



WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

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 **WILL COUNTY**
EXECUTIVE
JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT

During the season of thanks, I am asking residents throughout the county to be thankful for those who have served our country at various levels.

At the county level, we have worked to express our appreciation to veterans throughout the month of November. Whether through Operation Green Light or Quilts of Valor, we have worked to show support for veterans and their families.

I was also proud to host a Veterans Rights Seminar this past weekend with State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel and State Representative Natalie Manley to ensure that veterans were aware of resources available at the federal, state, and local level.

I'm committed to supporting our veteran community throughout the year. I also invite all veterans to learn about available resources offered by the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission:
veteransassistancewillco.org/.

Best,

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant | Will County Executive

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

Will County is participating in "Operation Green Light" throughout November to show support for veterans. Several Will County facilities are illuminated green at night, including the County Office Building, the Courthouse, and Sunny Hill Nursing Home. By shining the green light, Will County is raising awareness of the unique issues faced by veterans and spotlighting resources available at all levels of government.

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WILL COUNTY COME BACK

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Will County has opened the application period for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. The County has dedicated \$10 million of ARPA funding for an Economic Development Grant Program that addresses the negative impact of the pandemic and provides direct aid to impacted industries. Applications will be open until December 22, 2022.

Programs that can apply for funding include those managed by community groups, childcare agencies, small businesses, and non-profit organizations to address affordable housing, financial services for unbanked and underbanked residents, and education.

Direct aid to impacted industries, including to both small businesses and non-profits, is aimed at mitigating financial hardship caused by the pandemic. This can include supporting payroll and benefits, costs to retain employees, and operating costs.

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I-55 & WEBER ROAD

County Executive Bertino-Tarrant joined the Illinois Department of Transportation and local leaders to celebrate the completion of the I-55 and Weber Road project, which will reduce congestion on Will County's busiest highway.

This important project created a modern interchange, with a new bridge, expanded roadway, improved safety features, full pedestrian access, and the county's first diverging diamond interchange.

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QUILTS of VALOR

The Quilts of Valor Foundation visited Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County to celebrate the service of five residents, one employee, and one volunteer. Each was awarded a unique Quilt of Valor to thank them for their service in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of Quilts of Valor is to provide quilts as a source of comfort and healing for veterans. To date, they have awarded over 323,574 quilts

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