Season’s Greetings

This publication presents information on planning and development issues that impact the quality of life in the community of McLean County. We can be reached by mail at 115 E. Washington St., #4103, Bloomington, IL 61701, by phone at (309) 828-4331, or by e-mail at mcrpc@mcplan.org.

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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.

Sincerely,

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vpinnamaraju@mcplan.org

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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) 888-5180
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) 888-5180
E: countyclerk@mcleancountyil.gov

McLean County Clerk
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 Dirks
Phone: (309) 888-5160
E: bldgzn@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 $8.098 for every $100 of their EAV. This rate corresponds with the 2012 tax year for taxes paid in 2013.

EAV ($58,436) X multiplier (0.08098) - Exemptions ($) = 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 $97.94
- NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY: 0.4397 $256.95
- HEARTLAND COMM COLLEGE: 0.4826 $281.98
- B-N WATER RECLAMATION DIST: 0.164 $95.35
- MCLEAN COUNTY: 0.9117 $532.74
- NORMAL TWP ROAD DIST: 0.0907 $53.00
- CUSD 5 NORMAL: 4.884 $2,854.08
- TOWN OF NORMAL: 0.7627 $445.70
- BLM-NRM AIRPORT AUTH: 0.1275 $74.48

Total: 8.0298 $4,692.32

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 the county to the community leaders who influence those aspects.

In an effort to increase public outreach efforts, MCRPC recently conducted an electronic survey on their 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 toward 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.

Do you receive a copy of VISIONS (paper or electronic)?

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Currently VISIONS is an annual progress report. Do you feel it is content informative?

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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 1: Board Members

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<th>District</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Don J. Cavalline</td>
<td>(309) 365-8257</td>
<td><a href="mailto:donjcvalline@hotmail.com">donjcvalline@hotmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sian Hoselon</td>
<td>(309) 365-8016</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Jim Soeldner</td>
<td>(309) 724-8240</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jimsoledner@aol.com">jimsoledner@aol.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Matt Sorensen (Chairman)</td>
<td>(309) 378-2000</td>
<td><a href="mailto:matt.sorensen@mcleancountyil.gov">matt.sorensen@mcleancountyil.gov</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Julie J. Brandt</td>
<td>(309) 874-2025</td>
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<td></td>
<td>George O. Wenden</td>
<td>(309) 830-4685</td>
<td><a href="mailto:wenden@mcmail.com">wenden@mcmail.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Sally K. Pyne</td>
<td>(309) 454-8470</td>
<td><a href="mailto:spyne@lincolncollege.edu">spyne@lincolncollege.edu</a></td>
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<td></td>
<td>John McIntyre</td>
<td>(309) 452-0552</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jdmacin@aol.com">jdmacin@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>George Gordon</td>
<td>(309) 452-8530</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Richard Buchanan</td>
<td>(309) 824-0461</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cnelaw1@aol.com">cnelaw1@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Laurie Wolfrah</td>
<td>(309) 454-7640</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lori.wolfrah@gmail.com">lori.wolfrah@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>John McIntyre</td>
<td>(309) 472-0552</td>
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<td>Richard Buchanan</td>
<td>(309) 824-0461</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ricbh1n@gmail.com">ricbh1n@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Victoria F. Harris</td>
<td>(309) 463-4675</td>
<td><a href="mailto:victoria_harris@yahoo.com">victoria_harris@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Carlo Robustelli</td>
<td>(309) 585-1472</td>
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<td>Erik Rankin</td>
<td>(309) 212-2102</td>
<td><a href="mailto:erik@erikrank.com">erik@erikrank.com</a></td>
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<td>Susan Schaler</td>
<td>(309) 827-2372</td>
<td><a href="mailto:schen1998@gmail.com">schen1998@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Benjamin Owens</td>
<td>(309) 829-1500</td>
<td><a href="mailto:benjamin.owens@outlook.com">benjamin.owens@outlook.com</a></td>
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<td>Chuck Enck</td>
<td>(309) 827-7380</td>
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District Board Members:

District 1:
- Don J. Cavalline: (309) 365-8257
- Sian Hoselon: (309) 365-8016

District 2:
- Jim Soeldner: (309) 724-8240
- Matt Sorensen (Chairman): (309) 378-2000

District 3:
- Julie J. Brandt: (309) 874-2025
- George O. Wenden: (309) 830-4685

District 4:
- Sally K. Pyne: (309) 454-8470
- John McIntyre: (309) 452-0552

District 5:
- George Gordon: (309) 452-8530
- Richard Buchanan: (309) 824-0461

District 6:
- Laurie Wolfrah: (309) 454-7640
- John McIntyre: (309) 472-0552

District 7:
- Richard Buchanan: (309) 824-0461
- Victoria F. Harris: (309) 463-4675

District 8:
- Carlo Robustelli: (309) 585-1472
- Erik Rankin: (309) 212-2102

District 9:
- Benjamin Owens: (309) 829-1500
- Chuck Enck: (309) 827-7380

District 10:
- Erik Rankin: (309) 212-2102
- Susan Schaler: (309) 827-2372
- George Gordon: (309) 452-8530
- Richard Buchanan: (309) 824-0461
- Victoria F. Harris: (309) 463-4675

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.

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<th>Meeting</th>
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<td>County Board</td>
<td>Third Tuesday of each month</td>
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<td>Executive Committee</td>
<td>Second Tuesday of each month</td>
<td>4:30 PM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finance Committee</td>
<td>First Wednesday of each month</td>
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<td>Justice Committee</td>
<td>First Tuesday of each month</td>
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<td>Land Use Committee</td>
<td>First Thursday of each month</td>
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<td>Liquor Control Committee</td>
<td>On an as-needed basis</td>
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<td>Property Committee</td>
<td>First Thursday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rules Subcommittee</td>
<td>On an as-needed basis</td>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation Committee</td>
<td>First Tuesday of each month</td>
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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 is one of the few townships in Illinois 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 Manager'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.

City Manager

Mark Peterson... (309) 454-9777
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

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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 6: Town of Normal Public Meetings

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<td>Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities*</td>
<td>7:00 PM - 1st Monday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Building Board of Appeals</td>
<td>9:30 AM - 4th Tuesday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Pension Board**</td>
<td>9 AM - 2nd Tuesday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Historic Preservation Commission</td>
<td>3:15 PM - 3rd Tuesday of each month except for June, July and December; December meeting is on the first Friday.</td>
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<td>Human Relations Commission</td>
<td>Time TBD - 3rd Monday of January, March, July and October</td>
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<td>Liquor Commission</td>
<td>Time TBD - 3rd Monday of January, March, July and October</td>
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<tr>
<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>8:00 AM - 1st Thursday following the first Monday of each month</td>
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<td>Police Pension Board**</td>
<td>9 AM - 2nd Tuesday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Uptown Design Review Commission</td>
<td>4:00 PM - 2nd Monday of each month</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Board of Appeals</td>
<td>4:00 PM - 3rd Thursday of each month</td>
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*Meets in the Osborne Room, Bloomington Police Department
**Meets at Normal Fire Headquarters, 1300 E. College Avenue
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...
### 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 municipality’s 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 with your local entities and officials for ongoing updates.

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<td>President: Jamie Kelly</td>
<td>Mayor: Ricardo Onken</td>
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<td>Phone: (309) 723-3831</td>
<td>Phone: (309) 723-3261</td>
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<tr>
<td>E: <a href="mailto:Kelly@cawi.org">Kelly@cawi.org</a></td>
<td>Village Hall: 307 N Harrison St.</td>
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<td>Village Hall: 237 Second St,</td>
<td>Colfax, IL 61728</td>
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<td>Anchor, IL 61720</td>
<td>E: <a href="mailto:tsipler@hotmail.com">tsipler@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Board Meeting:</strong> 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.colfaxillinois.com">www.colfaxillinois.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Cookville</strong></td>
<td><strong>Danvers</strong></td>
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<td><strong>President and Trustees</strong></td>
<td><strong>Mayor and Trustees</strong></td>
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<td>President: Chad Walden</td>
<td>Mayor: Tom Caisley</td>
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<tr>
<td>Village Hall: 201 E Ulmer</td>
<td>E: <a href="mailto:tongaisley.danvers@gmail.com">tongaisley.danvers@gmail.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Arrowsmith, IL 61722</td>
<td>Village Hall: 105 W Broadway Street, PO Box 398, Danvers, IL 61732</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone: (309) 727-1150</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.villageofdanvers.org">www.villageofdanvers.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Board Meeting:</strong> 1st Sunday at 6 PM</td>
<td>Phone: (309) 963-4928</td>
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<td><strong>Carlock</strong></td>
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<td><strong>President and Trustees</strong></td>
<td><strong>Mayor and Trustees</strong></td>
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<td>President: Douglas Geshwich</td>
<td>Mayor: Mike James</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office Location: 300 S Perry St.</td>
<td>Phone: (309) 378-3221</td>
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<td>Carlock, IL 61725</td>
<td>Village Hall: 221 South Seminary Street</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone: (309) 376-2501</td>
<td>Downs, IL 61736-0018</td>
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<td><strong>Board Meeting:</strong> 4th Monday at 7 PM</td>
<td>Website: <a href="http://www.villageofdow.org">www.villageofdow.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Carlock Library</strong></td>
<td><strong>Council Meeting:</strong> 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM</td>
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<td><strong>Chenoa</strong></td>
<td><strong>Downs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mayor and the Committee</strong></td>
<td><strong>Mayor and Trustees</strong></td>
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<td>Mayor: Donald Corrie</td>
<td>Mayor: Mike James</td>
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<td>E: <a href="mailto:donaldcorrie@yahoo.com">donaldcorrie@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone: 815-945-7369</td>
<td>Village Hall: 211 South Seminary Street</td>
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<td>City Hall: 201 Green Street, P.O. Box 167, Chenoa, IL 61726</td>
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<td><strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.chenoaillinois.org">www.chenoaillinois.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Council Meeting:</strong> 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM</td>
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### Heyworth

- **President and Trustees:** President: Larry Mowery  
  E: mayor@heyworth-il.gov  
  Village Hall: 108 S Buchanan St., Heyworth, IL 61745  
  Phone: (309) 747-2000  
  Website: www.heyworth-il.gov  
  **Board Meeting:** 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM

### Edwarldown

- **President and Trustees:** President: Jay Smithson  
  E: smithson@district87.org  
  Village Hall: 104 E School St., Ellsworth, IL 61737  
  Phone: (309) 724-8412  
  Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 6 PM

### 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

### Heyworth

- **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-il.gov  
  Council Meeting: 3rd Monday at 7 PM

### 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  
  **Website:** www.chenoaillinois.org

### LeRoy

- **Mayor:** Mayor: John Mohr  
  E: mayor@leroy-il.gov  
  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.
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.mcleancountylil.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@clazi.org
Village Hall: 237 Second St., Anchor, IL 61720
Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM

**Colfax**
Mayor and Trustees
Mayor: Ricardo Onken
Phone: (309) 723-3261
Village Hall: 307 N Harrison St. Colfax, IL 61728
E: vletter@hotmaill.com
Web: www.coffaxillinois.com
Council Meeting: 1st Monday of each month 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

**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

**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

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

**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

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

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

**Chenoa**
Mayor and the Committee
Mayor: Donald Gorrie
E: dorrerdorri@yahoo.com
Phone: 815-945-7369
City Hall: 201 Green Street, P. O. Box 167, Chenoa, IL 61726
Phone: (815)-945-7619
Web: www.chenoaill.org
Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM

**Danvers**
Mayor and Trustees
Mayor: Tom Caisley
E: tomcaisley.dansver@gmail.com
Village Hall: 405 S. Broadway Street, PO Box 398, Danvers, IL 61732
Web: www.villageofdanvers.org
Phone: (309) 963-4928
E: twdansver@frontiernet.net
Council Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at village hall

**Heyworth**
Mayor and Trustees
Mayor: Mark Kotter
Phone: (309) 726-2410
E: markkotter@mediaindianapil.org
Village Hall: 109 Front St., P.O. Box 221, Heyworth, IL 61745
Website: www.hudsonillinois.org
Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 7 PM

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

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President and Trustees
President: Jay Smithsonian
E: smithsonjardistrict87@gmail.com
Village Hall: 104 E. School St., Ellsworth, IL 61737
Phone: (309) 724-8412
Board Meeting: 1st Monday at 6 PM

**Ellsworth**
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

**Gridley**
Mayor and Aldermen
Mayor: Steve Dean
E: idean@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

**Heyworth**
Mayor and Trustees
Mayor: Mark Kotter
Phone: (309) 726-2410
E: markkotter@mediaindianapil.org
Village Hall: 109 Front St., P.O. Box 221, Heyworth, IL 61745
Website: www.hudsonillinois.org
Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 7 PM

**Hudson**
Mayor and Trustees
Mayor: Tom Wagner
E: treasuerer.villageofhudson@gmail.com
Website: www.mcleannil.com
Phone: (309) 728-2811
City Hall: 103 S. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 213, Towanda, IL 61776
Website: www.villageoftowanda.org
Council Meeting: 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM

**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

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**LeRoy**
Mayor: John Mohr
E: mayorleroy@hotmail.com
Phone: (309) 365-3331
City Hall: 329 W. Main St., Lexington, IL 61753
Website: www.lexingtonlincoln.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.

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E: mayorlexingtonil@hotmail.com
Phone: (309) 365-3331
City Hall: 329 W. Main St., Lexington, IL 61753
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**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.mcleannil.com
Board Meeting: 1st Monday 7 PM

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**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
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 times for the various boards and commissions.

Table 3: Bloomington City Council

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<th>Alderman Ward</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Kevin Lower</td>
<td>(309) 830-2499</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward1@cityblm.org">ward1@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>David Sage</td>
<td>(309) 487-3689</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward2@cityblm.org">ward2@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Mbska Mwilaumbe</td>
<td>(309) 330-7664</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward3@cityblm.org">ward3@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Judith I. Stearns</td>
<td>(309) 826-5441</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward4@cityblm.org">ward4@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Jennifer McCabe</td>
<td>(309) 287-1358</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward5@cityblm.org">ward5@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Karen Schmidt</td>
<td>(309) 829-6318</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward6@cityblm.org">ward6@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Scott Black</td>
<td>(309) 247-7410</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward7@cityblm.org">ward7@cityblm.org</a></td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Robert Fazzini</td>
<td>(309) 562-1197</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ward8@cityblm.org">ward8@cityblm.org</a></td>
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Table 4: City of Bloomington Public Meetings

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<td>City Council</td>
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<td>Committee of the Whole</td>
<td>3rd Monday of each month</td>
<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Citizens’ Beautification Committee**</td>
<td>4th Thursday of each month</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Cultural District Commission</td>
<td>2nd Thursday of each month</td>
<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Historic Preservation Commission</td>
<td>3rd Thursday of each month</td>
<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Human Relations Commission</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday of each month</td>
<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Liquor Commission</td>
<td>Second Tuesday of each month</td>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month</td>
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<td>Zoning Board of Appeals</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday of each month</td>
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Mayor Tari 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.
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 coterminal townships like City of Bloomington township. The coterminal 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
**Email:** 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 Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

**Road Commissioner:** (309) 824-0066

**Connect with Your Town**

Town of Normal at NormalIL.gov

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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.

**Public comment policy:** Individuals wishing to speak at a Town Council Meeting shall provide the City Manager’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.

**City Manager**

Mark Peterson ... (309) 454-9777
Email: 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 of Normal Town Public Meetings**

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<td>Normal City Hall at Uptown Station Meeting</td>
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<td>9:30 AM ... 4th Tuesday of each month</td>
<td>Normal Fire Headquarters, 1300 E. College Avenue</td>
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**Table 5: Normal Town Council**

| Mayor Chris Koos |
| (309) 454-9503 |
| Email: mayor@normal.org |

| Councilman Jeff Fritzlen |
| (309) 454-2186 |
| Email: jfritzlen@normal.org |

| Councilwoman Cheryl Gaines |
| (309) 452-6696 |
| Email: cgaines@normal.org |

| Councilman Kevin McCarthy |
| (309) 451-9027 |
| Email: kmccarthy@normal.org |

| Councilman Scott Preston |
| (309) 434-0086 |
| Email: scottpreston@normal.org |

| Councilwoman Sonja Reece |
| (309) 452-6782 |
| Email: tsecure@earthlink.net |

| Councilman Chuck Scott |
| (309) 452-3136 |
| Email: cscott@normal.org |

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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 1: Board Members

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<td>District 1</td>
<td>Don J. Cavallini</td>
<td>(309) 365-8257</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dcavallini@frontier.com">dcavallini@frontier.com</a></td>
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<td>District 2</td>
<td>Jim Soderhöfer</td>
<td>(309) 724-8240</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jsoderhofer@mcg.org">jsoderhofer@mcg.org</a></td>
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<td>District 3</td>
<td>Matt Sorensen (Chairman)</td>
<td>(309)378-2000</td>
<td><a href="mailto:matt.sorensen@mclean1.com">matt.sorensen@mclean1.com</a></td>
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<td>District 4</td>
<td>Julie J. Brandt</td>
<td>(309) 874-2025</td>
<td><a href="mailto:juillejbrandt@yahoo.com">juillejbrandt@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>District 5</td>
<td>Matt W. Landweber</td>
<td>(309) 622-8992</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mlandweber@frontier.com">mlandweber@frontier.com</a></td>
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<td>District 6</td>
<td>Laurie Wolfraha</td>
<td>(309) 454-7640</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lwolfraha@frontier.com">lwolfraha@frontier.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>District 7</td>
<td>Richard Buchanan</td>
<td>(309) 824-0461</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rich31415@gmail.com">rich31415@gmail.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>District 8</td>
<td>Matt Sorensen</td>
<td>(309) 454-7640</td>
<td><a href="mailto:matt.sorensen@mclean1.com">matt.sorensen@mclean1.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>District 9</td>
<td>Susan Schafer</td>
<td>(309) 827-2372</td>
<td><a href="mailto:susan@schafer9.com">susan@schafer9.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>District 10</td>
<td>Chuck Erickson</td>
<td>(309) 824-7380</td>
<td><a href="mailto:chucks@frontier.com">chucks@frontier.com</a></td>
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<td>Liquor Control Committee</td>
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<td>Property Committee</td>
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<td>Rules Subcommittee</td>
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<td>Transportation Committee</td>
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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) 888-5180
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

McLean County Clerk
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: bdick@mcleancountyil.gov

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 tailored 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.

Do you receive a copy of VISIONS (paper or electronic)?

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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) = $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.

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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 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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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 (ETSBB).

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.