



THE DUPAGE REVIEW

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THE COUNTY WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY

- The DuPage County Circuit Clerk's office provided members of the Finance Committee with an in-depth presentation on Tuesday that highlighted the Clerk's efforts to collect outstanding fines and fees that are owed to the County. The presentation demonstrated to the Board the positive steps which have been undertaken over the past 18 months in terms of tracking down individuals who have avoided their court-ordered fines or fees that stem from court imposed fines. "The presentation we heard today was positive, proactive and very encouraging," said Kyle Gilgis (District 3), who also serves on the Finance Committee. "I want to commend Circuit Court Clerk Chris Kachiroubas, as well as the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, for leading on this very important matter." The Clerk's office announced that 28,439 notices have been mailed to those individuals, between 1986-2005, who still owe outstanding fines and fees imposed as the result of a criminal felony, misdemeanor and DUI violation or traffic ticket.
- DuPage County joined the state of Illinois in hosting "Winter Assistance Day" this past Sunday, which was held at the County's administration building. Attendees were provided with information regarding the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps those who qualify receive assistance in paying their heating bills over the winter. Representatives from the State of Illinois, DuPage County Community Services, NICOR, and Commonwealth Edison were on hand to answer questions, as well as distribute energy/information kits. Those who qualified for the program were able to sign up at the event, if they had the proper materials with them. LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the state of Illinois. Energy assistance is provided by local community action agencies or not-for-profit agencies throughout the state.
- The DuPage County Convalescent Center has partnered with Alliance Rehab to implement a Rehab and Wellness Program within the Convalescent Center Facility. Residents of the county will have access to new, innovative rehabilitation programs and services that will improve their quality of life. The intensity and availability of the new therapy services will allow many patients to obtain their care within the facility, rather than through an expensive acute rehabilitation hospital program. In addition to the introduction of advanced clinical programs, the Convalescent Center will continue to offer state-of-the-art post acute rehabilitation for short-term patients. The facility will continue to offer aggressive Phys-

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iatry oversight, with seven-day coverage as needed. In addition, Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy services are available twice a day as needed in order to return patients to their highest level of functional independence in the quickest, most cost-effective manner. Alliance Rehab manages and staffs over 130 skilled nursing facilities in 13 states, with a clinical staff of over 850 therapists.

- In recognition of **National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week**, November 6-12, 2005, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is asking the citizens of DuPage County to take a closer look at the valuable role their animal shelter plays in enhancing the quality of life in their community. Animal shelters offer many services to assist animals and people alike: controlling dogs running at large, rescuing injured animals, returning lost pets to their owners, and adopting animals into new, loving homes. They also offer personal guidance of their staffs to assist the public with animal-related issues and concerns, from dealing with wildlife to helping with pet-behavior questions. DCACC invites residents to join them November 7-10 after 12pm and November 12 9am- 12:30pm. This will provide residents with a great opportunity to stop by the facility, visit the animals, and find out how they can help an animal in need.

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