



THE DUPAGE REVIEW

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- DuPage County Board Chairman Robert J. Schillerstrom has appointed **Donald E. Puchalski** (District 1) of Addison as the newest member of the DuPage County Board. Schillerstrom said Puchalski’s legal experience, coupled with his public service, made him an easy selection. “I look forward to working with Don in the days, weeks and months ahead.” Puchalski notes that his experience on the Addison School Board, as well as his time on the Township Board, will help him as he moves to the County Board. “Serving the residents of DuPage is something I have always wanted to do,” said Puchalski (District 1). “I look forward to working with both Chairman Schillerstrom and the entire Board on the important issues affecting our neighbors and families.”
- The DuPage County Economic Development and Planning Department wants to remind citizens that burning landscape waste in unincorporated DuPage County is not allowed under a County ordinance passed in 1990. The ordinance was adopted to protect the health, welfare and safety of DuPage County residents as well as to maintain acceptable ambient air quality. Residents are prohibited from burning landscape waste such as leaves, shrub and grass clippings and tree limbs. Exceptions to the ordinance including recreational burning such as barbecues, campfires are allowed provided only clean, dry firewood is burned. Additionally, special event bonfires may require approval from your local fire department. “It is important to remember that burning is not the proper way to safely dispose of your landscape waste,” said **Michael McMahon** (District 3), Chairman of the County’s Environmental Committee. “To properly dispose of your landscape waste, contact your local municipality or township and ask about their brush pickup program.” Open burning is considered a petty offense and is punishable by a fine of between \$50 and \$500. To report violations of DuPage County’s ordinance please call 911.
- The DuPage County Stormwater Department is joining with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County in hosting a public information meeting that will educate and inform residents about proposed restoration projects that are part of the West Branch River Valley Restoration Project. The public information meeting will be housed at the Danada House at the Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton on Wednesday, **October 26, 2005** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. The Danada House is located at 35501 Naperville Road, on the east side of the road and south of Butterfield Road (Route 56). The house is located across from the Forest Preserve District headquarters. "This meeting will provide the public with a great opportunity to learn about proposed projects in the West Branch River Valley

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Restoration Project and to express their views," said **James Zay** (District 6), Chairman of the County's Stormwater Committee.

- The DuPage County Animal Care and Control Department (DCACC) is helping with the nationwide effort to find new homes for displaced animals. Beginning Saturday, October 15th, DuPage residents will be able to take home a loving and caring pet left behind by Hurricane Katrina. The animals, which began arriving last week to DuPage County, will need time over the next week to recuperate from their journey, as well as receive the necessary medical treatment to help build up their strength. DCACC will also begin the process of trying to reunite pets with their owners. "Our first priority is to do what we can to ensure these pets are reunited with their rightful owners," said **Patrick O'Shea** (District 2), Chairman of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee. "In the meantime, our staff at Animal Control will be nursing these pets back to health to prepare them for adoption here in DuPage."
- In an ongoing effort to provide the best customer service possible, the DuPage County Economic and Development Department is initiating a series of improvements that will better serve the public. "County government is here to provide a service to the residents of DuPage, and these improvements will go a long way in helping improve upon those services," said **Kyle Gilgis** (District 3), Chairwoman of the County's Development Committee. As part of their effort to enhance customer service, the Department has initiated the following improvements: A new E-mail address (buildingpermitplanreview@dupageco.org) has been created that will insure County staff receives prompt response from all parties interested in a particular petition and to ensure that comments and concerns are received by staff and Committee in a timely fashion; Revisions to the Zoning Variation application are also being made. The old zoning application was designed for developers, but many petitioners just want to add a shed or put up a fence on their property. This new form will make the process for resident, as well as staff, much more streamlined; and Remodeling the customer waiting area has begun to ensure those who come to the office are comfortable. Currently meetings must be conducted at the same table where residents are waiting for staff. The addition of this extra seating will make the process more professional for those at the table and more comfortable for those waiting for staff attention.