



October, 2012

Village Board Legislative Action

Motion approving Resolution 2012-33 defining the compensation criteria for Mayor of the Village of Downs and establishing the compensation for the Office of Mayor of the Village of Downs

Carried unanimously

Motion approving Resolution 2012-34 the Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Heyworth and Village of Downs providing for Village of Downs to be able to utilize equipment and personnel of Heyworth for operation and maintenance of Village of Downs Waterworks

Carried unanimously

Motion approving Resolution 2012-35 the agreement for professional services between Village of Downs and Farnsworth Group for the 2012 Washington Street Water main replacement project

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve proceeding with the TIF project

Carried in a 3-4 vote

Motion to move the November 2012 board meeting to the Fire Department

Carried unanimously

Motion extending Dooley Park hours October 13th, 20th and 27th for Halloween and set Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2012 from 5:00- 8:00

Carried in a 1-5 vote

Motion approving road closure on Lincoln, Water and Franklin Street on 13th, 20th, 27th and Franklin Street on the 26th for Halloween

Carried unanimously

**THE NOVEMBER 1, 2012 7:00 P.M. BOARD MEETING WILL BE
HELD AT THE DOWNS COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT DUE TO
VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS**

MAYORAL UPDATE

October 7, 2012

Dear Citizens,

At our October board meeting, Dave Bach gave a year-end report for the Village Market. This year the market had an increase of attendees for the year with 19 of the 20 vendor spaces rented every week. The market is exploring options to bring electrical to their grounds to better serve the need of vendors that desire to bring perishable items to the market. The market and the work of the Market Committee continue to be assets to our community. Keep up the great work!

The Village Board has recently sent some homeowners a violation letter if the village had not heard any response regarding their sewer connection timeline and reason for no connection as of September 24th. Connections are continuing and we appreciate everyone who is working to become compliant with this IEPA mandate. If you received a letter and have not yet responded, please do so immediately. The Board appreciates your cooperation.

The board also heard a request from the Downs Fire Protection District regarding a new warning siren at Downs Crossing. Scott Bettisch, representing the Fire Department, came to the board seeking ideas on how to fund a new siren that will reach a two and a half mile radius. The board helped brainstorm some potential funding opportunities: a direct mail fundraiser, funding from neighboring homeowners' associations, townships, municipalities and the fire protection district. This project is in early planning phase and if you have any thoughts please contact the fire department or any member of the Village Board.

Lastly, the village board approved a Washington Street water main project. If you recall, Washington Street from Seminary to Route 150 will be completely redone following the completion of the school year. The current water main East of the school administration building is a brittle transit pipe that needs replacing. It makes good financial sense to replace this outdated pipe with a better quality water line while road construction is underway. In addition to the work being more convenient at the time of road construction, it will also help us avoid future water main breaks in that area for years to come.

On a somber note, Chief Deerwester will be retiring on November 1st. Chief has served this community for over 16 years and worked for McLean County law enforcement for years prior to coming to Downs. He has been a figure head in this community and has devoted his time unselfishly to our Village. Please stop by when you see him and congratulate him on his second retirement from a law enforcement position and thank him for his years of service.

Mayor Ryan



Billing Clerk Position Available

Applications for a part-time billing clerk position are available at the Village Hall. Applications need to be submitted to the

Village Hall by noon

Friday, October 19th

Position is for 8-12 hours per week.

Salary is dependent upon experience.

Computer and accounting skills needed.

Downs Polling Location moves to Fire Station!

With the general election a month away, be sure to take note and remember the Downs Polling Location has changed and moved from the Downs Township Shed to the new Downs Fire Station.

The new polling place is listed on the election commission website as well as the voting registration cards you should have received in the mail by now. Please visit <http://webapp.mcleancountyil.gov/webapps/CountyClerk/PollingPlaceList.aspx> for more information.

This site offers central location, handicap accessibility, ample parking, Wi-Fi access, climate controlled environment and many other features to make your voting experience the best it can be.

Contact Mike Sumner with questions at 312-550-5467 or mjpsumner@yahoo.com.

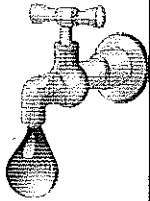


SENIOR NEWS

Everyone enjoyed the meal at Dawson Lake in September but it was a very cold and windy day. Birthdays observed: Dorothy Vaughan, Ray Prince, Scott Romine and Rosalie Phelan. President Linda Bowman mentioned that cans of food can be brought to her home at any time for the holiday baskets.

The October breakfast was well attended at Jack's in LeRoy on October 4th.

On Wednesday, October 17th the meeting will be at the Downs Methodist Church—a potluck at 11:30am. The committee is Don & Mary Lawyer, Linda & Ken Bowman and Lori & Jim Schaefer. Come join the group.



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING

211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18

Downs, IL 61736

309-378-3221

Monday through Friday 8-12 noon

Contacts: Ruth Hood and Janice Cuba

Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



The Village Billing Office is temporarily located at the Downs Fire Department. The dropbox for payments is located at the back of the Catholic Church. **REMINDER:** The billing due date is the 15th of the month.

Water Emergencies such as no water or water leaking need to be reported to Kevin Whitehouse at 378-2137 or 319-1010. The water trustee is Mike Freimann and he can be reached at 378-1538.

Bills: There have been many questions from residents that have connected to the sewer about the change in their bills. Prior to connection there is a line on the bill that says Sewer in the amount of \$22.00. This consists of \$17 for the sewer debt and \$5 for OMR (Operations, Maintenance and Repair) for the Village. **Once connection is complete the line items change.** The \$17 goes to a line of its own called Sew Debt and the \$5 is the base for the first 2000 gallons still using the line named Sewer. The example below shows usage of 6000 gallons. Sewer is calculated with \$5 base for the first 2000 gallons and \$.98

per 1000 after the first 2000. BNWRD User Fee is calculated with \$5.40 for the first 2000 gallons and \$1.70 per 1000 after the first 2000. In the example, you also see BNWRD Fee. This is only for those that took out the loan for the BNWRD Connection fee. Should you have any questions on your bill please contact the Village at 378-3221.

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SAMPLE			99999999	
PREV. READ DATE			CUR. READ DATE	
7/18/2012			8/18/2012	
SERVICE	PREVIOUS READING	CURRENT READING	CONSUMPTION	AMOUNT
Water	857	863	6	36.30
Garbage				11.50
Sewer				8.92
Sew Debt				17.00
BNWRD User Fee				12.20
BNWRD Fee				46.23
PAST DUE AMOUNT		CURRENT CHARGES		BAL. DUE
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	9/15/2012
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ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERVICE I.D.
SAMPLE	99999999

Joe Sample
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DOWNS, IL 61736



SEWER: If you received a violation letter regarding your sewer connection, the billing office must hear from you by November 1 with your plans for making the connection to the IEPA mandated sewer system. Thank you to everyone that has made the connection and is helping the Village of Downs to be compliant with the IEPA mandate.



Garbage contact is Casali & Sons and they can be reached at 309-242-9001, or contact Mike Sumner, Garbage Trustee, at 312-550-5467. **Recycling in October will be the 13th and 27th.**

Downs Community Haunted House

The Downs Haunted House has set five dates this year for the Halloween Season. We will be open from 6:00PM to 10:00PM on 10/13, 10/20, 10/26, 10/27. There will be activities and concessions in Dooley Park. The Haunted House tickets will need to be purchased at Dooley Park prior to taking the Hay Rack ride to the house (except for Friday, 10/26 will need to purchase tickets at the haunted house). The admission price for the Haunted House will be \$2.00 per person. The hayrack ride is free. On Saturday, 10/13 and 10/20, there will be children's activities in the Dooley Park Pavilion from 6:00 to 8:00, along with concessions until 10. Friday, 10/26, only the Haunted House will be open, no events or hayrack will be available that evening. On Saturday, 10/27, The Fedoras will be playing popular 60s and 70s music. They are awesome, come in costume and enjoy this free concert! A campfire is available, with hot dogs and s'more ingredients available for a mere 50 cents each. You get to fix your own! This year we are offering an unlimited wrist band option for the Haunted House, which will be available for \$5.00 per night. On Sunday, 10/28, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, this will be an un-Haunted House version for the younger kids to have the opportunity to walk through with the lights and no scares (this special event is free and the children are encouraged to dress in costume. As they come through each room, we will pass out candy).

Downs Community Haunted House Volunteers Needed – 16 & over

We are asking for volunteers that are 16 and over to help us make this another successful year at the Haunted House. No need to be afraid our volunteers are well trained and supervised. We have positions available for tour guides, scene actors and crowd walkers. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jill Kasprzak at 825-5783 or Cyndi Miller at 212-5003 (or email at scmillr88@gmail.com).

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Christmas is just around the corner! We are looking for groups, families, or individuals that want to volunteer in getting displays ready or working the Gingerbread House. We will be having a decorating competition this year, with voting occurring during December. Be a part of a great event! Call Mary at (309) 212-0594 and let her know you are available.

DOWNNS FOOD PANTRY

The Downs Food Pantry pick up date will be Saturday, November 10th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the Dooley Park Pavilion.

Please remember, if you qualify as a handicapped individual, to sign up for the second disbursement in November at that time.

If you have questions on the Food Pantry, please contact Mary at 212-0594 or Ed Carter at 310-7452.



Village of Downs Phone/Email Notification Process

In order to keep the residents of the Village better informed, the Village Hall will now be able to utilize a phone notification system. This system will be used mainly to notify residents of boil orders and when they are lifted but can also be used for road closures etc... This information will still be posted on the Village website, the Tri-Valley School website, the Village Hall and on Radio Bloomington. Not all residents have internet access or check the websites daily, therefore, this system will allow us to pro-actively notify residents that **WANT** to be contacted by phone and/or email.

If you would like to be contacted with information regarding the Village of Downs, please complete the form below and return it to the Village Hall or email your information to downsvillagehall@hotmail.com. This information is confidential and we will utilize our best efforts so that it will not be used for any purpose other than that stated above.

Please list all phone numbers and/or email addresses you would like us to contact you at.

Name	Address	Phone Number for Notifications	Email address for notifications

Back on
June 5, 2013!



Downs Village Market

Closed for the Season

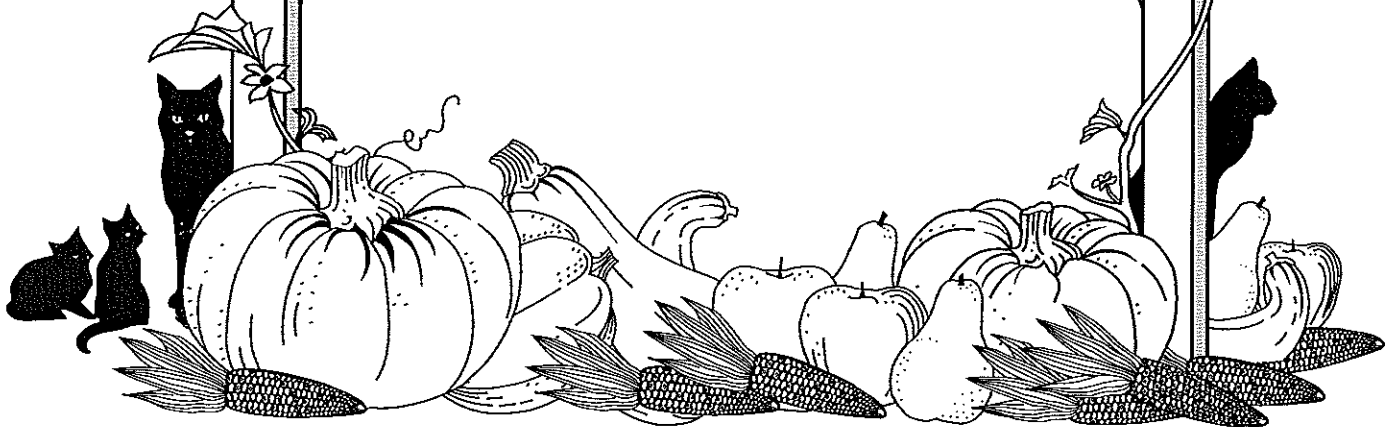
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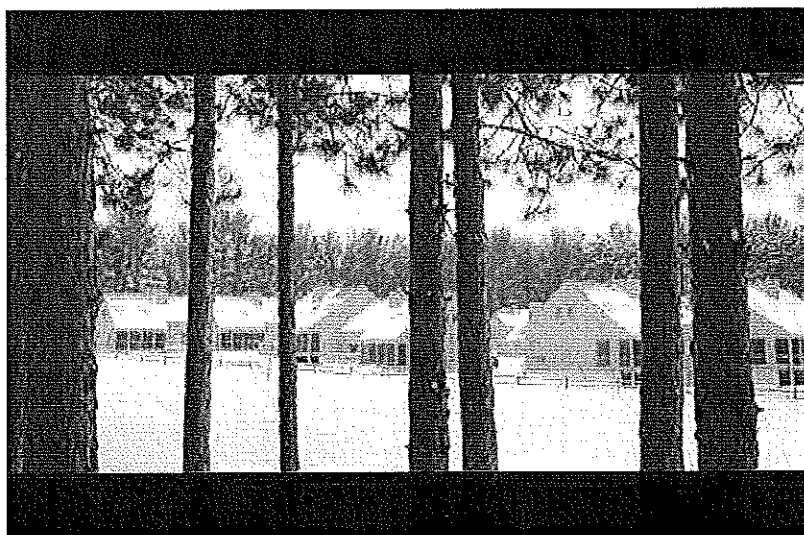
Holiday Schedule for 2012

November 22nd Thursday-Thanksgiving – Hudson,
Downs pushed back 1 day for garbage pickup – Downs,
Towanda, Hudson recycling will be the 10th & 17th.

December 25th Tuesday-Christmas – Gridley, Danvers,
Hudson, Downs pushed back 1 day for garbage pickup.

Any questions please call Kelly at 309-242-9001

ONE WEEK VACATION DRAWING TO BENEFIT PROM 2013



The Tri-Valley Junior Class is holding a drawing for a one week vacation in the Wisconsin Dells.

Check out the website for specific details of the resort and attractions.

<http://www.bluegreenonline.com/explore/resortDetail.aspx?ResortID=3>

*Simply fill out the form below and turn it into Kristin Myers or the high school office by Friday, October 26th. The winner of the vacation will be notified no later than November 1st.

CHRISTMAS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE/SKI RESORT



Enjoy a one week stay in a two bedroom cabin (sleeps 6) January 1st- January 7th at Christmas Mountain in the Wisconsin Dells

How do I enter?

Simply fill out the drawing form and return to Kristin Myers at Tri-Valley High School with payment of ten dollars.

VACATION DRAWING

January 1st -7th

CHRISTMAS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

NAME _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Please attach payment of ten dollars. Checks can be made payable to Tri-Valley High School.

Contact Kristin Myers at Tri-Valley High School (309)-378-2911 or kmyers@tri-valley3.org with any questions.

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Most of us have experienced road hypnosis. We are not unconscious, not asleep but in a detached but functioning state. Some people have moments of insight during such time; others simply have a loss of time most likely they have been in Theta.

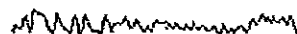
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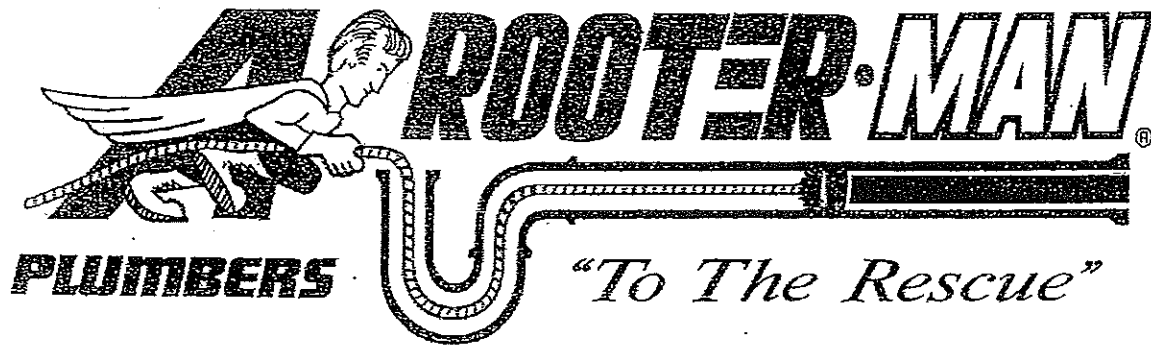
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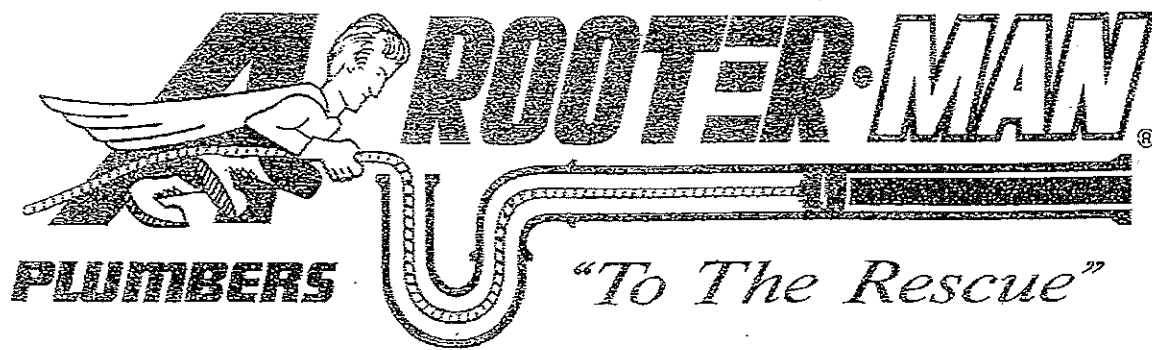
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 - A. WORKMANS COMPENSATION- COVERS WORKERS IF THEY GET HURT ON YOUR PROPERTY.
 - B. LIABILITY – TO COVER ANY DAMAGES TO YOUR HOME DURING CONSTRUCTION
 - C. ASK FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE
2. DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB?
 - A. IS THE EQUIPMENT TOO BIG? IT CAN DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE YARD
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Clerk	Tammie Keener	378-1494
Treasurer	Janice Cuba	378-4500
Trustee	Maureen Roach (Finance)	378-1477
Trustee	Mary Goveia (Parks/Youth Center)	212-0594
Trustee	Mike James (Streets)	830-7374
Trustee	Mike Sumner (Police/Garbage)	312-550-5467
Trustee	Michael Freimann (Water/Sewer)	378-1538
Trustee	Paul Myszka (Building)	684-0806
Contact person for Pavilion reservations		
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Non Emergency	Met-Com	888-5030
Emergency		Call 911