



VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

2024



MAY 21, 2024

PRESENTED BY

MAYOR GARY L'HEUREUX



WELCOME

- Welcome
- Elected Officials
- Village Finances
- Village Accomplishments
- Economic Development
- 2024 Goals
- Future Priorities
- Q & A



ELECTED OFFICIALS



Mayor Gary L'Heureux ● Clerk Allen Moskal

Trustee Caveney ● Trustee Burbatt ● Trustee Crowley ● Trustee Hille ● Trustee Johnson ● Trustee Killelea

VILLAGE COMMITTEES



VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

**FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSION**

**MIDMARK WATER
COMMISSION**

**PLAN
COMMISSION**



VILLAGE FINANCES





POPULATION

14,325 (2020)

AVG HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$66,994 (2022)

HOUSING UNITS

5,522 (2020)

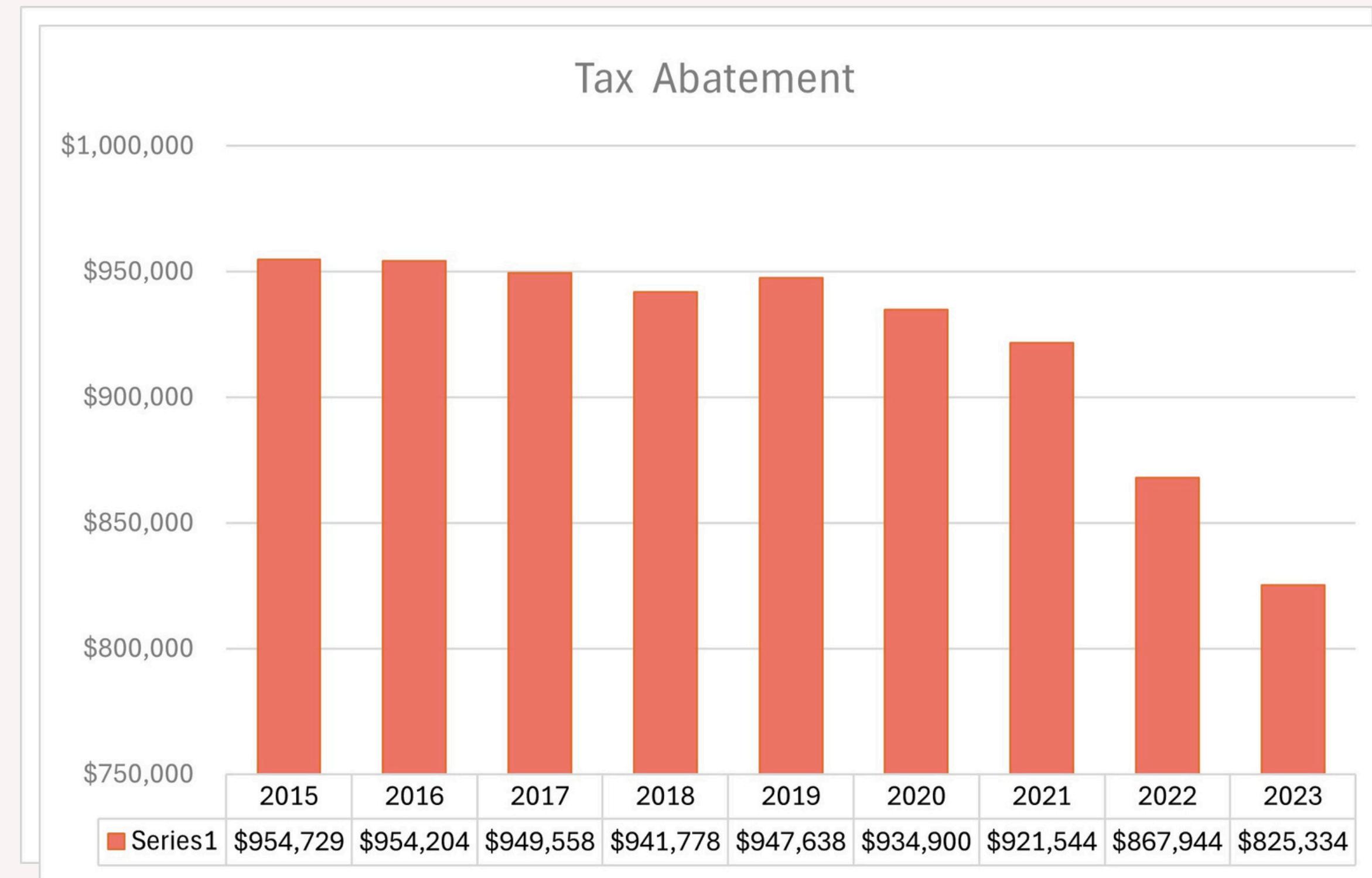
AVG HOME PRICE (+6.5% compared to last year)

\$260,000



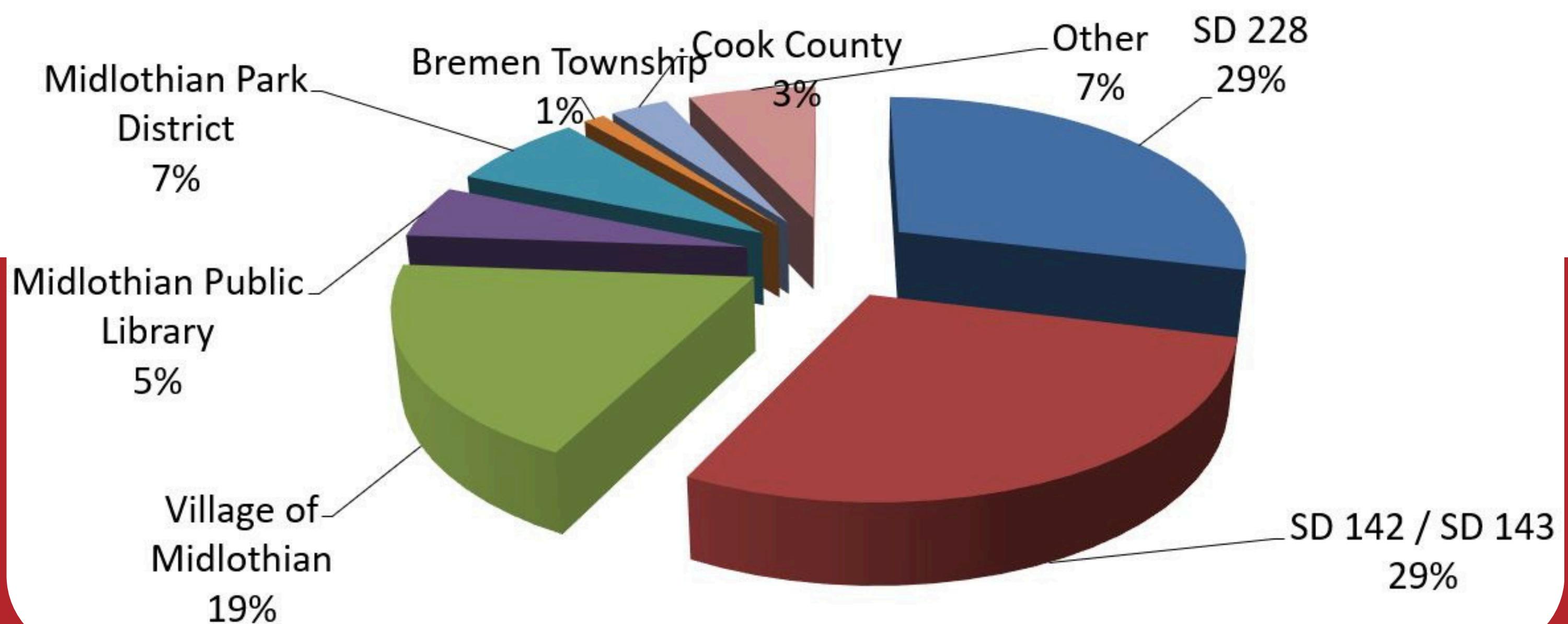


TAX ABATEMENT



The Village abates property taxes to provide relief to taxpayers.

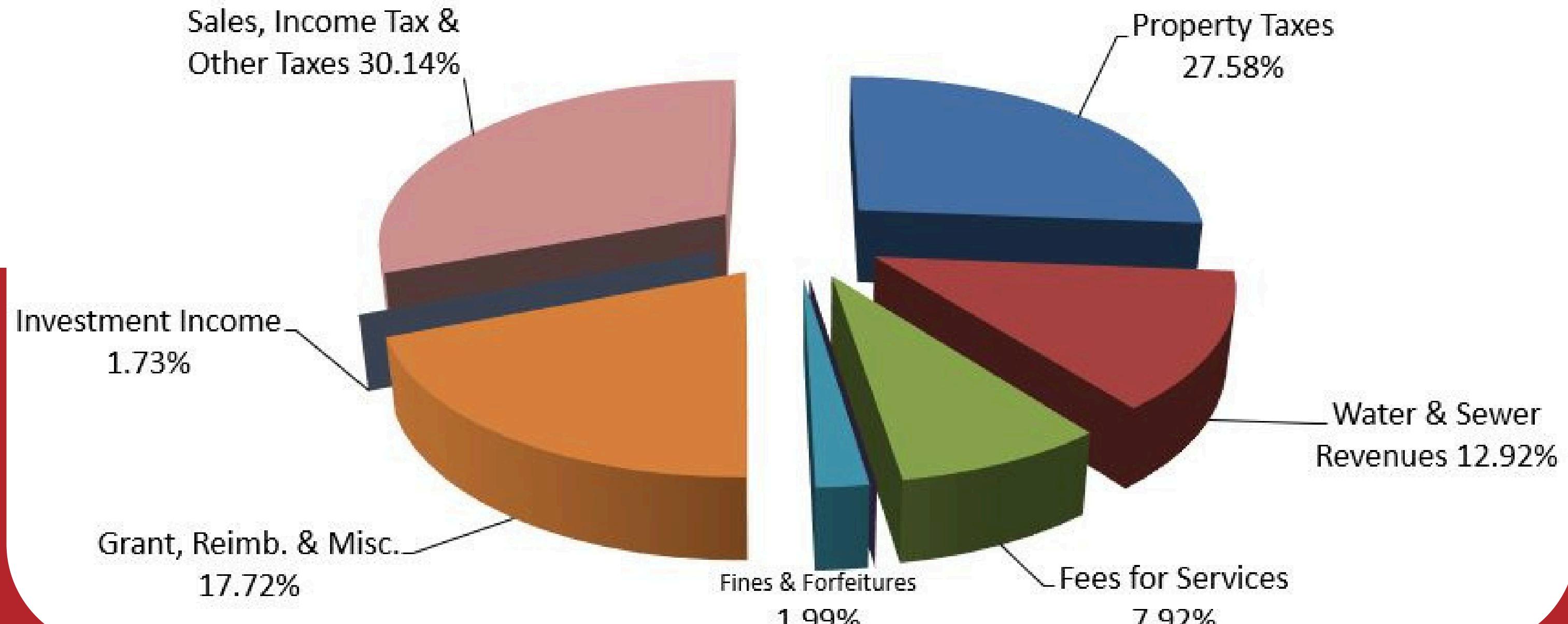
WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?



FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET



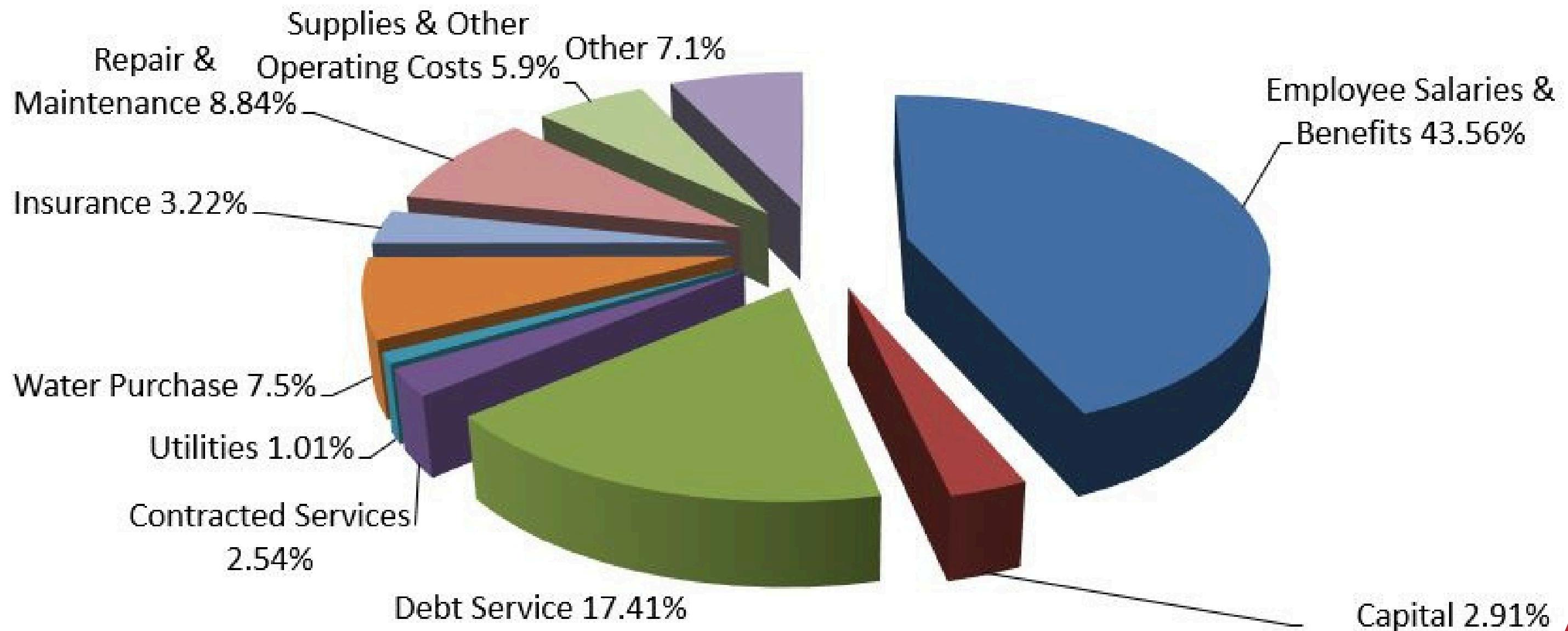
REVENUES



FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET



EXPENSES



GRANT REVENUE

The Village had requested \$13.5M in grant funding in FY24 and was awarded \$6.2M.

The remaining requests are under review.

Funding sources include:

- Commonwealth Edison
- Cook County
- FEMA
- IDOT
- IEPA
- MWRD
- RTA



FUND BALANCE

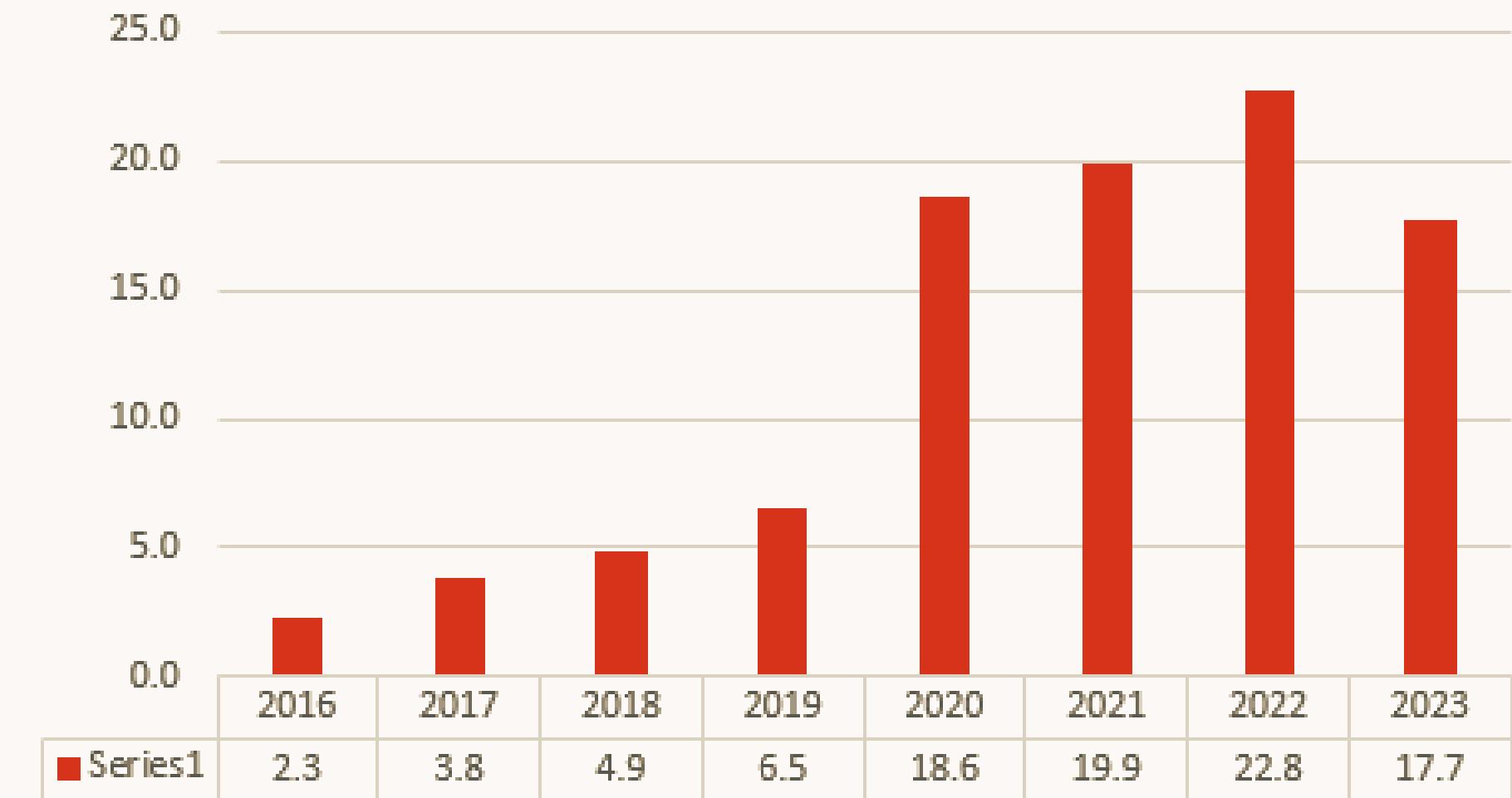


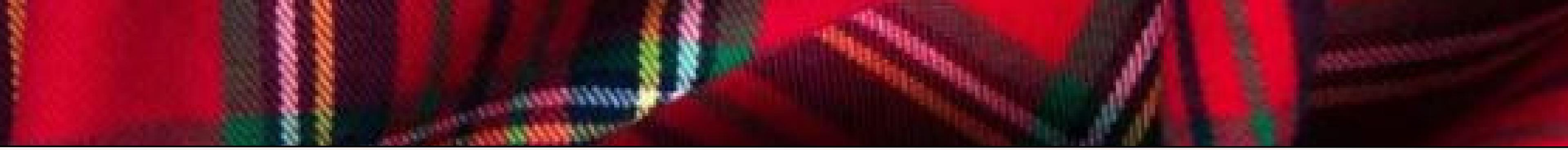
What is fund balance?

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in the governmental funds

The Village adopted a fund balance policy in 2020 and pledged to achieve a positive fund balance in the general fund by the end of FY25. The projected FY25 fund balance shows a positive outcome.

MIDLOTHIAN FUND BALANCE IN \$ MILLIONS





ACCOMPLISHMENTS



ENHANCING VILLAGE SERVICES

YOU SPOKE,
WE LISTENED



Eliminated minimum water usage
exemption for ALL residential
properties.

village website improvements.

Hardware & Communications
Infrastructure improvements.

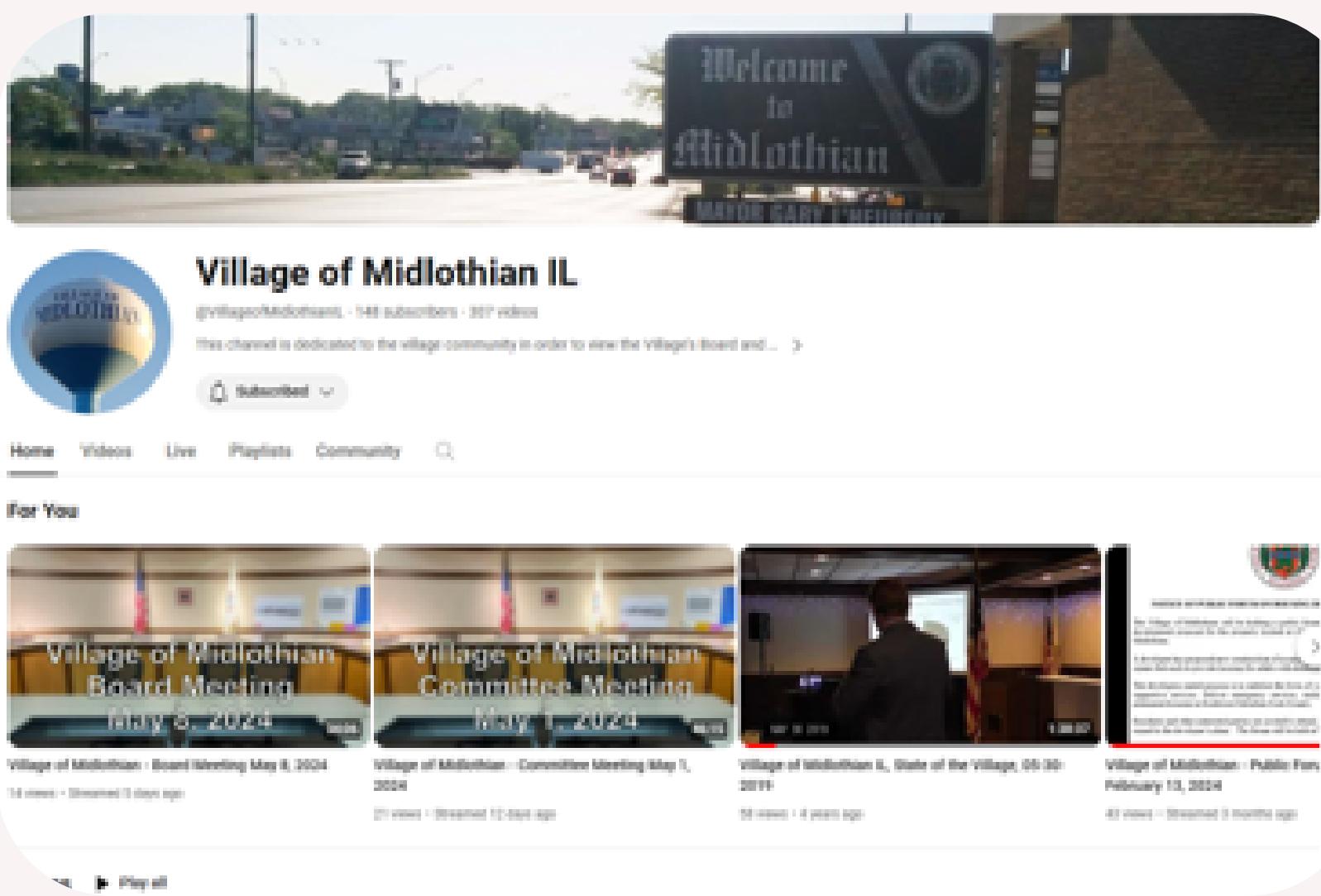
Disaster Recovery Planning.

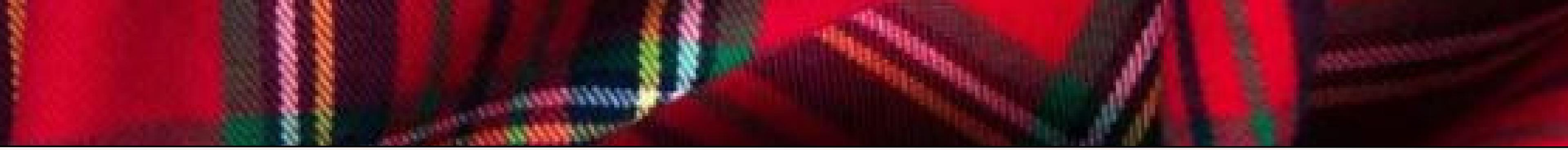
ENHANCING VILLAGE SERVICES

YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED...



- Enhanced Transparency: All Village Board and Committee Meetings are broadcasted live on Facebook, recorded, and then shared on YouTube.
- Introduction of a New Electronic Village Newsletter.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



OUR FOCUS IS ON



- **Supporting Midlothian Businesses**
- **Showcasing Midlothian's Attractions**
- **Drawing in New Businesses**
- **Advocating for the Revitalization and Modernization of Commercial Buildings**
- **Stimulating New Development**



OUR ACTIONS



**IMPLEMENTED A TIF INCENTIVE
PROGRAM TO PROMOTE
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.**

- **Incentives for Interior Renovation and Improvement**
- **Incentives for Exterior and Building Façade Improvement**
- **Incentives for Site Appearance Enhancement**
- **Incentives for Small Business Start-Ups**
- **Catalytic Incentive Program for Projects exceeding \$500,000**



OUR ACTIONS



**DEVELOPED STRONG CONNECTIONS
WITH PROPERTY OWNERS AND BROKERS
MARKETING REAL ESTATE IN
MIDLOTHIAN.**

**CREATED A WEB PLATFORM TO SUPPORT
THE MARKETING OF AVAILABLE
PROPERTIES IN MIDLOTHIAN.**

- **Village is marketing 14 properties for sale.**
- **Village is marketing 9 spaces available for lease.**



OUR ACTIONS



**ACTIVELY PROMOTED MIDLOTHIAN
PROPERTIES AND SPACES TO
INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS PROSPECTS
AND BROKERS.**

- **Established connections with over 325 individuals to promote Midlothian properties.**



OUR ACTIONS



**PARTNERED WITH THE SOUTH
SUBURBAN LAND BANK TO ACQUIRE
PROPERTY FOR POTENTIAL
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Acquisition of **3831 147th Street**.
- Acquisition of Lots at **4339–4351 147th Street**.



OUR PLANS FOR 2024



- ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW RETAIL CENTER AT 144TH STREET & CICERO AVENUE.
- ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BIGGBY COFFEE SHOP IN THE TOWN CENTER.
- ENCOURAGE A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT AT 4339-4351 147TH STREET.
- REDESIGN VILLAGE WEBSITE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT.



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



ADMINISTRATION COST SAVINGS

In 2022, the Administration Department invested in a new folding and postage machine from Quadient to handle significant mailings and enhance efficiency. This initiative resulted in cost savings for the Village in the following ways:

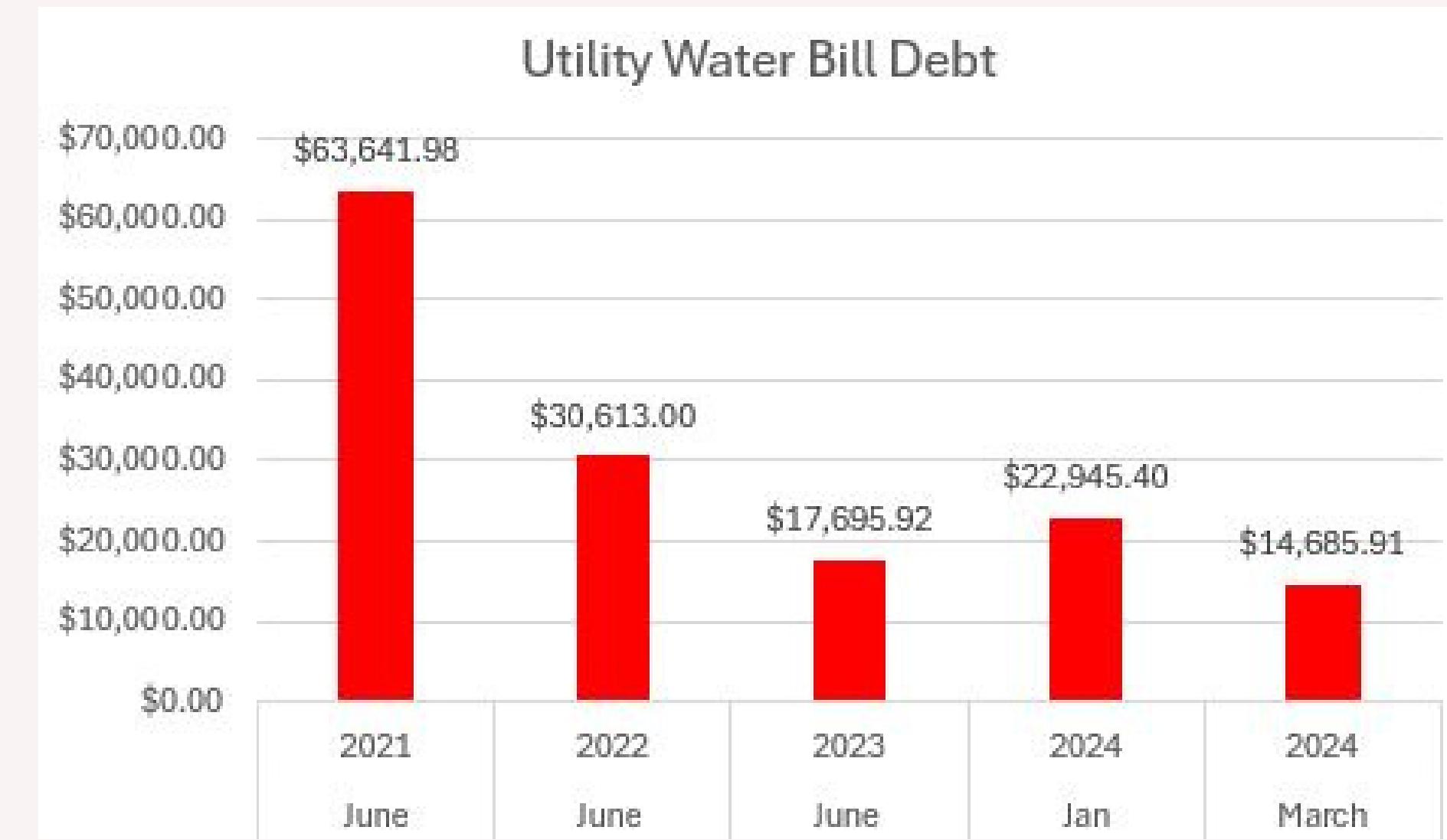
- **Utility Water Billing is now processed at Village Hall starting from 2023.**
- **Bulk mailing of Utility Water Bills.**
- **Village Sticker and Pet Tag renewal notices were combined with the Utility Water Bill in 2023 to reduce postage expenses.**
- **Regular updates to our Bill Backer (explaining fees on your utility bill) to reflect rate adjustments. Previously, a third-party company was hired to dispose of old stock, incurring reprinting costs for any modifications.**



ADMINISTRATION

UTILITY WATER BILL DEBT

The Village Water Billing Department has put in considerable effort in sending out notices to collect payments and maintain low Utility Water Debt.



PROPERTY TRANSFER STAMPS ISSUED



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT ARE 5X SCARECROW WINNERS



2019



2020



2021



2022



2023



POLICE DEPARTMENT



COMMAND STAFF



DANIEL DELANEY
POLICE CHIEF



ANTHONY TAVORMINA
DEPUTY CHIEF

2023 CRIME STATS



Calls for Service- 22,985
Arrests- 598

Traffic Stops- 3,800
Citations Issued- 2,426

Parking Citations- 4,355
Local Ordinance Citations- 90

NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

On November 22, 2023, Officers responded to Emporium Liquor for an Armed Robbery in progress. Upon arrival, Officers saw one offender fleeing in a vehicle and 2 others barricade themselves in the store. All 3 offenders were apprehended and charged.



NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

On February 6, 2023, MPD and SSERT took Jaylon O'Neil into custody for the offenses of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Attempted Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking. The original incident occurred at 147th and Waverly Avenue.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Special Olympics



**COP ON TOP
TORCH RUN
FIVE-O AT THE DIRTY O**



DUNKIN'



COMMUNITY EVENTS



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



COMMUNITY EVENTS



COFFEE WITH A COP

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

TOUCH-A-TRUCK



COMMUNITY POLICING INTERACTIONS





MPD ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**FULL-TIME TACTICLE UNIT
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**



NEW MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

Signed intergovernmental agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. An MPD Detective was also credentialed as an ATF Task Force Agent. ATF Agents are working out of MPD, Full-Time.

Signed intergovernmental agreement with Cook County HIDTA drug unit. An MPD Officer is assigned to the unit for large scale drug interdiction throughout Cook County.



MIDLOTHIAN POLICE STATION GRAND OPENING

The Midlothian Police Department celebrated the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their NEW Police Station on December 8, 2023. Attendees were also treated to a tour of the new facility following the ceremony.

[Grand Opening Video](#)



MIDLOTHIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



NEW OFFICERS IN BLUE



OFFICER
TIFFANY RYBINSKI



OFFICER
ALIZANDRA SANCHEZ

NEW OFFICERS IN BLUE



OFFICER
AHMAD ABDELQADER



OFFICER
DANIEL METZGER

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Antonio Estrella was selected as the 2023 Officer of the Year. Criteria for the selection was attendance, pro-activity, leadership, & positive attitude.





CONTACTING MPD

Feel free to reach out to the Midlothian Police Department if you require assistance or suspect any criminal/suspicious activities. Your safety is our priority, and it's always better to be cautious.

Remember:

"If you see something, say something."

~"Mayor Gary L'Heureux & CPC Committee

PUBLIC WORKS



INFRASTRUCTURE



Public Works Mission Statement

Our mission is to manage multiple facets of infrastructure so the residents of the Village may enjoy the quality of life that they have come to expect with as little disruption as possible.

This includes maintaining:
49 miles of streets
47 miles of water mains
19 miles of sanitary sewer



Public Works Administration



JOE SPARREY

Superintendent



TYE SWANSON

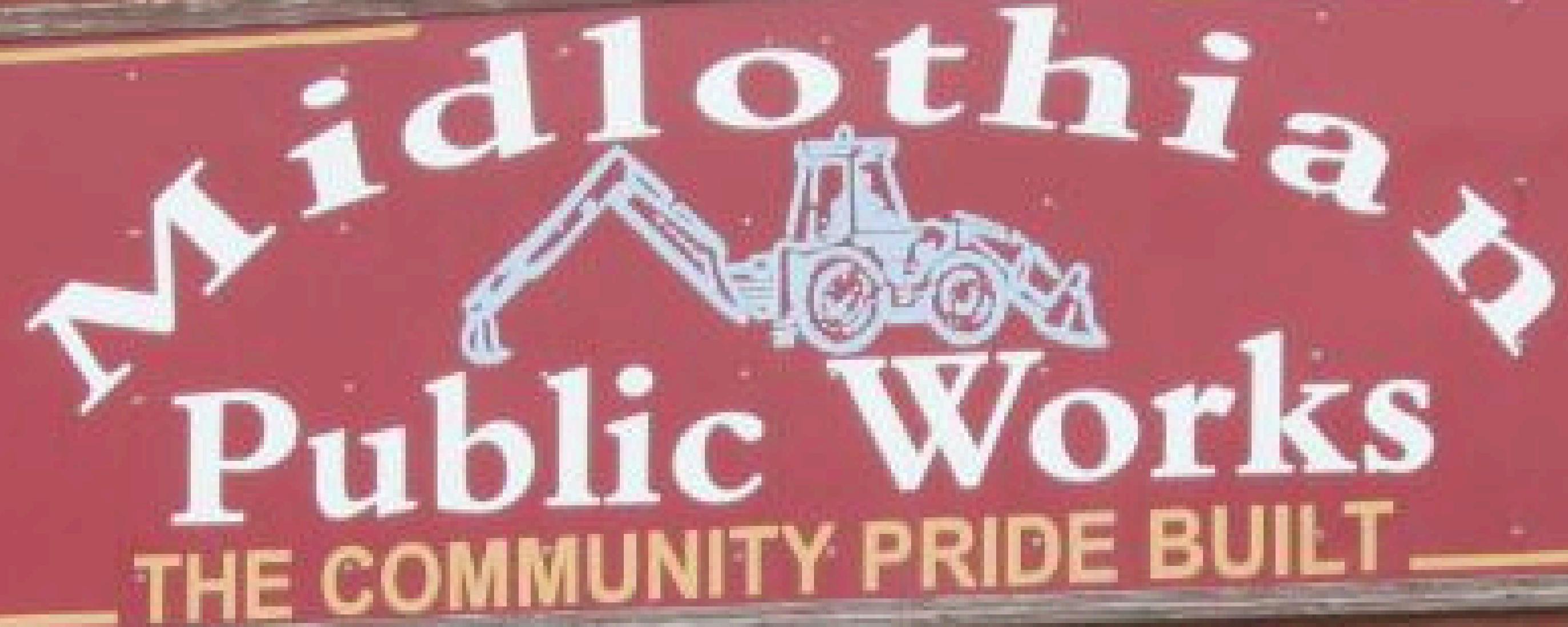
Assistant
Superintendent



SUE STACEY

Administrative
Assistant





Public Works Crew



PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES

Public Works has been gradually replacing vehicles and equipment in recent years. These enhancements to our fleet will enhance the services we offer to our community.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

**BRANCH PICK-UP
CATCH BASINS MAINTENANCE
DELIVERY OF SAFE, POTABLE WATER TO OUR
RESIDENTS
SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE
MANAGING STORM SEWERS
TREE MAINTENANCE
SNOWPLOWING OPERATIONS**





2020 ELGIN SWEEPER

RECENTLY ACQUIRED FLEET VEHICLES



2023 FREIGHTLINER
SEWER JET



2020 FORD 1 TON DUMP



2023 JOHN DEERE
EXCAVATOR

CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Road Resurfacing Projects– The Village will be doing \$1.5 million in road resurfacing this summer/fall. This includes a joint project with the Village of Crestwood to resurface 143rd Street from Pulaski Rd to Cicero Ave.

A list of the other streets will be published after the project has been bid out.

Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitations– The Village will be hiring a contractor to do some mandated rehabilitation work to various manholes in the Southwest quadrant of town, Pulaski to Kostner and 147th St. to Waverly Ave. This project will start in the summer/fall of 2024.

Lead Service Line Replacement – The Village has received \$2.755 million in funding from IEPA to replace lead water service lines. Phase 1 of lead service line replacement will use all this funding to replace as many service lines as possible. This project will start in the summer/fall of 2024. The Village is expected to secure more funding each year that will help with the cost to replace all lead service lines over a few years.

CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK PROJECTS



148th to 149th & Pulaski Rd Water Main Replacement Project–The Village was successful in obtaining over \$1 million in funding to replace a section of 8" water main that runs under the Metra tracks and Midlothian creek. The Village is currently working on selecting an engineering firm for this project. There currently is no estimated timeframe for the construction of this project due to the complexity of the permitting needed to work on a county road, under Midlothian Creek and under the Metra rail lines.

LED Streetlight Project–The Village is planning to replace all Village streetlight heads with LED fixtures this coming year. This will result in significant savings in power costs.

Jolly Homes Flood Mitigation Project– The Village was awarded approximately \$550,000.00 in Grant funding from Cook County for design engineering of a flood mitigation project in the Jolly Homes area. This is the area between 150th St-153rd Pl from Pulaski Rd to Central Park Ave. The design engineering is completed along with the cleaning of the existing storm sewer mains and manholes. We are in the process of applying for 2 other grants to fund the construction of this project.

CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK PROJECTS



Trib C flood mitigation project—The village is working with MWRD, The Village of Crestwood and the Bremen Township Highway department on a flood mitigation project around Maple Lane and the Midlothian Country Club which is between Central Ave. and Lavergne Ave. and 145th St. to the Midlothian Turnpike/143rd St. Construction of this project is estimated to start in late 2024 or early 2025.

Belly Button Hill Flood Mitigation Project—The Village was awarded \$300.000 from the Cook County Highway Department to fund design engineering for a flood mitigation project in the Belly Button Hill area. This is the area south of 149th St., East of Kenton Ave. and West of Keeler Ave. that drains to the Midlothian Creek. The Village is currently working on selecting an engineering firm for this project and hopes to have the plans completed sometime in 2025.

Access to transit grant—The purpose of this project is to install a new multipurpose path south of 147th St. along METRA Right of Way to the eastern parkway of the intersection of 149th St. and Pulaski Rd., with sections of permeable pavers within the Village's Rain Ready Community Garden. Additional improvements will include the construction of an ADA-compliant switchback ramp adjacent to the south METRA parking lot and the restriping of certain parking stalls to accommodate additional ADA-compliant spaces. Additional work will include fencing and decorative lighting

FIRE DEPARTMENT



2023 CALLS



Calls for Emergency - 2,596

Calls for EMS - 1,793

Calls for Still Alarms - 60

Calls for Mutual/Auto Aid Assists - 231

GRANT MONEY

In 2023, the Fire Department was awarded more than \$15,000 in grant funds. With this money, we acquired highly valuable tools.

- **3 J-Hooks for extrication**
- **4 Polytac flashlights**
- **SEEK Thermal Imaging Camera**
- **5 Life Vac choking tools**
- **2- 6' New York hooks**
- **10 carabiners**
- **11 Residential Knox Boxes**
- **3 Key Secure Knox Boxes for apparatus**
- **\$5,000.00 check from TC Energy**



MFD TRAINING

In 2023, Midlothian Firefighters completed 48,000+ hours of training.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **MIDLOTHIAN Paramedics achieved three life-saving interventions, successfully resuscitating an individual who was clinically dead upon arrival.**
- **The Black Shift successfully rescued an elderly lady from a fire in her bedroom, earning recognition for both the team and individuals involved.**
- **The Red Shift accomplished a technical rescue save.**
- **Progress was made towards finalizing specifications for a new Engine to replace the aging 1994 Pierce Squirt (30 years old).**
- **The Fire Department took on the role of general contractors for the much-needed repairs and updates at Station 1, including the office area and bunkroom, ensuring compliance for female firefighters.**
- **Training opportunities were established with local apartment buildings, businesses, and new construction projects in town.**

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On September 7, 2023, Engine Company 2753 and Ambulance 2732 swiftly responded to a structure fire where a person was trapped inside. Upon arrival, the crew encountered heavy smoke throughout the building. They courageously conducted an aggressive interior attack and carried out a search and rescue mission. The crew successfully located a victim trapped in the bathroom and rescued them. The victim received immediate treatment on-site and was later transported to a nearby hospital due to smoke inhalation. The crew's actions in this incident truly embody the highest standards of the Midlothian Fire Department, showcasing their dedication to serving the residents of Midlothian.



CIVILIAN LIFE SAVING AWARD

The Civilian Life Saving Award was awarded to Owen Ostott in recognition of his extraordinary act of bravery and selflessness in the face of danger on September 7, 2023. Owen demonstrated quick thinking and resourcefulness by using a hose to contain a fire at a neighbor's house. His courageous actions saved the neighbor's life and prevented further fire from spreading. Because of that, firefighters were able to make entry and make a rescue. Owen's unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of others serves as a shining example of heroism. We extend our deepest appreciation for his remarkable bravery and selflessness.



UNIT CITATION AWARD

Red shift responded to an emergency call for a person who had fallen. The EMS team found the individual unconscious at the bottom of a 15-foot deep trench box. They called for help with a trench rescue operation and provided spinal immobilization using a backboard and C-collar. Meanwhile, the fire crew devised a rescue plan using two 24-foot ladders, a stokes basket, and safety lines to carefully extract the patient from the trench. They successfully lifted the patient by moving the basket up the ladder. This challenging incident with a positive outcome highlighted the effectiveness of the crew's response and training, allowing the patient to be discharged from the hospital after a few days.

[Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal letter](#)



PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES

Project Fire Buddies brings joy to kids struggling with critical illnesses. We believe that no child should fight these battles alone.

Our chapters focus on building relationships with their fire buddies. Members of PFB visit Fire Buddies in their homes, often arriving in a parade of fire vehicles with lights blazing and sirens blaring. They bring gifts for birthdays and holidays, play games, provide tickets to concerts and special events, and attend important events in the children's lives. Fire Buddies even visit the firehouse on occasion for dinner with the crew, for tours of the station and to see the rigs.



Project-Fire-Buddies-WHO-WE-ARE



2023 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Throughout Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department engaged with more than 400 students in the community to discuss Fire Prevention.





FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



- **The Midlothian FD Fire Prevention Bureau had a highly productive and proactive year in 2023, significantly enhancing the safety and well-being of the community.**
Here are the key achievements:
- **Completed Inspections:**
 - **Successfully conducted all scheduled annual and new business inspections to ensure adherence to Fire Safety regulations.**
- **Public Education:**
 - **Provided monthly guidance to the public on health and Fire Prevention Safety, showcasing a dedication to community education and awareness.**
- **Collaboration with Building Department:**
 - **Collaborated closely with the building department to uphold compliance, safety, and support the establishment of new businesses in the Village.**

ENGINEER TAKING AN OATH



JAMES DITZLER
ENGINEER



STEVEN GORSKI
ENGINEER

NEW FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

TAKING AN OATH



BRETT PIEKARSKI
FIREFIGHTER

NICHOLAS HUSARIK
FIREFIGHTER

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



Building Department Mission Statement

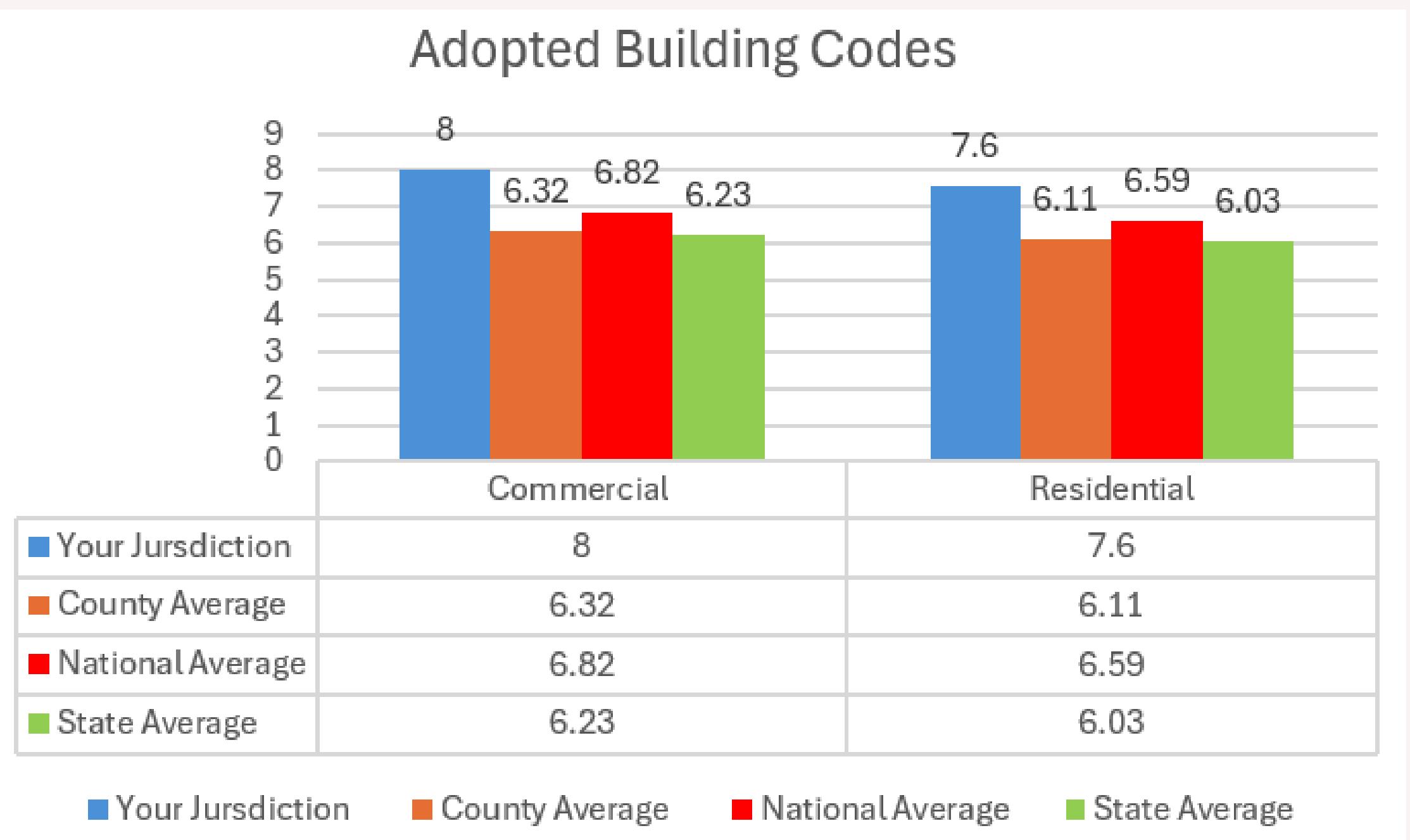
- Enhancing the health, welfare, and safety of Midlothian residents, and maintaining property values by enforcing existing Village codes.
- Elevating safety, health, and equity in residential and commercial areas by updating Building codes and standards.
- Promoting a better quality of life and progress in Midlothian.



ADOPTED BUILDING CODES



The Village has aligned its residential and commercial codes with the current code cycle. While many municipalities typically skip a cycle and update codes every 6 years. The next opportunity for adoption will be in 2024–2025 during the upcoming code cycle.



CODE ENFORCEMENT



- **Property Maintenance and Standards are Crucial for a thriving and expanding community.**
- **In Midlothian, reinvestment in existing structures surpasses new construction significantly.**
- **Enhance property standards and values by educating and enforcing the International Code Council Property Maintenance code.**
- **The Annual Rental Inspection process has been revitalized and revamped to elevate standards for rental properties in post-Covid-19 Midlothian.**
- **The frequency and thoroughness of building and fire inspections have risen over the past year.**
- **Daily Code Enforcement tasks are divided among department staff members.**
- **Over recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in Building and Fire inspections.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT



SUCCESS

14735 Pulaski Rd.



CODE ENFORCEMENT



SUCCESS

14933 Hamlin Ave.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

SUCCESS

Acquisition for Demolition in Final Stages
4500 147th St.





COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The Village completed its 5 year review of its CRS program in 2023. Since joining CRS in 2018, the Village earned enough additional points to improve its classification to a CRS 6 community. All property owners who are in the Special Flood Hazard Area and carry FEMA flood insurance are entitled to a 20% discount on their FEMA Flood Insurance premium. The improved classification is due to the efforts of the Building Department's continued implementation and enforcement of Village Building Codes and ordinances, and Public Works' stormwater management policies.

2023 FEMA CRS LETTER



RAIN READY UPDATES



NATALIE CREEK



In the last two years, our area has experienced several significant storms, but we are pleased to announce that the improvements made to Natalie Creek are proving effective. The Village has not received any reports of major flooding or property damage.

After the residents directly affected by Natalie Creek expressed interest in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) upcoming project, which involves conducting elevation studies to request a flood map revision from FEMA to exclude homes from the floodplain, the MWRD clarified that the Natalie Creek project was designed to mitigate flooding for a 25-year storm event. While FEMA's flood insurance maps are based on more extreme storm events, the improvements at Natalie Creek were not intended to remove properties from the FEMA floodplain. Consequently, a map revision is not currently necessary. The Village was disappointed by this update and is now actively seeking grant funding to support residents in obtaining elevation certificates for submission to FEMA.

MWRD BUYOUT



In December 2023, the Village purchased the property located at 14701 Kolmar Ave (former State Farm office), as part of MWRD's flood-prone property buyout program. MWRD reimbursed the Village for the purchase price of the property, and the Village is responsible for the demolition of the building and converting the property into green space. This project will be a positive addition to Midlothian's stormwater management program.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT



The Village will continue it's partnership with OAI, for the maintenance and management of the Village's green infrastructure locations which include: the Prairie Garden at the Rain Ready Community Garden, the Kilpatrick easement along Natalie Creek, and the Natalie Creek Culverts at Kostner, Keeler and Karlov. The Kolmar Ave property will be added in the future.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



**BARTOLINI'S
MOVE & REMODEL
3844 147th St.**



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



POPEYE'S
REMODEL

14536 Pulaski Rd.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



JUST
KABOBS
14747 Cicero Ave.



TAKE 5 OIL
CHANGE
14701 Cicero Ave.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



BLACKHAWK
PLAZA
Facade Improvement



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



**SPRINGFIELD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Expansion Project**

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



**BRIGHT VISIONS
DAY CARE
4105 147th St.**



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



FROGGY'S CAR WASH
14510 Pulaski Rd.



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



PEOPLE'S BANK
14757 Cicero Ave.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS



MULTI TENANT BUILDING
3950 147th St.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS



**BUDDY BEAR
CAR WASH**
14455 Pulaski Rd.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



**COMMERCIAL
FACILITY**
14820 Kedzie Ave.



**HARMONY
DAY CARE**
14800 Cicero Ave.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



COMMERCIAL
RETAIL BUILDING
14440 CICERO AVE.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS



**BIGGBY
COFFEE**
3721 147th St.

BIG TOWS
(FORMER MORAN BUILDING)
4444 147th St.

LOOKING
TOWARD
OUR
FUTURE...



PRIORITY AREAS OF FOCUS



Continue to address Floodplain designation of Downtown Area to increase marketability of commercial properties.

Focus redevelopment of a Refreshed Downtown Area... a Destination Spot for Residents and Visitors alike

Monthly Water Billing

Marketing plan for our Village...
“Midlothian, Easy access to Hometown charm”

PLEASE JOIN US FOR...

Independence Day Parade



Click here to participate!



THE

VILLAGE



THAT PRIDE BUILT



Q&A



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THANK YOU

