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**MOUNT PROSPECT MAYOR ARLENE JURACEK  
INAUGURATED AS THE 60<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE  
NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Juracek was inaugurated as the 2018-2019 Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) President on Wednesday, June 20. The inauguration took place at the NWMC's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala at the Hyatt Regency in Deerfield. One hundred and seventy-five members and guests celebrated the Conference's 60 years of service to its member communities as well as the installation of officers for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Joining President Juracek as NWMC officers are Morton Grove Village President Dan DiMaria as Vice-President, Lake Bluff Village President Kathleen O'Hara as Secretary and Highland Park City Manager Ghida Neukirch as Treasurer. Their terms will run through June, 2019.

NWMC Executive Director Mark Fowler kicked off the evening with an overview of the organization's achievements since its founding in 1958 and attendees celebrated the accomplishments of outgoing NWMC President and Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal. She thanked the membership and staff for their collective achievements over the past year and stated "the hallmark of this organization has been, and will continue to be, innovation and groundbreaking work on behalf of our local governments and the residents we serve." President Rosenthal highlighted several achievements over the past year including successful negotiations of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act legislation, training events for newly elected officials, receipt of grant funding to update the NWMC Regional Bicycle Plan and nearly \$55

million in gross sales through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. She also noted that the NWMC budget for the year did not include a dues increase for the fifth consecutive year. She concluded her remarks by saying “I stand before you proud of the work that we have done over the past year and ready to help Arlene as she takes leadership of this tremendous organization.”

In her inaugural remarks, President Juracek thanked Mayor Rosenthal for her accomplishments and leadership as NWMC President. She identified initiatives for the coming year, including a legislative solution to public safety pension fund consolidation and completion of a new strategic plan for the organization. She stated, “the strength of this organization lies in the commitment of the time and resources of the membership and staff to get the job done. I have no doubt that the Conference will continue to be a leader and a model for other organizations to follow. I am proud to take the reins of this organization at this time in its history. As a representative of one of the founding members of the Northwest Municipal Conference, it is an honor to serve as your 60<sup>th</sup> president. I look forward to working with all of you to achieve our mutual goals.”

The Northwest Municipal Conference is a membership-supported association of 43 municipalities and 1 township representing a population of over 1.3 million Illinois residents. Established in 1958, the Conference serves to strengthen local government and enhance intergovernmental cooperation in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago.

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