



May, 2012

Village Board Legislative Action

- Motion** to approve Ordinance 2012-15 amending Chapter 15
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve Ordinance 2012-16 amending Chapter 12, Article V of the Village Code with amended exhibits
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve Ordinance 2012-17 amending Chapter 20 regarding BNWD
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve Resolution 2012-18 approving the rezoning of Cross Creek Plaza from C-2 to R-1
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve Resolution 2012-19 approving frontage Lot variance from 120 feet to 100 feet for all Lots
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve Resolution 2012-20 approving the execution of the contract with Casali and Sons as amended
Carried unanimously
- Motion** to approve 2012-21 amendment #3 to the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Design and Construction of the Village of Downs wastewater system improvements
Carried unanimously
- Motion** approving balancing change orders and final quantities for Phase B
Carried unanimously
- Motion** approving signing of the Cornbelt Energy Agreement for the Pump Station
Carried unanimously
- Motion** approving transfer of monies from fund to fund by the Treasurer to conduct routine business for the Village of Downs
Carried Unanimously
- Motion** to approve Lawrence Travis for the audit for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012
Carried unanimously
- Motion** approving dangerous building abatement letter as amended
Carried unanimously
- Motion** approving usage of TIF 2 funds for well repair
Carried unanimously

MAYORAL UPDATE

May 3, 2012

Dear Citizens,

Sewer connections are progressing smoothly. We finalized all of the administrative paperwork (ordinances, loan documents, etc.) regarding the sewer project at our May board meeting. It has been a long road for this project for everyone involved. I would like to thank all of our Village Trustees, the engineers, construction firms and every one of you. Everyone in our village had several inconveniences during this massive sewer construction project. While this extensive infrastructure project is a great sign of progress for our small town, it was also a mandated requirement placed upon us due to the inadequate septic systems within our village. Now that we have a fully functional sewer system in place, residents are mandated to connect to the system, unless they can provide a copy of an active, valid septic system permit on file with the McLean County Health Department. There is an active 180 day timeline to connect to the system for those that do not have valid septic system permits. Additional detailed information is included in this flyer so please thoroughly review the informational page "Sewer Update May 2012."

It is hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. Before we know it, school will be out and children will be enjoying their summer vacations. As the weather warms again, please drive safely and be extra cautious while driving around town. Chief Deerwester's annual car show is May 20th in Dooley Park and I encourage everyone to stop by and see this year's entries. Other community events in the park are highlighted in the flyer. There are plenty of opportunities for local businesses and business owners to help support our 4th of July events and gain valuable advertising recognition through sponsorship opportunities. Again, more information is forthcoming on these opportunities.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Mayor Ryan

Sewer Update May 2012

Contractors have been at work in the Village, completing homeowners' connections to the municipal sewer system. As of May 3, about 90 permits have been granted and more than 30 connections inspected and approved. The Village is sending about 8,000 gallons of sewage per day downstream to the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District plant.

We expect that the summer months will bring even more permit applications and more completed services. Please remember that **every property owner** is required to connect to the system or prove they have a valid septic permit **by September 24, 2012**, which is 180 days from when the village began granting permits.

Village Ordinance 11-17, Chapter 19, requires that all buildings with indoor plumbing that do not have a valid McLean County Health Department septic permit and approved private sewage disposal system connect to the sewer system. **If your septic system currently discharges to a pipe that will flow into the sewer system - typically a sand filter system - you are also required to connect.**

Properties with a documented, active permit from the McLean County Department of Health will be required to connect when either the property changes ownership or when maintenance requiring a permit from the Health Department is needed on the existing system. If you need a copy of your active permit, you may request one by calling the McLean County Health Department Environmental Health Division at (309) 888-5482 and providing your property's parcel identification number found on your tax bill.

Please note that the ordinance states that *building services shall be connected within 180 days of this notice* (which was March 27, 2012). This cannot be changed without the approval of the Village. The property owner is responsible for arranging for the plumbing and service pipe work to be performed in accordance with Village Ordinances and Illinois Plumbing Code.

If you are required to connect to the system, but believe you cannot complete the connection by the September 24, 2012 deadline, please submit the application for permit with a letter proposing a new deadline and asking the Village Board to consider an extension.

Any property that fails to submit a permit application, connect to the sewer system or secure an extension before the September 24 deadline may be considered in violation of the ordinance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the sewer connection process, please call the Village Hall at (309) 378-3221. Do not forget to call the JULIE locate service (Call 811 or 800-892-0123) before digging.



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.

At the May 2012 Board Meeting the Board approved an ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Village of Downs Ordinances. It is now necessary for Billing to update their records by having **every homeowner** sign a new water application for each property. This is included in the flyer, and will be on the website by next week. The application indicates that a deposit of \$100 is due. **THIS REQUIREMENT IS BEING WAIVED FOR ALL EXISTING HOMEOWNERS.** The amendment indicates that all the paperwork be filed with the Billing Office at the Village Hall by October 1, 2012.

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.



**VILLAGE OF DOWNS
WATER DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE**

211 S. Seminary St.
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736
309-378-3221

**Payment Dropbox
Is available at the
Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St.**

Full Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Service Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Property Parcel # _____

Landline Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Date of Occupancy/Possession _____



Property Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Number _____

Cell Phone _____

Date water needed _____

Village Code Chapter 12 Section 2 TURNING ON: No water from the Village water supply shall be turned on for service to any premise by any person but the Village Water Superintendent ("Superintendent") or some person authorized by the Superintendent to perform this service. An unauthorized water turn on shall result in a **\$400 Four Hundred Dollar fine to Applicant.**

Village Code Chapter 12 Section 4 Deposit: A Deposit shall be made with each Application. The Deposit shall be retained by the Village as security to insure an Applicant's payment of all bills for water service. The amount of this Deposit shall be determined by the Village Board from time to time. When service to the Applicant is discontinued, the Deposit, less any past due or current balance owed to the Village for water service shall be refunded to Applicant without interest. **The current Deposit is \$100.**

In the event that the undersigned Applicant fails to make the required payment(s) for water service on the required date(s), an Event of Default will be deemed to have occurred on the earliest date that Applicant fails to make said payment(s). Village will allow Applicant seven (7) days from the Event of Default to cure the Default by Applicant doing one of the following: (i) tendering full payment to Village of the past due balance; or (ii) entering into an acceptable Installment Payment Agreement with Village. If Applicant fails to cure said Event of Default as provided for herein then, in addition to the assessment of late fees and disconnection of the water service, Applicant hereby consents and agrees that the Village shall be allowed to obtain a **Confession of Judgment** against Applicant in the Circuit Court of McLean County without further notice to Applicant.

By applying for water service, Applicant consents and agrees that: 1) Village can obtain said **Confession of Judgment** without extending further due process to Applicant; and 2) Village can obtain said **Confession of Judgment** for the total amount due for water service under the ordinances of the Village, less any payments previously made by Applicant, together with a **Confession of Judgment** for late fees, reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by Village in procuring said **Confession of Judgment** against Applicant.

NOTE: "Confession of Judgment" as used herein, means that in the Event of Default and failure to cure by the Applicant, as provided herein, the Village can confess a judgment against Applicant without further hearing or opportunity to dispute or object to the judgment.

Upon making application for water to be turned on at the above address, I do accept and agree to abide by all of the provisions of the Village of Downs Water Department as stated in the Code of the Village, as conditions governing the use of the Village water supply and further acknowledge, agree and accept the conditions set forth within this Application, including the **Confession of Judgment** provisions set forth herein.

Signature _____ Date _____
Applicant

Meter ID _____ Customer ID _____

Date water turned on _____

Dates used by the water billing department:

1 st of the month:	All accounts are charged for the prior month's service
15 th -18 th of the month:	Meters are read
15 th of the month:	All accounts are due in full
16 th of the month:	Late penalties are added and shut off notices are sent out.
24 th -26 th of the month:	Shut offs will be done for non-payment

PARK NEWS!!!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE 4TH OF JULY VILLAGE EVENTS

COME TO THE PARK ON JUNE 2ND, 2012 FOR BREAKFAST FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 A.M. ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE 4TH. VARIOUS VENDORS WILL BE SET UP WITH A PORTION OF THEIR SALES GOING TO THE 4TH FUND RAISING EFFORTS.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AS THIS YEAR THE FIREWORKS ARE GOING TO BE TUESDAY, JULY 3RD, AT 9:00, PRECEDED BY **SISTER GROOVE** PLAYING FROM 6:00 TO 9:00. ON THE 4TH, REGULAR EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE, WITH THE LAST BAND ENDING AT 6:00. PARADE WILL BE AT NOON AS IS THE TRADITION. **BISCUITS AND GRAVY** AND **ELVIS HIMSELVIS** WILL BE PERFORMING ON THE 4TH. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TO HELP WITH EVENTS, CALL MARY AT 212-0594 IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN HELPING COLLECT DONATIONS AND RAFFLE ITEMS, SET UP/TAKE DOWN, GENERAL CLEAN-UP, 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL, AND KIDS GAMES.

MAY 12TH IS THE NEXT DAY TO LAY CHIPS IN KICKAPOO PARK. COME LEND A BACK BETWEEN 7:00 AND NOON. WHEELBARROWS, SHOVELS, AND RAKES ARE NEEDED, AND BOOTS ARE ADVISED. CALL DAVE WITH QUESTIONS, 378-4396.

DOWN'S VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

Sales begin at 8:00 a.m.

To help market this event and raise money for park events and improvements, the Park Committee will be creating maps for this year's sales. Maps will be available at local businesses and houses included on the map the day of the sale. If you are interested in placing your address on the map, please complete the form below and return to the Village Hall. Forms and payments can be placed in the Village Hall drop box 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have questions??? Contact Mary Goveia (212-0594). Please complete this form, include your payment and place in Downs Village Hall drop box. **In order to be included on the map, forms must be received by noon, Friday, May 25, 2012.** Make checks payable to: Village of Downs.

☐ I would like my address to be included in the sale map. My \$5.00 is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

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For Event Information Contact:

Dave Deerwester 309-828-4734

Myron Schroeder at email address:
teamilsoftball@aol.com

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ () car () truck

() cycle () special interest () tuner

Waiver Form

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.

14th Annual

Intertribal Pow Wow

held at the

Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park

(The original site of the Grand Village of the Kickapoo)

June 2 and 3, 2012

Saturday June 2nd: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Grand Entry: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday June 3rd: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Grand Entry: 1:00 pm

Rain or Shine

Invited Drums: Spirit of the Rainbow, Common Road Singers,
Medicine Woman Singers

MC: Leonard Malatare

Arena Director: Randy Eggers

Head Male Dancer: Gus Hatch

Head Female Dancer: Rosa Brummett

Head Veteran: Wayne Hardwick

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Outdoor event – bring chairs

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Free On-Site Camping available, Tents and Tipis welcome

***DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED
PERSONS UNDER THE INFLUENCE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE***



Directions:

From I-55, I-39 & US 51: Go to I-74 East • From I-57 & Champaign IL: Go to I-74 West

Take the LeRoy Exit

Drive north through LeRoy to School Street, turn right

After approx. 5 miles, turn left on Road 3100 and follow the signs to the park

Questions? Contact Russ (309) 830-0233, Mike (309) 825-4977, or Linda (309) 261-3809

web page: grandvillage.org

email: grand_village@yahoo.com

Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park, Post Office Box 85, LeRoy, IL 61752

It's our 10th Anniversary!



Don't miss it!

DOWN'S VILLAGE MARKET

OPENS

Wednesday, June 6

4 - 6 PM

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Baked Goods • Quality Crafts and Handmade Items
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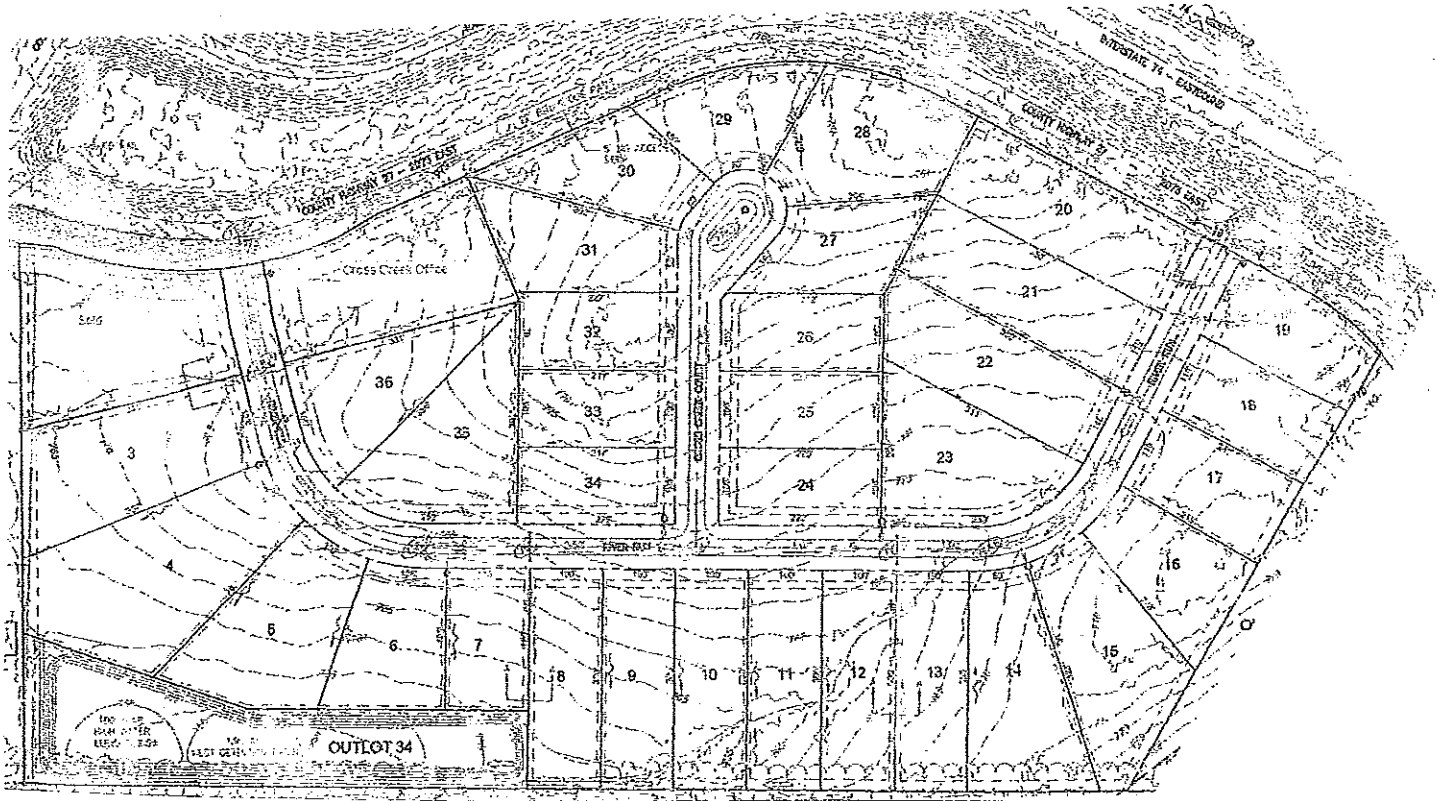
The Downs Village Market is located at the Southwest edge of Downs by the railroad tracks.
For information about the market, call Carol (309) 378-4223 or Ruth (309) 378-4294.

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Village of Downs Phone/Email Notification Process

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

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

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

Name	Address	Phone Number for Notifications	Email address for notifications

SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors met at Jack's on April 18th. A special thanks to Blanche Sutton for 'springing' for a dish of ice cream for all! Birthdays honored were: Dixie Curtis, Polly Allison and Jim Pantier.

There was a small group that met at Moraine View State Park on Thursday, May 3rd for breakfast.

The May meeting will be a potluck (chicken to be furnished) at Dooley Park on May 16th. The Tri-Valley Middle School band will be on the program entertaining us with music. We will be providing lunch for them. plates, napkins, etc. will be provided.

The committee is Edna Seibert, Jim and Lori Schaefer, Ken and Linda Bowman and Scott and Mary Romine.

The June 7th breakfast will be at Moraine View State Park, while the June 20th meeting will meet at Jack's Café in LeRoy (at your expense). Come join us at the park and listen to some great music provided by the Tri-Valley students.



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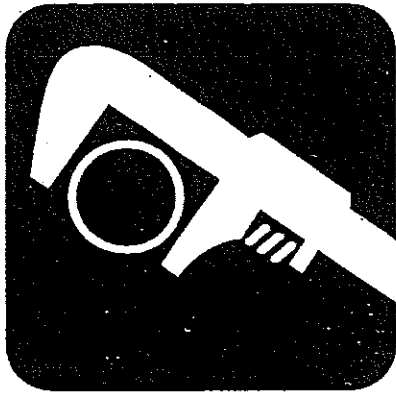
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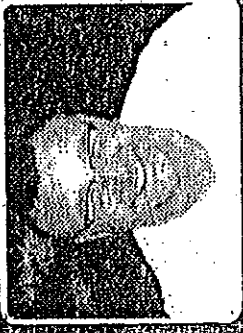
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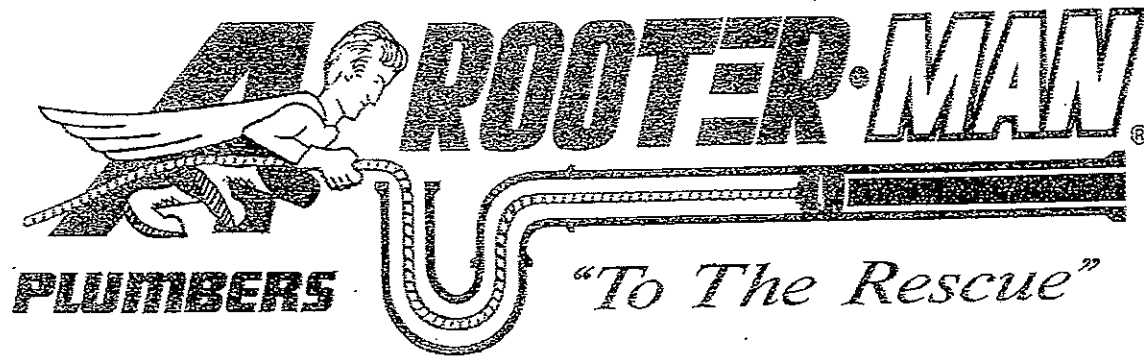
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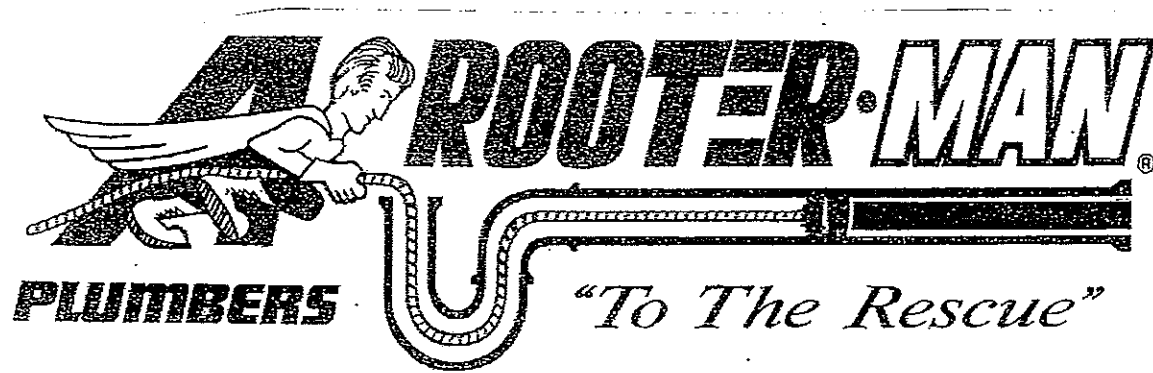
SEWER HOOK-UPS-EXCAVATING

VILLAGE OF DOWNS DISCOUNTS

PLUMBING CONTRACTOR#058-162249

JEFF 309-275-3793

OFFICE 309-378-4202



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PLUMBING #058-162249

OWNED BY MISCH FAMILY 378-4202

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SEWER CONTRACTOR CHECK LIST

1. DO YOU HAVE THE PROPER INSURANCE FOR THE JOB?
 - A. WORKMANS COMPENSATION- COVERS WORKERS IF THEY GET HURT ON YOUR PROPERTY.
 - B. LIABILITY – TO COVER ANY DAMAGES TO YOUR HOME DURING CONSTRUCTION
 - C. ASK FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE
2. DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB?
 - A.IS THE EQUIPMENT TOO BIG? IT CAN DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE YARD
 - B. IS EQUIPMENT TO SMALL? SMALL EQUIPMENT CAN DRIVE UP THE COST OF A JOB
3. DO YOU HAVE ANY REFERENCES?
4. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN IN BUSINESS?
5. HAVE YOU INSTALLED SEWERS IN OTHER TOWNS?
 - A. YOU WANT A CONTRACTOR THAT HAS EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER VILLAGES AND TOWNS



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