

Innovation + Integration

A summit on the Economic Impact of Linking Jobs, Housing & Transportation Planning

Speaker Bio

Mayor Arlene J. Mulder

President of the Village of Arlington Heights, IL

Mayor Arlene J. Mulder is the President of the Village of Arlington Heights. She was elected to her first term as Village President in 1993 and reelected in 1997, 2001 and 2005. Her knowledge on airport noise has made her a great choice for Chairman, since 1997, of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, which is a regional commission that works with the Department of Aviation and airlines to help solve aircraft noise problems. Her leadership skills have also served her well as the 2002-2003 President of the Northwest Municipal League, and as an elected Trustee of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Besides those two key roles, she also represents Arlington Heights' interests in the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the IL Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service and on the Chicago Transportation Council of Mayors. In the last several years Mayor Mulder was selected as the 2001 Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois and was one of 14 Mayors selected to meet with President George W. Bush when he announced the new national Homeland Security program. Mayor Mulder believes that involvement in national and regional issues that impact our community enriches the quality of life in Arlington Heights. Finding new ways to enhance economic development, being a strong proponent of partnering with other governments and businesses to explore new initiatives, being responsive to citizens and supporting citizen participation, promoting community spirit and pride are all hallmarks of Mayor Mulder's innovative administration. She is a strong proponent of striving for the best while being fiscally responsible. Her involvement in the community started since moving here in 1970 with her husband Al. While raising three children and working as a physical education teacher in the Niles High School District 219, she volunteered with the local Parent Teacher Organizations, Junior Women's Club, hospital organizations, Historical Society and other local groups. Before being elected to the Village Board in 1993, she served as an elected official with the Arlington Heights Park District.