

# VILLAGE OF **DIVERNON** *News*

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## FROM THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE BOARD

Our 2022 Block Party was a great success. We appreciate all the hard work that went into planning the event, and thank Craig Busch for all his efforts, all the volunteers who helped, and our sponsors. It was great to see all the families out enjoying the activities, the music, and the food. We are already excited for the next Block Party July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 and if you would like to help make it another huge success let us know by contacting the Village Hall.

The Village has been working on some improvements around the park as well. You may have noticed new trash bins and picnic tables that have been installed. Additionally, to help deter vandalism the Village has installed cameras around the park. We have a great park in town and it gets a lot of use from local and out of town families. We appreciate your help in keeping it clean and in good repair.

With School starting on August 17<sup>th</sup> we want to remind everyone to use caution when driving around town. Please slow down, come to a full stop at the stop signs, and don't text and drive. We want to make sure our youth make it to and from school safely each day.

The Village is continuing to work hard to make Divernon an attractive and appealing community for families. Our Public Works department has been working on the water mains and drainage, and our Police Officers are working to keep our streets safe. The Board and Mayor have been working hard to make some major changes as well, and we cannot wait to update you further.

The Village website at [www.divernonil.com](http://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.



# TRICK OR TREAT 2022

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30  
AND**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 31, 2022  
FROM 5 00 P.M. TO 8 00 P.M.**

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Rhodes, Supt.

**THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** The Department has been upgrading the water mains, and appreciate everyone's patience as they work 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** has been working hard to keep our village safe and clean.

**It is important that vehicles not be parked directly in front of stop signs. Our officers will be issuing warnings and citation to vehicles that are in violation.** Keeping signs visible is an important part of keeping our streets safe for traffic and pedestrians.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS** will continue to be addressed as needed.

Does your family have youth age 5-18 looking for fun activities and adventure? Scouting is a great activity the entire family can enjoy.

Join us on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm in the Park for a Scouting information and interest meeting. Every new scout who registers in 2022 will receive a Gnome Model rocket.

Contact Jerry Daniels at [jerry.daniels@scouting.org](mailto:jerry.daniels@scouting.org) or Chuck Apgar at [chuckapgar@protonmail.com](mailto:chuckapgar@protonmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Dates

**September 2**

Divernon American Legion  
Golf Tournament

**October 30-31**

Trick or Treat

**November 6**

Turkey Dinner @ DUMC

**November 8**

Election Day



ADVENTURE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SCOUTING?  
WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP!

Launch into Scouting!  
Adventure is waiting for you

SCOUT ME IN

## 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](http://www.auburn.k12.il.us).

**AMERICAN LEGION NEWS** - 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 6:00 p.m. THE LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SEPTEMBER 2ND.

**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 SPORTMAN'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 August 10 & 24, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16 & 30, December 7 & 14 & 21.

If assistance is needed after hours, please contact Cheri Pfeiler 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 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](http://www.divernontownshiplibrary.org).



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Fire Department 217/628-3341

**EMERGENCY: 911**

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**Village President:** Jim Copelin.....[divernonmayor@comcast.net](mailto:divernonmayor@comcast.net)

**Village Clerk** Gail Hedges.....[divernonclerk@comcast.net](mailto:divernonclerk@comcast.net)

**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 November. 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, 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. Turkey Dinner November 6<sup>th</sup> with drive through

**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!**