



THE DUPAGE REVIEW

WHEATON, IL

- The 2006 road construction season is upon us and DuPage County's Department of Transportation is hard at work on important road projects throughout the County that will help ease congestion and improve public safety. To learn more about what road projects are scheduled to begin this summer, please visit www.dupageco.org.
- DuPage County and the owners of Pioneer Garden and Feed reached a compromise on Tuesday that will allow the well known Villa Park company to purchase a parcel of County property they have used in the past that is adjacent to the Great Western Trail. This past Tuesday, the Environment Committee approved a plan stating that a 15 by 92 foot strip of right-of-way (or 1196 sq. ft.) could be declared as surplus and sold to Pioneer Garden and Feed. This would allow the neighborhood connector to be preserved and would preserve a safe buffer for trail users. The sale would also require that Pioneer Garden and Feed install a 4 foot split rail fence to separate the commercial activity from the trail property. It is currently the County's practice to deal with these issues on a case-by-case basis.
- Enhancing public safety and easing traffic congestion is the aim of a study that is moving forward, which would provide for major improvements on IL Route 38 at the intersection with Kautz Road. The study, which has broad-based support, would provide for a grade separation at the intersection of IL Route 38 and Kautz Road, thereby allowing motorists to cross over and above the current railroad. While the concept has been agreed too, funding to begin construction is not in the Illinois Department of Transportations (IDOT) fiscal year 2007 to 2011 proposed highway improvement plan.
- A household hazardous waste (HHW) collection attendance record was set last Saturday at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. Over 2400 participants representing over 2800 households dropped off more than 321 fifty-five gallon drums of toxic materials and 100 cubic yards of paint. DuPage also contributed \$15,000 in support of the Illinois Environmental Protect Agencies' (IEPA) HHW program. Also collected during the day were 25 fire extinguishers, 45 cell phones, 200 propane tanks and 270 lead-acid batteries. This event is one of five of the largest events for participation in the history of the IEPA's HHW program.

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