

Village manager successor sought

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MATTESON — The search for a new administrative chief is on in Matteson following the resignation of three-year Village Manager David Mekarski.

Credited with spearheading new retail growth in the village, including a massive redevelopment plan for Lincoln Mall, Mekarski is leaving to take the city manager's post in Vero Beach, Fla. His last day will be May 18.

"I knew he was a guy we'd have for a very short time," said Village Trustee Nathaniel Motton Jr. "He could probably run the City of Chicago."

Mekarski praised village officials for allowing him to take an innovative approach to his job. "We've probably accomplished more in three years than others did in three decades," he said.