



**Village of Downs**  
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**Mayor, Village Board and Clerk**

President/Mayor	Public Safety/Services/ President Pro Tem	Public Works	Streets	Building	Finance	Parks/Youth Center/Food Pantry	Clerk
Mike James	Maureen Roach	Paul Messamore	Danny Lush	Mary Goveia	Open	Margaret Keylin	Julie James

**From the Desk of the Mayor - June 2016**

In the fall of 2008, in my kitchen I joked with family and friends about running for the Village Board. I thought more about why and how I would do this and subject myself and family to endless scrutiny. My wife was supportive, as always, and we decided that this was something I should do. However, I was scared and lacked confidence. Why would a guy whom never really paid any attention to what was going on politically in the nation, state or even locally think he would have something to offer Downs? Why would the people of Downs put their trust and faith in me who they didn't even know? I said, "if Barack Obama could become president, I could get elected".

First, I needed to introduce myself to as many residents as possible and listen to what the residents wanted. I took the streets and went door-to-door for the next 3 months. I heard everything that was on your mind. For some it was quick and others it was hours, but I listened and learned and started to hear many things over and over. I used that information to formulate a plan, message and shape what I was going to work toward if elected.

Second, I needed to learn how government worked and so I started going to our board meetings and others. As for anyone, government operations, policies, procedures and laws are eye-opening. One needs to develop, educate and present a case for each action or law you want considered and approved. This was going to be a challenge.

Once elected the road (pun-intended as I was Streets Trustee) was rough and difficult to navigate for two years, but I did the best I could and was allowed. More next month, but do want to draw attention to my op-ed piece in the Leroy Press and on my FB page. If you want to understand my feelings and opinion of government please read that article.

This month was again a light agenda with a lot of discussion regarding various topics within the Village. See the overview for more details. I would like to hold multiple town hall sessions to get feedback and direction from the Village residents and I will try to schedule these at various times that will be convenient as possible. More to come.

Congratulations to Rodney and Sharon Lush. They were chosen this year's Grand Marshal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. This year we had more choices than ever and it was great to see all the nominations. Thank you for the input.

Finally, we accepted the dedication of the new road, Energy Way, from Corn Belt Energy. This roadway was needed as the first step in providing adequate access to the future development at Downs Crossing and Corn Belt Energy.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions, explanation or clarification. Please support your local businesses as they rely on YOUR support to stay in business. Thriving businesses will make Downs a more attractive place to live and invest.

In your service,  
 Mike James, Mayor  
 309-830-7374, [Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org](mailto:Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org)

**Other Positions and Committee Chairs**

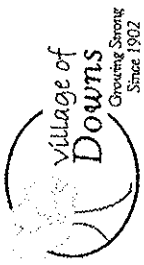
Police Chief  
 Josh Dingler

Public Works Superintendent  
 Kevin Whitehouse

Treasurer and TIF Administrator  
 Julie Bakewell

Zoning Enforcement  
 Lyndali Cuba

Zoning Board Chairperson  
 Linda Bowman



VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Meeting Minutes  
7:00 PM  
June 2, 2016

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

1. Mayor Mike James called the June 2, 2016 regular board meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Roll call was taken with Trustees Roach, Goveia, Messamore, Keyjin and Lush were all present. Also present were Clerk James and Attorney Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.
4. A motion to approve the agenda order was made and approved.  
Discussion:
  - The ordinance approving the new BNWRD Rate Structure for Sewer was scratched from the agenda.
  - No action was taken on Motion to approve continuance of the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to \_\_\_\_\_, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.
  - No action was taken on Motion to Approve FY 2014-2015 Audit by Canny Accounting, LLC.
  - No action was taken on Motion to Approve FY 2014-2015 Annual Treasurer's Report.
  - No action was taken on Resolution 2016-R08 Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Annexation Agreement between the Village of Downs and Living Hope Christian Church, Inc.
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.
  - Motions
    - Motion to Approve the May 5, 2016 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
    - Motion to Approve the Extension of Dooley Park Hours on 6/25/2016; 7/4/2016, 7/23/2016 and 8/27/2016 until 12 am
    - Motion to Approve Washington St Road Closure from Lincoln to Woodlawn on 7/4/2016
    - Motion to Approve Dooley Park Road Closure on 6/25/2016; 7/4/2016, 7/23/2016 and 8/27/2016
    - Motion to Approve Payment of Budgeted Expenses for June and July Events as Needed and Approved by Village Clerk, Public Safety Trustee, Treasurer and Mayor

- Motion to Approve Parade Route and Road Closures Required During the Parade on 7/4/2016
  - Motion to Approve Rodney and Sharon Lush as 2016 4th of July Grand Marshal
9. New Business
    - Ordinances
      - A motion to approve Ordinance 2016-22 Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the System of Preparing for Responding to and Recovering from Domestic Disaster Incidents for the Village of Downs made and approved.
      - A motion to approve Ordinance 2016-23 Authorizing and Approving the Agreement with the Illinois Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN) made and approved.
      - Resolutions
        - A motion to approve Resolution 2016-R10 Approving the Area Disposal Recycle Pickup from the Second and Fourth Saturday to the Second and Fourth Friday Along with Regular Garbage Pickup was made and approved.
  10. Old Business
    - Resolutions
      - A motion to approve Resolution 2016-R09 Accepting the Offer of Irrevocable Dedication of Roadway Improvements in the Downs Crossing Development was made and approved.
  11. A motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.
  12. A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of procurement of an interest in real property was made and approved.  
A break was taken from 9:24pm.-9:37pm.  
The June 2, 2016 regular board meeting was reconvened at 10:28pm.
  13. Roll call was taken with Trustees Roach, Goveia, Messamore, Keyjin and Lush were all present. Also present were Clerk James and Attorney Dawn Wall. A quorum was still present.
  14. No action was taken on Executive Session Items.
  15. A motion to Adjourn at 10:28pm was made and approved.

Julie James  
Village Clerk

# A Look Ahead

## QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

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### June:

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Recycling Pick-up
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Park Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Dooley Park Pavilion
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Recycling Pick-up
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Movies in the Park, 7pm – 12am (Movie: Night at the Museum)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

### July:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Freedom Run: 5k Run, 1 mile walk and Kid Fun Run (4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraiser)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Community Breakfast by Parks Committee (fundraiser TBD), 7 – 10 am
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Celebration
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Movies in the Park, 7pm – 12am (Movie: Finding Nemo)
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

### August:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Movies in the Park, 7pm – 12am (Movie: Goonies)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Village Market, 4-6 pm @ W. Franklin St.

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## Now on Facebook

### VILLAGE OF DOWNS EVENTS

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The Events Committee has put together a Facebook site for announcements, information and other social media interaction for the events within the Village. I hope you will find this useful and join (“Like”) our Facebook group/site at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DownsEvents/>.

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

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# Door-to-Door Sales

## DID YOU KNOW THIS?

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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 their permit 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 inform the Village Hall, Chief, Mayor or Clerk.

If they are acting suspicious in the neighborhood, 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.

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# Volunteers Needed

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

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We welcome help and hope that you will give of your time to make our village events better and what you expect/want. There are several ways to do this: contact a committee member and/or complete the volunteer form in this flyer.

NEEDED: Freedom Run helpers, Door-to-door donation collectors, advertising, donation collectors on 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Events Committee is ONLY planning the following for July 4<sup>th</sup>: Freedom run, volleyball tourney, parade, music entertainment, food vendors and fireworks. If you are going to coordinate something additional and need/expect funding, we need to know now. Other things that we have had in the past that will NOT be planned for this year are things like: games, activities, bounce house, dunk tank, tug of war contest. If you expect those things and want them, then we ask for your time to plan, staff and coordinate. We have several groups that are considering activities and we do have some volunteers to run kid's games like she has done in the past.

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# No Dumping!

## THIS IS YOUR WARNING

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Whoever is dumping their grass, trash, etc. in Kickapoo Park or the Dooley Park dumpsters this will be your warning to STOP! My plea to the folks that care about their village, please be on the lookout for these folks, ask them to STOP and/or report them to MetCom, Chief Dingler, Maureen Roach or Village Hall.

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# Finance Trustee Position Remains Open

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## PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE TO YOUR VILLAGE

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The Mayor will be accepting letters for consideration for only this position. Your term of office will be the remaining months until April 30, 2017. If you decide to continue, you will need to run for a four-year term in the 2017 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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## “Night at the Museum” – Brought to you by Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt

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### JUNE 25, 2016 MOVIE IN THE PARK

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The Events Committee will be showing three movies in Dooley Park this summer. The movies will be shown the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month (June, July and August). 7 pm the park will open for you to arrive with your blanket, chairs, picnic, bug spray, 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.

## “Finding Nemo”

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### JULY 23, 2016 MOVIE IN THE PARK

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## “Goonies”

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### AUGUST 27, 2016 MOVIE IN THE PARK

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#### Senior News

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The Seniors and our guests certainly enjoyed the concert the TV Jr High Jazz Band gave at the May meeting. The weather was perfect and we provided a great lunch. Birthdays in May were Della Prince and Joe Sutter.

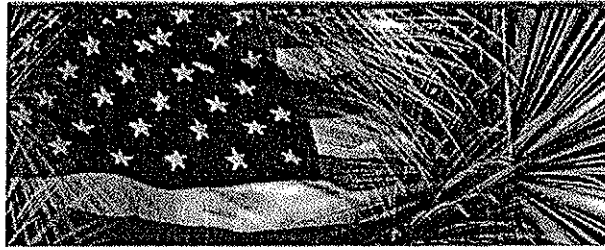
June 2nd breakfast was at Bob Evans in Bloomington.

The meeting on June 15th will be held at Avanti's Italian Restaurant on Empire St. in Bloomington at 11:30. We have not met there before. Come join us.

Keep Ken Bowman in your prayers. We hope he will keep improving while taking treatments.

Don't forget – the bake sale at the Farmer's Market is July 6th

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

<p><b>LOCATION, DATE &amp; TIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start: Tri-Valley Middle School 505 E. Washington, Downs, IL</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, July 2, 2016</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5K Run/1 Mile Walk: 7:30 a.m.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finish &amp; Kids Run: TVHS track</li> </ul> <p><b>REGISTRATION: 5K &amp; 1 mi. Walk Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pre-Register:</b> Mail form and \$20 donation (check payable to Village of Downs) to the address below. Form &amp; payment must be received on or before noon on 7/1/16.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pre-Register Online:</b> \$20 donation (+ \$2.09 fee) before noon on 7/1/16.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-village-of-downs-2016-5k-run-1-mi-walk-tickets-25454772911">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-village-of-downs-2016-5k-run-1-mi-walk-tickets-25454772911</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Race Day:</b> July 2, 6:30-7:15 a.m. at TVMS. \$25 – cash or check accepted.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Early Race Packet Pick Up:</b> July 1, 5-7 p.m. at Tri-Valley Middle School.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No refunds will be given.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Village of Downs, IL is hosting the 5th annual Freedom Run to raise funds for the 4th of July not for profit celebration.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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 &amp; under) immediately following 5K on the track.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed t-shirt to those whose paper registration is postmarked by June 22 or whose online registration is received by June 22.</li> </ul> <p><b>AWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medals awarded to Overall Male and Female Winner &amp; the Top Age Group Finisher for Men and Women: 19 &amp; under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. There are no awards for walkers.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ribbons given to all Kids Fun Run participants.</li> </ul> <p><b>VOLUNTEERS &amp; SPONSORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you would like to volunteer or donate to sponsor this event, please contact Amie Mouser</li> </ul> <p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>  Kimber Jensen / Bodyshock Boot Camp  Phone: 309-825-4668  E-Mail: <a href="mailto:kimbaj27@yahoo.com">kimbaj27@yahoo.com</a></p>
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#### Village of Downs 5K Freedom Run/Walk Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Runner: \_\_\_\_\_ Walker: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 07/02/16 \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 5K Freedom Run  
211 South Seminary Street  
Downs, IL 61736

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



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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](http://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 6 & 7; June 3 & 4) - \$0 expense budget
- 2) Dooley Park Car Show (May 21, Rainout May 22) - \$1,200 expense budget
- 3) Village Cleanup Day (June 4) - \$400 expense budget
- 4) **New** – Movies in the Park (June 25 (Night at the Museum), July 23 (Finding Nemo), August 27 (Goonies)) - \$300+ per night depending on movie
- 5) Independence Days Celebration - \$15,100 expense budget
  - a. Freedom Run & Walk (July 2)
  - b. Independence Day (July 4)
- 6) Downs Fright Fest (All October Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) - \$7,015 expense budget
- 7) Christmas in Downs (All December, Cookies with Santa Dec 10) - \$3,800 expense budget
- 8) Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (March 20, 2016) - \$300 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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<u>Police Chief</u> Josh Dingler	<u>Public Works Superintendent</u> Kevin Whitehouse	<u>Treasurer/Budget Officer/TIFA Administrator</u> Julie Bakewell	<u>Zoning Enforcement</u> Lyndall Cuba	<u>Zoning Board Chairperson</u> Linda Bowman
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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](mailto:mayor@VillageOfDowns.org). Questions contact Downs Village Hall 309-378-3221. \* The Freedom Run Sponsor T-Shirt deadline is June 19, 2016.

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

- \$250 Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100 Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50 Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorships:

**June 25 or July 23 or August 27, 2016 (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.

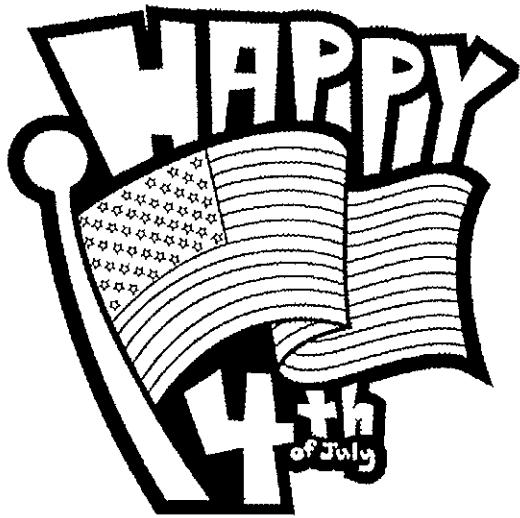
**July 2, 2016 – 5k Freedom Run race and 1 mile walk**

- \$100 Finish Line sponsorship – Provides half page ad in booklet *for the year*, name on the t-shirt, in 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, in 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, in 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, 2016**

- \$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.





## 4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7-10 am: Fireman's Breakfast
- 9 am: Sand Volleyball Tournament
- 10 am – 2 pm: DJ Leslie Starkey
- 12 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- 1 pm: Mayor and Introduction of 2016  
Grand Marshal
- 1:30 pm: Children Games
- 4 – 6 pm: Dan Hubbard
- 7 – 10 pm: Jack Dupp & Empty Bottles
- 9:15 pm: National Anthem: Ellie Dew

Volunteers still needed.  
Contact Mayor James at  
830-7374 or  
[mayor@villageofdowns.org](mailto:mayor@villageofdowns.org)

# RICKIE JOHNSON

and

The City of Downs

## One on One Instructional Basketball



Event Director: Rickie Johnson

Email: rajohn2@yahoo.com  
Phone: 309-336-1362

### Shooting Contest Registration Form

(Three Point Contest, Free Throw Contest, and Hot Shot Contest)

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in 2016) \_\_\_\_\_

Shooting Contest Fees  
\$2.00 each contest

Circle all contests you are registering for:

Free Throw      Hot Shot      3 point

Amount received \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_

### 3-on-3 Team Contest Registration Form

Division (circle one) **BOYS** **GIRLS**

I am registering a (circle one) **TEAM** **INDIVIDUAL**

PLAYER(S) NAME (3-4 players) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 3-on-3 Contest Fees

Mail in: \$60 (postmarked by 6/23)

On-Site: \$65

Note: Teams must register as a team. Individual registrants will be grouped into teams by the event director

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registrations and checks to:

Rickie Johnson Instructional Basketball  
c/o Downs Camp Director  
1720 Jacobssen, Normal IL 61761

Amount received \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## PARKS REPORT:

By PEGGY KEYLIN, PARK TRUSTEE @ 309-378-4098

Thanks to Downs Top Notchers 4-H Club, Dooley Park is colorful with the flowers they planted mid-month. Flowers were also planted near the pine tree in McManus Park. We thank all of our community groups and individuals for their donations and helpful improvements.

The committee is getting estimates to install two new fans in the Pavilion. To help renters use the clean-up checklist, we'll put an in-basket on the counter where they can deposit the lists. We'll also have extra checklist copies in case they forgot the original. The committee is keeping a list of all who volunteer their time to help in the parks. This information could be helpful in applying for grants. We'll keep volunteer sign-in sheets on the kitchen counter. Please sign in if you volunteer your service. Unfortunately people are still using park grounds as a roadway to drive from the grade school to the park road. The committee is looking for telephone poles to use to repair the hole in the fence line to keep vehicles off the grass.

On a recent walk through Kickapoo Park, Chief Dingler and members of the Fire Department pointed out several safety issues we need to address. A number of log piles left from the sewer installation are hazards. When flooding occurs, they float and can potentially harm roadways and bridges. The mulch piles invite mold and displace habitat in the park. A number of ash trees killed by the ash borer need to be removed. Since flooding has become more prevalent and invasive, removal of log piles is the top priority. The Village Board will consider solutions for these problems at our next meeting. Anyone wanting FREE felted logs, please contact [parks@villageofdowns.org](mailto:parks@villageofdowns.org). The committee plans to add NO DUMPING messages to Kickapoo Park signs.

Improvements to the basketball courts by the Youth Center, such as backboards, nets and improved fencing are planned for the near future.

Our next Parks Committee meeting is on Monday, June 20 at 6:00 PM in Dooley Park Pavilion. Enjoy summer in all of our parks!

**DID YOU KNOW?** McLean County is very close to meeting its ecological goal of recycling 40% of its waste in the next 2 years. How can you help? Recycle! If you have cans, bottles, plastic, newspaper, cardboard, magazines or junk mail, you can recycle it using Downs' convenient curbside recycling service. June pick up dates are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Anytime Towing will tow your junk cars away FOR FREE until August!

Our village ordinance about trees and shrubs requires Downs villagers to trim back any tree or shrub limbs on their properties that cause an obstruction to a public road or sidewalk.

**REMINDER:** The next Community Breakfast in Dooley Park is going to be Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Park Pavilion, from 7:00 am - 10:00 am. This is in connection with the 5K Freedom Run. Put it on your calendar!

## PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE - GARBAGE REPORT:

Enbridge Grant Awarded

Thank you to Enbridge for providing \$5,000 to the Village of Downs on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The grant money is earmarked for a capital improvement project towards the purchase of an additional Warning Siren. This project supports safety planning initiatives and the need for emergency warning notifications for expanded coverage of our growing community.

Submitted by Maureen Roach, Public Safety Trustee

## COMMUNITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

### JUNK VEHICLES:

The Village of Downs is working with Anytime Towing to assist residents in removing inoperable/junk cars free of charge. Please contact Tony Ales at Anytime Towing at 309-988-6106 to schedule a pick-up. Just a reminder that inoperable cars unless kept in a building are considered a public nuisance and an ordinance violation that will be enforced. (VOD ordinance, Chapter 8d)



### WEEDS:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants, to grow to a height exceeding eight (8) inches anywhere in the Village; any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared to be a nuisance and an ordinance violation that will be enforced. (VOD ordinance, Chapter 16, Article I. Plants and Weeds, Sec. 2)



### RECYCLE:

Let's work together and pick up trash. Curbside recycling is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month.



Submitted by Maureen Roach, Public Safety Trustee

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

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual TVHS Garage Sale will be held on Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will be accepting donations of clean, usable items starting May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please do not donate TVs, Printers or any other Electronics.**

**Items may be dropped off at the high school Monday-Friday, 8 am – 3 pm, from May 31 through July 21. Please place items neatly on the stage as far back as possible. If drop off times do not work for you, or you have any questions, please contact Shari Riley at [sriley@tri-valley3.org](mailto:sriley@tri-valley3.org).**

**Please consider donating and shopping! Last year we raised \$5000 that was used to help our families in need in the district.**

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Water and sewer report for May 2016

6/1/2016

The sewer lift station delivered 2,705,000 gallons to BNWRD for the month, averaging 8,730,000 per day. The total water pumped for the month was 2,204,400 gallons, averaging 71,100 gallons per day. The average iron concentration in the finished water was .44 PPM. One service line water leak was repaired during the month. The failed aerolater blower motor was replaced and returned to service. An inspection of the treatment tank and filters was performed with additional filter sand being added. The interior piping of the filters was found to be failing and is allowing the continued loss of sand. The Village of Downs Water Department hosted an IAWWA small systems training session at the fire house. Twenty Eight persons attended the Eight hour session on current regulation compliance.

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

DOWNNS

IL1130500

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015

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 DOWNNS is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name KEVIN WHITEHOUSE  
Phone 309-378-2137

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include 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 storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a 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.

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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. 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 (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

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 1 (47616)	GW	_____	N WELL OF 2 WELLS ON SEMINARY
WELL 3 (47618)	GW	_____	S WELL OF 2 WELLS ON SEMINARY

## Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 309-378-2137. 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 Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: DOWNNS 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 Downs's water supply officials, the following facilities, also indicated in the site data table, have gone out of business: Hammar's Market and Farmchem. In addition, Amaco Station has been added between I-74 and the village. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Downs Wells #1 and #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.

2015 Regulated Contaminants Detected

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

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	08/09/2014	1.3	1.3	0.25	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	08/09/2014	0	15	2.5	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

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	12/31/2015	1.8	0.46 - 1.97	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2015	10	10.35 - 10.35	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2015	10	10.2 - 10.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	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	10/15/2013	3.1	3.1 - 3.1	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	10/15/2013	0.21	0.21 - 0.21	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	10/15/2013	1.11	1.11 - 1.11	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	10/15/2013	0.71	0.71 - 0.71		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	10/15/2013	35	35 - 35	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	10/15/2013	56	56 - 56			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	10/15/2013	0.051	0.051 - 0.051	5	5	ppm	N	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	07/22/2014	1.76	1.76 - 1.76	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	07/22/2014	0.159	0.159 - 0.159	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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## 2016 DOWNS VILLAGE MARKET MUSIC AND BAKE SALE CALENDAR

	MUSIC	BAKE SALE SPONSOR
June	1 SFEA-J-108	Downs Unit HCE
	8 John McMahon	McLean Co. HCE
	15 Austin Found	Downs Top Notchers 4-H
	22 Andrew Hedges	St. Mary's Ladies Auxilary
	29 Bones Bach	Downs Top Notchers 4-H
July	6 The Hippie Project	Downs Senior Citizens
	13 Austin Found	McLean County HCE
	20 SugarCreek Cloggers	Downs Top Notchers 4-H
	27 John McMahon	Grand Village of Kickapoo Park
August	3 Wagon Load a Trouble	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Women of Normal
	10 Sambo Dogwood	McLean Co. HCE
	17 Austin Found	Downs Unit HCE
	24 Andrew Hedges	St. Mary's Ladies Auxilary
	31 The Hippie Project	McLean Co. HCE
Sept.	7 Ray Prince	Downs Senior Citizens
	14 John McMahon	McLean Co. HCE
	21 Sambo Dogwood	Downs Unit HCE
	28 SFEA-J-108	No Bake Sale      Free Snacks!



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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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