

## AGENDA

### MUNDELEIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

September 25, 2025 - 7:30 AM  
Village Hall - Board Room  
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE
- III. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTARY
- V. MINUTES APPROVAL
  - A. Approval of the August 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. S.T.A.R. Grant Application — Mount Ara

**Motion** to recommend approval/denial of Mount Ara S.T.A.R. Grant application, 750 Tower Road, Unit B, for an amount not to exceed \$4,461.06.
  - B. Fiscal Year 2026 Village Board Report

Submit Committee Reports by October 15, 2025.
  - C. 2026 Economic Development Commission Meeting Dates

EDC shall confirm the meeting dates for 2026.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Flyer Campaign

All Commissioners should start visiting or emailing businesses with the application. Commissioners from District 1, 2, 3, and 9 should reach out to those in District 5, 6, and 10 for assistance.
  - B. 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast

- C. Fall Business Mixer

## VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Recognize (Robert Kalicki, David Shutan)
  
- B. Advise (Michael Decker, Raymond Jackson)
  
- C. Attract (Ed Streb, Sarah Mital)
  
- D. Retain (Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echevarria)
  
- E. Educate (Virginia Gibbs, Laurie Lowry)

## IX. OTHER REPORTS

- A. LCP Municipal Economic Development Advisory Group Event — October 22, 2025 11:30 AM  
The EDC should designate members to attend this event.

## X. VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATES

## XI. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 2025

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of Mundelein, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting or facilities, to contact the ADA Coordinator at 847-949-3200 to allow the Village to arrange accommodations for those persons.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Commission was held on August, 28, 2025. Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commission Attendance:**

**Present:** Chairman Decker, Commissioner Streb, Commissioner Lowry, Commissioner Kalicki, Commissioner Mitial (at 7:40 AM), Commissioner Trillhaase, Commissioner Echeverria, Commissioner Gibbs, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Shutan (at 7:36 AM)

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Amanda Orenchuk, Director of Community Development (at 8:22 AM); Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner; and Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**Courtney Combs - Lake County Community Foundation**

Courtney Combs with the Lake County Community Foundation provided a brief overview of the services they offer to surrounding communities. The Foundation connects donors with local needs by managing charitable funds and supporting nonprofit initiatives throughout the county. Ms. Combs explained that they are currently assisting the Waukegan and North Chicago communities and plan to expand into Zion next year. The Foundation focuses on serving communities considered low to moderate income within Lake County.

To be eligible for the program, businesses must be in good standing with the IRS, generate at least \$50,000 in annual revenue, and not obtain sales from certain industries (e.g., tobacco, gambling, weapons/ammunition, lenders, or quasi-financial institutions). The Commission expressed support for the program and noted it could be beneficial in Mundelein, but is uncertain whether Mundelein qualifies. E. Streb informed Ms. Combs about the proposed micro shops and expressed interest in continuing the discussion outside of the meeting.

**Lynne Monroe - Social Media Policy**

Lynne Monroe, Assistant Village Administrator, informed the Commission about the updated social media policy. All comments on the Village of Mundelein’s social media platforms will remain disabled for the foreseeable future. She also noted that when Commissioners reply to comments online, they should clearly state that they are not speaking on behalf of the Village of Mundelein. Additionally, Commissioners should refer individuals to official Village contacts for any questions or concerns related to Village business.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Approval of the July 24, 2025 Minutes**

**Motion** by E. Streb, seconded by M. Echeverria to approve the July 24, 2025 meeting minutes, as amended.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Edward Streb
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Miguel Echeverria
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Decker, Edward Streb, Laurel Lowry, Robert Kalicki, Sarah Mitial, Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echeverria, Virginia Gibbs, Raymond Jackson, David Shutan
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fall Business Mixer**

I. Guadarrama informed the Commission about the upcoming Fall Business Mixer, scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Lure of the Local Art Exhibition in the Archer Business Center. The subcommittee for the event includes Laurie, Sarah, and Raymond.

**Motion** by V. Gibbs, seconded by M. Echeverria to approve \$1,500 for the Fall Business Mixer Event.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Virginia Gibbs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Miguel Echeverria
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Decker, Edward Streb, Laurel Lowry, Robert Kalicki, Sarah Mitial, Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echeverria, Virginia Gibbs, Raymond

	Jackson, David Shutan
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast**

J. Marvin expressed the importance of starting to plan this event early. The subcommittee for the event includes David, Bob, and Virginia. The Commission selected Thursday, February 26, 2026, as the event date. It will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 AM at the DoubleTree Hotel. J. Marvin asked the Commission to begin brainstorming Gold Star Award nominees and to bring a few business suggestions to the September 25, 2025, EDC meeting.

**Motion** by A. Trillhaase, seconded by L. Lowry to approve \$5,000 for the 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Angela Trillhaase
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Laurel Lowry
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Decker, Edward Streb, Laurel Lowry, Robert Kalicki, Sarah Mitial, Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echeverria, Virginia Gibbs, Raymond Jackson, David Shutan
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Flyer Campaign**

I. Guadarrama informed the Commission about the flyer campaign for local businesses, which promotes their services and offers discounts to visitors in Mundelein. The Commission expressed interest in moving forward with this program.

D. Shutan left at 8:56 AM.

**S.T.A.R. Grant Application**

I. Guadarrama informed the Commission that the STAR Grant Application is outdated and needs to be updated. She provided copies of the current application and asked the Commission to review them and submit their edits to her for discussion at the September 25th meeting.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **Recognize (Robert Kalicki, David Shutan)**

There were no updates.

### **Advise (Michael Decker, Raymond Jackson)**

There were no updates.

### **Attract (Ed Streb, Sarah Mital)**

E. Streb informed the Commission that he will be presenting the Micro Shops to the Village Board on September 8, 2025.

### **Retain (Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echevarria)**

There were no updates.

### **Educate (Virginia Gibbs, Laurie Lowry)**

The Educate Committee will promote the Fall Business Mixer.

## OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

## VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATES

A. Orenchuk informed the Commission that staff has hired an Economic Development Consultant, whose main focus will be reviewing the Bank Triangle and Courtland Commons sites. She noted that a few zoning text amendments are currently in process for car washes and murals. She also mentioned plans to feature a monthly spotlight on businesses within the community, similar to the Buy Local campaign. Additionally, at Courtland Commons we will be installing a bridge over the creek to connect Courtland Commons to the Mundelein Shopping Center parking lot.

## NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, Thursday, September 25, 2025

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by M. Echeverria, seconded by R. Kalicki to adjourn the meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Miguel Echeverria
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Robert Kalicki

**AYES:** Michael Decker, Edward Streb, Laurel Lowry, Robert Kalicki, Sarah Mital, Angela Trillhaase, Miguel Echeverria, Virginia Gibbs, Raymond Jackson  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.  
Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner  
Recording Secretary

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: S.T.A.R. Grant Application — Mount Ara

**Attachments:**

1. Application
2. Narrative
3. Findings of Fact

**Background:**

Mount Ara, 750 Tower Road, Unit B, was established in 2018 and specializes in pet supplements. Its products are sold in over 500 independent pet stores across multiple states. Over time, the company has expanded its operations and now manufactures both private label and branded products for retailers nationwide.

To support its continued growth, Mount Ara is pursuing CGMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) Certification, which reflects a commitment to safety, cleanliness, and hazard analysis. Currently, the company meets approximately 75 percent of the certification requirements. The remaining gap is related to infrastructure, specifically the need to properly segregate raw and finished goods in temperature-controlled areas.

To meet this requirement, Mount Ara plans to install rubberized floor-to-ceiling commercial curtains to safely separate designated zones within the facility. The total cost of this equipment is \$8,922.11. The company is requesting funding for half of this amount, or \$4,461.06, through the STAR Grant.

Mount Ara anticipates that obtaining the certification will lead to the creation of new jobs, including one full-time batch lead, one support staff member, and two additional line workers.

**Recommendation:**

**Motion** to recommend approval/denial of Mount Ara S.T.A.R. Grant application, 750 Tower Road, Unit B, for an amount not to exceed \$4,461.06.



**PROGRAM GUIDELINES, POLICY, AND APPLICATION**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the S.T.A.R. Business Grant Program is to: (1) **STIMULATE** the growth of the local economy, (2) support local businesses in workforce development through additional **TRAINING**, (3) **ASSIST** local small businesses so they can thrive in a competitive environment, and (4) help businesses **RECOVER** from the COVID-19 global pandemic and respond with the necessary changes to their operations. As a pilot program for the 2022 fiscal year, a total of \$50,000 has been allocated to fund this program and individual proposals are capped at a maximum request of \$5,000 per business, with funds being available on a first-come, first-serve basis and dependent on approval of each proposal by the Mundelein Village Board. Because the needs of each business are unique, this program allows businesses to propose projects tailored to their specific needs.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible under this grant program the local business must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be an authorized representative of, and the proposal must be for, a business operating within the corporate limits of the Village of Mundelein, Illinois.
2. The local business must be in a state of good standing with the Village of Mundelein.
3. The local business must have an active Business Registration on file with the Village (*excludes home occupations*).
4. Costs must be new expenses.
5. Business must be for-profit. Public and private schools, home-based businesses (*except those relocating to a commercial space*), political activities, and civic organizations are not eligible.
6. Recipients of other Village assistance (e.g. utility grants, Business Incentive Grants, prior agreements) are eligible provided that the request is for services, expansions, or other business operations not previously incorporated into prior grant awards.

**PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:**

1. Total requested relief must not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
2. Total requested relief should not exceed \$5,000, however, the Village Board may consider additional amounts.
3. Project must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**IDEAL PROJECTS:** Besides the guidelines included in this application packet, there are no specific project types or parameters, and the program is intentionally broad to enable businesses to propose projects which are specific to their business' needs or plans. Proposals should be accompanied with sufficient documentation and exhibits to fully explain the project scope and costs. Ideal proposals will provide clear evidence to demonstrate that the project will: **(1) stimulate the local economy, (2) further develop the local workforce, (3) support the business through a particular hardship, or (4) assist the business with adapting to, or recovering from, the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and the resulting market conditions.** Applications which do not demonstrate a specific need for assistance or do not provide an obvious benefit to the community (meaning the general public, the Village of Mundelein, business employees, or customers/clients) are strongly discouraged. The strongest proposals will show a significant investment by the business in addition to the assistance requested and will clearly demonstrate the potential return on investment, either financially or in its value to the community.

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

- Completed Application
- Prior year ST-1 or ST-2 form, if applicable
- Quote or equivalent of project cost estimate
- Additional documentation to sufficiently detail the project scope and its benefit to the business and/or community

Applicant Information	<b>Business Legal Name:</b> LNH Group LLC a	<b>Business Address:</b> 750 Tower Rd. B Mundelein IL 60060
	<b>Business DBA Name:</b> Mount Ara	<b>Federal Tax ID#/EIN#:</b>
	<b>Applicant (Business Owner or Authorized Agent)</b> Name: Vartan Seferian Title: CEO Phone: 8473226675 Email: sales@mountara.com Mailing Address: 750 Tower Rd. Unit B Mundelein IL 60060	
Property Information	<b>Address of Property Applicable to the Grant</b> <b>Project:</b>	750 Tower Rd. Unit B Mundelein IL 60060
	<b>Property Owner</b> Name: James Rader Title: Owner Phone: 847.612.1400 Email: jim.rader@upconservices.com Mailing Address: 1300 S Grove Ave Ste 100 Barrington IL 60010	

**PROCESS:**

1. **Application Proposal Review**  
 Proposals reviewed for completion and accuracy. Staff and/or an Economic Development Commission member may contact applicants to provide initial feedback or request additional information.
  
2. **Economic Development Commission (EDC) Recommendation**  
 All proposals will be presented to the EDC in a public meeting. Applicants will be required to explain the proposed project and justify their need for the requested assistance through a combination of verbal, visual, and/or written documentation. After review, the EDC will make a recommendation to the Village Board to approve or deny the request. The EDC may place conditions on their approval such as requiring additional documentation or a consultation with the College of Lake County and the Small Business Development Center.
  
3. **Village Board Approval**  
 Applications and the recommendation of the EDC will be presented to the Mundelein Village Board of Trustees for their final determination. Only applications approved by the Village Board will be guaranteed funding.
  
4. **Implementation**  
 Business starts and completes the project. Once the expenses for the approved project have been paid, business may submit a reimbursement request form to the Village.

Please provide thorough written responses to each of the following items. A separate sheet may be attached if additional space is needed. Applications which fail to adequately respond to these items will be considered incomplete.

<p><b>PROJECT TYPE:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Building Improvement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Purchase</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Costs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Branding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services (e.g. architect, engineering)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (short description): <u>cGMP Certification</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>PROJECT OVERVIEW (Scope of Work)</b> Provide a written description of the proposed project. Be sure to include as many details as possible.</p>	<p>The CGMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) Certification is a validation that a company is manufacturing their products within the scope and code of what is considered "good." This specific manufacturing cert. is requested by many large companies for their suppliers as a basic validation that their products are acceptable, safe, and effective. This specific certification would allow Mount Ara the ability to drastically expand their total scope of manufacturing services to encompass larger, national clients like Walmart, Target and Kroger. While Mount Ara already adheres to many of the GMPs requested by these companies, the certification is a validation that the work being done is within a scope of safety and compliance expected by these larger brands. In addition, the cGMP certification supports health and safety awareness by ensuring a safe, clean and compliant facility providing a better work environment for the community.</p>
<p><b>HARDSHIP</b> If the project is the result of a particular hardship, describe this hardship in detail. Additional exhibits may be attached for reference or in support of this hardship.</p>	<p>As a small business, Mount Ara has limited resources to tackle the growth of the business. The unique situation the company finds itself in allows for a sizable growth opportunity but one that must be done quickly. The business is small and new, there are limited resources to put in place all the necessary equipment, certification, ingredient, hiring needs, marketing and logistics. Because of this, decisions need to be made as to where every dollar is spent. The certification element is both necessary and expensive but is second to equipment infrastructure already purchased. Mount Ara has assumed considerable overhead cost to take advantage of the market opportunity already but - frankly - is tapped out by these investments as well as the considerable work already put into the GMP practices currently in process.</p>
<p><b>BENEFIT TO THE VILLAGE</b> Describe how the Village stands to benefit from the proposed project. (e.g. how it will increase sales tax revenue, improve aesthetics of an area, provide a service to the community, provide jobs, or improve workforce skills)</p>	<p>With the cGMPs in place, Mount Ara will have access to larger and larger customers - specifically national brands. The upside of this is in millions in revenue opportunity. The business that recently closed, which Mount Ara is attempting to replace, was 650 million dollars with over 100 full time employees. That would represent a 10X employment growth, larger building infrastructure, and increased logistic needs for the area. Should Mount Ara acquire the contracts sought after, the growth and employment potential is significant. "Our goal is a safe, functioning and healthy facility capable of growing YoY for the next 20 years." - Vartan Seferian CEO</p>
<p><b>Total Project Budget (Include all costs for the project as a whole) Attach any estimates,</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$8922.11</b></p>

quotes, contracts, or other written documentation to verify project costs.	\$ 4461.00
Total Grant Amount Requested (maximum request of \$5,000) Grant request may not exceed 50% of the total project budget.	\$ 4461.00
Number of jobs created (if applicable):	1 Full Time Batch Lead, 1 add. QC suport staff member, 2 add. line workers.
Number of jobs retained (if applicable):	All current hires would remain.
Estimated Project Completion Date or Timeline (project must be completed within 6 months):	Mount Ara has already made sizable strides towards GMP standards - 80% of all SOPs are in place. We can expect full completion of the project by EOY, 25.

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

The Applicant states under oath that he/she/they have authorization from the property owner to perform any improvements on the subject property and acknowledges that the Village is not responsible for any decisions which may require owner approval. Furthermore, the undersigned acknowledges that: (1) completion of this application proposal form does not obligate the Village to approve of the application request, (2) the proposed assistance is not being funded or reimbursed by any other federal, state, or local grant programs, (3) I affirm that any assistance received will be used for only for those costs demonstrated by this application proposal, (4) the Village may request additional financial documentation as needed to substantiate the statements contained in this application, and (5) the Village may deny reimbursement for any violation of the terms of the STAR Grant Program.

Additionally, by signing below, the Applicant acknowledges that they have received and read the Program Description and Requirements and has received and read the Rules Implementing the Program.

The Applicant states that the information contained in this Application is true, correct and complete and agrees to comply with all Village requirements applicable to the Program and the Rules Implementing the Program. The Applicant agrees that in the event of his breach of any condition or provision of the Program or the Rules Implementing the Program or, if any of the information submitted to the Village by the Applicant is found to be false, the Village has the right to terminate the Applicant's participation in the Program.

The Applicant further understands that, after the improvement(s) have been completed, they must submit a Reimbursement Request Form (on the Form provided by the Village) and detailed cost documentation such as copies of lien waivers, paid invoices, receipts, cancelled checks and credit card statements, in order to receive payment.

The Applicant authorizes the Village to use their name, likeness, photos and/or information about the Project for promotional purposes.

Signature (PROPERTY OWNER)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: CEO

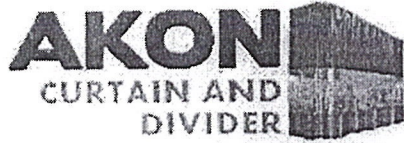
*\*Not required for projects which do not alter, modify, or otherwise affect the real property where the business is located*

Signature (APPLICANT): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9.8.25

Printed Name: VARTAN SEFERIAN

Title: CEO



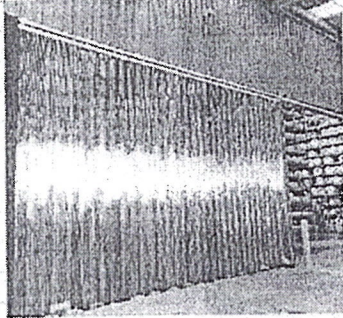
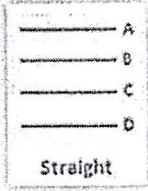

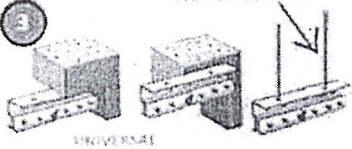
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P: 989-414-1209 F: 888-501-5665  
www.curtain-and-divider.com

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Mount Ara (LNH Group)  
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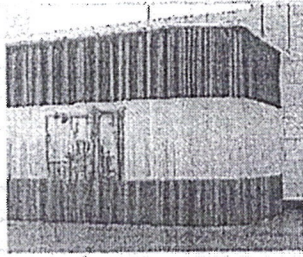
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06/08/2025

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 <p>Threaded Rods</p> <p>UNIVERSAL MOUNTING</p>		<p><b>SPECIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>Strip Material: 12" Wide strips x .110" thick</p> <p>Strip Overlap: 33% Overlap on Strips</p> <p>Strip Color: Clear - Ribbed</p> <p>Ideal For: Interior Personnel Door - People traffic carrying boxes</p>																		
		<p><b>MOUNTING:</b></p> <p>Mounting: 3 - Universal Mount</p> <p>Material: Galvanized Steel</p> <p>Warranty: Lifetime Warranty</p> <p>Note: Hardware to be cut to size onsite if needed</p>																		

**Industrial Curtain : Set - 2**

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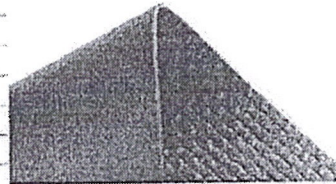
DIMENSIONS	Width (ft)	Height (ft)	Sections
Curtain A:	34'	15' 6"	1

Note1: 5% added to width for proper drape  
 Note3: Sizes above will be +/- up to 1"

**MATERIAL OPTIONS**

Heavy Duty 18 oz Vinyl - Scrim Reinforced

\$777.92 \$ 777.92



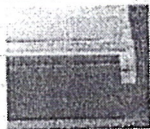
Coated Vinyl

**FEATURES CURTAINS**

Curtain Color:	Blue
Grommets:	Every 12" - Located at the top of the curtain
Chain Weight Pocke	Yes
Vision Panel:	All Clear - Starts 28" from bottom, 52" high
Curtain Sections:	Do not connect together
Curtains:	Do not connect together
Fire Retardant:	Yes
Outdoor Use:	Inform AKON if used outdoors for best material
Warranty:	5 Year Warranty - On any MFG Defects

**OPTIONAL COMPONENTS**

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**Floor Sweep**

\$4.19 \$ 142

Description:	Velcro attached at the bottom of the curtain the floor sweep engages the floor and can be replaced if it should ever wear out.
Height:	Hangs 6" below the curtain
Color:	Standard Black Color


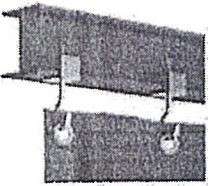
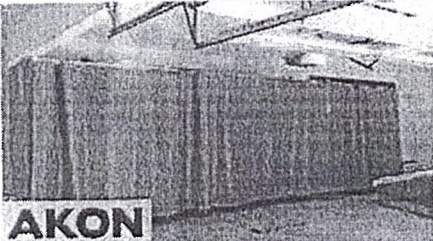

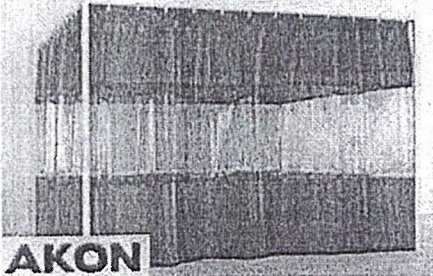
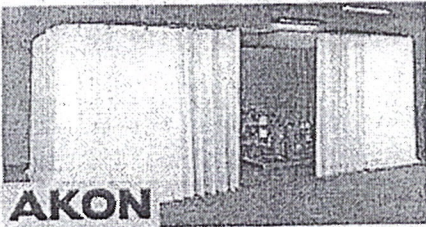
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**Floor Straps**

\$19.50 \$ 215

Description:	Spaced approximately 4' apart the anchor straps keep your curtains secured. The webbing strap loops through the D-rings which you anchor into your floor. (Not made for strong wind)
Specifications:	Spaced every 4' / Straps through grommets /D-rings

32		<b>Seal Velcro – Shipped Loose</b>	\$4.00	\$	128
		Description: Self-Adhesive Velcro allows you to seal your curtain to adjacent fixed walls or beams which creates a more secure containment, 2" wide			
34		<b>Static Beam Clamps</b>	\$3.00	\$	102
One Per Linear/ft		Style: I-Beam Clamps with J-hooks Clamp opening: .75" Spacing: Located every 12" in the curtain grommets			
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SUBTOTAL				\$	8,860



SALES TAX	\$0.00
OTHER	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,860

**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- No refunds are possible on custom made orders
- Above is what will be produced regardless of any other requests
- Deliveries are estimates only and not firm dates
- Orders can't be canceled based on deliveries not achieved by AKON
- Products do not include shipping charges unless called out. Shipping is added to the invoice, or shipped freight collect based on the customer's direction which must be specified before the order. 3% Fee added to shipping when using non-cash payment.
- Complete Terms Available on Akon Website: [www.curtain-and-divider.com/terms](http://www.curtain-and-divider.com/terms)
- Sales tax may apply, please inquire



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Secondary Document to accompany STAR Business Grant Program paperwork as requested by Isabel Guadarrama.

The LNH Group, DBA Mount Ara is a pet treat facility located at 750 Tower Rd. in Mundelein IL. Established in 2018, the company initially worked as a small private brand of pet supplements slowly growing from the local Chicago suburbs to becoming a multi-state brand with products in over 500 independent pet stores. The business experienced a good growth over the first few years until the pandemic occurred.

During the pandemic, Mount Ara brought all production in house in an attempt to have greater control over production and quality of their pet supplements. While this improvement was a good choice overall, it better positioned the business for what was to come.

In 2021, Archer Daniels purchased the 3 largest pet-treat manufacturing companies in the US – 1 of them being local to the Chicago area. These 3 companies were responsible for roughly 70% of all pet-treat copacking and manufacturing with brands as large as Meijer and Walmart all the way down to small local pet-stores looking to brand their own treats for their customers.

With this purchase, a vacuum in the industry occurred. Thanks to the decision to bring manufacturing in-house during that time, Mount Ara was able to capitalize on the sudden vacancy of production. In 2022 Mount Ara brought in their first copacking relationship and began manufacturing treats for a mid-size brand with product on many store shelves.

Today, Mount Ara manufactures both private label and own-brand products for stores nationwide. Their own brand of treats can be found in Meijer, Menards and 5 Below while their customers' products can be found on the shelves of every pet retailer nationwide both large and small.

To continue growing, Mount Ara needs to get certifications as a manufacturer with a clean and solid record of production know-how. The best demonstration of this is the cGMP process by which a manufacturing company may be certified by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to demonstrate their awareness of safety, cleanliness and hazard analysis. Mount Ara is 75% complete with their last gap assessment but is missing a few specific infrastructure requirements.

One such gap is the correct and safe segregation of raw and finished goods in temperature controlled areas. To facilitate this correction, Mount Ara has begun planning for a rubberized floor to ceiling commercial curtains that would cleanly and transparently block

off certain areas of the facility. This would allow material to be housed independently from finished goods.

Once complete, the GMP certification would allow Mount Ara to secure larger contracts with direct purchasers for major big-box store for the fulfillment of their own-brands and private label opportunities. These talks are already underway, and many are simply waiting for the conclusion of the audit process to move to the next phase.

While it is impossible to say what this growth would forecast in terms of employment opportunities, the short answer is it would increase the demand for both skilled and entry labor in the facility. It would also increase the need for in-house safety and production training adding to the skillset of all employees on staff.

## FINDINGS – EDC STAR BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

<b>BUSINESS NAME</b>	Mount Ara	<b>BUSINESS ADDRESS</b>	750 Tower Rd. B
<b>PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION</b>	Certification Compliance	<b>EDC MEETING DATE</b>	September 25, 2025
<b>PROJECT COSTS</b>	\$ 8922.11 (Improvement Costs)	\$ 4,461.06 (Grant Request)	\$ 4461.05 (Total Private Participation)

**FINDINGS:**

The Economic Development Commission considered the proposal for assistance, referenced above, through the Village of Mundelein’s S.T.A.R. Business Grant Program. Projects are considered on a case-by-case basis. The findings below are intended to document the Commission’s recommendation and the reasons for which this determination was made. <sup>1</sup>

The requested assistance brings value to the Village and/or community:

The requested assistance is due to a clearly demonstrated need of the business:

The proposal for assistance provides sufficient details to fully explain where the funds requested will be utilized:

The proposal for assistance satisfactorily demonstrated that the requested relief does not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project:

The proposal for assistance complies with all criteria and requirements of the S.T.A.R. Business Grant Program, in addition to all Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations:

Project will be completed within 6 months:

Other:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

After careful consideration of the proposal for assistance mentioned above, the Commission makes the following recommendation:

<b>APPROVAL</b> \$_____	<b>DENIAL</b>	<b>APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS</b> \$_____
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**SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS (IF APPLICABLE):**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

<sup>1</sup> Recommendations for denial by a 2/3 majority vote of the Economic Development Commission shall not proceed to the Village Board for their consideration. All other recommendations will be placed on the next available Village Board Meeting Agenda.

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Village Board Report

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

Staff must submit the Economic Development Commission's annual report to the Village Board by the end of this year. Chairman Decker has requested that the Commissioners compile a list of items to include in this year's report.

In previous years, the report has included the following sections:

- Purpose of the EDC
- Implementation
- Fiscal Year Summary
- Highlights of the Year
- Accomplishments
- Goals for the EDC as a Whole
- Goals and Objectives for Next Year (by Committee)
- Recommendations to the Village Board (including capital improvements from site visits)

Staff will need a list from each Committee outlining contributions for the report, as well as any ideas or input for the other sections listed above.

**Please submit your Committee's report to Staff by October 15.**

Staff will compile the information and circulate a draft report to the Commissioners in November. Please note that last year's final report was due earlier than usual, so timely submissions are appreciated.

The information provided will also support Chairman Decker's presentation to the Village Board early next year.

**Recommendation:**

Submit Committee Reports by October 15, 2025.

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: 2026 Economic Development Commission Meeting Dates

**Attachments:**

1. 2026 Mundelein Meeting Dates

**Background:**

Administration requests that the EDC confirm the meeting dates for 2026. Historically, the November and December meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, rather than the 4th.

**Recommendation:**

EDC shall confirm the meeting dates for 2026.

# 2026 Mundelein Meeting Dates

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Economic Development Commission - 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 AM  
 Mundelein Arts Commission - 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM  
 Planning and Zoning Commission - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM  
 Village Board - 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: Flyer Campaign

**Attachments:**

1. Application

**Background:**

Staff did not receive any edits from the EDC Commissioners. The final application is attached to this report for reference.

Initially, staff discussed dividing the commercial districts equally among Commissioners. However, upon further consideration, it would be more effective for Commissioners to focus on their assigned districts. This approach helps maintain existing relationships between EDC representatives and the businesses they serve.

Staff recommends that Commissioners from Districts 5, 6, and 10 assist Districts 1, 2, 3, and 9, as those districts have the highest concentration of commercial units.

A list of businesses by district was sent to Commissioners on August 4, 2025. Commissioners who did not receive the list should contact staff.

**Recommendation:**

All Commissioners should start visiting or emailing businesses with the application. Commissioners from District 1, 2, 3, and 9 should reach out to those in District 5, 6, and 10 for assistance.



## Local Attractions for Visitors | Flyer Campaign Sign-Up Form

Join Our Community Flyer! Promote Your Business & Offer Discounts

The Mundelein Economic Development Commission (EDC) is launching a promotional campaign to highlight local businesses to visitors staying at our partner hotels and lodging. Through this initiative, hotel guests will receive a flyer featuring our Mundelein gems such as our local restaurants, shops, services, and attractions worth visiting.

This is your opportunity to have your business featured on our flyer, promoting any special offers or discounts to new potential customers. This is part of the EDC's broader effort to highlight local businesses to visitors, and the materials developed may also be adapted for use in future promotional campaigns. While we cannot guarantee an increase in sales or foot traffic, we can draw attention to the wonderful eateries, products, and services available in Mundelein.

Please note: The final design and layout of the flyer has not determined. Completing the form with the requested information will ensure we have the details needed to represent your business effectively.

If you would like to participate, please complete the attached form and return it by **03/01/2026** to your EDC District Member or email it to [iquadarrama@mundelein.org](mailto:iquadarrama@mundelein.org).

Online form can be found through the QR code below:



## Business Information

- **Business Name:**
- **Contact Person:**
- **Email:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Website / Social Media:**

## Business Description

Please include any business description, tagline, or featured product/service:

## What type of discount would You Like to Offer?

*Please describe your discount (e.g., “10% off all orders,” “Buy 1 Get 1 Free,” etc.):*

*Please specify the method of redemption: (e.g., bring flyer, mention flyer, code)*

*If there are any limits (e.g., “one per customer,” “not valid with other offers”), please clearly list them below.*

Valid date (if any). You may extend it at your own discretion but agree to honor the discount at least during that time frame.

## Your Logo (optional)

Include a high-resolution logo or design you'd like us to feature. Please email all logos (preferably in JPG file) to [iquadarrama@mundelein.org](mailto:iquadarrama@mundelein.org)

## Agreement

By signing below, you agree to have your business included on the flyer and grant us permission to use your logo, description, and any discount information provided. You are responsible for fulfilling the discount as advertised. If any changes occur, please inform us immediately. Please note: The materials provided may also be used in future promotional campaigns by the EDC to support and showcase local businesses.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by 03/01/2026.

Send to: [iguadarrama@mundelein.org](mailto:iguadarrama@mundelein.org) OR drop off at Village Hall, 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060

Questions? Contact your EDC District Member or email [iguadarrama@mundelein.org](mailto:iguadarrama@mundelein.org).

To: Commission Members

From: Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast

**Attachments:**

1. 2025 BAB Feedback
2. Gold Star Awards 2011-2024

**Background:**

We are five months away from the 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast (BAB). At last month’s meeting, the Commission selected Thursday, February 26, 2026, as the event date. The event will be held from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM at the DoubleTree Hotel. The subcommittee for the event includes David, Bob, and Virginia.

Staff has not yet received any Gold Star Award nominations or keynote address topics. It is important to begin brainstorming both so that we are not making last-minute selections. You will be voting for Gold Star Award nominations starting on Monday, September 29th. Staff will only be responsible for handling required contracts and covering expenses.

Below is the tentative schedule for the 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast.

<b>Timeline for the 2026 Business Appreciation Breakfast</b>	
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 EDC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to Double Tree Hotel to reserve a date</li> <li>• Vote for the Gold Star Award Nominees</li> </ul>
November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 EDC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create Invite</li> <li>• Vote for the final 4 Gold Star Award Winners</li> <li>• Finalize Keynote Speaker(s) and Topic</li> </ul>

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 EDC Meeting/Early January

- Order and distribute BAB invites
- Create Eventbrite page
- Start Promoting the BAB
- Recognize Committee to contact the Gold Star Winners
- Organize and record the BAB Gold Star Video

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 EDC Meeting

- Promote the event through EDC members, social media, word of mouth, and emails. EDC members should visit businesses in their districts to help promote this event.
- Prepare the Gold Star Awards – Signed by the Chair

February 2026: Event Month

- Continue to promote the BAB
- Finalize any items that are left

**Recommendation:**

What business do you represent?	Was this your first time attending the Mundelein Business Appreciation Breakfast?	Why have you been unable to attend a Mundelein Business Appreciation Event in the past?	How did you hear about the event?	Other - How did you hear about the event?	Did Mundelein's Business Appreciation Breakfast event meet your expectations?	Are there any topics you would like future speakers to focus on?	How would you rate the Mundelein Business Appreciation Breakfast?	What was your favorite part of the Business Appreciation Breakfast?	Do you have any other suggestions or comments to help us improve the event?
People Architectural Group	No	Schedule Conflict	Email Invitation		Yes	AI and marketing in today's world	10	Network and keynote	Start 730. Ran little long Cap the speaker at 20 minutes, started to lose the room
Huntington bank	No	Not Aware of Event	Word of Mouth		Yes	Everything so far has been great I believe a hands on demonstration of the benefits of AI would be useful. I know Angela Trilhausse have a presentation last year but I don't believe it was interactive. It was more of a "don't be afraid of it, embrace it" message.	10	Networking	I believe the events have been well-organized with pertinent topics. Double Tree has been a good location and selfishly, I prefer the morning time slot. Speaker was a bit long this morning and pushed up against other meetings Just to continue to offer other networking events
Mundelein Community Bank	No	other Schedule Conflict, Not Aware of Event, Not Interested in the Event	Village Newsletter		Yes		10	I enjoyed networking and Bobbi Boehme's presentation. Very engaging speaker.	
MGN	No		Email Invitation		Yes	How to be made aware of to village Business building marketing ideas and venues available to market your business	8	Gold Star Awards	
Tupperware	Yes		Email Invitation		Yes		10	Networking and Business Training Mingling worth other businesses was nice and to get that info out there (networking) but seriously that breakfast was amazing!	No Bring more education
Mundelein Massage Hairstylist	Yes No	other	Email Invitation Email Invitation		Yes Yes	No More speakers for education us	10 10	The all events Networking with the other attendees. The speaker was also very informative and presented the topic well.	
Carmel Catholic HS	Yes		other	GLMV notice	Yes	No	9	The keynote speaker was excellent! I love seeing the businesses receive the Gold Star Awards too.	No The DoubleTree Hotel is fantastic and the food was delicious. I really enjoy this event!
Mundelein Park & Recreation District	No	other	Print Invitation (Mailer)		Yes	Meaningful ways to maximize your brand's presence in your community. Love the social media talk	9	Seeing the award winning businesses	
Visit Lake County	Yes		Email Invitation		Yes	more of that would be great	9		NA Shorten or streamline the elevator pitches. Have a clock to make sure they are 1 minute or less.
People Architectural Group	No	Schedule Conflict	Email Invitation		Yes	Employment Trends Maybe a new business to highlight that year to give a opportunity to promote their growth	10	Bobbi's presentation and the Business Award recipients.	Not at the moment but when I do I will share with you all. Speak more about small business grants and loan opportunities.
Out Of This World Embroidery	Yes		Email Invitation		Yes		1	Elevator Pitch	
By Design Event Decorations, Inc	Yes		Print Invitation (Mailer)		Yes	Social media	10	Meeting new small business owners/connections	

## Gold Star Award Recipients 2011-2024

### **2011**

Caboose Restaurant  
Debbie's Floral  
Lake County Health and Pain Rehabilitation Center  
McDonald's of Mundelein  
Medline Industries

### **2012**

Flatout Group  
Hong Kong Chop Suey  
Ruprecht  
Utopia, Inc.

### **2013**

Commercial Plastics, Inc.  
Party Fantasy  
Tighthead Brewing Company

### **2014**

Alef Sausage  
Elly's Pancake House  
Hitz Pizza and Sport Bar  
Luke's of Mundelein

### **2015**

Bill's Pizza and Pub  
Butterfield Bodyworks CarStar  
DoubleTree  
Sysmex  
Taste of Paris

### **2016**

MacLean-Fogg  
Mundelein Automotive  
K-9 Playtime  
Tiemart

### **2017**

Greg's Frozen Custard  
Lakeside Recreation Center  
Mambo Italiano

### **2018**

Gustafson's Body Shop  
Karina's Bakery  
Los Magueyes  
Paterson Galss

### **2019**

Shear Paradise  
The Office Clubhouse  
Tina G's

### **2020**

Prime Beef  
Center for Wellness  
AREA Coffee  
Dziadus Development

## **2021**

Jewel Osco

Lakes Apothecary

Kristan Funeral Home

Nana's Rum Cakes

\*Dr. Markiewicz of Markiewicz Dental

\*Brian Cansuelo of McDonald

(\*Special Recognition)

## **2023**

### **Business Investment/Expansion:**

- Oak Trail Taphouse
- CFI – Components for Industry

### **Community Involvement:**

- Youthage Culinary Specialist
- Tax Lady 1040

### **Customer Service:**

- Taco Burrito Express
- Gale Street Inn

### **Mundy Pride:**

- Tony Cannoli
- Park Street Restaurant

## **2024**

### **Business Investment/Expansion:**

- Smokin BBQ on 45

### **Community Involvement:**

- Tonality Brewing Company

### **Customer Service:**

- MGN Lock & Key

### **Mundy Pride:**

- Ultimate Screening Printing

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: Fall Business Mixer

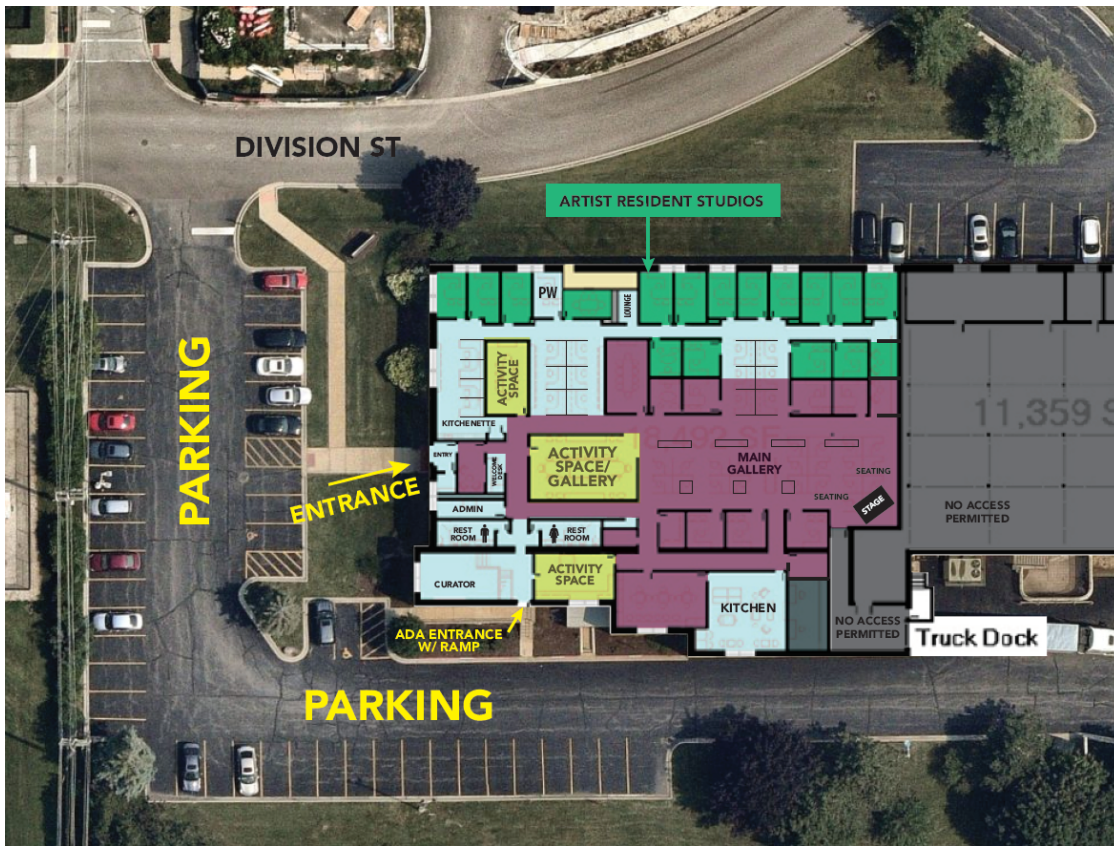
**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The 2025 Fall Business Mixer is scheduled for November 18 at 5:30 PM. The event will be held at The Lure of the Local Art Exhibition Space, located at 175 North Archer Avenue.

Commissioner Lowry visited the exhibition space and agreed it would be a suitable venue. A stage and seating will already be in place, and since the art event concludes on November 16, the EDC will have the opportunity to rearrange some of the exhibits to accommodate tables for the mixer.



Art pickup begins November 17, but the Arts Commission will inform participating artists about the mixer and encourage them to keep their artwork on display for the event. While we weren't able to officially extend the pickup dates due to the value of some pieces and artist preferences, we anticipate that the majority of the artwork will remain in place for the mixer.

Although the Committee has not yet met to finalize the event details, staff has been preparing the invitation and has created an Eventbrite page where businesses can RSVP.



MUNDELEIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION PRESENTS

# FALL BUSINESS MIXER

**WHEN:** NOVEMBER 18, 2025 (5:30 PM - 7:00 PM)

**WHERE:** LURE OF THE LOCAL ART EXHIBITION  
175 NORTH ARCHER AVENUE, MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

You're invited to the Mundelein Fall Business Mixer! Join us for an evening of networking, conversation, and creativity at the Lure of the Local. Connect with members of the EDC and local business leaders while enjoying inspiring works of art in a unique setting. Learn about the resources and support available to help your business grow.

☆ Enjoy appetizers, refreshments, and great conversations! ☆



## FALL BUSINESS MIXER

HELD AT THE LURE OF THE LOCAL ART EXHIBITION  
175 NORTH ARCHER AVENUE, MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**5:30 - 5:45 PM**

Check-In & Registration

**5:45 - 6:00 PM**

Welcome & EDC Overview

**6:00 - 6:50 PM**

Speed Networking Activity

**6:50 - 7:00 PM**

Closing Remarks

SCAN TO RSVP



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**Recommendation:**

To: Commission Members

From: Isabel Guadarrama, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 25, 2025

Subject: LCP Municipal Economic Development Advisory Group Event — October 22, 2025  
11:30 AM

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

Lake County Partners is hosting a free event on Tuesday, October 22 at 11:30 AM to share insights on the latest trends in economic development. The event will take place at Mickey Finn's Brewery in Libertyville, with lunch provided.

This event will bring together leaders from across the county to discuss current economic trends and small business support. There will be three featured speakers:

- Chris Brewer, Vice President, AECOM Economics
- Dr. Joseph Schwieterman, Director of Sustainable Urban Development, DePaul University
- Courtney Combs, Director of Strategy & Community Impact, Lake County Community Foundation

Mr. Brewer and Dr. Schwieterman will present on topics including job creation, housing, resilient industry sectors, transportation, and development five years post-COVID. Ms. Combs, who previously spoke at our last EDC meeting, will discuss how public sector leaders can effectively attract, support, and retain small businesses.

While staff will be in attendance, we encourage up to three EDC members to attend and share key takeaways with the rest of the committee.

**Recommendation:**

The EDC should designate members to attend this event.