

Mayor's Agenda Overview

★ Basic Government

- * Financial Accountability (forensic audit within the 1st 60 days).
- * Producing warrant list and financial reports to the council board and public upon request.
- * To execute the ordinances of the Village of Robbins.
- * Effective Government Regulation: Develop procedures & processes that are practical and effective.
- * Communication-To improve the communication between government and citizens. (Robbins Herald, Robbins Radio, Robbins Television.)

★ A Unified Robbins

- * Create a unified government committed to a comprehensive plan of rebuilding.
- * Monthly planning seminars and community service events.
- * To promote and show unison in all facets from the Office of the Mayor.
- * To bring the people together for service and celebration of the Village of Robbins.

★ Public Safety

- * Create a comprehensive plan to strengthen our police and fire departments
- * Produce a self-ran ambulatory service for our fire department.
- * To provide our citizens with a full-time police department.
- * Upgrade and improve facilities.

★ Creating the Whole Citizen

- * We will provide economic development through commercial development, industrial development, residential development, job creation/training, and financial literacy workshops to address the holistic needs of our citizens.
- * Economic Development/Residential Development / Industrial Development/ Financial Development/ Educational Development.
- * Restructure the TIF zone.
- * Create and optimize the village's Opportunity Zones for local entrepreneurs.
- * Move the municipality forward by leasing buildings to entrepreneurs
- * Re-zone the village to capture a new business district (Create a downtown Robbins)
- * Bringing a Credit union/bank within the community.

★ Re-building the Foundation

- * Rebuild the infrastructure by making improvements to the water and sewer systems, roads and transportation, code enforcement, economic development, grant procurement, land acquisition, and deforestation)
- * Public Work - putting Robbins to work.

BASIC GOVERNMENT

Robbins needs processes and procedures that effectively enforce our laws, ordinances, and codes. Our government can be a friend to business by providing it with financial, advisory, and other much needed services. It can also be a friend to the public by creating and enforcing consumer-protection, worker-safety, and other important laws. As mayor of Robbins I will ensure that strategic policy planning is exercised responsibly.

The Village currently doesn't have any financial goals being promoted. No responsible financial reporting on record. Also, there isn't any governmental oversight. This has resulted in a misguided execution and ineffective collaboration. The people of Robbins expect results and deserve a better return on their political investment.

As mayor of Robbins I will maintain a culture of EXCELLENCE that will consist of:

- ✓ Conducting a forensic audit within the 1st 60 days of office.
- ✓ Providing reports upon request to the council and public.
- ✓ Strengthening our Code Enforcement Department.
- ✓ Executing the ordinances of the Village, County, and State.
- ✓ Responding effectively to our audit reports and findings.
- ✓ Hiring department heads for each department while mandating monthly reports to the Administration and Council Board.
- ✓ Establishing clear and effective procedures for building and private permits for work within the Village.
- ✓ Ensuring that water funds are used for water related expenses. While ensuring that citizens' water bills are accurately stated and recorded.
- ✓ Working collaboratively with the office of the Clerk and the Board of Trustees.
- ✓ Enforce the Strong Board, Weak Mayor style of government on file with Robbins ordinance. I will put the power back into the people's hand, I serve the people.

A UNIFIED ROBBINS

The current leadership of Robbins is very fragmented. Our governing bodies have independent agendas so the village's affairs aren't being managed with a cohesive vision. The people of Robbins expect results and deserve unison from all positions of leadership.


A unified Robbins will look like:

- ✓ Joint meetings amongst all entities to ensure collaboration while developing a Village Comprehensive Plan.
 - ✓ Improved village services which will enhance our citizens' quality of life.
 - ✓ Cost-cutting measures, improving fiscal management and shared resources.
 - ✓ Business alliances that will advance our economic agenda.
 - ✓ Frequent unified giveaways and community service events for the citizens.
 - ✓ No individual names posted on anything paid for or done by taxpayer dollars
 - ✓ Revamp Robbins Labor day weekend from just a party weekend to a seminar community service building weekend. Honoring the history and embracing the future of this Village; while keeping and enhancing the traditional Sunday parade.
 - ✓ Collaborate with the Library to help transform it into a Digital Resource Center. I pads, computer labs, interactive technology.
 - ✓ Ensure that the Robbins Park District has land for parks in every corner of the Village. With the center location being at the Community Center.
 - ✓ Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). We will establish a youth committee to include the visions and the voice of our future in the progression of Robbins
 - ✓ Senior Advisory Committee (SAC). We will establish a senior committee to help guide the future progression of Robbins.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

I believe the people of Robbins deserve to be safe at home, in school, and throughout their community. To create a safe environment we will develop a comprehensive plan that strengthens our Police and Fire departments.

As mayor of Robbins public safety will be my top priority and I will make Robbins safer by:

- ✓ Installing surveillance cameras in high crime areas.
 - ✓ Creating speed bumps to make the streets safer. Automatic speed bumps in recreation and school zones.
 - ✓ Providing full-time police officers who will have comprehensive benefits.
 - ✓ Upgrading facilities for our police and fire. Making sure that facilities are up to code.
 - ✓ Establishing an ambulance service for our fire department to service our citizens.
 - ✓ Year round monthly community events to increase rapport with citizens.
 - ✓ Providing Firearm and self- defense courses.
 - ✓ Continuing demolition of abandoned homes. Establishing a rehabilitation program of abandoned property.
 - ✓ Develop a comprehensive vegetation, deforestation initiative. This would help prevent dumping while creating clear visual space.
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Whole Citizen



Commercial Development/ Industrial Development

- * We will have to rezone the Village of Robbins developing a business district.
- * The re-creation of a Robbins Chamber of Commerce.
- * The creation of an opportunity zone that will allow Robbins entrepreneurs to lease storefront space.
- * The restructuring of the TIF district that will allow businesses to capitalize in certain tax breaks. The hiring of a TIF consultant which we already appropriate for. (\$10,000)
- * Re-zone the Village of Robbins to include a robust industrial district.



Residential Development

- * The establishment of the Robbins Housing Authority (RHA).
- * The municipality will purchase real-estate to generate revenue and offer affordable single family and multi-family housing.
- * The establishment of a housing authority will create trade job opportunities.
- * To bring the people together for service and celebration of the Village of Robbins.



Educational Development - to combat a 15% higher education rate in the Village.

- * GED programs.
- * College courses/credit programs.
- * Trade school (electrical, plumbing, and other skills.) Then hire to work for Robbins Housing Authority.
- * CDL training
- * Barber and salon school.



Financial Development

Monthly financial empowerment seminars. (Credit Repair, Mortgages, Savings Tips, small business seminars)

Credit union/ bank is one of the top businesses I would try to bring in my first 4 years!



Job Creation / Training

* Creating jobs through communication: Robbins Herald Newspaper, Robbins Radio Station, Revitalize and modernize the Robbins Television Station.

* Youth Workforce: Creating a database collected from District 218 of all Robbins students. From here we can target our future by assisting our school district in creating the whole child within the community, through broadcasting job opportunities, college and career training, scholarships and awards, and leadership building opportunities! As an educator in 218, I will ensure this happens! We will get a STRONG grasp on our youth. They are our future!

* Creating jobs, revenue, and service through transportation: Offering our seniors transportation services to dialysis and other medical needs. Offering transportation to the public for grocery store travel, and other essential needs.

REBUILD THE FOUNDATION

We need responsible fiscal management of the village's resources. As mayor I want to rebuild the infrastructure by making improvements to the water and sewer system, to the roads and transportation infrastructure, and the lighting infrastructure across the Village.

Before the village can welcome a thriving business district, we must establish a foundation that will be able to support a robust economy. I plan to engage in grant procurement while investing in economic development, land acquisition, and deforestation.

As Mayor of Robbins, we will rebuild the foundation by:

- ✓ Developing a comprehensive infrastructure plan that will address the vital needs of the Village.
- ✓ Securing necessary funds through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- ✓ Capitalize on our Motor fuel tax while using the funds appropriately.
- ✓ Train and strengthen our Public Works Department to effectively handle the Village's infrastructure needs.
- ✓ Secure funding from Illinois Fast-track Public Infrastructure (FTPI) to assist with the rebuilding of the community.
- ✓ Prepare and collaborate with the council board for shovel-ready projects to be able to receive millions that Illinois has allocated for specific use.
- ✓ Collaborate with the President of MWRD to ensure the project goes smoothly as planned, while securing the necessary funds that are needed to complete the project. Relationship already established!
- ✓ Re-implement the 50/50 sidewalk procurement program for the Village.
- ✓ Apply and secure Illinois Environmental Protection Agency funds for stormwater projects.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

I have respect for the history of this Village. We will honor and secure the history of Robbins. We will also provide services to our seniors that will assist their daily needs.

I'll be a resource Mayor that can build and service our citizens.

Robbins Senior Transportation Service (RSTS)

- ✓ RSTS will transport seniors to non-emergency hospital and dialysis appointments
- ✓ RSTS will respond to the senior assistance line
- ✓ (Creating jobs and revenue)

Robbins Senior Assistance line

- ✓ Seniors will have a known line in which they can call for non-emergencies: snow removal, grass cutting, groceries, other basic necessities.
- ✓ Creating jobs through communications

Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

- ✓ Seniors' voices will always get included in the planning process of the Village through the (SAC)

Senior Assistance Fund

- ✓ The established fund will be geared to assist seniors with minor daily needs

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The youth is our future. As a current community educator, one of my primary responsibilities is to ensure that our future is secured.

As Mayor I will develop a strong grasp on our youth, creating the whole child within the community.

- ✓ Develop a Robbins youth database composed of all Robbins' students in surrounding school districts. From there we can target our future by assisting our school districts in creating the whole child within the community; through tracking the educational success of all Robbins students, broadcasting job opportunities, college and career training, scholarships and awards, and leadership building opportunities! As an educator in 218, I will ensure this happens! We will get a **STRONG** grasp on our youth. They are our future!
- ✓ Broadcast and use the Irene Brodie scholarship fund.
- ✓ Develop a leadership academy in Robbins which sole purpose will be to develop the next political leaders, business entrepreneurs, residential developers, and introduce other avenues for success.
- ✓ Assist the Park district in securing land for parks and recreation in all corners of the Village
- ✓ Assist the Library in transforming into a digital resource center to align with the technology needs of today.
- ✓ Create a youth workforce within the community.