



**March 2012**

**Village Board Legislative Action**

**Motion** approving Ordinance 2012-10 approving the amended zoning map of the Village of Downs

Carried unanimously

**Motion** approving Resolution 2012-2011 approving Lease of Village of Downs Property to Downs Township as amended to include a termination provision and the termination will indicate that termination of this lease agreement can be made at the lessors sole discretion upon lessor giving lessee a minimum of one year written notice to be delivered to lessee at their principal place of business

Carried unanimously

**Motion** approving TIF funds for Dooley Park Pavilion roof not to exceed \$2,000.00

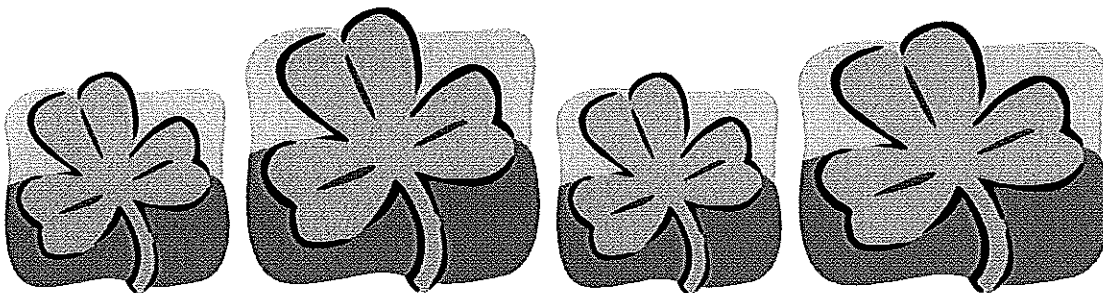
Carried unanimously

**Motion** to approve a decrease in the Sewer Contractor retainer

Carried unanimously

**Motion** authorizing approval of change order 9A and 10A to in resolution of all pending matters with Fischer Excavating

Carried unanimously



## MAYORAL UPDATE

March 4, 2012

Dear Citizens,

Last week, our engineers notified us that there was a last minute complication to our sewer completion. This required immediate action and led to delays in the connection timeline outlined in the letter sent to homeowners. At the time we sent the letters to the homeowners, we were told by our engineers there was nothing more to be done and the system was ready for connections. Unfortunately, when they inspected the pump station for one final time, engineers found one and a half years of water that had collected in the three foot main sewer pipe. During the construction, many factors lead to this water build-up: flushing and cleaning, segmental construction, water line breaks during construction, pump testing and EPA allowable infiltration. All of that resulted in a very large collection of water that had to be removed prior to any connections to the sewer lines. As of this writing, water is being pumped out of the main sewer line with the expectation this will resolve the water issue. This will allow connections to begin in the very near future. I know some of you called the Village Hall as the letter stated, and I apologize for the inconvenience and delay in finalizing your connection to the sewer. Hopefully by the time you are reading this update, the water issue has been resolved and connections can begin.

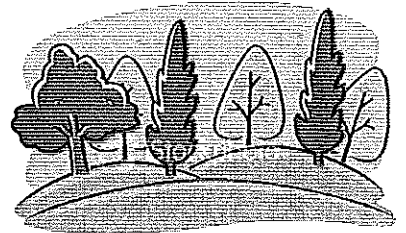
We have applied for a federal Justice Assistance Grant to replace our current police vehicle. Our current cruiser is 13 years old and in need of costly repairs. This is a 75% matching grant which would allow us to purchase a new vehicle at full price, but only have to contribute about 25% of Village funds with the rest of the cost covered through the federal grant. Notifications should be made in early April 2012. I would like to thank my wife, Angie, for helping prepare this grant and Janice Cuba and Randy Wilson for providing necessary information for grant completion.

Please help me in welcoming Kevin Whitehouse, our new Public Works Superintendent, to Downs. Kevin comes to us well qualified as he has his Illinois Class A water license and has experience working with municipal sewer systems. We look forward to improving our village infrastructure by Kevin's leadership and expertise.

There is a park clean-up day on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> so please think of ways you and your family can assist with this important spring project.

Mayor Ryan

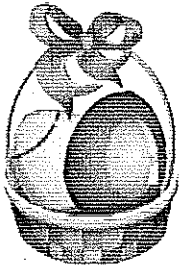
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012      Fun'd raiser is being  
Rescheduled for another date  
And location

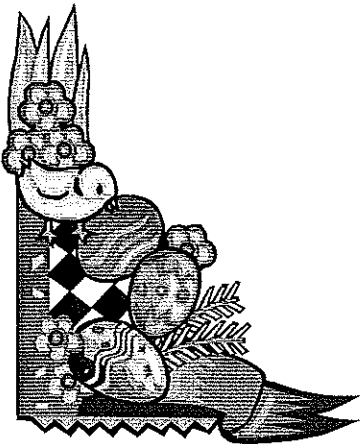
Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012    6:00 4<sup>th</sup> of July Meeting  
7:00 Park Meeting  
Downs Youth Center

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012    7:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Breakfast in the Park  
10:00 to 11:00 A.M.  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored  
By the Park committee and the Tri-Valley  
Varsity Football team.  
Both events in Dooley Park Pavilion



Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012    8:00 A.M. Walk through  
Kickapoo Park, meet at Huff Road  
Bring garbage bag and boots!

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012    8:00 to 12:00 A.M.  
Annual Spring Clean up Day  
Dooley Park All volunteers Welcomed!



The Park Committee has received notification of the resignation of Angie McLaughlin as a committee member. Thank you Angie for all your time and input to the committee and hopefully we will see you stay involved as your time permits.

This leaves an opening on the committee. If you would like to fill this opening, please contact Mary Goveia at 212-0594.

*Looking for an established market on Wednesdays?*

*Join us for our*

## **10th Anniversary Season**

*at the*

# **Downs Village Market**



**Wednesdays, 4 - 6 PM**

**June 6 - Sept. 26**

*Located at the southwest edge of Downs just off I-74,  
our market attracts customers from Bloomington/Normal  
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*Questions? Call or E-mail*

Carol 378-4223 • Cheryl & Dave 378-4396 • Jennie 825-9328 • Ruth 378-4294  
e-mail: marketmaster610@gmail.com

## TRI-VALLEY PROM UPDATE-2012

### PROM

Date: April 28, 2012

Times: 8-11pm

Location: Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

Picture Location: Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts  
beginning at 8pm

Coronation: 10pm (Parents of the Court are invited to attend)

### AFTER PROM

Location: Tri-Valley High School

Times: 11pm-3am

Activities: Karaoke, DJ/Pictures, Inflatable Obstacle Course,  
Bounce House, Basketball, Volleyball, Airbrush Tattoos, Snack  
Room/Coffee Bar, Tons of Prizes!!!

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## SENIOR NEWS

The February meeting was well attended at Jack's in Leroy. The tables were decorated for Valentine's day. Della Prince made and decorated valentine cookies for the members to enjoy. A big thank you to Della. The following birthdays were recognized: Kay Zimmerman, Betty Schenkel, Jane Corum, Edna Seibert and Pat Swearingen. Only one anniversary which was Scott & Mary Romine who were celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> on that day

The March 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast was held at Shannons.

The regular March potluck will be at the Downs Methodist church on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30. The committee is Marietta McManus and Linda Bowman.

Keep Janet Persons in your prayers as she has started taking chemo.

He is Risen!



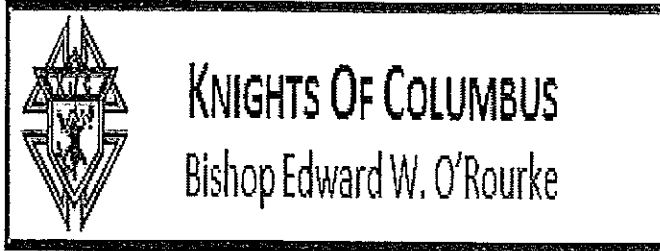
Living Hope Christian Church  
invites you to join us for our

## Easter Celebration

Sunday morning, April 8  
at 10:00 a.m. at Tri-Valley High School

A breakfast for the community will be served  
that morning beginning at 8:30 in the cafeteria

If you have questions regarding these or any other events,  
please contact Mark Moore at 838-7001



## Fish Fry Fridays !!!

The Knights of Columbus will host Fish Fry's on Friday Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, & Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> Menu: Catfish and/or Walleye, Cole Slaw, Fries, Homemade Desserts, Drinks (Grilled Cheese available for the kids). Donations \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (6-12) and Children 5 and under free. Held in our parish hall from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.



# Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse Sale

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, FOLIAGE PLANTS, VEGETABLES AND HANGING BASKETS!

**8:30 AM-2:30 PM**

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

(During Tri-Valley Civil War Daze)

**8:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Wave Petunia	Zinnia	Daylily
Vinca	Celosia	Hosta
Impatiens	Salvia	Delphinium
Gazania	Potato Vine	Gaillardia
Begonia	Dusty Miller	Herbs
Marigold	Purple Coneflower	Ivy
Pansy	Blackeyed Susan	Tomatoes
Geranium	Shasta Daisy	Peppers

***AND MUCH MORE!!!***

The greenhouse is located on the south side of Tri-Valley High School. All proceeds from the greenhouse sale will go to the Tri-Valley FFA Organization.



## 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](mailto: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.

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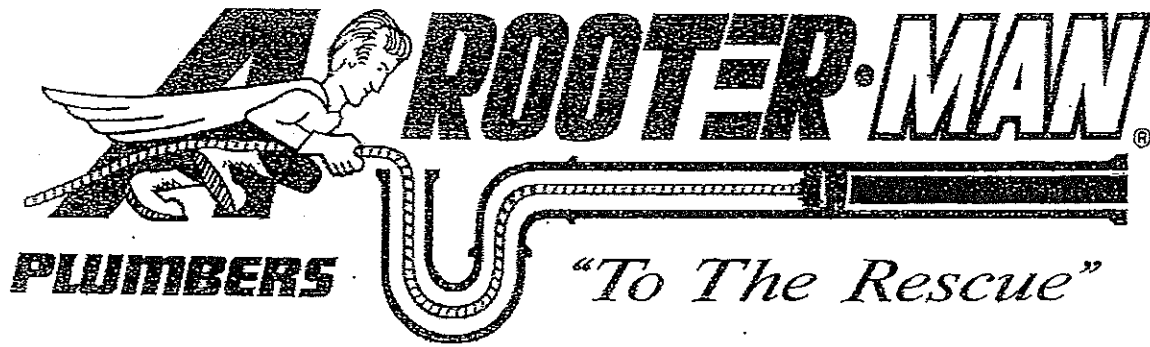
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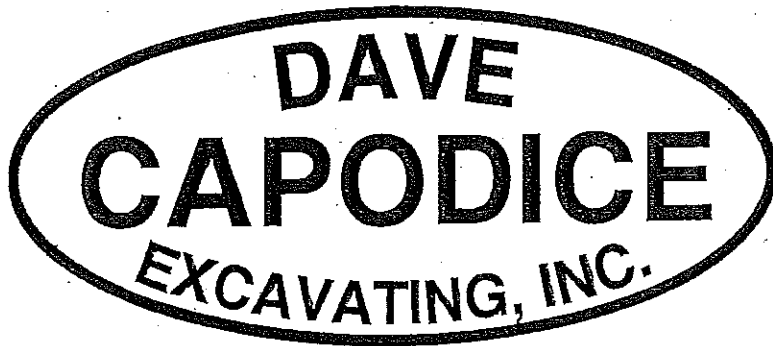
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Clerk	Tammie Keener	378-1494
Treasurer	Janice Cuba	378-4500
Trustee	Maureen Roach (Finance)	378-1477
Trustee	Mary Goveia (Parks/Youth Center)	212-0594
Trustee	Mike James (Streets)	830-7374
Trustee	Mike Sumner (Police/Garbage)	312-550-5467
Trustee	Michael Freimann (Water/Sewer)	378-1538
Trustee	Paul Myszka (Building)	684-0806
Contact person for Pavilion reservations		
	Mary Goveia	212-0594
Non Emergency		Met-Com 888-5030
Emergency	Call 911	