



# *State of the Village*

March 23, 2006

# Village Board



# Village Board Committee Assignments

- **Debby Blatzer**      ➞ **Public Works & Engineering**
- **Peter Coules**      ➞ **Community Development  
(Building & Zoning)**
- **Clifford Miklos**      ➞ **Public Safety**
- **Brian Reaves**      ➞ **Finance**
- **Ronald Stapleton**      ➞ **Economic Development**
- **Jeanette Virgilio**      ➞ **Downtown Development**

# Mission Statement

**The Village of Lemont is dedicated to promoting and preserving the character of the community and ensuring a high quality of life through professional public service provided in a friendly, consistent, and fiscally responsible manner, emphasizing the best interest of the community as a whole.**



# Transportation News



- I-355 South Extension from I-55 to I-80

# Transportation News



## ■ Bridge Under Construction

- ▶ 1.5 mile 6 lane DesPlaines River Valley Bridge to be completed in 2007 runs from north of Bluff Road to south of New Avenue.
  - ▶ Longest bridge on the tollway system will rise to 60 feet above ground with 3 lanes each direction.
- ## ■ Utility Bridge will remain and provide a bikeway link.

# Local Match for Interchanges



- **Local Contribution Reduced to \$10 Million.**
- **No Decision Before March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

# Debit Card System for METRA Commuters On-Line April 1



- **New pay station accepts bills & coins or debit card for daily fee parking.**



# Capital Improvements

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**2005 - 2006**

# Well #6

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- **\$2.6 Million Facility**
- **Final Step is Well House and Softening Plant**
- **On Line by July 1**
- **Will have Capacity to Pump Additional 1,000 Gallons of Water Per Minute**
- **Increases Water System Pumping Capacity to Over 6 Million Gallons/Day**

# Public Works Facility



- \$3 Million Facility
- 40,000 Sq. Ft. Facility on New Avenue
- 23,000 Sq. Ft. of Vehicle Storage Will Cut Replacement Costs
- Adjacent Salt Storage Facility

# Road Improvements – 2005-2006



- **127<sup>th</sup> Street, State to Archer (County Project)**
- **Illinois Street & McCarthy Road Re-Surfaced (IDOT Project)**

# Road Safety Improvements: 2006-2007



Late-Breaking  
NEWS!

- IDOT approved left turn lanes and traffic signal installation **McCarthy Road at Julia Street/McCarthy Street.**
- Funding still needs approval.
- Temporary safety measures include better signage and parking restrictions until signals are installed.
- IDOT approved left turn lanes and traffic signal installation **McCarthy Road at Walker Road.**
- Funding still needs approval.
- Temporary safety improvements include eastbound flashing amber beacon.

# 2005-06 Road Resurfacing Program

## \$340,000 (1.48 Miles)

- Keepataw Drive – State to Hillview
- Cherokee Place
- Kim Place
- Kip Place
- Rose Hill Drive
- Florence Street
- Jane Avenue
- Jane Court



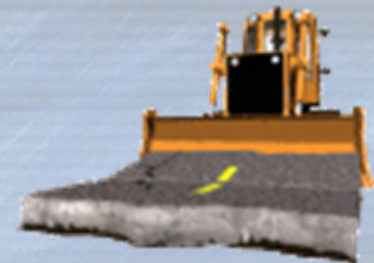
# Road Improvements: 2005-06 Cont'd



- **Czacki Street/Division Court Total Reconstruction (\$1,400,000)**
  - **New Water Main, Creation of Storm Sewer System, Curb & Gutter, and Sidewalks**
- **Hermes Street Reconstruction**
  - **New Storm Sewers, Curb & Gutter and Sidewalks**
- **12 Additional Alleys Paved During this Construction Season**

# Road Improvements: 2006-2007

- **127<sup>th</sup> Street, Smith to State (Engineering)**
- **McCarthy/Derby/Archer Intersection (Engineering)**
- **2006-07 Road Resurfacing Program (\$380,000)**
  - Notre Dame Drive
  - St. Vincent's Drive
  - Camelot Lane
  - Castlewood Drive
  - Drawbridge Lane
  - Drawbridge Court
  - Bailey's Crossing Drive
  - St. Brendan's Court
- **Road Reconstruction (\$1,600,000)**
  - River Street/Front Street





# **Water & Sewer System Improvements 2005 - 2006**

- **3,300 Feet of 12 Inch Main Installed from Timberline Drive to the new Public Works Site.**
- **1,700 Feet of 12 Inch Main Installed from New Avenue to Briarcliffe.**
- **Illinois Street Water Main Replaced from State Street to Lemont Street with CDBG Grant.**
- **Main Street Water Main Extended from Parker Road to Maley Road Privately Funded With Recapture Agreement.**

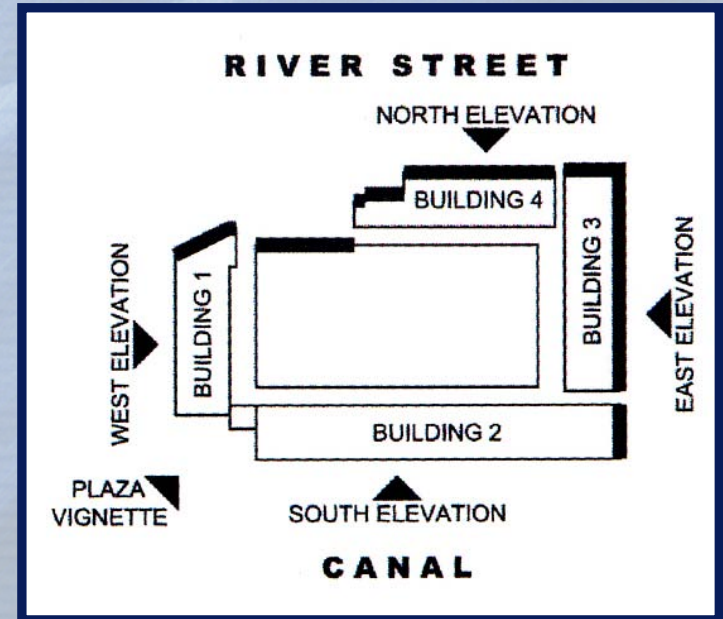
# **Water & Sewer Improvements 2006 - 2007**

- **Illinois Street Water Main from Lemont Street to Illinois Street with CDBG Grant. (\$175,000)**
- **Main Street Culvert Replacement for New Avenue Flood Protection. (\$250,000)**
- **Removal of Lift Station and Installation of First Street Sanitary Relief Sewer. (\$500,000)**
- **Acquisition of Easements and Construction of Castle Bowl Detention Facility. (\$100,000 State Grant Approved)**
- **Water Main Upgrade and Extension for Downtown Redevelopment Project.**
- **Water and Sewer Extension to 131<sup>st</sup> Street. (In Excess of \$2 Million paid for by Developers and Recaptured).**

# Downtown Development – Phase I



340 River Street “BEFORE”



- 260 Car Parking Deck
- 82 For-Sale Units
- 25 Commercial Retail First Floor Units

# North Elevation

## 340 River Street



# South Elevation

## 340 River Street



# East Elevation

## 340 River Street



# West Elevation

## 340 River Street



# Other Downtown Improvements



- Talcott Street Development
- Proposal for Holmes Street Townhomes (In Approval Process)
- New Construction (700 Main Street and 900 Main Street)
- Restoration of 212 Stephen Street
- Recreation – 101 Foot Pedestrian Bridge Over I & M Canal at Industrial Drive (West of State Street)





# Police Department - 2006

## ■ **New Facility Needed**

- Some Police functions will be relocated to the 127<sup>th</sup> Street Public Works facility.

## ■ **Citizens Police Academy**

- 30 residents enrolled in current session.

## ■ **15<sup>th</sup> Year of D.A.R.E. and Child Safety Programs in the Schools.**

# Technology Advances:



- **SCAN USA:** Free program to provide localized public safety warnings and emergency alerts directly to residents' computers, mobile phones, PDA's, pagers or FAX machines. Register at [www.scanusa.com](http://www.scanusa.com).
- **ICLEAR:** License plate recognition system.
  - LiveScan System being replaced by County through grants. Department is moving to electronic fingerprints and palm prints for more efficient instant transmittal.
- **Web Board:** Established a web board at Lemont High School to communicate with Lemont teens, building a positive program to combat drugs, alcohol and criminal activity.

# Community Policing:

- **Police Officers Being Educated in Basic Commands in Lithuanian, Polish and Spanish.**
- **Goal to Establish a Network of Court Certified Translators to Assist the Department.**

# Awards:



- Won **IACP Chief's Challenge Award** for Traffic Safety Enforcement.
- Received **CALEA Re-Accreditation**.
- **PATH Award** from the Governor.

# LEMA: Lemont Emergency Management Agency



- **Emergency Operations Plan Updated to Conform to New NIMS Requirements.**

# Public Works Department



**Groundbreaking: May 13, 2005**

# Public Works Department:

- **Open House** at New Public Works Facility in May.
- Excellence in Street Maintenance and Snow Removal.
- Completed First Year of Catch Basin Cleaning Program.
- Saved Village \$\$\$ by Replacing Street Lights – Year 2 of Program.

# **Community Development Reorganization**

- **Community Development & Building Departments Combined.**
- **Building Inspections and Plan Review Outsourced.**
- **Zoning and Building Code Enforcement a Priority.**
- **GIS System.**



# Village Commissions

## Thanks to our Volunteers

- **Ad hoc Zoning Commission**
  - Updating Zoning Ordinance.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**
  - Created New Institutional Zoning District.
  - Created New Downtown Zoning District.
  - Reviewing all Land Use Applications and New Developments.
- **Plan Commission**
  - Updating Comprehensive Plan in Gateway Areas.

# Village Commissions – Cont'd

- **Art & Culture Commission:**
  - Creating comprehensive Public Art Program.
  - Completed 4 new planters.
- **Historic Preservation Commission:**
  - Completed architectural survey of Historic District with grant.
- **Police Commission:**
  - Conducts testing for Police Officers and develops eligibility list.
- **Downtown Commission:**
  - Produces festivals, markets Downtown, and oversees I & M Canal stewardship, promotion and planning.
- **Environmental Advisory Commission:**
  - Produces Earth Day Clean-Up and 2 Annual Motor Oil Recycling Days.
  - Over 3,000 gallons of used oil, approximately 100 gallons of anti-freeze and 200 gallons of flammable liquids are collected each year.

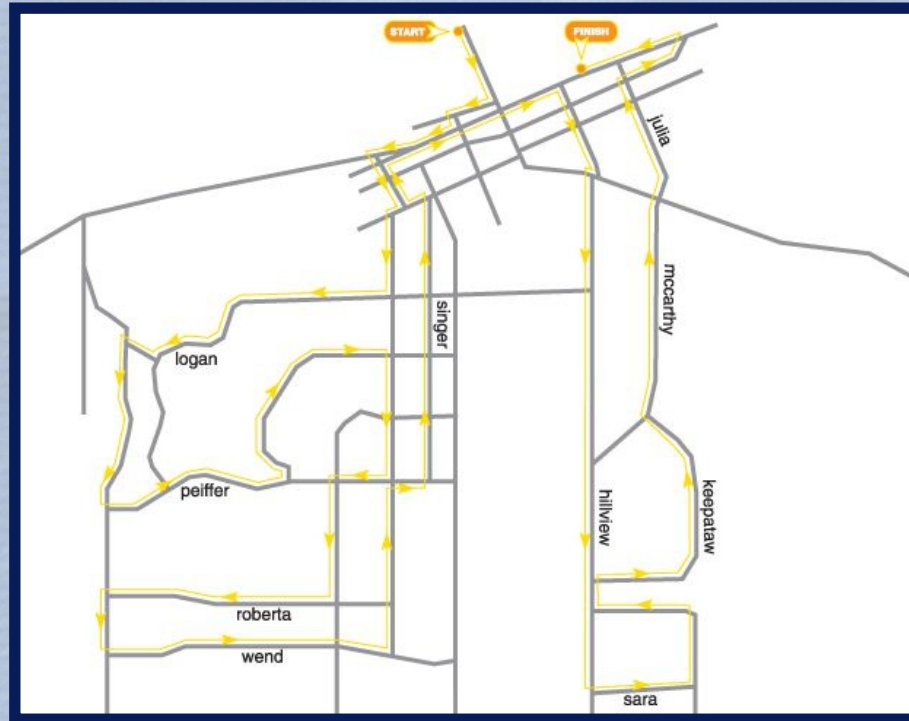
# Economic Development



- **Timberline Knolls Facility Opens – March, 2006**
  - **Treatment Center for adolescent women with psychological disorders**

# Quarryman Challenge 06

## May 20, 2006



- New Event Designed to Attract 300 - 400 Athletes for a 10 Mile Run.
- Event Begins and Ends in Downtown Lemont.

# **New Businesses and Commercial Development**

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# Rilly's Pointe



- 15,000 Sq. Ft.
- Pico del Mundo Mexican Restaurant Opening April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Baskin Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts Opening in March.
- All Units Occupied.

# Chipain's Plaza Gets a Facelift



# New Businesses and Commercial Development: Cont'd

Hillview Plaza



Lemont Village Square Site



- Hillview Plaza
  - Office Use Spaces Available.
- Update on 43,000 Sq. Ft. Lemont Village Square.
- Downtown Redevelopment Will Bring Over 25,000 Sq. Ft. of New Commercial Space.



# **New Businesses in 2005-2006**

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- **27 New Businesses with a Number of Still Pending License Applications.**
- **Cultivating and Trying to Attract New Commercial Development.**

# Cupino's Becomes Capri Ristorante

## 1224 State Street



# Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins

## 12371 Derby Road



# Jiffy Lube

15667 127<sup>th</sup> Street



# Pico Del Mundo Restaurant

## 12371 Derby Road



# Seamus McGhee's Bar & Grill

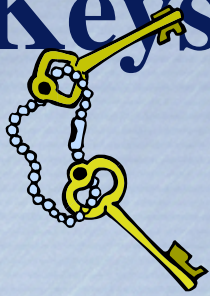
308 Canal Street



# Other Newly Licensed Businesses:

- ***Coming Soon: Aimee's Restaurant***, 324-26 Main Street
- **Country Insurance & Financial Services**, 106 Stephen Street, Suite 103
- **European Sausage & Food**, 818 State Street
- **International Show Systems, Ltd.**, 16135 New Avenue, Unit 5A
- **Jeff Robinson Allstate Agency**, 805 State Street, Suite #105
- **Lemonade Shadows**, 310 Illinois Street
- **MERR Studio & Art Gallery, Ltd.**, 236 Main Street
- **Precision Door d/b/a D&M Doors**, 16135 New Avenue, #12
- ***Coming Soon: RPM Pit Stop***, 212 Stephen Street
- **RW Advertising**, 313 Canal Street
- **Two Rivers Teleconferencing, L.L.C.**, 106 Stephen Street, LL-3
- **Ultimate Party Solutions**, 1134 State Street

# Keys to Success

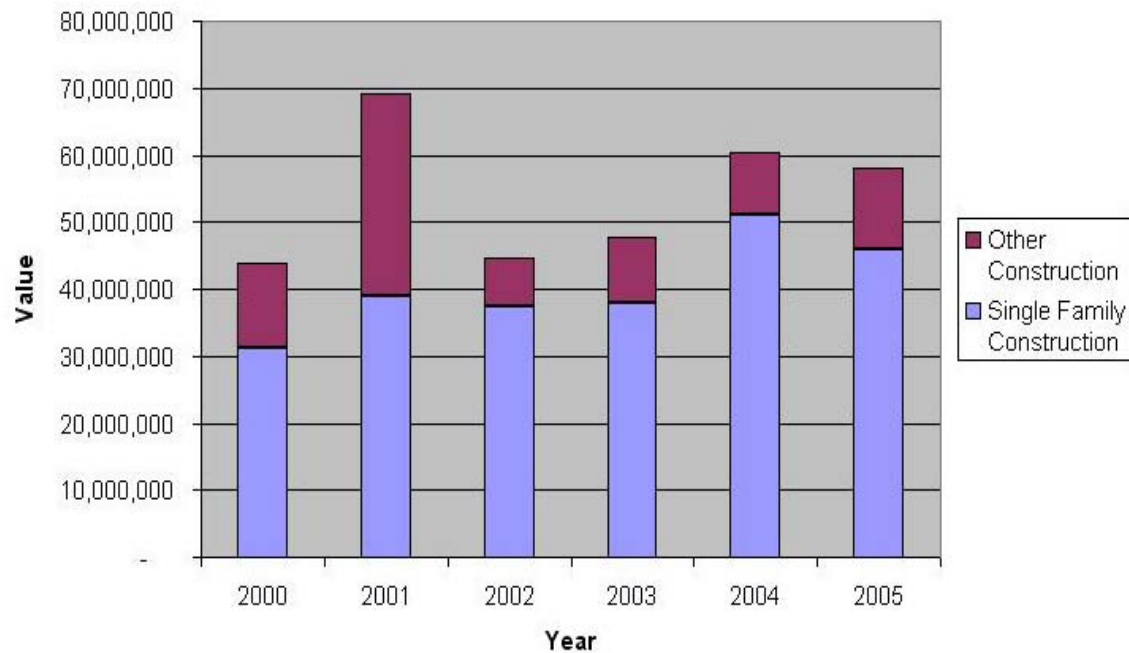


- A Business Community Willing to Invest in the Future of our Village.
- A Dedicated and Truly Concerned Staff that Works Tirelessly.
- A Well-Educated and Diverse Village Board With a Genuine Commitment to Bettering the Community.
- A Vision That Will Not Be Compromised.



# Construction Activity

	Single Family Construction	Other Construction	Total Construction
2000	31,137,370	12,762,110	43,899,480
2001	38,983,800	30,068,980	69,052,780
2002	37,442,700	7,081,174	44,523,874
2003	37,959,435	9,855,439	47,814,874
2004	51,093,069	9,261,919	60,354,988
2005	46,021,296	12,131,597	58,152,893

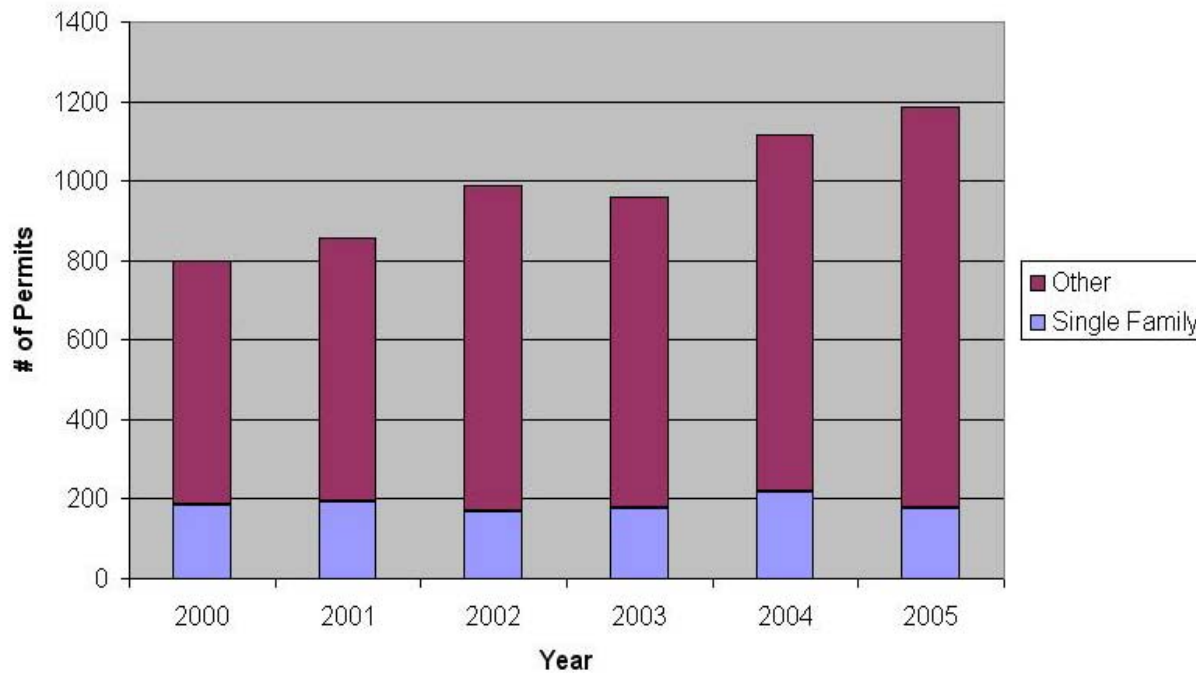


# Building Permits Issued

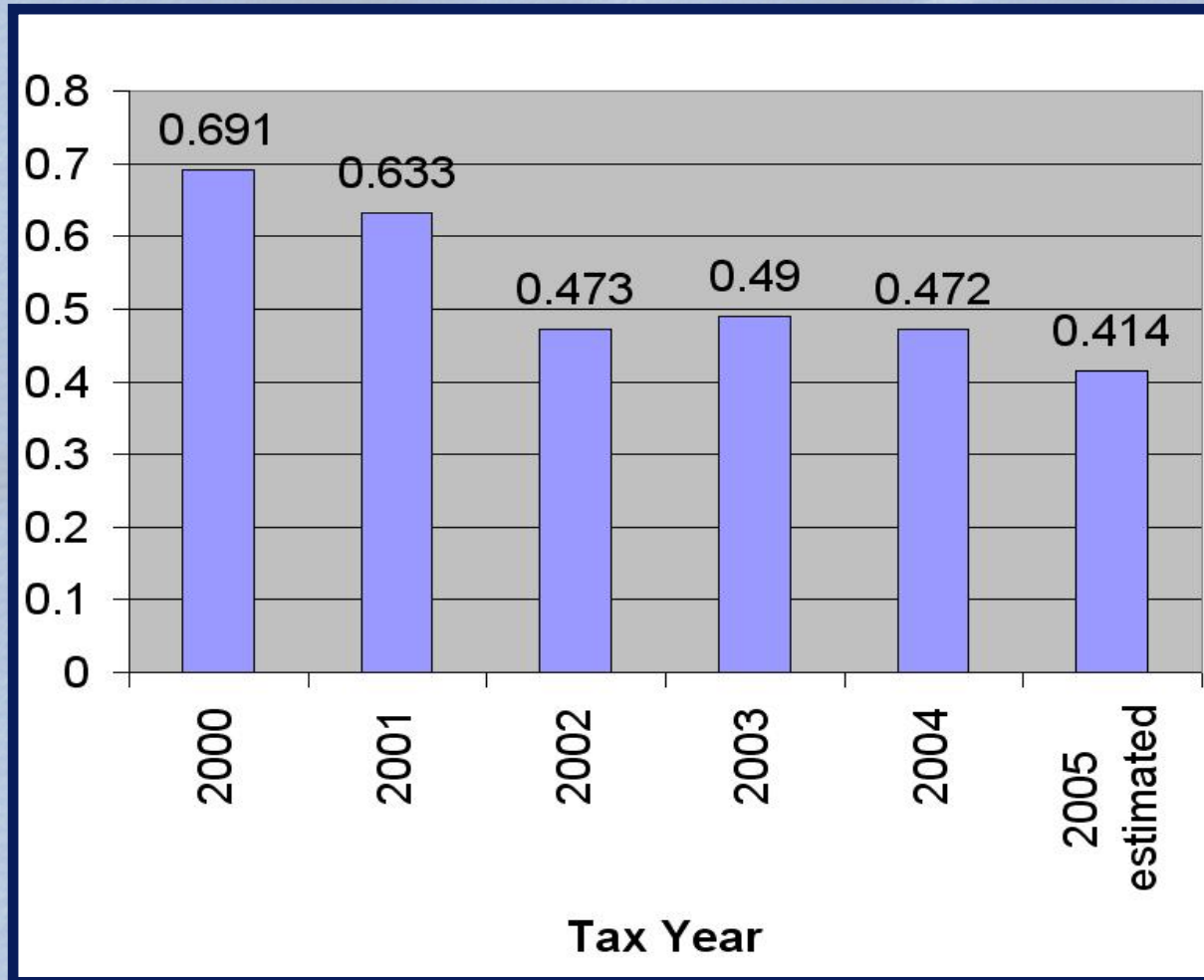
1,185 – New Record

	Single Family	Other	Total
2000	185	614	799
2001	195	661	856
2002	169	818	987
2003	176	785	961
2004	218	896	1,114
2005	179	1,006	1,185

Building Permits Issued 2000-2005

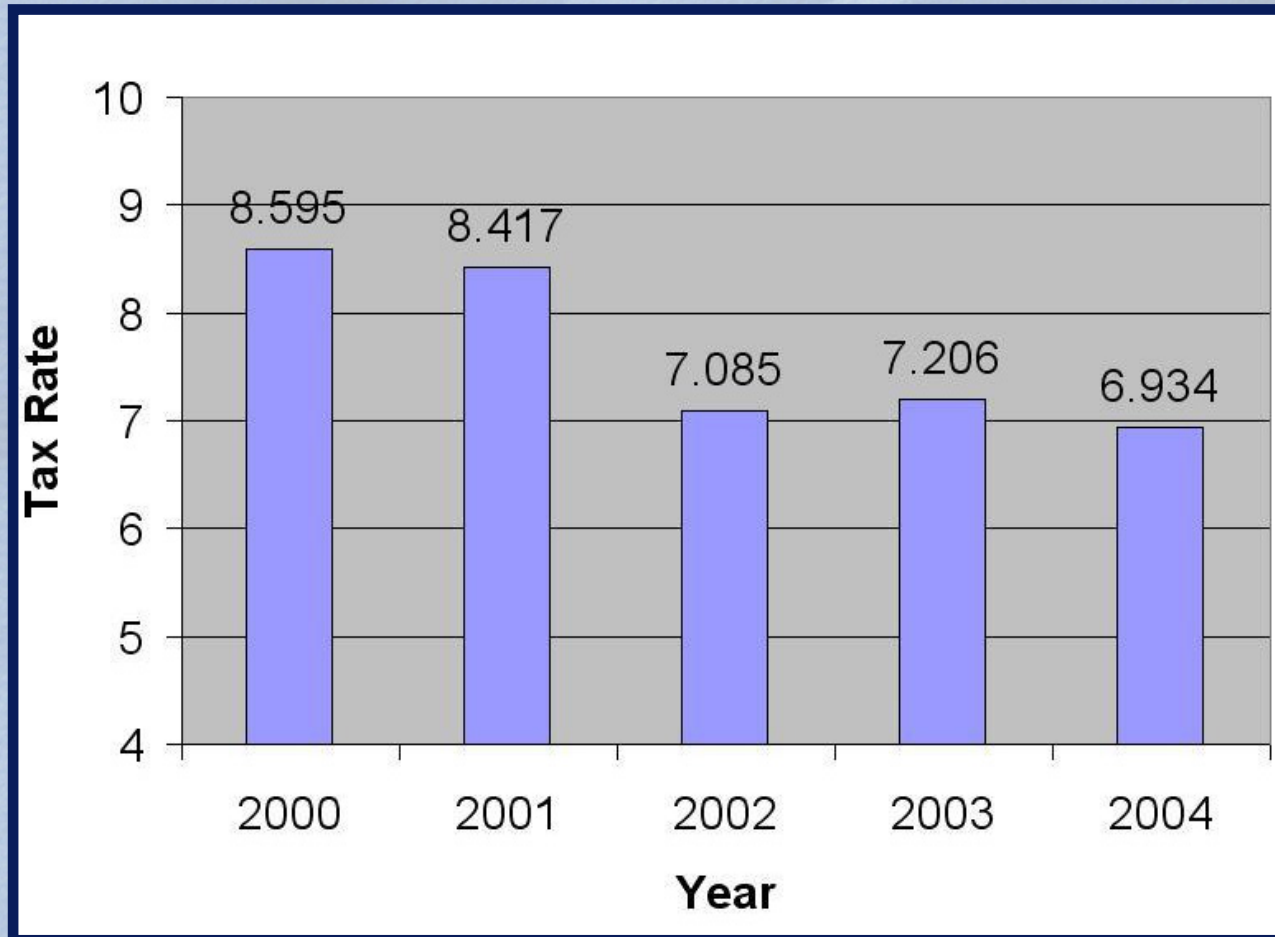


# Village Tax Rates



# Typical Tax Rates

(Includes all taxing bodies)



# Intergovernmental Cooperation

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- **Property Transfer Agreements for Castle Bowl Project with School District #113.**
- **Bike Path Grant Joint Application Submitted to IDOT from Village, Park District and Township.**

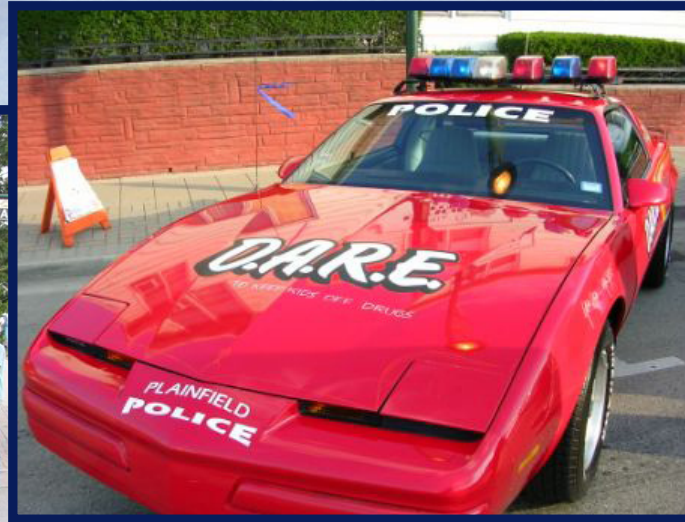


# Special Events

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# Cruise Nights 2005



# Farmer's Market

Tuesdays - June 28 through October 31, 2005





# JULY Brought Fireworks ♦ Heritage Fest



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Art Festival

## October 1, 2005



# Halloween Hoedown



October 29, 2005

# Hometown Holiday



December 3, 2005



# St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

March 4, 2006

