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**From the Desk of the Mayor  
June 2014**

This month we passed our annual appropriations budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. This ordinance has been posted at the Village Hall, Post Office and BP gas station.

We need your feedback on the following items: We are being approached for annexation consideration by Downs United Methodist Church, as well as, the property for Anytime Towing and Recovery at the end of Shaffer Drive. The Board also would like me to pursue talks with a company regarding possible loations for a medical cannabis farm within the Village of Downs corporate limits. The following are restrictions or requirements:

- The State Police will visit the facility at least once a week to audit the inventory and security controls required by law. Only individuals cleared by the State to have "Agent" credentials will have access to any area where marijuana is grown or processed. They will have multiple layers of security to prevent unauthorized access to the facility or the marijuana product. The facility will NOT be open to the public.
- They will be seeking an appropriate site between 8 and 25 acres for this facility. By state law; the site's property line may not be within 2,500 feet (nearly ½ mile) of any day care center, elementary school, high school, or any area zoned for residential use.
- The site must be on a winter road, near a major highway, have 25,000 gallons of water available daily (little run-off), three phase electrical power, and natural gas service.
- The site will, in part, determine the footprint of the improvements and how many employment positions will become available. A major greenhouse firm will engineer, supply, and construct a multi-acre commercial greenhouse on the site. One or two 30,000+ square foot steel buildings are also to be erected. They anticipate providing approximately 100 full-time, year-round employment opportunities once the facility is built and fully operational. The overwhelming majority of human resources for this facility will come from the community where it is built. We are committed to paying competitive wages and providing excellent benefits.

Please consider helping with your favorite event. Help by making tax deductible donations to the Village Events Fund and/or Volunteering to help. See subsequent pages in this packet for more information.

As I mentioned last month, I am finding that our electronic flyer is not effective. Last month was our first attempt to get important and pressing information into your hands for consideration. We also hope to drive more traffic to the website. However, you can still get a hard copy of the full flyer by calling the hall or from the website.

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

In your service,  
Mike James  
309-830-7374  
[Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org](mailto:Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org)

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## 2014 Village of Downs 5K Freedom Run, 1 Mile Walk & Free Kids Fun Run

### LOCATION, DATE & TIME

- Start: Tri-Valley Middle School  
505 E. Washington, Downs, IL
- Saturday, June 28, 2014
- 5K Run/1 Mile Walk: 7:30 a.m.
- Finish & Kids Run: TVHS track

### REGISTRATION: 5K & 1 mi. Walk Only

- **Pre-Register:** Mail form and \$20 donation (check payable to Village of Downs) to the address below. Form & payment must be received on or before noon on 6/27/14.
- **Pre-Register Online:** \$20 donation (+ \$2.09 fee) before noon on 6/27/14.  
[www.downsfreedomrun.eventbrite.com](http://www.downsfreedomrun.eventbrite.com)
- **Race Day:** June 28, 6:30-7:15 a.m. at TVMS. \$25 – cash or check accepted.
- **Early Race Packet Pick Up:** June 27, 5-7 p.m. at Tri-Valley High School.
- **No refunds will be given.**

### DESCRIPTION

- The Village of Downs, IL is hosting the 4th annual Freedom Run to raise funds for the 4th of July not for profit celebration.
- The 5K (3.1) is a flat course run through the Village of Downs. The 5K is timed by the Lake Run Club. The run will start at Tri-Valley Middle School and end on the Tri-Valley High School track. The untimed 1 mile walk will be incorporated into the 5K route. Free Kids Fun Run (10 & under) immediately following 5K on the track.
- Guaranteed t-shirt to those whose paper registration is postmarked by June 13 or whose online registration is received by June 13.

### AWARDS

- Medals awarded to Overall Male and Female Winner & the Top Age Group Finisher for Men and Women: 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. There are no awards for walkers.
- Ribbons given to all Kids Fun Run participants.

### VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS

- If you would like to volunteer or donate to sponsor this event, please contact Amie Mouser

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Amie Mouser  
Phone: (309) 824-1140  
E-Mail: [amie.mouser@gmail.com](mailto:amie.mouser@gmail.com)

### **Village of Downs 5K Freedom Run/Walk Entry Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Runner: \_\_\_\_\_ Walker: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 06/28/14 \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (non-refundable): (Checks Payable to Village of Downs) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Shirt Size (100% cotton): S M L XL

For consideration of the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release and discharge the Village of Downs, Tri-Valley CUSD #3, McLean County, The Downs Township and other sponsors and supporters for all claims and damages, demands, actions, whatever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the Village of Downs 5K Freedom run. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and trained to participate in this event. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Send to: Downs Village Hall  
Attn: 5K Freedom Run  
211 South Seminary Street  
Downs, IL 61736

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or Guardian must sign if under 18)

# Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Events

## PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE EVENTS

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The following are a reduced list of events planned and approximately how many volunteers are needed. If you do not have the time to volunteer, please consider a donation for your favorite event.

- 1) Freedom Days Celebration (June 28, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) – All volunteers are welcome (includes Freedom Run and Walk).
- 2) Downs Fright Fest (October) – All volunteers are welcome.
- 3) Veterans Breakfast (November 8 or 9) – Need 4+ volunteers to cook and/or serve.
- 4) Christmas in Downs (December) – All volunteers are welcome.
- 5) Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (March or April 2015) – All volunteers are welcome.

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## Downs Event Fund Donation

### SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE DOWNS EVENT – IT IS A TAX DEDUCTION

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Please consider making a donation to your favorite Downs event or the events on a whole. Downs events are funded through donations, sponsors and if-needed Village funds. Write a check to the Village of Downs Event Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Event you want donation to be used for: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help, please call: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Let Us Know How You Can Help

## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

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Often someone wants to help, but doesn't know how. Often I hear, "Let me know if I can help.", but I don't know how. See the dilemma? The flyer and the website contain a "[Volunteer Registration](#)". This registration will allow you to tell us where you can help and how we can utilize your talents and skills. I hope you will take the time to consider how you can help.

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## You Requested, Please help!!

### EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEES

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You asked for this, we built it, now please come, volunteer and help make it successful. The Events Committee is wrapped up its event plan for the new fiscal year and needs volunteers to come forward to help organize their favorite event. It is no fun to beg for help and no fun to do it all ourselves. We would hate to cancel something for lack of help. Please contact Mike James, Dan Lush or complete the volunteer registration form if you can help. See more information regarding the Event Plan in the newsletter. Volunteering is open to our Tri-Valley Community and NOT just the residents within Downs.

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## Donations Now Accepted!!

### VILLAGE OF DOWNS EVENTS FUND

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Our goals with the events this year are to create a plan, a positive cash flow, a fund, which will be dedicated ONLY to Village events, and a solid foundation for the future. With this fund being dedicated for this specific purpose within a tax-exempt entity, your donation is tax deductible. Finally, you can even specify which event you want your donation to be used toward. To donate, please write a check payable to the "Village of Downs Events Fund" and specify, if applicable, which fund to apply it to. We will send you a receipt of your donation. Thank you very much for your donation and consideration.

**\*\* More information and registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Hall**



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May 9, 2014

Re: Event Donation & Sponsor Solicitation

Dear Business Owner/Manager,

In 2013 I created an Events Committee, made up of Tri-Valley residents, with the mission to provide a mix of events within the Village of Downs that will attract surrounding subdivisions and communities into the Village. Their goals were to create a plan, budget with positive cash flow, and solid foundation for the future.

I also created a fund which will be dedicated ONLY to Village events. With this fund being dedicated for this specific purpose (public use) within a tax-exempt entity, your donation is tax deductible. Also, your business will automatically, for any donation \$100 and over, be recognized within the printed material for all events throughout the year if received before each events printing deadline.

The full plan is available online at [www.VillageOfDowns.org](http://www.VillageOfDowns.org), but below I have provided you with a quick summary of our planned events. To donate or sponsor an activity/event, please write a check payable to the "Village of Downs Events Fund" and specify Event Fund, if applicable, which fund to apply it to. We will send you a receipt of your donation. Thank you very much for your donation and consideration

- 1) Garage Sale Days (May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) - \$200 expense budget
- 2) Village Cleanup Day (May 17<sup>th</sup>) - \$800 expense budget
- 3) Dooley Park Car Show (May 18<sup>th</sup>) - \$1,200 expense budget
- 4) Memorial Day Recognition (May 24<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup>) - \$0 Expense Budget
- 5) Independence Days Celebration - \$13,500 expense budget
  - a. Freedom Run & Walk (June 28)
  - b. Concert in the Park (July 3)
  - c. Independence Day (July 4)
- 6) Downs Fright Fest (All October) - \$5,178 expense budget
- 7) Veterans Breakfast (November 8 or 9) - \$300 expense budget
- 8) Christmas in Downs (All December) - \$5,300 expense budget
- 9) Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (March or April, 2015) - \$400 expense budget

I sincerely thank you for your consideration and any support that you are willing to provide either by monetary donation and/or volunteering.

Sincerely,

Mike James,  
Mayor

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## Downs Event Advertising Order Form

Please return form along with check, payable to Village of Downs and put Event Fund in the memo, to: Village of Downs, 211 S. Seminary St., PO Box 18, Downs, IL 61736. You may place form and payment in the 24 hour drop box at the Village Hall. Please email advertisement business information and logo to [info@VillageOfDowns.org](mailto:info@VillageOfDowns.org). Questions contact Mike James at 309-830-7374. The race sponsor T-Shirt deadline is June 13, 2014.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advertisement Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Booklet with advertisements:

- ☐ Full page \$150 (8.5in x 5.5 in)
- ☐ Half page \$100 (4.25 in x 5.5 in)
- ☐ Quarter page \$75 (4.25 in x 2.75 in)
- ☐ Business Cards \$50 (3 x 2)

### Events Donation

- |  |              |
|--|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200           | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100           | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50            | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$ _____ | Event: _____ |

### Sponsorships:

#### June 28, 2014 – 5k Freedom Run race and 1 mile walk

- ☐ \$100 Finish Line sponsorship – Provides half page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Finish Line and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the race event.
- ☐ \$100 Breakfast sponsorship – Provides half page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Breakfast and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the race event.
- ☐ \$50 Race Sponsorship – Provides business card ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, and announced at the race event.
- ☐ \$25 Sign Sponsorship – Provides name listed on the course signs

#### July 3, 2014

- ☐ \$100 Concert in the Park – Provides half page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Pavilion and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event.

#### July 4, 2014

- ☐ \$150 Fireworks – Provides full page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Volleyball court and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event
- ☐ \$150 Entertainment – Provides full page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Volleyball court and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event
- ☐ \$100 Sand Volleyball – Provides half page ad in booklet, name on the t-shirt, in a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Volleyball court and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event
- ☐ \$100 Pedal Tractor Pull – Provides half page ad in booklet, on a postcard provided to participants, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the pull site and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event.
- ☐ \$100 Three on Three Basketball – Provides half page ad booklet, in a postcard advertisement provided to participants, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the courts and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event.

VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OVERVIEW  
7:00 PM  
June 5, 2014

Village Hall  
211 S. Seminary St,  
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1. Mayor Mike James called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
  2. Roll call was taken.
  3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Steven Kretz.
  4. The agenda order was set.  
Items b. and d. were flopped. Item f. was added to the discussion.
  5. Eagle Scout Project(s):  
Kyle Stinemates reported on his Eagle Scout project. He will not be landscaping around the sign by cemetery because of an issue with it being in a state right away. His plan has changed to landscaping the side of the Village Hall.  
Steven Kretz reported on his Eagle Scout project. He is extending the parking lot at Kickapoo Park into an "L" shape. Superintendent Report-  
Kevin Whitehouse reported that we had some substantial main breaks this month. The consumer confidence report was sent out in a mass mailing.
  6. Engineer Report-  
Shawn from Farnsworth gave the board an engineering review of Beecher Trails.
  7. Treasurer Report-  
Treasurer Zwilling reported that we need to approve the appropriation ordinance tonight. We have the audit coming up in end of June.
  8. The Mayoral Report and Trustee Reports can be found in the flyer.
  9. Discussion
    - a. DUMC Annexation Agreement-
    - b. Anytime Towing and Recover-
    - c. Pavilion Rental-
    - d. Water Usage Adjustment-
    - e. Building-
    - f. Living Hope annexation agreement-
  10. There was no public comment.
  11. Motion to approve Items Contained within the Consent Agenda. - Approved
  12. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda. - Approved
    - a. Motions
      - i. Motion to Approve the May 1, 2014 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
      - ii. Motion to Approve the Payment of Bills on July 5th as Approved by Clerk and Finance Trustee
      - iii. Motion to Approve the Extension of Dooley Park Hours on July 3 and 4, 2014 to 12 am Each Day
      - iv. Motion to Approve Parade Route and Road Closures During the Parade on July 4, 2014
      - v. Motion to Approve Washington St Road Closure from Lincoln to Woodlawn on July 4, 2014
      - vi. Motion to Approve Final Plat of Midwest Subdivision Tract 1
    - b. Resolutions

- i. Resolution 2014-R08 Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement Between the Village of Downs and 104 N Huff Rd
- c. Ordinances
  - i. Ordinance 2014-07 Approving 2014-2015 Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Downs
  - ii. Ordinance 2014-08 of the Village of Downs, McLean County, Illinois, Ascertain and Adopting the Prevailing Rate of Wages for the Laborers, Workers, and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of the Village of Downs
  - iii. Ordinance 2014-09 Annexing the Territory Set Forth in the Annexation Agreement Executed Between the Village of Downs and 104 N Huff Rd

### 13. New Business

- a. Motions
  - i. Motion to Approve continuance of the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to \_\_\_\_\_, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall - No Action
  - ii. Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as 4th of July Grand Marshal  
Motion amended to Approve Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bustle as 4th of July Grand Marshal. -Approved
  - . Motion to Approve Payment of Freedom Run, July 3rd and July 4th Vendors as Approved by Village Clerk, Treasurer and Finance Trustee.  
Approved  
Discussion: This is to cover 4<sup>th</sup> of July expenses that may pop up.
  - i. Motion to Post Job Opening for Assistant Treasurer. - Approved
- b. Resolutions
  - i. Resolution 2014-R09 Authorizing and Approving the Contract for Fireworks on July 3, 2014 with DCV Imports for \$7,000. -Approved

### 16. Old Business

- a. Postponed
  - i. Motion to Approve Recommended Village Donation of \$\_\_\_\_ to Steven Kretz' Boy Scout Eagle Project. No Action

17. Executive Session was not entered.

18. There was no action on Executive Session Items.

19. A motion to approve payment of bills. -Approved

20. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm. -Approved





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### Buildings Trustee Report 5/1/2014 – 6/4/2014

#### **Building permits**

Construction continues in the Cross Creek subdivision, with two building permits submitted in May and one in early June. Residents should note that building permits are required for most projects inside and outside of the home in Downs. Small outdoor projects, such as a fence, deck or shed qualify for our no-fee zoning inspections permit. Building permit forms are available on the village website.

#### **Beecher Trails**

It is still anticipated that work will begin this summer on extending water and sewer service to the Beecher Trails subdivision. A decision was made to change the proposed route of the pipes due to issues with easements.

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**Public Safety Report**

**May 2014**

**Submitted by Maureen Roach**

Mayor Mike James and Public Safety Chair, Maureen Roach met with McLean County Sheriff Mike Emery, Jon Sandage, Mike Kline and Rusty Thomas on Thursday May 8, 2014, 9 a.m. to discuss police coverage options for the Village. Some options discussed were a possible cost-share arrangement with the Tri-Valley School District for a school resource/community officer. Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding, with other police options being considered.

A reminder that Golf Cart and Utility-Terrain Vehicle permits must be renewed each year and valid May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Yearly permits are \$50. Applications are available on the Village of Downs website, within the *Document and Forms* section. An application must be submitted with payment to begin the permit process. For questions regarding permits, contact the Village Hall at 378-3221.

Maureen Roach, Public Safety Chair, 378-1477

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## PARK NEWS

Thanks to all who attended our Community Breakfast on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to socialize and benefit future projects in the park. One project that we have to get completed in the next few months is cutting some of the older trees in the park. If we can get enough volunteers to help clean up the limbs and cut the trunks after we have the trees felled, we can save several hundred dollars. The village is looking for people to come in and volunteer for three hours of clean-up work, and those people would be eligible to take the logs for their own use. If we can locate enough interested citizens, we will get this scheduled for mid-August, probably on a Saturday/Sunday time. If you are interested, please e-mail [parks@villageofdowns.org](mailto:parks@villageofdowns.org); your name, e-mail address, and phone. Mary will contact you with details as things get finalized.

The Food Pantry will have their food pick-up on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. We have applied to participate in the Federal Backpack Program to benefit Tri-Valley students on the food assistance program. Hopefully, we will get approval for the upcoming school year and will benefit grades k through 6<sup>th</sup>. This will involve a weekly distribution. If you would like to assist with this program, please contact Mary at the e-mail address above or call at: 212-0594.

We are looking for a licensed sprayer to apply something on the play area to kill spider grass. Please contact Mary if you can assist with this. This has been a huge problem for us the last few years, and any suggestions as to how to kill this without affecting the kids would be greatly appreciated.

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# Village of Downs Water/Sewer Trustee Report

June 5, 2014

There are basic costs associated with providing water to residents and these costs are shared by the entire Village. I was asked recently why homeowners that do not use but a thousand gallons or less a month are paying for the first three thousand gallons of water. While it seems we theoretically pay for the first 3000 gallons whether we use them or not, that number is merely equal to a dollar amount. That dollar amount is a base rate that is a better measure of the costs of providing water to each home and which we all pay to equally share in those costs. So, after we all pay the flat rate, homeowners who consume more than that initial "3000 gallon flat rate" are charged for their usage per thousand gallons above that.

## **Fire hydrant flushing during the month of June.**

Contact Kevin Whitehouse with any questions or for further information.

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Water and sewer report for the month of May 2014

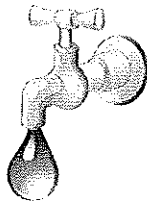
6/3/2014

The sewer lift station delivered 1,445,000 gallons to BNWRD for the month, averaging 46,600 per day. The total water pumped for the month was 2,496,800 gallons for an average of 80,500 gallons per day. The average iron concentration in the finished water was 1.36 PPM for the month. Repairs were made to a service line leak at 114 N. Gadwall. We also had a main break at 306 N. East St., a crew from Heyworth assisted in the repair. The consumer confidence report was produced and distributed by direct mail and is posted on the Village web site. Water main flushing will take place throughout June. Customers were notified in the direct mailing.

Kevin Whitehouse  
309-319-1010  
309-378-2137  
downswaterplant@hotmail.com

**MONTHLY OPERATION AND CHEMICAL FEEDING REPORT  
ON THE VILLAGE OF DOWNS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY  
FOR MONTH OF MAY 2014**

<b>REPORTER LOCATION: High service effluent pipe</b> I certify that the information in this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge:	10122 "A" Cent. Or Reg. No. Date Monthly Bacterials Sent: 5/13/2014	<b>CHLORINATION</b>  TYPE OF CHLORINE USED:  CHLORINE GAS	<b>FLUORIDATION</b>  FLUORIDE TEST INSTRUMENT  HACH DR/890 Colorimeter  0.5 mg/l NATURAL FLUORIDE OF RAW WATER	This Agency is authorized to require this information under Ill. Rev. Stat., 1979, Chapter 111 1/2, Section 10-19. Disclosure of this information is required. Failure to do so may result in a civil penalty up to \$10,000.00 and an additional civil penalty up to \$1,000.00 for each day the failure continued, a fine up to \$1,000.00 and imprisonment up to one year. This form has been approved by the forms Management Center.
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**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. We still have some forms that are outstanding. 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 any questions.

**REMINDER:** The billing due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Usually bill pay through your bank is at no fee, but you need to check with your bank. We are in the process of providing the e-pay option. Please watch for future details.

**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.



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



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee  
211 S. Seminary PO Box 18  
Downs, IL 61736-0018  
309-378-3221

### *Street Report for June 2013*

Spring is here, and with that, mowing and trimming is in full swing. We are also starting to do some spray patching and will continue as weather allows for the next few weeks. When we spray patch, the machine has to be in the middle of the road, so please be cautious and slow down.

I would like to pass along that our clean-up day was a success. Thanks to all the people that supported this effort. We did however have some issues with people dumping illegal contents into the dumpster once the drive was over. If that sort of thing continues, we will be forced to discontinue this service. We, the taxpayers, are the ones to get penalized and/or fined, if we have things in the dumpster that shouldn't be. Just please be aware. Thank you

If anyone has any vehicles they would like removed from their property, please contact me and we will get them removed at no charge to the resident.

#### **The Following Rules Apply:**

- 1) **Pick up will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 5) **NO Nails or Spikes** allowed. This causes damage to our tires. Please remove them out of anything you would like us to pick up. Your cooperation is appreciated.

From our perspective, things have gone pretty well. I'm 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,

Dan Lush - Village of Downs Trustee - Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks - 309-838-6031

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***Tri-Valley High School National Honor Society  
GARAGE SALE DAY***

***The huge annual TVHS NHS will be sponsoring their  
Garage Sale this summer on Saturday, July 19, 2014  
from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the air-conditioned high  
school commons.***

***They will accept donations of books, clothing, small  
household items, toys, etc. (Pretty much anything that  
you would see at a normal garage sale; and we ask that  
the items be clean and in good condition). Items may be  
dropped off at the high school AFTER, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday  
through Friday, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please place  
the items on the stage.***

***So, come and check out all the wonderful items in the  
comfort of the air conditioned high school commons!***



come to  
the  
**Downs Village  
Market**

See old friends...  
4 - 6 p.m.  
Wednesdays  
June - September  
Live Music Every Week  
New & Returning Vendors

Produce  
&  
More

...make new ones...

 Meat  
Crafts  
Produce  
Baked Goods  
Plants & Flowers

**Wednesdays**  
**4 - 6 PM**  
**June - September**  
(We'll be there Rain or Shine)

Remember—Local food tastes better!



### **"WEIRD ANIMALS" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*The Downs United Methodist Church* is taking a walk on the wild side at Vacation Bible School this year! Five different "weird" animals will help teach our children about Jesus' one-of-a-kind love.

Save these dates: Sunday, July 20 through Thursday, July 24 (6:00 to 8:00 pm). If you have questions, send an email to [ybs@downsumc.org](mailto:ybs@downsumc.org). You can also call the church at 378-2651. Enrollment forms will be available at the church or you can register Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is being offered to Pre-Kindergarten (potty-trained) through Junior High School (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades). This is based on the year of school they will be in the fall.

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### ***SENIOR NEWS:***

The May 21st meeting was held at Dooley Park as we hosted the Tri-Valley Middle School Jazz Band. We certainly appreciate their help with cleaning and setting up the tables etc. for the concert. They presented a wonderful program which the seniors certainly enjoyed. May birthdays: Della Prince and Joe Sutter.

June 5th was breakfast at Bob Evans and the regular June meeting is the 18th at Jack's in LeRoy.

Reminder of bake sales at the Village Market on Wed, June 11th, August 6th and Sept 3rd. The funds are used to help with the baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

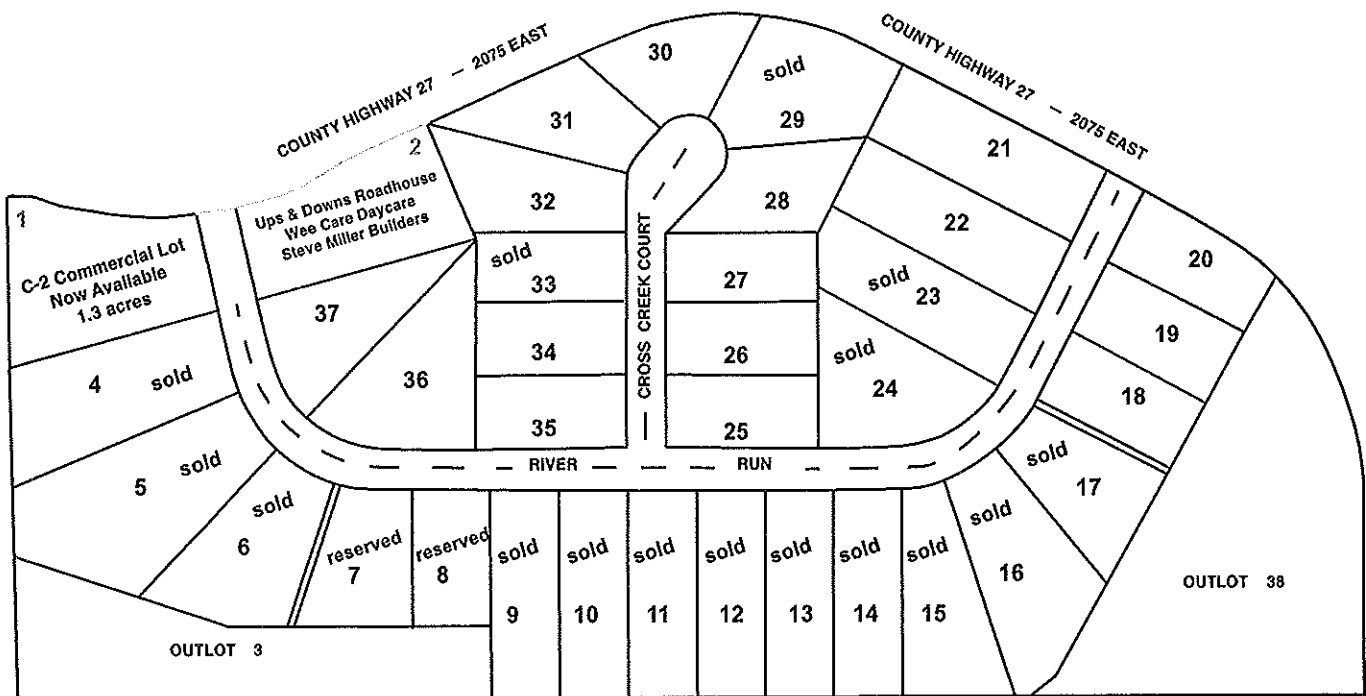
Have a safe and wonderful summer.

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## FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING COMING IN JUNE

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Committee	Don Kopack			Events Committee Chair