

### **Under-aged Driver Law Changes**

The State of Illinois passed a new law changing the driving curfew for 16- and 17-year-olds. The new curfew is 10 p.m. on weekdays, 11 p.m. on weekends. You are now also able to access your teenager's driving record. Also, as of January 1, 2008, any minor under the age of 18 requesting supervision on a traffic violation must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information go to <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/>

### **Dental Hygiene Clinic in Waukegan now taking appointments**

Low-cost dental hygiene services are now available at the College of Lake County Dental Hygiene Clinic in Waukegan. To make an appointment to schedule a free screening, call (847) 543-2172. After a free screening, patients can schedule an appointment for their initial dental hygiene treatment. For only \$15, they will receive complete dental hygiene care, including teeth cleaning, X-rays, fluoride application, pit and fissure sealants and an examination for other dental needs. The \$15 charge covers all services, even if additional appointments are required. The fee is waived for CLC students with their student ID! For a family of 2 or more there will be a \$30.00 fee.

### **Electronics Collection Event**

Residential Household Electronics Collections are scheduled at various locations around Lake County. For directions and information on the drop off locations please go to [www.swalco.com](http://www.swalco.com) <<http://www.swalco.com>>. The nearest location to our area is:

#### **Wauconda Township (Township Facility)**

505 W. Bonner Road  
Year-Round Drop-off Program  
1st Saturday of each month 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### **Village of Wauconda (Public Works Facility)**

302 Slocum Lake Road  
Year-Round Drop-off Program  
Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Accepted Items:**

Personal Computers, Monitors, Computer Drives, Keyboards, Modems, Mainframes, Scanners, Printers, PDA Organizers, Cellular Phones, Televisions, Stereos, MP3 Players, CD Players, DVD Players, VCR's, Cameras, Video Games, Fax Machines, Shredders, and Small Household Appliances.

### **Items NOT Accepted:**

Broken Glass, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Large Household Appliances, Batteries, Electric Fixtures, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Compact Disks, Software Disks, Tapes, Liquid or Chemical Waste, and Packaging Materials.

### **County Encourages Citizens to Get Informed and Provide Input on Transportation**

The County is asking state leaders to approve a capital program that adequately funds all forms of state transportation. Let your voice be heard on this critical issue by sending an email message to your state legislators, Governor Blagojevich, and state legislative leaders encouraging them to dedicate funding for roads, bridges, and transit across Illinois. Please go to [www.FixOurRoadsNow.com](http://www.FixOurRoadsNow.com) <<http://www.fixourroadsnow.com/>> for the link to contact your legislator.

### **Tax Law Changes Related to House Bill 664**

For forms to apply for any applicable exemptions indicated below, please go to <http://www.co.lake.il.us/assessor/forms.asp#board>.

### **NEW EXEMPTIONS ENACTED BY HB 664 FOR TAX YEAR 2007 (payable in 2008):**

- Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption - This new exemption removes \$2,000 from the equalized assessed value of the home for the year in which application was made.
- Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption - This new exemption removes \$5,000 from the equalized assessed value of the home in the year in which the veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict.
- Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption - This new exemption was enacted by HB 664 and removes either \$5,000 from the equalized assessed value of the home (for at least 75% disability) or \$2,500 from the equalized assessed value of the home (for at least 50% disability, but less than 75% disability). Note that this exemption is limited to residential property with an equalized assessed value of less than \$250,000.

For more detail on each of the exemptions listed below, please visit <<http://www.co.lake.il.us/assessor/exempt.asp>>. The Chief County Assessment Office phone number is 847-377-2050, and their hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to call or visit their office with any questions you may have.

As always, I am available if you have any questions about this or any other issue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 847-833-1019 (cell), 847-949-9111 (home), or email me at [okelly10@aol.com](mailto:okelly10@aol.com) or [DOKelly@co.lake.il.us](mailto:DOKelly@co.lake.il.us).

I encourage you to forward this update to others who may be interested in Lake County news.

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