

Mayor's Minute-March 27, 2025

It is good to get another chance to catch up with you all! March is supposed to be going out like a lamb, but it seems that March isn't really done with us yet, doesn't it? The weather has taken a toll on the uptown flag and one of the banners. I just wanted to thank Robert Vaughn of R and C Tree Experts for so quickly helping us get the flag replaced. We have had other issues with a water break and damage to the City shed from the wind as well. There are always things to keep up with.

One of the exciting things that happened this past week is our 8th grade Girl's Volleyball team. They won State for the second year in a row this past weekend. Great job, girls! They won 25-16 and 26-24 against a Normal Illinois team! Their overall record for the year is 22 wins, one loss, and one tie. Wow! This is a testament to the dedication that our coaches, families, and students have in excelling in every endeavor. We have a school district and a sports program to be really proud of. When people choose a home town to live in, one of their first concerns is how the schools perform. We have a real asset with our school district. Thank you to everyone who contributes from the administration, the teachers, staff, coaches, and volunteers. You all make Bunker Hill proud.

We have several businesses working on grants for needed improvements to their buildings. The City is supporting these endeavors by using TIF funds to pay for grant writing services for these businesses. The Council continues to explore other options for investing this money back into our businesses to help boost our "curb appeal" and encourage people to stop and shop.

I wanted to keep this letter a bit shorter, but don't forget to come out and vote for your choice of leadership next Tuesday. You are the ones who will choose the course of our town for the next four years. Vote for the residents that you think will do the best job of continuing the momentum that is evident in so many areas that make Bunker Hill an appealing place to live, work, and thrive.

John Chapman, Mayor