

# DuPage Review

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## AGREEMENT ENSURES DUPAGE COUNTY HISTORIC MUSEUM REMAINS OPEN

**Kyle Gilgis (District 3)** says an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the Wheaton Park District will ensure the DuPage County Historic Museum remains open and operating.

Gilgis, Chairwoman of the Development Committee, notes that the agreement will provide stability, and enhance the growth of the museum, while also ensuring the current collection held is available for visitors to review and enjoy.

"This agreement between DuPage County and the Wheaton Park District is a win-win for everyone," said Gilgis. "We can now ensure that the DuPage Historic Museum retains its wonderful collection, while at the same time looking at new and innovative ways to increase attendance and enhance partnerships with other facilities."

County Board Member **Debra Olson (District 4)** notes that as part of the agreement, the Museum must develop a strategic plan within a year, which will be guided by the policies of the American Association of Museums. The plan will emphasize fundraising, refinement of the collection, partnering with other museums and cultural institutions and the updating of the DuPage County history gallery.

"I want to commend the Wheaton Park District for partnering with the County so that we can work together to keep this historic building open," said Olson.

While the Wheaton Park District will be getting improved administrative offices when they move into the Museum, the majority of the facility will remain Museum space. The Park District will also pay no rent, will assume all maintenance and administrative costs, and the two dedicated Museum staff will be employees of the District. DuPage County will continue to commit \$130,000 to the Museum for the next five years.



## COUNTY RECEIVES “DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD”

Finance Committee Chairman **Patrick O’Shea (District 2)** is pleased to announce that the County’s Finance Department has received the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

“The budget expertise and commitment to DuPage County by Fred Backfield and his team is a great asset to the County Board,” said O’Shea. “They are a most deserving recipient of this award.”

The GFOA notes that “the award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as a: policy document; financial plan; operations guide and communications device.”

This marks the fourth year in a row that the County has received this honor.

In addition to their Budget Presentation Award, the GFOA also awarded the Finance Department with their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year the County has received this honor.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals throughout North America. Their Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

## ZAY AND BENNINGTON APPOINTED TO WATER COMMISSION

DuPage County Board Member **Jim Zay (District 6)** was recently appointed to the DuPage Water Commission. As Chairman of the County’s Stormwater Committee for the past seven years, Zay has established a record of working cooperatively with the County’s municipalities and he looks forward to continuing that work on the Water Commission.

“I look forward to working with our municipalities to ensure the continued delivery of a safe and reliable water source to the residents of DuPage,” said Zay. “Now that the County is a full member of the Water Commission, we need to move forward to convert our county well systems to Lake Michigan water and to develop plans, in coordination with municipalities, to service those areas of the county that today do not have access to Lake Michigan water.”

Also appointed to the DuPage Water Commission was County Board Member **Tom Bennington (District 3)**, Chairman of the County’s Public Works Committee.

“I am honored to serve on this important Commission whose objective is simple: provide clean, affordable water to the residents of DuPage County,” said Bennington. “The Water Commission is an excellent example of local units of government working together toward one common goal, which benefits all of our residents.”

The DuPage Water Commission is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of 12 members and a Chairman. The DuPage County Board Chairman with the approval of the DuPage County Board appoints the chairman and six of the commissioners. The other six commissioners are elected by the mayors/presidents of the municipalities within a County Board District.

# IN THE NEWS

## ONLINE SYSTEM TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY IN DU PAGE

DuPage County is pleased to announce that a new website system will allow County officials to analyze vehicle crashes in a more expedient manner thanks to a grant received through the CMAP United Work Program.

This new system, sponsored by DuPage County, will analyze traffic crash history at intersections and on roads throughout the county, and will help officials develop solutions that will ease hazardous conditions on roadways. The goal of this new system is to assist county, local Police and Public Works staffs evaluate accident locations and to compare them without having to go through thousands of paper reports, which will in turn help communities in asking for safety funds.

## PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR AT-RISK RESIDENTS

DuPage County Board Member **Michael McMahon (District 3)** wants to let DuPage County residents know about S.P.A.R.R., the Sheriff's Program for At-Risk Residents.

S.P.A.R.R., which is a free and voluntary program, is designed to assist residents who may be at a greater risk of becoming confused, lost, disoriented or missing. S.P.A.R.R. works by gathering information provided by participants such as their full name; medical condition; full physical description; family member's contact information; method of transportation used; and favorite places to eat and visit. That information is then stored in a database that is maintained and accessed in the event of an emergency. Residents interested in S.P.A.R.R. can call the Sheriff's Office at 630-407-2400 to set up an appointment.

## COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING GOES "GREEN"

The DuPage County Division of Transportation is taking an innovative new approach to repaving out on the road, literally. This summer, the County will be resurfacing a portion of Army Trail Road with asphalt containing ground rubber from old tires.

**Pam Rion (District 6)**, Chairwoman of the County's Transportation Committee, notes that the benefits of using asphalt rubber include: longer lasting road surfaces, reduced road maintenance, cost effectiveness over the long term, lower road noise and shorter breaking distances.

"This new initiative is a more environmentally-conscience approach to maintaining our roads," said Rion. "By using this new material, we can also ensure a longer-lasting remedy to resurfacing our existing roads, which in the long run will save taxpayers' money."

Ground tire rubber can be blended with asphalt to beneficially modify the properties of the asphalt in highway construction. Size-reduced scrap tire rubber can be used either as part of the asphalt rubber binder (a.k.a., asphalt rubber), seal coat, cap seal spray or joint and crack sealant, or as an aggregate substitution (rubber modified asphalt concrete). ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov))

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), asphalt rubber is the largest single market for ground rubber, consuming an estimated 220 million pounds, or approximately 12 million tires. California and Arizona use the most asphalt rubber in highway construction (over 80% of asphalt rubber utilized). Florida is the next largest user.

# BELMONT ROAD GRADE SEPARATION MOVES FORWARD

*Project will increase safety and ease congestion, says Schillerstrom*

By bringing together local units of government, Metra, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and members of the General Assembly, DuPage County Board Chairman **Robert J. Schillerstrom** is pleased to announce that funding has been secured for a grade separation at Belmont Road and the BNSF Railway Company tracks in Downers Grove.

Schillerstrom says the final hurdle was cleared when IDOT agreed to provide up to an additional \$8.3 million to the project, on top of the \$8.7 million they had originally pledged. The estimated cost of the project is \$52.7 million, with \$12 million anticipated from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund administered by the Illinois Commerce Commission, \$17 million from IDOT, \$16.5 from

Metra, \$2.37 million from BNSF Railway Company and \$5.2 million provided by a CMAQ grant with a Metra local match.

“This project will increase pedestrian and vehicle safety, as well as bring needed traffic relief to the Belmont Road rail crossing,” said Schillerstrom. “I want to thank everyone involved, especially State Senator **Dan Cronin**, State Senator **Kirk Dillard** and State Representative **Patti Bellock**, for ensuring this project takes place, which will benefit both Downer’s Grove and our entire region.”

Now that funding has been secured, Metra, the lead agency for the project, can complete the contract documents for an anticipated bid opening later this calendar year.

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUPAGE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE KEEPS RECYCLING CENTER OPEN

DuPage County and the City of Naperville have reached an intergovernmental agreement that will ensure the Household Hazardous Waste Facility remains open. The facility, which has been operating for over 15 years, will receive \$30,000 from the County for the remainder of this Fiscal Year, which ends on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The household hazardous waste facility is located behind Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays.

### COUNTY CALENDAR

#### Upcoming Board Meetings

Tuesday, July 22nd  
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 12th  
10:00 a.m.

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

#### Events

DuPage County Fair  
July 23-27