



THE DUPAGE REVIEW

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- The DuPage Homeownership Center, in partnership with DuPage County, local financial institutions, realtors and social service agencies, announced on Tuesday the formation of an Affordability Task Force that will address the growing need for attainable housing in DuPage County. Serving as Chairwoman of the task force is DuPage County Board Member **Debra Olson** (District 4) who said the purpose of this task force was to "bring the public, private and not-for-profit sectors together to seek solutions and ideas to improve affordability."
- Former Villa Park Village President **Rae Rupp Srch** was announced as the DuPage representative for the newly created Regional Planning Board (RPB) this week. As a member of the RPB, Rupp Srch will oversee the merging of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). The plan to coordinate the two organizations is due to the Illinois General Assembly by September 1, 2006.
- An intergovernmental agreement has paved the way for the construction of the Southern DuPage County Regional Trail, scheduled to be completed this fall. The 83rd Street Trail is only a 1.3 mile segment of the entire 46-mile Southern DuPage County Regional Trail, but is an important mile because it links a segment of the Woodridge Community Trail system to a section of trail the County currently is constructing in Darien, Downers Grove and Willowbrook to the east. "This will allow cycling enthusiasts in Aurora and Naperville to ride their bikes all the way to Willowbrook," said **James Healy** (District 5 – Naperville).

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- The County Board has approved dollars to construct improvements along Lemont Road and at the intersection of 101st Street and Lemont Road. The intersection improvement will benefit the public wanting to safely access the preserve and will eventually be an important link in the Southern DuPage County Regional Trail in the far southeastern portion of the County serving unincorporated Downers Grove Township residents. "This improvement will link not only residential neighborhoods, business centers and the Forest Preserve, but should benefit a significant number of bicycle commuters working at Argonne National Laboratory," said **Tom Bennington** (District 3 – Downers Grove).
- A new pedestrian bridge that will allow cyclists to cross Grace Street, the Union Pacific Railroad, and St. Charles Road along the Great Western Trail is another step toward completion thanks to a resolution that passed the Environmental Committee. The County will provide \$200,000 in funding to assist the Village of Lombard's efforts. The Village has received a Federal Surface Transportation Grant which is expected to pay for 75% or \$1.5 of the \$2 million project. The \$200,000 in county funding will help the Village to defray costs to match this grant and secure engineering services. "This project is a great example of how the communities and the County work in partnership to maintain and improve the great trail system we have developed in DuPage," said **Michael McMahon** (District 3 – Hinsdale).
- Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 17th as the County celebrates its 4th **Annual Fall Festival 5K Run/Family Walk**, which is being held in conjunction with the DuPage Convalescent Center's 38th annual Fall Festival. The course runs through the scenic residential streets of Winfield, and officials are anticipating over 350 runners and walkers. The 5K begins at 8:25 a.m. with the Fall Festival starting at 9:00 a.m.