



DUNHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Autumn Activities

Museum is Open May-October* in Union IL.

On July 4, 1976, the Society's museum in Union, Ill. officially opened to the public. The Museum is open May through the first Sunday in October, Tuesday through Friday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., and on limited Sundays as shown on calendar from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission charge for nonmembers. Adults - \$5, Seniors (60+) and Students - \$3, and Family (Includes 2 family member adults and 2 or more children) - \$12. The museum is occasionally open during special programs in the evenings or weekends.

To contact the Museum call 815-923-2267 or visit the website at www.gothistory.org.

Our comprehensive collection includes several preserved buildings: The 1843 Gannon Log Cabin, an 1885 town hall, now known as Perkins Hall; a 20th century modern tourist cabin, restored and housed *inside* the Museum. In 1982, a local history research library was added to the museum. In 1988, we acquired the West Harmony School, an 1895 one-room schoolhouse now used for school programs at our Museum location in Union. In 2009, we acquired the 1898 Riley Methodist Church.

November 8, 2017– 1:30 pm: “Moving forward with a new Tradition - Art Quilts.” Celebrated quilter and lecturer Frieda Anderson of Elgin as she explains what it takes to make your mark with fabric. Drawing inspiration from traditional quilt patterns as well as nature. **ADMISSION: \$5 MEMBERS AND \$10 NONMEMBERS.**

December 2, 2017–10 am to 3 pm–Holiday Open House “Rock Around the Quilted Tree” Quilt Contest & Show. All quilt-makers regardless of experience are invited to participate. Winners in each category will receive ribbons. View a unique historic display. Enjoy holiday music, homemade cookies, browse our bake sale and search for unique gifts in the museum store.



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 David Binz, Dennis Bischke, Ruth Coffey, & Cory Scott
- WEBSITE: www.toi.org/dunhamtownship

WHAT DAY IS IT?

In OCTOBER beside **Sweetest Day** on October 21st, there are many other fun days. Such as:

Oct 23 BOSTON CREAM PIE DAY

Oct 27th NAVY DAY

Oct. 30th CANDY CORN DAY

NOVEMBER has more than Thanksgiving Day

Nov 2nd USE LESS STUFF DAY

Nov. 4th WORLD NUMBER DAY

Nov. 9th CHAOS NEVER DIES DAY

Nov. 13th WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Nov. 27th PINS AND NEEDLES DAY

And on Dec. 5th, forget your diet it is Sachertorte Day



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From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

Winter is fast approaching and we are busy placing the finishing touches on the snow removal equipment. The 1990 Ford plow truck was sold to Hartland Township and we purchased a 2005 International plow truck from McHenry Township. The goal of the township is to provide the highest quality of service at a low cost. A plow route takes between two to three hours to make one pass in a normal situation. A storm and high winds would require several more passes by our small staff.

The mowing of the road side was very slow due to the wet weather we experienced early on. It takes about three weeks to mow the forty four miles.

Eleven culverts were replaced on Busse Road and there is a plan to chip seal the road next year. This maintenance will help save the road for many years to come. The road crew from the McHenry County Corrections helped with removing dead trees and brush from the right a ways.



Have a safe winter season.

Just a reminder to keep a safe distance from the plow trucks.

David Nolan

Road Commissioner

NOVEMBER 11TH is VETERAN'S DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED.



OTHER EVENT NOTES:



UPCOMING EVENT?
CALL THE TOWNSHIP TO RE-
SERVE THE MEETING ROOM.

CALL 815 943-4444
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

FOR DETAILS
WWW.TOI.ORG/
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AUTUMN EVENTS:

Visit a local orchard
Winterize your home & auto
Take a drive on scenic roadway for the leaf change
Plant spring bulbs
Carve a pumpkin, make a pie
Take part in a local fall festival
Prepare a comforting soup

Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

What determines the assessed value of my property?

In a down economy like the one we just experienced; the main factor is still the Market Value.

Market Value means the most probable price a property should bring in a competitive and open market under all condition requisite to a fair sale. The buyer and seller each acting prudently and knowledgeably, and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus.

Implicit in this definition is the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under certain conditions.

In today's market there are still some short sales and foreclosures that are affecting what a buyer will pay.

In these situations the Buyer and Seller are not typically motivated, well informed or well advised and acting in what they consider their own best interest.

Another factor is the 3 year sales ratio used to determine the

assessed value. When using the 3 year sales ratio in the current market, we see sales going up in the past 3 years. So now all are seeing increased assessed values.



DUNHAM TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Did you ever wonder what is going on at the Dunham Township Garage at 107 Airport Road? Well, then just visit our website.

www.toi.org/dunhamtownship

There are many interesting things on the site, such as, what is happening at Gateway Park. You didn't know about Gateway Park? That is your first reason to visit the website. A link is provided for The Land Conservancy to learn more about what that organization is doing here in Dunham Township.

- The website is your link to how one should prepare for stormy weather.
- This website can be used to gain access to other links and information that is useful.
- Never been able to make it to a Dunham Township Board of Trustees meeting? Click on the Official page to see who is on the Board of Trustees and other elected Dunham Township Officials.
- The Dunham Township Highway Depart-

ment's page can tell you what is being done to roads and bridges in the township.

Need information about your house, click on the Assessor's page for information.

Need a room to hold a meeting? Try the Dunham Township meeting hall, click on INFO CENTER and then click on Meeting Room Reservation.

TRY IT! www.toi.org/dunhamtownship

DUNHAM TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK

Yes, Dunham Township does have a FACEBOOK page.

News and information is placed on the FACEBOOK as needed.

That means you will not be receiving unwanted advertising and other unwanted information.

The FACEBOOK page will have road information, such as, where trees will be removed, snow removal, culverts to be replaced, grass mowing locations and roadways to be patched and sealed.

Search for Dunham Township on Facebook



DUNHAM TOWNSHIP

107 Airport Road
Harvard, IL 60033

WEBSITE:

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



FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK

Beef Stew

2lb beef stew meat cut into 1 inch cubes

8oz whole white mushrooms

2 low sodium beef bouillon cubes

4 medium potatoes cut into 1 inch chunks

4 medium carrots cut into 1 inch chunks

2 stalks of celery cut into 1 inch chunks

1 large onion sliced

¼ c flour

1c water

1 10 ¾ oz. can low sodium tomato soup

1 tbsp. Italian seasoning

1 bay leaf

Pepper to taste

Mix the water, soup, Italian seasoning and flour until combined.

Place the beef, vegetables, bouillon cubes and bay leaf in roasting pan.

Sprinkle with pepper.

Pour soup mixture over and mix gently.

Cover the pan and bake at 275 F for 4-5 hours.

