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Check the Village website at www.downers.us and DGTV Channel 6 for the most current meeting information.

Village CORNER

"Downers Grove Preserves the Balance Between Tradition and Progress"

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Free Christmas tree collection will be offered January 3 through January 13, 2012. Real trees may be placed at the curb and must be free of tinsel, ornaments, and hooks. They should not be placed in bags.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Downers Grove Park District will host two drop-off sites for residents who would like to recycle their Christmas Trees between December 26, 2011, and January 15, 2012. Trees are turned into chips which will be used as mulch within parks and landscaping projects. There will be one drop-off location in the parking lot off of Fairview at Whitlock Park, 40th Street and Fairview Avenue, and another drop-off location in the north parking lot off of 67th Street at McCollum Park, 6801 S. Main Street. For more information call the Park District at 630-963-1300.

RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS



For the second year, the Village of Downers Grove will be accepting used Christmas lights during business hours, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue. Collection will continue through February 10, 2012.

All light colors and strand lengths will be accepted. Items include mini-lights (Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords.

The Downers Grove Police Department Issues Reminder to Public: DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER!

"Driving Under the Influence" is defined as operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol, other drugs or intoxicating compounds and methamphetamine. In Illinois, a driver is legally considered to be under the influence if he/she has a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or more. In certain situations, a driver may have a BAC of less than .08 and be arrested and convicted of DUI.

The Downers Grove Police Department is proud to announce our participation in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. This initiative will be in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and will be funded with an IDOT traffic grant totaling \$33,000.00. The grant funding must be used specifically to cover manpower hours for holiday traffic enforcement campaigns.

The Christmas/New Year campaign will culminate on January 1, 2012. Officers will target impaired driving offenses as well as seat belt violations. This holiday season and always, please make good choices that keep you and your family safe on the road.

Don't drink and drive; and always buckle-up – every trip, every time.

VILLAGE NOTES

Most Village offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012, in recognition of New Year's Day.

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Monday, January 2, 2012, is a garbage holiday. Collections will be delayed by one day for the remainder of that week.

As of January 1, 2012, TVs, computers (and laptops), monitors, printers, computer peripherals, VCRs/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players and other electronic items will be banned from Illinois landfills.

The Village of Downers Grove and Creative Recycling will offer electronics recycling on the first Saturday of the month, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The drop-off location will be at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue, in the employee parking lot at the rear of the building, off of Curtiss Street. For a list of accepted items please visit www.downers.us.

The next electronics recycling date is Saturday, January 7, 2012.

COAT DRIVE

The Village of Downers Grove is hosting a coat drive through January 8, 2012. Clean, gently used coats and winter accessories may be dropped off at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue, or the Downers Grove Police Station, 825 Burlington Avenue. Coats will be distributed to the community through Sharing Connections.



Residents with a need to park on the street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. must obtain permission from the Police Department and should call the **Village Operations Center (VOC) at 630-434-5600.**

Village Council meetings are held the first, second, and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 801 Burlington Avenue.

Village Council meetings are broadcast live on DGTV-Ch. 6. The rebroadcast of these meetings can be seen Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Live radio broadcasts of Council meetings can only be heard at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month on WDGC-FM, 88.3.

Podcast and live streaming coverage of Council meetings are also available at www.downers.us.

Individuals with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in any meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator at 630.434.5525, prior to the meeting. Wheelchair access is available through the south entrance of Village Hall.