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**MUNDELEIN PARK DISTRICT, VILLAGE SHARE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AWARD**

**MUNDELEIN, IL —Mundelein Park & Recreation District ([www.mundeleinparks.org](http://www.mundeleinparks.org)) and the Village of Mundelein ([www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org)) will be among the winners recognized Friday, October 13 at the Illinois Association of Park District's ([www.ilparks.org](http://www.ilparks.org)) 2017 Best of the Best Gala.**

The government bodies are top award recipients in the category for Intergovernmental Cooperation for transfer of property in the Holcomb subdivision to develop a park.

In 2015, the Park District had approached an owner about selling an abandoned property in the Holcomb neighborhood, but received no reply. The Village began maintaining the property and had several liens on the property.

In 2016, the Village asked the Park District if there was still interest in the property and the two government bodies worked together to move the process forward. In the summer of 2017 the Village of Mundelein took ownership of the .27 acre parcel through the Lake County Sheriff's Department land sale.

In May of 2017, a .14 acre vacant parcel adjacent to the property was placed on the market and the Park District obtained that property at a reduced rate due to the owner making a partial donation.

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The Village and the Park District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement allowing the Park District to purchase the .27 acre parcel. The Park District paid the Village for their direct expenses, and the Village petitioned Lake County to waive the back taxes on the property which totaled over \$30,000.

Due to this cooperation, the savings will help pay for a portion of the demolition of the home on the property and the design and construction of a playground.

“The Holcomb neighborhood has been very supportive over the past several years and has encouraged the Park District to find a spot for a park in their neighborhood,” said Margaret Resnick, Mundelein Park District Executive Director. “Our philosophy is to have a park accessible to everyone in town without having to cross a major street. We are thrilled to be adding this park as Holcomb is a bit of an island surrounded by Routes 45 & 176.”

Each year, nominations are submitted for the Illinois Association of Park Districts “Best of the Best Awards” from park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies across the state. This program is designed to recognize units of government which have created successful intergovernmental agreements or partnerships that maximize tax dollars and benefit residents throughout the community.

For the complete list of 2017 winners please visit

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ilparks.org/resource/resmgr/images2/2017\\_Winners-revised.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ilparks.org/resource/resmgr/images2/2017_Winners-revised.pdf) .

More than 800 acres make up the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, including 33 parks and facilities; trails and open space for hiking and biking, 20 tennis courts, 28 playgrounds, picnic shelters and more. Conveniently located in north-central Lake County, MPRD serves a growing population of more than 35,000 residents with year-round programs, and education and recreational opportunities for all ages.

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