



WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

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WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

As the new year approaches and we finish the last chapter of 2023, it's a wonderful time for appreciation and reflection for all that this year brought, as well as a time for optimism and planning for the year ahead. Even as the holidays are in full swing, the work of county government continues and I'm looking forward to keeping you updated on initiatives that we're planning for 2024.

While the holiday season is a time for celebration, it's important to be mindful that fortune doesn't find everyone equally and there are those who are struggling in our communities. With that in mind, I'm proud to say that we have many local organizations who have stepped up over the last month to provide donations and direct assistance to families and individuals in need. The Season of Giving is the perfect opportunity to check in with local shelters, pantries, or other service partners on their volunteer or donation needs. Every action, no matter how big or small, could impact to the lives of our neighbors going through difficult times. Doing whatever we can to spread joy or just make someone smile is what this season is all about.

I truly hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season!

Yours truly,

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant | Will County Executive

OUR WAY FORWARD 2050

WILL COUNTY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Take the Survey



Share Your Thoughts on the Future of Transportation in Will County

Will County is embarking on a long-term planning effort to guide the next 25 years of transportation projects, and your input is needed!

The "Our Way Forward 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan" will incorporate public feedback from online surveys and workshops in evaluating future priorities. The planning effort will evaluate all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, driving, transit, and freight.

You are invited to take the online survey and share your travel preferences and transportation priorities. The survey is available online at www.ourwaywill.co and will remain open through February.

The plan is currently in its first phase, which is assessing existing and future conditions. Phase One will also include two virtual workshops for the public on February 6 and February 7.



Give a Gift to an Animal in Need!

It's the season of giving, and we can't think of a more purrr-fect way to get in the holiday spirit than helping our Will County Animal Control by donating items to the animals in their care!

Animal shelters throughout the nation have experienced an increase in stray and abandoned animals. The Will County Animal Control team has been working hard to reconnect lost pets with their owners and find appropriate shelters for stray animals to help them find their forever home. Donating items is a great way to help an animal in need this holiday season!

Donated items can be delivered to the following locations during regular business hours:

- Will County Animal Control (22452 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet, IL 60433)
- Will County Executive Office (302 N Chicago St, Joliet, IL 60432)

DONATION WISH LIST:

- Canned & Dry Kitten Food
- Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR) Formula
- Soft Dog Treats
- Canned Pumpkin
- Canned Spray Cheese
- Plain Ice Cream Cones
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Durable Dog Toys
- Tennis Balls
- Ping Pong Balls
- Cat Toys
- Towels & Blankets
- Gift Cards to Pet Stores, Hardware Stores, Walmart or Target



Happy Holidays From Sunny Hill Nursing Home!

Staff and residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County celebrated the holiday season with fun and cheerful activities throughout the month! These include their annual Home for the Holiday event, Visits from Santa, Christmas Sprit Week, and carolers from Stepping Stones, Peace Lutheran Church, and Laraway Elementary School.

Sunny Hill Nursing Home offers robust engagement options for residents and their families as part of their “resident-centered” care mission. Residents feel a sense of comfort, dignity, and individuality throughout the year thanks to the dedicated staff who go above-and-beyond for residents.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who work hard to ensure that Sunny Hill Nursing Home feels like home for each and every resident. Here’s to a happy new year!



Houbolt Road Fully Opens to the Public

County Executive Bertino-Tarrant joined local leaders to cut the ribbon on the completed Houbolt Road Extension, which is creating a direct route for commercial traffic between I-80 and the CenterPoint Intermodal Center.

This project, funded without taxpayer funds, has been supported by Will County leaders for over a decade. It will reduce truck traffic on local roads, especially for Joliet and Channahon residents. Will County is continuing to work with the Illinois Department of Transportation and local governments on identifying improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion in this area.



Cornerstone Services Holiday Art Sale

Give the gift of art this holiday season! Our friends at Cornerstone Services, Inc. will be selling any of the amazing artwork and décor items on display in the County Office Building (302 N. Chicago St., Joliet).

Each piece of art is made by a member of the Cornerstone community and a portion of the proceeds go back to the artist! To buy an item, stop by the County Office Building from 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Wednesday until January 3, 2024.

Cornerstone will also be selling art at several locations throughout Joliet:

Babe’s Hot Dogs
2600 W. Jefferson St.

Joliet Library
150 N. Ottawa St.

Jitter’s Coffee
178 N. Chicago St.

Hopeful Tails
2303 Oak Leaf St.

Great American Bagel
1101 Essington Rd



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