



News & Current Events

October 2023

From the Desk of the Mayor

It has been another busy month in the Village.

- 1) The new Village LED sign is operational and looks fantastic. Thank you, Bryant Masonry and Heartland Electric. We will need some time to determine how the sign works and formulate a program for advertising.
- 2) The Haunted House is underway and breaking records for attendance. It is great to see attendance up for one of our best haunted houses ever.
- 3) At the Board of Trustee meeting, we approved several membership renewals for water and Chamber of Commerce.
- 4) We made some changes to the policy handbook to clarify vacation accumulation and eligibility.
- 5) We approved the final plat for the Quality Oil Subdivision.
- 6) Finally, we continued the Board meeting to Oct 24, 2023, 7 pm @ the Village Hall for approving the annual audit, treasurers, and TIF report.
- 7) Linda Bowman has resigned as the Chair of the Village of Downs Zoning Board of Appeals. See recognition and announcement of opening later in the newsletter.

To get the history on the water plant, please see the June 2023 flyer.

Water plant rehabilitation:

- 1) The water plant rehab is underway. Starting with removing the current roof where the new building extension will attach to the existing building.
- 2) They hope to have the extension enclosed by winter so internal work can be completed over the winter.
- 3) The new well will be installed this fall but the bore for the feed watermain from the well will be installed before Haunted House ends.
- 4) The sewer discharge manhole and lines will be installed. This will cause Franklin and Water Street to be closed for a period in October.
- 5) We estimate the plant will come online around Christmas of 2024 and fully operational in February 2025.



Water rate increases:

- 1) Water rates will increase once the plant is operational, and this amount will be an estimated \$16. However, you will no longer NEED RO, bottled water, or water softeners.
- 2) Debt Service amount is currently slated to be \$34.07 for a total increase of \$50.06 per month. Until we know the full impact of 1% infrastructure tax increase from Roanoke being operational in 2024, we will not know how much we can reduce the \$34.07 debt service.
- 3) We hope and expect the rate increase and debt service increase will be offset by the reduced expenditure of no longer needing personal systems and 1% sales tax.
- 4) Please note that using a water softener after the new plant goes live could be harmful to copper pipes and is not recommended. Softening water to 90%+ will make your water “thirsty” for minerals and will look to copper pipes for those minerals. We expect our plant to be tailored to soften the water 70-80%.
- 5) If you have any further questions or concerns about the water, please reach out.

UPDATED: We continue to work on the following major items. Dollar amounts provided are estimates. Actual numbers will not be known until bidding and final 1% sales tax revenue is received (updates are bold and in italics):

- 1) Plans for water main extension to Downs Crossing via Rt 150, New tower, and looping dead ends:
 - a. Project will provide clean (safe arsenic levels) drinking water to Downs Crossing and make it business friendly and ready for new businesses to build. Project will increase water pressure for Beecher Trails, Village, and Indian Hills by looping the system. Project will provide increased daily water supply to Downs and increase our total stored water capacity to 250k gal.
 - b. New Phase I is presently estimated at \$2,112,461.
 - c. Phase II is presently estimated at \$2,000,000.
 - d. Pushed project out due to delay in starting water plant rehabilitation. New estimated completion Timeline: Phase I – 4/2025; Phase II – 4/2026
 - e. Received a \$1.25 mil grant from the IEPA that will mostly be applied to Phase I. Excellent news.
- 2) Downtown Streetscape and Parking
 - a. Starting the paperwork and process to get this project rolling with our \$2.128 mil



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federal grant. With the bids received for our water plant we are not sure how far this money will take us.

b. Grant is through HUD, so we have a lot more requirements.

c. *Expect to hold public hearing on the new design in Dec 2023 & then will hold another in the Spring of 2024.*

- 3) Extend Water and Sewer to Freedom Oil – *Hoerr Construction had the lowest bid to do the Rt 150 water main bore at Downs Crossing. They will perform the work in 2024 but will order the material now to preserve lower price on material.*
- 4) S. Lincoln and Colleen Lane Water and Sewer Extensions

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

In your service,

Mike James, Mayor

309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

We are looking for a Village Treasurer!

Interested?



Visit our Employment Page at:

<http://www.villageofdowns.org/village-of-downs-employment.htm>



Village of Downs Board of Trustees Meeting Overview October 12th, 2023, 7 pm @ Village Hall

Executive order **2021-9** by the Governor of Illinois allowed this meeting to be held via Zoom, telephone and at the Village Hall.

1. Mayor Mike James Called to Order the October 12, 2023, Village of Downs Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:13pm.
2. Roll Call was taken. Trustees Maureen Roach, Anna Milliken via Zoom, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel (arrived at 8:42) and Toby Twyford (arrived at 7:36pm) were present. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk Julie James via Zoom, Treasurer Julie Bakewell and Village Attorney Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. A Motion to Approve Agenda and Order was made and approved.
5. Reports can be found in the flyer.
6. Discussion
 1. Other – Nothing else was discussed.
7. Public Comment – There were a couple of questions on Zoom.
8. A Motion to Approve Items Contained within the Consent Agenda was made and approved.
9. A Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was made and approved.
 1. Motions
 - a. Motion to Approve the September 14, 2023, Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve the September 14, 2023, Village Board of Trustees Executive Meeting Minutes
 - c. Motion to Approve Road Closures: Franklin St. from Seminary to Lincoln, Water St. from Franklin to Main, Dooley Park Road every Friday and Saturday in October 2023 from 5pm - 12 am
 - d. Motion to Approve Road Closures: Franklin St. from Seminary to Lincoln, Water St from Franklin to Main on October 29, 2023, from 12 - 4 pm
 - e. Motion to Approve the Extension of Dooley Park Hours on every Friday and Saturday in October 2023 until 12 am
 - f. Motion to Approve Renewal of Membership in Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN \$100)
 - g. Motion to Approve Renewal of Membership in the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA 349.49)
 - h. Motion to Approve the Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer Attend the IMTA Treasurer's Institute
 2. Ordinance
 - a. Ordinance 2023-19 Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs



Policy Handbook for the Village of Downs Employees

3. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2023-R40 Authorizing and Approving Agreement Between PACE Analytical Services and the Village of Downs for Water Testing Laboratory Services

10. New Business

1. Motions

- a. A Motion to Renew Membership with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce for \$365.00 was made and approved.
- b. Motion to Approve FY 2022-2023 Audit – No action taken.
- c. Motion to Approve FY 2022-2023 Annual Treasurer's Report – No action taken.
- d. Motion to Approve FY 2022-2023 Annual TIF Reports – No action taken.

11. Old Business

1. Motion to Reconvene the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on October 24, 2023 @ 7 pm at the Village Hall was made and approved.
2. A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-41 Approving the Final Plat of Quality Oil Subdivision was made and approved.
3. Ordinance 2023-___ Authorizing and Approving the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between McLean County Communities and the Village of Downs for Resources and Equipment – No action taken.
4. Ordinance 2023-___ Amending The Municipal Code of The Village of Downs by the Addition of Article [Chapter] _____ Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Rights-of-Way – No action taken.

12. A Motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.

13. A Motion to Enter Executive Session for Contract Negotiations at 9:02pm was made and approved.

14. Mayor Mike James Called back to Order the October 12, 2023, Village of Downs Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:40pm.

15. Roll Call was taken. Trustees Maureen Roach, Anna Milliken via Zoom, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel and Toby Twyford. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk Julie James via Zoom, Treasurer Julie Bakewell and Village Attorney Dawn Wall.

16. There was no Action on Executive Session Items.

17. There was no Other Business.

18. Motion to Reconvene the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on October 24, 2023 @ 7 pm at the Village Hall was made at 9:40pm and approved.



Door-to-Door Sales

Ban Lifted Due to Expired Governor's State of Emergency Declaration in IL

Door-to-door solicitation permits are allowed again. Please report anyone that does not have a permit to come to your door. Please try and get their name and car make/model/color. Solicitors without a permit are subject to fine.

Billing

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING BILLING ISSUES INCLUDING PAYMENT ARRANGMENTS NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE HALL AT 309-378-3221 DURING OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.—12.:30 p.m.

REMINDER: The billing due date is the **15th of the month**. Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees.

The Village is using an **ACH** (automatic withdrawal) program. This program has NO FEE to you! If you sign up for this program, you will continue to receive your monthly bill. On the 15th of the month, the Village will withdraw the entire amount due from the checking or savings account you provided on the authorization form. Authorization forms are on the website and will need to be submitted to the Billing Office by the 1st of the month you wish your first payment withdrawal to be made.

Reminder: if an ACH comes back as NSF it is treated like a check and cash or money order is needed to cover the NSF ACH. A 2nd NSF will result in no longer being eligible for ACH and all payments will need to be in cash or a money order. Please put your service number on your payment.

All Building Permits

All Building and Demolition Permit Applications must be processed, approved, and issued a permit number **BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN**. This includes small projects, renovations, and new builds which could take up to 2 weeks to process. Please leave enough time before working on your project.

We have updated many of our forms! Make sure to print out the latest forms. Permit Forms can be found on our Forms and Applications page on the Village Website listed under Quick Links.



Water Sewer report for September 2023.

The average iron concentration for the finished water was **.68** ppm. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory, fluoride concentration was **.65**. The volume of water pumped for the month was **2.900** averaging **96,666** gallons a day. The sewer lift station pumped **2.067** million gallons for the month averaging **68,900** gallons per day.

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| • 1 service leaks | • 17 JULIE tickets within Village |
| • 0 residential leak | • 3 Streets/Water Department |
| • 1 Water shut off - moved out | • 14 outside companies |
| | • 34 JULIE tickets outside Village |

We are so excited to have the digital sign completed! Thank you Erik Bryant and Heartland Electric for all your work on getting it up and running in time for the fall/winter season events.

Water Plant changes are beginning. Lots of little steps to go through before the larger changes take place. We appreciate your patience with our mess. As they say, "Good things take time".

Our mowing season is coming to an end. The mowers did a lot of great work out there. We have heard several positive comments, which we appreciate. We strive to make sure the grounds are manicured and looking great for the Village.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out if you have any comments.

Thank you and Happy Fall.

Jill Kasprzak

Supervisor of Public Works & Maintenance

November Brush Pickup

Monthly Brush Pickup Continues

Each year, depending on our Streets Department ability, the Streets Trustee will put in the flyer if we are able to continue with this service. Debris pickup will continue, based on the Streets Trustee's direction, the first MONDAY of each month. Pickup will run from April through November (weather permitting). If the designated Monday pickup is not favorable, we will pick up on the next nice day following that Monday. The following are the rules we will follow with no exceptions.

- Items to be picked up must be burnable and free from all nails, screws, and metal (ex: Leaves, sticks, brush, branches, etc.)
- All items must be within the Village right away on curb, driveway or as close to the road as possible without creating a hazard in the road. (Note: Since we use a backhoe, in most cases, to do this work, we DO NOT want to tear up or rut yards or ditches. If we can't reach the debris from the road or a driveway, we WILL NOT pick it up.

Please note that there is NO BURNING in the ditches or on the road. Doing this causes clogging and backup in the ditches and culverts. It can also damage the road surface causing us to spend what little tax dollars we must, to fix these issues.



UNICEF works in over 190 countries to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. Food, first aid supplies, clean water, and school-in-a-box kits are some of the items we fund.

On Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00-3:00 (with a rain date of October 29th), Tri-Valley high school students will go door to door asking for donations for UNICEF. Please consider donating to this organization.



GFL Environmental

Bulk Pickup—First Garbage Day Pickup of the Month

Do not forget that the first garbage pickup of each month is our contracted bulk waste pickup for the Village. If you have a large item or a lot, please call GFL customer service prior to the scheduled pickup. Sample of items not taken - electronics, appliance with a compressor, batteries, landscaping material, bricks, block, construction material. If you have questions call GFL customer service at 309-688-0760.

Dumpster Use

Please remember, Dumpsters at residences, businesses, and parks are private and not for public use. If you have a need for a dumpster you can call GFL customer service at 309-688-0760 to order one.

Illegal Dumping

Please do not dump yard waste and ANY other items at the entrances to Kickapoo Park, Village storage land, and/or along Huff Rd South of Main St. Violators will be caught and fined accordingly!

Keep up to Date with Facebook and Village Website

Village of Downs Events

The Events Committee has put together a Facebook site for announcements, information and other social media interaction for the events within the Village. I hope you will find this useful and join ("Like") our Facebook group/site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DownsEvents/>. We also have information on our Village website: <http://www.VillageOfDowns.org>.

Other social media sites of interest are:

- You know you are from Downs FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/downsil/>
- Downs Citizens In Action (CIA) FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115323465475046/>
- Downs Haunted House FB Page and Website:
 - ◇ <https://www.facebook.com/downs.hauntedhouse>
 - ◇ <http://www.downshauntedhouse.org>
- Dooley Park FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/108924229128032/>
- Downs Freedom Run: <https://www.facebook.com/downsfreedomrun/>
- Downs GPS (Grow, Play, Stay): <https://www.facebook.com/DownsGPS>
- Downs Village Market : <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090958995532>

Ticket Sales Are Open !!

October Dates

6th & 7th

13th & 14th

20th & 21st

27th & 28th

Free Unhaunted House

29th 1:00 pm



UnHaunted House

This annual event takes place on Sunday, October 29th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We encourage the kids to dress in costume; we remove all scares, turn on the lights and pass out candy in each room. The event includes a hay rack ride, games, crafts and cookies and hot cocoa.

Dooley Park Pavilion

The Tri-Valley PTO will have a Halloween Party setup at the Dooley Park Pavilion for the kids to have a treat and play games on Sunday, October 29th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Position Open

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has a position open on its board. Please contact Linda Bowman or Lyndall Cuba if you are interested in this position. Contact information is located on the last page of the newsletter.

Thank You for Your Service

Linda Bowman

The Village of Downs would like to thank you Linda for her 32+ years of service on the Village of Downs Zoning Board of Appeals. Linda helped form the ZBA and Food Pantry. She also was instrumental in the youth center being built in Dooley Park. Linda is dedicated to improving the Village of Downs in many ways and her leadership, experience and knowledge will be missed on the ZBA. THANK YOU Linda!!

Events



Join us for the 9th Annual Cookies with Santa!

- Come and enjoy milk and Christmas cookies.
- Write and mail your letters to the North Pole.

We will have a photographer take your child's picture with Santa. After the event is over, your child will receive their picture and a letter from Santa in the mail.

Register:

<https://app.gopassage.com/events/cookies-with-santa>



Village Of Downs Food Pantry



Our Mission

To serve the people of Tri-Valley School District who need food assistance by providing monthly food boxes and to be on call to assist in any emergency that involves a need for food and emotional support.

"Serving the residents of the Tri-Valley School District."

Month	Friday	Saturday
July	14th	15th
August	11th	12th
September	15th	16th
October	6th	7th
November	3rd	4th
December	8th	9th

Distribution hours

10:00 am until Noon

Location

The Food Pantry is in the Youth Center located at the Washington St. entrance to Dooley Park.

2023 Food Pantry Distribution Schedule

Food boxes are distributed during the first Friday and Saturday after the first Monday of each month barring holidays when the distribution is usually the following week.

Contact the Food Pantry:

Linda Bowman:
309-261-3809
llbowman3@gmail.com

Bill Clark:
309-531-7884
downstwpclerk@aol.com

FY2024 Parks Committee Meetings

All meetings will be held in Dooley Park Pavilion and start at 6:00 pm.

Monday, November 6
Monday, December 11
Monday, January 8

Monday, February 5
Monday, March 11
Monday, April 8

Looking Ahead

Quick Glance at Upcoming Village Events, Activities and Meetings

October:

- 5th – Garbage Collection – GFL Bulk pickup
- 6 & 7th – Downs Haunted House: 7 – 11 pm
- 9th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 12th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 12th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall & ZOOM
- 13 & 14th – Downs Haunted House: 7 – 11 pm
- 19th – Garbage Collection
- 20th & 21st – Downs Haunted House: 7 – 11 pm, Tickets online @ DownsHauntedHouse.org
- 24th - Village Board of Trustees Continuation of Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall & ZOOM
- 26th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 27th & 28th – Downs Haunted House: 7 – 11 pm, Tickets online @ DownsHauntedHouse.org
- 29th – Downs unHaunted House: 1 – 3 pm, Tickets online @ DownsHauntedHouse.org
- 29th - PTO Family Halloween Party: 1 - 3 pm, @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 31st – Downs Halloween Trick or Treat hours, 5 – 8 pm

November:

- 2nd – Garbage Collection – GFL Bulk pickup
- 6th – Last Regular Monthly Brush Pickup for the Year
- 6th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6pm @ Pavilion
- 7th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall
- 9th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 9th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 11th – **Thank You Veterans** – Veteran’s Day
- 16th – Garbage Collection
- 23rd – **Happy Thanksgiving** – Village Hall Closed
- 24th – Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 30th – Garbage Collection

December:

- (TBD, based on volunteers) All Month – Christmas Lights in Dooley Park – Dusk – 11 pm
- 7th – Garbage Collection
- 9th – Cookies with Santa @ Dooley Park Pavilion (Tickets required)
- 10th – Cookies with Santa @ Dooley Park Pavilion (Tickets required)
- 11th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @Pavilion
- 12th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @Village Hall
- 14th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 14th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @[Village Hall](#) & Zoom
- 21st – Garbage Collection
- 25th – Merry Christmas - Village Hall Closed
- 29th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

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

FY2024 (May 2023 – April 2024) Village of Downs Event Plan

Current Plan—Subject to Change

The following describes each planned event at a high level. Further details and changes will occur during final planning by the committee or sub-committee in charge of the event. Budgets have been estimated based on last year's expenditures and revenue. Some events have been eliminated due to lack of participation or they were merged with something else.

1. **Dooley Park Cruise-In** – This event will be held Saturday June 3rd in Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.
2. **Village Cleanup Day** – This event will be held on the first Saturday in June each year. We hope to have containers for garbage, recycle, electronics, batteries, tires (extra fee). Home pick up can be arranged for a donation.
3. **4th of July** – This event will be the first of two large events for the Village. This year will be a one-day event.
4. **Freedom Run** – The Freedom Run will be held July 15th and is a 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run held at Tri-Valley Middle School & High School.
5. **Creepy Car Cruise-In** – This event will be held Saturday October 7th in Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.
6. **Downs Haunted House** – This event will be the second of the two large events. This event will be every Friday and Saturday in October until Halloween. The Un-Haunted House for kids will be on the last Sunday in October. The Haunted House and Un-Haunted House event will continue to use the ticketing system adopted in 2021.
7. **Cookies with Santa** – This very popular family-oriented event providing free picture(s) with Santa for the family and/or kids, cookies, and drinks. Cookies with Santa will continue to use the ticketing system used last year. The event will take place the first Saturday and Sunday in December in several sessions to be announced later.
8. **Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt** – This event will be hosted in Dooley Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, and will involve the areas Churches for the egg hunt. The host for the family breakfast before the egg hunt in the park is TBD.

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

Video/Audio Information for Public Meetings which use Zoom

Broadcast for Village Board of Trustee Meetings Will Continue

Persons who wish to attend in person are allowed at the meeting location shown on the agenda without special consideration. Both Audio and Video are available using a computer or smartphone using the information below. If you don't have access to the internet you can dial-in for audio only using any telephone via the information below. Please keep your phone muted until called upon for your question or you need to make a follow-up comment during your 5-minute time (See rules for public comment).

You may submit comments or questions via the following methods:

- Online chat during the meeting
- During the "Public Comment" item on the agenda using conference call audio/video
- e-mail the clerk@villageofdowns.org
- Text the Village Clerk 309-830-7373

Video/Audio conference call information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/uzvjsq6>

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: VOD2020

Dial by your location: (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: 682969

Dooley Park Pavilion

How to reserve the Pavilion for an Event:

Pavilion reserved dates are posted on the calendar at villageofdowns.org. To reserve the pavilion for an event or a meeting or to find open rental dates, contact the Village Hall **between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday** at 309-378-3221.

You can download the rental agreement and clean-up checklist from the village website. Click **forms and applications** on the homepage, then click **Pavilion rental agreement** and **checklist** separately to download and print the two forms. You can also pick the forms up at the Village Hall. When you pay your rental fee at the Village Hall, you'll receive a passcode and directions for its use which gives you access to the pavilion during the period of time you've rented. **The code will ONLY work during the times you indicate on your reservation form.**

Before leaving the pavilion after your event, complete the clean-up checklist and leave it on the kitchen counter. **Cost** - \$50.00 for a regular rental or \$25.00 for community service organizations

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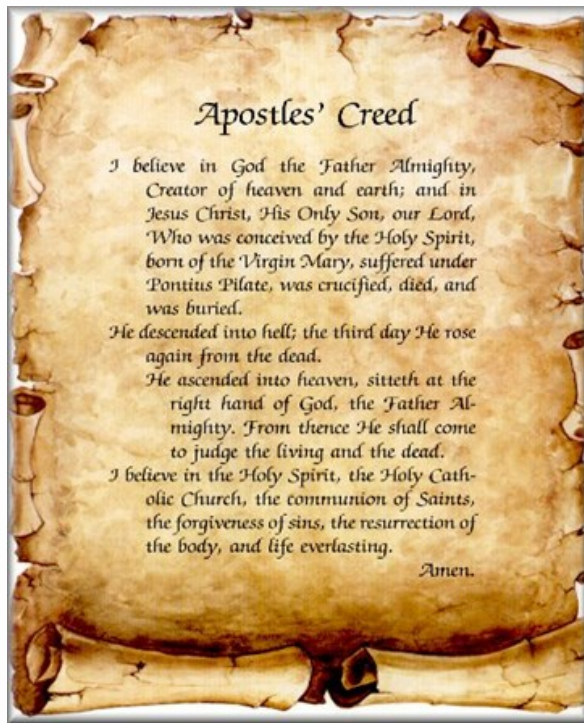
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New Sermon Series starting

October 29th through

November 19th

"Minding the Store"

Minding the Store



Up and Coming Events

- **Tuesday mornings** at 10am there is Bible Study. We offer in person or Zoom. If you would like to Zoom, please contact the office at 309-378-2651.
- **Next Gen Ministries** (children's and Youth Ministries) are Wednesdays, K-Sr High meet 5:30-8pm. Please check the website for times for the grades you are interested in, or call the office at 309-378-2651.
- **Tuesday, October 31 5-8pm**
TRUNK OR TREAT The majority of our "trunks" will be in doors, so come check them all out!



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10:45am - Noon



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Village Of Downs

Officials & Contacts

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Trustee	Brian Warfel	309-261-0183	streets@villageofdowns.org	Building
Trustee	Anna Milliken	309-242-8980	finance@villageofdowns.org	Streets
Trustee	Toby Twyford	309-830-3448	publicworks@villageofdowns.org	Public Works
Trustee	Stephanie Adkisson	309-212-8345	parks@villageofdowns.org	Parks
Trustee	Sarah Gassaway	309-261-2540	building@villageofdowns.org	Finance
Treasurer	Julie Bakewell	309-378-5677	treasurer@villageofdowns.org	
Water Plant	Jill Kasperzak	309-319-1010	downswaterplant@gmail.com	Public Works
Streets Building	Jill Kasperzak	309-319-1010	VODStreets@gmail.com	Streets Supervisor
Police	Joshua Dingler	309-622-2207	downs.Village.pd@gmail.com	Police Chief
Non-Emergency	MetCom	309-888-5030		
Emergency		911		
GFL Disposal	Customer Serv.	800-935-5652		
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