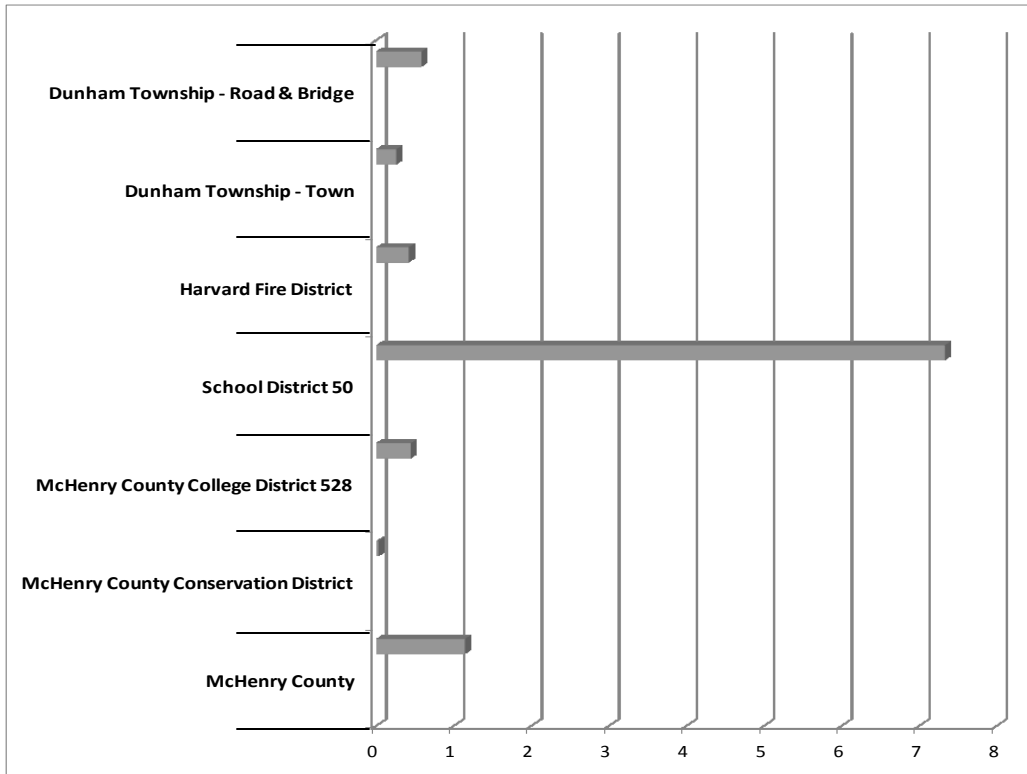




# DUNHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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**Above is a Bar Chart Showing the Percentage of your Tax Bill that Goes to Dunham Township.**

The percentages may change slightly if the parcel is within the City Limits of Harvard.

The Harvard Library is an additional Taxing Body within the Harvard City Limits.

As one can see by reviewing the above Bar Chart, Dunham Township has a very small percentage of your tax dollar.

We pride ourselves on being personable and helpful. Respectful of the Township Budget.



### Your Township Officials

- SUPERVISOR John Pihl 815-943-5598
- TOWN CLERK Jennifer Pihl
- HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER David Nolan 815-943-5751
- ASSESSOR Geri Alten 815-943-4444 or fax 815-943-4600 or dunham.assessor@gmail.com
- TRUSTEES Dennis Bischke David Binz Ruth Coffey Kevin Schultz

## How the Tax Bill is Prepared.

This is a very simple explanation of how your assessed value relates to the tax dollars you pay each year. Your assessed value is multiplied by the tax rate to give you the tax dollars paid.

The tax rate is developed by the County Clerk's Office each year using the Taxing Body

Budgets through out the County. Dunham Township's taxing bodies include McHenry County Government, McHenry County Conservation District, McHenry County College District 528, Harvard School District #50, Harvard Fire Department, Dunham Township Town, and Dunham Township Road and Bridge. Another Taxing Body

may be the Harvard Library if the parcel is in the Harvard City Limits.

The cycle will start again in December and the assessments are reviewed, equalized, levied, collected and distributed to the Taxing Bodies.

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# From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

- This summer the Road Commissioner’s crew has replaced many of the old culverts due to their poor condition.
- County Line Road had some patch work completed.
- Gravel and sediment from the culverts on Olbrich Road were cleared with the help of an intergovernmental agreement with another township.
- Pagles Road and Bunker Hill Road were chip sealed this summer.
- Perenchio Road was also chip sealed this summer.
- Mowing has been an ongoing job this summer.
- The Road Commissioner also found over 75 trees that died due to the Emerald Ash Borer. These trees are in the process of being removed.

This Summer all  
of our road  
work projects  
were completed



Chip Sealing a Road - Road crews remove dead trees and brush.

## OTHER NOTES:

### Steps to Winterize your Home

- Insulate the attic
- Weather strip and caulk all doors and windows
- Have an inspection done on your heating system
- Use a programmable thermostat
- Have all vents open and move all furniture away. This action will circulate the air better.
- Reverse the ceiling fan switch to cause the air to push upward, so the heat can be forced back down.

### MCHENRY COUNTY

#### FREE TIRE RECYCLING EVENT

Sponsored by: McHenry County Department of Health SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015  
8:00 AM - NOON\*

McHenry County Administration Building,  
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, Illinois (North parking lot)

Grant funding for event provided by: Illinois Department of Public Health via **Used Tire Management Fund** - Tires will be recycled by: Treadstone Tire Recycling

#### THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:

▫ **Pre-registration** is required. ▫ Limit of 20 tires per participant. ▫ Tires must be removed from metal rim and free of water,

mud and other debris. ▫ Only tires from McHenry County residents and farms will be accepted.

To pre-register and for more information, contact: Kristy Hecke, Solid Waste Manager McHenry County Department of Health Division of Environmental Health (815) 334-4585 KLHecke@co.mchenry.il.us www.mcdh

\*If the maximum number of tires allowed by the grant funding is collected, the event will close earlier than Noon.

\*LIMIT OF 20 TIRES PER PARTICIPANT  
PRE-REGISTER BEFORE OCTOBER 17TH

# Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

On Saturday, September 26th, Dunham Township's Assessed Values were published in the Northwest Herald and Notice of Assessment letters were also mailed to parcel owners.

The appeal filing deadline for Dunham is on October 26, 2015. So you have until that day to come into my office at the Dunham Township building at 107 Airport Road. You should call for an appointment first, the number is 815-943-4444 or

email your request to [dunham.assessor@gmail.com](mailto:dunham.assessor@gmail.com). I am in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Evening appointments are available.



When making an appeal, it is best to have 3 comparables to your parcel and bring that with you. If an agreement cannot

be made with me in the office, you may go on-line to file your appeal to the Board of Review. If you do not have internet access, I can give you a copy of the appeal forms. The forms need to be filled out and mailed or be brought into the Supervisor of Assessments in Woodstock.

It is important that the Board of Review appeal forms be into the Supervisor's office on or before October 26th.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Did you have your 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year? If so, Happy Birthday!

Your present from McHenry County is a \$5,000.00 exemption! If you own the house you live in, the assessed value can be lowered by \$5,000.00. Either come into the Dunham Township Assessor's Office to receive the form or

**HAPPY 65TH  
BIRTHDAY!**

go on the McHenry County website at [www.co.mchenry.il.us](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us) and click on County Government then click on Department A-I; click on Assessments; click on Forms and Rules for all the forms.

ANOTHER exemption to celebrate your 65th Birthday is the SENIOR CITIZENS ASSESSMENT FREEZE.

Come into my office and receive the forms or go online. The same website listed in this article.



## DUNHAM TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM

### Meeting Room Available

Dunham Township has a place to hold your next meeting. Didn't know that? It is easy to reserve, go to our website at [www.toi.org/dunhamtownship](http://www.toi.org/dunhamtownship) and click on Info Center, and then click on Meeting Room Reservation. Fill out the form and it can be faxed, mailed or dropped off at the office. The meeting room has 25 chairs and four tables for your

use. Coffee pots, a microwave and a small refrigerator are also available for use.

This meeting room has hosted wedding showers, club meetings, informational meetings and association meetings in addition to the Dunham Township Board of Trustee meetings held the second Tuesday of every month.

Best of all if you live in Dunham



Township, there is no cost to you.

So why not use the meeting room for your next party, don't have your house all messed up. Come in and use the facility that you helped to build.

LIKE DUNHAM TOWNSHIP ON FACEBOOK for a quick link to the website.

DUNHAM TOWNSHIP

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Harvard, IL 60033



Check out our website:

[www.toi.org/dunhamtownship](http://www.toi.org/dunhamtownship)



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**Need a place to hold a meeting or a special event? Give us a call at 815-943-4444 or fill out the form from the website. [www.toi.org/dunhamtownship](http://www.toi.org/dunhamtownship)**

*A  
fallen leaf  
is nothing more than a  
summer's wave  
goodbye.*

**Upcoming Township**

**Meeting Dates**

**October 13, 2015**

**November 10, 2015**

**December 8, 2015**

**7 pm at Town Hall**