



April, 2012

Cross Creek Plaza- The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the Village Board approve the request of Mallard Point Development to re-zone property located in Cross Creek from C-2 (Commercial) to R-1 (Residential) and allow for a variance in total lot size. The property will be divided into 32 Residential Lots. The Board approved the Lot size variance as well as re-zoning.

Garbage Bids- Sealed bids were opened for the garbage and recycling contracts. Casali and Sons were awarded a 5 year contract.

Village Board Legislative Action

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 authorizing and accepting the bid submitted for garbage and recycling services for the Village of Downs and respectively setting the collection rates

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 amending Resolution 2009-09 approving appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-14 approving the Motor Fuel Tax Program for Fiscal Year 2012

Carried unanimously

Motion approving the recommendation from Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone Cross Creek Plaza from C-2 to R-1

Carried unanimously

Motion approving recommendation from Zoning Board of Appeals for Lot size variance in Cross Creek Plaza

Carried unanimously

Motion approving signature for Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement

Carried unanimously

Motion approving TIF 1 funds not to exceed \$500.00 for playground Equipment.

Carried unanimously

Motion approving purchase of a truck from Downs Township

Carried unanimously

Motion approving wage increase of .75 Cents for the Streets Department Employee.

Carried unanimously

Motion approving a course of action with Farmland Subdivision Developer

Carried in a 5-1 vote

EFFECTIVE WITH THE MAY 2012 WATER BILLING

Monthly garbage fee will be increased to \$ 11.50

MAYORAL UPDATE

April 6, 2012

Dear Citizens,

We are happy to announce, again, that we are ready for the entire village to connect to the new sewer system. We were waiting on a few areas to be repaired to the existing sewer pipe in Mallard Subdivision. Now that those corrections are made, we are beginning to issue permits. We have issued a few permits for connections and the paperwork process has gone very smooth. As the weather warms up, we know that many more property owners will be seeking permits for connections. We currently have four licensed plumbers that are providing the Village inspections. If you are planning to come to the Village Hall to submit your paperwork, remember that the hours at the Village Hall are Monday through Friday 8am-12pm. We look forward to providing everyone a smooth sewer connection process.

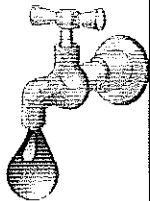
While I know this project has been a headache for some, we can finally utilize a fully operational sewer system. This project, years in the making, will put us in full compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency and will end years of sewage waste issues in our community. We should all feel very proud of this accomplishment!

At our April board meeting, the Board approved a bid for refuse collection and our service will remain with our current contractors, Casali and Sons. They submitted the lowest bid and all collection dates and times of regular garbage and recycling will remain the same. We are extremely pleased to be able to offer cost-effective curbside recycling and I strongly encourage all Village residents to take advantage of this additional service. Please see more in the flyer on this topic.

Also in March, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard from Developer Steve Miller regarding his request to change Cross Creek Plaza zoning from commercial to residential. He plans to have a mix of a few commercial buildings and 32 residential lots. In the April meeting the Village board accepted the recommendation of the Zoning Board to change the zoning and we are hopeful the Cross Creek Plaza can develop and add more single residential homes to our community.

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful spring weather!

Mayor Ryan



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.



ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CHANGE IN DUE DATE FOR
VILLAGE OF DOWNS UTILITY SERVICES

Effective **June 1, 2012** the due date for billing statements sent to households receiving utility services from the Village of Downs for garbage, sewer and water service will be due on the 15th day of the month instead of the 20th of the month. All June billing statements will be due on or before **JUNE 15, 2012**. This change in the due date is necessary to allow the Village to meet certain notice requirements applicable to the collection of past due accounts. Effective with the June 2012 billing, all billing statements will be sent out on the first business day of the month and will be due and payable on or before the 15th day of the month. We apologize for any inconvenience.

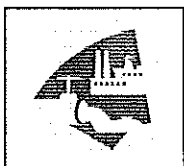
Water Emergencies such as no water or water leaking need to be reported to Kevin Whitehouse at 378-2137 or 319-1010. The water trustee is Mike Freimann and he can be reached at 378-1538.

Water Meters and Transmitters are the property of the Village of Downs. Please contact Village Hall for any maintenance needs. Tampering with this equipment is against Village of Downs Ordinances.

Should you need to make payment arrangements; those will now need to be made in writing at the Village Hall. Hours are 8-12 noon Monday through Friday.



Garbage contact is Casali & Sons and they can be reached at 309-242-9001, or contact Mike Sumner, Garbage Trustee, at 312-550-5467. With the new contract accepted by the board in the April meeting the monthly fee **effective May 1, 2012** will be \$11.50 per household. **Curbside recycling is the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Everyone is strongly encouraged to recycle**



SEWER ITEMS

Sewer Connection: Permits are being issued for sewer connections. Please remember that a **24 hour notice** is needed to schedule the connection inspection. To schedule an inspection, please contact the Village Hall at 378-3221 Monday through Friday 8-12 noon. Please remember that gutters and sump pumps are not permitted to drain into the system.

Digging may not start until a permit is issued.

Those remaining on their existing systems must also submit an application indicating that along with the active McLean County Permit that includes a drawing of the existing system.



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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

Mike James

Chairperson / Indian Hills

Lori Aldridge

Clerk

Open

Mallard Point

Lori Aldridge

Village Westside

Randall Stine

Village Eastside

Street Report for April 2012

What a great winter! Spring is here and so are the bugs!

Speaking of bugs, please read the flyer page that talks about the Emerald Ash Borer and the requirements, under law, for handling of infected Ash tree wood.

Our Spring projects have started and we have put down an extensive amount of white rock and cold patch throughout the Village. We still have some more to do, but have made significant progress. Roadside edge cutting will take place this week and will remove the hump along the road that keeps the water from properly draining into the ditches. We will also be digging out silted ditches in some bad areas to get water flowing properly.

I have completed the MFT program for this year and we passed this program at the April board meeting. The program will be sent to IDOT for approval, but I will have to wait until May and approval from IDOT before we can proceed with any expenditure of items within the program. Here are some highlights of projects I have for FY2012:

- 1) Over-under ditch/water system on Main Street
- 2) Inlets for Oak Street
- 3) Cover Seal of South Pintail from Main to South Gadwall
- 4) Culvert clean-out and repair on Woodlawn
- 5) Completion of culver and ditch work on Price St

The full budget for MFT will be available on the website. I am still working through the budget for FY2012 on the Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Fund and will have that completed by the EOM. Once this is approved by the Board, it will also be placed on the website under the Streets Department.

Finally, the speed limit reduction will be expanding to the rest of the Village in the next couple of months and the flags will be removed from the current 25 mph signs. All-way stop will be added to Price and Washington and Harvey and Fox Run. Flags will be added to the new signs to draw attention to them. Please exercise caution around these new intersections.

Financial High-Level Plan for FY2011 Street Funds as of 03/31/2011:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund			Motor Fuel Tax Fund		
Description	Actual	Budget	Description	Actual	Budget
FY2010 Ending Balance	\$8,207.17	\$8,207.17	FY2010 Ending Balance	\$17,210.99	\$17,210.99
RB Tax & GF Repayment	\$25,534.05	\$26,484.65	MFT Revenue	\$26,567.48	\$25,426.00
Total Revenue for Expenditure	\$33,741.22	\$34,691.82	Total Revenue	\$43,778.47	\$42,656.99
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$19,516.79	\$34,220.00	MFT Expenses	\$32,434.74	\$36,996.00
Net Income(Loss)	\$6,017.26	\$471.82	Net Income(Loss)	\$11,343.73	\$5,660.99
Percent of budget	57.03%		Percent of budget	87.67%	
SAS Account Balance	\$14,275.58		MFT Account Balance	\$11,345.18	

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 or email me at mike.james@mchsi.com to discuss your ANY of your concerns.

In your service,

Mike James - Village of Downs Trustee - Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

P A R K N E W S

The first 2012 Community Breakfast was a huge success! Thanks to all who came by. An overwhelming number of kids participated in our annual egg hunt, estimated at 100 or more. Thanks to the Tri-Valley Varsity Football team, Julie Hahn, Janiece Stanger, Marla Brotherton, and other volunteers who made the event a success.

Saturday, April 21st, we are looking for volunteers to help lay chips for the walking paths in Kickapoo Park. Please come to the Huff Road entrance at 8:00 with a wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, and boots if you can assist with this activity.

The Park committee is seeking **home party consultants** who would help us create fund raising money to support the Park for numerous projects we would like to do over the next few years. If you would be willing to work with us during May and June, and set up a display at our breakfast on **Saturday, June 2nd**, also Garage Sale days, please contact Mary Goveia at 212-0594.

FUN'D RAISER

TO SUPPORT THE DOWNS PARK DISTRICT

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When: April 14, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Merlot and A Masterpiece in Bloomington, IL

The park district will be sponsoring a painting class fund raiser.... An artist from the studios of Merlot and a Masterpiece in Bloomington will guide you through creating a masterpiece all your own!!!

Absolutely no experience necessary, fun relaxed atmosphere! Refreshments provided to keep the creative juices flowing.

Cost per individual is \$45, which include canvas, paints, brushes and instruction... you take your painting home and a portion of the proceeds will go to fund projects by the park district in Downs. Everyone wins!

A minimum of 15 students is needed to hold the class. Registration will close on April 10th. You may sign up and pay on the Merlot and a Master Piece website,
www.merlotandamasterpiece.com.

For more information, contact mr_broton@hotmail.com or text Marla Brotherton @ 309-261-3968.

22nd Annual Dooley Park Car Show



Sunday May 20th
Dooley Park
9AM ~ 12 Noon Registration
Fee: \$10.00
12 Noon Blessing of Cars
12 Noon ~ 3PM Judging and
Awards

Event Activities

50/50 Drawing
Door Prizes
50's & 60's Music
Food/Drink Services
Provided

*All Proceeds to the
Downs Youth Center*

Classes:

- A. Street Rods, Org./Modified Pre 1948
- B. Org./Modified 1949-1972
- C. Org./Modified 1972-Present
- D. Motorcycles All Years

PARTICIPANT JUDGING

A w a r d s

First 50 entries receive a State
of the Art, Full-Color Photo
*Dash Plaque
(*winner of this years car show
will be featured on next years
dash plaque)

- **4 ft. Best of Show
- **15 Placement Plaques for top
5 in classes A-C
- **1 Placement plaques for best
in motorcycle class
- **3 ft. Mayor's Choice

For Event Information Contact:

Dave Deerwester 309-828-4734

Myron Schroeder at email address:
teamilsoftball@aol.com

Sponsored by Downs Police Department

WAIVER & PRE-REGISTRATIN FORM—Mail to Village of Downs PO Box 31 Downs, IL 61736

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ () car () truck

Waiver Form

() cycle () special interest () tuner

I agree that anyone involved with the Dooley Park Car
Show, Downs, IL is not liable for any accidents to myself,
vehicle or its occupants.

*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
as well as surrounding small towns, who appreciate the convenience,
easy parking, and friendly, small-town atmosphere of our market.*

We welcome vendors with the following items for sale

Locally Grown and Select Regional Produce

Meat, Poultry, Eggs and Cheese

(with the appropriate certifications)

Plants and Flowers

Quality Handcrafted Items

\$10 per Week or \$60 for the Season

(The best deal in McLean County!)

Questions? Call or E-mail

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



VILLAGE OF DOWNS

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309-378-3221

Mayor
Ryan McLaughlin

Clerk
Tammie Keener

Treasurer
Janice Cuba

Zoning Enforcement
Lyndall Cuba

April 11, 2012

Re: Fourth Of July Advertising and/or Donation Solicitation

Dear Business Owner/Manager,

The Village of Downs is hosting a Fourth of July celebration this year, which includes a morning Fireman's Breakfast, Noon Parade, Children games, music, and activities that attract many people to our small town. There is also a basketball competition for youth, as well as a sand volleyball tournament. In the evening, there will be a fireworks display to commemorate our country's freedom. In addition, a 5K Freedom Run and 1 mile walk with a Fun Run for Children is scheduled for Sat, 6/30.

This year, we are selling ads and sponsorships for the various activities in different sizes to be published in a brochure that will be distributed to our town and neighboring subdivisions. This brochure will outline the activity schedule for June 30th and July 4th. These brochures will be passed out to citizens during our donation drive. Recognition of your ad purchase will be in the May, June, and July Downs Newsletter, and also listed on our new Village website at <http://www.villageofdowns.org>. Please consider purchasing an ad that aligns best with your budget.

If you would like to donate funds with or without an advertisement, this donation can be tax free for your business and you can use the order form indicating the donation as your tax receipt.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Goveia, Fourth of July Committee Chair

Village Trustees and Committee Chairs

Maureen Roach	Mary Goveia	Mike James	Mike Sumner	Mike Freimann	Paul Myszka
Finance	Parks	Streets	Police/Garbage	Water/Sewer	Building
President Pro-Tem	Youth Center				

4th of July in Downs Advertising Order Form for Brochure with Activity Schedule

Please return form along with payment 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 mr_broton@hotmail.com. Questions contact Marla Brotherton at 309 261-3968.

Business
Name _____

Advertisement Contact: _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

Attach Advertisement information here or email to mr_broton@hotmail.com.

Event Brochure with advertisements:

_____ \$100 - 4.25 in x 5.5 in size _____ \$60 - 4.25 in x 2.75 in size

_____ \$45 - Business Card Size 3 in x 2 in

Sponsorships:

June 30, 2012 5K Freedom Run race and 1 mile walk

_____ \$150 **Finish Line sponsorship** provides 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.

_____ \$150 **Breakfast sponsorship** provides 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 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 4, 2012

_____ \$50 **Children's Games** provides ad in booklet, as well as the business has the opportunity to post a banner at the Children's Games locations during the event and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the event

_____ \$50 **Baking Contest** provides ad in booklet, 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 **Sand Volleyball** provides 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 **Pedal Tractor Pull** provides 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.

_____ \$150 **Basketball Competition** provides 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.

Donation of Raffle Item:

Donation Item: _____

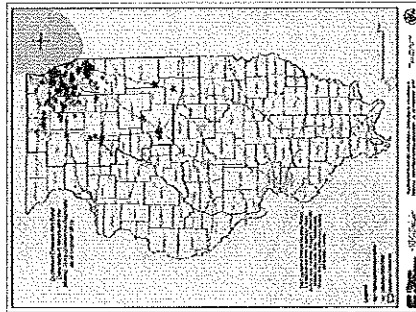
Business
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You Can Help...



**DO NOT
MOVE
FIREWOOD**

- Emerald Ash Borer can easily be transported in ash logs.
- Purchase firewood locally (within county) from a known source.
- Be sure to use all the firewood in the cold months so that no hidden EAB larvae or adults can survive on logs left through the spring.
- There are both state and federal quarantines in place that restrict the movement of ash logs, branches or other material in certain areas. The entire state of Illinois is under a federal quarantine, which restricts the movement of regulated articles across the state line. Additionally, an internal state quarantine is in effect for all or parts of 21 counties in northeastern Illinois. If you give or sell any ash stock or other hardwood originating from within the internal state quarantined area, inform the person receiving the wood of that fact and the restrictions on wood movement.



- Check www.IllinoisEAB.com for more detailed information.
- Monitor the health of ash trees. Look for dead and dying branches at the top of the tree's crown and other EAB signs and symptoms.

If You Think You Have Emerald Ash Borer:

If you suspect your tree has EAB, please take some digital photos of the tree and close-ups of the symptoms it is expressing and email those with contact info to: agr.eab@illinois.gov.

For assistance in identifying suspect insects and symptoms:

- Contact your city or village forester, arborist or public works official for assistance
- In the City of Chicago, contact 312-74BEETL (312-742-3385)
- Contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 800/641-3934 or visit www.IllinoisEAB.com
- Contact your local University of Illinois Extension office by visiting <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/index.html> or by calling 217-333-5900
- Visit www.emeraldashborer.info or <http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/>
- Contact The Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424 or www.mortonarb.org/
- Contact a certified arborist. To find one in your area, visit <http://www.illinoisarborist.org>
- Call the national EAB hotline at 866-EAB-4512.



www.IllinoisEAB.com



Division of Natural Resources
Bureau of Environmental Programs
PO Box 19281 ~ Spfld., IL 62794-9281
217/785-2427 voice/TDD



Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer, (*Agrius planipennis* fairmaire) is a small (1/2 inch long, 1/8 inch wide) metallic green beetle native to Asia. While it was first found in Michigan in 2002, it is likely that the beetle population had been established quite a few years before discovery. Discovered in Kane County Illinois in 2006, the beetles' presence has since been found in Bureau, Cook DeKalb, DuPage, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, McLean and Will counties. EAB's natural spread is moderate, but its artificial spread can be rapid by people unwittingly transporting this pest through infested firewood and landscape waste. Artificial movement of infested trees has exacerbated the EAB problem in Illinois and North America. To protect our ash trees, it is our responsibility to minimize the spread of EAB by not transporting firewood outside of its local area. Fireplace owners should buy firewood from a known local source and burn all of it before May 1. Campers should buy firewood at your destination and/or burn all wood before leaving the camp-site.



Life Cycle

The adult emerald ash borer emerges May - July and the female lays numerous eggs in bark crevices and between layers of bark. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days into larvae which bore into the tree where they chew the inner bark and phloem creating winding galleries as they feed. This cuts off the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, thereby causing dieback and death.



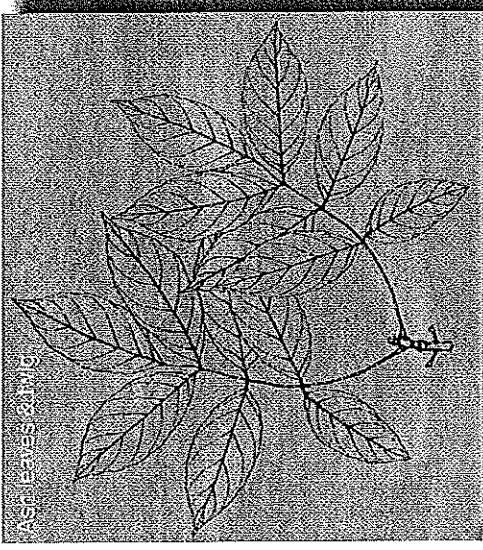
Larva



S-shaped galleries

Ash Trees

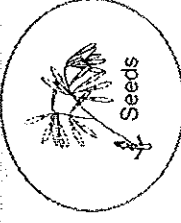
Ash trees are very common in landscapes and most species, mainly white ash (*Fraxinus Americana*) and green ash (*F. pennsylvanica*) are native to Illinois forests. It is estimated that as much as 20 percent of street trees in the greater Chicagoland area are ash.



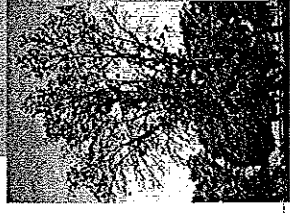
Ash leaves during

Characteristics of ash:

- Compound leaves made up of seven small, glossy green leaflets (5-9 leaflets).
- Leaves, twigs and branches grow symmetrically in opposite pairs.
- Bark of mature trees is gray and furrowed, often appearing in a diamond pattern.
- Some ash trees will produce small canoe paddle-shaped seeds.
- Seedless ash trees are common.
- Some ash produce conspicuous hard, brown "flower galls" on their twigs.



Seeds



Dieback



Sucker's on trunk or base of tree



Bark slits



Emergence hole
Shown actual size of 1/8" and D-shaped

Signs and Symptoms

The most visible sign of infestation is crown dieback. Branches at the top of the crown will die and more branches will die in subsequent years. As the tree declines, 'suckers', or new young branches, will sprout from the base of the tree and on the trunk. The bark may also split vertically and woodpeckers may feed on the beetle leaving visible damage on the bark. Successful treatments with insecticides are limited but continue to be studied. All ash trees near any new infestation will most likely become infested and die.

Adult beetles emerging from trees will leave a unique "D" shaped exit hole. This is a small 1/8 inch diameter distinctly "D" shaped hole that may appear anywhere on the trunk or upper branches.

Other Stressors:

Ash trees may suffer from a number of insect disease or other problems that can cause similar symptoms. Native borers also attack ash trees and leave different exit holes. The round or oval holes of native insect borers are not "D" shaped and are usually smaller or larger than those of the EAB.

Monitoring Violations Annual Notice Template

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the Village of Downs

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 7/10/2010 to 12/31/2010 we did not monitor or test for lead and copper and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Lead and Copper	20	0	7/10/10 to 12/31/10	6/1/2011

What happened? What is being done?

The samples were collected and analyzed in June of 2011 and this notification is to inform you of the monitoring period violation.

For more information, please contact Kevin Whitehouse at 309-378-2137 or PO Box 18 Downs, IL. 61736.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Village of Downs.

Water System ID#

IL1130500

Date distributed

04-11-2012

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

DOWNES

IL1130500

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by
DOWNES is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Kevin Whitehouse
Phone 309-378-2137

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead .

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 1 (47616)	GW		N WELL OF 2 WELLS ON SEMINARY
WELL 3 (47618)	GW		S WELL OF 2 WELLS ON SEMINARY

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Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at ~~309-378-2151~~ **309-378-2151**. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

To determine Downs's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, and Source Water Protection Plan were reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, three potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Downs community water supply wells. These include two below ground fuel storages and a fertilizer/pesticide commercial application or warehouse. Based on information provided by Downs's water supply officials, the following facilities, also indicated in the site data table, have gone out of business: Hammer's Market and Farmchem. In addition, Amaco Station has been added between I-74 and the village. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Downs Wells #1 and #3 are not susceptible to VOC or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data for the wells.

2011 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper		1.3	1.3	0.89	2	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead		0	15	4.1	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	01/01/2011	0.6	0.1 - 0.41	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)*	06/29/2009	1.6	1.6 - 1.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	12/29/2010	4	4 - 4	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	12/29/2010	0.19	0.19 - 0.19	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	12/29/2010	1	1 - 1	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	12/29/2010	0.72	0.72 - 0.72		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	12/29/2010	30	30 - 30	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]		0.04	0.04 - 0.04	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	12/29/2010	54	54 - 54			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits: Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	12/29/2010	0.013	0.013 - 0.013	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228		1.44	1.44 - 1.44	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium		2.57	2.57 - 2.57	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
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Violations Table

Consumer Confidence Rule				
The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.				
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	
CCR REPORT	07/01/2011	08/16/2011	We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that informs you about the quality of our drinking water and characterizes the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.	
Lead and Copper Rule				
The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.				
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	01/01/2011	05/27/2011	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.	
LEAD CONSUMER NOTICE (LCR)	10/02/2011		We failed to provide the results of lead tap water monitoring to the consumers at the location water was tested. These were supposed to be provided no later than 30 days after learning the results.	
Public Notification Rule				
The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).				
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	03/16/2011	05/31/2011	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.	

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SENIOR NEWS:

We missed several people last month at our March 21st meeting. The following birthdays were recognized: Aldean West, Thelma Newberry, Marietta McManus and Lori Schaefer.

The Seniors met at CJ's for breakfast on Thursday, April 5th.

Hosted by Don and Mary Lawyer and Blanche Sutton, the April 18th meeting will be held at Jack's in LeRoy at 11:30am. Everyone seems to enjoy having a meeting there.

Reminder—the May 16th meeting will be at the pavilion in the park. The Tri-Valley Junior High Band will entertain. Fried chicken will be furnished. Bring an extra dish as we serve the band lunch. Invite someone to attend!

Streets

New stop signs will be going up at Price and Washington making it an All-way stop.

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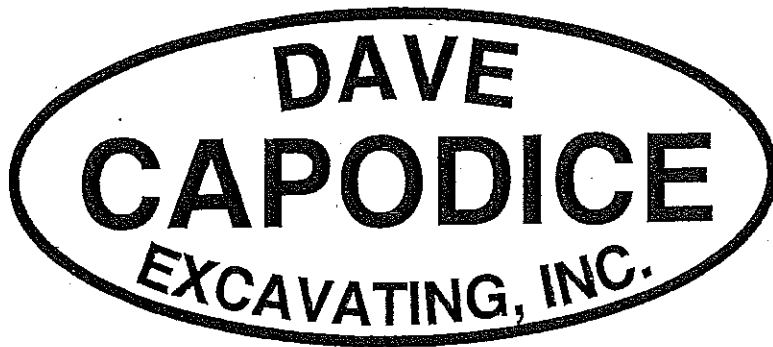
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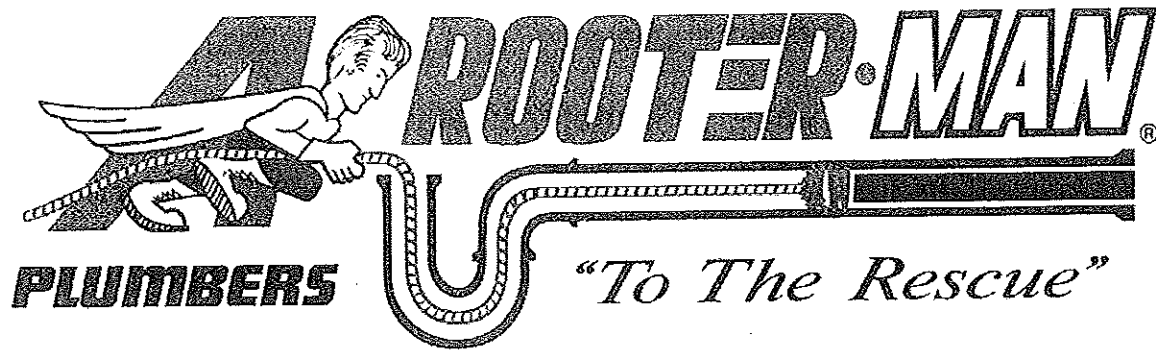
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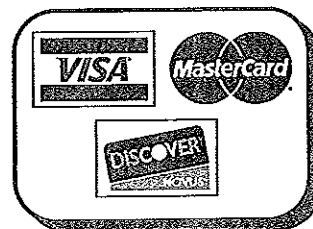
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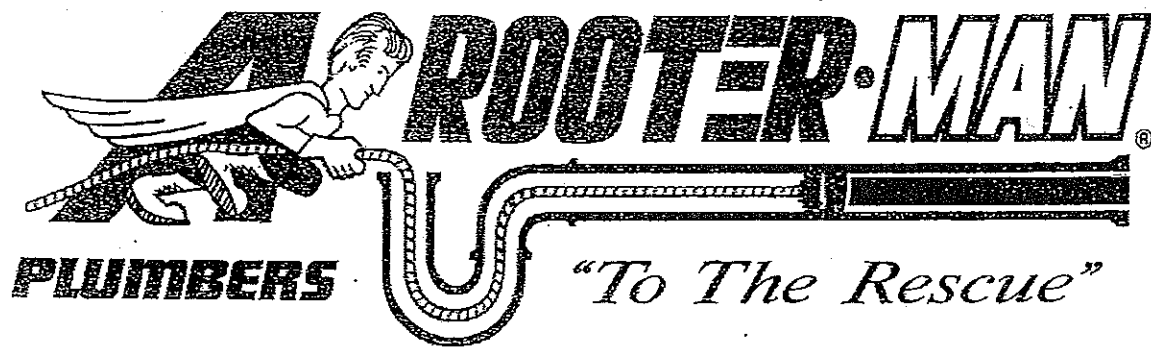


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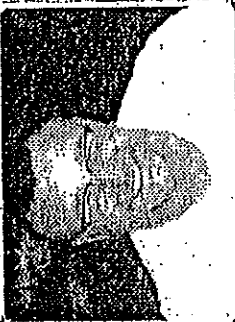
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