

REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

SEARCH OUR WEBSITE

The Village's website is powered by Google. If you cannot find what you're looking for, simply type a search term in the white "search" box in the upper right corner of the homepage, www.downers.us.

CRIME REPORTS

CrimeReports is an online service that extracts data from police reports and maps the locations in an effort to help law enforcement and residents identify crime trends. Residents may access the Downers Grove crime map and register to receive daily, weekly, or monthly email alerts, all free of charge.

A link to the service is on the Village website, www.downers.us. Under the heading "I am looking for", click on CrimeReports or visit www.crimereports.com. The site is very easy to use and allows citizens to modify their search by locations, date, and/or crimes.

FALL GARBAGE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, November 28, 2013, Thanksgiving Day, is a garbage holiday. Please remember that if your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will be one day later.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Girls Night Out, Halloween window painting, trick-or-treating, and the Gingerbread Festival are all on the calendar in the next few months. For details, visit the new Downtown Management website, <http://www.downtowndg.org/>

LEAF REMINDERS

Leaves are not permitted to be swept into the street or burned. See Yard Waste at www.downers.us.

FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn the clock back one hour before turning in on Saturday, November 2. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 3, 2013.

CHANGE THE CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY!

The Downers Grove Fire Department recommends you change the battery in all smoke/carbon monoxide alarms in your home when you change the time. A working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a home fire. Also, don't forget to test them every month!



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Council Meetings 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues.-7:00 pm
Fire, Medical or Police Emergency 9-1-1
Village Hall 1.630.434.5500
Communications Department 1.630.434.5550
Community Response Center 1.630.434-CALL (2255)

Village Hall Hours

Tues. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Mon. and Wed. through Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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BUDGET MEETINGS FOR FY2014

Budget Workshop: October 5, 2013

Fire Station 2 at 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

First Reading on Council Agenda: October 8, 2013

Coffee with the Council: October 19, 2013

Public Hearing: November 5, 2013

For more information and meeting times,
visit www.downers.us and click on Village Budget.

"Downers Grove Preserves the Balance Between Tradition and Progress"

It's Easy TOBY GREENE!

Introducing Toby Greene, Recycling Extravaganza mascot



Recycling Extravaganza

September 28, 2013

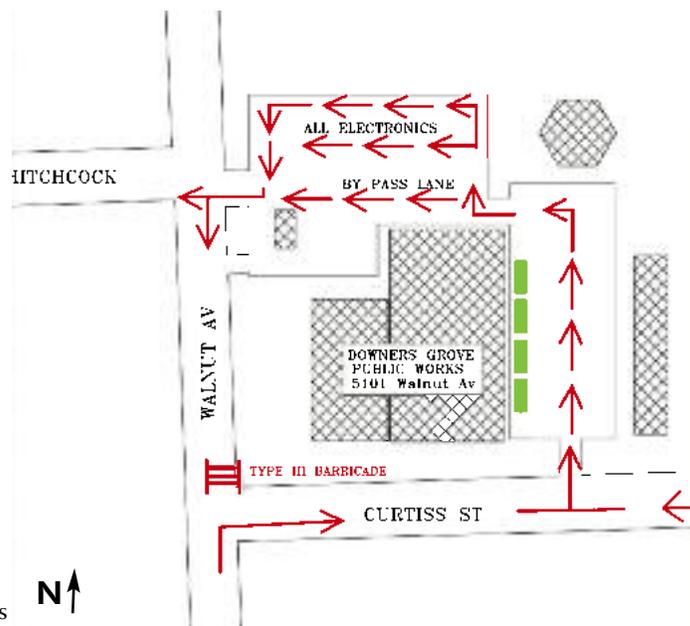
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue

This event is open to residents of DuPage County, not including businesses and not-for-profit organizations, and gives residents an opportunity to donate items that may otherwise end up in a landfill.

Vehicles must enter the Recycling Extravaganza site from Curtiss Street, via northbound Walnut Avenue (see map). Access from westbound Curtiss Street and southbound Walnut Avenue will be restricted. Volunteers will direct traffic in the lot and assist customers dropping off their donations.

NOTE: Vehicles must be in line by 1:00 p.m. to be served. Those arriving after 1:00 p.m. will be turned away.



Items Accepted:

- **CARPET AND PADDING:** Any size is acceptable but it must be dry. **Wool carpeting is NOT accepted.**
- **PAPER SHREDDING:** **Limit of 2 brown paper grocery bags per vehicle.** Paper will be collected and shredded off-site by a certified National Association for Information Destruction (NAID) document destruction company.
- **Lead acid batteries:** automotive-size battery cores – car, boat, truck, motorcycle, computer, sump pump.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Hello, Downers Grove!

Looking back upon this summer as it comes to a close, I can honestly say that this one should be titled **Summer 2013 - The Season of Engagement**. Without question, that is exactly what was going on at Village Hall the past few months, even more than normal. The Village Council and staff sought community input and feedback on a number of issues including the Storm Report and the 2013-2015 Long-Range Plan and, thankfully, we received tons of it. Our goal was to engage the community and complete certain tasks during the summer so that the results can be folded into the FY 2014 Budget as needed.

Furthermore, during July and August, three open houses were held at the Public Works building giving residents and business owners the opportunity to meet with staff and provide feedback on the draft Storm Report. Nearly 100 residents attended over the course of three evenings to ask questions and provide their input. The majority of the information received affirmed the recommendations that were included in the preliminary report and expanded the understanding of the Village's stormwater system

by staff and residents. As a result, 46 stormwater projects will be included in the FY14-18 Community Investment Program (CIP) to address known flooding problems. The FY14 proposed budget will include funding for design and construction for 23 projects. The complete report is available at www.downers.us.

Three Long-Range Plan (LRP) meetings were also conducted between May and August. The dialogue that occurred between Council, staff and members of the public, some of whom attended meetings while others chose to provide comments via email, resulted in open and effective policy direction. A list of 19 high, medium and low priority Action Items encompassing a broad range of activities was finalized. The list includes such things as:

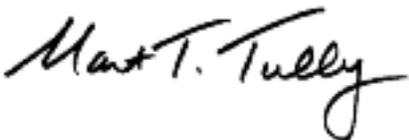
- **High** - Complete Facilities Sustainability Plan and Implementation
- **Medium** - Construction of Gateway Signs
- **Low** - Creation of an Emergency Volunteer Response Corps

That represents just a small sample from the Action Item list that will serve as a guide for the 2013-2015 Village Council. Staff will use ongoing public dialogue and continued one-on-one conversations with Village Council members to effectively manage activities related to the list. Implementation of the high priority action items will occur over the next 18 months and will be given highest priority to ensure completion within the established timeline. The complete LRP Report which contains the full list of 2014-2015 Action Items is available at www.downers.us.

To say the least, the Village has engaged the community in several major ways this summer. In the same vein, there have also been a number of terrific opportunities for me to reach out as Mayor and celebrate success throughout our community. For starters, I'd like to congratulate the Downers Grove Lions Club for hosting the 82nd Annual New Teachers Luncheon. I'd like to welcome these new teachers who have dedicated themselves to positively influencing our kids and enhancing our community, playing no small part in why our Village receives national recognition for exceptionalism.

Another sign of our continued vibrancy is that there has also been no shortage of ribbon cuttings recently. I was thrilled that the Gilbert family of Downers Grove decided to purchase and operate the Sears Hardware Store at 925 Ogden, of which my family has long been customers. I would also like to welcome Anderson Environmental Consulting, 6655 Main Street, a firm dedicated to providing well-designed and executed environmental projects. Also, congratulations to Laura Ann and Roy Spencer on their re-opening of Perma-Seal Basement Systems and Foundation Repair at 513 Rogers Street. We appreciate the investments that each of these businesses have made in our community.

Best wishes to all the students of Downers Grove and their parents for a safe, productive and fun school year! Enjoy the fall season.



Sparky Says "Prevent Kitchen Fires"

Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12, 2013



Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8 and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. "Prevent Kitchen Fires" is this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week.

The Downers Grove Fire Department will mark the week with the following events:

Night at the Firehouse Wednesday, October 9, 2013 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Station 5, 6701 Main Street



Downers Grove emergency dispatchers.

Take a station tour, see demonstrations of automobile extrication and rescue techniques, and get acquainted with the various uniforms and protective apparel worn by firefighters in a variety of emergency situations during the "Firefighter Fashion Show." Witness how quickly a fire can spread and the effectiveness of residential sprinklers in the side-by-side room demonstration.

"Freddie" the robot fire truck will be on hand to visit with families, the fire safety trailer will be operating to help children practice escaping from fires, and children can practice making 9-1-1 calls with real



Firefighters will demonstrate the use of thermal imaging cameras to locate victims in dense smoke and detect fires behind walls. Parents may visit with the firefighters and learn how to keep their families safe from fire and other unintentional injuries common to children.

19th Annual Silent Parade Friday, October 11, 2013 Approximately 7:15 p.m. Main Street and Maple Avenue



The parade pays tribute to all those who have lost their lives to fire and features fire department vehicles from many surrounding villages. All vehicles will display lights only; no sirens will be sounded.

The parade will begin in Hinsdale at 7:00 p.m. and pass through Downers Grove at Main and Maple at approximately 7:15 p.m. People may assemble along Maple Avenue to view the parade and pay tribute by holding a flashlight as the cortege passes.

The night will conclude with a memorial service and tribute to firefighters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, just south of Route 53 and Maple Avenue.

School Days, Not School Daze

Classes are in session for students in Downers Grove Grade School District 58 and Community High School District 99. The Downers Grove Police Department reminds motorists to exercise caution when driving near schools, bus stops, and anywhere children may be walking near the road. Officers will be closely monitoring the schools and school walking routes in our community. Motorists are reminded of the following:



- On any two-lane roadway and within school parking lots, **all traffic must stop when the school bus has its "STOP" arm extended.** On a four-lane roadway, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop. The penalty for passing a stopped school bus is a \$150.00 fine and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges.
- The speed limit in areas posted as "School Zones" is 20 mph on school days from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., when children are present in the area. The minimum fine for this traffic offense is \$150.00.
- Always **BUCKLE-UP** everyone on every trip, every time. Seat belts are the best defense against driver mistakes - they save lives every day!
- When driving near schools, be alert for adult school crossing guards and student patrols that may be assisting children crossing the street. Motorists are required to obey the instructions of adult school crossing guards, so use caution and be prepared to stop.
- **Drivers are prohibited from using cell phones in school zones!** State statute prohibits the use of cellphones by all drivers, regardless of age, while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone.

Please help the Downers Grove Police Department in making the 2013/2014 school year a safe one for our children.

Downers Grove Police Recognized as Traffic Safety Leader



The Downers Grove Police Department received recognition in the **2012 Illinois Traffic Challenge** as the top agency in the State for municipal agencies with 66 to 100 sworn officers for their overall approach to traffic safety. In addition, the Department received the 2012 Pedestrian and Bike Safety award, which recognizes law enforcement agencies for their efforts in bicycle and pedestrian education.

Traffic safety is one of the highest priorities for the Downers Grove Police Department. Police personnel work year-round to educate our citizens, beginning with preschool students, on the importance of being safe in a vehicle, on a bike, and as a pedestrian. Aggressive and consistent traffic enforcement, coupled with educational efforts, offer the greatest chance of reducing the incidence of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The following statistics support the Department's traffic safety efforts:

- **Seat belt use is up!** More people are buckling up in Downers Grove. Our seat belt compliance rate increased 5.3%. Currently 98.8% of people traveling on the roads in Downers Grove are choosing to buckle up. This compliance rate is better than the State of Illinois compliance rate of 93.6%.
- There were no traffic related deaths in Downers Grove in 2012.

Congratulations 2013 Cornerstone Award Winners

The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (DGEDC) held its annual luncheon on June 26, 2013, with 160 business and community leaders in attendance. Mayor Martin Tully presented three DGEDC Cornerstone Awards to recognize projects for their economic impact to the area and/or the design of the facility. The following community partners were recognized:

- **Midwestern University**, accepted by Dr. Karen Johnson, Vice President-University Relations. Midwestern University is one of the economic engines of Downers Grove, with more than 600 employees and 2,500 students. The University recently opened their new \$100 million Clinical Campus on Lacey Road in Downers Grove. The campus features a 193,000 sq. ft., six-story, multi-specialty clinic that houses the new dental institute. 
- **Flavorchem**, accepted by company president Ken Malinowski. Flavorchem specializes in creating and manufacturing flavor and color solutions for the food and beverage industries. Flavorchem dedicated their new \$8.5 million, 40,000 sq. ft. liquid production facility last November. 
- **Shop & Save Market**. Cezar and Eva Jackobowski, the owners of Shop & Save, accepted the award. Shop & Save Market opened their new 45,000 sq. ft. anchor store in Downers Park Plaza in May with 125 employees. Shop & Save fills the important grocery anchor space in the shopping center. They had two huge grand opening events. 

Crime Prevention Tips

- **Always lock your house when you are away.** Burglars frequently enter homes through unlocked doors, windows, or garages. Don't make it easy for them to victimize you and your family.
- **Always remove valuables from your car – even when it is parked in your driveway.** Either place valuables in the trunk or take them into your home. In 2012, there were 257 reported burglaries to motor vehicles in Downers Grove because valuables were left in a parked car.
- **Always know where your purse is and never leave it out of sight.** Keep your purse close at all times and make sure your wallet is secured within your purse in a zipper pocket. The Police Department has had complaints of stolen wallets from purses left unattended in shopping carts and in restaurants when purses are left hanging on the back of a chair. In both examples, the offender removes the wallet without the owner being aware they have been victimized.

Do your part to keep your property and your loved ones safe and secure. If you would like to schedule a free home security check, please contact Public Education Manager Marion Heintz at (630) 434-5606 or mheintz@downers.us.

Happy Halloween



Beware of little ghosts and goblins knocking at your door. The Downers Grove Police Department offers the following tips for a happy, not haunted, holiday.

Trick or-Treating Hours

Trick-or-Treating in the Village will be on Thursday, October 31, 2013. While there are no mandated hours, the Police Department recommends trick-or-treating during daylight hours.

Safety

- Kids should trick-or-treat with parents or in groups—never alone.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Masks should not obstruct vision.
- Carry a flashlight after dark.
- Stay on sidewalks and never walk in the street.
- Cross streets carefully and always at corners—no jaywalking.
- Limit trick-or-treating to your immediate neighborhood.
- Trick-or-treat only at homes where outside lights are on.
- Only accept treats that are wrapped and securely sealed.
- Parents, check your child's treats before eating.
- Vandalism is a crime. Halloween is not an excuse to damage or destroy someone else's property.

Curfew

Curfew prohibits anyone under 17 years of age to be on the street after 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

YOU Can Be the Hero: September is National Preparedness Month



Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere, in communities just like Downers Grove. In times of crisis, it is important to be self-sufficient as police, fire, and rescue teams may not always be able to reach you quickly, for example, if trees or power lines are down or if they're overwhelmed by demand from the emergency.

"Preparedness is a shared responsibility and it takes a whole community," said Mary Pratt, Village of Downers Grove Emergency Management Coordinator. "All households are strongly advised to prepare for an event that includes the loss of electricity, water service, and access to a supermarket and local services for a few days."

Follow these three simple steps to begin your preparations.

Get a Kit

Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for your family for at least three days—water (one gallon, per person, per day), non-perishable food, first aid supplies, prescriptions, flashlight, and a battery powered radio. Remember to include food

and supplies for your pets, too.

Make a Plan

Be sure everyone in the family understands where to go and what to do in case of an emergency. Establish responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.

- **Designate two locations to meet** in case it is impossible to return home or if you have to evacuate, one near your home and one outside of the neighborhood. Make sure your family knows the address and phone number of both locations.
- **Designate an out-of-area contact person.** This person should be far enough away that it is unlikely he or she would be affected by the same emergency. Family members should call this person to report their locations if they cannot reach each other. Provide your contact person with important names and numbers so he or she can assist in keeping others posted on your situation. Create a communications card for each member of your household to keep with them at all times.

Be Informed

- Discuss with your family the types of disasters that can happen where you live.
- Visit www.ready.gov or www.ready.illinois.gov to find preparedness information.
- It's also a good time to update information the Village has on file for the Community Wide Notification System. The system is used to communicate important messages in the public interest of both an emergency and non-emergency nature. Residents and businesses are encouraged to register additional devices (up to three phone numbers and two email addresses) by which to be contacted. To add or change information, visit www.downers.us and click on "Community Wide Notification" or call the Community Response Center at (630) 434-2255.

(Recycling Extravaganza continued from cover)

- **Rechargeable household batteries, only.**
- **Electronics:** Large and small electronics, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, cameras, computers, laptops, copiers, cords, discs, electric typewriters, fax/adding machines, hard drives, keyboards, mice, monitors, PDAs, printers, scanners, small kitchen appliances, radios, speakers, stereos, telephones, zip drives, hair dryers, and more.
- **Cell phones and accessories**
- **Propane tanks**
- **Scrap metal**
- **Bicycles, in any condition**
- **Ink cartridges**
- **New and gently used building materials, tools, and appliances**
- **Furniture**, in useable condition: dressers, tables, chairs, dishes and silverware.
- **Musical instruments**
- **Art supplies**
- **Fire extinguishers**
- **Compact fluorescent light bulbs, only**
- **Eye glasses**
- **Hearing aids**
- **American flags**

NOT Accepted:

- Alkaline batteries
- Refrigerators and large household appliances
- Air conditioners and dehumidifiers
- Smoke alarms
- Incandescent light bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- Thermostats
- Paint of any kind
- Household hazardous waste such as cleaning agents, chemicals

Amnesty Day Is The Week Of September 30, 2013

Amnesty Day is scheduled for the week of September 30, 2013, on your regularly scheduled pickup day. This is a one-time pick up which cannot be rescheduled if missed. Here are the guidelines:

- The first three (3) bags or cans must each be tagged with a Downers Grove refuse sticker. If you rent a cart you do not need the three stickers. Remaining items will be removed free of charge. Bulk items such as couches, chairs, lamps, bicycles, etc. are acceptable.
- All materials must be in a container, with the exception of bulk items.
- Construction material is limited to two (2) cubic yards, equivalent to about eight, 33 gallon sized cans.

Items that will NOT be accepted include:

- Tires
- Motor oil
- Any liquids, paints or household hazardous waste*
- Items known as "white goods" which include large appliances such as washers, dryers, and refrigerators
- Household electronic items such as computers, printers, monitors and televisions
- Yard Waste

*For information about hazardous waste disposal, call the DuPage County Solid Waste Department (630) 407-6700.

Open Burning

The Downers Grove Fire Department reminds residents that there are very specific regulations for what is, and what is not, allowed when it comes to open burning. For specifics, refer to the Downers Grove Municipal Code, Chapter 13-35.

Following are some general guidelines regarding open burning in Downers Grove:

- It is unlawful, under any circumstance, to burn cardboard, leaves, twigs, branches, grass clippings, construction materials, or other types of waste or refuse.
- The fire must be located at least 15 feet from any structure or dense brush.
- Fires must be in an approved container, defined by the ordinance as **"a commercially manufactured device specifically designed, intended, advertised, and utilized for the purpose of recreational campfires, such as chimneas or outdoor fireplaces."** Such container must be located above ground and in no event shall be built into the ground or located below grade.
- If you believe that someone is acting irresponsibly and is in violation of the open burning ordinance, contact the Downers Grove Police Department at (630) 434-5600. **It is up to the responding officer to determine if the fire meets the requirements of the ordinance.**

For further information about open burning in Downers Grove, call the Downers Grove Fire Prevention Bureau at 630-434-5983.