



Village of Downs

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From the Desk of the Mayor June 2017

This month our Board agenda was very light. We took the time to finalize changes to Chapter 16 as proposed by Trustee Roach and myself. Other trustees are working on revisions to other chapters. I hope to have updated/reviewed all our Village Code by the end of this year. This isn't an easy process and takes many hours outside our normal meetings to review/interpret and sometimes negotiate/compromise on this code. We often look to other areas towns and villages for guidance.

We also passed our annual prevailing wage compliance ordinance and our loan ordinance to complete the backhoe trade with Downs Township. Various other motions passed were in preparation for upcoming events for June, July and August.

I continue to monitor what is happening at both the State and Federal levels regarding potential funding for our water plant improvements and main extension to Downs Crossing. I have met with Corn Belt Energy to review the proposed permanent resolution to storm water drainage at Downs Crossing. I hope to have the public hearing and plan before the Village Board of Trustees for consideration in August or September.

I am also working on a request for proposal document for the downtown parking lot and streetscape design. I plan to have a draft before the Board in July and approval in August. The plan will need to look at all areas in and around the downtown for potential parking lots and how to improve our Seminary St. streetscape with new sidewalks, lighting and ADA compliance.

Finally, I continue to monitor the progress with the RR track abandonment. We have asked the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to represent us. We still don't have all the needed details to answer some important questions already posed, but please send me your concerns via email so I can track and answer them as we get more information. I am aware of the letter that has been sent to adjacent property owners regarding the abandonment and lawsuit against the Federal Government.

Please contact me if you have concerns or want to discuss anything regarding the village.

Thank you for your support.

In your service,

Mike James, Mayor

309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

Other Positions and Committee Chairs

Police Chief
Josh Dinger

Public Works Superintendent
Kevin Whitehouse

Treasurer/Budget Officer/TIF Administrator
Julie Bakewell

Zoning Enforcement
Lyndall Cuba

Zoning Board Chairperson
Linda Bowman

A Look Ahead

QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

June:

- 1st – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 2th & 3rd – Village of Downs Garage Sale Days for June
- 3rd – Downs Clean-up Day 7 am – 2 pm @ Haunted House Shed on Franklin
- 3rd – Movies in the Park presents: “School of Rock” – rated PG-13 movie starts at dusk (~8:30 pm)
- 7th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 8th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 14th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 19th – Parks Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 21st – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 28th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

July:

- 1st – Freedom Run: 5k Run, 1 mile walk and Kid Fun Run (4th of July fundraiser)
- 1st – Movies in the Park presents: “The Sandlot” – rated PG movie starts at dusk (~8:30 pm)
- 4th – Independence Day Celebration – All Day Dooley Park
- 5th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 6th – Annexation Public Hearing & Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 12th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 13th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 19th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 26th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

August:

- 2nd – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 3rd – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 5th – Movies in the Park presents: “Turbo” – rated PG-13 movie starts at dusk (~7:30 pm)
- 9th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 10th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 16th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 23rd – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 30th – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

Door-to-Door Sales

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

As Spring arrives so do outside companies coming to your house to try and sell you something. All these companies must have a permit from the Clerk prior to knocking on your door. You should always ask them to show it to you before talking with them. If they don't have one, please write down their name, description of what they are wearing, and try to get all the information you can on their vehicle (license plate, make, model, color). Please call MetCom (309-888-5030) and give them this information so we can track them down. Doing this is very important to keeping our community safe.

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

Volunteering

SHORTAGE

Last month this section was in the Mayor's Report, but it now needs its own space and will be here until the problem gets corrected. Did you know that 100% of the towns that don't have any 4th of July celebration anymore are because of lack of volunteers?

We need volunteers to step up and help. Even a single hour would be appreciated. Too few are doing too much. If they stop, the village will NOT have the resources to put on even the bare minimum of events. Please don't expect others to step up and help. We don't generally don't ask or beg for help. We expect you to tell us how you want to help. For example: "I can help with event X" or "I have X amount of time" or more specifically, "I want to do X".

We ARE VERY appreciative of any help provided and THANK all our current volunteers for EVERYTHING they do. We often have more non-Downs residents volunteering and that is troublesome. No more complaining about why we don't have maps for garage sales, or no activities at 4th of July or something is not the same as it used to be. It is that way, because you choose not to help. I hope you will help change that this year.

Streets Trustee Position Open

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE TO YOUR VILLAGE

The Mayor will be accepting letters for consideration for this position. Your term of office will be the remaining months until April 30, 2019. If you decide to continue, you will need to run for a two-year term in the 2019 April election. You will be paid \$125 per regular or special board meeting.

You are eligible to be a Trustee if you are a registered voter and a resident of Downs for at least one year prior to the date of the election. A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)] s.

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“The Sandlot” – Rated PG

JULY 1, 2016 MOVIE IN THE PARK ~ START TIME IS 8:30 PM

“Turbo” – Rated PG-13

AUGUST 5, 2016 MOVIE IN THE PARK ~ START TIME IS 7:30 PM

The Events Committee will be showing two more movies in Dooley Park this summer. The movies will be shown the 1st Saturday of each month (July and August). 7 pm the park will open for you to arrive with your blanket, chairs, picnic, bug spray, drink, etc. for a family night in Dooley Park.

The movie will start at dusk. We will have free popcorn and cotton candy along with the free movie for you to enjoy. If it is raining, we will hold the movie in the pavilion. We hope to see everyone there to enjoy this event. Please contact the Events Committee if you are interested in sponsoring one of our movies.

WE NEED SPONSORS TO HELP KEEP THIS EVENT FOR NEXT YEAR! Sponsoring will get any promotional material put into the pre-movie PowerPoint and displayed at the movie.

Grand Marshal

JULY 4, 2017 – CONGRATULATION PAUL AND BROOKE MYSZKA!

Paul and Brooke Myszka were nominated and selected by the Village of Downs Board of Trustees as this year's 4th of July parade Grand Marshal. As the nominee wrote: "I would like to nominate Paul and Brooke Myszka. Paul was instrumental in helping Trustee James establish a Streets Committee to set direction for the newly formed streets department from 2009-2011. He later became an elected Trustee and served as both Public Works and Building Trustee from 2011-2015. Paul designed the new village hall and spent countless volunteer hours working on the building. Brooke and Paul are always volunteering to help with Events within the village and never say no. We need more young parents like Paul and Brooke Myszka in Downs that volunteer their time and talents."

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

Village of Downs Independence Day Celebration



The Village of Downs Independence Day celebration will offer the following:

- 1) July 1st Freedom 5k Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kid Fun Run 4th of July Fundraiser
- 2) July 4th Parade, Music, Food, Sand Volleyball Tournament, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and Shooting Contest, Kids Activities and Fireworks

On the back is a *tentative schedule* for the activities and events and subject to change.

The budgeted expenses for this event are ~\$13,000. Please consider donating to help offset our costs and/or volunteering, even if only for just an hour. Volunteering is another great way to help out and is appreciated just as much as a monetary donation.

Downs events are funded through donations, sponsors and if-needed Village funds. Write a check to the Village of Downs Event Fund and drop off at the Village Hall.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____ Check #: _____

Event you want donation to be used for: _____

Comments or Suggestions: _____

I would like to volunteer to help, please call: (_____) _____ - _____

Receipt #: _____

Independence Day Celebration Schedule

Note: Schedule subject to change and probably will

Saturday, July 01, 2017

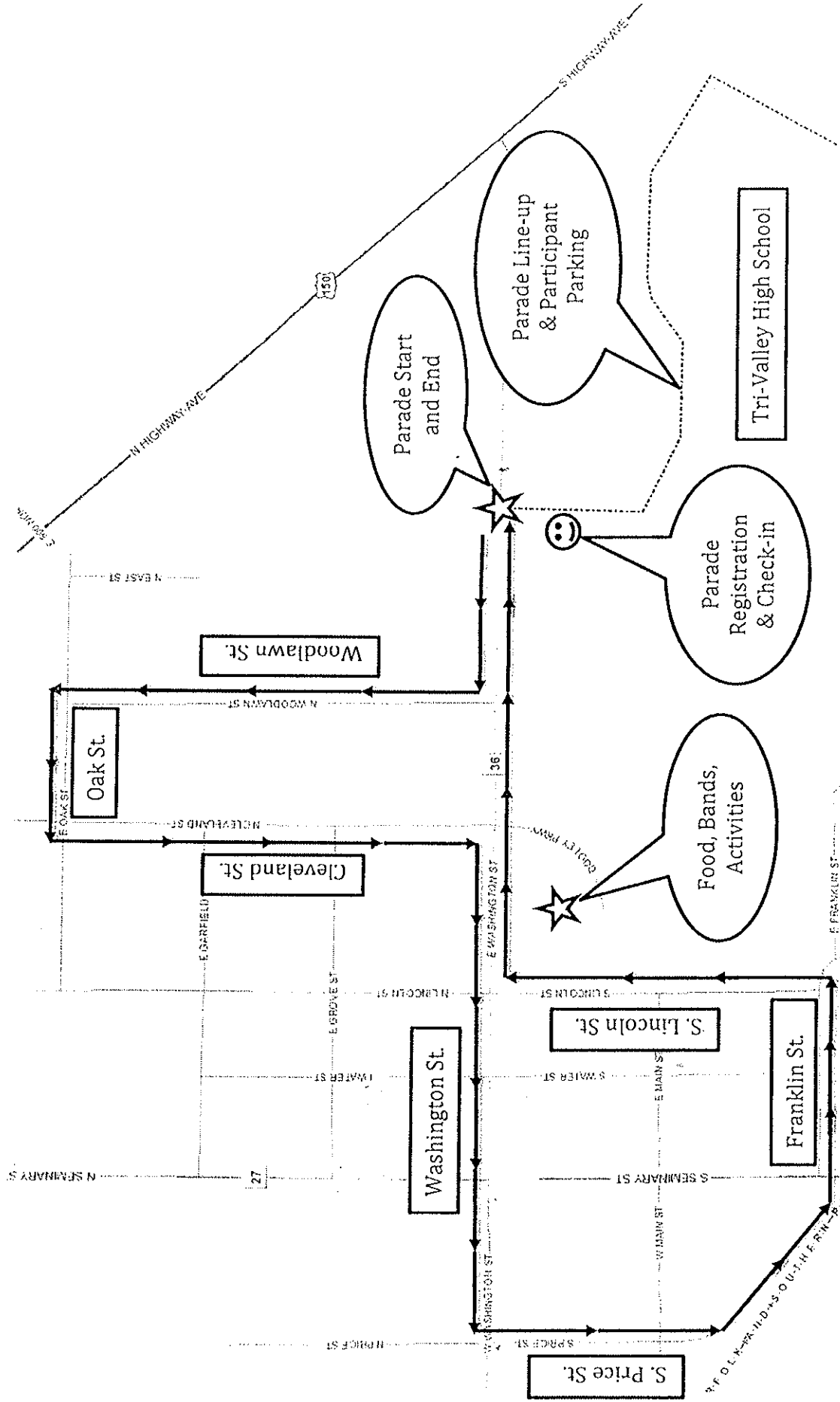
<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Freedom 5k Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kid Fun Run	Tri-Valley Middle School
7:00 am – 10:00 am	Community Breakfast	Dooley Park Pavilion

Tuesday, July 04, 2017

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 am – 10:00 am	Fireman's Breakfast	Downs Fire Dept.
9:00 am – Complete	Sand Volleyball Tournament	Dooley Park
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	DJ	Dooley Park Pavilion
11:00 am – 10:00 pm	Food Vendors	Dooley Park
11:00 am - Complete	3-On-3 Basketball Tournament and Shooting Contest	Dooley Park Basketball Court
12:00 am (Starts)	4 th of July Parade	Village
1:00 pm	Mayor Address and Grand Marshal Introduction	Dooley Park Pavilion
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Kiddy Games and Activities (if volunteers received)	Dooley Park
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Band: Kyle Yap	Dooley Park Pavilion
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Band: Gas Road Riot	Dooley Park Basketball Court
9:10 pm	Announce Fireworks Remote Starter	Dooley Park Basketball Court
9:15 pm	National Anthem by	Dooley Park Basketball Court
9:17 pm	*Fireworks	Dooley Park/TV

* Reschedule date, if needed due to wind or rain, is July 7, 2017 @ 9:15 pm (Dusk)

Village of Downs 4th of July Parade Map



* Register online at www.VillageOfDowns.org to be a participant in the parade. Parade starts at noon and you will need to be checked in and lined up by 11:45 am

Downs Event Donation/Ad/Sponsor Order Form

Please return form along with check, payable to Village of Downs and put Event Fund in the memo, 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 mayor@VillageOfDowns.org. Questions contact Downs Village Hall 309-378-3221. * The Freedom Run Sponsor T-Shirt deadline is June 15, 2017.

Business Name: _____

Advertisement Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Event Booklet with advertisements:

- ☐ 2 - Full page \$250 (8.5in x 5.5 in)
- ☐ Full page \$150 (8.5 in x 5.5 in)
- ☐ Half page \$100 (4.25 in x 5.5 in)
- ☐ Business Cards (1/4 page) \$50 (3 x 2)

Events Donation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | Event: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$ _____ | Event: _____ |

Sponsorships:

June 3 or July 1 or August 5, 2017 (choose your Movie to Sponsor) – Movies in the Park

- ☐ \$300 Platinum Movie Sponsor – No other sponsor for the chosen movie will be allowed. 2 - Full page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at Dooley Park Pavilion and their sponsorship will be announced at the movie.
- ☐ \$200 Gold Movie Sponsor – Full page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at Dooley Park Pavilion and their sponsorship will be announced at the movie.
- ☐ \$100 Silver Movie Sponsor – Half page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material to be posted at Dooley Park Pavilion and their sponsorship will be announced at the movie.
- ☐ \$50 Bronze Sponsorship – Business card ad in booklet *for the year*.

July 1, 2017 – 5k Freedom Run race and 1 mile walk

- ☐ \$100 Finish Line sponsorship – Provides half page ad in booklet *for the year*, name on the t-shirt, a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, as well as the business can post a banner at the Finish Line and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the race event.
- ☐ \$100 Breakfast sponsorship – Provides half page ad in booklet *for the year*, name on the t-shirt, a postcard advertisement in the registration packet, the business can post a banner at the Breakfast and their sponsorship will be announced throughout the race event.
- ☐ \$50 Race Sponsorship – Provides business card ad in booklet *for the year*, name on the t-shirt, 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, 2017

- ☐ \$100 Fireworks – Half page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at Dooley Park Pavilion and their sponsorship will be announced prior to fireworks.
- ☐ \$100 Entertainment – Half page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at band or DJ location and their sponsorship will be announced by the band or DJ.
- ☐ \$100 Sand Volleyball – Half page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at volleyball court.
- ☐ \$100 3-on-3 Basketball – Half page ad in booklet *for the year*, business can provide any advertising material or banner to be posted at basketball court.



2017 Village of Downs 5K Freedom Run, 1 Mile Walk & Free Kids Run

LOCATION, DATE & TIME

- Start: Tri-Valley Middle School
505 E. Washington, Downs, IL
- Saturday, July 1, 2017
- 5K Run/1 Mile Walk: 7:30 a.m.
- Finish & Kids Run: TVHS track

REGISTRATION: 5K & 1 mi. Walk Only

- **Pre-Register:** Mail form and \$20 donation (check payable to Village of Downs) to the address below. Form & payment must be received on or before noon on 6/30/17.
- **Pre-Register Online:** \$20 donation (+ \$2.09 fee) before noon on 6/30/17 on Eventbrite's site:
<http://bit.ly/2p1LMzR>
- **Race Day:** July 1, 6:30-7:15 a.m. at TVMS.
\$25 – cash or check accepted.
- **Early Race Packet Pick Up:** June 30, 5-7 p.m. at Tri-Valley Middle School.
- **No refunds will be given.**

Like us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/downsfreedomrun

DESCRIPTION

- The Village of Downs, IL is hosting the 7th annual Freedom Run to raise funds for the 4th of July not for profit celebration.
- The 5K (3.1) is a flat course run through the Village of Downs. The 5K is timed by the Lake Run Club. The run will start at Tri-Valley Middle School and end on the Tri-Valley High School track. The untimed 1 mile walk will be incorporated into the 5K route. Free Kids Fun Run (10 & under) immediately following 5K on the track.
- Guaranteed t-shirt to those whose paper registration is postmarked by June 16 or whose online registration is received by June 16.

AWARDS

- Medals awarded to Overall Male and Female Winner & the Top Age Group Finisher for Men and Women: 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. There are no awards for walkers.
- Ribbons given to all Kids Fun Run participants.

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS

- If you would like to volunteer or donate to sponsor this event, please contact Kim Jensen

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kim Jensen
Phone: (309) 825-4668
E-Mail: kimbaj27@yahoo.com

Village of Downs 5K Freedom Run/Walk Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Runner: _____ Walker: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DOB: _____ Age on 07/01/17 _____ Male _____ Female _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

Amount Enclosed (non-refundable): (Checks Payable to Village of Downs) _____

Adult Shirt Size (100% cotton): S M L XL

For consideration of the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Village of Downs, Tri-Valley CUSD #3, McLean County, The Downs Township and other sponsors and supporters for all claims and damages, demands, actions, whatever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the Village of Downs 5K Freedom run. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and trained to participate in this event. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Send to: Downs Village Hall
Attn: Downs Freedom Run
211 South Seminary Street
Downs, IL 61736

Date: _____ Signed: _____ (Parent or Guardian must sign if under 18)



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OVERVIEW
7:00 PM
June 1, 2017

Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St,
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736

1. Mayor James called the June 1, 2017 regular Village of Downs Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Roll call was taken with Trustees Roach, Goveia, Keylin, and Twyford all present. Trustee Gassaway was absent. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk James, Treasurer Bakewell and Village Attorney, Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.
4. A motion to approve the agenda order was made and approved.
5. All reports can be found in the flyer.
6. There was no public comment.
7. A motion to approve items contained within the Consent Agenda was made and approved.
8. A motion to approve Consent Agenda was made and approved.
 1. Motions
 - a. Motion to Approve the May 11, 2017 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve the Extension of Dooley Park Hours on 6/3/2017, 7/1/2017, 7/4/2017 and 8/5/2016 until 12 am
 - c. Motion to Approve Washington St Road Closure from Lincoln to Woodlawn on 7/4/2017
 - d. Motion to Approve Dooley Park Road Closure on 6/3/2017, 7/1/2017, 7/4/2017 and 8/5/2017
 - e. Motion to Approve Payment of Budgeted Expenses for July Events as Needed and Approved by Village Clerk, Public Safety Trustee, Treasurer and Mayor
 - f. Motion to Approve Parade Route and Road Closures Required During the Parade on 7/4/2017
 - g. Motion to Approve Josh Roop as 2017 4th of July Grand Marshal
 2. Ordinances
 - a. Ordinance 2017-09 Authorizing an Installment Agreement to Purchase A 2006 Caterpillar Backhoe, Model No. 430e From Downs Township to Be Paid Over a Period of Time Not to Exceed Sixty Months
 - b. Ordinance 2017-10 Approving an Ordinance of the Village of Downs, McLean County, Illinois, Ascertain and Adopting the Prevailing Rate of Wages for the Laborers, Workers, and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of the Village of Downs
9. No action was taken in new business.
10. There was no old business.
11. A motion to approve payment of bills was made and approved.
12. Executive Session was not entered.
13. Action on Executive Session Items-No action taken.
14. A motion to adjourn at 9:28pm was made and approved.

Julie James
Village of Downs Clerk



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Letter From the Chief

Good day to all that read this,

Last month we had a few calls that have kept us busy. We have dealt with domestic issues, attempted suicide issues, vandalism, as well as solicitors. We stopped more vehicles this month for speeding on Seminary, as well as the disregard for stop signs. We will be using the speed trailer to help reinforce our message.

Looking back on our numbers and the recent issues we have faced, our crime rate is down since I have started. I have bragged about that whilst others are staying the same or increasing. Those numbers are the result of hard work on the reactionary side of law enforcement, but they are also the results of many hours spent on our proactive endeavors and our ability to work with the parents. Your protection is always at the top of my list, how it gets worked on has gotten us positive results. Those actions are not always seen, but they are felt.

Now that summer is upon us, we will be putting more hours into patrol. We will keep up with our on going process to slow traffic down on Seminary, Washington, and Huff road. With summer here, please check in on your loved ones a bit more frequently, we do not want heat related incidents to happen. Be aware of your pets as well, make sure they have plenty of water to make it through the long hot days. If you have concerns feel free to let us know. The Village has forms for complaints so we can address them as they come up. We will look into creating a meet and greet with myself and our new Officer Brian Hempstead this summer.

Thank you,
Chief Dingler

Other Positions and Committee Chairs

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Josh Dingler	Kevin Whitehouse	Julie Bakewell	Lyndall Cuba	Linda Bowman



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, Janice Cuba, Cheryl Bach
Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



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

REMINDER: *The billing due date is the 15th of the month. Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees. In May there were 3 actual shut offs due to non-payment.*



If using on-line banking to make your payments please be aware that the Village does not receive the funds via a transfer. Physical checks have to be sent to the Village, so time for the checks to arrive through the mail needs to be allowed for. Usually bill pay through your bank is at no fee, but you need to check with your bank.

Another option for payment is epay. There is a link on the Village of Downs website (villageofdowns.org). Please note that there is a fee for this service. When using this service the payment is not settled immediately and can take a couple days, so please allow for this in making your payment.

E-BILLING IS BEING EVALUATED. IF INTERESTED IN THIS SERVICE PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO: downsvillagehall@hotmail.com

The annual water report link is:

https://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/1071/2017_ccr_report.pdf

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 Toby Twyford and he can be reached at 309-830-3448.



All properties with access to the sewer main will be required to connect on or before June 1, 2019 or 180 days when any of those properties change ownership. Additionally, any new building constructed on property within 200 feet of the sewer line will also be required to connect.

Those that have not paid the BNWRD fee need to be aware that the fee is currently \$2,975. Monthly bills now include the BNWRD Property Tax. This is not an optional fee, and the Village is responsible for paying this to BNWRD.



Garbage contact is Area Disposal and they can be reached at 800-935-5652, or contact Maureen Roach, Public Safety Trustee, at 830-3606.

REMINDER: Yard waste, construction materials and electronics will not be picked up by the garbage company. Items containing Freon need to be drained before being placed out for garbage pickup. Please have garbage to the curb by 6am on pick up day.



Curbside recycling is the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, unless there is a holiday during the week then pickup will be Saturday. Please be advised that there is to be NO styrofoam, plastic bags and lids from bottles when recycling. Please have recycle to the curb by 6am on pick up day.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Village of Downs

IL1130500

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of
January 1 to December 31, 2016.

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 Downs is Ground Water.

For additional information regarding this report contact:

Name Kevin Whitehouse

Phone 309-319-1010

e-mail downswaterplant@hotmail.com

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes 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 runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from 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.

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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, The EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The 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 at (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		
Well 1	Ground Water	North well of 2 wells on South Seminary
Well 3	Ground Water	South well of 2 wells on South Seminary

Source Water Assessment

We want our customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. The source water assessment for the Village of Downs water supply has been completed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water superintendent at 309-319-1010. 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 EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

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Source of Downs Water: 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 the Downs 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 gas station has been added between I-74 and the Village. Based on this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Well #1 and Well #3 are not susceptible to IOC 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.

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

Water Quality Tests

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

Definitions:

Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and /or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant level or MCL:	The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant level Goal or MCLG:	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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Water Quality Tests

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

Definitions:

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL:	The highest level of disinfection allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG:	The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MLDRLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
NA:	Not applicable.
mrem:	Milli rems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).
ppb:	Micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	Milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

2016 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Water Quality Test Results

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	8/9/2014	1.3	1.3	0.25	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	8/9/2014	0	1.5	2.5	1	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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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	12/31/2016	1.3	0.47 - 2.27	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2016	24	24 - 24	No goal for total	60	ppb	No	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.
Total (THM) Trihalomethanes	2016	16	15.5 - 15.5	No goal for total	80	ppb	No	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Arsenic	2016	3.5	3.5 - 3.5	0	10	ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production waste.
Barium	2016	0.19	0.19 - 0.19	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2016	0.599	.599 - .599	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2016	0.92	0.92 - 0.92	4	4	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.

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Regulated Contaminants

Manganese	2016	35	35 - 35	150	150	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (Measured as Nitrogen)	2016	0.04	.04 - .04	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2016	47	47 - 47	X	X	ppm	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2016	0.0083	.0083 - .0083	5	5	ppm	No	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	7/22/2014	1.76	1.76 - 1.76	0	5	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	7/22/2014	0.159	.159 - .159	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

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**TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
GARAGE SALE for CHARITY**

Are you cleaning out closets and getting rid of things to make room for all the Christmas presents you received? Start gathering your clean, usable items for the 5th annual NHS GARAGE SALE will be held on SAT. , JULY 22nd from 8:00 AM through 1:00 PM!

We only have some limited storage available , so we would really appreciate it if you would hold off dropping your items at the school until this summer.

Please DO NOT donate TVs, PRINTERS or any other ELECTRONICS.

Last year we made over \$6,000 from the items that were donated by our wonderful community members! The money raised at this sale helps families in our district in need.

The money that we raise has helped pay for filling propane tanks for heat, groceries, rent, school supplies and many other things. Please contact Shari Riley at sriley@tri-valley3.org, if you have any questions.

Water and sewer report for May 2017

6/1/2017

The average iron concentration for the month in the finished water was .40 PPM. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory. Fluoride concentration sample was at .669 mg/l, within the goal range of .6 to .8mg/l. Water pumpage for the month was 2.441 million gallons, averaging 78,700 gallons a day. Hydrant flushing and elevated use contributed to the high water pumpage. The sewer lift station pumpage for the month was 2.162 million gallons, averaging 69,700 gallons a day. No water leaks were detected this month. The PDC courier was used to deliver our water quality samples to the lab this month, eliminating the need for me to drive them to Peoria. The iron sludge was vacuumed out of the red water filter, making room for several more years of deposits. The IEPA mandated Consumer Confidence Report is complete and ready for distribution via internet at http://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/1071/2017_ccr_report.pdf and Village of Downs.org. Paper copies can be obtained at the Downs Village Hall.

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June 2017 Parks Report

School's out, summer's coming, and parks' activities are on the rise. If you have an event you'd like to hold in Dooley Park pavilion, go to the calendar section at villageofdowns.org to see available dates. Pull down the forms and applications tab on the homepage and scroll to parks. You'll be able to print the rental application and checklist forms needed to rent the pavilion. Turn your paperwork into the Village Hall Mondays through Fridays between 8:00 AM and Noon. Pay your rental fee. Then pick up the key from the Village Hall during their working hours shortly before your rental date. The calendar is filling up, so it's a good idea to reserve your date early.

We are working on a number of upkeep projects and finishing a few ongoing ones. They include pest control, cleaning, and minor spruce-ups for the pavilion, urinal repair and grounds upkeep at the Community Center, fence repair, fan installation and lightbulb replacements in Dooley Park, safety check for the playground equipment, grounds upkeep in McManus Park, and completion of Parks' inventory.

Many thanks to all who help our parks! Thanks to Cornbelt Electric for their donation of fence poles. Thanks to the Downs Township crew for installing the fence. Thanks to Dave Bach for mulching trees in Dooley Park. Thanks to the Streets crew for mowing and trimming and keeping our parks looking lovely. Thanks to all who've rented the pavilion and left it looking great after their events.

The Food Pantry and Parks Committee thank the Good Sam's Club from the United Methodist Church for their wonderful and generous donation of a freezer! It will not only store needed food, but it is energy efficient and will help with utility bills. Thanks also to the Rural Carriers Food Drive for donating 650 pounds of food collected in Downs! Thanks to all who contributed to their drive. Thanks in advance to the Downs Village Market who will donate leftover produce from their markets this summer to the Pantry. The Pantry is once again in full operation. They distributed 37 boxes during the month of May and plan to do the same in June. In the words of Linda Bowman, "Thanks to all the volunteers, supporters and donors, this project has been truly blessed this year. It's **such** a blessing, I can't believe it!"

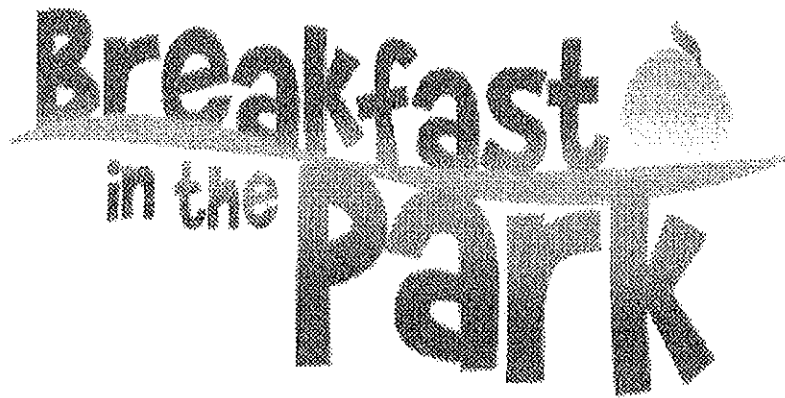
We had an unfortunate instance of vandalism in Dooley Park. Someone spray painted the playground equipment. Thanks to citizens of Downs, we found out about it right away. Thanks to Chief Dingler for promptly checking it out.

Parks committee participated in two prairie restoration workshops recently. The Parklands Foundation held a walking information tour of their Merwin Preserve. It's a beautiful area and includes some prairie wetlands. It was great to see a living example of what we're aiming for in Kickapoo Park. A Community Forestry Workshop sponsored by The Morton Arboretum, the USDA, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Trees Forever provided great detailed information on trees including how to care for them, taking tree inventories, tree selection, and engaging the community in tree projects. The workshop also provided many excellent resources for information, hands on help and funding.

The Fourth of July is nearing and with it comes **Park's Freedom Run Breakfast Fundraiser** set for **Saturday, July 1st from 7 until 10 AM at Dooley Park Pavilion**. Come before the 5k race, cheer runners on from the Pavilion, and celebrate the finish with a home cooked breakfast in Dooley Park. See you there!

Our next Parks Committee meeting is on Monday, June 19 at 6:00 PM in Dooley Park Pavilion.

Enjoy the Freedom Run and have



After the race, enjoy a home cooked meal with friends
and family! Come to the Parks Committee's

BREAKFAST AT DOOLEY PARK!

Saturday, July 1, 2017

from 7AM to 10 AM

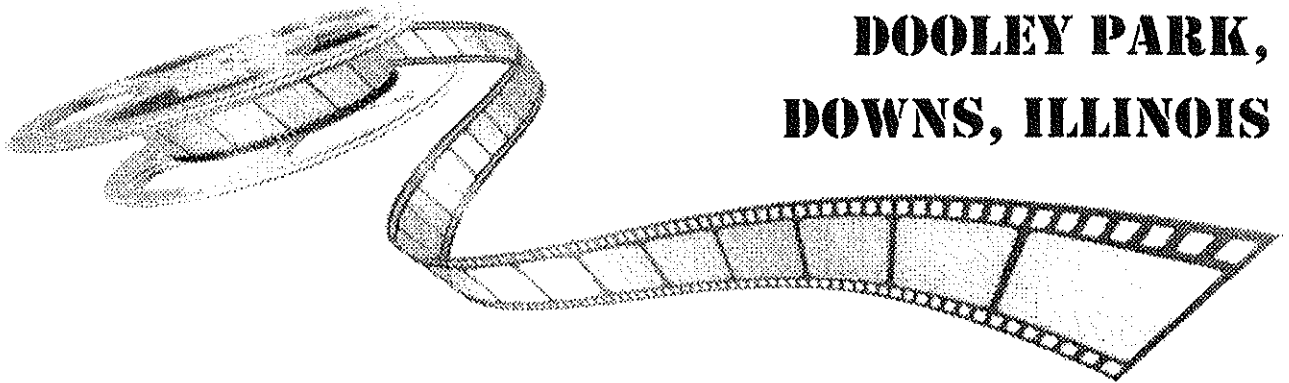
in Dooley Park on Washington St., Downs IL

Fill your plate with eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy,
casseroles, fresh fruit, sweets, juice and coffee
served buffet style.

[Donations to Dooley Park appreciated.]

“MOVIES IN THE PARK”

**DOOLEY PARK,
DOWNS, ILLINOIS**



FREE MOVIE, FREE POPCORN, FREE COTTON CANDY!

Light up sticks for cotton candy can be purchased for a \$3.

Bring your own drink, blankets, chairs, bug spray, etc.

We hope you will join the community for a family night out at the movies. If it rains, the movie will be moved inside the pavilion. The park road will be closed to eliminate any disturbance during the movie time.

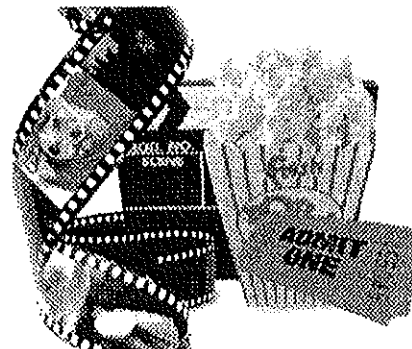
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JULY 1, 2017 (~8:30 PM START)



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ATTENTION: The annual water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is included in this month's Village Newsletter, the Village Website, and at the Village Hall for anyone wishing to read this report.

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