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NOVEMBER VOTING NOTICE

AN EXERPT FROM THE COUNTY CLERKS / ELECTIONS WEBPAGE

November 3, 2020 General Election

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

This application MUST be submitted by October 29th, 2020 (at least 5 days prior to an Election).

The first day that the County Clerk may mail ballots is September 24, 2020.

EARLY VOTING AT DUNHAM TOWNSHIP STARTS OCTOBER 19TH



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

911 REMEMBRANCE DAY WE WILL NEVER FORGET



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From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

It has been a very busy summer season for the crew of Dunham Township. As Always, it is our ultimate goal to ensure that all of our roads are in good repair and safe.

When doing our road checks, we include, making sure that all road signs are completely visible and secure; we keep roadside trees trimmed and remove any dead trees; we also pick up and dispose of dead animals and debris also fill-in and repair all pot holes.

We deeply appreciate our township residents and farmer for mowing the right-of-away along the properties.

We have recently replace five under-road culverts. Many of our culverts are over 60 years old. This summer we Chip-sealed all of County Line Road to ensure the life and stability of the road. This was done for \$77,000 versus blacktopping at a cost that would exceed \$300,000. With the increase in motor vehicle tax, we are planning to upgrade more roads in the near future.

With the winter season approaching, Kurt and the rest of our crew, are continuously checking and maintain all of our trucks and equipment.

I have ordered 650 tons of road salt so we will be prepared to keep our roads clear and safe during inclement weather. Please remember to use caution and patience when our road crews are out.

Respectfully,
Dave Nolan,
Road Commissioner



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OTHER EVENT NOTES:

Days to Celebrate

August 10th National S' Mores Day

September 12th National Chocolate
Milkshake Day

September 18th National Cheese-
burger Day

October 6th National Noodle Day

October 28th National Chocolate Day

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Township Meetings 2020 7pm At the Town Hall Meeting Room

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Reasons to Visit a Farmer's Market



Fresh produce, Support local
producers, Organic availability,
eggs, fresh baked goods,
variety of meats, hon-
ey, jams, jellies syrups,
and a variety of cheese.



Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S Publication 136: Property Assessment and Equalization, April 2016.

Property tax is the largest single tax in the state of Illinois. It is also a major source of revenue for local government taxing districts. Every person and business in Illinois is affected by property taxes, whether by paying the tax or receiving services or benefits paid for by property taxes. Property tax is governed by the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/1-1 through 32-20. It is a local tax imposed by local government taxing districts

(e.g., schools, municipalities, counties). Revenues from property tax are collected and spent at the local level. Property taxation produces more than three-fourths of the total tax revenue and finances a major part of the services provided by local governmental units which benefit citizens and their property. The largest share of property tax goes to school districts.



BELOW - FIND A GLOSSARY OF SOME TERMS

Assessed value - Value placed upon property after multiplying its market value by the level of assessment.

Assessment - Official act of discovering, listing, appraising, and entering a value for property on the assessment rolls for ad valorem tax.

Equalization - Application of a uniform percent increase or decrease to assessed values of various areas or classes of property to bring assessment levels, on the average, to a uniform level of market value.

Sales ratio study - Analysis of the percentage relationship of assessed value (AV) to market value; ratio equals prior year assessed value (AV) divided by the current year sales price (SP) (Minimum of 25 useable sales/appraisals required)

WHAT IS "MARKET VALUE"?

"Market value" is the most probable sale price (in terms of money) in a competitive, open market. This is under the assumption both buyer and seller are acting prudently and knowledgeably, and allowing sufficient time for the transaction which is not affected by undue pressures. In

Level of assessments - Ratio of assessed value to the sale price.

Illinois, most real property must be assessed based on its market value. The Illinois Property Tax Code uses the term "fair cash value" to describe market value.

Once market value has been determined, assessors put a value on the property for the tax assessment

books. This value should be 33 1/3 percent of the fair cash value. For example, if the fair cash value of a property is \$150,000, and the county level of assessments is at the statutory level of 33 1/3 percent, the assessed value of the property to be entered in the assessment books would be \$50,000.

What is the purpose of a sales ratio study?

A sales ratio study compares a property's assessed value as of January 1 in one year to its selling price in the following year. For example, the assessed value of property as of January 1, 2015, is compared to its selling price in 2016. The sales ratio is the prior year's assessed value (e.g., 2015) divided by the current year's sell-

ing price (e.g., 2016).

How are sales ratio studies used? Sales ratio studies are used for a number of purposes. Computation of multipliers - Determining both county and township multipliers used in equalizing the level of assessments among counties (inter-county) and within the county (intra-county). Examples of intra-

county multipliers include township, neighborhood, and class (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) multipliers.



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FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK

Southwestern Chicken and White Bean Soup

2 c shredded cooked chicken breast

1 tablespoon less sodium taco seasoning

Cooking spray

2 (14 ounce) cans fat free less sodium chicken broth

1 (16 ounce) can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

½ c green salsa

Light sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Combine chicken and taco seasoning, toss to coat. Heat large saucepan over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add chicken, sauté 2 minutes or until lightly browned. Add broth, scraping pan to loosen browned bits.

Place beans in a small bowl, mash until only a few whole beans remain. Add beans and salsa to pan. Stirring well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thick. Serve with sour cream and cilantro, if desired.

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