



DUNHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Waterways and Getaways: Resort Life in McHenry County May 5, 2017 through October 7, 2018 at the McHenry County Historical Museum

It is summertime at the turn of the century in McHenry County and resort establishments are fluffing feathertick mattresses, repairing docks, buying picnic baskets at the Maxwell Street market and stocking up for the many meals they will be serving to the Chicago folks, arriving by train for the next several months. The Fox-Chain O'Lakes region was a well-known resort area by the mid-1870s. Fishing, wild game and the Grass Lake lotus beds attracted visitors from Chicago and other parts of Illinois. These seasonal residents were the first to develop the shores of Pistakee Bay and along the Fox River. Shoreline resorts, sportsmen's hunting and fishing clubs, summer homes, cottage rentals, boarding houses and campgrounds were all built throughout the region. By 1905 there were 80 resorts and cottages around the shores of Pistakee Bay.

Visitors to our newest exhibit, "Waterways and Getaways: Resort Life in McHenry County" can relive this leisure time experienced by their parents and grandparents. The Fox River resort towns of Algonquin, Cary, Fox River Grove and McHenry; Pistakee Bay's Johnsburg; and resort towns of Crystal Lake, Wonder Lake and McCullom Lake will have starring roles in the exhibit telling stories from 1870s to 1950s. This extensive and interactive exhibit just might be our best one ever!



Everyone is invited to enjoy the Opening Reception

6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2017 in the museum

Food & Wine Tasting Package featuring local vintners, delicious appetizers, & complimentary wine glass.

Live Music - Raffle Baskets

Check into the re-created Stilling's Resort Hotel

Inhale the fragrance of lotus flowers

Meet new & old friends for an evening of historic stories

2017 ELECTIONS

Election Day is April 4, 2017

Dunham Township will once again host Election Day in the meeting hall.

The Dunham Township residents will be voting on several positions. They are Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Commissioner, Assessor and the four positions

of the Board of Trustee Members.

In addition there will be other Local Government positions to vote on.



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
- WEBSITE: www.toi.org/dunhamtownship

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From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

The Road Commissioner and his crew have been keeping very busy.

- Painted three bridges
- Removed trees
- Placed grindings and grade 7 gravel to road shoulders
- Hired a construction company to fill cracks on Dunham Road
- Sixteen miles of road shoulder repairs were completed
- Plow trucks were prepared for winter
- Salt was delivered for winter
- Culvert repair was done on Busse Road during February and March. Over 10 large culverts have been ordered for Busse Road. Most of the culverts are over 60 years old and the material is rotting. Therefore the road will be closed during the day and open at night.
- Warning lights were installed on many of the township crossroads signs



Spring Flowers will be showing up very soon.

Can you guess
were this
snowman was?
Call Dave at 815-
943-5751 with
your answer.



In the spring, at the end
of the day, you should
smell like dirt.

Margaret Atwood

OTHER EVENT NOTES:

April 11, 2017 - Dunham Township Meeting Hall

**There will be two meetings held on
Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The first
meeting held at 6:30 pm is the Annual
Meeting.**

**The second meeting at 7:00 pm
is the April Regular Township Meeting.**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Please do become aware of this issue.

The origin of the word April for the fourth month in the Gregorian calendar is debated. The Romans named it *Aprillis*, which suggests either its literal meaning "to open" or the Greek goddess Aphrodite. It was originally given 29 days, and later 30 when Julius Caesar created a calendar more in line with the lunar year.

Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

The Assessor's Office has been busy making sure each Property Record Card (PRC) has the correct information on it. Included on the PRC are the correct measurements of improvements to the land, such as a house or farm building. It also includes current sales, photos, legal descriptions and other pertinent information.

Our office provides services to you the owner of the parcel, to appraisers, to insur-

ance agents, to realtors, and any other person interested in what is on the PRC.

The information on the PRC is public information and can be obtained by any individual requesting it.

This information plus the three year sales ratio helps assessors to provide assessed values for each parcel.

Taxpayers may come into the office any time of the

year for a PRC review.

It is best to call for an appointment 815-943-4444. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10:30 and 4:30 I can usually be found at work.



Illinois Department of Revenue Website

Have you ever wondered who sees your assessed value besides you? The McHenry County Assessor Department will review each townships assessed values and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

www.revenue.state.il.us/localgovernment/propertytax

localgovernment/propertytax. On that page one can see a General Information section, Property Tax E-Services, Education and a restricted area for Local Officials only.

Illinois and how notification of a change in ones assessment is sent.

If you want an explanation of Property Tax Relief—Homestead Exemptions there is a page for that also.

Need more information on other types of taxes, click of Tax Types under RESOURCES.

Have fun exploring!

The Illinois Department of Revenue (DOR) website has a PROPERT TAX page, which can be reached at **www.revenue.state.il.us/**

While there, one can review "An Overview of Property Tax." It will explain the role that property tax plays, the property tax cycle, how property is assessed in

List of National Days in April and May

April 1st—Tangible Karma Day

April 2nd— Ferret Day

April 3rd—Chocolate Mousse Day

April 8th - Draw a Picture of a Bird Day

April 17th— Blah Blah Blah Day

April 20th—Volunteer Recognition Day

April 27th—Tell A Story Day

April 29th—World Veterinary Day

May 2nd—World Asthma Day

May 8th—Iris Day

May 9th—Lost Sock Memorial Day

May 10th—Donate A Day's Wages to Charity Day

May 18th—Museum Day

May 24th—Brother's day

May 28th—Amnesty International Day

If you enjoyed this section let us know and/or go to **www.dayoftheyear.com**



June 1st—Say Something Nice Day

June 3rd—Milk Day

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FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK

Pasta, Pancetta and Peas



16 oz. fettucine

8 oz. pancetta, diced

½ onion, chopped

10 oz. bag frozen peas

2 cloves garlic, minced

¼ c grated parmesan

Salt and pepper

½ lemon, juiced

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil over medium heat.

Add pasta and cook until al dente. Drain pasta, reserving 1 c of pasta water.

Saute pancetta in large saucepan over medium high heat until golden and crisp, about six minutes. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate. In the same pan, saute onions until softened, about five minutes. Add peas and garlic and saute for three minutes. Stir in parmesan, pasta and pancetta. Moisten pasta with some of the reserved pasta water. Toss to incorporate, season with salt and pepper, if necessary, and serve. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

Recipe courtesy of Sunny Anderson 2009 Cooking for Real Food Network.com

