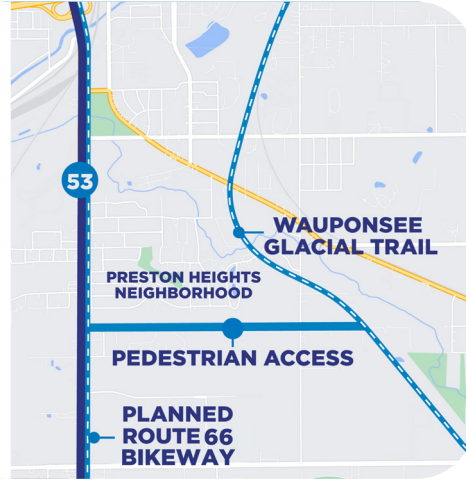




WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023



WILL COUNTY
EXECUTIVE
JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT

Summer is in full swing in Will County! Over the last month, I've been happy to attend several events hosted by local communities and various organizations throughout the county.

This season offers a great opportunity for residents to engage with their community, with a wide variety of event options. Whether through outdoor festivals, farmer markets, or park district concerts, there is no shortage of family-friendly events to take advantage of during the next couple months. I recommend checking out the websites and social media channels of your municipality, library and park district to learn more about what is happening in your community.

One upcoming event that I'm proud to be partnering on is a Will County Bolingbrook Pet Clinic on July 8 (9AM – 3PM) in Bolingbrook. Hosted with the Village of Bolingbrook, Mayor Mary Alexander-Basta, K9 Enrichment Initiative, and Petco Love, this clinic will be providing free vaccines and microchips for dogs. This will be hosted at the Bolingbrook Town Center alongside Bolingbrook Pride's "Picnic and Puppies" event. This is open to all Will County residents, who should register their dog in advance at www.K9EI.dog.

I hope to see you at a community event this summer!

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant | Will County Executive

Expanding Pedestrian & Bicycle Access in Joliet Township

Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant joined officials from the Forest Preserve District of Will County to accept a check for \$1.1 million in federal funding from U.S. Rep. Bill Foster to create expanded pedestrian and bicyclist access in Joliet Township.

This funding will develop a 1.34-mile trail to create a connection between Route 53 in the Preston Heights neighborhood to the Wauponsee Glacial Trail, the District's longest path. Coupled with a planned bike path along Route 53, this project will create expanded connectivity for residents to local services and the sprawling regional rail systems, including the Old Plank Road Trail, I&M Canal Trail, and the 20,083-acre Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

The trail project, known as the "Wauponsee Glacial Trail to Route 66 Bikeway Project," was first identified by Will County as a priority in the 2017 Sugar Run Creek Area Neighborhood Plan. Seeing the value in expanding pedestrian-friendly infrastructure in the unincorporated areas south of the City of Joliet, County Executive Bertino-Tarrant partnered with the Forest Preserve District to request federal funding from Rep. Foster and Sen. Durbin in the Fiscal year 2023 Federal Budget.



4th of July Fireworks Locations

Will County's GIS Division has created a timely application for residents to learn more about 4th of July fireworks displays in the area. Visit the map to find the best location to celebrate Independence Day!

Please remember to monitor your local government's website ahead of each display in case of weather-related cancellations.

WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT
 SENATOR MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL 49th DISTRICT
 NATALIE MANLEY
 DEE AVELAR
 in partnership with United Way

Collection Date Range
6/26/2023
 through
7/21/2023

Collecting Items for Local Babies

Will County Executive Bertino-Tarrant is partnering with State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel, State Representative Natalie Manley, and State Representative Dee Avelar for a “Diaper Depot Drive” until July 21. Items will be donated to the United Way of Will County, which provides pre-packaged bundles of diapers to families experiencing hardship.

Accepting: Diapers & Wipes, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, and Diaper Cream

Bolingbrook

Bolingbrook Town Center
 375 W Briarcliff Rd.

Crest Hill

City Hall
 20600 City Center Rd.

Joliet

Will County Office Building
 302 N. Chicago St.

Workforce Center of Will County
 2400 Glenwood Ave.

Plainfield

Plainfield Village Administration
 24401 Lockport St.

Romeoville

Romeoville Police Department
 1050 W. Romeo Rd.

Shorewood

Shorewood Village Hall
 1 Towne Center Blvd.

Lockport

Lockport City Hall
 222 E. 9th St.

**WILL COUNTY
 RENEWABLE
 NATURAL
 GAS PLANT
 UPDATE**

RNG Plant Makes First Sale

Will County has received its first payment from sales of the natural gas produced by the county-owned Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Plant located at Prairie View Landfill. The county has received a \$2.15 Million purchase of gas from the plant, which converts landfill gas into a conventional natural gas that can be sold and distributed externally.

The Will County RNG Plant, located near Wilmington, first started operations in Fall 2022 and is generating about \$38,000 a day in revenue. The gas produced at the plant is sold on the open market as transportation fuel, mostly for heavy commercial vehicles. As an alternative fuel for energy-efficient vehicles, the gas sold from the RNG plant will power the equivalent of 150 million miles traveled annually.

The RNG Plant project began with a vision to maximize the financial benefits of Will County’s ownership of Prairie View Landfill. The self-sustaining plant is projected to raise millions of dollars for Will County capital projects through both the sale of gas and credits paid for by fossil fuel providers.

Making an Impact

Throughout May and June, the Will County Executive office has been partnering with multiple local organizations to host free food giveaway events in Joliet. In total, nearly 1,000 vehicles were served with free produce, vegetables, and protein at these three events, feeding thousands of Will County residents.

A special thank you to ShareFest Will County, Community Nutrition Network and Senior Services Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, Meals on Wheels Foundation, and Community Lifeline Ministries for your generous support through food giveaway events!

With residents across Will County struggling to make ends meet, our office will continue to partner with organizations throughout the county to host assistance events. With many of these events being a “pop up” format, please monitor our website or follow our social media pages for up-to-date information.

