



Village of Downs

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From the Desk of the Mayor - April 2018

The budget has been finalized and we have to hold a Public Hearing prior to its passage. We have scheduled it for April 19, 6:30 pm @ Village Hall. The Village Board will take action on the budget immediately following the hearing for this FY2019 budget. We have a very conservative budget that is balanced on almost all funds.

We made amendments to the Civil Banshee LLC agreement and entered into a new TIF agreement with The Union Café LLC for approximately \$21k in building improvement. We expect The Union Café to open in late May if all construction efforts go as planned. The Village will be replacing the wooden walkway with a new sidewalk that will be elevated to allow ADA access to the building and patio.

Finally, I will continue to promote the MAPPING program. The first session was held on April 9 and although we had enough to hold the session, we are far short of the 50-attendee goal that I would like to see participate. Please consider attending at least one session to understand the process, provide input and help establish our important direction. I should also add that even if you feel Downs is moving in the right direction, we want your input.

This IS YOUR time to come forward and help shape our direction. Participation is not limited to Downs residents since we all know that in order for our local businesses and village to prosper we need the TV community. Participation in ALL 5 sessions is also not required but encouraged. Food and water will be provided for each session.

Please see the meeting overview, Facebook and other flyer items for additional details.

Please support your local businesses so that we can continue to have them and attract others.

In your service,
Mike James, Mayor
309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

Police Chief
Josh Dingler

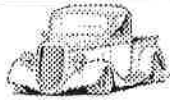
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'DOOLEY PARK CAR SHOW'



SUNDAY MAY 20th 2018

**CORNER OF S. LINCOLN AVENUE & E. WASHINGTON STREET
DOWNS IL 61736**

**REGISTRATION 11:00AM to 1:00PM - Awards at 3:00PM
ENTRY FEE \$12.00 DAY OF SHOW WITH FREE 50/50 TICKET!**

**A WEESOME VENUE!
VEHICLES PARK ON CLOVER LAWN**

**TROPHIES AWARDS FOR TOP 50 VEHICLES,
MAYORS CHOICE & BEST IN SHOW!**

FOOD PROVIDED BY DOWNS BOY SCOUT TROOP #53

**DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 100 VEHICLES
PROVIDED BY STATE FARM® AGENT CHRIS MIZELL**

www.mizellteam.com

**COORDINATED BY MID STATE CRUISERS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
DOWNS EVENTS COMMITTEE**

*The Village of Downs & Mid State Cruisers assume no responsibility for
damage to personal property or injury during the event.*

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL OR CALL

Don & Cindy Kopack: cindykopa@gmail.com - Phone (309)824-5594

Looking Ahead

QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

April:

- 2nd – Monthly Brush pickup
- 6th – Ameren Energy Savings Programs Village Town hall meeting, 5:30 pm @ Fire Station Community Room
- 5th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 5th – Garbage Collection
- 9th – Downs MAPPING Program Session #1 – Where are we now? 6 – 9 pm @ Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room
- 12th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 12th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 16th – Downs MAPPING Program Session #2 – Where do we want to be? 6 – 9 pm @ Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room
- 17th – Development Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 19th – Garbage Collection
- 21st – Park Fund Raiser Breakfast, 7 – 10 am, @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 23rd – Downs MAPPING Program Session #3 – How are we going to get there? 6 – 9 pm @ Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room
- 26th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 30th – Downs MAPPING Program Session #4 – How do we make it happen? 6 – 9 pm @ Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room

May:

- 2nd – Downs MAPPING Program Session #5 – How do we make it happen and maintain the momentum? 6 – 9 pm @ Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room
- 3rd – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 3rd – Garbage Collection
- 4th & 5th – Downs Village Garage Sale Days #1, 7am – 5 pm (actual times set by each owner)
- 7th – Monthly Brush pickup
- 10th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 10th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 15th – Development Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 17th – Garbage Collection
- 20th – The 27th Annual Dooley Park Car Show, 11 am – 3 pm @ Dooley Park
- 24th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 31st – Garbage Collection

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Lucky 7s for the use of their facility, Sam's Club for the food donation, and Thrivent Financial for their donation for our breakfast.

We also thank Downs United Methodist and St Mary's for doing the Easter egg Hunt. It is because of this help we are able to do this event each year. Thank you from the Events Committee.

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

Dire Need of Freedom Run Coordinator(s)

WE NEED HELP

Freedom run 5k, 1 mile walk & kids fun run was started ~2010 as a fundraiser for the 4th of July fireworks celebration. The committee relies on this 2-3k funding to offset the cost of this event. Please consider helping your community by grabbing a friend or doing it yourself and help keep the 4th successful.

2018 Freedom Run 5K, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run

JUNE 30, 2018 STARTING AT 7:30 AM

In jeopardy of being cancelled

Save the Date for the annual Village of Downs Freedom Run 5K, 1 mile walk and kid's fun run. This event will be June 30, 2018 starting at 7:30 am at the Tri-Valley Middle School. Contact the Village Hall if you would like to volunteer or sponsor this event.

Downs MAPPING Has Started!

HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE

It isn't too late to join in!

Downs has enlisted the help of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to take a proactive approach to "MAPPING" the future of our community. MAPPING stands for Management And Planning Programs Involving Non-metropolitan Groups.

Guided by representatives of WIU, the Community MAPPING process is a participant driven strategic visioning and planning process whereby local leaders and citizen volunteers create a long-range vision for issues like economic development and a plan of action for achieving it. A series of four (4) visioning sessions, involving 40-50 community members of various ages and backgrounds will be held to discuss the following questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How are we going to get there?
- How do we make it happen and maintain the momentum?

More information has been placed in the flyer, website and FB since last year. Please use this opportunity to voice your opinion and direction for Downs.

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

4th of July Grand Marshal

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 1, 2018

The Events Committee is once again seeking nominations for the 2018 4th of July parade Grand Marshal. Please use the form in the flyer or on the website, from now until June 1, 2018, to submit your nomination. Please be sure to write the required narrative to support your nomination, otherwise entry will not be accepted.

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.

Village Phone and Email Notification System

SIGNUP FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

In order to keep the residents of the Village better informed, the Village has the ability to use the Tri-Valley telephone notification system and our website email. These systems will be used mainly to notify residents of boil orders, road closures and other emergencies. We will still use radio, Village website, Facebook, signs and the Village Hall. These traditional methods can be missed, and we want to make sure everyone is as informed as possible. Therefore, we are asking that everyone in the Village sign up for this system.

If you would like to be contacted with information and emergencies regarding the Village of Downs, please completed the form below and return it to the Village Hall or email your information to DownsVillageHall@hotmail.com. This information is confidential, and we will not use this information for any other purpose outside of purpose stated above.

Name	Address	Phone Number for Notifications	Email for Notifications

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GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATION

Grand Marshal nominations for the July 4, 2018 parade are now open until end of day June 1, 2018.

Please give this some thought and submit your nomination to the Village Hall. You can also submit the nomination via email to info@VillageOfDowns.org, the village website or drop off this form at the Village Hall during office hours or place in the 24-hr mail slot.

All nominations must contain the following information:

Name(s) of nominee: _____

Have they been the Grand Marshal before: Yes or No If so, what year: _____

Reason for the nomination (Required):

Police Chief
Josh Dingler

Public Works Superintendent
Kevin Whitehouse

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Re: Event Donation, Ad & Sponsor Solicitation

Dear Business Owner/Manager/Resident/TV Community,

In 2013, I created an Events Committee made up of Tri-Valley residents. The committee's mission was to provide a mix of events within the Village of Downs that would attract surrounding subdivisions and communities into the Village. Their goals were to create a plan, budget with positive cash flow, and solid foundation for the future.

I also created a fund which will be dedicated ONLY to Village events. With this fund being dedicated for this specific purpose (public use) within a tax-exempt entity, your donation is tax deductible. Also, for any donation or ad of \$50 and over, you will be recognized within the printed material for all events throughout the year, if received before each events printing deadline.

The full Event Plan is available online at www.VillageOfDowns.org, but below I have provided you with a quick summary of our planned events. To donate or sponsor an activity/event, please write a check payable to the "Village of Downs" and specify "Event Fund" in the memo. If applicable, also indicate which fund to apply it to. We will send you a receipt of your donation/ad/sponsor if requested or it is over \$250.

- 1) Garage Sale Days (May 4 & 5; June 1 & 2) - \$0 expense budget
- 2) Dooley Park Car Show (May 20) - \$1000 expense budget
- 3) Village Cleanup Day (June 2) - \$400 expense budget
- 4) Movies in the Park (June 2 movie TBD) - \$300+ per night depending on movie
- 5) Independence Days Celebration - \$12,900 expense budget
 - a. Freedom Run & Walk (June 30)
 - b. Independence Day (July 4)
- 6) Downs Fright Fest (All October starting October 6th) - \$24,850 expense budget
- 7) Christmas in Downs (All December lights, Cookies with Santa Dec 8th & 9th) - \$400 expense budget
- 8) Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (April 20) - \$400 expense budget

I sincerely thank you for your consideration and any support that you are willing to provide either by monetary donation and/or volunteering.

Sincerely,
Mike James,
Mayor

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Josh Dingler

Public Works Superintendent
Kevin Whitehouse

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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, 2018.**

Business Name: _____

Advertisement Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Event Booklet with advertisements:

- ☐ 2 - Full page \$250 (8.5 in 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

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

Sponsorships:

June 2, 2018 – 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*.

June 30, 2018 – 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 has the opportunity to 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 has the opportunity to 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, 2018

- ☐ \$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.



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OVERVIEW
APRIL 5, 2018
7 PM @ VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall
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1. Mayor Mike James called the April 5, 2018 regular Village of Downs Board of Trustees meeting to Order at 7:04 pm.
2. Roll call was taken. Trustees Maureen Roach, Mary Goveia, Peggy Keylin, Erik Bryant, Sarah Gassaway and Toby Twyford were all present. Also present were Clerk Julie James, Treasurer Julie Bakewell and Village Attorney Dawn Wall. A quorum to do business was declared.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was taken.
4. A motion to approve the Agenda Order was made and approved.
 1. A scrivener's error was made last month on Auditor resolution. R02 was used twice. It will be R03 for: Resolution 2018-R03 Authorizing and Approving Striegel, Knobloch & Company, LLC. to Perform the FY2018 Village of Downs Audit for not to Exceed \$7,700
5. Reports can be found in the flyer.
6. Public comments came from the owners of the Downs Mobil.
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 March 1, 2018 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve Submitted FY2019 Event Plan and Budget from the Events Committee
 - c. Motion to Approve Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Location, Dates and Time for FY 2019
 - d. Motion to Approve Commercial Building Application and Fees
 - e. Motion to Approve Remodel Application and \$175 in Fees
 - f. Motion to Approve Residential Building Application and Fees – Removed from Consent Agenda
 2. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution 2018-R04 Authorizing and Approving the Amended Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Downs and Civil Banshee LLC for the Project Located at 103 & 105 W. Main St., Downs, IL – This was moved from 13 1a on the agenda.
 - b. Resolution 2018-R05 Authorizing and Approving the Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Downs and The Union Café LLC for the Project Located at 201 S. Seminary St., Downs, IL – This was moved from 13 2b on the agenda.
 - c. Resolution 2018-R06 Authorizing and Approving the Proposed Program for Maintenance of Streets and Highways
 3. Ordinances
 - a. Ordinance 2018-08 Approving the Revised FY 2017-2018 Budget Under the Budget System for the Village of Downs
 - b. Ordinance 2018-09 Approving the FY 2018-2019 Budget Under the Budget System for the Village of Downs
 - c. Ordinance 2018-10 Approving the Amended Zoning Map for the Village of Downs
9. New Business

1. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution 2018-R__ Authorizing and Approving the Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Downs and Gameday Grill Inc. for the Project Located at Lot 1 River Run., Downs, IL – No action taken.
10. A motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.
11. Old Business
 1. Motions
 - a. A motion to reconvene the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting to April 19, 2018, immediately following the conclusion of the Public Hearing of the Budget at the Village Hall was made and approved.



Julie James
Village of Downs Clerk



DOWNNS AREA GARAGE SALE DAYS

May 4th and 5th: 7 am – 4 pm



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The Village of Downs has enlisted the help of the MAPPING The Future of Your Community program through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to take a proactive approach to planning for community and economic development.

The MAPPING program is a participant driven strategic visioning and planning process whereby local leaders and citizen volunteers create a long-range vision for the future of Downs and a plan of action for achieving it. A series of five, three-hour sessions, involving a minimum of 25 community members (target is 40-50) will be held to discuss the questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How are we going to get there?
- How do we make it happen?
- How do we make it happen and maintain the momentum?

During the course of these five planning sessions, participants will identify three to five high priority goals for the community, an action plan for implementation, and break into groups to begin work on their goals and projects. After the conclusion of the MAPPING program, participants will organize a community wide town meeting to share their ideas and projects with the community and invite local participation.

Sessions are scheduled as follows at the Tri-Valley Middle School multipurpose/cafeteria room and food will be provided at each sessions to the participants: **April 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 2 from 6-9 pm**

A MAPPING Steering Committee has been formed, which is the current Development Committee, to look for interested volunteers to participate in these five visioning sessions as well as attain sponsors with a vested interest in the future of Downs.

Any interested community members are encouraged to participate in the MAPPING program and/or help by becoming a sponsor. For more information, or to sign up to participate in the sessions, please contact the Village Hall at the above email address or phone number.

We thank you for your consideration and help with this very important step for our village.

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Downs Clean-up Day

June 2: 7 am — 2 pm



The Events Committee is holding the 4th Annual Downs Clean-Up Day. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this once a year opportunity.

We will again have a trash and recycle dumpsters. There is very little that we can not take so please take advantage of this free service to our residents. Donations are appreciated and will go toward 4th of July.

The drop-off location will be by the Haunted House Shed from 7 am to 2 pm. The only charge we will have this year is for tires (\$5 each) as this is what we get charged.

For residents who can't haul your items to our site, we will pick up at your house (curb-side). Please call the village hall to arrange for a pickup time. Donations for this service are appreciated for the 4th of July.

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VillageOfDowns.org

info@villageofdowns.org

(309) 378-3221

Junk Car?

If you have a car you want to dispose of, please contact the Village Hall (309) 378-3221 for more information.

We WILL Accept Any Of The Following Items:

- ⇒ Stoves & Dishwashers, etc.
- ⇒ Tires (\$5/per No Tractor and tires must be off rims)
- ⇒ All Metals
- ⇒ Electronics
- ⇒ Batteries
- ⇒ Flat Panel Monitors
- ⇒ Flat Panel TVs
- ⇒ Washers
- ⇒ Dryers
- ⇒ Dishwasher
- ⇒ Microwaves

We WILL NOT Accept Any Of The Following Items:

- ⇒ Refrigerators or Freezers that still have Freon or compressor not drained.
- ⇒ Tube Monitors/TVs with tube
- ⇒ Paint or Hazardous Liquid



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Downs Police Dept.

309 378 3221

Chief Dingler

4/11/18

From the Desk of Chief Dingler

Hello all, the Village is growing and the changes are good. If you showed up for the 1st Mapping project thank you. If you missed it, the program is highly affected by the people that attend. There will be 4 more for the next consecutive Mondays. I was there and enjoyed seeing a good mix of residents, trustees, business owners, and a few folks from the outskirts there. To grow and grow well the village needs more concerned folks to help in the process.

April 28th at the Fire Station there will be an unused drug drop off from 10:00AM-2:00PM. This project is a joint project of the Police and Fire Departments working with Project OZ. We know it is bad to flush your prescriptions down the drain or throw them in the garbage so Project OZ is collecting them and disposing them properly. This is the safest way to get rid of your unused medications and it will help keep them away from people who are not supposed to get into them. I hope to see you there.

This last month we wrote 18 Ordinance fines, 8 tickets, and 3 warnings. Please watch your speed and obey all traffic signs and double striped roads. The school traffic on Washington is becoming more congested and some of the drivers are becoming impatient. Relax folks. Breaking the law to get you kids will only put other kids in jeopardy. Relax, a few minutes to wait is better than a \$125.00 ticket. The parents, staff, and Administration want that issue fixed. Please be a part of the solution.

Enjoy the warmer weather once it comes. Ameren came out to talk to the Village. They gave great tips on energy conservation and helped us to fine tune our emergency protocols for bad weather. Make sure you have supplies for the emergencies and let us know if you have special needs that will need immediate attention if there are outages. We sent out a form the goes directly to EMA and they are compiling a list to give to us when things go bad. Be safe everyone and have fun this spring!

Thank you,
Chief Joshua Dingler

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TUMAA (The United Martial Arts Association)
presents the 2018 Annual Summer Martial Arts
Mid-West Training Camp.

The place: Tri Valley Middle School
503 E Washington St. Downs, Illinois.

\$100.00 for the whole camp,
\$50.00 per day if attending just one day.

When: July 13th-15th

Friday July the 13th Upper belt class from 5:00PM-8:00PM

Saturday the 14th from 9:00AM to 6:00PM Dinner at Famous Dave's at 6:30

Sunday the 15th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

What to bring:

Workout clothes for traditional and non-traditional classes.

Escrima Sticks

Hand pads or hand targets

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Training Knife and Gun

Water, Gatorade...Snacks

There is a Pizza place in town as well as two eateries: Lucky 7's and Game Day Bar and Grill. Information and phone numbers will be provided at the camp.

Instructors and students will be coming in from many different school,
we welcome all those who wish to attend, no experience needed, just a
good attitude and a passion for the martial arts.

For more questions and information go to
facebook.com/tumaa.martialarts

**RENEW YOUR
GOLF CART AND UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE PERMIT(S)
TO DRIVE ON VILLAGE STREETS**

May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Definitions:

Golf Cart: A "golf cart" is a motorized vehicle with three or four wheels that is not designed to be operated at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) whose purpose can include, but is not limited to, the playing of golf and is generally designed to carry persons including the driver.

Utility-Terrain Vehicle: A "utility-terrain vehicle" is a self-propelled electrically powered four-wheel motor vehicle or a self-propelled gasoline or diesel powered four wheeled motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic centimeters which is capable of attaining in one mile speed of more than fifteen miles per hour (15 m.p.h.) but not more than twenty-five miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) and which conforms to the federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

Village Streets: The "Village streets" consist of any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Downs.

Requirements for operation:

A. All persons wishing to operate a golf cart or a utility-terrain vehicle on the Village streets must purchase a permit. Check the Village website at <http://www.villageofdowns.org> for more details.

Renewal Fee:

\$50.00 per vehicle/permit. Annual permits will be issued for May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019. Contact the Village Hall (378-3221) with questions or to schedule an inspection with the Chief of Police (309-622-2207).

APPLICATION FOR USE OF GOLF CART AND UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE

Owner's Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Make of Golf Cart or Utility-Terrain Vehicle: _____

Model: _____ Serial # _____

Color: _____ Description of Vehicle: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Agent: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date: _____

MAKE COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE & INSURANCE CARD

WATER REPORT:

Water and sewer report for March 2018

4/3/2018

The average iron concentration for the month in the finished water was .33 PPM. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory, fluoride concentration was .766. The amount of water pumped for the month was 2.031 million gallons, averaging 67,700 gallons a day. The sewer lift station pumped 2.551 million gallons for the month, averaging 82,300 gallons per day. A damaged sewer manhole cover between the railroad tracks and the Tri-Valley track was replaced. One service line leak was repaired this month. There were five non-pay turn off orders issued for the month. Looking forward to the arrival of spring like weather.

Kevin Whitehouse
Village of Downs
Public Works Superintendent
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POST MEETING: FOURTH THURS. @ 6:00 PM
HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

APRIL 2018 PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Spring projects are in the works. We've accepted the pavilion roof bid from McCumsey Roofing and are asking for a work date. Boy Scout **John Symanski** has chosen the site for the Gaga Ball pit and plans to lay the base soon. Many thanks to **Eric Marshall** for volunteering his time, energy, equipment and expertise in helping remove mulch and downed trees from Kickapoo Park! Work should begin as soon as the ground is dry enough for heavy equipment. Work on pavilion door insulation, Huff Street fencing repair, and repair of a light on the basketball court will start after the last snow! We are ordering mulch for the playground and hope to rototill the area for aeration and weed removal.

To celebrate Arbor Day and people who have special connections to Downs, two trees will be planted in Dooley Park during April.

Pavilion rentals are up and running for the spring and summer seasons. The Pavilion is a large enclosed space with table seating for 100, a full kitchen, bathrooms, and parking set in the middle of beautiful Dooley Park. The rental fee is \$40.00. We offer a reduced rate to community service groups that qualify. To reserve the pavilion for an event or a meeting, contact the Village Hall **between 8 AM and Noon Monday through Friday** at 378-3221. To find open rental dates, consult the calendar on villageofdowns.org website or call the Village Hall. 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 renting the pavilion, be sure to make plans to pick up the key from the Village Hall during their business hours. Before leaving the pavilion after your event, complete the clean-up checklist and deposit it in the tray on the kitchen counter. **Reminder:** reserve early to be sure you get the date you want!

Thanks to volunteer **Sheila Bradford**, the Food Pantry has received a \$500 State Farm Grant! 38 boxes were distributed this month. Welcome to new volunteers **Diane and Lenny Jones** and many thanks to all of our volunteers!

Help us celebrate Earth Day by joining us for the **Earth Day Breakfast in Dooley Park on Saturday, April 21st from 7AM to 10 AM**. Enjoy a home-cooked meal of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, casseroles, fresh fruit, sweets, juice and coffee served buffet style. Our Earth Day focus is to thank all villagers who recycle paper, glass, plastic and metal through the curbside recycling service provided by Downs and to encourage those who don't yet recycle to take advantage of this great easy-to-use program.

DID YOU KNOW?

- On average, 10-15% of the money you spend on a product pays for the packaging, which ultimately ends up as garbage.
- It costs about \$30 per ton to recycle garbage, \$50 to transport it to a landfill, and \$70 to incinerate it.
- The average household throws away 13,000 pieces of paper every year which is mostly junk mail and packaging.
- Recycling creates 1.1 million U.S. jobs and \$37 billion in annual payrolls.

*Are you a vendor looking for an established, mid-week market?
We're looking for you!*

It's our 16th Season

PLEASE NOTE
This year the Downs Village Market
will hold a market on
MONDAY, JULY 2
instead of Wednesday July 4.

Downs Village Market

Wednesdays 4 - 6 PM
June 6 - September 26, 2018

Located at the southwest edge of Downs just off I-74,
our market attracts customers from Downs and Bloomington/Normal,
as well as surrounding small towns. Our customers appreciate the convenience, easy
parking, and the friendly, small-town atmosphere of the Downs Village Market.

We welcome vendors with the following items for sale-

Locally Grown and Select Regional Produce

Meat, Poultry, Eggs and Cheese

(with the appropriate certifications)

Plants and Flowers

Quality Handcrafted Items

\$10 per week / \$70 for the season

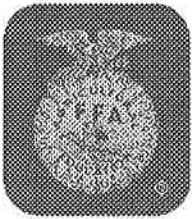
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**Tri-Valley FFA
503 E. Washington
Downs, IL 61736**

**CONTACT: Kristin Myers
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309-378-2911**



For Immediate Release

Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse

Downs, IL- The Tri-Valley FFA members will be holding a greenhouse sale on Saturday, May 5th from 8am-3pm, Sunday, May 6th from 12pm-3pm and Friday, May 11th from 8:30-2:30pm.

The FFA members will be selling a variety of annuals, perennials, foliage plants, hanging baskets and vegetables. Some of the plants include, wave petunias, vinca, impatiens, begonia, marigold, alyssum, zinnia, geraniums, hostas, daylilies, tomatoes, peppers, houseplants, and various hanging baskets.

The greenhouse is located on the south side of Tri-Valley High School. All proceeds from the greenhouse sale will go to the Tri-Valley FFA Organization.

The FFA is a national organization of more than 600,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse Sale

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, FOLIAGE PLANTS, VEGETABLES
AND HANGING BASKETS!

8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday, May 5th

12:00 PM-3:00 PM
Sunday, May 6th

8:30 AM-2:30 PM
Friday, May 11th
(During Tri-Valley Civil War Daze)

Wave Petunia	Zinnia	Daylily
Vinca	Celosia	Hosta
Impatiens	Salvia	Delphinium
Gazania	Potato Vine	Gaillardia
Begonia	Dusty Miller	Herbs
Marigold	Purple Coneflower	Tomatoes
Pansy	Black-eyed Susan	Peppers
Geranium	Shasta Daisy	Houseplants

AND MUCH MORE!!!

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Current Resident
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Committee	Mike James	309-830-7374	Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org	Events Committee Chair

