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DUPAGE COUNTY'S 2008 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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Slowly rising temperatures and melting snow are sure signs that the start of road construction season is near.

DuPage County's **2008 Roadway Construction Program** is a departure from recent years in which greater funding was directed at much needed capacity improvements system wide. The 2008 Construction Program focuses primarily on maintaining existing infrastructure, in part due to a harsh winter, to continue to ensure a serviceable highway network.

This year, over 40 lane miles of County highways are proposed to be resurfaced including: Army Trail Road (County Farm Rd to west of Gary Ave), Finley Road (Ogden Ave to Butterfield Rd), Yackley Road (Maple Ave to Ogden Ave), Plainfield-Naperville Road (87th St to 75th St), Wooddale Road (Belmont Rd to Irving Park Rd), 63rd St (Cass Ave to Clarendon Hills Rd), Cass Avenue (67th St to 63rd St) and Warrenville Road (River Rd to Mill St). During construction, daily lane closures will be used to accommodate construction activities.

Other major projects include rehabilitating the bridge carrying Maple Avenue over the East Branch of the DuPage River (just west of Illinois 53) and the widening and resurfacing of Midwest Road from 22nd St north to Illinois 56. For both these projects, traffic will be reduced to one-lane in each direction for the duration of construction, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

Finally, work on Army Trail Road between Schmale Road and Regency Drive will resume in mid-March and is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. The remaining work includes construction of barrier medians, resurfacing, installation of permanent traffic signals and restoration of parkways. During construction, permanent and daily lanes closures will be required to accommodate construction activities.

For up to date construction information, including lane closures, go to www.dupageco.org/dot/construction.

COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2008 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

DuPage County is pleased to announce that the Department of Community Services has received a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to fund scholarships for disadvantaged students. The grant was secured from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Over 18 years ago, the Community Services Block Grant was established to provide financial assistance to low-income individuals with high academic potential. Scholarships can be used for formal education or occupational training. Special consideration will be given to students interested in high technology fields or other occupations.

The scholarship, administered by the county's Department of Community Services, is a federally funded program through the State of Illinois. There are no corporate or private dollars involved through this program. The funding supplements the cost of tuition, books, supplies and other school-related items for a semester or a quarter helping to offset the student's need.

Applicants are required to provide proof of DuPage County residency, supply gross household income for the past 90 days and provide information on members living in the household. Applications are currently being accepted and must include a 500 word essay or personal statement, official school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a Financial Aid Audit and proof of enrollment in an Illinois accredited institution.

Support documents and applications must be received by **May 16, 2008 by 4:30 p.m.** Further information can be obtained by contacting 630-407-6500.

SCHILLERSTROM APPOINTED TO "ILLINOIS WORKS COALITION"

DuPage County Board Chairman Robert J. Schillerstrom, recognized for his leadership on regional transit issues, has been asked to serve on the State's "**Illinois Works Coalition.**"

The Illinois Works Coalition, a bipartisan working group, will draw on the expertise of business, labor and local leaders from across the state and will focus on helping pass a statewide infrastructure plan in Illinois.

"I'm honored to serve on this distinguished panel," said Schillerstrom. "Throughout this process, it is important that we hear from each community, and every elected official, about the needs in their district. We must bring people together and form a consensus on the critical needs facing our State, primarily public transit, which isn't a local issue, but a regional one."

Last month the Governor proposed Illinois Works, a \$25 billion capital plan, as the central piece of a statewide stimulus package aimed at boosting Illinois' economy in the face of a slowing national economy. Former Speaker of the U.S. House **Dennis Hastert** and Southern Illinois University (SIU) President and former U.S. Congressman **Glenn Poshard** will serve as co-chairs.

"I look forward to working with Speaker Hastert, former Congressman Glen Poshard, and the other distinguished members of this panel as we begin to examine the important capital needs in our State," said Schillerstrom.

For more information, please visit www.illinoisworkscoalition.com.

IN THE NEWS

KAUTZ ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD

Pam Rion, Chairwoman of the County's Transportation Committee, said she is pleased that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and DuPage County have moved forward with a public hearing regarding a grade separation for Illinois Route 38 at Kautz Road, and at the Union Pacific Railroad in West Chicago and Geneva.

The proposed grade separation would result in a new bridge being constructed over the Union Pacific Railroad, which would help ease traffic congestion and improve safety at this busy, and dangerous, intersection.

"Grade separations provide two tangible benefits to residents. They help ease traffic congestion, and they provide for safe traveling through dangerous intersections," said Rion (District 6). "When completed, this project would have an immediate impact on the lives of motorists who currently travel over this dangerous intersection."

Rion, who has long championed this project, said she and DuPage County Division of Transportation staff will continue to meet with state and local officials to help get the design stages of this project underway, as well as work to secure the necessary revenue to begin construction of this critical traffic congestion relief project.

COUNTY APPROVES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The DuPage County Board has approved its five-year Solid Waste Management Plan, which highlights the County's strong recycling rate, and calls for a greater increase in recycling programs by county businesses.

The Plan, which was first adopted in 1991, is mandated by State law to be updated every five years. The goal is to continually evaluate waste generation, capacity, technology and other solid waste components, says Environmental Committee Chairman **Jeff Redick** (District 2).

According to the plan, there are adequate waste handling facilities in the region that can continue to accommodate DuPage County for the next five years. This is in part due to a strong recycling rate among residential properties. Redick also notes that without additional transfer stations, the cost of waste disposal is going to continue to increase for residents and businesses.

"DuPage County has made great strides in reducing the amount of solid waste we generate," said Redick. "What we have seen from this plan is more needs to be done, and more can be done. There is room for improvement and I would encourage businesses to do their part in helping reduce the amount of solid waste they produce. By working together now, we can ensure a healthy and clean environment for future generations."

Currently, the County has been preparing an in-house conservation policy that will strive to increase recycling at the County complex.

5TH ANNUAL DUPAGE CONVALESCENT CENTER FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING BENEFITING THE RESIDENTS OF THE DUPAGE CONVALESCENT CENTER

Wednesday, June 11th, 2008
Klein Creek Golf Club – Winfield
7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Lunch Buffet Immediately Following

Registration is \$150 for an individual/\$600 for a foursome
Registration fee includes 18-holes of golf, golf cart, continental breakfast and lunch buffet

Great Contests & A Spectacular Raffle including:
\$10,000 Hole in One Contest; Beat the Pro; Men's & Women's Longest Drive; Closest to the Pin; Longest Putt & More!

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.dpccfoundation.org> or call (630) 784-4495.

COUNTY COMPLIES WITH WHEATON SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE

The DuPage County Board passed an resolution this month adopting Wheaton's smoke free air ordinance.

As a result, the County's new policy will require **employees and vistors** to smoke at a distance of **25 feet** from any building entrance.

Smoke-filled workplaces and the use of tobacco products results in higher worker absenteeism due to respiratory disease, lower productivity, higher cleaning and maintenance costs, increased health insurance rates and increase liability claims for diseases related to exposure to secondhand smoke and the use of tobacco.

As part of their effort to help employees quit smoking, the County's Health Department will be offering smoking cessation classes to those wishing to participate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming DuPage County Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 8th
10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, May 13th
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27th
7:30 p.m.