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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Downers Grove!



As many people know, our Village is a highly sought after place in which to live, learn, work and play. Exciting things are always happening throughout our community, all of which are an important part of keeping Downers Grove a vibrant and attractive destination.

For example, I'd like to congratulate Lifespace Communities as they begin construction on a \$150 million redevelopment of the Oak Trace residential community. The project will consist of a new health center, 66 assisted-living apartments, 28 memory support suites, and 102 skilled nursing suites along with 150 residential living apartments. I had a wonderful time visiting with many of the residents of this "community within a community" at a groundbreaking ceremony earlier this month.



*Mayor Tully with residents
of Oak Trace.*

In yet another good news story that is developing in the Ellsworth Business Park, Rexnord Corporation will build a brand new 248,000 square foot manufacturing facility and Aerospace Headquarters at 2400 Curtiss. This is a big deal folks, because Downers Grove was the chosen location following a nationwide search that included tough competition from other states.



Rexnord is a Wisconsin-based, multi platform industrial leader that serves an array of global markets. The redevelopment project will become a significant new anchor for the Ellsworth Business Park. Approximately 310 jobs will be retained, with an additional 25 jobs projected in the future. In addition, Rexnord is projecting that it will generate 1,000 room nights per year in Downers Grove hotels, as well as customers for local restaurants. We are thrilled for this major re-investment into our community!

Many community organizations rallied together and can now share in the kudos for making this project a reality. The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation worked closely with Rexnord and consultants from Cushman & Wakefield. Additionally, the Village of Downers Grove, Grade School District 58 and Community High School District 99 played key roles in the attraction of this project.

DoGOODDuPage

In August, I was honored to have been asked to speak at the recent kick-off event for Do GOOD DuPage, a new public service campaign championed by Giving DuPage. The year-long initiative promotes community service throughout the County, aiming to involve 150,000 people. DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin and the DuPage County Board challenge mayors, community leaders, businesses, not-for-profits -- everyone -- to sign up, do good deeds, share the experience and get others involved. You can find more details about Do GOOD DuPage at www.givingdupage.org. Together, let's show the rest of DuPage County how we Do GOOD in DG!

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone soon at the many upcoming fall and holiday events that truly exemplify Downers Grove's community spirit. To see what's happening, visit the 2017 Community Events Calendar at events.downers.us or write us at events@downers.us to have something posted for your non-profit group.

Best regards,



Mayor Martin T. Tully

Is Your Household Prepared?



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 be 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 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 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 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.

2017 Downers Grove Police Department Accreditation



The Downers Grove Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with the state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling (630) 434-5624 on **Monday, November 6, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team representing CALEA.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at the public information session on **Monday, November 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** The session will be conducted at Downers Grove Fire Department Station #2, located at 5420 Main Street.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Downers Grove Police Department by contacting Accreditation Manager Marion Heintz.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Downers Grove Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

Leaves and More Leaves



Autumn is just around the corner. As the leaves begin to fall from the trees, the potential for stormwater backups due to blocked grates, culverts, and drainage pipes increases.

Significant numbers of leaves in creeks tend to accumulate at bends and collect in culverts, acting as a dam. This can increase high water levels in the area, along with the potential for flooding of adjacent houses.

Leaves collecting in a detention basin can block outlet pipes, causing standing water for long periods of time. Leaves covering storm grates on the streets cause excess standing water on the roadways. Leaves left in ditches can block driveway culverts, causing them to overflow or not drain effectively.

In addition, as leaves break down they release phosphorus, which, at high levels, is not healthy for the ecosystem of the creek.

Here are a few reminders to help minimize these problems:

- **Do not** place raked leaves in the streets or ditches.
- **Do not** place leaves in or adjacent to a creek.
- **Do not** allow leaves to accumulate within detention basins.
- If you are able, please clear leaves off inlet grates along your front curb as part of your raking routine.



If you observe any of the above conditions and suspect a blocked pipe or culvert, please call Public Works at 630.434.5460.

Is Your Child Home Alone Ready?



As the new school year begins, the Police Department knows that many kids are home alone before and after school. Parents struggle with deciding when and if their child should be left home alone. Please check out the following guidelines and discuss staying home alone with your child:

Create a Support System - Be sure your child has a support system in place in case 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?

Don't Leave the House Unlocked - 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. Your child will be in serious danger if they come home and walk into a burglary in progress.

Answering the Door - Explain what your child should do when someone is at the door. Burglars break into homes when they think no one is home; they will ring the doorbell to check. If you have instructed your child not to answer the door, a burglar will assume no one is home; this puts your child in danger. Instead, tell your child to have noise coming from inside your house like loud music so a burglar will know 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 friends or relative or 9-1-1.

Post a "No Soliciting" Sign – Solicitors are prohibited from going to residences that display a "No Soliciting" sign. Posting a sign will reduce the incidents 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).

Calling 911 - 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 never be in trouble for calling, even if the police arrive and there is nothing wrong.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has an excellent brochure that can guide parents on how to make the decision about when they should permit their child to stay home alone. This brochure, *Preparing Children to Stay Home Alone*, is on the Village website,

<http://bit.ly/2eR4yXh>

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

Preserving Downers Grove History

The Emerson and Corinne Foote home at 1130 Franklin Street is a two-story Queen Anne style house, completed in 1892 in the prime of the Victorian Era. The home was designated a local landmark due to its distinguishing architectural characteristics in an



American Queen Anne style and that it was owned by a person of historic significance to the community, Emerson Foote.

The American Queen Anne style of homes have bay windows, stately front porches, elaborate moldings, and are asymmetrical. Another important feature is the varied wall plain and forms using towers and bays; flat and plain expanses alternate. In the Midwest, many were constructed of wood clapboard or wood shingles. They were popular between 1880 and 1910. The Emerson home displays many of these features including an asymmetrical façade with a tower bay rising through the roof, a front porch with elaborate spindlework and balusters, the original clapboard siding and beveled glass windows. Multiple textures are displayed near the roof line through the use of varied clapboard treatments, shingle patterns, and ornate moldings.

The house was built by Emerson Foote, a business partner with E.H. Prince and Fannie Linscott in The E.H. Prince and Company. In 1890, The E.H. Prince and Company platted an attractive subdivision northwest of the Main Street Train Station which caused significant growth in the community. Emerson Foote died before moving into the home, but his children and wife, Corinne Foote, lived there from August 1892 until the family moved in 1905. Corinne Foote remained invested in the subdivision and was involved with erecting a large greenhouse between Saratoga Avenue and Forest Avenue, which at the time was named Foote Street.



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

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Fire Prevention Week: October 8-14, 2017

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. “Every Second Counts, Plan Two Ways Out” 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 11, 2017
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.

Firefighters will help teach children how to escape from fires in the fire safety trailer, children can learn about injury prevention from Good Samaritan nurses. 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 disasters. Parents may visit with the firefighters and learn how to keep their families safe from fire and other common childhood injuries.

23rd ANNUAL SILENT PARADE

Friday, October 13, 2017
Approximately 7:15 p.m.

The Downers Grove Fire Department will conclude Fire Prevention Week by hosting the Silent Parade.

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.

A brief ceremony, which officially closes Fire Prevention Week, will be held at the Hinsdale Fire Department to begin the parade. The parade route ends at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way (two block south of Route 53 and Maple Avenue), Lisle at approximately 7:45 p.m. where the public and firefighters can gather for refreshments.

Lock It or Lose It

The Downers Grove Police Department has seen an increase in the number of car burglaries and car thefts in and around our community.

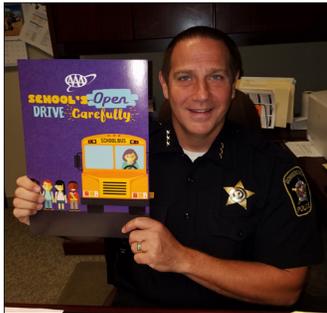
Many of the burglaries occurred when vehicles were left unlocked in the owner's driveway.

Remember:

Lock your car – even in your driveway. Always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in your driveway. An unlocked vehicle is an easy target for a thief, especially after dark. The quick entry and exit of a vehicle parked in the driveway with your valuables inside can easily go unnoticed, even if you are home.

Don't leave valuables in plain sight. Don't allow criminals to view valuables or packages inside your car when it is parked in your driveway or in public parking lots. Place valuables in the trunk or take them with you. Items stolen from cars have included cell phones, laptops, purses, and wallets. While thieves prefer the easy target of an unlocked vehicle, they will not hesitate to break a window to gain access to valuables inside. The Police Department urges you to lock your vehicle at all times and put valuables in the trunk.

Lock your home at night – even when you are at home. In several car theft cases, the offender gained entry to the home through an unlocked door and searched for the keys to the car parked in the driveway. Always lock your doors any time you leave your home and especially at night.



School's Open: Drive Carefully

At this time of year, 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. The Police Department works closely with the First Student Bus Company to ensure that motorists in our community know the laws pertaining to school buses. The bus drivers report any stop-arm violations to the Police Department for appropriate action. Patrol officers and traffic officers are out in force in neighborhoods and in school areas making sure motorists obey the traffic laws.

Motorists should be aware that the following laws are in place for the safety of the children walking to and from school each day:

- **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.
- **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.
- 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 join the safety partnership between First Student Bus Company and the Downers Grove Police Department. Use caution when driving around all schools or whenever you see children in the area. Do your part to make the 2017/2018 school year a safe one for our children.



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, November 4. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 5, 2017.

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 Day 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. 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.

Budget Meetings for FY2018

- First Reading on Council Agenda 10/3/2017
- Coffee with the Council – Budget (Fire Station 2) 10/21/2017
- Budget Public Hearing 11/07/2017

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

Youth Firesetter Intervention Program

Have you observed a child who exhibits an unusual fascination with fire? Is there a child or adolescent in your family who has started a small fire? These youngsters and their families will benefit from education and counseling through the Downers Grove Fire Department's *Youth Firesetter Intervention Program*. This national program assists families with firesetting behaviors before they escalate.

If you would like more information about the program, contact the department at 630.434.5986. All information and communications are confidential.



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801 Burlington Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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

Mayor
Village Council Commissioners

Martin T. Tully
Robert T. Barnett
Greg Hosé
William “Bill” White
William Waldack
Margaret “Marge” Earl
Nicole Walus
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Village Hall 630.434.5500
Fire, Medical or Police Emergency 9-1-1
Community Response Center 630.434-CALL (2255)

Village Hall Hours
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Know Your Property's Flood Risk

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued updated preliminary floodplain maps to all communities in DuPage County on June 1, 2017.

To check if your property is (or will be) in a floodplain, please visit maps.downers.us

- Click on the map **Preliminary FEMA Changes June 2017**.
- Enter your address to check your property.

These maps are still preliminary. The maps are expected to become regulatory sometime between late 2018 and mid 2019.

If you have specific questions about your property, call 630-434-5460 and ask to speak to a Stormwater Administrator.

If the map shows that your property will be located in the floodplain, flood insurance may be required. Visit FloodSmart.gov OR the Flood Plain and LPDA Information page on the Village website, www.downers.us/res/stormwater-management/lpda-amp-flood-plain

