



News & Current Events

June 2025

From the Desk of the Interim Mayor

This month's board meeting covered various construction updates beginning with the Downs Streetscape project starting on Stage 1 with the closing of W. Franklin Street. With construction in the older area of Downs, we have uncovered field tiles, broken lines and concrete from an original grain elevator and train depot (see below). Franklin St. will reopen on June 27 for two-way traffic and in time for the 4th of July parade route. During construction, please do not block alleyways as they will remain accessible as well as sidewalks throughout the construction. Beginning June 30th through July 11, Seminary St. will be closed to traffic between Main and West Franklin streets. Traffic will be rerouted to West Franklin. More information on timelines and site maps can be found on the Village website.

Below: Historical picture of the old train station and downtown



The Water Main Extension project has 1000' left of pipe to install along the highway and 3000' by the cemetery on Lincoln St. to Fox Run Road and to be completed by the end of June. Beginning June 16th, work will begin on the electrical phase of the new water tower at Downs Crossing; lights will be installed up the tower, interior and on top. Construction of the booster pumping station will begin mid-July with delivery around August 1.



Engineers from MSA indicated we should be hearing back from the IEPA the week of June 16th regarding our operating permit for the Water Treatment Plant. When the approval comes, there will more than likely be town-wide boil orders as we flush the iron out of the old system.

The 4th of July is a time to reflect on our American history, celebrate our freedom, and express patriotism through various festivities held throughout the day. The Events Committee and 4th of July Committee Chair, Trustee Stephanie Adkisson, have been busy planning a variety of day long activities for the Downs' 4th of July celebration beginning with a parade, followed by various activities and inflatables for the kids, a local celebrity dunk tank, musical entertainment, food vendors and beer garden, a volleyball tournament and other festivities. The parade kicks off at noon, with food and fun activities held throughout the day. The 4th of July celebration wouldn't be complete without our spectacular firework display at dusk! A special thanks goes to the Downs Citizens in Action (CIA) group for their generous sponsorship of the fireworks and inflatables. Their continued support and serving Downs help make many of the festivities possible. More 4th of July information will be available on the Village website.

I am pleased to announce that Ruth Hood has been selected as the 2025 Village of Downs 4th of July celebration Grand Marshall for her volunteerism and service contributions that have benefited the Village of Downs. As a lifelong resident, she held a billing clerk position within the Village for 14 years; however, it is her service and volunteerism that is most commendable and meaningful. Ruth served two terms as a trustee, volunteered for a number of years on the Village Market committee, and was instrumental in its development in the early beginnings.

The Community Clean-up Day held on June 7th was again a success. Two full trash containers and 2 recycling bins were filled. Thanks to all who participated in helping to keep our community safe and clean!

I hope you will participate in some or all upcoming Downs' 4th of July activities as we appreciate and celebrate our country's freedom!

Best regards.

Maureen Roach, Interim Village President





Village of Downs Board of Trustees Meeting Overview June 12th, 2025, 7 pm @ Village Hall & via ZOOM

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

1. Interim Mayor Maureen Roach called the June 12, 2025 Village of Downs Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Maureen Roach, Diana Reynolds, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel, and Toby Twyford. There was a quorum present. Also present were Clerk Rachel Eagles, Treasurer Julie Bakewell, and Village Attorney Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. A Motion to Approve Agenda and Order was made and approved.
5. Reports can be found in the flyer.
6. Public Comment—Boy scouts introduced themselves who were present that are working on a communications badge and part of that required them to attend a board meeting.
7. A Motion to Approve Items Contained within the Consent Agenda was made and approved.
8. A Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was made and approved.

1. Motions

- a. Motion to Approve the May 8, 2025, Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Motion to Approve the Village Board of Trustees Executive Meeting Minutes (No executive meeting last month.)
- c. Motion to Approve the Extension of Dooley Park Hours on 7/4/2025 until 12 am 7/5/2025
- d. Motion to Approve Washington St Road Closure from Lincoln to Woodlawn on 7/4/2025 after the Parade
- e. Motion to Approve Dooley Park Road Closure from 7/3/2025 to 7/4/2025
- f. Motion to Approve Payment of Budgeted Expenses for Freedom Run and July 4th Events as Needed and Approved by Village Clerk, Finance Trustee, and Mayor
- g. Motion to Approve Parade Route and Road Closures Required During the Parade on 7/4/2025
- h. Motion to Approve Events Committee Recommendation of Ruth Hood as the 2025 4th of July Grand Marshall



- i. Motion to approve amended Ken Myszka subdivision preliminary plan within 1.5 miles of the Village of Downs
- j. Motion to Hire Ethan Moore as a Seasonal Part-Time Summer Worker for the Village of Downs at \$15 per hour starting May 28, 2025, Reporting to the Public Works Supervisor.
- k. Motion to Hire Nick Traugott as a Seasonal Part-time Summer Worker for the Village of Downs at \$15 per hour starting May 19, 2025, Reporting to the Public Works Supervisor.
- l. Motion to Hire Stephanie Junghanel as a Part-Time Worker to Clean Buildings for the Village of Downs at \$50 per building, per week.
- m. Motion to Approve the Quote for the Purchase of a Zero Turn Mower with Tiller and Mulch Kit for \$13,116.49 from Heritage Tractor for the Village of Downs Public Works Department.

2. Ordinance (21) (none this meeting)

3. Resolutions (R25)

- a. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-R25 was made and approved.
Resolution 2025-R25 Authorizing and Approving Agreement with Lamar Billboard and the Village of Downs for Downs Village Market Advertising
- b. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-R26 was made and approved.
Resolution 2025-R26 Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents for Phase I and Phase II Downs Crossing Water Project.
- c. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-R27 was made and approved.
Resolution 2025-R27 Authorizing and Approving professional services agreement between SKS Engineers, LLC and the Village of Downs for \$1,800.00

9. New Business (none this meeting)

1. Motions
2. Ordinances
3. Resolutions

10. Old Business (No action was taken in old business.)

1. Motion to Continue the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on _____, @ 7 pm at the Village Hall

11. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.

12. Motion to Enter Executive Session, was made at 8:47 pm and approved.
13. Entered back from Executive Session at 9:07 pm.
14. Action on Executive Session Items
15. Other Business—none
16. Interim Mayor Maureen Roach called the June 12, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:08 pm.
 1. A final roll call was taken. Trustees still present were Maureen Roach, Diana Reynolds, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel, and Toby Twyford. A quorum remained. Also present were Clerk Rachel Eagles, Treasurer Julie Bakewell, and Village Attorney Dawn Wall
17. A Motion to Adjourn at 9:08 pm was made and approved.

Downs Freedom Run

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Join us the Saturday BEFORE the 4th, for a fun morning with friends! Gun start at 8:00AM. New to the Downs Freedom Run? Enjoy one of the flattest 5k courses in the area, with a route that runs through our community with cheering spectators to greet you along the way.



Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Downs/DownsFreedomRun> to signup and participate in the event!



GFL Environmental

Bulk Pickup—First Garbage Day Pickup of the Month

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

Dumpster Use

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

Public Safety

Applications for use of Golf Cart and Utility-Terrain Vehicles

May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

Permits must be obtained to operate a qualified golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle. Permits shall be granted for a period of one (1) year and **must be renewed annually**. Applications are available on the Village of Downs website at www.villageofdowns.org. The cost of the permit is \$50.00 per golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle.

GOLF CART UTV INFORMATION/SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS DEFINITIONS: Per Chapter 8 Article X of the Village of Downs Code are located on the website www.villageofdowns.org.

An officer will schedule an inspection time with you. Valid Permits must be located in a visible location as pointed out by the Officer during your inspection. Just a reminder that these vehicles are not to be driven or parked on Seminary St. which is a county roadway. You could be ticketed.

Dooley Park Pavilion

Parks

To reserve the pavilion for an event or a meeting or to find/verify open rental dates, contact the Village Hall **between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday** at 309-378-3221. You can also check the calendar on the website to see currently reserved pavilion dates.

The rental agreement and clean-up checklist can be printed from the village website. Click **forms and applications** on the homepage, then click **Pavilion rental agreement** and **checklist** separately to download and print the two forms. You can also pick the forms up at the Village Hall.

When you pay your rental fee and turn in your signed rental agreement form at the Village Hall, the pavilion will be reserved for you for that date and time.



Billing

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

REMINDER: *The billing due date is the **15th of the month**. Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees. If not paid by the 25th of the month, and the office has to call you regarding payment, there will be an additional fee of \$20. If not paid on the 26th, shut off of water can occur. To reconnect, there is a additional fee of \$30.*

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

Reminder: If an ACH comes back as NSF it is treated like a check, and cash or money order is needed to cover the \$25 NSF fee + the amount of the bill. A 2nd NSF will result in no longer being eligible for ACH and all payments will need to be in cash or a money order. Please put your service number on your payment.

All Building Permits

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

Our permits are revised and posted on the website throughout the year. Make sure to print out the latest forms. Permit Forms can be found on our [Forms and Applications page](#) on the Village Website listed under Quick Links.



From the Desk Of the Chief

Hello all, and I hope that this summer finds you well. Our department had a very task-oriented May. We addressed the multiple speed concerns from the morning and afternoon speeders that were causing the residence distress. We issued 6 tickets in Downs as a result of this special detail. With school out and construction beginning, our attention will drift as the need arises.

June is already under way and it is finding us splitting our time between needed training for the county wide updates in technology. These systems are our main reporting systems and dispatch systems that keep us informed and safe. We are also heavy into patrol and traffic enforcement.

June is very training centered. We are required to do training for the county wide reporting system as well as the dispatch cad system.

July is coming up soon and with that we will be enforcing the golf cart permits and will be issuing tickets for those not registered with the village, and for those under the age of 21 driving them. We have told all those who's carts have been approved this year that the new cart laminated permit must be attached to the front window of the cart. Those that do not have the permit there will be stopped. Also, the 4th is coming, please be safe and have fun.

Thank you,

Chief Joshua Dingler

Downs Police Dept.
309 622 2207

Water Sewer report for May 2025.

The average iron concentration for the finished water was **.85** ppm. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory, fluoride concentration was **.5**. The volume of water pumped for the month was **2.509** million gallons, averaging **80,941** gallons per day. The sewer lift station pumped **2.158** million gallons for the month, averaging **69,638** million gallons per day.

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| • 0 Water shut off | • 33 JULIE tickets within Village |
| • 3 outdated water meters/transmitters replaced with updated units | □ 2 Streets/Water Department |
| • 2 Water leak repairs | □ 31 outside companies |
| | • 9 JULIE tickets outside Village |

We have added to our seasonal mowing team. Please welcome Vincent Verda, Nickolas Traugott, and Ethan Moore to the team as our newest seasonal workers. Vincent and Nick are freshmen at U of I and Ethan will be a senior this coming fall. All of them are/were Tri Valley students and bring Viking pride to our team.

Water meters/transmitters replacement changeout continues. We will be contacting you in the future to schedule a time when our team can replace the old ones with updated versions. This will be at no cost to the homeowner as it is Village Property.

Please continue to be cautious of our Village workers who are out and about. We want to make sure the Village is safe for the residents and ourselves.

We are getting closer to going online. With all new projects, there will be kinks to work out, but we are confident they will quickly be resolved. Once we have a more accurate date of officially going online, we will post it on Facebook, announce it in the recent news section of our Website, and send out an email through the Notification system.

As always, your support means a lot. If you have any questions/comments, please contact me.

Jill Kasprzak

Supervisor of Public Works & Maintenance

Monthly Brush Pickup Continues

April thru November 2025

Debris pickup will continue, based on the Streets Trustee's direction, the first MONDAY of each month (weather permitting). If the designated Monday pickup is not favorable, we will pick up on the next nice day following that Monday. The following are the rules we will follow with no exceptions.

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

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

Illegal Dumping

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

If you have questions or concerns, please call Brian Warfel at 309-261-0183.

Spring Cleanup

We will start working on spring projects such as filling holes, grade alleys and roadside edges, fix culverts and repair ditches. This also includes grade and repair for water main fixes during the fall or winter.

Grand Marshall

RUTH HOOD

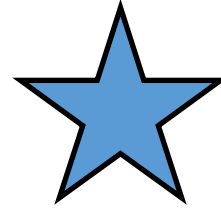
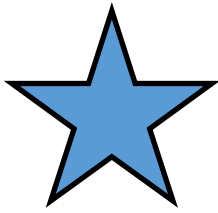
2025



Ruth Hood has served the residents and Village of Downs for 14 years. She has served on the board as Trustee, served on the Village Market committee, and as the Village Billing Clerk. Ruth served during a pivotal time for the Village during some big changes that include the Village Hall reconstruction, sewer system implementation, additional subdivisions, commercial expansion, downtown revitalization, and water plant renovation as well as serving individuals and helping with the planning and preparation for the 4th of July. Ruth started the famous "4th of July Walk" to raise donations for the fireworks and has continued to help organize the walk!

Ruth retired from the Village this year after being the Billing Clerk for 14 years. Her enthusiasm, passion for the Village, perspective, history, perseverance, and invaluable knowledge will be missed.

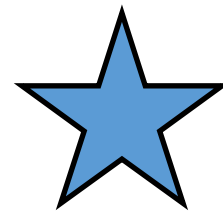
Thank you, Ruth, for your years of commitment and contributions to the Village of Downs!



4th of July Booklet and Events Friday, July 4

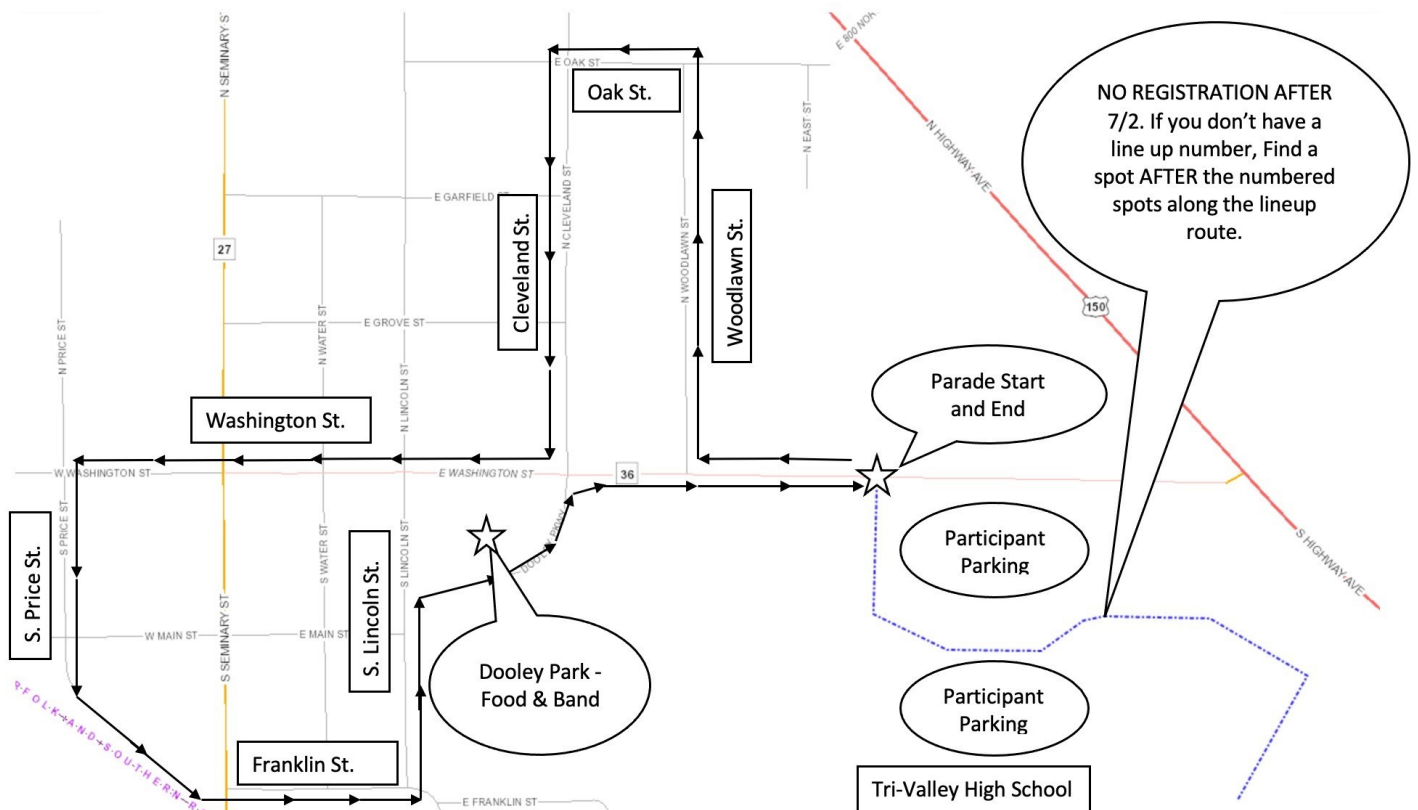
The 4th of July Events and Sponsorship Booklet will be available at most local businesses during the first week of July. This booklet will have the days event information and schedule.

4th of July Schedule



9am	Volleyball Tournament begins
10am - 4pm	Vendors and Inflatables (\$5 wristband for the day)
11am - 4pm	DJ at the Pavilion
11am - FIREWORKS	FOOD VENDORS (Engine One and Butcher Block Burger Stop) AND BEER GARDEN (The Station Saloon)
12pm	Parade
1-4pm	DUNK TANK (3 balls for \$1)
	1-1:30 MIKE JAMES
	1:30-2 Chief Dingler
	2-2:30 Bert Clark
	2:30-3 Cliff White
	3-3:30 TBA
5pm -FIREWORKS	STAR LIZARD Band in the Beer Garden
5:30 - 8:30pm	Balloon Animals and Face Painting

2025 4th of July Parade Map



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



4th of July Fireworks

Planned Start Time is 9:10 PM

During setup, shoot and break-down, unauthorized individuals are not allowed anywhere within the red areas below.



Village Of Downs Food Pantry



Our Mission

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

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

2025 Schedule

Month	Friday	Saturday
May	9th	10th
June	6th	7th
July	11th	12th
August	8th	9th

Distribution hours

10:00 am until Noon

Location

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

2025 Food Pantry Distribution Schedule

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

Contact the Food Pantry:

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

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



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Looking Ahead

Quick Glance at Upcoming Village Events, Activities and Meetings

June:

- 1st – Grand Marshal nominations close
- 2nd– Brush Pickup by Village
- 5th – Garbage Collection – GFL Monthly Bulk pickup
- 7th – Village of Downs Annual Clean-up Day, 7am – 2 pm, See flyer info or Facebook
- 7th – Dooley Park Cruise-In, 3 – 7 pm @ Dooley Park
- 10th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall
- 12th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 12th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 17th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Village Hall, Video/Audio via Zoom
- 19th – Garbage Collection
- 26th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

July:

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| • 3rd – Garbage Collection – GFL Monthly Bulk pickup | • 10th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom |
| • 4th—Independence Day Celebrations | • 14th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Village Hall, Video/Audio via Zoom |
| • 7th– Brush Pickup by Village | • 17th – Garbage Collection |
| • 7th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall | • 24th – Garbage and Recycle Collection |
| • 10th – Garbage and Recycle Collection | • 31st – Garbage Collection |

August:

- 7th – Garbage Collection – GFL Monthly Bulk pickup
- 4th – Village Monthly Brush Pickup
- 11th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall
- 14th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 14th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 19th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Village Hall, Video/Audio via Zoom
- 21st – Garbage Collection
- 20th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6pm @ Pavilion
- 28th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

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

Video/Audio Information for Public Meetings which use Zoom

Broadcast for Village Board of Trustee Meetings Will Continue

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

You may submit comments or questions via the following methods:

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

Video/Audio conference call information:

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

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: VOD2020

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

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: 682969

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call Trisha 309-273-8610

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Let Us Know How We Can Use Your Expertise

Volunteer Registration

Often someone wants to help but doesn't know how. Often, I hear, "Let me know if I can help.", but I don't know how. See the dilemma? Our website contains a "[Volunteer Registration Form](#)". This registration will allow you to tell us where you can help and how we can utilize your talents and skills. I hope you will take the time to consider how you can you help.

Door-to-Door Sales

Permit Required

Door-to-door solicitation permits are needed PRIOR to doing solicitation door-to-door. No warnings will be granted. Please report anyone that does not have a permit to come to your door. Please try and get their name and car make/model/color. Solicitors without a permit will be fined.

Keep up to Date with Facebook and Village Website

Village of Downs Events

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

Other social media sites of interest are:

- You know you are from Downs FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/downsil/>
- Downs Citizens In Action (CIA) FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115323465475046/>
- Downs Haunted House FB Page and Website:
 - ◇ <https://www.facebook.com/downs.hauntedhouse>
 - ◇ <http://www.downshauntedhouse.org>
- Dooley Park FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/108924229128032/>
- Downs Freedom Run: <https://www.facebook.com/downsfreedomrun/>
- Downs GPS (Grow, Play, Stay): <https://www.facebook.com/DownsGPS>
- Downs Village Market FB Page and Instagram:
 - ◇ <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090958995532>
 - ◇ <https://www.instagram.com/downsvillagemarket/?igshid=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ%3D%3D>

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FY2026 (May 2025 – April 2026) Village of Downs Event Plan

Current Plan—Subject to Change

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

Dooley Park Cruise-In – This event will be held on the first Saturday in June in Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.

Village Cleanup Day – This event will be held on the first Saturday in June each year. We hope to have containers for garbage, recycle, electronics, batteries, tires (extra fee). Home pick up can be arranged for a donation.

Freedom Run – The Freedom Run will be held June 28 (Saturday before July 4) and is a 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run. Event will start and end at the Tri-Valley Middle School & High School. See Facebook/Meta for more information.

4th of July – This event will be the first of two large events for the Village. This year will be a one-day event.

Creepy Car Cruise-In – This event will be held the first Saturday in October at Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.

Downs Haunted House – This event will be the second of the two large events. This event will be every Friday and Saturday in October until Halloween. The Un-Haunted House for kids will be on the last Sunday in October.

Cookies with Santa – This very popular family-oriented event providing free picture(s) with Santa for the family and/or kids, cookies, and drinks. Cookies with Santa will continue to use the ticketing system used last year. The event will take place the first Saturday and Sunday in December in several sessions to be announced later.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt – This event will be hosted in Dooley Park on Saturday, March 28, 2026, and will involve the areas Churches for the egg hunt. The host for the family breakfast before the egg hunt in the park is TBD and we are open for any business to volunteer to host.

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Downsumc.org

309-378-2651

Up and Coming Events

- Sunday morning Adult Sunday School 8:30am in Youth Room
- Sunday evenings at 6pm is in person Bible Study in the Chapel
- Tuesday mornings at 10am Bible Study in the Youth Room and on Zoom Resuming August 5th
- Next Gen Wednesday Night Ministries for Jr Hi only this summer 6-7pm.
- Sr High is 10:45am on Sundays for summer
- Wednesdays at 6:30pm: (Summer time) Choir in the Chapel
- **YOUTH WORSHIP** during the regular worship service. It is a service geared for the 4th through 8th grade students and they meet in the Youth Room.



VBS
July 27-31
6-8pm

for PreK-5th Grade
Check website for
more info soon

Worship Service

Sundays 9:30am In Person

Online at www.downsumc.org

SERMON SERIES starting

June 29th

***"Complaints from the
Ninevah Department Series"***

June 29-July 20



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