



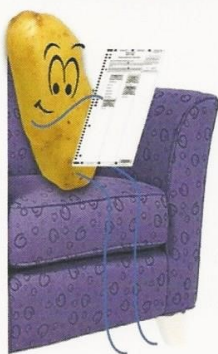
DUNHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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EARLY VOTING LOCATION:

ELECTION DAY -- MARCH 20, 2018 BE A COUCH POTATO VOTER



VOTE BY MAIL

No waiting in line when you vote from home.

Vote by Mail requests will be accepted Dec. 20, 2017 through March 15, 2018.

Ballots will be mailed Feb. 8, 2018 and must be return postmarked no later than midnight of Election Day, March 20, 2018.

EARLY VOTING

March 5th thru March 19th at designated Early Voting Centers.

Mary E. McClellan, McHenry County Clerk

815-334-4242

www.co.mchenry.il.us/countyclerk

EARLY VOTING AT DUNHAM TOWNSHIP MEETING HALL

Monday, March 5th to Friday, March 9th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 10th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, March 12th, to Friday, March 16th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 17th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Your Township Officials

- SUPERVISOR: John Pihl 815-943-5598
- TOWN CLERK: Jennifer Pihl
- ROAD 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

SPRING THINGS TO DO!

Late winter and Early Spring Events:

Spring cleaning

Plant cold weather crops

Visit a museum

**Spring
Cleaning**

Take a walk at a local park or conservation area

Have lunch with a dear friend.

Prepare a new recipe

Read a book

SPRINGTIME BINGO



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From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

Spring is around the corner, our plow drivers are keeping all intersections, and right of ways clear of ice and snow. We have three plow trucks and 88 lane miles per trip around the township to maintain. Our plow drivers did a great job again this winter and I thank them.

In the good old days as a young man in the late 50's, I plowed snow for Dunham township, Howard Meade was the Road Commissioner then and the Township only had one road grader and a single plow truck. Most of the roads were gravel back then, and the township rented a dump truck and plow from Harvard Ready Mix. We started plowing in the early morning at daybreak and did not have a sander or salt. All the roads were snow covered with an inch or two of packed snow and ice until spring.

We have come a long way from those days and have maintained a low cost to the tax payers. Look at your tax bill and notice what the road district receives.

- The Dunham Township Road crew continues to salt the roads due to icy conditions. Road Salt prices continue to hold and at a lower price per ton then four years ago.
- Culverts are aging and many will need to be replaced due to rust and other metal decay issues.
- Report of ice jamming in culverts was reported to the office.
- Equipment repairs have been completed on the mowers.

Have a good and safe year, Dave Nolan



MCHELP: Teens can confidentially and anonymously reach out to professional crisis counselors via text messaging 24-hours a day/7 days a week and receive an immediate reply if they or a friend is struggling with: bullying; alcohol & drug use; depression; relationship conflicts; exams/finals; anxiety or if they just need to talk. The app is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. This free service is provided by The McHenry County Community Foundation, Centegra Health System and McHenry County Crisis Line.

OTHER EVENT NOTES:

March

6th - Dentist Day
21st - Common Courtesy Day
26th - Take a Walk in the Park Day



April

12th - Grilled Cheese Day
10th - Dunham Township Annual Meeting 6:30 pm
22nd - Jelly Bean Day
30th - Honesty Day



May

4th - Star Wars Day
10th - Clean Up Your Room Day
15th - Chocolate Chip Day



Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

Soon it will be warmer and that means, Geri Alten Dunham Township's Assessor, will be reviewing assessments to send to the Supervisor of Assessments.

If you have recently had an appraisal, call to make an appointment. If the amount on the appraisal is less than the assessed value for the parcel, I may be able to lower your assessed value.

As seen in the papers, the value of homes in Dunham Township are rising, which usually means the assessed values will raise. You can help to keep your tax bill in check if one looks at the taxing bodies on your bill and are aware of them asking for increases in their budget. The increases in taxing body budgets are reflected on your tax bill.

The other items that can help lower your assessed value is to make sure you have all the exemptions on the house your own and live in.

Exemptions are:

Homestead Exemption.....\$6,000

Senior Exemption.....\$5,000

Senior Assessment Freeze...\$TBD

Person with Disabilities.....\$2,000

Disabled Veteran.....\$2,500 +/-

Retuning Veteran...see application

There also is another exemption called:

Home Improvement Exemption (HIE). If there is a new improvement to an existing structure the HIE provides a reduction in the assessed value up to \$25,000.

It is only for owner occupied residence. Usually my office is notified of a new improvement by a Building Permit from McHenry County Building Department or the City of Harvard. New improvements that did not have a Building Permit are usually discovered by a site visit from this office.

A new Exemption is Accessibility Improvements. As stated by law "accessibility improvements made to the property shall not increase the assessed value for 7 years.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for :

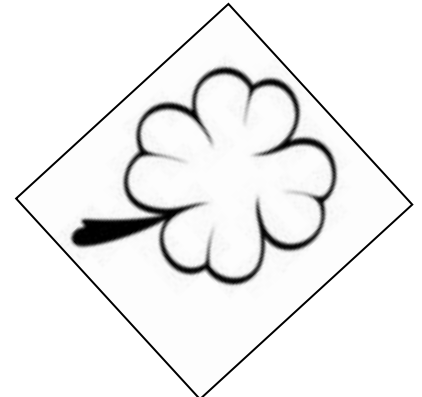
Tuesday, April 10th.

6:30 PM Proposed Road District budget Hearing.

6:45 PM Starts the proposed Town of Dunham and General Assistance budget hearing.

7:00 PM Dunham Township Annual Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting will follow the annual meeting.



MEETING HALL AVAILABLE

Call the township to reserve the Meeting Hall for

Your Upcoming Event or Meeting

Call 815-943-4444

Or visit our website for details at

www.toi.org/dunhamtownship



DUNHAM TOWNSHIP

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



FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK

Blueberry Muffins

Ingredients

¼ c sugar
2 c flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
¼ c butter, melted
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
½ c milk
2 c fresh or frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 F.
Grease and flour the muffin pan.

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder
and salt in large bowl.

In another bowl whisk together
butter, eggs, vanilla and milk. Add
the wet ingredients to the dry.

Mix by hand, gently and little as
possible. Fold in the berries.
Evenly fill the muffin cups.

Bake for 20-25 minutes.
Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then
move muffins to wire rack.

Ann Treistman
Foodie Facts

