



## 2016 AT-A-GLANCE

This year the Village made it without any major emergencies. There were several park and downtown aesthetic improvements made with many compliments made by residents and even passersby. There were several small operating improvements performed to remedy issues that would become emergencies if let go too much longer. The Village faced its bi-annual audit while continuing with business as usual, and not so unusual.

In the park the closed shelter house got a facelift with a new PAINT job, inside and out, new WINDOWS and ELECTRICAL UPGRADES. The toddler PLAYGROUND UNIT WAS INSTALLED in time for lots of summer fun. The basketball court got a much needed SEAL COAT and the walking path was PATCHED where needed AND SEALED as well.

Aesthetically council also increased the beauty downtown by adding more of the large flower pots and purchasing many beautiful FLOWERS. The parking lot by town hall was improved with PARKING BLOCKS and STRIPING to allow more organized parking for the downtown area. There were many PROPERTIES CLEANED due to ordinance violation noncompliance. New WELCOME SIGNS were built with planters and room for organizations to post a sign - all making the village seem more welcoming. Following a growing trend, downtown intersections now have BLUE STRIPES honoring police.

As for operations the TILE JETTING program continued. Much needed new CATCH BASINS for Main Street were installed with grant funding. To aid with maintaining all the beautiful flowers downtown a WAGON and SPRAYER were purchased and an outdoor SPIGOT was installed in the town hall to allow for more convenient watering. RESURFACED ALLEYS that were in disrepair. And the biggest improvement would be the TUCKPOINTING performed at the water plant. No daylight will be seen through those walls again for many years!

Some of the usual things that continued as the audit was being performed included MOSQUITO ABATEMENT. This is one expense many communities have discontinued but Dunkirk has once again provided this service. Once again a grant was awarded for TREES and many bare spots were able to be filled. Another seemingly routine happening is the council and mayor giving of their time and donations for one of the monthly COMMUNITY MEALS and another successful HN COMMUNITY FUN DAY. One not-so-usual thing this year was the PARK COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETINGS from Spring to Fall. They made themselves more available to residents to be able to attend and provide input on park needs and ideas.

All in all, Dunkirk Council can hold their heads high knowing that they have continued improvements, aesthetically and structurally, to the entire Village. You built, planted, improved, maintained, and served your village for another year. Thanks to everyone for working to make Dunkirk a better place.

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