

Tinley Park

Downtown Vision Statement

Downtown is a major focal point for the Tinley Park community. As the soul of our community, it connects us with each other, to our heritage as a small farming community and to the larger metropolitan area. It exists at a physical scale which accommodates several modes of travel but emphasizes the character, walkability and accessibility of a small town center.

THE VISION

for Tinley Park's Downtown Redevelopment

Exciting Plans for New Housing & Retail in the Heart of Our Community

We are excited to unveil the next steps in our plans to assure the long-term vitality of our downtown. For many years, planning has been underway for the revitalization of downtown. In recent years, many community members have participated in planning efforts for the area, including the development of the "Old Town" plan and a recent update of the plan.

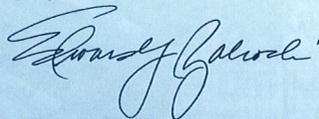
The first phase of efforts are already visible. The new Metra Station was completed last year, streetscape enhancements along with landscaping and decorative lighting have been added, the Zabrocki Plaza has been developed and a number of downtown businesses have appealing facade enhancements (see pictures on page 2).

We are now positioned to embark on the next phase of downtown redevelopment efforts. Two tax increment finance districts have been identified and approved – Main Street North and Main Street South (see page 3) – and primary redevelopment project areas have been identified for the first phase of redevelopment near the train station. The primary goals for this effort are to:

- assure the long-term viability of the central business district;
- secure the viability of adjacent residential neighborhoods; and,
- provide a signature downtown as a community focal point.

The plans for redevelopment are exciting ones not just for the downtown neighborhood, but for the rest of the community as well. The redevelopment will create great life-style housing choices for residents, provide new retail shops and new investment in our community. It will also enhance downtown's role as a gathering place where people shop, dine, relax, and enjoy themselves.

Take a look at our plans and see why we're excited about our downtown redevelopment. Stay tuned over the course of the next year as we provide you with more updates on specific projects which will benefit the community in the various redevelopment districts.



Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki



Recent Downtown Improvements

Many new and ongoing projects have contributed to the quality and image of the historic downtown through the efforts of both the private and public sector. These include:

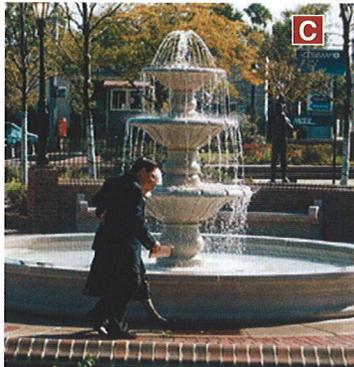
- The construction of a new commuter station **A** complete with a three-story clock tower, observation deck, circular plaza and café;
- Numerous building facade improvements **B E** facilitated by a matching grant program, sponsored by the Village's Main Street Commission, which provides an incentive for business owners to improve the facades of their buildings;
- The construction of new mixed-use development projects;
- Parking infrastructure improvements including public and private parking partnerships;
- Streetscape enhancements including the development of the Zabrocki Plaza, a town square area with complementary statue and fountain features **C D**;
- Decorative lighting and landscaping enhancements including paver stones, benches, hanging flower baskets and dazzling holiday decorations; and,
- A number of annual special events hosted by the Village and its community organizations including holiday festivities, parades, block parties, a Saturday morning farmer's market and more.



New commuter station constructed in 2003



Facade improvement at J.W. Hollstein's Saloon



Fountain and statue in new Zabrocki Plaza



Facade improvement at Ed & Joe's Restaurant

Redevelopment Sites Map

This map highlights the specific redevelopment sites that are in the first phase of the redevelopment in the Main Street South tax increment finance district.

