Cruise Nights
May 28 to August 27
Along Oak Park Avenue
Sponsored by VFW Bremen Post 2791

Farmers Market
June 1 to October 12
7:30 am -12:30 pm | Saturdays
Oak Park Avenue Train Station
New features including more music, live demonstrations and additional vendors
Presented by R Market

White Sox Night
Friday, June 14 | 7:10 pm
Guaranteed Rate Field

Music in the Plaza
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Select Saturdays
Oak Park Avenue Train Station
June 15 Mike & Joe (Variety)
June 29 Mason Rivers (Country)
July 13 Tynan (Horn Band)
July 27 The Boy Band Night (Favorite Boy Bands)
August 10 HiFi Superstar (Variety)
August 24 Rockstar Rodeo (Country)
September 14 Identity Crisis (Variety)
September 21 American English (Beatles)
Life Amplified

INFORMATION
www.TinleyPark.org
708-444-5678

Downtown Tinley Block Party
Sunday, July 21 | Noon - 7:00 pm
Along Oak Park Avenue
Presenting Sponsor South Oak Jeep

The event features a tropical theme with food and free family fun such as a bean bag tournament, rides and inflatables, KidZone activities, live music on two stages and more!

South Stage
12:00 pm  The Walk-Ins (Variety)
4:00 pm  Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band (Tropical)

North Stage
12:00 pm  South of Disorder (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)
4:00 pm  ARRA (Classic Rock)

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Oak Park Avenue Train Station
Presented by Tinley Park Police Department

Boo Bash
Sunday, October 27 | Noon - 3:00 pm
Oak Park Avenue Train Station

Veterans Day Ceremony
Monday, November 11 | 10:00 am
Gen. Patrick Rea Veterans Plaza
80th Avenue Train Station
Presented by Veterans Commission

Holiday Happenings
December 6, 7 and 8
Holiday Market, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Photos with Santa, Carriage Rides, Ice-Carving Demonstration, Parades and more!
You've no doubt seen the Village's new music brand splashed all across town. From the new “Life Amplified” slogan to the innovative logo, the Village’s new brand is everywhere. Heck, you've perhaps even shared a #LifeAmplified post on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram yourself! And while it’s true that music is in the DNA of everything we do here in Tinley Park, it’s only going to get better in the coming years as the branding initiative revs up in 2019 and beyond.

The Marketing Department and the Village’s Marketing and Branding Commission made significant progress in 2018 on branding and tourism initiatives. Key highlights from last year include:

- Village vehicles with new brand decals, including the senior PACE bus
- Repainted water tower on 167th Street
- “High Notes” brochure featuring the best of Tinley Park
- New branded gear such as Frisbees, umbrellas, tote bags, beach balls and flannel pants
- New posters that strengthen and support the brand
- Street musicians at the Farmers Market
- A second music stage at the Holiday Market
- Branded signage at the Village Hall

In addition, other plans include:

- Decorative crosswalks
- Interactive public art
- Mobile visitor information centers
- More street artisans, musicians and buskers
- Musical Chairs program
- Banners
- Community Profile brochure

In 2019, the Marketing Department will be focused on Harmony Square, primarily with regards to developing the programming schedule and plaza operations and management plan. This 60,000-square-foot plaza will be located in Downtown Tinley.

Also look for new Village-wide wayfinding signs, which include the development and review of the Village’s existing sign inventory, the facilitation and analysis of a public survey, research on local and federal regulatory signage requirements and the collection of vehicular traffic counts throughout the community.
Kindness Rocks in Tinley Park
Residents are finding and sharing colorful stones containing messages of encouragement, gratitude, hope, inspiration and other positive sentiments all around the Village thanks to the “Tinley Park Rocks Kindness” program.

Residents are encouraged to paint a rock with an uplifting phrase on it and then hide it somewhere in the neighborhood, leaving clues about where to find it on the Tinley Park Rocks Kindness Facebook page. Citizens also can share a rock with someone in need of a pick-me-up.

Kate Manian and Karla Nunnally started the group in July 2017 and were inspired by the Kindness Rocks Project, which began with a single stone on a Cape Cod Beach. Within a month, the Facebook page grew to nearly 500 members. As of April 2019, the group has more than doubled that number, with its current members totaling nearly 1,150.

Adrienne Jasiczek has taken the program to the next level. Using her own money, she’s grown the program to include more than 3,000 rocks. For her, it’s about getting the kids out of the house to express their artistic abilities and to spread a positive message. She said the program is there to inspire and give hope.

Benches on the Avenue: Prized Page Turners
The Village will host its 16th annual Benches on the Avenue program from May to October in Downtown Tinley. This year’s theme, “Prized Page Turners,” will feature imaginative, three-dimensional works that depict some of the most extraordinary and captivating popular novels of all time.

The colorful benches feature the work of both amateur and professional artists and provide spots to rest and enjoy the fantastic creations while strolling through downtown. For more information, please visit TinleyPark.org/Benches.

Musical Chairs Program
The Village will unveil the Musical Chairs program this year at businesses across town.

With the assistance of amazing artists, ordinary wooden chairs will be transformed into colorful, family-friendly works of art and placed inside Tinley Park participating businesses beginning the week of July 1. These chairs will be rotated among the businesses so that customers will be able to experience many of these creative works of art.
The Community Development Department encompasses all economic development, planning and building activities in the Village of Tinley Park. Anything being built or redeveloped in the Village will interact with Community Development staff.

A Year of Improvements
The Community Development Department made great strides in 2018 to improve its services and make workflow more efficient. In addition to increasing property maintenance staff and hiring new planning staff, the department also began planning for new software that will improve efficiencies for permitting, plan review, code enforcement and inspection processes. The new software will allow for one location to apply and pick up permits as well as provide opportunities for over-the-counter permit issuance. Other improvements in 2018 include:

- Increased Community Development transparency on the Village website which provides updates for major projects, i.e., downtown projects, Mental Health Center
- New protocol for Village Board approvals on certain items that allow for the automatic waiver of First Reading if there is unanimous recommendation of support from the Plan Commission (except for map and text amendments, which will always require two readings)
- New public hearing signs to help increase the reach of notifications and improve transparency
- Improved efficiencies for change of use applications/inspections and improved coordination with the licensing staff
- Reorganized department space to provide for all CD staff to be located in one area, allowing for improved communication
- Initiated a more proactive property maintenance enforcement program
- Added additional inspections for fence and deck installation (post hole inspections) to minimize field correction issues for our residents

Long-Range Planning Goals
The Community Development Department’s long-range planning goals for 2019 include:

- Update building code to current industry standards
- Provide architectural guidelines to protect and enhance the community’s aesthetics
- Evaluate commercial/industrial development and impact fees to ensure that new development pays for itself rather than burden current taxpayers
- New text amendments to the Legacy Code to eliminate any encumbrances to development

Chicago Southland Interstate Alliance
The Chicago Southland Interstate Alliance is a collaborative marketing effort between the villages of Orland Park, Tinley Park and Mokena, which work together with businesses in the region to promote development along the five-mile corridor that serves the three participating towns. Multiple sites are available along the corridor within each town. The corridor’s zoning is flexible for a variety of uses – corporate campuses, office, research, advanced manufacturing, retail and entertainment.
AEDO Certification
The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recently announced that the Village of Tinley Park has once again been recognized as one of 62 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession.

Land Bank
The Village of Tinley Park joined the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) in 2018. The SSLBDA facilitates the redevelopment of acquired properties through strategic partnerships with developers, community organizations, lenders and local governments to improve quality of life, stabilize the tax base and enhance economic activities that promote sustainable, healthy and stable communities.

Expanded Business Retention
Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) is the number-one economic development activity a community can execute. Approximately 80% of new investment comes from existing businesses. Because of this, the Village Board made BRE the 11th strategy in the Economic Development Strategic Plan and approved converting the part-time Business Retention Specialist position to a full-time position.

Oak Park Playbook
The Oak Park Playbook Grant Program is a series of five grants specifically designed to encourage Downtown Tinley business owners to invest in and improve their respective properties. The $35,000 Code Compliance Grant drew the most interest in 2018, followed by the $5,000 Sign Grant and $35,000 Facade Grant, respectively. Demand for the grants increased in parallel with grant approvals, setting Downtown up for success in 2019!

Business Growth in 2018
The Village welcomed 52 new businesses and three expansions in 2018, including:

- Bettinardi Golf
- CD Collision
- Ferguson Enterprises
- Hillwood Investment Properties
- Jaguar
- Lou Malnati’s
- McDonald’s (remodel)
- Proven IT
- Riko Ioko Dessert Shop
- State Farm
- Surface Shield
- Two Men and a Truck

$81,029
Median Household Income
41
Median Age
37%
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher
While Harmony Square is a key component of the Village’s plan to revitalize and redevelop Downtown Tinley, there are plenty of other important developments going on along Oak Park Avenue that will help to make the Village’s downtown area the place to be.

**SIP Wine Bar**
Neal Hummitsch of Salina’s will open a new self-serve wine bar and restaurant with outdoor patios at the former Attic Door, 17424 S. Oak Park Ave. Plans include an addition to the existing structure with a second-floor residential unit and an outdoor dining patio.

**The Boulevard at Central Station**
The Boulevard at Central Station is a four-story, mixed-use development that will be constructed in two phases on South Street. The first phase will consist of 66 residential apartments and 15,130 square feet of first-floor commercial space, and a surface parking lot for residents at the rear of the property. The second phase will consist of two additional buildings with a total of 99 residential apartments, 14,723 square feet of first-floor commercial space and a partial underground parking garage consisting of 181 parking stalls. The apartment complex, when completed, will provide residential amenities such as a fitness gym, club room with kitchen, lobby lounge, conference room, business center, pool, dog run and indoor bicycle storage.

**Banging Gavel**
Banging Gavel will be a microbrewery and restaurant located inside the historic Vogt Building at 6811 Hickory Street in Downtown Tinley. The basement will contain the brewery, with a tap room on the main level, a kitchen and private function room on the second floor, and a large outdoor beer garden with a performance stage and fire pit.

**Encore Crossing**
The Community Development Department has been working with the developer, Holladay Properties, which proposes to develop on approximately 4.4 acres of land adjacent to the Oak Park Avenue train station (including the former Central Middle School site). The developer is proposing a transit-oriented development with commercial and residential uses that takes advantage of its proximity to the Metra station. This project is under staff review and will follow the normal approval process through the Plan Commission and Village Board.
Infrastructure Improvements
Downtown Tinley infrastructure improvements include:

- The existing sanitary sewer along the south side of North Street will be re-routed to enable Encore Crossing construction. The water main will be upsized to provide the necessary flow rate.
- North and South streets will be reconstructed and beautified by the use of brick pavers.
- ComEd poles will be eliminated, and all electrical wires buried.

New Bremen TIF
The New Bremen Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District is bounded by 172nd Street on the north, 179th Street on the south, 67th Avenue and 66th Court on the east, and 69th Avenue on the west. At about 89 acres, the new TIF district consists of 275 tax parcels and includes commercial, residential, government/institutional, mixed-use, railroad and right-of-way land uses. This TIF will give the Village 23 incremental tax years to support redevelopment and infrastructure improvements in Downtown Tinley.

Streetscape Plan
The Village is working with Lakota to develop the Streetscape Master Plan Project for the downtown area. Lakota will provide streetscape designs for the Boulevard and Bremen Station projects, as well as the new Harmony Square project. The planning will include Oak Park Avenue from 159th Street to 183rd Street, along with portions of the side streets extending in both directions from Oak Park Avenue.

Veterinary Clinic of Tinley Park
The building at 17745 S. Oak Park Avenue is a 6,720-square-foot, single-story building. The Veterinary Clinic will expand from one to two units, and will rent out the third unit to another commercial tenant.
Community Development by the Numbers

2018 Building Permits

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* Including electrical, plumbing and fire alarms

Key Demolitions

17609 S. Oak Park Avenue
The old “Chicks” fast food restaurant

16836 S. Oak Park Avenue
The old Clark gas station
(Building was demolished, pumps and tanks still have to be removed)

Code Enforcement

- 250 Grass and Weeds
- 534 General

1,400 Contractor Licenses Processed

Health Inspections

- 465 Food Inspections
- 102 Follow-up Inspections
- 73 Complaints
The Clerk’s Office is the citizen’s gateway to information on the Village. Duties include licensing businesses, door-to-door solicitors, notary services and processing block parties and raffles. Citizens can also stop by the Clerk’s Office to register to vote. The Clerk’s Office also works with Cook County on conducting early voting at the Village Hall for all elections. In 2019, the Clerk’s Office will be working with the U.S. Census Bureau to get ready for the 2020 Census.

The Clerk’s Office is responsible for compliance with the Open Meetings Act. In 2018, the Clerk’s Office worked with the Village’s Public Works and Marketing departments to implement an updated media system in the Council Chambers and Kallsen Center at the Village Hall to assist in bringing Village meetings to residents.

In 2019, a new agenda management system was implemented that will enable efficiencies between Village departments in creating agendas for open meetings. This new system will help usher in a new way of presenting agendas to our citizens.

U. S. Census Day is April 1, 2020. In 2019, the Clerk’s Office will be working with the U.S. Census Bureau to communicate information about the 2020 Census to residents. The Village will work with the U. S. Census Bureau in making sure everyone in Tinley Park is counted. The results from the 2020 Census determines how the Village is represented in Congress and how federal resources are allocated at State and local levels.

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Assisted countless citizens at the Village Hall.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology Initiatives in Tinley Park
The Village recently made strides in improving both internal employee systems and external programs utilized by the public, such as implementing a new phone system, upgrades to the audio visual systems in the Council Chambers and Kalsen Center, implementing a new permit system, implementing board management software and upgrading our License Plate Recognition (LPR) systems.

Key Achievements in 2018
- Upgrades to the Citrix infrastructure to support employee efficiency
- Refreshed user devices like laptops, desktops, mobile phones and tablets
- Provided cell phones to the entire police force
- Expanded the SharePoint system
- Currently upgrading camera systems, time keeping system and fire dispatch system
- GIS upgrades to support Community Development, Public Works and improve Village location services
- Next-generation firewall infrastructure to protect from outside threats and malware infiltration

2018 Projects Completed or Initiated
- Two-factor authentication implementation for police
- Police evidence server upgrade
- Finance cashiering upgrade to allow for EMV chip approval and added security
- Replace outdated analog phone system with a Voiceover Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system
- Replace outdated permitting software to introduce efficiencies in the permitting, code enforcement and inspection processes; will allow residents to enter permit requests on the website
- Upgrade Fire Department microwave links to ensure FD communications
- Mobile device management system to monitor and regulate employee mobile devices
- Technician training
- User support, completed more than 1,000 work orders requested by employees

2019 Projects Planned
- Improve Wi-Fi, network and fiber infrastructure for residents and employee access
- Replace/Upgrade 911 Servers
- Design and build a Disaster Recovery Secondary Data Center
- Improve the License Plate Recognition (LPR) System
- Complete the implementation of new permitting software
- Evaluate a combined Content Management System to reduce costs
- Implement improved timekeeping systems to streamline time management
- Unified communications software to allow the use of instant messaging, presence ability, web conferencing and collaboration
- Identify and mitigate flaws in the Village network infrastructure
- Evaluate the use of Office 365 for Village employees
- Update IT Strategic Plan
- IT Security Plan
- Keep the Village IT Department skill set up-to-date with technician training

Repelled 20,000+ Malware Attacks
Closed 1,000+ Work Requests
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND 911 COMMUNICATIONS

The Tinley Park Emergency Management and 911 Communications Department’s aim is to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and help in recovering from emergencies should they happen in Tinley Park.

Visit www.tinleypark.org/EMA for safety tips pertaining to floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms and other natural or man-made disasters.

Text to 911
Residents who have an emergency and are unable to speak can send a text to 911 and reach the Tinley Park 911 Center. Text to 911 should only be used in an emergency situation when the caller is deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired or when speaking would put the caller in danger. Tinley Park is one of a few suburbs utilizing Text to 911. If you attempt to text 911 in an area without service, you will receive a message that says, “Please make a voice call to 911. There is no text service to 911 available at this time.” Visit TinleyPark.org/EMA for more information.

Outdoor Warning Sirens
The Village operates 13 outdoor warning sirens that form an overlapping pattern to effectively alert the public to emergencies such as tornadoes, chemical spills and evacuations. The Village tests its outdoor warning sirens at 10:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Tinley Park Helistop (TF8)
The Tinley Park Helistop is a public-use facility for helicopters. There are more than 100 air operations at the facility per year. It’s used by law enforcement, medical, military, news media and other private operators.
The Tinley Park Fire Department is comprised of more than 125 personnel, which serves around the clock from fully staffed fire stations located in four strategic locations in the Village.

New Fire Station
The Village has hired FGM Architects to renovate Fire Station No. 47, 7825 W. 167th Street. The Village formed a construction and design team to help set goals and timelines for the project to keep it on course. Challenges that face the team include temporary station housing for manpower and vehicles during construction, laying out the footprint of the station, determining the parking area, the general site plan, and the design of the interior. First on the list is to construct the parking lot, set to take place in spring 2019. There will also be a department and neighborhood meeting on this project so residents can see what plans are in the works. Stay up to date on this project at TinleyPark.org/CurrentProjects.

2018 Goals

- Begin construction of Station 47, with completion in mid-2020
- Implement fire department pay plan proposal
- Develop proposal BLS first responder non-transport program
- Conduct promotional exams for Engineer, Lieutenant and Captain
- Complete review and revision of department operating procedures and administrative orders
- Update and continue to implement the five-year strategic plan
- Conduct organizational structure review and staffing analysis
- Explore opportunities and identify resources to implement a health and wellness fitness program on a voluntary basis
- Increase department profile at all community and large-scale events
- Complete Active Shooter, Rescue Task Force, Hostile Event procedures and training and continue joint educational and preparedness with the Tinley Park Police Department
- Improve department professional development and training program
Community Outreach

- “Run for Your Life” Fire Safety 5K
- Fire education program for Tinley Park third graders
- Block party appearances
- Station tours
- Fire extinguisher training
- Annual Fire Prevention Open House
- “Be a Hero” blood drive
- School visits
- Tinley Park Fire Department Association Dance
- CPR/AED training
- “Fill the Boot” drive for the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance “Camp I Am Me”
- Firefighter Combat Challenge
- Association Golf Outing
- National Night Out
- ISFSI Fall Instructor Conference
- Fire Drills
- Babysitting Class (October)
- Participation in “Reading Night” at local schools
- Poster Contest

2018 Calls for Service

- AMBULANCE / MEDICAL RELATED
- AUTO / MUTUAL AID RESPONSE
- SERVICE RELATED RESPONSES
- FIRE RESPONSE INCIDENTS

2018 Response Times
Ongoing Initiatives

- B.A.S.S.E.T. Training
- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- Citizens Police Academy
- CodeRED
- Crime-Free Housing Program
- D.A.R.E. Program
- License Plate Recognition Cameras
- Lock it or Lose It
- National Night Out
- Neighborhood Watch
- Peer Jury
- Police Speaker’s Bureau
- Prescription Drug Drop-off
- Public Safety Facebook page
- Radar Loan Program
- S.A.L.T. Group (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)
- Safe Transitions
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge

For more information, please visit TinleyPark.org/Police.
2019 Goals

- Begin a staffing study implementation plan to increase unobligated time for patrol officers to allow for more community engagement without increasing patrol division overtime
- Continue physical plant improvements at the police facility to enhance employee safety and wellbeing, including:
  - Installing a perimeter fence
  - Upgrading the facility cameras for better resolution
  - Installing safety glass at the front desk and outer windows

Crime Statistics
Below is the Uniform Crime Report for Tinley Park, which contains the major crimes the FBI tracks for all cities and villages.

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New Police Chief
Matthew Walsh was sworn in as police chief in August 2018. Chief Walsh has 25 years of experience spanning across the public sector of law enforcement, including 20 years in a supervisory capacity, specifically in a command responsibility. Most recently, he served as Watch Commander for the Cook County Sheriff’s Police Department, focusing on community policing. He earned educational degrees, including an MBA and BS in business administration and is a graduate of Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico.

Coffee With A Cop
Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation to learn more about each other.

- April 29, 10:00 am - Noon, Starbucks, 15901 Harlem Avenue
- May 21, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Egg & I Restaurant, 7664 W. 183rd Street
- June 14, 10:00 am - Noon, Dunkin Donuts, 7086 W. 183rd Street (Inside SuperTarget)
- July 18, 10:00 am - Noon, Starbucks, 7300 W. 191st Street (Oak Park Avenue Train Station)
- August 8, 7:00 - 9:00 am, Cavallini’s in the Park, 6700 South Street (Oak Park Avenue Train Station)
- September 10, 9:00 - 11:00 am, D12 Cafe, 17258 Oak Park Avenue
175th Street Improvements

The Village is working with Cook County to make improvements to 175th Street from Oak Park Avenue to about 600 feet east of Ridgeland Avenue; Ridgeland Avenue from approximately 600 feet south of 175th Street north to Oak Forest Avenue; and Oak Forest Avenue from Ridgeland Avenue to 1100 feet east. The project will begin in 2021 or 2022, depending on Cook County financing.

80th Avenue Widening/Bridge

Will County will perform reconstruction and widening of 80th Avenue from 191st to 183rd streets. Work will include upgrades to the bridge, sidewalks, bike paths, street lighting and landscape. The project will begin in 2020 if a grant is approved, and 2023 if not.

191st Street/80th Avenue Intersection Improvements

This project will include improvements to the intersection at 191st Street and 80th Avenue. The design phase of this project is scheduled to begin early 2019, and the project will go out to bid in November 2019.

LED Lighting Project

The Village is replacing all streetlights on Village-owned right of ways with new LED technology that will provide a substantial annual cost savings, cleaner light and instant notification of outages. This includes all light poles in Downtown Tinley, an eight-year project that will provide a 66% energy savings when compared to the existing system.

2019 Pavement Management Project

The Village will resurface and/or repair 11.2 miles of roadway throughout the Village.

MWRD Structure Rehabilitation

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is performing structure rehabilitation and pipelining along 175th Street and Ridgeland Avenue in order to update the infrastructure and prevent deterioration of the existing pipes and structures.
Downtown Infrastructure Improvements

- Re-routing existing sanitary sewer along south side of North Street
- Section of North Street between 67th Court and 67th Avenue will be vacated
- Water main will be upsized to provide necessary flow rate
- Reconstruction and beautification of North and South streets with brick pavers
- Extension of 67th Court to South Street
- ComEd poles will be eliminated, and all electrical wires buried
- Removable, decorative bollards across South Street to shut down road during Village events

Multi-Use Bike Paths
Construction of the multi-use bike path on Oak Park Avenue from 163rd to 165th streets is planned to begin in spring 2019, weather permitting. It will be completed as part of a roadway and multi-use path project with PT Ferro.

Sidewalk Gap Program
The Village will perform sidewalk gap repairs in residential and commercial areas throughout town, including the path in front of Village Hall along Brementowne Drive.

Freedom Pond
The Village recently developed Freedom Pond, a naturalized detention basin located on eight acres at the northeast corner of 175th Street and Ridgeland Avenue. The project will resume in 2019 with landscape improvements.

Visit the website at TinleyPark.org/CurrentProjects for more information on ongoing projects.
On April 16, 2019 the Village Board approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The Village’s fiscal year runs from May 1 through April 30. Following long-established fiscal policies, the main operating funds (General, Water and Sewer, and Commuter Parking Lots) are balanced, meaning expected revenues meet or exceed the budgeted expenditures. The fiscal 2020 budget does not include any new revenue sources.

The overall Fiscal Year 2020 budget reflects approximately $103 million in revenues and $148.6 million in expenditures and includes capital expenditures in addition to the normal operations. The difference between total revenues and total expenditures is covered by accumulated capital reserves where money has been set aside in prior years for future capital expenditures.

A key part of the Village budget process is to determine available resources by projecting expected revenues that will be received and available reserves. Following conservative and financially sound budgeting practices within the Village’s budget policy, revenues are projected at levels that are realistically expected, but may be lower than actually received.

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Revenues

- **TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:** $8,198,773 (7.1%)
- **OTHER TAXES:** $11,719,100 (12.4%)
- **GRANTS, REIMBURSEMENTS & MISC:** $13,508,208 (10.8%)
- **SALES TAX:** $22,500,300 (25.1%)
- **PROPERTY TAX:** $25,377,000 (23.4%)
- **FEES FOR SERVICE:** $27,253,030 (20.7%)
This practice minimizes the risks of budgeting operations against a revenue stream that may not be realized due to unanticipated shifts in the economy or where a revenue source may be diminished or eliminated unexpectedly. Conversely, expenditure budgets for items that are not contractually fixed will generally be established at amounts somewhat higher than may actually be incurred to account for unknown variables.

Village fiscal policies spell out that the issuance of debt (short or long-term) is restricted to fund capital projects and not to fund the Village’s operating budgets. The Village’s operating funds continue to maintain fund balances that meet or exceed the established fund balance policies within its Fiscal Policy Manual.

The most recent Fiscal Year 2019 was projected to close with General Fund revenues exceeding expenses by approximately $5.5 million. About 28% of this figure was the result of overall revenues exceeding the amounts budgeted, while the remainder (77%) resulted from lower overall expenditures than had been contemplated in the budget. Following established fiscal practices, the majority of these excess funds are transferred to capital reserves to support equipment and infrastructure replacements in Fiscal Year 2020 or beyond. A portion of these funds are transferred to debt reserves to aid in stabilizing the portion of the Village’s property tax levy required to support debt service (principal and interest payments). In the most recent tax year, property owners paid a total of $350,000 toward Village total debt service of more than $3.2 million.

### Expenditures

- **Debt Service**: $3,062,549
- **Transfer to Other Funds**: $8,198,773
- **Contractual Services & Incentives**: $17,458,896
- **Supplies & Other Operating Expenditures**: $21,478,031
- **Salaries & Benefits**: $45,453,268
- **Equipment & Capital Outlay**: $52,864,940

![Expenditure Pie Chart]

**Note:** The percentages and values listed above are approximate and may not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding and minor discrepancies in the financial data.
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(*Reported in millions*)
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*Ended April 30, 2018 (Reported in millions)*
SALES TAX

Of the regular sales tax rate applicable for Tinley Park (9.75% for the Cook County portion and 7.75% for the Will County portion), the Village receives 1.75%. For a breakdown of the sales tax rate, please visit the Village’s Transparency Portal at www.tinleypark.org/Transparency and click on “Sales Tax Rates” under “Taxes and Fees.”

Sales tax represents about 20.7% of the overall revenues expected on an annual basis and supports all general operations including Public Safety, Public Works, Community Development and Administration. The accompanying chart reflects that sales tax revenues have continued to grow and have exceeded pre-recession levels for the past six years.

The Village imposed a Home Rule Sales Tax at a rate of 0.75% beginning in July 2019, to address funding needs for both general operations and capital needs. This sales tax does not apply to titled goods (vehicles) or items subject to items normally taxed at the lower “Food and Drug” sales tax rate. Home Rule Sales Tax revenues are approximately 40% of the regular 1% sales tax.

DEBT

The Village of Tinley Park has been very conservative when it comes to borrowing money. Municipalities typically borrow money through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds that are normally payable from property taxes. However, the Village has frequently identified other sources of revenue to pay the bonded debt service to minimize the impact to property taxpayers. For example, with the most recent tax year 2018 (taxes paid in 2019), property owners will pay only 9.7% ($350,000) of the total debt service due on Village obligations.

Tinley Park’s net outstanding General Obligation bonded debt as of April 30, 2018 totaled $16,631,000 (net of amounts restricted for debt service). This amount, divided by the overall Equalized Assessed Value (EAV; or the taxable value of all property in Tinley Park) is the debt ratio. The debt ratio of 0.36% as of April 30, 2018 would be the equivalent of a $360 mortgage balance on a home with a market value of $300,000. The Village’s ratio is well below the maximum 8.625% ratio applicable to non-Home Rule municipalities under Illinois Statutes, which is the maximum established under the Village’s fiscal policies. The Village’s debt ratio is also well below the 10% benchmark representing a moderate carrying charge established by the Standard and Poor’s rating agency.
PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied on an annual basis to support various operational costs incurred by the Village, including Administration, Public Works and Public Safety (all partially funded through property taxes); employee pensions (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund); Social Security, police pension and debt service (partial funding). On an overall basis, the Village represents approximately 12% of the total tax bill (actual percentage will vary by location and by the other taxing bodies included in a particular tax bill). There are several components involved in calculating a property tax bill, including the property’s assessed value (the taxable value of the property; by State Statutes 1/3 of market value), equalization factor (applicable to Cook County properties), and the amounts requested by each taxing body that includes the individual property as part of their overall tax base.

For the most recent (2018) tax year, the Village abated more than $2.5 million (88%) of the total $2.9 million in debt service that will be paid in calendar 2019. Instead of collecting money from property taxes, the Village has identified other revenue sources to make the majority of the debt service payments. The abatement process is more beneficial to all property owners (both homeowners and businesses) in Tinley Park than the politically motivated rebates that some municipalities have offered homeowners from time to time. Arguably, if a community offers you a rebate, they have asked for too much tax money from you in the first place.
**Paver Brick Program**

Friends and family of military personnel can honor their heroes by purchasing bricks bearing personalized inscriptions that recognize service to our country. These bricks are incorporated into the walkway at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza, which sits adjacent to the south entrance of the 80th Avenue Metra train station. Those interested in purchasing a brick can fill out a Brick Paver Program application at TinleyPark.org/Veterans.

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**Senior Bus Service**

Bus service for seniors and the handicapped is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by calling (708) 532-7433. Fare is 65 cents each way with an RTA-reduced fare card for riders age 65 and older or $1.30 per ride each way without the card. Fare for ages 55 to 64 is $1.30 per ride. Please visit TinleyPark.org/Seniors for more information about the senior bus service.

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**Senior Center**

The Tinley Park Senior Community Center is located at 17355 S. 68th Court (inside the Public Safety Building). The Senior Center offers a variety of social events and volunteer opportunities for Tinley Park seniors and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Visit TinleyPark.org/Seniors for more information.
Tinley Park is a community full of residents who volunteer their time to help others and make our town the best it can be.

Volunteers are the foundation of what makes Tinley Park the great community it is. They give freely of their time and energy without asking for anything in return beyond the continued prosperity of the town they love. With all of the great things going on in the Village, it’s never been a better time to join the team!

If you’re looking for a way to help the community and have fun at the same time, the Village is seeking volunteers to assist with its special downtown events and television production activities. Many of these events would be impossible to present without the help of dedicated volunteers in the community like you! If you’ve ever considered getting involved, the time is now!

To place your name and contact information on our volunteer list, please send an email to mktg@tinleypark.org.
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