

MAYORAL UPDATE

July 15, 2012

Dear Citizens,

The heat and drought this summer has been a bit overwhelming, but I hope everyone is still enjoying their summer. I know that despite the hot weather the Downs Village Market has had early success. Dave Bach attended our July board meeting and provided an update on the market. Last week the Market broke their all-time attendance record in ten years. In one day over 300 visitors enjoyed the entertainment and vendors! The Sugar Creek Cloggers provided entertainment for everyone and every booth was full. This event not only provides a wide variety of vendors and goods to our town, but also encourages both village residents and those from surrounding communities into our town. Thanks again to everyone involved that make this event happen every week.

This 4th of July was especially hot and I know the heat made it difficult to enjoy outdoor activities. Despite the heat, the park events were still enjoyed by many. The fireworks show was another spectacular show, especially for the size of our community. Many thanks to Trustee Mary Goveia, the Park Committee and all the volunteers who worked to make the 2-day event a success.

As some of you may have read in last month's flyer, local residents have organized a Village of Downs Food Pantry. This local community service would have never begun if it were not for the dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and efforts. Many individuals and families right here in our village rely on this help and I am happy our local community can be there to help. We are currently collecting to meet our needs so please see the ad in this flyer. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall.

Finally, thank you to Boy Scout Troop 53 for their donation to Chief Deerwester's annual car show.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ryan

Senior News:

The group met at Jack's Cafe on Wed., June 20th for lunch. The June birthdays were Jean Hayes, Ardell Walle and Nancy Terven. Neither of them were present

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. The fireworks on the 3rd were wonderful and the weather was great too.

The July breakfast was held at Moraine View on the 5th.

The next meeting is at the Downs Methodist Church on Wednesday, July 18th for a potluck dinner at 11:30. The committee is Joe & Mary Sutter and Pat & Rosalie Phelan.

Come join the group and enjoy all the delicious food.



JULY 4TH EVENTS RECAP

As with all our Village events, we cannot put on activities without the support of our community. With the weather conditions so hot, it was feast or famine for the crowd level. Our 5K drew 59 runners, down due to the heat. The fireworks and parade brought out record numbers, and sand volleyball and the three-on-three basketball had good attendance. The crowd slowly died out due to the hot weather for the later events on the 4th. Overall, things went well, but we are short in covering our expenses, and we will have a few fund raising events to cover this deficit at a later date, probably in September. Donations are always appreciated, and can be made at the Village Hall drop box, marked for July 4th. It is impossible to name all the people and businesses that helped with July 4th, but here are a few we would like to thank.

Amie, Dave, Morgan, & Brady Mouser
Mary Jo Roop
Angie McLaughlin
Marla & Gary Brotherton
Erwin, Amy, Aaron, and Natalie Tagala
Ann Lemkuhl
Marla Cerven
Marla Brotherton
Lisa and Randy Friedman
Oak Brothers
Josh Rund
Tri-Valley FFA
McLean County Young Farmers
American Legion
Mike & Linda Mouser
Kami & Jake Myers
Jana Markwell
Megan Schummer
McLean County Neurology
Tri-Valley National Honor Society
Mitch Bricker
Logan Druessel
Jeff Cowden
Prairieland Credit Union
Troy Hall, Jostens
Prairie Woodworks
Maggie Pratt
Steve Miller
Donna Kleinlein/D K Designs
Ken and Cynthia Bays
Rooterman

THANKS TO ALL

Andre McNaught/UMC Youth
Peggy Stark
Julie Hahn
Dave and Cheryl Bach
Linda Roberts
Leigh and Rick Hayes
Janice, Lyndall, and Jessica Cuba
Ruth Hood
Mary Romine
Trevor Goveia
Blake Lishka
Travis Goveia
Blake Cowden
Shane Bruning
Grieders
Jon Nelson
Jamie Ward
Josh Roop
Tri-Valley Varsity Football
Pastor Ken Burgard, Downs UMC
Debbie Bricker
Scott Kussman
Ed, Caroline, and John Carter
Masons Lodge 221- LeRoy
Jeff and Sandy Bobst/Downs Storage
Barry Hammer/ Coldwell Bankers
Jim Soeldner
Juice Plus
Jeremy Masters
Jeff and Travis Misch
Tom Wells, Central Supply

Mary Goveia, Chair

Village of Downs Food Pantry



The following is the schedule for the Village of Downs Food Pantry

August 11, 2012
September 8, 2012
October 6, 2012
November 10, 2012
December 8, 2012.

Pickup time is from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

The Village of Downs Food Pantry will be held at Dooley Park in the pavilion or the youth center.

At the present time those being serviced are anyone over the age of 55 or handicapped.

The Village of Downs Food Pantry is only operated by donations from people or the business community. Any donation will be used to assist the residents of the Village of Downs Community.

Food donations can be dropped off at Dooley Park when the pantry is opened or by calling Edward Carter at 309-310-7452 to make arrangements to receive.

To give cash donation, please make your donations to the Village of Downs Food Pantry. Your donations may be dropped off at Village Hall or mailed to The Village of Downs Food Pantry, P.O. Box 18, Downs, Illinois 61736.

Any donation is greatly appreciated and will be used for the pantry.

Edward E. Carter
Operations Volunteer

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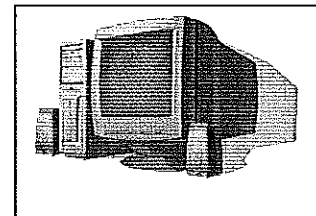
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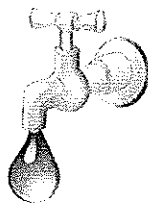
### Village of Downs Food Pantry

The Village of Downs Food Pantry has received 5 complete desk top computers that can be given to people who qualify under the food pantry guidelines of over 55 or handicapped.

If you would like one of these computers please send a written request showing your need for one of these computers to:

The Village of Downs Food Pantry  
Computer Request  
P.O. Box 18  
Downs, Illinois 61736-0018



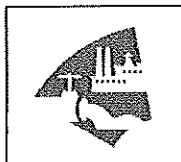


**VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING**  
211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18  
Downs, IL 61736  
309-378-3221

**Monday through Friday 8-12 noon**  
**Contacts: Ruth Hood and Janice Cuba**  
**Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.**



## **SEWER ITEMS**



**SEWER CONNECTIONS:** 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. **ALL SEWER CONNECTIONS MUST BE INSPECTED BY A VILLAGE OF DOWNS INSPECTOR BEFORE THE CONNECTION IS**

**APPROVED.** 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 the Village Sewer Application along with the active McLean County Permit that includes a drawing of the existing system.

**The 180 day timeframe for connecting to the sewer system or providing an application and an active permit expires on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**REMINDER:** The billing due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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. **Curbside recycling is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Everyone is strongly encouraged to recycle**

## **GARAGE SALE:**

The Tri-Valley High School National Honor Society is  
sponsoring a HUGE Garage Sale on  
**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
in the high school commons from  
**8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

We are accepting donations of clean, usable items  
**until Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

You can drop off your donations at the high school  
during business hours and leave the items on the stage.

Don't miss this huge garage sale  
in air conditioning!!!

So, please come out and do some shopping and  
**help support our families!**

Thanks, Shari Riley



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

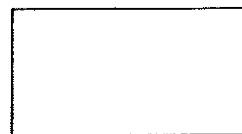
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

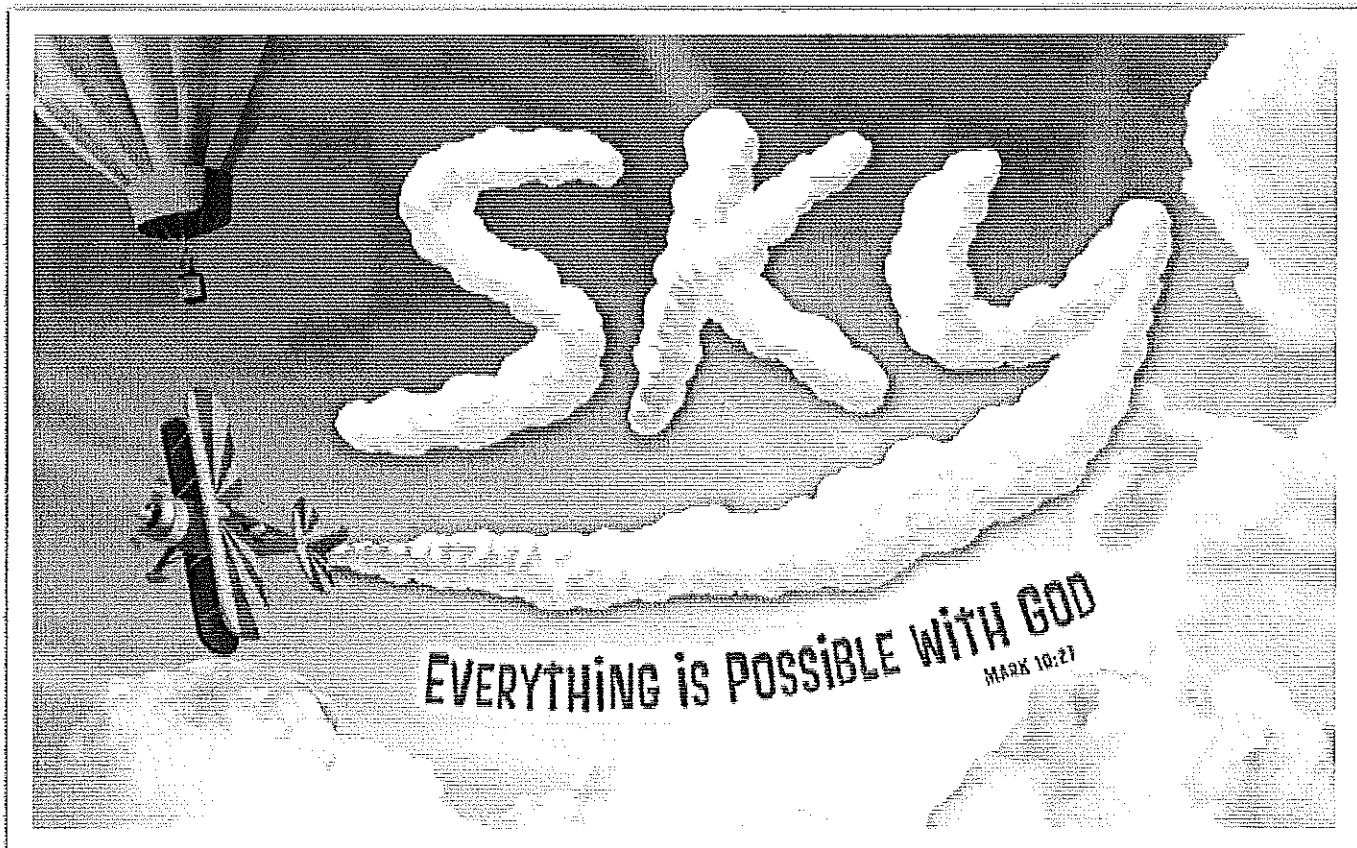
Meter ID \_\_\_\_\_ Customer ID \_\_\_\_\_

Date water turned on \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates used by the water billing department:**

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





A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at Downs United Methodist Church from Sunday, July 29 to Thursday, August, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fly Away Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at approximately 7:45 pm!

Kids at Sky will join an international missions effort to squash malaria in the African country of Mali—sending more than a million mosquito nets to protect Malian children.

Sky is for kids from pre-school to 8th grade, and adults. (High schoolers will serve as helpers.) For more information, call the church office at 309-378-2651.

Registrations may be mailed to

Downs UMC  
PO Box 49  
Downs, IL 61736-0049



## REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider giving a \$3 donation per student to attend.

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*Thank you for your consideration and have a great day!*

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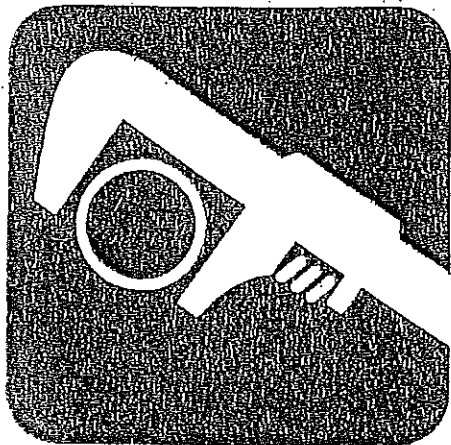
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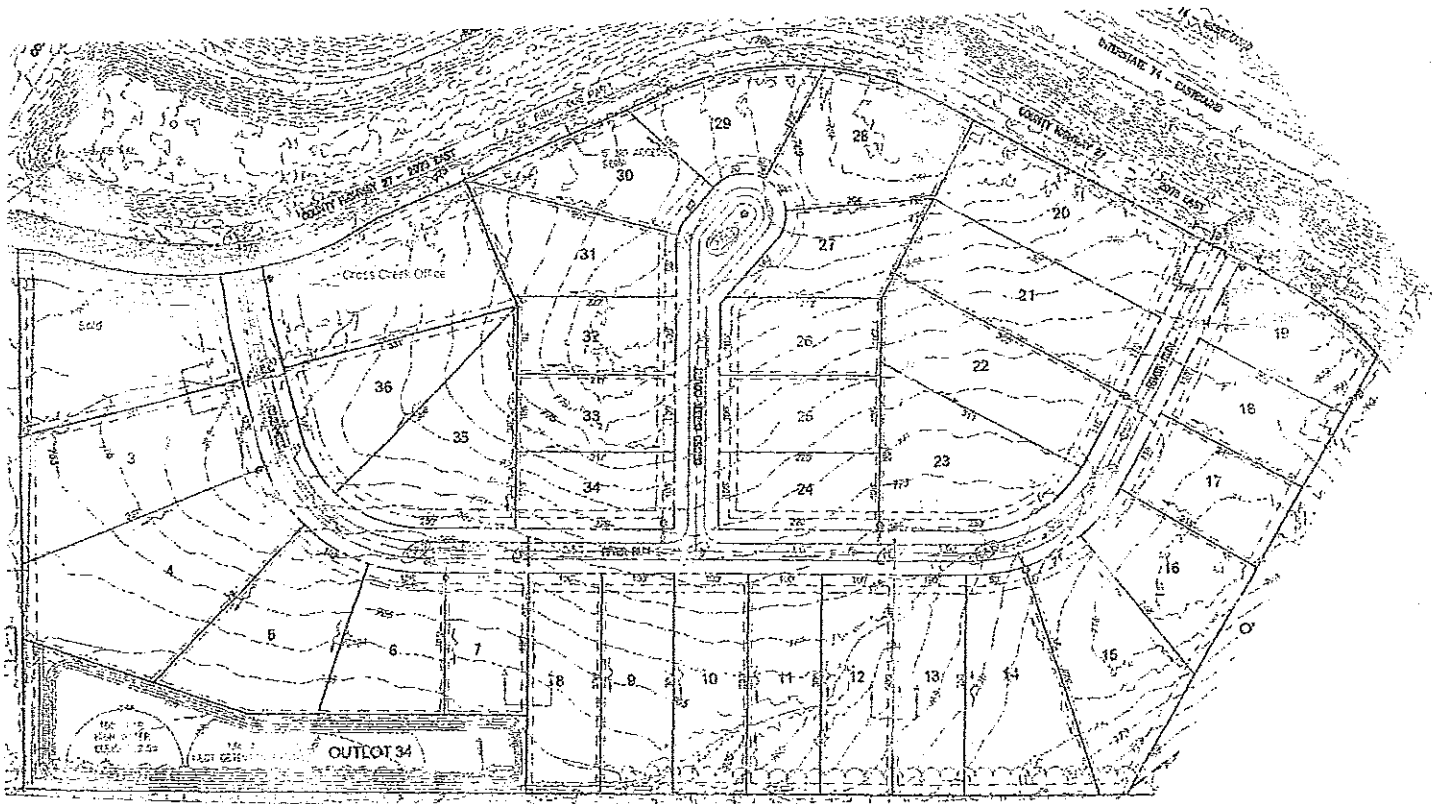
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DOWNS IL 61736

DOWNS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

|                                          |                      |              |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Mayor                                    | Ryan McLaughlin      | 378-3079     |
| 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             |              |