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Newsletter of McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Message from the Executive Director

This past year has been eventful at the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC). In addition to the significant progress made by the MCRPC and its planning partners in completing a number of important area projects, there was a staff change at the leadership level. MCRPC's long-time Executive Director Mr. Paul Russell, retired in August of 2013, after nearly 19 years in that position. The VISIONS newsletter is one of his legacy projects. This publication was successful in providing information on growth and development related issues to the community leaders in McLean County for nearly 15 years.

In an effort to increase the reach of this newsletter, the MCRPC conducted a survey in October. Among other things, the results suggested expanding its audience from community leaders to the general public. To accommodate the newer audience and to enhance public participation in planning, the feature article of this issue of VISIONS is "Who's Who of the Local Governments in McLean County."

Let us know your thoughts on this or other issues that you would like to see addressed.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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Who's Who of the Local Governments in McLean County (Volume 1)

According to the US Census Bureau's Census of Governments [report](#), Illinois has 6,968 "General Purpose" taxing entities and tops the nation in number of local governments. With nearly 160 of those units within its boundary, McLean County has more than its fair share. There are 52 "General Purpose" and 108 "Special Purpose" local governments in our county.

General purpose local governments are the County, municipalities, and townships. The special purpose units include the school districts, community colleges, park, library, fire and cemetery districts, transit authority, Airport Authority, Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).

Each local government is different, serves a different purpose and operates on different regulations. Given the sheer number of local governments, it can be very confusing and discouraging for citizens to participate in the local decision making process.

In an effort to encourage public participation in local governments and

regional planning, this issue of VISIONS compiles the list of the "General Purpose" local government entities, their elected/appointed officials, along with their contact information, and dates and times of various public meetings. Special purpose districts will be discussed in later volumes.

As you can imagine, the kind of information presented in this newsletter changes constantly. Information in this newsletter is current as of the date of publication.

To facilitate an ongoing dialogue between the residents of the community and their local government officials, MCRPC created *My Officials*, a Geographic Information Systems Application (GIS app). This online application will allow residents to type their address and identify their taxing districts and local officials, along with their contact information. Step by step instructions for use of this app can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. You can also access the instructional video from our website at www.mcplan.org. MCRPC hopes to update this electronic database on a regular basis.

These tools, the newsletter and the *My Officials* app, will make it easier for you, the resident, to play an active role in shaping the future of the community. Your feedback on this subject will be greatly appreciated.



New Executive Director Ms. Pinnamaraju with the retired Executive Director Mr. Russell

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McLean County is the largest county by land area in Illinois. County duties include assessment of property, record keeping, maintenance of rural roads, administration of elections and the judicial functions.

Management:

McLean County is managed by the County administration department.

Administrator: Bill Wasson

Phone: (309) 888-5110

E: admin@mcleancountyil.gov

Office Location: Government Center, 115 E. Washington St, Bloomington

Website: www.mcleancountyil.gov

Frequently visited County offices

Treasurer & Tax Collector:

Taxpayers visit this office for paying their property tax bills.

Treasurer: Rebecca McNeil

Phone: (309) 888-5180

E: treasurer@mcleancountyil.gov

Supervisor of Assessments:

Taxpayers visit this office for property assessment complaints or to apply for tax exemptions.

Assessor: Robert T. Kahman

Phone: (309) 888-5130

E: assessor@mcleancountyil.gov

County Clerk/Recorder: This office is responsible for recording, archiving and retrieving public documents. This office is also the guardian of public records including marriage licenses, birth and death records; conducts elections, registers and maintains voter information, and calculates tax rates for the County.

County Clerk: Kathy Michael

Phone: (309) 888-5190

E: countyclerk@mcleancountyil.gov



Building & Zoning: Any resident wanting to build a structure in the unincorporated area of McLean County should contact the Building and Zoning department.

Director: Phil Dick

Phone: (309) 888-5160

E: bldgzon@mcleancountyil.gov

HOW ARE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES CALCULATED

Although there are 160 taxing entities in McLean county, different parts of the county are under the jurisdiction of different combinations of taxing districts. The best way to find out the taxing districts on your property is by looking at your tax bill. If you don't have a paper copy of your tax bill, an electronic version of your tax bill can be accessed online via [Property Tax Lookup](#) on the McLean County website.

Once tax rates for all taxing bodies in the county are established for the year, the County Clerk will add up the rates which apply to particular areas in the county. The Clerk then divides the county into tax code areas, in which all property is subject to the same combination of taxing units and thus has the same combination of tax rates.

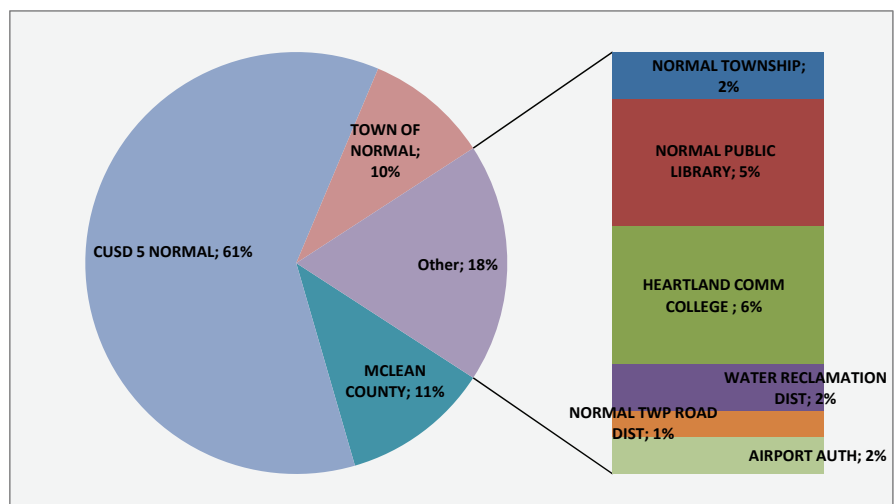
A tax bill is calculated by multiplying the equalized assessed value (EAV) of a property by the aggregate rate for the tax code area in which the property lies.

Below is an example of a home with an EAV of \$58,436 in McLean County. In this example, their property is taxed at the rate of \$8.0298 for every \$100 of their EAV. This rate corresponds with the 2012 tax year for taxes paid in 2013.

EAV (\$58,436) X multiplier (0.080298) - Exemptions (\$0) =
Tax Bill (\$4,692.32).

In this example, over 60% of the tax revenue goes to the school district, 10% to the Town, 11% to the County and the remaining 18% is distributed between the Townships and other special taxing districts.

Taxing Body	2012 Rate	2012 Tax
NORMAL TOWNSHIP	0.1669	\$97.54
NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	0.4397	\$256.95
HEARTLAND COMM COLLEGE	0.4826	\$281.98
B-N WATER RECLAMATION DIST	0.164	\$95.85
MCLEAN COUNTY	0.9117	\$532.74
NORMAL TWP ROAD DIST	0.0907	\$53.00
CUSD 5 NORMAL	4.8841	\$2,854.08
TOWN OF NORMAL	0.7627	\$445.70
BLM-NRM AIRPORT AUTH	0.1275	\$74.48
Totals	8.0298	\$4,692.32



McLean County Board

County Board members are elected officials who oversee county activities and ensure that citizen concerns are met at the county level. McLean County is divided into ten geographic districts as identified in the map below. Each district is represented by two members on the Board, their contact information listed in Table 1. Districts 1, 2 and 3 are larger and rural in nature compared to the others. County Board & committee meetings are open for the public to attend. Dates and times of these meetings are listed in Table 2.

Public Comment Policy: All requests for appearance before the Board shall be made to the Administrator, in writing not less than five working days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Check the County's website for the complete policy.

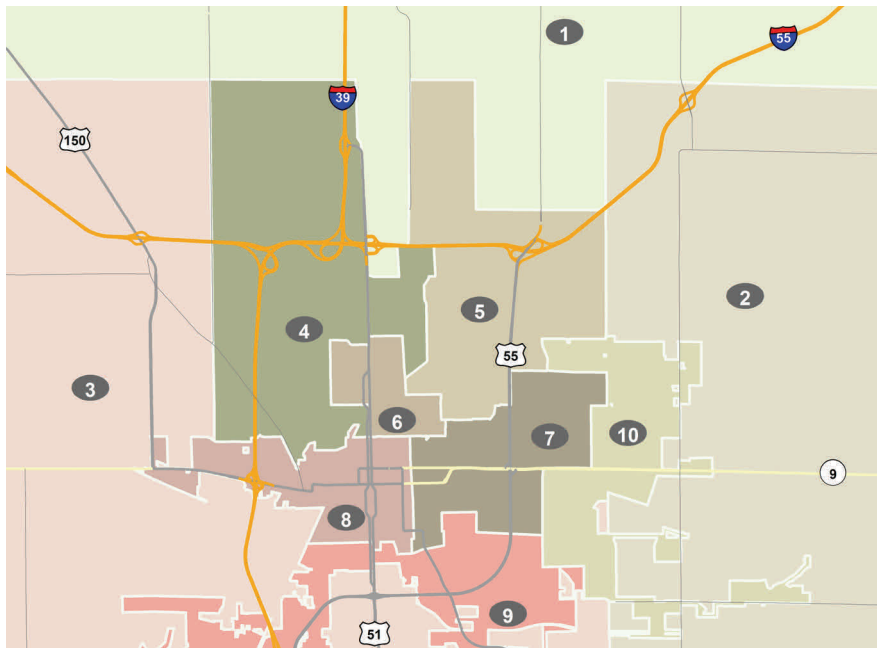


Table 2: McLean County Public Meetings

Most of the meetings are in Room 400 of the Government Center. The Liquor Commission, Rules Subcommittee and Transportation Committee meet in Room 404 of the Government Center.

Meeting	Date	Time
County Board	Third Tuesday of each month	9:00 AM
Executive Committee	Second Tuesday of each month	4:30 PM
Finance Committee	First Wednesday of each month	4:30 PM
Justice Committee	First Tuesday of each month	4:30 PM
Land Use Committee	First Thursday of each month	3:30 PM
Liquor Control Commission	On an as-needed basis	9:30 AM
Property Committee	First Thursday of each month	4:45 PM
Rules Subcommittee	On an as-needed basis	9:30 AM
Transportation Committee	First Tuesday of each month	8:00 AM

Table 1: Board Members

District 1:

Don J. Cavallini: (309) 365-8257
E: doncavallini@hotmail.com
Stan Hoselton: (309) 365-8016

District 2:

Jim Soeldner: (309) 724-8240
E: jimsoeldner@aol.com
Matt Sorensen (Chairman): (309) 378-2000
E: matt.sorensen@mcleancountyil.gov

District 3:

Julie J. Brandt: (309) 874-2025
E: mimimil@yahoo.com
George O. Wendt: (309) 830-6685
E: wendtfarm@gmail.com

District 4:

Sally K. Pyne: (309) 454-8470
E: spyne@lincolncollege.edu
William T. Caisley: (309) 452-6339
E: judgebill@frontier.com

District 5:

Sondra (Sonny) O'Connor: (309) 452-2988
E: edgerunner265@aol.com
John McIntyre: (309) 452-0552
E: jdmacin@aol.com

District 6:

Laurie Wollrab: (309) 454-7640
E: lwollrab@gmail.com
George Gordon: (309) 452-8530
E: GJGordon1@gmail.com

District 7:

Richard Buchanan: (309) 824-0461
E: richblm1@gmail.com
Victoria F. Harris: (309) 663-6675
E: victoriafharris@gmail.com

District 8:

Carlo Robustelli: (309) 585-1472
E: csrobustelli@gmail.com

 [Carlo Robustelli](#)
[McLean County Board Member, District 8](#)

Paul R. Segobiano: (309) 828-6592
E: gplife@hotmail.com

District 9:

Erik Rankin: (309) 212-2102
E: erik@erikrankin.com
Susan Schafer: (309) 827-2372
E: susan@schafer9.com

District 10:

Benjamin Owens: (309) 829-1500
E: bjowens123@yahoo.com
Chuck Erickson: (309) 824-7380
E: cnelaw1@aol.com

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McLean County Townships

By law, Illinois townships are charged with three basic functions: 1) general assistance for people in need; 2) the assessment of real property for the basis of local taxation; and 3) maintenance of all roads and bridges outside federal, state, and other local jurisdiction.

McLean County is divided into thirty townships as shown in the map below. Typically, township boundaries are fixed. However, special provisions in the township code allow for coterminous townships like City of Bloomington township. The coterminous township follows the borders of the City. That means, if your property is annexed to the City of Bloomington, it will be annexed into City of Bloomington township as

well. City council members of the City of Bloomington act as the board of trustees for City of Bloomington township.

Typically townships are represented by a supervisor, assessor, road commissioner, clerk, and the trustees. The township board of trustees meet once a month. These meetings are open to public. To voice concerns at these meetings, you have to follow the public comment policy of that township. Public comment policies for these townships vary greatly.

The map below contains the information regarding board meetings and a phone number to reach the road commissioners.

City of Bloomington township and Bloomington township are

two separate entities. Below is their contact information.

City of Bloomington Township

Office Location: 607 S Gridley St, Bloomington, Illinois 61701-5276

Supervisor: Deborah Skillrud

Phone: (309) 828-2356

E: dskillrud@cityblm.org

Board Meeting: 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM

Bloomington Township

Office Location: 2501 Foxcreek Rd, Bloomington, Illinois 61705-5262

Supervisor: Jennifer Capodice

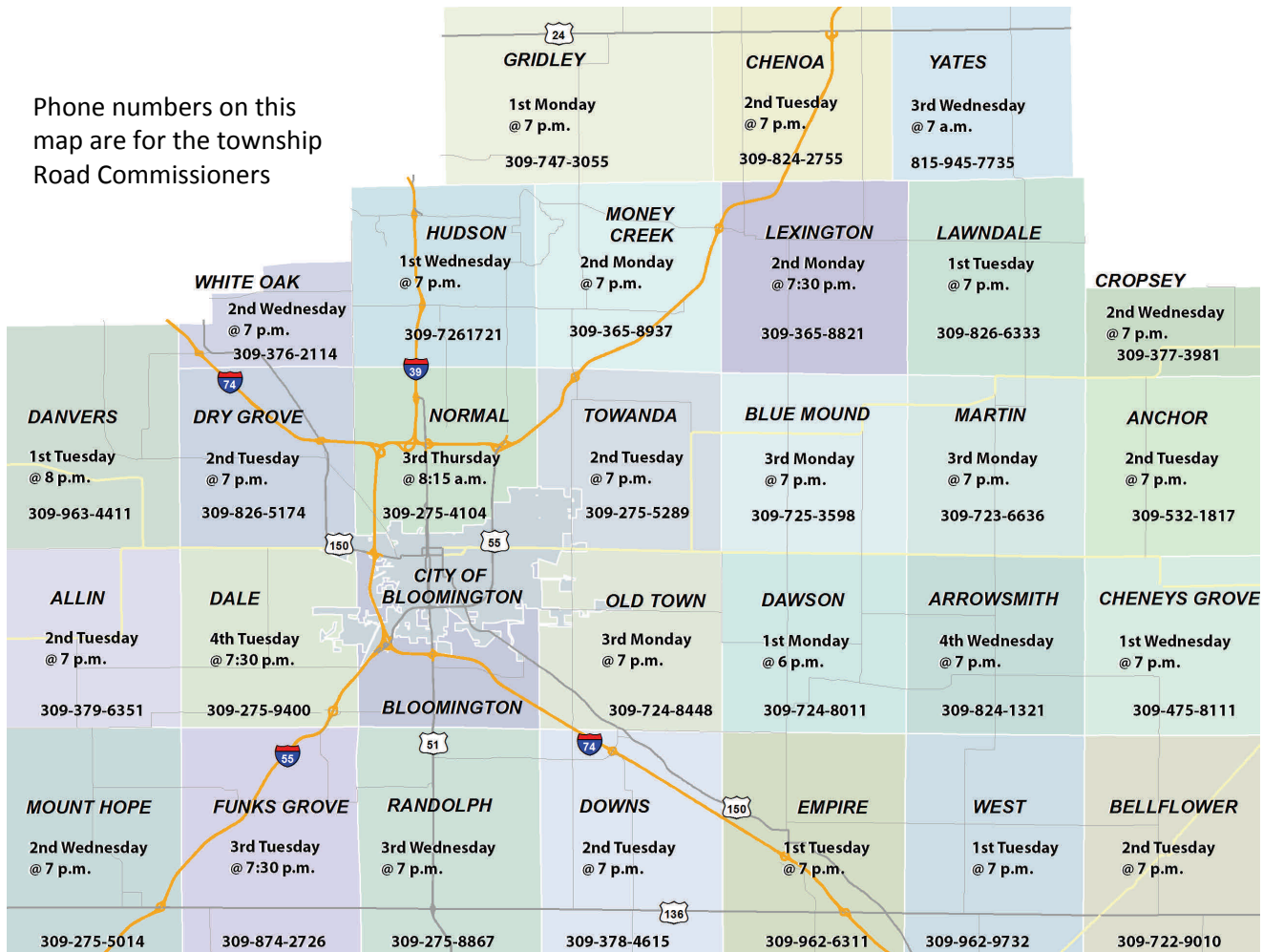
Phone: (309) 828-2356

Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Road Commissioner:

(309) 824-0066

Phone numbers on this map are for the township Road Commissioners



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Information Forum

The Community Information Forum was initiated in 2005 to create awareness on innovative planning concepts or national issues and trends that could potentially affect the McLean County region. Topics addressed via this forum in recent years include *Expanding Transit to Meet the Future Travel Demand* and *Health and the Built Environment*.

The 2014 Information Forum is titled ***Neighborhood and Redevelopment Planning and Financing***. This session will outline an approach that ultimately requires a reorientation of emphasis and a renewed understanding of what it takes to build a town or a neighborhood.

Our featured speaker is Charles Marohn, Jr., of Strong Towns, a non-profit located in suburban Minneapolis-St. Paul, which assists municipalities in ***"achieving financial strength and resiliency"*** through advocating productive

changes in community growth patterns.

Registration for this event is open online at www.mcplan.org

MCRPC Annual Report

The MCRPC Annual Report describes the work activities of the McLean County Regional Planning Commission during this fiscal year. Also presented in the annual report is a summary of the progress made by the Commission and its planning partners in completing area projects that enhance the quality of life in this region. In addition, the annual report presents an overview of the financial activities of the Commission for the fiscal year.

The FY2013 Annual Report will be available in an electronic form in the near future on the Commission's website under the **About MCRPC** section.



Message from the Chairman

To Our Planning Partners and citizens of McLean County:

The McLean County Regional Planning Commission had a busy year of transition planning for the retirement of our long time Executive Director Mr. Paul Russell. We conducted an internal review of all the stakeholders and committees to help determine our future path. In this process, Mr. Russell received accolades for his development of a professional office that brings the different government entities together to coordinate their plans and projects. After conducting a lengthy national search, Vasudha Pinnamaraju was selected to further this legacy. I am excited about Vasu's expertise in using technology to enhance public participation in the planning process and create more transparency. I encourage everyone to check out the data available to the public on our GIS website www.mcgis.org. In the year ahead, we look forward to aiding local governments in planning for a better future.

Respectfully Submitted,

George R Benjamin

George Benjamin, Chairman
GBenjamin@mcplan.org

INFORMATION
FORUM
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APRIL
9th 2014
7:00 AM

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NORMAL, IL



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

CHARLES MAROHN JR., P.E. AICP
CO FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
OF STRONG TOWNS

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Passionate about the future of America's cities, towns and neighborhoods.



Municipalities in McLean County

Municipalities provide basic public services such as water, sewer, garbage, streets, libraries, fire protection services, police, parks and playgrounds etc. Types of services provided by the municipality vary greatly depending on size, location and amount of tax revenue collected. Funding sources for municipalities include tax levies, services charges and fines.

McLean County has 21 incorporated municipalities. Some municipalities have councils at large while others have wards. The county clerk's office has compiled a list of the City, Town, Village local officials. You can browse the County's site as listed in the path below www.mcleancountyil.gov
>Departments A-F > County Clerk > Elections > Current Elected and Appointed officials > City/Village. If you are viewing this newsletter electronically, you can click [here](#) to access that information.

Information compiled in this newsletter is contact information for the President /Mayor or Administrator/Village clerk, village website addresses, when available, as well as dates, times and locations of each municipalities' council meetings. The public meetings are held at the City/Village hall unless otherwise noted.

Local government entities and officials are increasingly using social media sites to connect with their residents. Available social media information for McLean County is included for your convenience. We encourage you to connect to your local entities and officials for ongoing updates.

Anchor

President and Trustees

President: Jamie Kelly
Phone: (309) 723-3831
E: kelly@cawil.org
Village Hall: 237 Second St,
Anchor, IL 61720
Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM

Arrowsmith

President and Trustees

President: Chad Walden
Village Hall: 201 E Ulmer
Arrowsmith, IL 61722
Phone: (309) 727-1150
Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 7 PM

Bellflower

Mayor and Trustees

Mayor: Eston Ellis
E: mayor.97@hotmail.com
Village Hall: 104 W. Center St., P.O.
Box 244, Bellflower, IL 61724
Phone: (309) 722-3392
Board Meeting: 1st Sunday at 6 PM

Carlock

President and Trustees

President: Douglas Geshiwl
Office Location: 300 S. Perry St.
Carlock, IL 61725
Phone: (309) 376-2501
Board Meeting: 4th Monday at 7 PM
at Carlock library

Chenoa

Mayor and the Committee

Mayor: Donald Corrie
E: donaldcorrie@yahoo.com
Phone: 815-945-7369
City Hall: 201 Green Street, P. O. Box
167, Chenoa, IL 61726
Phone: (815)-945-7619
Web: www.chenoail.org
Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mon-
day of each month at 7 PM

Connect with your City



[TheCityOfChenoa](#)

Colfax

Mayor and Trustees

Mayor: Ricardo Onken
Phone: (309) 723-3261
Village Hall : 307 N Harrison St.
Colfax, IL 61728
E: nlkipper@hotmail.com
Web: www.colfaxillinois.com
Council Meeting: 1st Monday of each
month at 7 PM

Cooksville

President and Trustees

President: Dan Weber
Phone:(309) 824-8416
E: dakweber@gmail.com
Village Hall: 110 W. Garfield St.
Cooksville, IL 61720
Phone: (309) 725-3294
Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 7 PM

Danvers

Mayor and Trustees

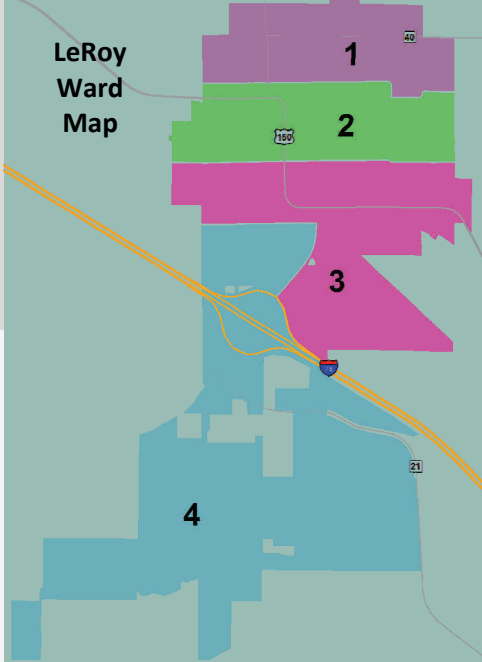
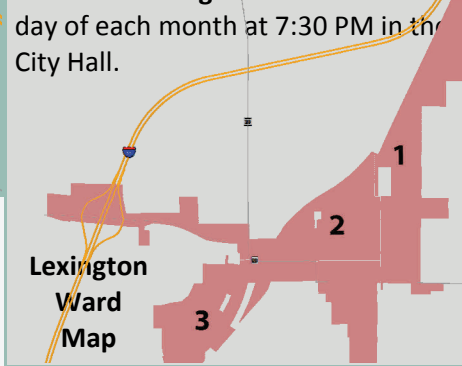
Mayor: Tom Caisley
E: tomcaisley.danvers@gmail.com
Village Hall:
105 S. Broadway Street, PO Box 398,
Danvers, IL 61732
Web: www.villageofdanvers.org
Phone: (309) 963-4928
E: twndnvr@frontiernet.net
Council Meeting: 1st Monday of the
month at 7 PM at village hall

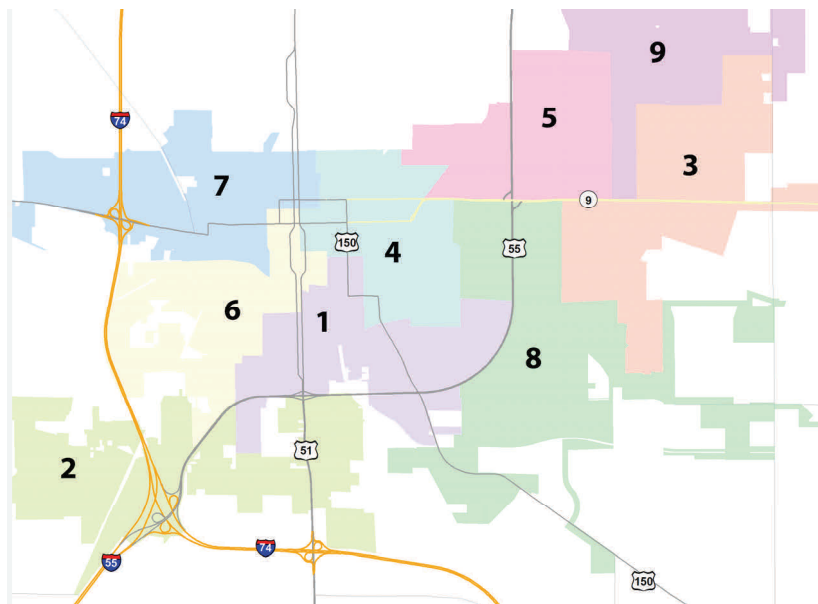
Downs

Mayor and Trustees

Mayor: Mike James
E: mayor@villageofdowns.org
Phone: (309) 378-3221
Village Hall
211 South Seminary Street
Downs, IL 61736-0018
Website: www.villageofdowns.org
Council Meeting: 1st Thursday of
each month at 7 PM



Ellsworth President and Trustees President: Jay Smithson E: smithsonj@district87.org Village Hall: 104 E. School St., Ellsworth, IL 61737 Phone: (309) 724-8412 Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 6 PM		Lexington Mayor: John Mohr E: mayorlexingtonil@hotmail.com Phone: (309) 365-3331 City Hall: 329 W. Main St., Lexington, IL 61753 Website: www.lexingtonillinois.org Council: The City is divided into 3 wards, each ward represented by 2 aldermen. The aldermen serve on the Lexington City Council with the mayor. Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the City Hall. 
Gridley President and Trustees President: Brent Kirkton Village Hall: 117 E Third St., Gridley, IL 61744 Phone: (309) 747-2000 E: village@gridcom.net Website: www.villageofgridley.com Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 7 PM		Connect with your City  City of Lexington, IL  @LexingtonIL
Heyworth President and Trustees President: Larry Mowery E: mayor@heyworth-il.gov Website: www.heyworth-il.gov Village Hall: 108 S. Buchanan St., Heyworth, IL 61745 Phone: (309) 473-2811 Board Meeting: 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM	LeRoy Mayor and Aldermen Mayor: Steve Dean E: sdean@leroy.org City Hall: 207 S. East St., LeRoy, IL 61752 Phone: (309) 962-3031 Website: www.leroy.org Board Meeting: 3rd Monday at 7 PM	McLean Mayor and Trustees Mayor: Mike West Village Hall: 121 S. Hamilton St., P.O. Box 84, McLean, IL 61754 Phone: (309) 874-2102 E: treasurer.villageofmclean@gmail.com Website: www.mclean-il.com Board Meeting: 1st Monday 7 PM
Hudson Mayor and Trustees Mayor: Mark Kotte Phone: (309) 726-2410 E: HUDSONILMAYOR@hotmail.com Village Hall: 109 Front St., P.O. Box 221, Hudson, IL 61748 Website: www.hudsonil.org Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 7 PM	Connect with your City  City of Le Roy  @CityofLeRoy	Saybrook Mayor and Trustees Mayor: Ronald Stauffer Village Hall: 226 W. Lincoln St., Saybrook, IL 61770 Phone: (309) 475-3161 Board Meeting: 2nd Monday 7 PM
Connect with your Village  Village of Hudson, Illinois	Towanda Mayor: Tom Wagner E: clerk@villageoftowanda.org Phone: (309) 728-2811 City Hall: 103 S. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 213, Towanda, IL 61776 Website: villageoftowanda.org Council Meeting: 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM	Connect with your City  McLean,IL
Stanford President and Trustees President: John Owen Village Hall: 100 W. Boundary St., P.O. Box 266, Stanford, IL 61774	Phone: (309) 379-2251 E: villageofstanford@mchsi.com Website: http://stanfordil.org/ Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 7 PM	



City of Bloomington

With 76,610 people, the City of Bloomington is the most populous city in McLean County. The City has a Council/City Manager led form of government. The City is divided into 9 wards, each with its own alderman. The alderman serves on the Bloomington City Council with the Bloomington mayor. Table 3 has the contact information for the Bloomington elected officials.

The City has nearly 20 departments providing a wide range of public services to its citizenry. [A guide to City services](#) is a publication of City of Bloomington to help its residents navigate the city departments and services. A paper copy is available at the City offices.

The City has several public boards and commissions. Residents are encouraged to volunteer for these citizen boards. Table 4 lists the meeting

Table 3: Bloomington City Council

Mayor Tari Renner
(309) 821-1057

E: mayor@cityblm.org

[Tari Renner for Mayor](https://www.facebook.com/TariRennerforMayor)

Alderman Ward 1: Kevin Lower
(309) 830-7498

E: ward1@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 2: David Sage
(309) 828-3698

E: ward2@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 3: Mboka Mwilambwe
(309) 530-7664

E: ward3@cityblm.org

[Mboka-Mwilambwe](https://www.facebook.com/MbokaMwilambwe)
[Alderman Ward 3 Bloomington, IL](https://www.facebook.com/AldermanWard3BloomingtonIL)

Alderman Ward 4: Judith I. Stearns
(309) 828-5443

E: ward4@cityblm.org

[Alderwoman Judy Stearns](https://www.facebook.com/AlderwomanJudyStearns)

Alderman Ward 5: Jennifer McDade
(309) 287-1358

E: ward5@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 6: Karen Schmidt -
Mayor Pro Tem

(309) 829-6318

Mobile Phone: (309) 824-2257

E: ward6@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 7: Scott Black
(309) 242-7410

E: ward7@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 8: Robert Fazzini
E: ward8@cityblm.org

Alderman Ward 9: Jim Fruin
(309) 662-1197

E: ward9@cityblm.org

City Manager:

David Hales434-2210

E: dhales@cityblm.org

Website: www.cityblm.org

Office Location

City Hall: 109 E Olive St..434-2539

Government Center:

115 E Washington St.....434-2509

Mayoral Open House

Mayor Renner wants to hear from you. The bi-weekly Mayoral open houses are held the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month from 4:00 -5:30 PM at City Hall. These meetings are another opportunity for Bloomington residents to voice their concerns to their City officials.

Table 4: City of Bloomington Public Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Bloomington City Hall

Meeting	Date	Time
City Council	2nd and 4th Monday of each month	7:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	3rd Monday of each month	5:00 p.m.
Citizens' Beautification Committee*	4th Thursday of each month	7:00 p.m.
Cultural District Commission**	2nd Thursday of each month	7:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Commission	3rd Thursday of each month	5:00 p.m.
Human Relations Commission	2nd Wednesday of each month	6:00 p.m.
Liquor Commission	Second Tuesday of each month	4:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	2nd Wednesday of each month	3:00 p.m.

*Meets in the Community Room of Bloomington Public Library

** Meets at Creativity Center, 107 East Chestnut Street, Bloomington

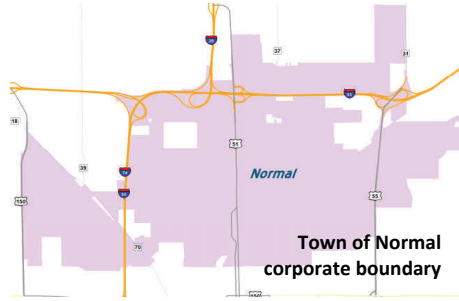
Town of Normal

The Town of Normal is the second largest municipality in the County and one of the fastest growing communities in the entire state. It has a manager/council led form of government and is represented by a Town Council that includes a Mayor and six council people, who serve at large. Table 5 contains their contact information.

The Town of Normal has a variety of citizen-led boards and commissions that perform an administrative and advisory role in the town. A list of these boards and commissions along with their meeting times is provided in Table 6. Interested citizens can get involved by filling out a [form of interest](#) available on the Town's website.

The Town has over 15 departments to provide public services to its citizens. Individual department sites are accessible through the Town's main page. "Who to Call" at the bottom left of each department's page is a friendly guide to the citizens that helps navigate the services of that department.

Public comment policy: Individuals wishing to speak at a Town Council Meeting shall provide the City Man-



ager's office one week advance notice of intent to speak. Complete public policy for the town is available via the town's website under government > council > [addressing the town council](#).

Connect with your Town



[Town of Normal](#)



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+myConnections:

Don't have time to sort

through loads of information available on your Town's website? Then personalize the website to your taste. Create your account through Town of Normal myConnections and add just those widgets that you care about like Calendar, Emergency Alerts, Uptown or Parks.

Table 5: Normal Town Council

Town Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the City Hall chambers.

Mayor Chris Koos

(309) 454-9503

E: mayor@normal.org

Councilman Jeff Fritzen

(309) 454-2186

E: jfritzen@normal.org

Councilwoman Cheryl Gaines

(309) 452-6696

E: cgaines@normal.org

Councilman Kevin McCarthy

(309) 451-9927

E: kmccarthy@normal.org

Councilman Scott Preston

(309) 434-0086

E: spreston@normal.org



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Councilwoman Sonja Reece

(309) 452-6782

E: sreece7@earthlink.net

Councilman Chuck Scott

(309) 452-3136

E: cscott@normal.org

City Manager

Mark Peterson.....(309) 454-9777

E: mpeterson@normal.org

Web: www.normal.org

City Hall.....(309) 454-9777

11 Uptown Circle

Normal, IL 61761

City Hall Annex.....(309) 454-9581

100 E Phoenix Avenue

Normal, IL 61761

Table 6: Town of Normal Public Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in Normal City Hall at Uptown Station

Meeting	Date & Time
Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities*	7:00 PM - 1st Monday of each month
Building Board of Appeals	5:15 PM - Bi-Annually and at the call of the Chair
Fire Pension Board**	9:30 AM - 4th Tuesday of each month
Historic Preservation Commission	12:30 PM - 2nd Tuesday of each month
Human Relations Commission	5:15 PM - Third Tuesday of each month except for June, July and December. December meeting is on the first Tuesday.
Liquor Commission	Time TBD - 3rd Monday of January, March, July and October
Planning Commission	5:00 PM - 1st Thursday following the first Monday of each month
Police Pension Board**	9AM - 2nd Tuesday of each month
Uptown Design Review Commission	4:00 PM - 2nd Monday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	5:00 PM - 3rd Thursday of each month

*Meets in the Osborne Room, Bloomington Police Department

**Meets at Normal Fire Headquarters, 1300 E. College Avenue



**Sugar Creek Arts Festival
in Uptown Normal**

MY OFFICIALS—A GIS App

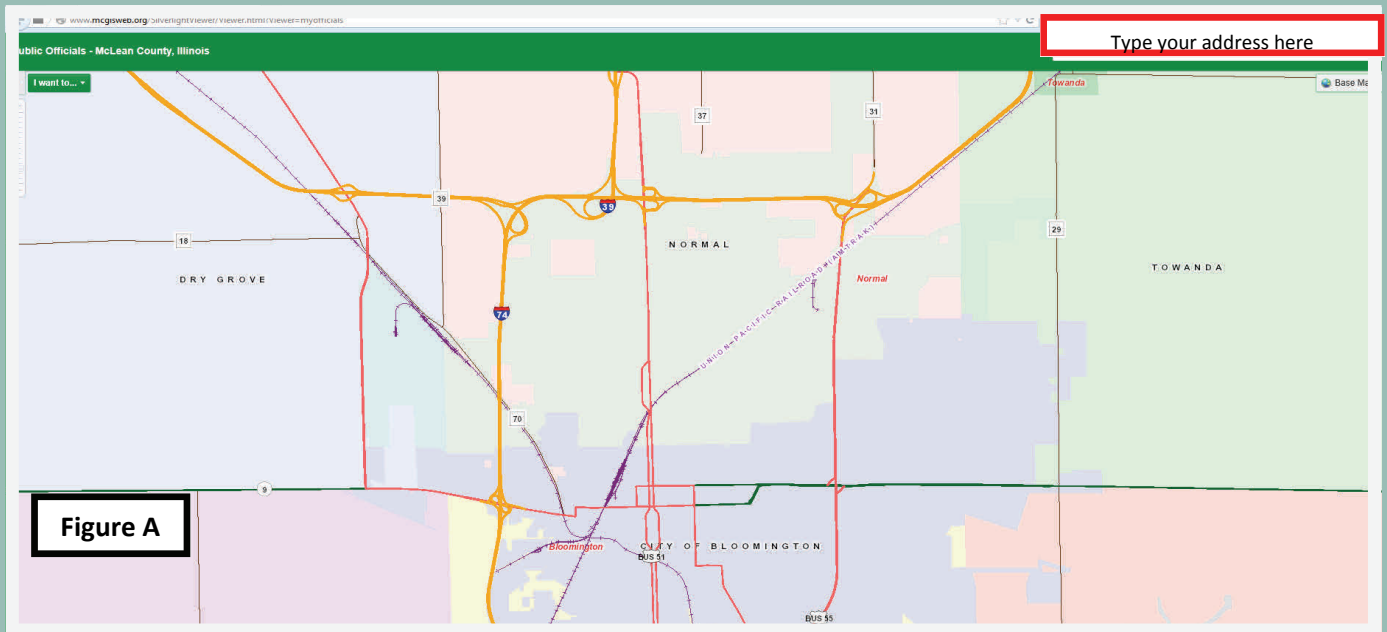


Figure A

When it comes to your elected officials, the only constant is change. The contact information presented in this newsletter for the local government elected officials can become obsolete quickly.

In order to keep the information on the local elected/appointed officials current for the residents, MCRPC developed a GIS-based application called *My Officials*. This easy to use mapping tool will allow the residents to type in their address and retrieve the names and contact information of their local officials along with the Council/Commission meeting dates and times.

The application is available through our GIS website www.McGIS.org. Click on Online Mapping then on *My Officials*. It should open a screen that resembles Figure A. Please type your address in the top right hand corner as highlighted in red on Figure A.

While typing your address use the following format:

115 E Washington St
and hit return/enter.

You will see the results on the left hand panel as illustrated in Figure B. This results panel will list the taxing entities on your property. Left click

on your address as highlighted in red. The next screen will resemble Figure C and display the details of your local officials. The first few columns have the contact information of the elected appointed officials. If you use the scroll bar at the bottom, you can access additional information such as public meeting dates, times and locations.

A step by step video guide to using this application is available on MCRPC's website (www.mcplan.org). At the present time, the information on County, Townships and Municipalities is available through this App. It will be further enhanced by adding the details on special purpose districts.

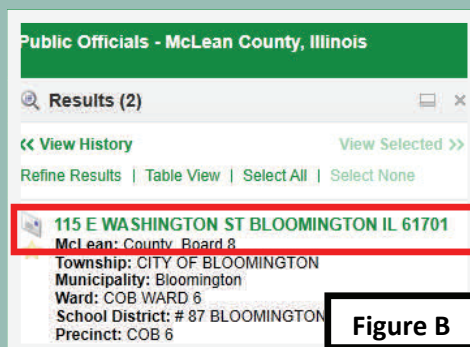


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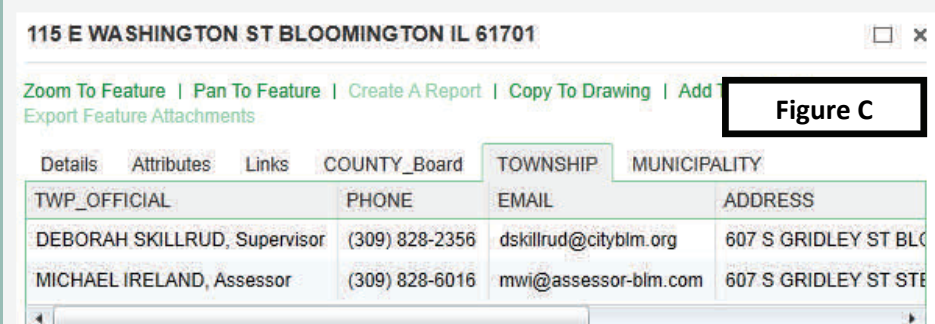


Figure C

VISIONS SURVEY RESULTS

VISIONS newsletter is the McLean County Regional Planning Commission's (MCRPC) publication. It provides information on growth and development related issues in McLean County to the community leaders who influence those aspects.

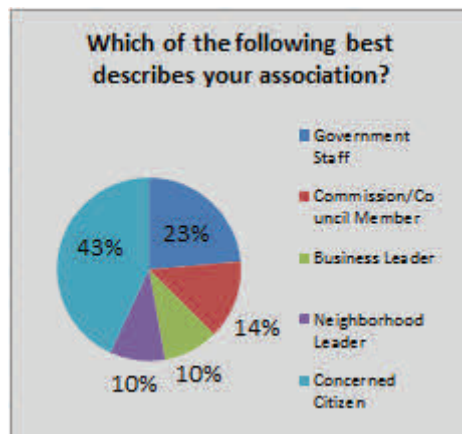
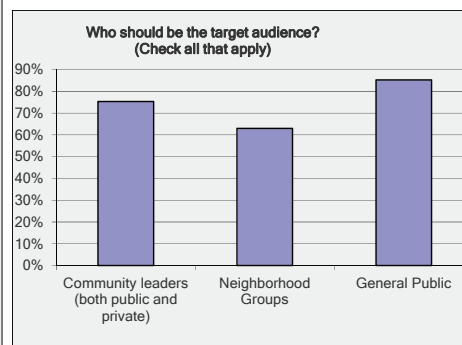
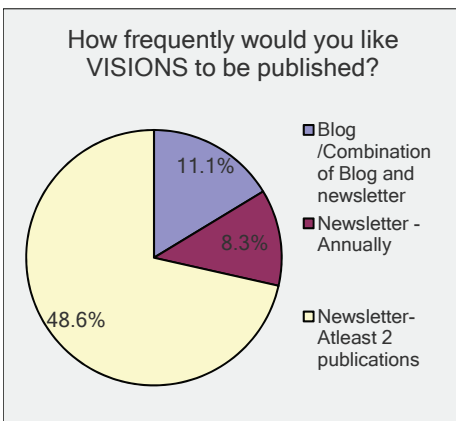
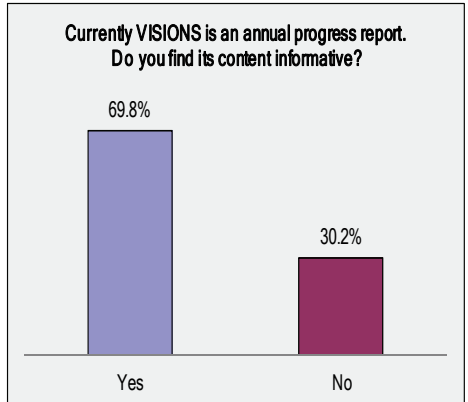
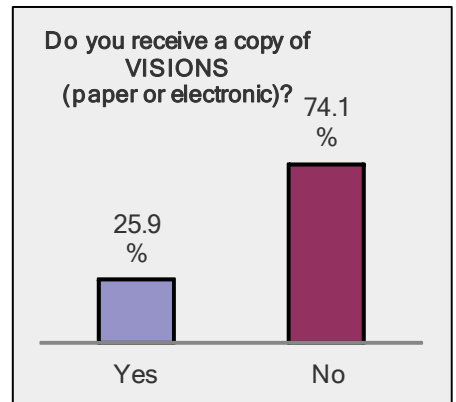
In an effort to increase public outreach efforts, MCRPC recently conducted an electronic survey on the newsletter. A majority of respondents had not received VISIONS either by mail or electronically and were unaware it was available electronically. Other results of the survey are graphically presented below.

The majority of survey respondents requested that this newsletter be geared toward the general public just as much as it is toward the community leaders. We took that suggestion very seriously. Like the feature article in this issue, future articles will be geared towards the general public.

We requested respondents suggest topics they want to see addressed through VISIONS. The word cloud on this page is a representation of nearly 200 suggestions categorized by the topic and number of times requested. These topics will be addressed in the upcoming VISIONS newsletters.

Last but not the least, respondents wanted VISIONS as a bi-annual newsletter and as well as a blog. Our new VISIONS Blog will now be available on our website at www.mcplan.org.

We plan to update the VISIONS blog frequently with the planning topics suggested by the survey respondents. Register your E-Mail address on our website and be among the first to be notified on local planning issues.





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