



Village of Downs

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From the Desk of the Mayor October 2017

This month's Board meeting again continued our talk regarding development; both residential and business.

We had two ZBA meetings already this month. These ZBA meetings are stepping stones for the next development proposals within Downs. At Downs Crossing, Corn Belt Energy received ZBA and Board approval for their long overdue storm water detention plan for Corn Belt Energy Park. This ~2-acre pond will be the first of its kind for our area and will be a dedicated park & pond for the Village as required by the 1999 annexation agreement. Corn Belt Energy will be letting for bids and they hope to break ground this fall or next spring. This project has to be completed to take that next step for development at Downs Crossing. The water extension, plant improvements and water supply will need to be our next focus for this development. This project will not happen overnight and we will need input from you, but we have to start now.

The second ZBA meeting was for 2 rezoning requests and village zoning code changes. The first request approved by the ZBA was for the new business/residential development on Main St, which was a change from C-2 to C-1. The Board also approved the \$70,000 TIF project funding for this project on an estimated ¾ million-dollar project. The vacant house and trailer will be torn down/removed and a new multi-use building will take its place. Current plans are for 2 businesses on the bottom and 3 apartments on the top with off-street parking. We are excited to see a new development like this in our downtown.

The other rezoning request approved was to change the land south of Beecher Trails from Ag to R-2. The land is being positioned for an additional subdivision of approximately 100 lots with 70' frontage and a ~5-acre park. The target house price is \$220-\$250k and the lot size is what makes this possible. A similar subdivision is being built in Mahomet, IL. The biggest issue raised thus far, is the entrance and exit into the subdivision. The developers are proposing putting in a traffic signal on Rt. 150 and Huff Rd to correct the traffic issues at this intersection, but more discussion is needed to alleviate these concerns.

Other discussion items are covered in the flyer meeting overview section. If you have questions or comments, as always, please contact me or anyone else on the Board.

Thank you for your feedback and support.

In your service,

Mike James, Mayor

309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

Other Positions and Committee Chairs

Police Chief
Josh Dingler

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

October:

- 13th – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 14th – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 16th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 20th – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 21st – Parks Committee Community Breakfast, 7-10 am @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 21st – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 27th – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 28st – Fright Fest, 6:30-10:30 pm @ E. Franklin St.
- 29th – Un-Haunted House, 1-3:00 pm @ E. Franklin St.

November:

- 2nd – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 6th – Village Brush/Burnable Pickup
- 9th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th – Install Christmas Lights in Dooley Park, 9 am – 3 pm @ Dooley Park

December:

- 7th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 9th – Cookies with Santa, 9 – 11 am & 5 – 7 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 10th – Cookies with Santa, 1 – 3 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 14th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 21st – Events Committee Special Meeting for Christmas Light Judging, 6:30 pm @ Village Hall

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.

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

Fright Fest Characters and Volunteers Still Welcome

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SCARE!

Fright Fest volunteers are needed – In October the Village of Downs Haunted House will celebrate 25 years. Fright Fest takes place every weekend in October starting on Saturday, October 7th. This event draws thousands of people from all over central Illinois during the month. We have been able to maintain all of our activities including the hayrack rides, concessions, and Dooley Park activities with the help of our dedicated volunteers; in 2012, we started the Un-Haunted version for the younger children to enjoy with no-scares.

The proceeds from Fright Fest help fund all the Village of Downs annual events; with your help, this year will be the best yet!

Volunteers are needed in construction, prop building, acting, makeup application, costume coordination, hay rack drivers, vendor donations, and concessions. If you are available to volunteer and help continue our small-town tradition, please email us at info@downshauntedhouse.org or fill out the volunteer/actor registration form at www.downshauntedhouse.org.

Monthly Brush Pick-up

CLARIFICATION AND REMINDER – NOVEMBER 2017 WILL BE THE LAST MONTH FOR PICKUP

The Village provides the service of once a month pick-up of material that can be burned. However, we have been getting swing sets, household items and other stuff with nails, screws, bolts, etc. Some stuff just dumped at our storage (see above notice) and others left on side of road.

The Village will no longer pick up items that have sharp objects, hazardous material, or metal in the mix with burnable items or trimmings. You can remove all nails, screws, bolts, metal, etc. and we will take. Otherwise, it will be left. No exceptions.

Also, the Village doesn't take stumps, logs, branches, etc. that have been cut by a hired or professional company and left. If you hire someone to cut down a tree or do a trim service, they must haul away (not to our village storage field) what they remove. Again, no exceptions.

Additionally, we have contracted with AREA to do once a month bulk pickup as a part of their contract. On the schedule that was mailed to each homeowner, it contains instructions for how to use that service. Here is the verbiage on that mailing just in case: **Bulky items will be picked up at no cost (sofas, desks, old mattresses, etc.) the first pickup of each month. If unable to wait for the regularly scheduled pickup of bulky items, please call to schedule a pickup on a different day and pay \$35 per item.**

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Christmas Lights Volunteers Needed

SETUP STARTS NOVEMBER 4TH

For decades' community residents, have enjoyed the Dooley Park Christmas lights & decorations. Maintenance of the displays and decorating the park has always been on a voluntary basis and funding based on donations.

This year's endeavor will be coordinated by the 'Christmas Lights in the Park Subcommittee'. The November work day schedule will be 11/4, 11/5, 11/11, 11/2, 11/18 & 11/19. Dooley Park pavilion will not be available for rental on these dates as the subcommittee will need a place to stage lights & displays, provide food & refreshments and have restrooms available. The work time on those days will be from 9am to 3pm.

The subcommittee will must have a minimum of 15 volunteers and its essential resident's support the endeavor. Volunteers are encouraged to assist as their schedule allows – Even if only for a few hours! Without community support the park will not be decorated. Basically, the light display will ONLY be as good as the volunteers which help.

Anyone who would like to participate in the subcommittee or volunteer can sign up at the Village Hall, email: DownsVillageHall@hotmail.com or call (309) 378-3221.

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VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW
OCTOBER 5, 2017
8:00 PM

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

1. Mayor Mike James called the October 5, 2017 regular Village of Downs meeting to order at 8:00pm.
2. Roll call was taken. Trustees Maureen Roach, Mary Goveia, Peggy Keylin, Sarah Gassaway and Toby Twyford were all present. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk Julie James, Attorney Dawn Wall and Treasurer Julie Bakewell.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.
4. A motion to approve the agenda order was made and approved.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals
 1. A motion to approve Resolution 2017-R16 Authorizing the Approval of Preliminary Plan for Downs Crossing Phase IV Storm Detention Plans was made and approved.
 2. A motion to Approve Rezoning the ~7.42 acres identified within the Preliminary Plan to be rezoned from Ag - Agriculture to P – Public was made and approved.
6. All reports can be found in the flyer.
7. Public comment

Dave Bach-Village Market

- Dave reported the village market had a successful year.
 - Attendance was up around 250 from last year.
 - They had a remote radio broadcast and this really helped bring people in.
 - 167 punch cards were distributed. 29 cards were returned with all the punches. This number was down from last year.
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 7, 2017 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals: Linda Bowman, Patrick Moran, Jerry Roberts, Loretta Terven, Julie Hahn, Hannah Coon and Bert Clark
 - c. Motion to Approve the Members of the Development Committee: Mike James, Toby Twyford, Fred Myers, Tony Soper, Lyndsey Smith, David Silver; CBEC, TVSD
 - d. Motion to Approve Last Months Change in how the EMA Director is Paid Retroactive to May 1, 2017
 - e. Motion to Approve \$200 donation to Tri-Valley Veterans Day Celebration
 - f. Motion to Approve the Village of Downs Joining the International Council of Shopping Centers (\$100)
 - g. Motion to Approve Attending the Rural on the Rise: Retail Real Estate Summit conference (\$65) October 17, 2017 in Carlinville, IL
 - h. Motion to Approve the Assistant Treasurer to Attend the IMTA Treasurer's Institute Instead of the Finance Trustee
 2. Resolutions
 3. Ordinances
 10. New Business
 1. Motions
 - a. Motion to Reconvene the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to _____, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall- **No action taken.**
 2. Resolutions (21)

- a. A motion to approve Resolution 2017-R21 Authorizing and Approving the TIF Development Agreement Between the Village of Downs and Civil Banshee LLC. for the Project Located at 103 & 105 W. Main St., Downs, IL was made and approved.
- b. A motion to approve Resolution 2017-R23 Approving a Contract with DCS for Copier Lease Agreement was made and approved.
- c. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-R___ Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway for Amended Water Crossing Easement at Seminary Street- **No action taken.**
- d. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-R___ Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway for Beautification Lease- **No action taken.**

11. Old Business

1. Ordinances (15)

- a. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 1 "General Provisions"- **No action taken.**
- b. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 2 "The Village Board, Its Officers and Employees"- **No action taken.**
- c. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 3 "Village Finances"- **No action taken.**
- d. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 5 "Board of Local Improvements"- **No action taken.**
- e. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 6 "Licenses, Permits and Regulated Businesses"- **No action taken.**
- f. Ordinance 2017-___ Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Code Provisions of Chapter 17 "Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee"- **No action taken.**

12. A motion to approve payment of bills was made and approved.

13. Executive Session was not entered.

14. Action on Executive Session Items

- 1. A motion to approve wage increase of \$3 /hour for a Total Compensation of \$17.00 /hour for Officer Brian Hempstead Starting September 1, 2017 was made and approved.

15. A motion to adjourn at 10:28 pm was made and approved.



Julie James
Village of Downs Clerk

Through a new contract with the Village of Downs, Area Disposal Service, Inc. will provide residents with trash and recycling pickup as follows:

Trash

Trash will be picked up **weekly on Fridays** (delayed until Saturday when a major holiday occurs on a weekday).

Recycling

Recycling will be picked up **the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month**.

Materials can include: Paper (including newspapers, junk mail, magazines, telephone books, computer paper, writing paper, paperboard boxes & flattened corrugated boxes); rigid plastic containers (including #1, #2, #3, #4-excluding plastic bags, #5 & #7 plastics); glass bottles & jars; aluminum cans & foil trays; and steel cans (including empty aerosols).

Bins

Residents can use their own bins. They may also call our Bloomington office to rent 95-gallon trash or recycling containers for \$3.50 per month (paid quarterly in advance) or purchase 95-gallon trash carts with wheels and a lid for \$90. Price includes delivery to their homes.

Bulky Items

Bulky items will be picked up at no cost (sofas, desks, old mattresses, etc.) **the first pickup of each month.** If unable to wait for the regularly scheduled pickup of bulky items, please call to schedule a pickup on a different day and pay \$35 per item.

Whenever bulky items will be set out for pickup, residents must call the Bloomington office at least 24 hours in advance.

309-821-9743 • WWW.PDCAREA.COM



RECYCLING PICKUP CALENDAR

Please have recyclables at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

MAY

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TRASH pickup one day late due to Memorial Day

JUNE

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TRASH pickup one day late due to Independence Day

AUGUST

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TRASH & RECYCLING pickup one day late due to Labor Day

OCTOBER

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TRASH & RECYCLING pickup one day late due to Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

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TRASH pickup one day late due to Christmas

● Trash pickup ▲ Trash & recycling pickup □ Holiday



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Downs Police Dept.

309 378 3221

Chief Dingler

From the desk of the Chief

Hello all, we had an excellent month in September. We wrote 12 speeding citations between Huff and Seminary St. We wrote 5 ordinance citation and about 10 warnings. Beyond that, we were busy assisting other agencies with large fires and traffic stops.

Last month was difficult for many due to the hurricanes that pounded the coast lines. The Village of Downs did come together with Sam Leman Dodge of Bloomington, Downs Automotive, Combat Martial Arts of Bloomington and the members of the Illinois Viper Association lending a helping hand. We came together to assist when resources were so spread out throughout the south. Selfless acts that showed the true red white and blue colors that make us strong. When you see members of those organizations thank them, give them a nod of approval, they went above and beyond the call making sure others were supported when the worst came crashing in.

This October make sure that we create a safe environment for the kids for Halloween. Turn your lights on if you are giving out candy. Decorate and have fun with the season. And keep a look out when driving, please slow down. The Haunted house is in full effect. Enjoy and support the community. Thank the CID at the pavilion, each year they are neck deep into projects and often go unnoticed. Thank them, and try the chili, it is very good, but leave me a bowl!

I would like to push a thought into your actions ladies and gentlemen, regardless of the speed limit signs around your subdivision, I strongly urge you to slow it down to 15 mph when you are two streets away. It will only cause you an extra 45 seconds to get home, but it will increase both yours and the kids reaction time. We have an extra 80 kids more than we did last year and with that creates more encounters with them playing in the yards, parks, and sometimes in the street. By doing 15 mph you are buying a piece of relaxation and relief for you and the parents of those kids. Pass the word, make this a movement. 15 mph for a piece of mind knowing you will rest better at night. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Chief Josh Dingler

Other Positions and Committee Chairs

Police Chief
Josh Dingler

Public Works Superintendent
Kevin Whitehouse

Treasurer/Budget Officer/TIF Administrator
Julie Bakewell

Zoning Enforcement
Lyndall Cuba

Zoning Board Chairperson
Linda Bowman

October 2017 Parks Report

This month has been full of new ideas from younger members of the Downs community. Two students from Tri-Valley High School, Taylor Grundler and Jacob Jones, presented ideas for their Innovation Project class. Both students enjoy Kickapoo Park and want to help with its restoration. They had many great ideas. The committee thought a stepping stone bridge to the small island, benches in strategic places and providing a first aid kit in the park could be implemented within the Prairie Floodplains Restoration Project. Both students were interested in getting involved in the ground clearing and planting steps of restoration. John Symanski identified two possible sites for the Gaga Ball pit. Boy Scout Troop 953 is looking for a service project in Dooley Park. A wood duck house built by the Downs Topnotchers 4-H Club was installed in Kickapoo Park this past weekend. Many thanks to the Alt family for spearheading this project. Boy Scout Nick Atteberry is resubmitting a proposal for a horseshoe pit for Dooley Park. Justin Bean, a volunteer for the Food Pantry and a member of TVHS Horticulture Club, will contact the committee with a landscaping project idea. Boy Scout Troop 953 had made an inquiry about possible service projects in Dooley Park.

The committee saw completion of several projects this month. Bolts were tightened on the playground equipment, fence poles were given a first coat of paint, the Girl Scouts installed trashcans in Kickapoo Park, and the downed mulberry tree was removed. We have a new stainless-steel coffee maker in the pavilion. A shelving unit and a loading cart donated and refurbished by Bob Milton Trucking Company, Bill Clark and Danny Thomas has been installed in the Food Pantry.

Movement has been made on several ongoing projects. We have requested a third estimate on the pavilion roof project. Jeff Schenkel is looking into lighting problems and solutions near the basketball courts. We will repair the solar flag light fixture in Dooley Park. We are researching 3 basin sinks for installation in the pavilion. The committee is also researching grants and monies that may be available for various projects connected to our parks.

The Food Pantry hopes to distribute 35 boxes this month. To help celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday, the boxes include candy for Trick or Treaters. They are expecting donations in the next few months from several different sources. They're already looking ahead and planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to all volunteers! If you need Food Pantry assistance or know someone who might, please contact Linda Bowman at 378-4216.

Come to the Breakfast in the Park fundraiser on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 7 to 10 AM at Dooley Park Pavilion. Fill your plate with eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, casseroles, fresh fruit, sweets, juice and coffee served buffet style. Enjoy breakfast with friends. Hope you can make it!

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DID YOU KNOW? Birds and other wildlife live and find food in trees. Trees' flowers provide pollen and nectar to feed bees and other insects we depend upon to pollinate plants in our gardens and farms. Our trees take good care of us. Protect them! Plant them! Thank them!



Breakfast in the Park

Join us at the Pavilion for a home cooked meal with friends and family! Come to the Parks Committee's

BREAKFAST AT DOOLEY PARK!

Saturday, October 21, 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.]



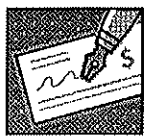
VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING
211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18
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Monday through Friday 8-12 noon
Contacts: Ruth Hood, Janice Cuba, Cheryl Bach
Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



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 September there were 3 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.

WATER REPORT:

Water and sewer report for September 2017

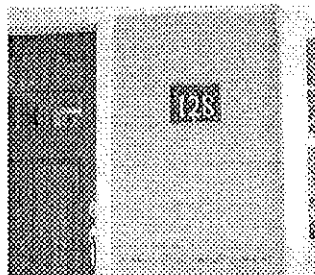
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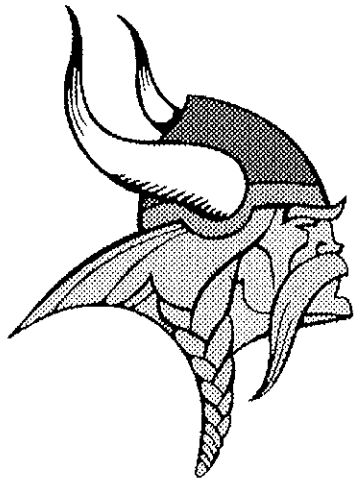
The average iron concentration for the month in the finished water was .36 PPM. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory, fluoride concentration was .696. Lead and copper sampling results came in under the MCL (maximum contaminate level) allowing us to continue reduced monitoring of every three years. Water pumpage for the month was 2.385 million gallons, averaging 79,500 gallons a day. The sewer lift station pumpage for the month was 1.335 million gallons, averaging 44,500 gallons per day. The hydrant at W. Main and Gadwall broke in the open position while it was being used to fight a fire on N. Pintail, repairs have been made and the hydrant is back in service. The two hydrants at Beecher Trails are now raised to the proper level.

Kevin Whitehouse
Village of Downs
Public Works Superintendent
309-319-1010 (C)
309-378-2137 (W)
downswaterplant@hotmail.com

PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER

Please make sure your property/house has a readily visible number and easily seen from the street for Police and/or Fire Department emergency personnel to promptly respond in the event of a fire or emergency.





VIKING VISION

Educational Facilities Planning

Your voice is needed as we plan for our future

The Tri-Valley Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education invites all School District residents to participate in a Community Engagement Planning Process to seek input on renovations being considered for the High School campus.

If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact the District Office at (309) 378-2351, or visit www.tri-valley3.org for more information.

Community Meeting Schedule

SEP
20

1. Discovery

High School Cafeteria
Wednesday, September 20
6:00–8:00pm

OCT
18

2. Building Solutions

High School Cafeteria
Wednesday, October 18
6:00–8:00pm

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3. Options Forum

High School Cafeteria
Wednesday, November 1
6:00–8:00pm

Tri-Valley CUSD #3

Trick-or-Treat Hours:

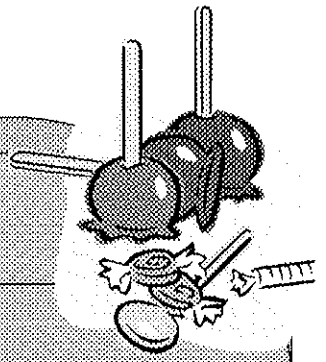
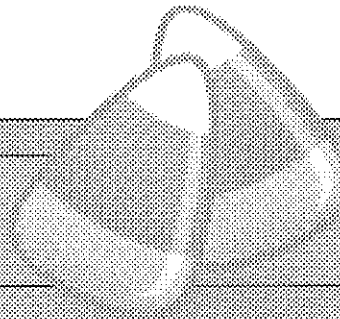
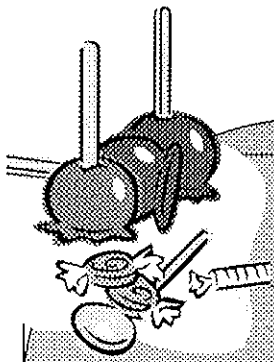
5:00 – 8:00 pm

TUESDAY, OCT. 31th!

Please turn on your
Porch light for the
Safety of the children.

HAPPY

HALLOWEEN! Boo!



Downs UMC

Invites you to our

4th Annual Trunk or Treat

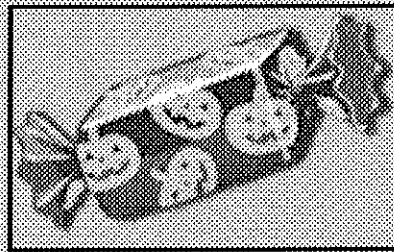
Monday, October 31st

During Downs Trick or Treat hours (5-8pm)

102 S. Seminary St., Downs, IL—parking lot

Questions? Call 378-2651

CANDY!



FOOD FOR THE ADULTS

GAMES,
ACTIVITIES,
& PRIZES

Downs Haunted

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107 East Franklin Street Downs, IL 61736

**6:30 PM to
10:30 PM**

**BON FIRE &
CONCESSIONS
IN DOOLEY PARK**

\$5 single pass
OR
\$12 3-pass
wristband

Fridays: 10-13, 10-20 & 10-27
Saturdays: 10-7, 10-14, 10-21 & 10-28

Tickets sold in Dooley Park (2 blocks East of the Haunted House)

FREE haunted hay rack to / from the Haunt

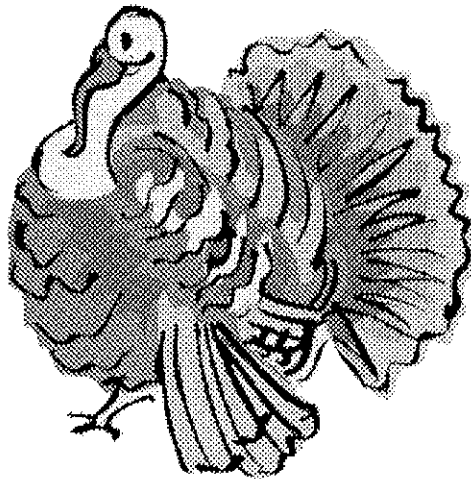
Sunday, October 29th – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Lights on un-haunted Little Goblins version for young children FREE

St. Mary

CHURCH IN DOWNS

Annual Turkey Dinner



Saturday, November 4

Serving from 4:30pm to 7pm

Adult -- \$8.00

(\$9.00 at the door)

Child (ages 5-10) -- \$5.00

Children 4 and under FREE

All carry-outs are at adult prices



Menu

Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green beans, bread, dessert, coffee, tea

Back on
June 6, 2018!



Downs Village Market

Closed for the Season

Thank You!

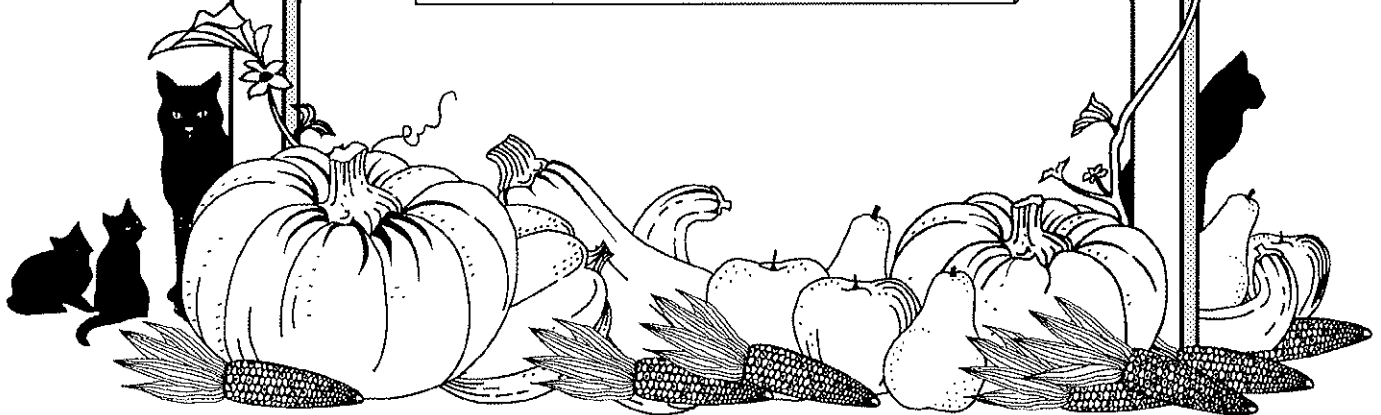
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*ALL our Customers & Vendors
for a Very Successful Season!*

See You Next year

for our

16th Season!



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Downs, IL 61736-0084

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10' x 12' with 9' x 7' door

10' x 18' with 9' x 7' door

10' x 24' with 9' x 7' door

From \$45/month

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