

# Village of Tinley Park

## News Release



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### **Tinley Park Mayor Ed Zabrocki announces resignation**

Tinley Park Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki announced his resignation early Wednesday morning during the Village's annual Business Breakfast at the Tinley Convention Center. He officially will tender his resignation on May 19 and step down as mayor on June 1.

Zabrocki, 73, cited the health of his granddaughter, Faye, who has spina bifida, and his own battle with abdominal cancer, which has returned after 10 years in remission, as reasons for his decision to resign.

"This was not an easy decision," Zabrocki said. "The next few years will be exciting for this community. I will hate not being a part of it."

Zabrocki, who was reelected in 2013 and has two years left on his term, made a recommendation to name Trustee David Seaman as his replacement. Seaman has served on the Village Board since 1984 and is the current Mayor Pro-Tem.

"It is my hope, desire and very strong recommendation that he be named Mayor of the Village of Tinley Park by the entire Tinley Park Village Board to fill out the remainder of my term," Zabrocki said. "In my estimation, Dave has the ability, dedication and personality to fill that position."

Zabrocki has been mayor of Tinley Park since 1981, following 10 years of service before that on Village commissions and then the Village Board. He also was elected and served as 37th District State Representative to the 89th Illinois General Assembly.

"(That's) a total of 36 years as an elected official in Tinley Park, and I consider that to be an extraordinary privilege that is afforded to only a very few," Zabrocki said.

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During his time as mayor, Zabrocki has received numerous awards and accolades from such organizations as the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, local service clubs and organizations, local school districts, veterans groups, and Chicago and local newspapers.

Zabrocki also was selected as a 2005 finalist for the World Mayor Award sponsored by the City Mayors international organization. He also was given a Community Leadership Award by Diversity, Inc., and was featured in the “Who’s Who in Government” publication.

Zabrocki retired in 2005 as director of guidance at Brother Rice High School in Chicago. He has been inducted into the Brother Rice Hall of Fame and received a Man of the Year from the school. He also has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minn., and the Outstanding Alumni Award from Annunciata Grade School in Chicago.

Zabrocki said he is grateful to his family for helping him through a difficult time.

“I want to thank my wife and first lady of Tinley Park, Emily, for her support and encouragement,” Zabrocki said. “In her own quiet and meaningful way, she has accomplished much for this community. Also, my two sons and their families have provided me their encouragement and counsel. I appreciate their sacrifice.”

Zabrocki also expressed his gratitude for the Village as a whole for making his tenure as Tinley Park Mayor so memorable.

“I cannot thank everyone enough for their support, encouragement, advice and dedication over these past 36 years,” Zabrocki said. “I have been blessed with a Village Board, administration and staff, Village employees and volunteers who have worked together to make Tinley Park an outstanding community where we want to raise our families. I cannot thank you enough for letting me be a part of that.”

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