

VILLAGE OF **DIVERNON** *News*

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FROM THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE BOARD

Spring has sprung and we are all excited about getting outdoors! The Village yard sale and clean up day were both a big success and we are looking forward to the Block Party in July.

The Village has accepted a bid to replace the trees along Brown Street. Soon we will be enjoying a nice blend of Black Gum and Ivory Silk Lilacs along the road, offering a variety of colors throughout the year. We have also contracted with Masten to continue the mosquito control program we had in place last year.

Divernon is continuing to partner with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission to update the multi-jurisdiction natural hazards mitigation plan. Meetings of this planning task force are open to the public and details are on the County website. There is also a public survey linked on the Village website.

The Village website at www.divernonil.com contains the most current information on Village activities, new ordinances, and more. Please note that the Village website continues to be updated including a calendar of events and information on resources. It's important that you visit the Village website frequently to keep abreast of Village news, projects and programs.



BLOCK PARTY

**FUN
FOOD
FRIENDS**

**EATS
TREATS
GAMES**

July 9, 2022 on the Square

The past few years have shown that heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and forms. This year's parade will be focused on these people. The theme for the 2022 parade will be "Honoring America's Heroes."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Rhodes, Supt.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT The Department has been working on some of the stormwater drainage, water mains, and more. We have also been working with Ameren to make improvements on the street lights around town.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS are available at the Village hall. Prior to beginning any building project, an application must be filed. This includes sheds on skids. Please contact Jeremy Rhodes if you have questions. Completed applications must be submitted to Village hall. **NO WORK SHALL BEGIN UNTIL THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED!**

The Annual Drinking Water Report is available and can be found on the Village website at <http://divernonil.com/community/public-works-department/>, or copies can be obtained at the Village Hall.

As a reminder, if you suspect a gas leak, call 217-628-3416 immediately.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jason Martin

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT continues to serve our community. Our team of officers are constantly training and working to keep our Village safe.

As the weather gets nice, please be observant of children playing, and be sure to follow the speed limits and come to a complete stop at the stop signs.

STREET LIGHTS If you notice a street light out please let us know so we can identify the light and contact Ameren to get them serviced. Keeping the Village well lit is a great way to reduce problems.

BLOCK PARTY

We are happy to announce the Grand Marshall for this year's parade will be Herman Goddard!!

If you are interested in joining Herman and his family in the parade please message this page or reach out to the Divernon Village Hall @ 217-628-3416.



2022 Divy Block Party Schedule!!

Block Party opens 12pm
Inflatables and Games 12pm - 8pm
Craft Fair 12pm - 5pm
Honoring America's Heroes Parade- 12:30pm
Robert "Lefty Preacher" Sampson 1pm-3pm
Adult/Child Three Legged Race 2pm
Cornhole Tournament Signup 12pm-3pm
Team drawing 3pm Bags fly @ 3:30pm
Joel Honey 4pm - 7pm
Laser Tag 4pm - 8PM
TBA Entertainment 8pm - 11pm
Fire Dept 50/50 Drawing 9pm
Block Party ends 11pm

Follow Divy Block Party on Facebook for the most up to date information.

VILLAGE EVENTS, COMMUNITY CLUBS & SERVICES

THE DIVERNON H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - The Association always needs volunteers and is hopeful volunteers from the newer classes will get involved. If you're interested, please contact Nancy Crawford at 217/725-4513. .

SCHOOL NEWS - Visit the school website for school information at www.auburn.k12.il.us.

DIVERNON MASONS LODGE - Contact John Lewis at 217/741-7567 if you are interested in joining the Masons Lodge or renting the building.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS - Sausage & Pancake Breakfast on March 13th - 9:00 to 12:00 at the Legion. If you would like information on joining the American Legion please contact Gene Brenning at 217/741-0920 or for building rental contact Jim Richards at 217/691-2881. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - If you have a loved one currently serving, please provide their name and mailing address as we like to reach out to our men and women in the military. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining please contact Nancy Beaty at 217/628-3383.

THE DIVERNON SPORTSMAN'S CLUB has many activities available for children and adults. For information on joining, please contact George Brown at 217/652-8538. Check the sign at the Senior Center for times of events and other announcements.

DIVERNON CLOTHING CLOSET is available to all residents of Divernon and surrounding communities. All clothing is FREE with sizes from infant to Adult XXL. Shoes, belts, and other accessories are also available. Clean, gently used clothing is accepted.

The closet will be open May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15 & 19, July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24.

If assistance is needed after hours, please contact Chafi Pfler at 217/303-2255 or Nancy Crawford at 217/725-4513. The Clothing Closet is located in the Presbyterian Church, 265 S. Second Street on the SW side of the Square.

THE DIVERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (DUMC) FOOD PANTRY is in the Divernon Methodist Church, 503 South Second Street, Divernon. Hours of operation are 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. every Monday.

Donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are always welcome. Drop-off locations are United Community Bank and the Village Hall. Arrangements can also be made to deliver items to the church by calling 217/628-3530. Monetary donations are always welcome and can be mailed to the address above.

The Church is also holding a raffle to repair the stained glass windows. Tickets are \$20 each for a \$240 meat package from Magro's or cash. The drawing will be held July 9th at the Block Party.

THE DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY is an asset to our community. Everyone is invited to take advantage of the resources available at the library such as books, DVD's, audio books and patron computers. As a member of IHLS, books can be requested and delivered to Divernon at no cost to patrons. Programs offered are monthly movie night, weekly story hour, summer reading programs and accelerated reader points. Donations of audio books, DVD's or money are always welcome. The library also offers copying and faxing for a nominal fee. For more information, please contact the library at 217/628-3813 or visit the library's website at www.divernontownshiplibrary.org.



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Trustees: Larry Baer, Tyler Bramley, Craig Busch,
Chuck Apgar, Joe Bukantos, Dianne Brenning

Board Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month at 6:30 p.m.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION The Village of Divernon News will be issued every quarter.

The next newsletter will be available in August. If you have information on your business or club that you would like included, please contact the Village Office at 217/628-3416.

In addition to the Village website, you can also visit [Divernon Community Information](#) on Facebook

WORSHIP IN DIVERNON

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages), 10:45 a.m. Morning Service, 11:45 a.m. Lunch, 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Service, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - Pastor, Seth Ventress.

DIVERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES - 9:45 a.m. Morning Service, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School at 9:00am. Open Heart sewing ministry meets Tuesday from 9:30 until 11:00am. For more information call 217/628-3530.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DIVERNON - REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES - 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School 10:00 a.m., and Fellowship Breakfast on the last Sunday of the Month at 9:00 a.m. Reverend Steve Smith—217/899-1002.

MESSAGE CHURCH - REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES - Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. Come as you are. Baptismal always open. For more information call 217/741-3498.

**We have many great local businesses in Divernon!
By supporting them you help support our Village!**

**The Village is looking to form a Christmas Square committee to be responsible for decorating the town square.
Please contact the Village office at 217-628-3416.**