

VILLAGE OF **DIVERNON** *News*

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FROM THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE BOARD

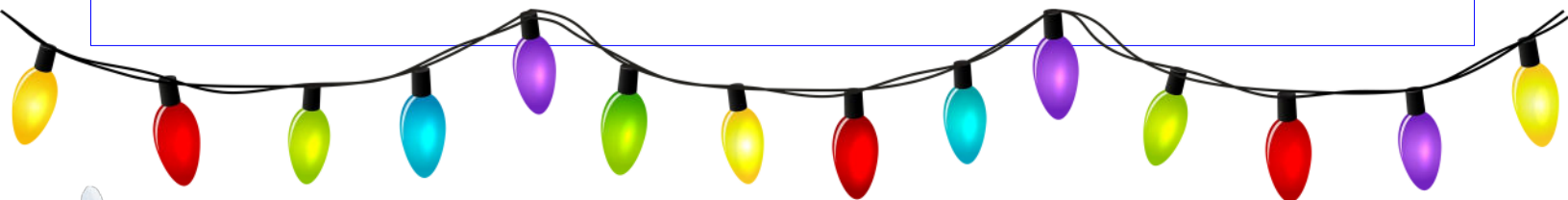
The holiday season is upon us and it is a great time to be thankful and enjoy time with friends and families. We are excited to continue the Christmas Decoration Contest and are excited to see what everyone has in store. The Village has also updated our decorations for around town.

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, the Village Board would like to thank our Public Works, Police Department, and our Office Manager for all they do for our Village. Please make sure to wave or say thanks the next time you see one of them around town.

Local Municipal elections are coming up in April and the Village will be electing a Village Clerk and 3 Trustees for the Village Board. More details on filing to be a candidate is in the newsletter.

The Mayor and Board continue to work on getting the abandoned properties cleaned up and sold for new business. We hope to give you some good news by the time our next newsletter comes out in February.

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.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Rhodes, Supt.

As we approach winter weather, please keep an eye on potential for snow-fall and adjust street parking as needed to help our Public Works Department clear the streets.

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

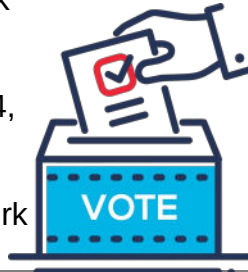
Chief Jason Martin

With the leaves beginning to fall it is important that all Village residents follow the burning ordinances 4-1-2. Burning is only permitted from 7am to 7pm, fires must be 25 feet away from buildings, and need to be attended to while burning with a method to extinguish the fire accessible. **Trash is not permitted to be burned.**

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS will continue to be addressed as needed.

The filing period for the Consolidated Election in the Village of Divernon will be from December 12, 2022 through December 19, 2022.

The positions available are the Village Clerk – 2-year term and (3) Board of Trustee positions - all are 4-year terms. The Consolidated Election will be held on April 4, 2023. Election packets are available at the Divernon Village Hall. If you have any questions, contact Gail Hedges, Village Clerk at 217-628-3416.



Upcoming Dates

November 6

Turkey Dinner @ DUMC

November 8

Election Day

November 19

Holiday Bazaar at the Legion

December 15

Decoration Judging



Families in need are encouraged to apply for energy bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Beginning September 1 families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or by visiting their local agency. Families can also call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

LIHEAP provides one-time payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients. All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted.

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.

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.

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 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale November 19th 9-2, at the Legion. 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.

We would like to Thank everyone that made our 4th Annual Golf Outing a great success. Hope everyone had a great time. Next year our outing will be on Friday, September 1st.

Happy Holidays all!

-American Legion Post 278 & American Legion Auxiliary

DIVERNON CLOTHING CLOSET is available to all residents of Divernon and surrounding communities. All clothing is FREE with sizes from infant to Adult 3X. Shoes, belts, and other accessories are also available. Clean, gently used clothing is accepted. The closet will be open Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 PM or by appointment.

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 - 6:30 p.m. every Monday. *Please note the new winter hours as of November 7th.*

Donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are always welcome. The Pantry cannot accept homemade goods. 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.

Hands4Hope Holiday Ministry Program Began October 1st

This ministry program provides coats for kids, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and supports the community Angel Tree. The program is sponsored by the Divernon United Methodist Church and supported by generous contributions from the community. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church at 217-628-3530. Contributions can be mailed to H4H, PO Box 197, Divernon, IL 62530. Thank you for your support!

THE DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY Everyone is invited to take advantage of the resources available at the library such as books, DVD's, audio books and computers. As a member of IHLS, books can be requested and delivered to Divernon at no cost. 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. For more information, please contact the library at 217/628-3813 or visit www.divernontownshiplibrary.org.



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Fire Department 217/628-3341

EMERGENCY: 911

Village President: Jim Copelin.....divernonmayor@comcast.net

Village Clerk Gail Hedges.....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 February. 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 6th 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!**