



THE DUPAGE REVIEW

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- DuPage County businesses and institutions are discovering new ways to make their workplaces healthier while contributing to cleaner air for the entire Northeastern Illinois Region. They are joining **Clean Air Counts**, a collaborative program of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and DuPage County. Clean Air Counts seeks major reductions in smog-forming emissions and energy consumption through voluntary actions by members. Region-wide membership now numbers over 400 organizations, including 40 in DuPage County. Program participants have adopted a variety of strategies to conserve energy and improve air quality. For example, DuPage County uses several air-friendly cleaning products that cut down on the release of harmful chemicals into the environment. Employees and visitors benefit from cleaner and healthier indoor air throughout the government campus. To date, five Clean Air Counts members in DuPage County have reported on reducing pollution by 12,961 pounds!
- An intergovernmental agreement forged two years ago between DuPage County and the Village of Westmont has led to the restoration and revitalization of the pond at Muddy Water Park, DuPage County Board Member **Kyle Gilgis** announced this week. DuPage County awarded the Village of Westmont with a \$30,300 grant on June 14, 2005, as part of a Water Quality Improvement Intergovernmental Agreement between DuPage County and Village of Westmont to restore the Muddy Water detention pond and to improve the water quality of the pond and the neighboring St. Joseph Creek in Muddy Waters Park. "The success in revitalizing the Muddy Water Park pond is an example of what can be accomplished when the County and municipalities work together," said Gilgis (District-3). "The greatest gift we can leave future generations is a clean and healthy environment, which benefits us all." Westmont Mayor **Bill Rahn** notes a combination of factors, including development in the area, an over population of geese and fertilizers from nearby golf courses and residential lawns leading to the high level of pollutants in the pond, required the need for this project.
- DuPage County Board Chairman **Robert Schillerstrom** addressed the Illinois House Mass Transit Committee this week and presented the RTA Principles the five Collar County Chairmen have agreed should guide any future restructuring or funding formulas. "We are a world-class region, anchored by a world-class city, and no region can long survive as a business or tourist destination without corresponding world-class public transit," Schillerstrom said in his opening statement. "But Illinois' transportation future must be looked at as a comprehensive

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whole. Our infrastructure; our roads and bridges across the state need repair, replacement and improvement. We cannot proceed with an environment of roads vs. transit. We need both. We need a global vision and a clear direction that will build a system to relieve congestion now and build that world-class system for the future.” The Collar County Chairs also stated in their RTA Principles that the dynamic population and job growth in the suburbs demands that the RTA address these significant changes. Long-term transit planning must include options for reverse commute, suburb-to –suburb commute and the increasing need for paratransit services for the disabled and the elderly.

- DuPage County recently announced that the Department of Community Services has received a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to fund scholarships for disadvantaged students. The grant was secured from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Over 17 years ago, the Community Services Block Grant was established to provide financial assistance to low-income individuals with high academic potential. Scholarships can be used for formal education or occupational training. Special consideration will be given to students interested in high technology fields or other occupations expected to experience rapid growth in the near future. Applicants are required to provide proof of DuPage County residency, supply gross household income for the past 90 days and provide information on members living in the household. Applications are currently being accepted and must include a 500 word essay or personal statement, official school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a Financial Aid Audit and proof of enrollment in an Illinois accredited institution. Support documents and applications must be received by **May 11, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.** Applications are available at the Jack Knuepfer Administration building, Department of Community Services, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton. They can also be found on the County’s website, www.dupageco.org.
- The DuPage County Convalescent Center is pleased to announce that **Carole Foner**, the Center’s full time Dietitian Supervisor since 1999, has achieved Board Certification as a Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition. To become board certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) – the credentialing agency for the American Dietetic Association (ADA) – a registered dietitian must successfully meet rigorous specialty practice requirements and pass a national administered examination. “Thanks to hard working and dedicated individuals like Carole, the residents of the Convalescent Center are receiving the best care possible,” said Robert Schroeder (District 5), Chairman of the County’s Health and Human Services Committee. Board certified specialists in Gerontological Nutrition design implement and manage safe and effective nutrition strategies to promote the quality of life and health for older adults. They work directly with older adults to provide optimal nutrition and food sources and information in a variety of settings such as the Convalescent Center. With nearly 65,000 members, the ADA is the world’s largest organization for food and nutrition professionals. Headquarters in Chicago, it serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition and well being for all people.