



Village of Downs
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From the Desk of the Mayor
November 2013

Thank you to our veterans and their families!

On November 11, I hope you took the special opportunity and time to thank one or more of our approximately 23 million veterans for their service and sacrifice to our wonderful country. A day set aside to commemorate the end of WW I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Armistice Day. On that day I hope you stopped your busy day to remember, appreciate and thank a veteran in your special way. If you didn't, any day will do. Take a moment today to say a heartfelt "Thank you for what you have done for our country."

It is almost done! Washington Street reconstruction is almost complete and it probably the largest street project that has been done in the Village since Seminary Street or I-74. However, I hope you can agree that this is a great improvement to our Village. I really appreciate the patience and understanding during this project.

December 14, 2013 from 1-3 pm we will be holding a town hall meeting and open hall at our refurbished Village Hall. Come enjoy some snacks and open conversation with myself and the Board. Hope to see you there.

At our Board meeting this month of possible interest:

- 1) We passed the TIF Application Process for requesting money for TIF District improvement projects. This process is vital to start using a standardized method to use this money to develop our TIF Districts.
- 2) We discussed our water department procedures and the consultant's review of our Clerk, Treasurer and Billing processes and procedures.
- 3) We discussed the Beecher Trails annexation request and other annexation ideas and TIF expansion needed to attract business.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions or clarification.

In your service,
Mike James
309-830-7374
Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

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Buildings Trustee Report 10/4/2013 – 11/07/2013

Development Committee Meeting

The Development Committee met on October 22nd and continued to discuss several areas of focus going forward. An action plan for its goals will continue to evolve as the Committee reviews the outdated “Land Use Plan” and will begin to formulate a new plan to present to the Village Board. This new plan will be able to take into consideration the new sewer infrastructure and current traffic patterns around our area both of which will be included in any future marketing materials the Village has to offer prospective businesses and other developments.

The front of the Village Hall is complete with signage, display case, flag and bench. Thank you again to all who may have helped with these projects and a special thanks to Wendell Niepagen Garden Shop in LeRoy for a great deal on the planter and flowers next to the bench which was repaired by Lyndall Cuba. Some landscaping and downspout drainage needs to be completed on the side and rear of the building but hopefully everyone appreciates the work done so far.

My contact information has changed and my new cell phone number is (309) 558-4673.

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Volunteer Registration

Contact Information

Name

Street Address

City ST ZIP Code

Home Phone

Work Phone

E-Mail Address

Availability

During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments?

☐ Weekday mornings

☐ Weekend mornings

☐ Weekday afternoons

☐ Weekend afternoons

☐ Weekday evenings

☐ Weekend evenings

Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

☐ Development Committee

☐ Events Committee

☐ Events Subcommittee

☐ Food Pantry

☐ Park

☐ Streets

☐ Office

☐ Public Safety

☐ Maintenance

☐ Other _____

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

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Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this registration, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Our Policy

It is the policy of the Village of Downs to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. The Village of Downs will not distribute or publish the information contained within this registration without the consent.

Thank you for completing this registration form and for your interest in volunteering for the Village of Downs.

VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW
7:00 PM
November 7, 2013

Village Hall
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1. Mayor Mike James called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
 2. Roll Call was taken with Trustees, Roach, Goveia, Freimann, Myszka, Luke, and Lush all present. Also present were Clerk James, Treasurer Zwilling and Attorney Dawn Wall.
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Changes to the agenda were made.
Add: Letter I and eliminate the Engineer's Report and Replace with a Report from the Eagle Scouts.
Motion to approve Agenda order- Approved
 5. The Superintendent Report was given by Kevin Whitehouse.
Washington street construction is coming to a conclusion and should be open next weekend.
 6. Eagle Scouts Report- Kyle Stinematess brought forth an idea for his Eagle Scout project. He asked the board if we would be interested.

Tyler James updated us on his Eagle Scout project at Kickapoo Park.

7. Alan Zwilling provided the treasurer's report.
8. Discussion
 - a. Haunted House and Shed
 - b. Final Review and Analysis for Treasurer, Clerk, and Billing
 - c. Tax Levy
 - d. Downs Crossing - Water, etc.
 - e. Mediacom update
 - f. Annexation and TIF Expansion
 - g. Streets Storage Needs
 - h. Public Works and Accounting Software
 - i. Remaining Sewer Connections
 - j. Water Department Ordinances and Procedures
 - k. One Voice Trip
 - l. Farmland
9. Public Comment -none
10. New Business
 - a. Motions
 - i. Motion to approve October Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes-Approved
 - ii. Motion to approve action for sewer connection situation at 107 N. Price- Approved
 - iii. Motion to Approve the Appointment of Carrie Gossett as the Assistant Treasurer in the Village of Downs for \$14/hr.-Approved
 - iv. Motion to approve continuance of the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to _____, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall-postponed

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- b. Ordinances
 - i. Ordinance 2013-34 Approving the TIF Project Application Process-
Approved
 - ii. Ordinance 2013-35 Approving a Lease Agreement Between the Village of
Downs and Mike Roberts for Property of the Village of Downs-Approved
 - c. Resolutions
 - i. Resolution 2013-R36 Authorizing and Approving the Rescission and
Vacation of the Easement Agreement Entered Into Between the Village Of
Downs and Charles Ray Turner, Jr.-Approved
11. Old Business
- a. Postponed
 - i. Motion to Approve Recommended Village Donation of \$___ to Steven
Kretz' Boy Scout Eagle Project
12. Executive Session was not entered
13. No Action was taken on Executive Session Items
14. Motion to approve payment of bills-Approved
15. Mayoral Report can be found in the flyer
16. Trustee Reports can be found in the flyer
17. Adjournment was at 10:46 pm



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING

211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18
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309-378-3221

Monday through Friday 8-12 noon

Contacts: Ruth Hood, Janice Cuba, Malaina Myszka Leckner

Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING BILLING ISSUES NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE HALL AT 378-3221 DURING OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8-12.

THANK YOU to everyone that has been submitting the cross connection survey and the water applications. Those with missing forms have/will receive a courtesy phone call. Please follow up with this ordinance requirement. Failure to submit the forms is a violation of the ordinance and can result in fines or discontinuation of service. Please contact the Village Hall with in questions.

REMINDER: The billing due date is the 15th of the month.
Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees.



If using on-line banking to make your payments please be aware that the Village does not receive the funds via a transfer. Physical checks have to be sent to the Village, so time for the checks to arrive through the mail needs to be allowed for.

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.



SEWER: Thank you to everyone that has made the connection and is helping the Village of Downs to be compliant with the IEPA mandate.

All remaining properties with access to the sewer main will be required to connect on or before June 1, 2019 or when any of those properties change ownership. Additionally, any new building constructed on property within 200 feet of the sewer line will also be required to connect.

Those that have not paid the BNWRD fee need to be aware that the fee is now **\$2,975**. Monthly bills now include the BNWRD Property Tax. This is not an optional fee, and the Village is responsible for paying this to BNWRD.



Garbage contact is Casali & Sons and they can be reached at 309-242-9001, or contact Maureen Roach, Garbage Trustee, at 378-1477. **REMINDER:** Yard waste, construction materials and electronics will not be picked up by the garbage company. There will be no garbage pick up on November 29th. It will be picked up on Saturday, November 30th.



Curbside recycling is the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Please be advised that there is to be **NO** styrofoam, plastic bags and no lids from bottles when recycling.



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Water/Sewer Report November 2013

Following is an update on progress on some of the ongoing or planned projects for the Public Works department during the month of October.

Water filter valve repair/replacement

The Dzurik valves on the water filter have been replaced by George Gildner, Inc. This will keep the filter operations and make the daily servicing easier.

Sewer connections effectively complete

All but two sewer connection has been made as of Nov. 5, and arrangements are being finalized with those two properties to finish this work. When that work is finished, the village will be in compliance with the mandate by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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Water and sewer report to the board for the month of October 2013

11/6/2013

The sewer lift station delivered 1,164,000 gallons to BNWRD for the month, averaging 37,500 per day. The total water pumped for the month was 2,246,000 gallons for an average of 72,500 gallons per day. The average iron concentration in the finished water was 1.20 PPM for the month. The filter inlet valves were replaced improving operation considerably. The project went smoothly and I anticipate the final bill to be less than first quoted.

The Washington St. project is nearing completion with a small amount of paving and clean up remaining.

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

FACILITY # IL1130500

MONTHLY OPERATION AND CHEMICAL FEEDING REPORT
ON THE VILLAGE OF DOWNS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013

Date	Time Meters 24 hr.	Raw Meter Reading (100 gal)	Raw Water Pumped (100 gal)	Finished Meter Reading (100 gal)	Finished Water Treated (100 gal)	CHLORINATION				FLUORIDATION				AERIALATER				TOTAL IRON		PH		WELL RUN TIMES		REMARKS					
						PRE-POST-CHLORINE		CHLORINE DOSAGE		FINISHED WATER		FLUORIDE DOSAGE		TESTS		FILTER OPERATION		Wash		TESTS		WELL 1			WELL 3				
						Tank Reading lbs.	Amount Used lbs.	Calcu. mg/l	Time	Free CL2 Read	Total CL2 Read	Tank Reading Gallons	Amount Used Gallons	Calcu. mg/l	mg/l Finished Water	Backwash Time Cells 1-3	Previous Backwash Gal. est.	Time	Read	Time	Read	Time	Read		Time	Read	Time	Read	
		53600		726286																									
1	8:00	54360		727048	762	49.78	6	9.44	X	X		10:45	2.70	13.3+20	3.2	0.336	0.9												
2	8:00	55019		727679	631	46.73	8	15.20				9:00	2.95	30.7	2.6	0.330	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
3	8:00	55747		728414	735	43.69	7	11.42				11:00	2.60	27.5	3.2	0.348	0.9												
4	8:00	56416		729065	651	41.64	7	12.89				10:00	3.02	24.9	2.6	0.319	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
5	8:00	57110		729730	665	39.61	5	9.02				10:15	2.78	22.7	2.2	0.265	1.0	9:00		24	5000								
6	8:00																												
7	8:00	58816		731429	1699	34.53	13	9.17				8:30	2.95	16.2+20	5.6	0.311	0.9	9:00		48	5000								
8	8:00	59521		732102	673	31.50	6	10.69				8:40	2.75	33.2	3.0	0.356	0.9												
9	8:00	60180		732775	673	30.44	7	12.47				9:00	3.00	30.3	2.9	0.345	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
10	8:00	60882		733552	777	28.40	6	9.26				8:30	2.95	27.0	3.3	0.340	1												
11	8:00	61639		734212	660	26.38	4	7.27				9:00	2.72	24.4	3.6	0.436	0.9	9:00		48	5000								
12	8:00	62363		734906	694	23.32	5	8.64				9:30	2.70	22.0	2.4	0.277	0.9	9:00		24	5000								
13																													
14	8:00	63955		736543	1637	19.24	12	8.79				10:20	2.85	15.9+20	6.1	0.298	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
15	8:00	64743		737255	752	15.20	8	12.76				10:20	2.52	32.3	3.6	0.383	1.0												
16	8:00	65563		738091	796	13.16	6	9.04				8:30	2.82	28.9	3.4	0.342	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
17	8:00	66301		738837	746	10.11	8	12.86				10:00	2.60	25.6	3.3	0.354	1.0												
18	8:00	67101		739630	793	8.6	7	10.58				8:40	2.87	22.8	2.8	0.282	1.0	9:00		48	5000								
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29	8:00	75256		747620	708	134.118	7	11.85				10:00	2.57	30.0	3.1	0.350	1.1												
30	8:00	75959		748313	693	133.114	5	8.65				8:30	2.75	26.9	3.1	0.358	1.0	11:00		50	5000								
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Max.				594		529		6.25																					
Min.																													
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POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
October, 2013

The committee reviewed citizen survey results regarding police coverage received from 18 respondents. The full summary with comments will be posted on the Village website.

- 94% of the respondents feel safe living in the Village
- 55.5% prefer county coverage
- 77.7% do not see a need for 24/7 coverage
- 77.7% feel their current law enforcement needs are being met

Two speed trailers were placed in town this past month to make drivers aware of their speed. Speed trailers provide key data on traffic flow and speed. The board approved in September to increase police coverage.

The committee will be reviewing agreements from other local villages as well as discussing ideal police coverage for the Village at the next committee meeting. Next month's meeting will be the last committee meeting for this year as there is not a scheduled committee meeting in December.

The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 p.m., Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Questions regarding public safety or waste collection may be directed to Maureen Roach at 378-1477 or 309-830-3606 or publicsafety@villageofdowns.org

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For September 24, 2013

Meeting called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Maureen Roach, Ken Bays, Randy Wilson and Mike James

Clerk: Randy Wilson

- I. Approved previous meeting minutes: Motion 1) Ken Bays 2) Mike James
- II. New Business:
 - A. As of the meeting date, 6 public safety surveys were received. The survey was sent last week to Tri-Valley School District parents to obtain their feedback regarding student safety in the Village. Maureen will compile the results and make the report available to everyone. It was decided to send an invitation to citizens to attend the next Police and Public Safety Committee meeting to allow citizens to provide their input regarding survey questions.
 - B. Committee members will contact local communities similar to the makeup and size of Downs and collect information regarding budgets and resources of local police departments. This information will help the committee determine resources and budgets needed for a fully functioning police department. Communities such as Stanford, Colfax, Danvers, Heyworth, Lexington and Hudson were discussed. The IL Association of Chiefs of Police will be assisting the committee with obtaining this information as well.
 - C. The committee will look at police ordinances of other communities such as Stanford. Discussed hiring a code enforcement officer during the interim period. The committee will look at Bloomington's codes.
 - D. Metcom will be contacted to obtain current reports from the county police to look for trends and patterns of county calls with the Village limits.
 - E. Maureen will recommend the board approve extending county coverage on weekends and evening hours.
 - F. Ken showed a PowerPoint on the procedures and complexities of seizing evidence.
 - G. Will request a speed trailer for both southbound and northbound traffic on Seminary Street to make drivers aware of their speed through town.
 - H. It was suggested Maureen contact Brent Wicks with the county to re-band the portable radio in the squad car.

I. Motion to adjourn meeting: 1) Ken Bays 2) Mike James. Motion carried.

Citizens are invited to attend the next **Police and Public Safety Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, October 29th at 7 p.m., in the Village Hall** and provide your input regarding the future direction for police. Survey results will be shared at the meeting. Questions may be directed to Maureen Roach at 378-1477 or publicsafety@villageofdowns.org.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact Maureen Roach with questions or concerns at 830-3606 or publicsafety@villageofdowns.org. Meetings are open to the public.

SENIOR NEWS:

The October breakfast was at Jack's Café in LeRoy. The November 7th breakfast will be at CJ's in Bloomington.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting at the church in October. We were entertained by the "Ol Rascals". Birthdays - Roger Wilkey; Anniversary - Ken and Linda Bowman.

Linda Bowman is collecting food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

The November 20th meeting will be held at the Methodist Church. This is our annual "Thanksgiving" meeting with turkey and most of the trimmings being furnished. Come and join the group. The hosting committee will be Jim and Lori Schaefer, Linda and Ken Bowman, and Scott and Mary Romine.

NOTE: The Christmas meeting on December 18th will be at Jack's Café in LeRoy. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$5-\$10 gift and also food items for the Christmas Baskets.

PARK, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Dooley Park was the recipient of two community service projects during October. The Tri-Valley Middle School 4th grade came to the park on Saturday, October 5th, and pulled spider grass, did litter control, and helped clean the pavilion. Boy Scout Pack 53, led by Mitch Musick, spent two work days to paint the white posts surrounding the park drive. Thank you to all the kids and adults that helped with the park projects.

Tyler James is working on completing his Eagle Project in Kickapoo Park this month. He has designed a wooden walkway to cover parts of the wood chip path that always floods each spring when the Kickapoo comes over the banks.

The Haunted House went well, with over 1500 people going through the structure. With the road closures, the traffic in Dooley Park was down, but expected, since the hayrack rides were also limited due to the roads. A huge thank you to Karen Lilienthal, Malaina Myszka-Leckner and Angel, Janice and Jessica Cuba, Maureen Roach, Travis Misch, Jeff Misch, Randy Hadfield, Bob and Barb Lilienthal, and Dave Bach. The Haunted House itself is put together primarily by Jill Kasprzak, Cyndi and Steve Miller, and Bob and Joe Bair. The list of thank yous to the volunteers are too numerous to list. Thanks to all that helped make our event so successful.

The **Food Pantry** has been going strong, with many community members helping with its operation. Thanks to Amber Virden, Pauline Turner, Linda Bowman, Jeff Misch, Dan Dawson, Bev Hamblin, Lori Bean, and the Living Hope Christian Church for all their hours of service. If you need assistance, please **contact Mary Goveia at 212-0594**, or contact the Village Hall to leave a message.

We have a **"WISH LIST"** for the Community Center and the Pavilion. If you have a gently used couch, a piece of carpet, end tables, or fold down tables you would like to donate, please contact Mary. It would be greatly appreciated.

The **Community Center** will be getting some work done on the ladies bathroom, and an additional closet for storage in the next few months. Some painting needs to happen to refresh the facility.

Christmas is almost here! Volunteers are always needed. Please, let Mary know if you are available to help decorate the park. If you would like to be part of the Gingerbread House in making cookies, please contact Julie Hahn at 530-7770 to schedule your time. Craft vendors are still needed. Again, let Mary know if you have an interest in this. The Gingerbread House will be in operation Fridays through Sundays in December up to Christmas Day.

The next Park Meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Dooley Park Pavilion.



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report for October 2013

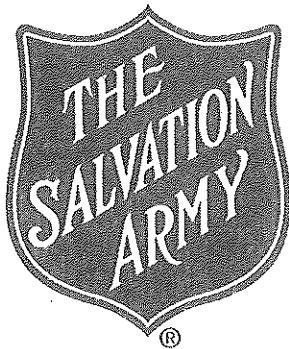
As you are all aware, winter is fast approaching. We are gearing up for what mother nature will throw at us this year. We are mainly concentrating on getting our equipment in working order so we will be prepared. The village is in need of some experienced snow plowers this year, especially in the evenings and weekends. If you have experience and would like to help out, please contact me. Thank you
The Streets department has been offering a service to our residents, by picking up "burnable material" from your property.

The Following Rules Apply:

- 1) **Pick up will be on the 1st Monday of each month:** If weather, holidays, or unforeseen circumstances prevent us from picking up on this day, Then pickup will be the following day.
- 2) Items to be picked up must be burnable (examples: leaves,sticks,branches,brush, etc.)
- 3) All items must be on a curb or driveway, as close to the road as possible, without creating a hazard in the road. (NOTE: Since we use a backhoe in most cases to accomplish this, we do not want to tear or rut up anyone's yards or ditches. If we can not reach it from the road or a driveway, we WILL NOT pick it up. If you can't get it near the road, please call me to make arrangements. 309-838-6031
- 4) There is to be **No Burning in Ditches**. This causes clogging and backups in our culverts. This is one of the primary reasons we are providing this service.

From our perspective, things have gone pretty well. Im glad to see quite a few residents utilizing this service. If anyone has any suggestions or comments on how this service is going from their perspective, please call me to discuss. I would also like to thank Downs Township for their help, support, and use of their backhoe, to make this all possible. Also, please be aware not to put debris over any water inlets or culverts. If anyone has any other needs or suggestions on how we can better serve our residents, please call to discuss with me. Thank you

In your service,



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

The Salvation Army provides financial and support services to Veteran Families through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. The program is a housing stability-focused service delivery program for very low-income veteran families throughout Central Illinois. This program will serve veteran families that are homeless or imminently at-risk of being homeless. The goal is to stabilize these families in housing, while providing on-going support as needed to sustain independent living.

You May Qualify If...

- You or your spouse are a Veteran
- You have a very low income that does not exceed 50% of Area Median Income
- Your housing status is in one of the following three categories:
 1. You reside in housing and lack the ability to pay all of your bills
 2. You are currently homeless
 3. You have left permanent housing within the past 90 days to seek other housing that better meets your family's needs or preferences.

Services The Salvation Army may include:

- Rental and Utility Deposits
- Time and Amount Limited Rental and Utility Assistance
- Amount Limited Moving Costs and Emergency Supplies
- Case Management Services
- Transportation Assistance
- Information and Referrals to community resources
- Assistance in Obtaining VA Benefits
- Assistance in Obtaining and Coordinating Other Public Benefits
- Assistance in Securing Permanent Housing

Please Contact the Following Salvation Army Units for more information

The Salvation Army	416 N.E. Jefferson St., Peoria, IL 61603	(309) 655-7272 for Peoria County
The Salvation Army	601 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701	(309) 829-9476 for McLean County
The Salvation Army	855 E. Fairchild St., Danville, IL 61832	(217) 442-5911 for Vermillion County
The Salvation Army	229 W. Main St., Decatur, IL 62523	(217) 428-4672 for Macon County
The Salvation Army	530 N. 6 th St., Springfield, IL 62702	(217) 525-2196 for Sangamon County
The Salvation Army	2212 N. Market St., Champaign, IL 61824	(217) 373-7832 for Champaign, Ford, Douglas, and Piatt Counties

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING TO YOUR INTAKE:

1. DD214 with discharge status showing on the form
2. VA ID card
3. Driver's license or State ID (for all adults in the household)
4. Social Security card (for all adults & children in the household)
5. Verification of income (for all adults in the household)
6. Lease if you have housing: the lease must be signed and dated by both the landlord and veteran.
7. Letter from landlord stating the amount you are behind and for which month(s). The letter is to include any late fees owed. The landlord must sign, date, and put their phone number and mailing address on the letter.
8. If applicable, the eviction notice or notice to vacate
9. A copy of any utilities that is past due or you need paid
10. If you are living with someone and they have told you that you must leave their home, you need to bring a letter from them stating how many days (i.e. 14 or 21 days) you have until they want you out of their home. This letter must be signed and dated.

Downs United Methodist Church

Annual Cookie Walk



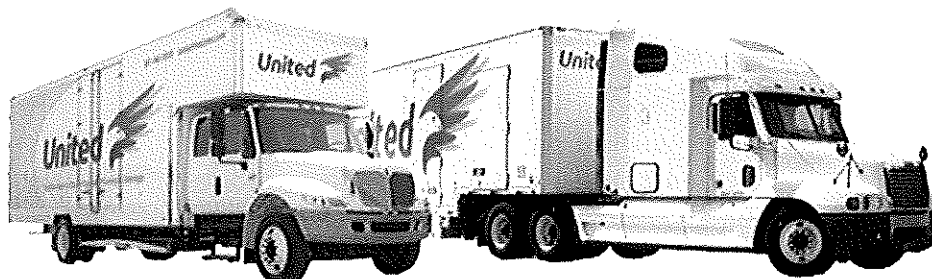
December 14, 2013

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Hutchcraft Van Service, a United Van Lines Agent in Normal, IL, is currently looking for CDL Drivers and Movers for their company.

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- We have availability for both short and long haul distances
- Must be able to pass background check for either position
- Must be able to lift 50-75lbs

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- Alan Simonson, current CDL Driver

"I originally came here for a part-time job just to help pay the bills. Little did I know, I was joining a company with a family type atmosphere."

- Aaron Reiners, current Mover

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Questions? Contact Orin Hutchcraft – Operations @ 309-451-3334

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Trustee	Mary Goveia	212-0594
	(Parks/Youth Center/Food Pantry)	
Trustee	Danny Lush	838-6031
	(Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks)	
Trustee	Susan Luke	275-3038
	(Finance)	
Trustee	Michael Freimann	378-1538
	(Public Works)	
Trustee	Paul Myszka	558-4673
	(Building)	
Contact person for Pavilion reservations		
	Mary Goveia	212-0594
Non Emergency	Met-Com	888-5030
Emergency	Call	911