

**A UNIFIED VISION ★**



**MAYOR BRYANT**  
**2025 AGENDA UPDATES**

# PUBLIC SAFETY PLATFORM

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The Robbins Police and Fire Department has undergone significant improvements under Mayor Bryant's administration, enhancing staffing, facilities, equipment, and overall operational efficiency. These upgrades have resulted in improved response times, increased safety measures, and a boost in staff morale.

## Facility Upgrades:

- A donated lighting system for the garage floor, valued at \$10,000, enhances safety and visibility.
- A new ground-floor dayroom, constructed for \$1,200, has reduced response times by approximately one minute.
- A donated alerting system, saving \$15,000-\$18,000, ensures no missed calls and faster responses.
- New security cameras and a public access system improve overall safety.
- Installation of ADA-compliance with railings and new exterior ceiling soffit

## Equipment and Maintenance:

- A new maintenance area and tool set enable in-house repairs and improvements.
- An in-house installed airline system for trucks saves \$2,500-\$3,000 in labor costs and \$4,000 on the front-line engine.
- New beds, appliances, and laundry facilities improve living conditions and reduce contaminant exposure.
- Purchased new Body-cam and taser equipment for all officers

## Vehicle Acquisitions:

- A new self-operated ambulance (2023)
- A donated 95-foot tower ladder truck from Rosemont (2021)
- A second ambulance from Joliet for rotation and multiple deployments
- Two Ford F150 trucks for chiefs, enhancing equipment transport and emergency management

## Additional Improvements:

- \$25,575 Firehouse Subs grant for new gear
- Updated front-line vehicle computers
- AEDs installed in all village-owned buildings
- Significant increase in EMS responses: 1,489 (2023) and 1,263 (2024)
- \$60,000 annual savings from in-house ambulance service
- Increased Police wages from \$11-\$17 per hour for entry level hires
- Rebuild relationships with cook county sheriffs
- Implementation of speed bumps in front of Kellar School
- \$250,000 grant for surveillance cameras throughout the village



# BASIC GOVERNMENT PLATFORM

The Village of Robbins has implemented significant improvements in governance, transparency, and financial management under Mayor Bryant's administration. These changes have enhanced accountability, strengthened code enforcement, improved fiscal responsibility, and increased community involvement in local government.

## Key Improvements:

### 1. Reporting and Accountability:

- Implemented bi-weekly department head meetings and objective reports
- Introduced the Mayor's Objective Report, requiring all 8 department heads to submit bi-weekly updates
- Established reports upon request to the council and public, including monthly reports to the Administration and Council Board
- Re-introduced a warrant list for the Council, which was previously non-existent

### 2. Financial Audits and Oversight:

- Conducted a payroll forensic audit within the first 60 days of office to protect the village's integrity
- Addressed issues from previous years' adverse audit opinions (2019-2021)
- Ensured proper allocation of water funds, correcting past misuse

### 3. Code Enforcement and Building Department:

- Improved cohesion between code enforcement and the building department
- Synchronized communication across all departments
- Increased collections from code violations: \$105,211 (2022), \$114,496 (2023), \$145,578 (2024)
- Adopted/amended over 50 new ordinances to enhance quality of life
- Established clear procedures for building and private permits

### 4. Governance Structure:

- Enforced a "Strong Board, Weak Mayor" style of government
- Implemented collective decision-making processes
- Ensured board involvement in department head hiring
- Mayor adheres to budget guidelines set by the board

### 5. Community Empowerment:

- Hired over 20 Robbins residents, including 5 out of 8 department heads
- Committed to putting power back into the hands of the people

### 6. Water Billing Reform:

- Overhauled the water billing process to improve accuracy and revenue
- Installed meters to accurately report water usage and bill properties

These improvements demonstrate a commitment to enhancing government efficiency, transparency, and community involvement in Robbins.

# UNIFIED ROBBINS PLATFORM

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The Village of Robbins has prioritized strengthening community bonds through strategic programming, partnership development, and impactful events. These efforts have revitalized the Community Center, fostered unity among residents, and created opportunities for education, recreation, and economic growth.

## Community Center Revitalization:

Under the current administration, the Community Center has transformed into a thriving hub of activity and revenue generation. Previously earning less than \$500 monthly, the facility now generates over \$4,000 monthly through event bookings and partnerships.

## Community Events:

The Village hosts a variety of events to engage residents and celebrate diversity, including:

- The Robbins Festival and Parade
- Robbins Rodeo (reintroduced in 2024)
- Family Movie Nights
- Robbins Tailgating events
- Financial Literacy programs
- The African American Justice of IL Appellate Court, 1st District event
- March Resource & Job Fair (Youth Rally)
- April Community Cleanup (Easter Giveaway)
- May Peach Walk
- Juneteenth celebration
- Back to School event
- Hispanic Heritage Month event
- United Breakfast (HBCU College Day)
- Turkey Giveaway (distributing approximately 2,000 turkeys)
- Senior Christmas (Holiday Giveaway)

## Strategic Partnerships:

The Village has established collaborations with organizations to enhance community programs and services, including:

- District 218: Enhancing community programs
- Self-Help Credit Union: Established in Robbins in February 2024
- Sweet & Thrifty: Providing GED programs and job placement for troubled teens
- Hudson Academy
- Creative Spirits CDC



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- The Chopp Shopp
- Tyler House of Hope
- Robbins Development
- Living Word Ministry (Pastor Cook)
- J Mullens Development
- Cook County Board Up
- Pathlight's
- BRINN
- Seasons Community Outreach Services

## Irene Brodie Scholarship:

The Irene Brodie Scholarship fund, which had \$20,000 in untapped funds from the previous administration, was reactivated to support Robbins students. Key initiatives include:

- Sponsoring 13 District 218 students for an HBCU tour in March
- Awarding scholarships to approximately 35 students since reactivation
- Partnering with Moraine Valley Community College to develop a fundraiser to continue the fund in Dr. Irene Brodie's name

These efforts reflect the Village's commitment to fostering community engagement, supporting education, and creating a vibrant, inclusive environment for all residents.

# REBUILD FOUNDATION PLATFORM

The Village of Robbins is committed to revitalizing its infrastructure through strategic planning, securing necessary funding, and implementing key projects to enhance community development and sustainability. These efforts focus on addressing critical needs such as water systems, roads, lighting, and public facilities, while ensuring efficient use of resources and collaboration with key stakeholders.

## Key Initiatives & Accomplishments:

### 1. Comprehensive Infrastructure Planning:

- Development of a comprehensive infrastructure plan addressing vital needs, including water systems, buildings, roads, and lighting.

### 2. Water Capital Improvement Plan:

- Ongoing efforts to secure funding and implement projects to upgrade and maintain the Village's water infrastructure.

### 3. Road Capital Improvement Strategy:

- Over \$1 million secured through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for street repaving.
- Completed repaving projects include:
  - 135th Street (north community), Lincoln Lane, Ridgeway, Hamlin, Clifton Park, St. Louis, Lawndale, Grace Avenue, Homan, Trumbull Avenue (Community Center), McBreen, Finley, Glenn, Richardson Avenue, Wayman Lane
- Upcoming repaving projects include:
  - Monticello and Nelson streets.

### 4. Public Works Department Strengthening:

- Investment of \$1 million in public works equipment, including excavators, skid steers, and snow plows, to enhance operational efficiency.
- Demolished over 50 distressed properties.

### 5. Funding Securement & Collaboration:

- Collaboration with the council board to prepare shovel-ready projects, resulting in \$20 million allocated for Robbins, with \$12 million in executed agreements.
- Partnership with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for a \$30 million project, with groundbreaking completed under the Bryant administration.

### 6. Specific Projects & Programs:

- \$2 million Turf Football Field project to complement park development.
- Securing \$4 million from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a lead line replacement project, now fully executed.

These initiatives demonstrate the Village's dedication to rebuilding its infrastructure, ensuring long-term sustainability, and improving the quality of life for all residents.

# YOUTH & SENIORS PLATFORM

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The Village of Robbins is committed to fostering the well-being and development of both youth and seniors through comprehensive programming and strategic initiatives. These efforts aim to empower young residents, support senior citizens, and create a vibrant, inclusive community for all ages.

## Youth Programs:

The administration places a strong emphasis on youth development, offering programs that promote physical activity, skill-building, and leadership. Key initiatives include:

- Youth Advisory Committee: Plans to establish a committee to engage young residents in shaping their future and community development.
- Ordinance 04-11-23a passed to create the youth commission.
- Jesse White Tumblers' "Tumble for Success" Program: A partnership that brings valuable physical and skill-building opportunities to Robbins youth.
- Youth Bowling Team: Collaboration with Morgan Park High School to launch the first Youth Bowling Team.
- Youth Volleyball Team: Development of a Youth Volleyball Team for Spring and Summer programs.

## Senior Support:

The Village prioritizes the health, safety, and social engagement of its senior residents through targeted initiatives, including:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Program: A vital resource for raising awareness and providing support, particularly benefiting senior women.
- Robbins Senior Assistance Line: Provided snow removal services to approximately 100 seniors during the winter season.
- Robbins Senior Transportation Service: Included in the budget to prioritize senior mobility, though funding remains a challenge. Efforts to secure resources continue.
- Annual Senior Christmas Party: A highly successful event where over 100 seniors receive gifts, including televisions and household items, enhancing their quality of life.

These programs reflect the Village's dedication to creating opportunities for youth and ensuring the well-being and inclusion of its senior residents.



A group photograph of four individuals, three men and one woman, standing in front of several flags. From left to right: a woman with dark curly hair wearing a blue blazer; a man with short dark hair and a beard wearing a dark suit and blue tie; a man with a beard and glasses wearing a dark suit and patterned tie; and a woman with long dark hair wearing a dark blue turtleneck. The background includes a blue flag with a yellow star and the text 'SEMPER PROGRESSIO', an American flag, and another blue flag with a yellow star.

# UNIFIED VISION TEAM ★

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RE-ELECT

DARREN E.  
**BRYANT**

*for Mayor*  
**PUNCH #1**

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ELECT

CHANEL  
**KELLEY**

*for Trustee*  
**PUNCH #4**

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RE-ELECT

MICHAEL  
**COLLIER**

*for Trustee*  
**PUNCH #5**

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ELECT

JEANNEEN  
**HOLMES**

*for Trustee*  
**PUNCH #8**