

OCTOBER 2009

Village Viewpoint

village of Durand, Illinois



Village Hours
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday

VILLAGE HALL

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The 2010 CENSUS is on the horizon...We need your help!

Once every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau takes on the overwhelming task of trying to account for every citizen in the United States. While the census provides important information such as trends regarding shifting growth areas and statistics for state representation at the federal level, the figures also have an important value regarding our own community.

For the Village of Durand, some of our funding is based on population. Therefore it is important that each and every resident within the village limits takes the time to complete the census survey form when it is received. Information from the form is used only by the Census Bureau and is not given to any other agency, including the FBI, Internal Revenue Service or even the White House.

Perhaps the most important revenue that the Village receives based on population figures is our Motor Fuel Taxes. This money is the primary source for road repair and maintenance of our village streets. By a formula used by the State of Illinois, money received in the state coffers is dispersed based on the population of municipalities. Therefore, the more accurate our survey count is, the closer we will be to receiving our fair share of Motor Fuel money.

During the 2000 Census, representatives from the Village of Durand felt that we were short-changed in the final tally. When this happens the Village can request a follow-up survey at a cost to the Village. So I cannot stress enough the importance of completing the survey accurately and on time since the Village will be required to use those census figures for the next 10 years unless a costly request is made to

update the figures. Inaccurate census figures could result in thousands of dollars in lost revenue that the Village is legally entitled to.

The days of the lengthy, multi-page forms are history, according to a representative from the Census Bureau who visited the Village Hall earlier this summer. The 2010 census form is much shorter than the previous book-style forms. The forms are designed to be simple and only take 10-15 minutes to complete. This is just another reason to take the time and complete the form.

Here in the Village of Durand we will be embarking on a campaign to assist individuals with questions regarding the survey. With the help of local organizations, churches and the school, it is the goal of the Village to gain 100 per cent cooperation for the 2010 survey. We hope that every resident responds to the questionnaire and every resident in the household is counted.

While confidentiality prohibits helping with the actual filling out of the survey, members of the community will be able to answer questions that you may have about the survey. Or, if you do not receive the survey, we will be able to make sure that one is available.

So, when you receive your survey info early next year, please take the time to fill it out and return it.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in educating the community on the importance of the Census Survey, please contact the Village Hall at 248-2606.

Thank you again for responding to this **important part of the Village's future** revenue source.

Mayor's Corner



"AUTUMN...the year's last, loveliest smile."

William Cullen Bryant



CENTER STREET PARK COMMITTEE

There's a lot going on in the center of town as the Center Street Park Committee continues their efforts to bring color, light and excitement to the heart of Durand.

Blue and white *Bulldog* flags will be fluttering on the Square in time for the Durand High School Homecoming Parade on October 2 at 2:00 p.m. Watch for lights and decorations for the Holiday Season.

There was positive feedback after the Center Street Skate Nights and the rain-delayed movie show.



These events brought out families who were glad for the chance to enjoy the Square on a summer evening. Look for more of these Family Fun activities in the future.

Turn your clocks back to Standard Time on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

TIME TO FLUSH THOSE HYDRANTS!!!

Beginning Monday, October 5, hydrant flushing will be done from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday, weather permitting, until completed. Please be aware that this may impact water usage, such as for laundry purposes.



EVERY DROP COUNTS!!!



When using water in and around our homes, here are a few hints on how to conserve this precious resource.

- Use a basin to wash vegetables or dishes, then quickly rinse to use less water.
- When disposing of ice cubes, water remaining in drinking glasses, or even fish tanks, give your plants a drink.
- Save cooking water from cooked or steamed foods to start a delicious and nutritious soup.
- Watch for other ways that you can recycle water instead of throwing it down the drain.

DURAND BURNING RESTRICTIONS



The Municipal Code of the Village of Durand allows outside burning in a covered metal container in good repair, located at least 10 feet inside the property line or at least 10 feet from any building, combustible fence or other structure, tree or shrub. Only paper or paper goods may be burned in an outside burning device.

OPEN BURNING of dry leaves, dry brush, paper or paper goods, will be allowed during daylight hours in the months of April, May, October and November. The fire must be attended by at least one person at all times during said open burning.

RECREATIONAL BURNING must be contained in a fire pit, fire ring or other device designed for and intended for this purpose. The fire pit or fire ring shall not be greater than 40 inches in diameter and shall not exceed 18 inches below ground level or above ground level. NO TREATED LUMBER OR TREATED WOOD shall be burned or used as fuel. No outside burning device may be located within 10 feet of any property line or within 10 feet of any building, combustible fence or other structure, tree or shrub. The person or persons conducting such recreational burning shall be in attendance at all times during said burning.

Other restrictions may apply...call the Village 248-2606 with questions.

Hazardous Waste Disposal



If you are looking for a place to dispose of used oil and/or batteries, you can drop them off at Matteson's Service Center, 419 Mulvain Street.

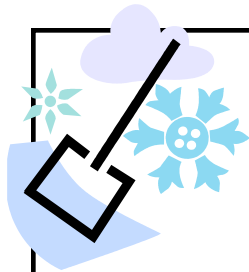


STOP DRIVING LIKE A MANIAC ... if you want to save \$\$\$!!

Changing the way you drive is the most effective way to reduce the amount of fuel your car consumes. Accelerate gradually, drive smoothly and with care and you could see as much as a 33% gain in fuel economy on the highway and 5% around town, compared with what you'd get with an aggressive driving style, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. That means skipping those jackrabbit starts at stoplights and sudden pedal-to-the-metal maneuvers on the highway.



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I know WINTER and SNOW are not two words you want to hear right now, but they will be here before the next newsletter comes out.

Now is the time to prepare your car for winter. It never hurts to have your anti-freeze in the radiator inspected to make sure it's clean and to check its freeze-point. Most garages will do this when changing your oil; if not, request it. Blankets, candles, flashlight, and jumper cables are a few extra items you can keep in the trunk for emergencies.

The first snowfall is a busy time for police. It seems people forget the roads have become slippery and it takes more time to stop. SLOW DOWN and leave a little early that first snowfall. Be aware of other drivers. Use your headlights for daytime driving.

**LET'S ALL TAKE A LITTLE EXTRA CARE
DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!**



WHAT IS WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL??

Well, if you've ever seen a stray dog or cat wandering around looking "lost," and you want to help it find its owner, then you need to know about Winnebago County Animal Control. This county agency issues licenses to pets for identification and vaccination information in case the animal has wandered off. When properly licensed, all it takes is a phone call to the owner and the pet can be returned. If not reclaimed, the animal is kept at the shelter for 5 days (cats) and 7 day (dogs) after which it is assessed for adoption. License fees which range from \$20-\$40 are based on whether the dog or cat has been neutered. Rabies vaccinations are also required. Call (815)319-4100 for more information on adoption.

FOR THOSE "NOT SO DOMESTIC" ANIMALS...Animal Control will pick up wild animals that have wandered onto your property for a removal charge of \$10. To discourage the animals' approach, keep all garbage cans covered and locked and dog/cat food and bird feeders out of reach. Don't send out dinner invitations unless you want "Guests!"



KEEP US INFORMED!

If you wish to receive a recorded message from the Village in the event of emergency, such as a boil order, please contact us with your unlisted or cell phone number. Any questions, call 248-2606.



HALLOWEEN!!!

This holiday is approaching fast and the young ghosts and goblins will be out in force on Saturday, October 31. A few safety pointers for that day:



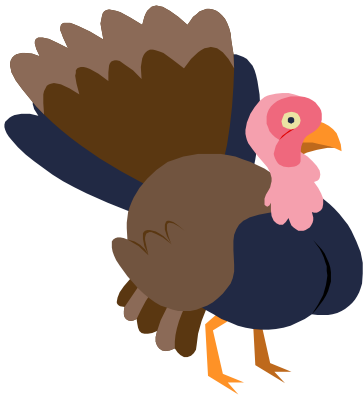
- Drive under the speed limit.
- Use extra caution in all areas.

- Be alert for children at intersections.
- PARENTS! Check all treats when your children get back home.

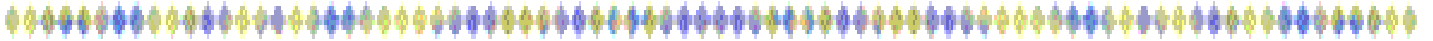
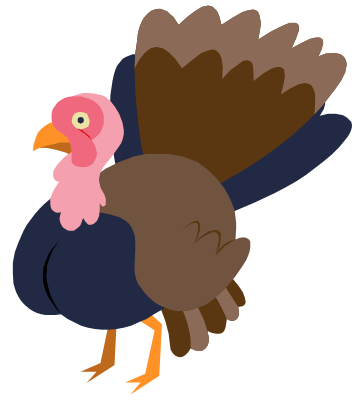
TRICK or TREATERS:

- Wear bright costumes.
- Cross at corners.
- Stay in a group if possible.
- Use a flashlight, if possible, especially in dark areas.
- Only go to homes that are lit or have porch lights on.
- Never enter a house—stay on the porch.

Let's have fun and make sure we all come home safe!



TURKEY TRIVIA



- A spooked turkey can run
 - 50 miles an hour
 - 5 miles an hour
 - 20 miles an hour
 - 60 miles
- Where did the male "tom" turkey get its name?
 - The popular Tom and Jerry show
 - Ben Franklin named it after Thomas Jefferson when he would not allow it to be the national bird.
 - A tom cat. Wild turkeys were just like wild cats back then. They would roam around and get into fights.
- How many degrees can a turkey see with its eyes?
 - 360 degrees
 - 100 degrees
 - 270 degrees
 - 90 degrees
- What is a baby turkey called?
 - A chick
 - A squab
 - A poult
 - A goblet
- Do turkeys have heart attack?
 - Yes
 - No
- How can a turkey drown when it's raining?
 - By looking up
 - By getting its beak stuck in the mud.
 - By hiding its head between its legs.
- Who was the first President to pardon a turkey from Thanksgiving Dinner?
 - Truman
 - Jefferson
 - Clinton
 - Lincoln
- Which gender of turkey says "gobble, gobble?"
 - The female, when she is eating.
 - They both do!
 - The male, but only seasonally and when going to sleep.



ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-B; 3-C; 4-C; 5-A; 6-A; 7-A; 8-C.



Note: Subject to change on short notice.

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The Calendar Is Maintained by Village Administration and Posted at the Village Hall.

OCTOBER 2009

- 6 Tuesday
Sanitary District 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Monday
Village Board 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Thursday
Zoning Board 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Monday
Village Board 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Well Water Test Pickup
- 31 Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Otter Creek Historical Society



NOVEMBER 2009

- 3 Tuesday
Sanitary District 7:00 pm
- 9 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 18 Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Well Water Test Pickup
- 19 Thursday
Zoning Board 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Otter Creek Historical Society
- 23 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 26 Thursday OFFICE CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY
- 27 Friday
OFFICE CLOSED



DECEMBER 2009

- 1 Tuesday
Sanitary District 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 17 Thursday
Zoning Board 7:00 p.m.
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Office Closed
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Office Closed
- 28 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 30 Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Well Water Test Pick-up
- 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Office Closed at Noon



JANUARY 2010

- 5 Tuesday
Sanitary District 7:00 pm
- 11 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 21 Thursday
Zoning Board 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Otter Creek Historical Society
- 25 Monday
Village Board 7:30 pm
- 27 Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
Well Water Test Pickup



NOTE: The federal government's premiere

Website for free educational resources is www.ed.gov/free—this Free website is the work of more than 30 federal agencies whose contributions range from subjects in the arts to educational technology.

Village of Volunteers

VILLAGE OF DURAND

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USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Animal Control	Rockford, Illinois	(815) 877-3073 or (815) 877-3074
Gas:	NICOR Gas	(815) 642-6748
Electric:	Commonwealth Edison	(877) 426-6331 (For power outages 800-334-7661)
Telephone:	Verizon	(800) 483-4000
Cable:	Mediacom	(800) 824-6047
Durand Website:	www.durand-il.com	<i>(not maintained by municipality)</i>
	www.durandillinois.com	<i>(not maintained by municipality)</i>
Village Library:	200 W South St	(T) 6:00 pm—9:00 pm; (TH) 3:00 pm-6:00 pm (S) 9:00 am-Noon
Otter Creek Historical Society		Ben Clay, President (815) 248-2060
Winnebago Co. Fire Protection District #1		Chief Kim Steward (815) 248-2575
Tax Assessor	Mrs. Paula Cull	(815) 248-4035 (phone)
Assistant	Ms. Nancy McCartney	(815) 248-4444 (fax)tan_N_tone2@yahoo.com
Durand School	200 W South St	(815) 248-2171 www.durandbulldogs.com
Road Commissioner	Mr. Kim Steward	(815) 248-2575

***“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,
is the true measure of our thanksgiving. W.T Purkiser***