

MUNDELEIN CENTENNIAL PLAZA

The Village of Mundelein Centennial Committee and the Mundelein Park & Recreation District are proud to announce plans for the construction of the Mundelein Centennial Plaza to be built in Kracklauer Park in downtown Mundelein. The plaza and gardens were designed by local landscape architect, Gary Blanford Landscape Services. Northfield Block Inc. of Mundelein is donating pavers and concrete block; Umbdenstock Electric is donating labor to install the lighting and Pat Bruno of Bruno Construction will oversee construction. Nilco Inc. has been selected to build the plaza.

The plaza project is unique and will be a great addition to our community. It will be constructed in an environmentally sensitive manner using “pervious” pavers, to reduce runoff, and low energy, LED lighting to reduce electrical consumption. The most notable feature of the plaza will be its labyrinth. Labyrinths are an ancient symbol for healing and a path to renewing the mind, body and spirit. Research conducted by Harvard Medical School's Mind/Body Institute has found that focused walking meditation is highly effective at reducing anxiety, and done on a regular basis, can result in long-term health benefits. This includes reduction of insomnia, reduction of chronic pain, lowering blood pressure and greater powers of concentration.

The plaza, a joint project between the Village of Mundelein and the Mundelein Park District, is expected to cost \$250,000. This beautiful, harmonious design will attract visitors from throughout the area. The plans and artist renderings can be found on the Village website www.mundelein.org.

The Centennial Plaza is being funded through private donations and grants. A corporate sponsorship program is underway. To date over \$50,000 in corporate sponsorships has been committed to the project, but more is needed to make this a reality. Support the plaza by voting for the Centennial Plaza Grant Project at www.mundelein.org through the month of September. With enough votes this project can win a Pepsi Refresh Grant worth \$50,000! Supporters can vote daily from any registered e-mail address or text 101494 to 73774 (*standard text message rates apply*).