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April 24, 2012

**TO: David Hulseberg
Village Manager**

**FROM: Joelyn Kott
Communications Coordinator**

RE: "Train Town, USA" Presentation

Representatives from Union Pacific Railroad will be attending the May 3, 2012 Village Board meeting to make a presentation to the Village for its recent designation as a "Train Town, USA."

Mr. Wesley Lujan, Director of Public Affairs will be attending and will be presenting the Village with a resolution and a plaque. Union Pacific will also be providing banners to the Village declaring the designation. These will be installed near the train station when they are received. This is at no cost to the Village.

I have also asked Carl Shaver and Sarah Richardt, both connected to the Historical Museum, to attend the meeting as well. They, especially Mr. Shaver, were instrumental with information used to submit the application. I have attached the letter from Union Pacific Railroad and the excerpt from Mr. Shaver that was included in the application for your information.

Please include this on the May 3, 2012 Board of Trustees agenda. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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March 8, 2012

~~The Honorable William Mueller
Mayor, Village of Lombard
255 E. Wilson
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Dear Mayor Mueller:

Congratulations! You have been selected as an official "Train Town, USA" by the Union Pacific Railroad in recognition of our 150th Anniversary. We appreciate your application submission to us, and interest in partnering with Union Pacific in mutually recognizing our longstanding relationship.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 312.777.2002 to explore the best time to present your community with this designation, resolution and other 150 memorabilia. Additionally, we have downtown light pole banners for communities that may have an interest in recognizing our anniversary in the community.

We are honored by your interest to be part of our history!

Thank you,



(WJL\Train Town USA)

cc: Dave Hulesberg ✓

Bauer, Carol

From: Kott, Joelyn
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 2:09 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: FW: Train Town, USA Application | Union Pacific 150th Anniversary | UP150.com

This is one of the attachments.

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“In a world where you can be anything...Be yourself.”

-----Original Message-----

From: C Shaver [<mailto:cshaverr@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 3:18 PM
To: Kott, Joelyn; Sarah Richardt
Subject: Train Town, USA Application | Union Pacific 150th Anniversary | UP150.com

Joelyn and Sarah,

I've written a few words about the railroad and the village; you'll have to fill out the rest of the form. The updated form is attached; let me know whether it comes through all right. There are a few words left for whatever political bluster or other language may be desirable.

I hope this is helpful. I'm not sure whether the link below will give you the form including what I've written, but I'll add a copy of that to this e-mail as well.

Carl Shaver

<http://up150.com/towns/traintownapplication>

Around 1848, artist Sheldon Peck, the first settler of the community known as Babcock's Grove, sold to the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad the land needed for a right-of way. The G&CU became Chicago's pioneer railroad, and the earliest predecessor of the Chicago & North Western. When the Union Pacific began construction westward from Omaha, it was the C&NW that was the supply line for construction materials from the east.

Lombard was adopted as the name of our village in 1869, also a significant year in the history of the Transcontinental Railroad. The railroad made possible the village's growth as a "bedroom community" for Chicago, and supplied service not only to Chicago (and thence to points east), but, via the Omaha connection with the Union Pacific, to the Pacific coast--first to San Francisco and eventually to Los Angeles and Portland.

From before the turn of the last century to the present day, Lombard has depended on the railroad for commuter service. The C&NW, and later Metra, has provided an excellent fleet of rush-hour commuter service, as well as dependable, frequent service during the daytime hours and on weekends, a convenient and inexpensive alternative to automotive transportation.

Tourists could use the trains to visit Lilacia Park in May, when the aroma of lilac blossoms could be experienced from passing trains.

With the completion in 1869 of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Chicago & North Western's line was a primary beneficiary of freight and passenger service making the connection at Council Bluffs or Omaha. Lombard has seen, heard, and felt the presence of this heavy traffic throughout its history.

When the Union Pacific purchased the C&NW in 1995, the improvements continued. Freight traffic is still very much present, with coal, intermodal, and ethanol trains augmenting the traditional carload freight service. The UP operates Metra's commuter service on "our" line, with crews that still share the C&NW pride in an on-time service. The UP's willingness to partner with Metra in this area is evidenced by the track work recently performed in the village, including a new universal crossover that will eventually facilitate an expanded service, together with UP freight service unhampered by delays.

Lombard is dedicated to the improvement of safety along the Union Pacific's tracks. Signs at the grade crossings reaffirm the ordinances promoting safe use of those crossings. A new bridge over the tracks will carry bicyclists and pedestrians using the Great Western Trail above the tracks instead of over a busy and complex grade crossing. Two of the village's four road crossings have had nearby traffic signals tied in with the grade-crossing signals. And within another year, the passenger platforms at the local Metra station will be improved with the addition of an under-track tunnel to replace the pedestrian crossing of the three busy tracks.

Lombard is home to many current and former Union Pacific employees, as it has been to C&NW folks since its beginning. Our village is proud and grateful for its connection with the UP, one of its many upstanding corporate citizens.