



WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

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**JENNIFER
BERTINO-TARRANT**
WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Residents,

Every October we recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as a reminder and an opportunity to raise awareness, support those impacted, and remember those who have lost their lives. Breast Cancer remains the most common cancer diagnosis for women, with more than 11,000 women diagnosed annually in Illinois alone.

This month also serves as a reminder about the importance of screenings, preventative healthcare actions, and identifying early warning signs for cancer and other common diagnoses for women. For breast cancer, early detection by receiving a mammogram can increase the survival rate by as high as 99%. This is also true for early screenings for cervical and ovarian cancer, which impact thousands of women across the country annually.

To expand access to and increase awareness about preventative healthcare, the Will County Health Department offers a Well-Woman Program that provides resources and annual check-ups. These annual visits and screenings are critical for early identification and treatment of many health problems.

Early detection and preventative care can make a lasting difference in the fight against breast cancer throughout our community. This month, and throughout the year, please take this opportunity to spread the word about breast cancer and the availability of local preventative care options.

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant | Will County Executive

WILL COUNTY TEXTILE COLLECTIONS

OCT 24

8AM-2PM

Will County to Host Special Fall Textile Collection Event

Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and the Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division have announced a special, one-day fall Textiles Collection Event for shoes, clothes, and other textiles from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 24 at the County Office Building in Joliet (302 N. Chicago St.).

"As our weeklong spring Textiles Collection Event is one of our most popular events of the year, we thought it was important to offer a special opportunity for residents in the fall," said County Executive Bertino-Tarrant. "As you're unpacking your fall and winter clothing and blankets, this is a wonderful opportunity to responsibly recycle unwanted items."

A truck will be on-site in the County Office Building parking lot to collect items. Accepted items include clothing, coats, shoes, hats, drapes, table linens, beddings, and fabrics of any kind. Items with mold, mud or other dirt will not be accepted. Clean items will be reused by a local non-profit and those that are in poor condition will be recycled into insulation, factory rags, and more.



INVESTING IN WILL COUNTY

Sunny Hill Bazaar Fundraiser

The Friends of Sunny Hill Nursing Home will be hosting their annual "Holiday Gift Bazaar" fundraiser from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. this Friday, October 24. The fundraiser, held at Sunny Hill Nursing Home (421 Doris Avenue, Joliet), will benefit events, programming, and other services for residents.

The fundraiser will feature holiday crafts and gifts for sale, a bake sale, a 50/50 raffle, and a \$10 BBQ lunch that includes a sloppy joe sandwich, chips, coleslaw, and a drink. Stop by to support the residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home.

**BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which spotlights steps that everyone should be taking to safeguard their information from cyber threats. Cyber threats impact everyone: individuals, businesses of all size, non-profits, and government entities. Below are some tips from the Will County Information, Communication, and Technology Department on simple steps that you can take to protect yourself:

- Email Best Practices – Don't open emails or click links from unfamiliar sources.
- Passwords – Use different passwords for every website or service, or use a password manager to generate and store passwords.
- Wi-Fi – Try to avoid using public Wi-Fi sources, especially from unknown locations.
- Plug-Ins – Be wary of USB phone charging areas in public places. If possible, only use a powered electrical outlet with your adapter.
- Scams – Be wary of offers in emails that seem too good to be true.
- QR Codes – Avoid scanning QR codes that are posted in public locations. They maybe trying to direct you to a malicious website.
- Urgent Alerts – An email or text message demanding payments or information with high importance or urgency is very likely a scam.

With the holiday season approaching, it is more important ever to research steps online to avoid online cybersecurity threats and scammers. Take steps to share information with loved ones and discuss the potential impacts of a cybersecurity attack.



Friends of
SUNNY HILL

HOLIDAY GIFT
BAZAAR

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24
10 AM - 3 PM

State Invests in Will County Infrastructure Projects

A planned Will County roadway reconstruction project in Romeoville has received a significant boost from the State of Illinois. The Weber Road Reconstruction, between Airport Road and 135th Street, has received \$750,000 from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to support the future construction of the project.

The Weber Road Reconstruction has been identified as a top priority for the county to improve safety along an increasingly busy corridor and respond to the continued economic and population growth in northern Will County. The project will widen the existing four-lane roadway and add modern safety features, including an additional traffic signal at South Carillon Drive and a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path. State funds will offset local funds for the planned construction, which will occur as early as 2027.

The state funding is part of the historic \$50.6 billion multi-year infrastructure program announced by Gov. Pritzker and IDOT. The program includes \$1.5 billion for state and local infrastructure projects throughout Will County, including the large-scale reconstructions of I-80, I-55, and I-57.