



Village Happenings

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Open Enrollment Underway Through January 25th for Adult Citizen Police Academy

A 12-week Adult Citizen Police Academy beginning Thursday, February 1st through April 16th will include law enforcement sessions on Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, Drug Awareness, DUI Enforcement, Use of Force, Social Services, Dispatching, Firearm Safety, Traffic Stops and a Ride along with Patrol. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at the Municipal Center from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Residents or those who work in the Village who are at least 18 years old may enroll by phoning Sgt. Bryan Pece at 871-6208 or by e-mailing him at bpece@carolstream.org The deadline for enrollment is Thursday, January 25th.

Need Help Paying Your Winter Home Heating Bills?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program assists low-income households by offsetting the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach and education. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required to receive LIHEAP assistance once per year. Emergency assistance is available to eligible households whose utility service has been disconnected and for homeowners whose furnace is non-operational or unsafe to operate. Applications for this program are taken on an on going basis at:

DuPage County	- 421 County Farm Rd.	Wheaton	630-682-7000
Wayne Township	- 27W031North Ave.	West Chicago	630-231-7140
Bloomington Township	- 123 N. Rosedale Rd.	Bloomington	630-529-7715
Milton Township	- 1492 N. Main St.	Wheaton	630-668-1616

For information, call the County Energy Assist. Hotline at 1-800-942-9412 or by email at liheap@dupageco.org.

2007 Dog License Renewal Period Continues

2006 dog licenses expired on Sunday, December 31st. Village residents must have their dogs licensed by the Village and DuPage County once they reach 6 months of age. Written proof of inoculation must be presented as proof before applying for a dog license. A \$5 license fee is charged for female dogs while a \$3 license fee is charged for male and spayed female dogs. Register your dog(s) with the Village Cashier during normal business hours. For questions, phone the Village Receptionist at (630) 665-7050.

07' Relay for Life Kick Off Scheduled for Wed., February 21st at Glenbard North H.S.

The DuPage Chapter of the American Cancer Society will host the 2007 "Relay for Life" Kick Off at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 21st at Glenbard North H.S., located at 990 N. Kuhn Rd. The Chapter President and a host of special guest speakers will welcome relay chairpersons and team leaders, announce the calendar for upcoming relay events as well as host team registration. To attend, RSVP Kristin @ 932-1141 or at Kristin.nemec@cancer.org

Income Tax Relief for Working Families – the 2006 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

If you worked at a job any time during 2006, 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 and your earned income was <**\$36,348** (\$38,348 if married filing jointly),
- ❑ You have 1 qualifying child and your earned income was <**\$32,001** (\$34,001 if married filing jointly), or
- ❑ You don't have a qualifying child and your earned income was <**\$12,120** (\$14,120 if married filing jointly).

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

Meetings:

Listening Post	Tuesday	January 16 th	7:30 P.M.	Municipal Center
Village Board Meeting	Tuesday	January 16 th	8:00 P.M.	Municipal Center
Plan Commission/ZBA	Monday	January 22 nd	7:30 P.M.	Municipal Center