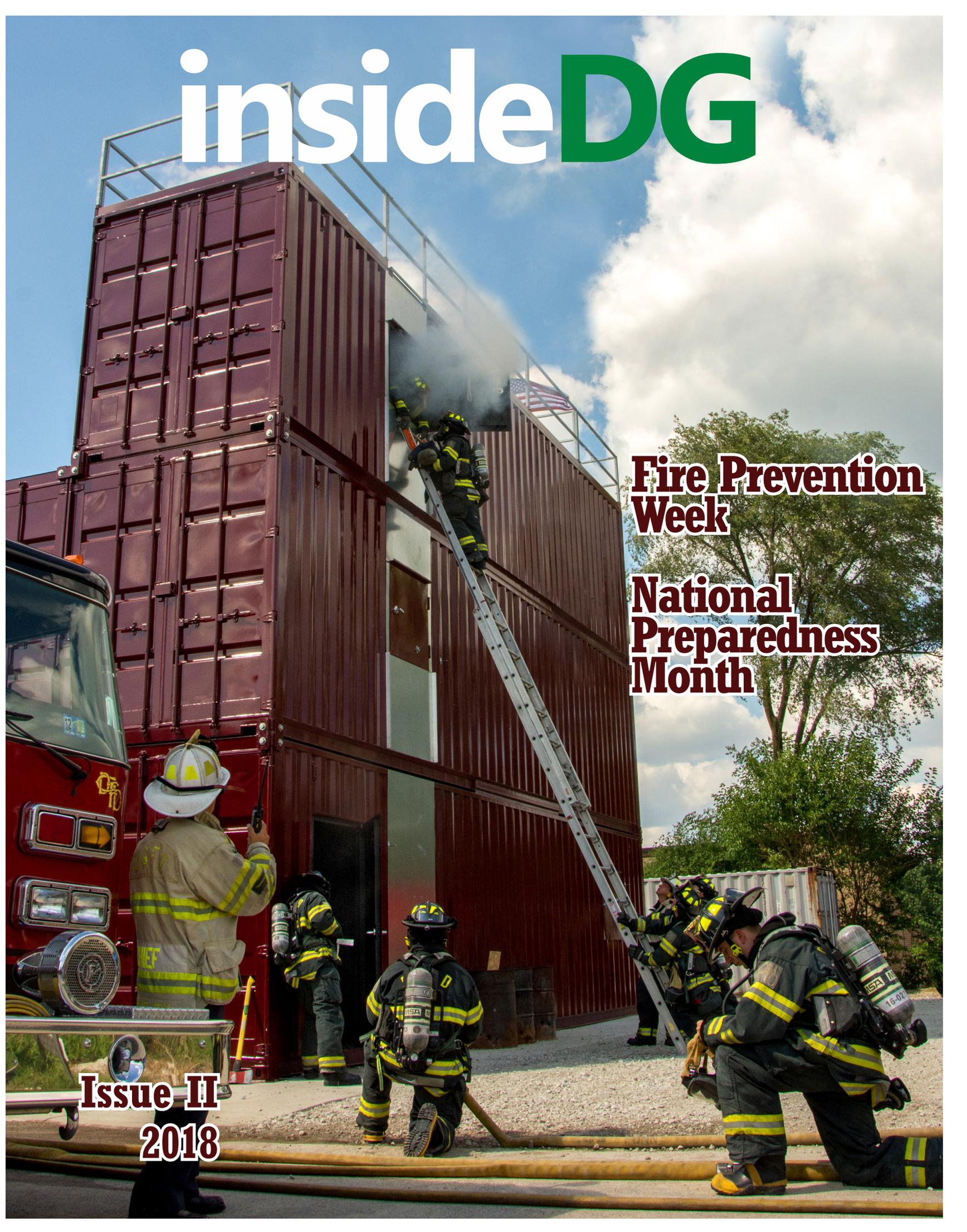


insideDG

**Fire Prevention
Week**

**National
Preparedness
Month**

**Issue II
2018**



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.

MAYOR

Martin T. Tully

COMMISSIONERS

Robert T. Barnett
Greg Hosé
William "Bill" White
William Waldack
Margaret "Marge" Earl
Nicole Walus

MAYORCOUNCIL@DOWNERS.US

VILLAGE MANAGER

David Fieldman

Council meetings are held on
the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday of
the month at 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Village Hall

630-434-5500

Emergency

9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police

630-434-5600

Non-Emergency Fire

630-434-5980

Public Works

630-434-5460

PUBLISHED BY:

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

801 Burlington Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 434-5500

downers.us



CONNECT
WITH US

Hello, Downers Grove!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Classes only recently resumed for our children, but your Village has already received some stellar grades! Time and again I'm afforded the privilege as Mayor of sharing with community members the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of our Village. No matter if it's a Saturday morning during *Coffee with Council* at the wonderful Downtown Market, or a grand opening in our vibrant business community, there's always an opportunity for extolling our local accolades. Significantly, these success stories are the direct result of the actions taken by Council and Staff in furtherance of the strategic goals and objectives developed during long-range planning. These are the goals which guide our work each year:

- Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability
- Exceptional Municipal Services
- Top Quality Infrastructure
- Strong, Diverse Local Economy
- Continual Innovation

Here are several great examples of how a shared commitment and adherence to these strategic goals and objectives have garnered winning results for Downers Grove:

Government Green Fleet Award

For the fifth year in a row, the Village was recognized with a *Government Green Fleet Award* by the Clean Cities Coalition, operated by the U.S. Department of Energy. This year, the Village was selected the #14 Greenest Fleet in North America! Each year the Coalition ranks the top 50 fleets for their dedicated use of alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. Of the Village's fleet, 83% utilize some form of alternative fuel.

Mission: Lifeline EMS - Gold

This year, the Fire Department was recognized by the American Heart Association with its *Mission: Lifeline EMS - Gold Achievement Award*. This award celebrates pre-hospital providers and their collaboration with local hospitals. The role of EMS providers (first responders) in the care of patients suffering from cardiac emergencies is crucial and often sets the course for the patient's outcome. EMS calls to the Fire Department continue to increase and although not all are cardiac related, it is noteworthy that last year the department responded to 4,319 EMS calls out of 6,352 total calls.



Distinguished Budget Presentation

For the ninth consecutive year the Finance Department has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) *Distinguished Budget Presentation* award for the 2018 Municipal Budget document. This is a significant achievement, which reflects a commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The 2018 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. This is a timely mention because public meetings for the proposed FY2019 annual budget are about to begin. See page 8 of this edition of *Inside DG* for meeting dates and times.

If you're interested in learning more about the ongoing Village efforts that resulted in these and other awards, visit the Village website at downers.us and enter any of these video titles in the search bar: *Fleet Maintenance*; *Snapshot of Fire Station 3*; *AAA Bond Rating*.

Of course autumn not only means "back to school," but also brings with it a variety of terrific events in our vibrant Downtown and throughout the community.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at one of the many Fall activities happening around town.

I'd be glad to share with you more about the accolades summarized above.

Best regards,

Are You Ready? National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM), recognized each September, provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year.

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,” said Jennifer Rizzo, 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.”

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.

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

Candidates Must File Nominating Petitions



Downers Grove residents wishing to run for the office of Mayor or Commissioner in the February 26, 2019, Primary Election and the April 2, 2019, Consolidated Election must file their Statements of Candidacy and nominating petitions between November 19 and 26, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the office of the

Village Clerk at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue.

The Office of Mayor and three Commissioner positions on the Village Council are to be elected in the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. If more than 4 persons file for the position of Mayor, and/or more than 12 persons file for the position of Commissioner, the DuPage County Election Commission will conduct a Primary Election on February 26, 2019.

Statements of Candidacy and nominating petitions are available in the Village Clerk's Office.

Signature requirements for nominating petitions must be equal to at least 1% of the total vote cast for mayor at the last preceding mayoral election, or 88 signatures.

For further information on election law, candidates should consult their own attorneys. For information on election procedures, candidates should contact the DuPage County Election Commission at 630.407.5600.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018


**Disasters
Happen**

PREPARE NOW **LEARN HOW**



- **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.

Green Fleet Honors

The Village of Downers Grove has been selected the #14 Greenest Fleet in North America. Each year the Government Green Fleet Award ranks the top 50 fleets for their dedicated use of alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. The Village has ranked in the top 50 for five consecutive years.

Of the Village's fleet, 83% utilize some form of alternative fuel. These alternatives include Biodiesel (B-20), E-85 (Ethanol), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), propane, solar power, and hybrid combinations. The Village uses CNG fuel to power a wide range of vehicles including compact sedans, pick-up trucks, cargo vans, police patrol vehicles and five-ton trucks. The Village's five-ton trucks were the first in the midwest to be powered by CNG.

The implementation of green initiatives like the use of cleaner, more efficient alternative fuels achieves the Village's Strategic Plan goal of being a Steward of Financial & Environmental Sustainability. Using alternative fuels reduces the environmental impact of fleet operations and is more cost-effective than traditional petroleum based products.

These awards are supported by the Clean Cities Coalition, which is operated by the U.S. Department of Energy. Being selected as an award winning Government Green Fleet is a great accomplishment for the Village.



Leaf it to Fall



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.

Preserving History: Ernest E. Bunge House

This one story Craftsman Bungalow at 1514 Thornwood Dr. has been designated as a local landmark for displaying characteristics of the Craftsman style. Originally built for members of the Bunge family, the home was purchased by the Shaw family in 1953.

The Craftsman style is known for the use of simple forms and materials to evoke a handmade quality.



The Ernest E. Bunge House displays many characteristics of the Craftsman style on a Bungalow form. Bungalow homes are usually 1 to 1 ½ stories and often feature a front porch. This home is one full story with a partial front porch sharing the front with a 3-over-1 double hung window.

The home features Craftsman details such as the Jerkinhead (or clipped gable roof) so called for the slope added at the end of roof. Also a prominent design feature are the dark tapestry bricks that make up the first story of the home.

The term "tapestry brick" refers to a style of brick popular around the early 1900s to the mid 1930s. The bricks were made with a rough texture and varied in color from brick to brick. The rough texture and non-uniform color were very popular for Craftsman style homes.

Although the house had been renovated sometime in the 1960s, the property owners recently restored two features of the home. The brick partial height porch walls and brick stair wing walls had been replaced with wrought iron railings; however, they have been restored to match the original style of the home. Additionally, the 3-over-1 double hung windows replaced a single large picture window. Both restorations are consistent with the original appearance of the home.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: October 7-13, 2018

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. “Look. Listen. Learn.” 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 10, 2018
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.

24th ANNUAL SILENT PARADE

Friday, October 12, 2018
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 blocks south of Route 53 and Maple Avenue), Lisle at approximately 7:45 p.m. where the public and firefighters can gather for refreshments.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Reminders for Motorists

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

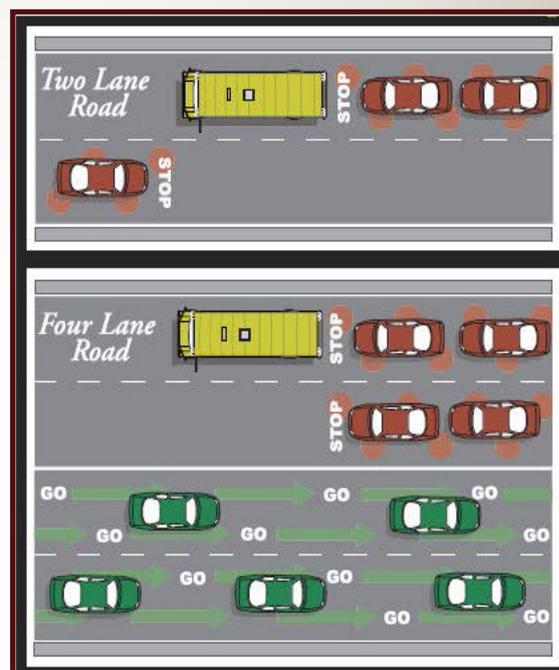
On any two-lane roadway and within school parking lots, all traffic must stop when the school bus has its “STOP” arm extended. On a four-lane roadway, only vehicles traveling the same direction as the bus are required to stop. The penalty for the first offense of passing a stopped school bus is a \$150.00 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 AM to 4:00 PM 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 every trip, every time.



Use caution when driving around all schools or whenever you see children in the area. Do your part to make the 2018/2019 school year safe for our children.

Fire Training Tower

On Friday, August 10, 2018, the Downers Grove Fire Department conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Fire Training Tower at Fire Station 1. *(See cover photo)*

The tower is made of six, 40-foot shipping containers and one 20-foot container. It's three stories tall and a little over 3,040 square feet. It offers a stainless steel burn room in the center of the first floor, which allows for live fire training in a controlled environment.

The tower has six exterior doors, one forcible entry door, nine windows, two forcible entry windows, four interior stair cases, two swing-away breech walls, two tripod hatches, a confined space tube, rappel station, poke-through simulator for ventilation, and one balcony.

"The Downers Grove Fire Department prides itself on being prepared for the future. We remain focused on delivering safe, effective and efficient service. This training facility is going to be instrumental in the accomplishment of that mission. I dedicate this training facility to the past, current and future members of this great fire department," stated Jeff Pindelski, Downers Grove Fire Chief. *(pictured right)*



"This tower will allow us to train in our own community, on duty, in many different manners, and in a safe controlled environment. It is going to offer our personnel the opportunity to train more frequently, which will result in better and safer job performance," said Alan Kinney, Downers Grove Firefighter/ Paramedic.

The training facility was 100% funded by out-of-state insurance companies doing business in Illinois. No Village funds were used for this project.

SNIPPETS

CORNERSTONE AWARDS

The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation (DGEDC) recently held its annual luncheon with more than 200 business and community leaders in attendance. The DGEDC created the Cornerstone Award to recognize projects for their economic impact on the community. Awards were presented by Mayor Martin Tully to the following recipients:

Ashley Home Store is the largest furniture retailer in the United States and opened a store in Downers Grove at 2900 Highland Avenue. Prior to opening, Ashley completely renovated the interior and made significant improvements to the exterior.



with *Vince Maher,*
Ashley Regional Director.



with *Doug Bruser,*
Director of Operations

Mission BBQ was founded by two friends with a passion for patriotism and barbeque on September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Their first restaurant in Illinois was opened in Downers Grove at Finley Square.



Packey Webb Ford needed a larger site to grow their business. They redeveloped a vacant parcel on Ogden Avenue, just west of Lee Avenue. This tremendous new dealership is a great testament to the founder of the company, Patrick "Packey" Webb.



with *Packey Webb partner,*
Brad Webb.



SHARPS DISPOSAL

The Downers Grove Police Department now has a container for disposal of home sharps, located in their lobby at 825 Burlington Avenue. In addition to business hours, the container is also accessible after hours.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Trick-or-Treating in the Village will be on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. While there are no mandated hours, the Police Department recommends trick-or-treating during daylight hours.

FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn the clock back one hour before turning in on Saturday, November 3. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 4, 2018.

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!

FALL FOR 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. www.downtowndg.org

BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

Budget Meetings for FY2019

- Proposed Budget Published and Distributed to Council **9/21/2018**
- First Reading on Council Agenda **10/02/2018**
- Budget Discussion at Council Meeting **10/09/2018**
- Budget Discussion at Council Meeting **10/16/2018**
- Coffee with the Council Budget Discussion (Fire Station 2) **10/20/2018**
- Budget Public Hearing **11/13/2018**

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