



# DUNHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## EARLY VOTING

Early Voting Started on February 6th at the County Clerk's Office with hours from 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM.

Early Voting will start at 107 Airport Rd Harvard, IL 60033 on March 3rd for all of McHenry County.

Tuesday, March 3rd through Friday, March 6th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

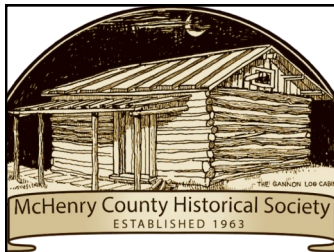
Monday, March 9th through Friday, March 13th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 14th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020**

**VOTING AT YOUR LOCAL PRESENT**

## McHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### IMPORTANT DATES AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Monday, March 9th 7 pm** - Alice Paul: Winning Votes for Women

**Monday, March 23 4 pm** - Picture Postcards: The Happy Invention

**Monday, April 6 7 pm** - When Potato Fields were Prisons: Unfree Agriculture in McHenry County During World War II.

**Monday, April 20 7 pm** - The Eastland Disaster: An Unparalleled Tragedy

All programs are at the Society museum. Series tickets are \$40, \$35 for Society members.

Visit [www.gothistory.org](http://www.gothistory.org)

Back in the day, a person could find out a lot more about local hospitals. And that is a good thing. After all, it's not like you are going in for an oil change.

Harvard Hospital, the county's first, was the last in the area to go private. Begun in 1898 by Dr. Horace W. Johnson, Cottage Hospital began in humble surroundings - a small, brick building at Front Street and Route 14. In 1997, Harvard Memorial Hospital (now Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center) made the decision to go private after 41 years a public hospital. And when the estimated \$90,000 in tax dollars went away, so did the unique public access into its business side.

Last year's "Ghost Town" bus tour of McHenry County communities that didn't quite make a go of it was so popular, we're going to do it again! Narrator/historian Craig Pfannkuche will once again lead the revival, seeing the remnants of such unincorporated crossings as Ridgefield, Barreville, Ostend and Solon Mills.

Includes box lunch at Stanchion Pub in Harvard's Starline Building. Cost: \$50. To register call 815-923-2267.

**CALL FOR DATE AND MORE INFORMATION**



### 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](mailto:dunham.assessor@gmail.com)
- **TRUSTEES:** David Binz, Dennis Bischke, Ruth Coffey, Cory Scott
- **WEBSITE:** [www.toi.org/dunhamtownship](http://www.toi.org/dunhamtownship)

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## From the Desk of the Road Commissioner

Salt orders were made for the winter and will come in as needed.

The installation of speed limits signs have been installed on Island Road. This was needed to slow drivers down on several of the hills on that road.

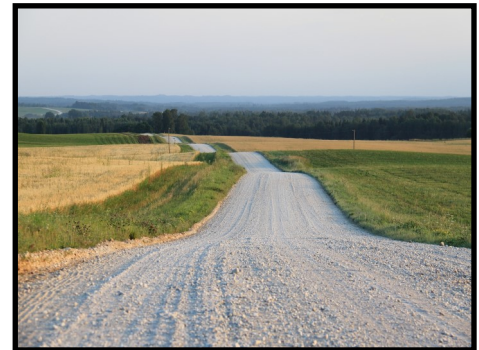
Tree trimming was completed this fall which helps when ice is on the tree branches. Heavy ice on the tree branches can cause them to fall on the road blocking traffic.

Last fall LED lights were installed on Township Stop signs and several caution signs.

Snow plowing and road ice removal has been on-going since October 31, 2019.

Replacing several Township culverts will happen this summer.

PLEASE VOTE  
THIS SPRING!



### SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

March 1st -Who were you named after?  
Why were you named after that person(s)?  
And, why were you named after the person?

These are all excellent questions to explore and find the answer to on *Namesake Day*.

Your parent selected a name to give to you for very good reasons. As parents-in-waiting, we spend countless hours pouring through baby name books. We seek names that sound good, and names that honor someone we love or respect. We read up on what the meaning of the names on our short list represent. Then, on the day you are born, we bestow a first and middle name for very good and purposeful reasons.

Today is a sticky day. National Peanut Butter Lover's Day salutes America's favorite sandwich spread. What kid didn't grow up loving a PB&J sandwich? It's a staple in our house.

March 3rd - Caregiver Appreciation Day

March 4th - Hug a GI Day

March 8th - Daylight Saving Day Begins

March 12th - Girl Scout Day

March 13th - Blame Someone Else Day : > )

March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day

March 23rd - National Chip & Dip Day

Have fun finding Special Days for the rest of Spring and Summer.



# Notes from the Dunham Township Assessor's Desk

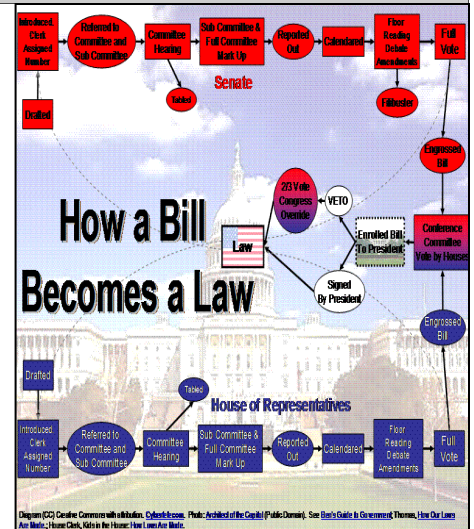
Senate Bill 1932 was signed into law in 2019. That bill created a Property Tax Relief Task Force. The report was due from that Task Force on December 31, 2019.

Not to any ones surprise, the report was not finalized. However, a draft was released by someone to the press. In it at least two things have been identified as indications of why Illinois Property taxes are so high.

Most property taxpayers are aware that the highest percentage on the tax bill is that of

the public schools. Due to Illinois' failure to fund schools, which then forces burden on property owners. Second is the exemptions system; there are so many exemptions available it is causing a shrinking tax base.

Township Officials of Illinois keep Townships informed of any changes or House Bills and Senate Bills that will affect Tax Bills and Townships.



## Hobby Farms and the IRS

I have had questions on how to have a parcel assessed as farming (0011) instead of residential (0040).

Here is a websites for hobby farmers:

<https://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/hobby-farming-zmaz81mazraw>

For a Hobby Farm to be assessed as Farmland one needs to show that two out of five years produce a profit outside of your off-farm income. The Mother Earth website gives examples of "hobby farming rules" from the IRS.

I am sure there are other internet articles on IRS requirements for hobby farming.

So this Spring, start work-

ing on your hobby farm and perform this for two years then ask again for a change in parcel assessment.



## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE



### Cheesy Bacon Breakfast Tortilla

Top one 6 1/2-inch flour tortilla with 2 tablespoons shredded Swiss cheese and 1 chopped piece cooked bacon. Broil until the cheese melts.

Top with 2 tablespoons diced avocado; season with salt and pepper. Add a few dashes of your favorite hot sauce.

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of Dunham Township in the County of McHenry and the State of Illinois, that (pursuant to State Statutes (60 ILCS 1/30-10) the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
Being the second Tuesday of said month  
At the hour of 7:00 p.m. at  
The Dunham Township Town Hall  
107 Airport Rd.  
Harvard, IL. 60033

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said Town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; especially to consider and decide the following:

1) Election of Moderator. 2) Call of the Meeting. 3) Reading of the 2018 Minutes. 4) Remarks by the Electors. 5) Financial Reports. 6) Audits of Accounts. 7) Remarks by Supervisor. 8) Remarks by Highway Commissioner. 9) Remarks by Assessor. 10) Disposal of surplus Township Assets. 11) Set time for the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. 12) Adjourn.

Dated March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Jennifer L. Pihl, Town Clerk

### Notice of public Hearing On Road District Budget

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriations ordinance for the road purposes of the Dunham Township Road District in the County of McHenry, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Dunham Township garage, at 107 Airport Road, Harvard, Illinois from and after 8:00 a.m. March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at **6:30 p.m., April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020** at the Dunham Township garage, at 107 Airport Road Harvard, Illinois in this town and that final action will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees following the Hearing on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

David Nolan, Dunham Township Highway Commissioner

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Jennifer L. Pihl, Dunham Township Clerk