



Village Happenings

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Consider Serving on the Village's Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Applications are available at the Village Hall for Carol Stream residents interested in serving on the Combined Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. The Combined Board consists of seven members who are responsible for making recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan as well as sponsoring hearings on zoning certificates, amendments and special uses. The Commission directs all of its hearing recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees. The Plan Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall located at 500 N. Gary Avenue. Eligible applicants must have lived within the Village proper for at least one (1) year for their application to be considered. Residents interested in serving on the local Combined Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals commissions are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Village Hall at 500 N. Gary Avenue and submit it to the Mayor's Office at (630) 871-6250.

Income Tax Relief for Working Families – the 2005 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

If you worked at a job any time during 2005, you could owe less income tax and get cash back from the IRS through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). You may be able to apply for a tax credit if:

- ❑ You have more than 1 qualifying child & your income was **<\$35,263** (\$37,263 if married filing jointly),
- ❑ You have 1 qualifying child and your earned income was **<\$31,030** (\$33,030 if married filing jointly), or
- ❑ You do not have a qualifying child and your earned income was **<\$11,750** (\$13,750 if married filing jointly).

If you have children and are eligible for the earned income tax credit, file form 1040 or 1040A and be sure to attach Schedule EIC. If you don't have children, file any federal tax return. In most cases, the EITC does not affect benefits like TANF, Foods Stamps, SSI, Medicaid or public housing. If you qualified but failed to apply for a tax credit for the last 3 tax years, you may file retroactively. If you need special taxpayer assistance, phone the IRS at (800) 829-1040 or visit their website @ www.irs.gov

Carol Stream Woman's Club Offers Scholarship Award

The Carol Stream Woman's Club is once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to any female Carol Stream resident who will be graduating high school and attending college this fall. Scholarship applications are available through the Guidance Departments in each area high school. Applications will be evaluated not only on their academic merits, but also on their extra curricular and volunteer activities of the applicant. The scholarship honors a student who best demonstrates strong academic achievements while balancing extra curricular activities, community involvement, and strong leadership with respect to the six pillars of Character Counts. **Applications are due no later than Saturday, April 8th.** The scholarship announcement will be made at the club's May installation dinner. For more information call Janelle Stefancic at (630) 213-9553.

Congratulations to the 2005 Citizen and Special Citizen of the Year Honorees

The 40th annual Citizen of the Year recognition dinner was held Saturday, February 4th at the Carol Stream Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. Out of a field of 17 nominees, the following five residents were recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community. **Deborah Nuccio** and **Matt Stanio** received Citizen of the Year honors while **Wanda Franz** and **Jim Ortinau** received Special Citizen of the Year honors. This year's recipient of the Special Judges award was **Renee Vennero**. The Village congratulates this year's award winners and the other nominees for their countless hours spent in strengthening our community. The Village also offers a sincere thanks to all those other residents who generously offer their time and support in making Carol Stream all that it can be.

Meetings:

Listening Post	Tuesday	February 21 st	CANCELLED	Municipal Center
Village Board Meeting	Tuesday	February 21 st	CANCELLED	Municipal Center
Plan Commission/ZBA	Monday	February 27 th	7:30 P.M.	Municipal Center