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DUPAGE COUNTY: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE A FAMILY

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VOLUNTEEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

This year's recipient of the DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation Regis McGinnis Scholarship is Lauren Langhammer of suburban Carol Stream.

Lauren has been a VolunTeen at the DuPage Convalescent Center for a year-and-a-half as a Transporter for Catholic Mass and provides assistance in the Alzheimer's Unit by playing games and reminiscing with the residents. A graduate of Glenbard North High School,



Lauren was active in Student Council and as a peer tutor. She is an Illinois State Scholar, member of the National Honor Society and she graduated fourth in her class. Lauren will be attending the University of Illinois to pursue a career in Accounting.

"The DuPage Convalescent Center would like to congratulate Lauren and wish her well in her future endeavors," said DuPage County Board Chairman **Robert J. Schillerstrom**.

"A special thank you goes out to all of our VolunTeens for making a difference in the lives of our residents."

Teenagers looking for a way to keep busy and spread joy can become a VolunTeen! Participants learn new skills and explore the healthcare field while helping others by joining the "VolunTeen" program at the DuPage Convalescent Center. Located in Wheaton, the Center provides skilled nursing and rehabilitative care to 350+ residents ranging in age from 21 to over 100. Teens can assist with in-house transport, Recreational programs and community outings, gardening, special events and much, much more.

Opportunities are available seven days a week at a variety of times. For more information on volunteering or the Regis McGinnis VolunTeen Scholarship, visit us on the web at www.dupageco.org/convo or contact Volunteer Services at 630-784-4260.

O'SHEA VOICES OPPOSITION TO ARDMORE AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT

DuPage County Board Member **Patrick O'Shea** is voicing his opposition to the Ardmore Avenue Extension project in Oakbrook Terrace. The project, notes O'Shea, would adversely impact the approximately 4,500 Brandywine residents, many of whom are children.

"Over 60 town homes and 200 driveways connect to Admore Avenue, all of which will be adversely impacted as a result of this project," said O'Shea (District 2). "Engineering reports estimate a three-fold increase in traffic from 865 cars per day to 2,145 cars per day for this community. This is unacceptable."

O'Shea is further asking the City of Oakbrook Terrace to reconsider the Ardmore Avenue extension and to take into consideration the Brandywine community's valid concerns with this project.

"I stand with the residents of Brandywine in opposition to this project," said O'Shea.

RECYCLED PAINT STILL AVAILABLE

Recycled latex paint is still available to DuPage residents free of charge. Since 2004, the DuPage County Environmental Committee has been safely collecting and recycling waste latex paint, an effort to prevent damage to the environment.

The Environmental Committee recommends that residents purchase only the necessary amount, use up excess paint for touch-ups and additional coats, properly store excess paint for future use, dry up small quantities with sand or saw dust and discard with regular garbage, and consolidate paint and recycle cans.

The recycled paint is available at the Woodridge Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 7900 S. Route 53, Woodridge. The facility is open from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For questions, call (630) 985-7400.

RESIDENTS CAN RECYCLE UNWANTED DOCUMENTS BY SAFELY SHREDDING THEM

Residents of DuPage County are welcome to shred their personal documents free of charge. Participants will be able to place their documents into a secured container which is then run through a shredder. A video screen on the side of the truck will allow a viewing of the documents as they are shredded.

"The purpose of these events is two-fold," says **Jeff Redick**, Chairman of the County's Environmental Committee. "With the rampant increase in identity theft, these events provide a safe means for DuPage residents to discard their personal documents in a safe and secure manner. Second, it provides an environmental benefit since 100 percent of all the shredded documents are recycled."

This document shredding event utilizes state-of-the-art mobile shredding trucks, which are faster, more efficient, and have a high-volume destruction process. It will save residents time and money if they are currently doing their own shredding, and destruction is done quickly while they watch. There is a limit of three paper grocery bags or three small boxes per vehicle.

Residents are encouraged to bring their documents to:

Addison – August 23, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Village Hall
One Friendship Plaza

Villa Park – September 13, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
North Metra Parking Lot on Ardmore

For more information about this program, please call the DuPage County Department of Economic Development & Planning at (630) 407-6700, or visit www.dupageco.org and click on "waste" quick link.

IN THE NEWS

SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY COMING TO BLOOMINGDALE

The DuPage County Board has granted a preliminary set of funds to begin construction on Alden Gardens. The Alden Foundation plans to build an 88-bed supportive living facility for seniors in Bloomingdale. The facility will provide supportive services to seniors who need assistance with the daily activities of living, but who do not need the level of care provided by a nursing home.

Medicaid will be providing subsidized rent for eligible seniors. Because there is only one other Medicaid-eligible supportive living facility in DuPage County, Alden Gardens is a welcome prospect.

“As the population in DuPage County gets older, the need for another assisted living facility like Alden Gardens is great. We are glad to hear that construction will soon be under way,” says **Yolanda Campuzano** (District 1), Chairwoman of the County’s Health and Human Services Committee.

Alden Gardens will be funded in part through a Federal Home Investments Partnership grant. Another \$1.2 million will come from the Village of Bloomingdale.

Alden is targeting a September 17th closing date so that construction might begin before winter.

FROM PAST TO PRESENT – 120 YEARS OF SERVICE

The DuPage County Convalescent Center is pleased to announce their **120th Anniversary** and to celebrate, they have scheduled a week of activities and events to commemorate this historic achievement.

During the week of **August 24th – 30th** the Convalescent Center will have a Klein Creek “Life on the Farm” re-enactment, war vehicles and history provided by Cantigny, a DPCC Olympics, a facility picnic and “Songs of the Century” by Dan Sullivan.

Since its inception, the DuPage Convalescent Center has continually maintained a high standard of professionalism in all phases of its operation, and the facility is recognized for its excellent patient care and intense in-service education programs. It complies with standards set by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Joint Commission on Healthcare Accreditation.

The center has a total of 360 beds, with approximately 70 percent occupied by Public Aid

recipients and 25 percent being under the age of 55 years. The Center is a unique facility that encourages residents to do as much as they can, as well as they can for as long as they can. They focus on resident strengths and look for ways to help them feel productive and have meaningful lives.

The DuPage Convalescent Center was originally built in 1888, started as a County Alms House for the indigent. Residents of the home farmed the 217 acre parcel and had a herd of dairy cattle. They supported themselves and provided additional food to the county jail inmates. It wasn’t until the 1930’s that it became a nursing facility that provided much needed health care to the community. It has developed into one of the most modern, best equipped, professionally staffed, treatment and rehabilitation centers for the chronically ill in the State of Illinois.

For more information on how you can help with this program, call the Recreation Department at (630) 784-7303.

FALL FESTIVAL 5K RUN/FAMILY WALK

Participants Run, Walk and Roll to Benefit Center Residents

Now is the time to run.....or walk.....to register for the DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation's 5K Run/Family Walk – a CARA Circuit race.

This 5K Run/Family Walk will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Proceeds benefit the residents of the DuPage Convalescent Center. Start time is at 8:25 a.m.



This event features three classes, including runners, walkers and wheelchair racers. New this year will be a “team challenge.” The winning team will be determined by the top five combined times of the team members. All race participants will be timed and scored and will receive a t-shirt and goody bag.

Medals are hand-made by the Center's residents and will be awarded to top finishers in over 27 different categories.

Registration brochures are available at the DuPage Convalescent Center, by calling the Festival hotline at (630) 784-4495 or online at www.dpccfoundation.org or www.signmeup.com/60131.

The 5K race is part of the DuPage Convalescent Center's annual Fall Festival. Proceeds from the event will benefit the DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation. The DuPage Convalescent Center is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility located at 400 N. County Farm Rd. in Wheaton, Illinois. The proceeds from this event will enhance and

expand quality of life opportunities available to Convalescent Center residents.

The Festival lasts from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and features games, prizes and live entertainment for kids of all ages including: outdoor vendors, food, car show, bake sale, book fair, scarecrow patch, resident crafts, garage sale, raffle with many great prizes and Animal Care & Control activities.

There are also many ways you can lend a hand. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event and we are currently looking for additional crafters and flea market vendors.

For additional information, or if you are looking for ways to help, call the Fall Festival/5K hotline at (630) 784-4495

COUNTY CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings

Tuesday, August 26th
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9th
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 23rd
10:00 a.m.

Events

Fall Festival/5K Run & Walk
Saturday, September 20th
8:25 a.m.