

## Schuenke Snapshot

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Exciting times remain on the horizon in the Village of McFarland. It is understood that people get excited for different reasons, but for me there remains a lot of opportunity in our future that hopefully when they come to fruition will be exciting for most too.

The Village Board and Community Development Authority have taken the initiative to help spur development in the Farwell West area by purchasing property at 4719 Farwell Street. The intent is to redevelop this property into a mixed use facility with a combination of new commercial space and residential properties creating new density in a targeted development approach. An RFP has been issued to Developers for this property with proposals due back on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Early next year we should have a better idea of what that sight will look like and we look forward to turning this property into something special.

The construction for TDS to bring new communication services to the Village has likely been a headache. Unfortunately new construction can be pretty invasive and at times for some been rather frustrating. We apologize to those that have felt this and are committed to do what we can to resolve this situations when they develop. If you've experienced any issues at all with this work, please do not hesitate to call (608) 316-5644 or email [fibertech@fibertechconsulting.com](mailto:fibertech@fibertechconsulting.com). This is the information for the contractor and directly responsible for resolving problems that develop as a result of their work. It appears about half the Community has registered for these services, and will be able to experience these new services in the not too distant future. More information about registration and their services is available at <https://tdsfiber.com>.

Future facility development within the Village will remain an ongoing discussion in 2019 with lots of options on the table. Most recently the Village entered into an agreement to conduct a Public Safety Analysis. The intent is to study our public safety services to make assumptions on the future of their service delivery. This information can then be used with other studies conducted to plan future facility development which has included discussions regarding improvements to the Municipal Center and adding a Community Center to the Village for the benefit of all residents.

The Staff Submittal of the 2019 Budget was transmitted to the Village Board on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of opportunity for review and input in the process to help shape the Village's spending plan into the coming year. Please see an article in this newsletter written by the Village President describing this process. To view the budget, please go to [www.mcfarland.wi.us/budget](http://www.mcfarland.wi.us/budget) for more information.

We have been working on putting together a digital version of the newsletter that will be released in between publishing of the Outlook Newsletter. For now we have been working on getting a rhythm on the content development and soon will be shifting the format to a different platform for easier viewing and notification. Please go to [www.mcfarland.wi.us/adminreport](http://www.mcfarland.wi.us/adminreport) for more information and to stay up to date on current events in the Village.

Sincerely,

Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator