

Hometown TIMES

“Downers Grove Preserves the Balance Between Tradition and Progress”

Recycling Extravaganza

September 19, 2015
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue

This event is open to residents of Downers Grove only and does not include businesses or not-for-profit organizations. This is an opportunity for residents to donate items that may otherwise end up in a landfill.

Volunteers will direct traffic into the area and assist customers dropping off items.

NOTE: The event will end promptly at 1:00 p.m. and any vehicles arriving after that time will not be served.

Items 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
- **Rechargeable Household Batteries, only.** Alkaline and lithium batteries will not be accepted.
- **Electronics:** Large and small electronics, TVs***, VCRs, DVD players, cameras, computers, laptops, copiers, cords, discs, electric typewriters, fax/adding machines, hard drives, key boards, mice, monitors, PDAs, printers, scanners, small kitchen appliances, radios, speakers, stereos, telephones, zip drives, hair dryers, and more.

*** There is a limit of 2 cathode ray tube (CRT), projection televisions or wood base/cabinet console televisions per vehicle.

- Cell phones and accessories
- Textiles and gently-used clothing
- Bicycles, in any condition
- Ink cartridges (No toners)
- New and gently used building materials, tools, and appliances
- Musical instruments
- Gently used sporting goods (i.e. soccer balls, basketballs, baseball equipment, volleyballs, cleats, etc. Please, no golf clubs or swim toys.)
- Buttons, rulers, yarn
- American flags
- Fire extinguishers

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Hello Downers Grove!

Although it arrived late and then was nothing but unpredictable, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer. Despite the largely uncooperative weather, the summer of 2015 was packed with notable recognitions and a variety of celebrations of local achievements. As I've remarked numerous times, Downers Grove comes together as a community in countless ways in support of good causes and local organizations. When any of them achieve a new milestone or success, there is a celebratory mood that envelops our community. I'm honored by the many opportunities I am afforded as mayor to join in so many special occasions highlighting new accomplishments.

To begin, I'd like to thank the Downers Grove Lions Club for once again hosting their annual new teachers' luncheon honoring the educators taking new positions at schools in High School District 99 and Grade School District 58. This year, the luncheon was held at Gatto's on Main Street in our lovely Downtown. The Downers Grove Lions have traditionally held this iconic event for over 85 years and, like our other highly-valued not-for-profit organizations, they do many things like this to help make our community a great place to live, learn and thrive.



With over 600 acres of parks and facilities, our partners at the Downers Grove Park District continue to strive to elevate recreation and playtime to new heights. Saturday, August 8, was a gorgeous day for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of Patriots Park and Barth Pond. The improvements at this location are the product of another terrific cooperative effort between the Downers Grove Park District and the Village of Downers Grove. The Village provided funding and technical support for sediment removal from the pond. In all, 13,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed, meaning increased capacity for this major component of the Village's stormwater system. The Park District added new playground surfaces, equipment, nautical-themed fencing, and landscaping for an outstanding new look. We extend our appreciation to the Park District board and staff for helping to make our community not just a great

place to work, but also to relax and recreate.

It's not often that one gets invited to a "Beam Raising Ceremony," so when you get the chance, it's best to attend. Congratulations go out to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital on raising the last bit of steel on July 30 for the new bed tower, which is slated to open in 2017. The 110,000 square-foot addition will consist of 96 private patient rooms. Upon completion, all of the hospital's remaining semi-private patient rooms will be converted into private rooms to better serve the community. AGSH continues to reach new heights of success and we can never have too much of a good thing, like world-class healthcare, in our community. The hospital's leadership and staff have every reason to "beam" with pride.



Bed Tower Rendering

It was truly the Art of Wow! That's the only way to describe how Art Van Furniture has transformed the space at their new flagship store at 1021 Butterfield Road in Downers Grove, as well as the star-studded grand opening gala. Art Van Elslander, his family and team were very generous and gracious hosts, and their amazing furniture store is a terrific addition to the Village. We are grateful for Art Van's investment in our community, cherish the great working relationship we enjoy with them, and wish them tremendous success. So regardless of whether you're in the market for some new furniture or just curious to see what a "state of the art" retail location looks like, make Art Van in Downers Grove your next destination.

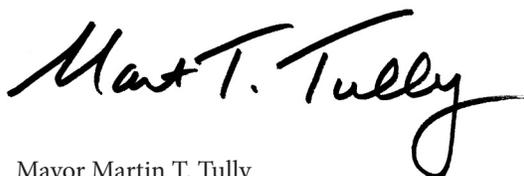
When it comes to causes for celebration this past summer, your Village government was no exception. Once again the Village received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2015 Municipal Budget document. This is the sixth consecutive year the community has been honored with this significant achievement, which reflects the commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The 2015 Municipal Budget satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentations. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The Village's budget was rated proficient in all four of these categories. Special thanks to the dedicated Village staff members for their unwavering commitment to transparency and excellence.

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The Summer of 2015 may have been one of the wettest on record, but in my book, it will go down as a season of success in Downers Grove. We could only hope to have more causes for celebration "rain down" upon us next quarter. I look forward to more of the same in the coming months as our community continues to enhance its reputation as a premier place in DuPage County to live, work, learn, and play.

Best regards,



Mayor Martin T. Tully

Recycling continued from cover...

- **Eye glasses**
- **Propane tanks**
- **Fishing and hunting lead**
- **Scrap metal**
- **Holiday lights**

NOT Accepted:

- Alkaline or lithium 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

Congratulations 2015 Cornerstone Award Winners

The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (DGEDC) held its annual luncheon on June 18, 2015, with 200 business and community leaders in attendance, including keynote speaker Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti. Mayor Pro Tem David Olsen presented three awards which recognized projects for their economic contribution to the community.



Bentley/Lamborghini Downers Grove Daniel Kern, General Manager of the dealership accepted the award. The Lamborghini dealership opened as part of the enhanced Bentley Downers Grove facility. This project has helped establish Downers Grove as a location for luxury auto dealers. Auto dealerships are an important part of our local economy, generating substantial sales tax revenues. The grand opening of the new Lamborghini dealership was spectacular and featured the CEO of Lamborghini, who flew in from Italy for the event.

their corporate headquarters to Downers Grove, is a leading high-tech firm that designs and supports mobile applications and other technologies. *Inc. Magazine* named Lextech one of the top 150 software firms in the country in 2014 and included them on their annual list of fastest growing companies in the United States.

Lextech Will Scott, President and Integrator for Lextech, accepted the award. Lextech, which moved



Shorewood Development Group Louis Schriber, President of Shorewood Development Group, accepted the award. The company redeveloped the former Luxury Motors catalyst site on Ogden Avenue. The project is anchored by a new Fresh Thyme Farmers Market and also includes an outlot building. Fresh Thyme held a large grand opening in April 2015, with many members of the Shorewood team in attendance.



Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

September is National Preparedness Month

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere, even in communities like Downers Grove. In times of crisis it is important to be self-sufficient as emergency personnel may not be able to reach you quickly. Crews may be delayed by downed trees or power lines, or they may be overwhelmed by the 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 advised to prepare for an event that may include the loss of electricity, water service, and access to a supermarket or 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 meeting locations** 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 **ready.gov** or **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 of emergency and non-emergency natures. Residents and businesses are encouraged to register for the first time or register additional devices by which to be contacted. To add or change information, visit www.downers.us and click on “Community Wide Notification.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may call Doug Kozlowski at (630)-434-5550.

For more emergency preparedness information and planning tools, visit www.ready.gov.

Learn Your Property's Flood Risk

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued updated preliminary floodplain maps to all communities in DuPage County.



Please visit <http://vdg.maps.arcgis.com/home/> to check if your property has been affected. Click on the map **Preliminary FEMA Changes June 3, 2015**. Enter your complete address to jump to your area or click and hold your mouse to move the map to your property.

What do these new maps mean to me?

The maps are still preliminary, but they provide a good indication of where flood risk is high (zones A or AE), where it is moderate to low (shown as zones beginning with the letters X, B, or C), and where it is undetermined (zone D).

In reviewing the preliminary maps, a property owner may feel that even though part of the property is in a high-risk area, the structure itself is not. Owners who wish to challenge their new designation will need to prove that the building is at or above the Base Flood Elevation.

Once the preliminary maps have gone through the appeals period, it is expected they will take effect sometime in spring 2017. On the effective date, any new insurance requirements will also take effect.

Flood Maps and Flood Insurance

With the release of the new maps, some property owners will learn that their risk is higher or lower than they thought. A change in risk may affect what you pay for flood insurance.

Flood insurance is available in both high-risk and moderate to-low-risk areas to help repair or replace structures and belongings after a flood. The Federal government requires most mortgage holders in high-risk areas (known as Special Flood Hazard Areas) to carry flood insurance. In areas of lower risk, lower-cost Preferred Risk Policies (PRP) are available.

If a new map has a property newly shown in a high-risk area, options are available to help reduce flood insurance costs. **Visit FloodSmart.gov** for more information about flood insurance.

Questions about the maps and their meaning may be directed to Stormwater Administrator Karen Daulton Lange at kdlange@downers.us or (630) 434-5489.

Midwestern University Community Health Fair

**Saturday, October 3, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Downers Grove Park
District Recreation
Center, 4500 Belmont Road**



Join the students of Midwestern University for an opportunity to receive flu shots, health screenings and learn effective ways to make positive health behavioral changes, all at no charge. The seasonal flu shots supply will be limited and will not be available for children under 18 years of age. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned food donations to support the Downers Grove FISH Pantry.



An expanded children's section includes a fire truck tour, car seat safety checks, poison prevention information and a Teddy Bear Clinic, where children can bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll for a checkup to help dispel fears about doctor visits.

The Health Fair is made possible through the support of students and faculty at Midwestern University and the following local partners: Downers Grove Park District, Downers Grove Police and Fire Departments, and the Downers Grove Public Library. More information about the Community Health Fair can be found at www.midwestern.edu/DGhealthfair.

Sparky Says “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep”

Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10, 2015

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. “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep” 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 7, 2015

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Station 5, 6701 Main Street

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. 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 help children practice escaping from fires, and children can practice making 9-1-1 calls with real Downers Grove emergency dispatchers. Plus, kids can take a slide down the fire pole!

Learn what you need to do to keep your family prepared and safe in the event of natural disasters. Parents may visit with the firefighters and learn how to keep their families safe from fire and other unintentional injuries common to children.

21st Annual Silent Parade Friday, October 9, 2015

The parade will begin in Hinsdale at 7:00 p.m.



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. Parade route TBA, due to construction on Maple Avenue. Check www.downers.us for more info late September/October. Check www.downers.us for more information in late September/October.



Kids, Help A Firefighter

Pluggie’s Pals is a program offered by the Downers Grove Fire Department that teaches children to take an active part in fire prevention during the winter months. Children pledge to be a pal to a fire hydrant in their neighborhood and care for it by shoveling snow from around the hydrant area and keeping it well marked. In the event of a fire, hydrants can be easily found and immediately put into use, saving firefighters valuable time. Pluggie’s Pals are also asked to report any leaks or missing port caps.

The program is an excellent vehicle for scout troops and other youth organizations to help their neighbors in community service, while also helping the firefighters. For more information about this program, contact Gina Barr at (630) 434-5990.



Take Our Back to School Driver Safety Quiz

School is back in session and keeping kids safe when they walk to school, ride the bus or are driven by a parent becomes a priority for the Downers Grove Police Department. Can you answer the following questions about driving around schools and school buses?

When do motorists have to stop for a school bus?

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 the same direction as the bus are required to stop. The penalty for the first offense of passing a stopped school bus is a \$150.00 fine and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges.

When is the school speed zone in effect?

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.

Do drivers have to obey the directions of school crossing guards?

Motorists are required by law to obey the instructions of adult school crossing guards, so use caution and be prepared to stop. Be alert for student patrols that may be assisting children crossing the street.

Always BUCKLE-UP everyone on every trip, every time.

Please use caution when driving around all schools or whenever you see children in the area. Do your part to make the 2015/2016 school year a safe one for our children.



Ready To Stay Home Alone?

As the new school year begins, the Police Department knows that many kids are home alone before and after school. While there is no law in Illinois that dictates how old a child must be before being left home alone, parents should use good judgment when making this decision. Please check out the following guidelines and discuss staying home alone with your child:

Be sure your child has a support system in place should they get scared or need help. Who are the safe people they can contact such as neighbors, friends or relatives that live close and are available during the times your child is home alone?

Be sure your child has a house key. Do not leave your home unlocked or hide a key outside the door. Burglars gain access to homes through unlocked doors or windows and they know the hiding places for house keys. You do not want your child to walk in on a burglary in progress at your home.

Explain to your child what they should do when someone is at the door. Burglars break into homes when they think no one is home. If your child does not answer the door, a burglar will assume no one is home, putting your child in danger. Instead, tell your child to have noise coming from inside your house so a burglar will assume someone is home. They should never open the door to a stranger. If they are scared they should know who to call, such as a safe neighbor, close friend, relative, or 9-1-1.

Be sure your child knows they can always call 9-1-1 when they are scared. The Police Department is a critical part of their support system and they should be comfortable calling when they need help. They will not be in trouble for calling, even if the police arrive and there is nothing wrong.

Post a “No Soliciting” Sign. Solicitors are prohibited from going to residents that display a “No Soliciting” sign. Having a sign posted will reduce the incidence of your child having to deal with anyone coming to your home to solicit. The Police Department will provide “No Soliciting” signs at no cost. You may pick one up at the Police Department or e-mail mheintz@downers.us to receive a sign(s).

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Public Education Manager Marion Heintz at mheintz@downers.us or (630) 434-5606.

REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

Leaf Reminders

Leaves are not permitted to be swept into the street or burned. They are considered yard waste, subject to the following guidelines:

- Yard waste must be placed in one of the following:
- 33-gallon biodegradable paper bag,
- 33-gallon unlined can, or
- Republic yard waste cart.

For more information visit www.downers.us and search “yard waste.”

Fall Back

Don't forget to turn the clock back one hour before turning in on Saturday, October 31. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1, 2015.

Change the Clock, Change Your Battery!

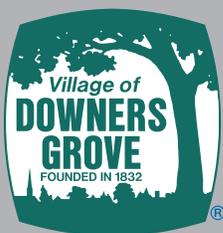
The Downers Grove Fire Department recommends you change the battery in all smoke/carbon monoxide alarms in your home when you change the time. A working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a home fire. Also, don't forget to test them every month!

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. Visit the Downtown Management website to keep up on the details. <http://www.downtowndg.org/>

Thanksgiving Garbage Collection

Please remember that if your collection day falls on or after the Thanksgiving holiday, collection will be one day later.



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(630) 434-5500 or mayorcouncil@downers.us

Council Meetings 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues.-7:00 p.m.

Fire, Medical or Police Emergency 9-1-1

Village Hall (630) 434.5500

Community Response Center (630) 434-CALL(2255)

Village Hall Hours

Tues. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mon. and Wed. through Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Budget Meetings for FY2016

- Proposed Budget Published and Distributed to Council 9/25/2015
- Saturday Budget Hearing (Fire Station 2) 10/10/2015
- First Reading on Council Agenda 10/13/2015
- Coffee with the Council – Budget (Fire Station 2) 10/17/2015
- First Reading on Council Agenda 10/20/2015
- Budget Public Hearing 11/3/2015

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

ComEd Town Hall Meeting

The Village will host a ComEd Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, November 19, 2015**, at the Public Works Building, 5101 Walnut Avenue. This is part of the Village's ongoing work to improve electrical service within the Village.