



# *THE DUPAGE REVIEW*

WHEATON, IL

- Chairman **Robert Schillerstrom** recently accepted a check for \$10,860,000 from Chicago Mayor **Richard M. Daley** at an event announcing an historic wetlands mitigation plan that will replace 69 acres of low-quality wetlands with 90 acres of new high quality, publicly accessible wetlands at the DuPage County West Branch Forest Preserve near Bartlett. The plan will also make significant improvements in the reduction of storm water runoff, which will have long term flood control benefits for the Des Plaines River Watershed, benefiting both Cook and DuPage Counties. "This agreement will make significant improvements in the reduction of storm water runoff, which will have long term flood control benefits for the Des Plaines River Watershed," said **James Zay** (District 6), Chairman of the County's Storm-water Committee. "DuPage County recognizes the important role that wetlands play in our environment and we are pleased that the City chose to work with us to maintain those benefits within DuPage County."
- The DuPage County Board approved a resolution last week that encourages the State legislature to pass legislation allowing County's to implement smoking-bans in public venues under their jurisdiction. Statistics show that those who work where smoking is permitted have a 25 to 50 percent higher risk of having a heart attack, or developing cancer and other cardiovascular diseases than those who work in a smoke-free environment. Another component of the resolution recommended that the newly created Financial Forecast Committee explore the feasibility of a cigarette tax as a potential revenue source and as a means to prevent tobacco usage. "We need to stop our youth from ever smoking," said **Linda Kurzawa** (District 6). "The data is clear, a cigarette tax will reduce smoking."
- The DuPage Convalescent Center is offering the community an opportunity to send Valentine wishes to its residents. Last year, over 1,000 heart-shaped helium balloons decorated the corridors and rooms of the Center on Valentine's Day. Volunteers and staff delivered the balloons to the more than 350 residents living at the Center, brightening the day and bringing lots of smiles along the way. By making a donation of just \$2.50 per balloon, members of the community can help spread cheer to our residents on Valentine's Day. Donations should be received by February 13, 2006 and may be sent to: "DuPage Convalescent Center", Attn: Valentine Balloons, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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