Welcome to Warrenville’s State of the City Address

Mayor David L. Brummel
February 28, 2018
“Complex systems seem to strike a balance between the need for order and the imperative to change. Complex systems tend to locate themselves at a place we call “the edge of chaos.” We imagine the edge of chaos as a place where there is enough innovation to keep a living system vibrant, and enough stability to keep it from collapsing into anarchy. It is a zone of conflict and upheaval, where the old and new are constantly at war. Finding the balance point must be a delicate matter – if a living system drifts too close, it risks falling over into incoherence and dissolution; but if the system moves too far away from the edge, it becomes rigid, frozen, totalitarian. Both conditions lead to extinction. Too much change is as destructive as too little. Only at the edge of chaos can complex systems flourish.” (Michael Crichton, Prologue to the Lost World)
Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Economic Development
2. Fiscal Conservatism
3. Open Space and Environment
4. City Infrastructure
5. Public Safety
6. Diversity
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #1 Economic Development
City of Warrenville

New Construction and Businesses

➢ Highest number of permits in any single year (657) - total construction value: $17.6 million

➢ Welcomed Chuy’s and Skippy’s restaurants, CR Schmidt’s new building headquarters, and Allied Roofing
Sparkling Route 59 Development

- New Duke Parkway and Route 59 signalized intersection
- Over $6 million of new road, sidewalk, trail, sewer, and water improvements.
New city brand and logo to showcase Warrenville as a “natural” choice to raise a family, own a business, and experience the open space and recreational amenities within and around us.
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #2 Fiscal Conservatism
City of Warrenville

Maintaining Financials

- Continue to have no bonded debt
- Balanced Budget
- New economic development will provide new rooftops and additional diversity of revenue
Fiscally on Track

- 25th Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in finance reporting from Government Finance Officers Association
- Police Pension Administration changed to Lauterbach and Amen (more efficient)
  - Police Pension funded 68.5% as of April 2017
- Successfully obtained outside funding for most city projects
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #3 Open Space and Environment
Welcome to Warrenville

- Route 56 streetscape design finalized
  - IDOT approved and contract awarded
  - New digital sign for Route 56 & Batavia Rd
  - Decorative stone pillars on Route 56 bridge

- 30th year as a Tree City USA
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #4 City Infrastructure
City of Warrenville

Improving Access to Utilities

- Extended water and sewer utilities on Williams Rd, Calumet Ave, and Glen Drive North - $1.9 million (nearly all areas of city now have water and sewer access)
- Duke Realty extended water and sewer utilities to Route 59 to properties - $0.5 million
- New Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program

New Lift Station
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #5 Public Safety
Providing Resources to Community

- Community Information Seminar on Heroin and Fentanyl
- Implemented massage business license application
- Internet transaction safety zone
- Medication drop box - 82 pounds recycled
Award Winning National Night Out Against Crime
2017 Accomplishments

Goal #6 Diversity
Reaching Out

- Expanded entertainment and activities that appeal to a diverse population
  - Observed increased diverse population attendance at 4th of July, National Night Out, and Summer Daze events
2017 was a busy and productive year.

Let’s take a look at what 2018 has in store.
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #1 Economic Development
Southwest District TIF #4 New Housing

- Lexington Trace
  - $35 million project
  - Route 59 & 56
  - 106 single-family townhomes
Southwest District TIF #4
Upcoming Housing/Commercial

- MI Homes
  - $65 million project
  - Route 59 & Duke Parkway
  - Mixed-use townhomes, apartments, and commercial
Southwest District TIF #4 Upcoming Commercial

- Thornton’s Gas Station
  - $4 million project
  - Route 59 & Duke Parkway

- Two Brothers Brewing
  - $75 million project
  - Route 59 & 56
  - Developer finalizing plans and working with City
City of Warrenville

Cantera Development
Upcoming Housing

- Vanguard Cantera Apartments (next to Regal Theater)
  - $35 million project
  - Preliminary PUD anticipated prior to May 1
  - 242-unit upscale apartment building and integrated parking deck
Cantera Development
Upcoming Housing/Commercial

- Riverview West
  - $89.2 million project
  - Developer plans to apply for final PUD in March
  - 60 townhomes, 364 unit upscale apartment building, internal parking garage
  - Over 35,000 square-feet of commercial, retail, and restaurant space
Old Town/Civic Center Subarea TIF #3
New Housing

- Stafford Place
  - $12 million project
  - 13 cottage homes, 11 garden homes, and 3 single-family homes
Old Town/Civic Center Subarea TIF #3
Future Projects

➢ Warrenville Crossing
  • Batavia Road & Route 56
  • Developer working on a concept PUD
  • Will include townhomes and commercial space
On the Horizon

- Schille Property at Ferry Road (along I-88)
  - $14 million project
  - Conceptual design in review
  - Potential medical offices and hotel

- Speedway Gas Station
  - $3 million project
  - Route 59 and Batavia Road
  - Redevelopment and expansion of gas station
  - Addition of truck fueling and convenience store with café
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #2 Fiscal Conservatism
Implementation Begins

- Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP)
  The ERP is a centralized database for business operations.
  - Complete purchase and begin implementation of system
  - $1.3 million project

- Complete Compensation Study to remain competitive and maintain cost effective pay plans

- Research grants for Route 59 and Continental Drive potential street lighting and Mack Road bridge replacement
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #3 Open Space and Environment
Beautification and Enhancements

- Complete Route 56 streetscape enhancements
- Illinois Prairie Path Trailhead design at Albright Park
- Install first public art sculpture at Leone Schmidt Park
  - Tourism & Arts Commission aesthetics enhancement program – bronze origami acorns
- Complete Mack Road bridge design
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #4 City Infrastructure
Public Works Projects

- Begin phase 1 of sanitary sewer Infiltration & Inflow Reduction Program (I & I)
- Begin preliminary design for new water tower and well for Southwest District
Extend and Improve Services

- Sanitary sewer extension (Landon to Route 59) - $0.9 million
- Upsize Landon Ave. sanitary sewer interceptor pipe to accommodate new development - $0.3 million
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #5 Public Safety
Police/Community Initiatives

- Pro-active fireworks initiatives
- Continue Neighborhood Roll Call
Offering More

- Add used medication recycling event
- Add electronics recycling event
- Two new traffic speed trailers to assess speeding issues and neighborhood traffic complaints
2018 Goals and Priorities

Goal #6 Diversity
Continuing to Reach Out

✔ Continue recruitment efforts to attract diverse applicants
  • Gradually increasing the number of diverse employees reflective of the city’s population

✔ Increase communication for National Night Out
  • English and Spanish advertising materials

✔ Volunteer Boards and Commissions
The City’s Strategic Plan Goals were adopted to guide the City in laying the groundwork for positive change to our community.
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Comments or Suggestions?