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Next Metro West Board Meeting
November 17

The Metro West will be held at Tribella's at 1900 Mill Street in Batavia on November 17th. Networking will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and the board meeting to follow at 6:30.

The board meeting is open to board members only. Please mark your calendars. Contact Kathy Burgess at kburgess@metrowestcog.org to make a reservation.

Eliminating Waste:
Cost Saving Measures for Municipalities
Free Seminar Nov. 9

Metro West will hold a free presentation on how to eliminate financial waste. It will be led by environmental attorney Brent O. Denzin with Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer. He will be discussing strategies for reducing and avoiding costs associated with environmental regulations.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Sugar Grove Fire Protection District
25 Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove

Metro West members and staff are encouraged to attend. Please click here for a registration form and more information.

Metro West holds Annual Board Meeting
Awards Presented

Metro West held its Annual Board Meeting on October 27th. At the meeting they elected and installed officers for 2011-2012 and honored the outgoing officers. The outgoing officers receiving awards for their service this past year were:

President: Thomas Weisner, Mayor of Aurora
DeKalb County Municipal Representative: Mark Biernacki, City Manager of DeKalb
Kane County Municipal Representative: Patsy Smith, President of Campton Hills
Kendall County Municipal Representative: Bart Olson, Administrator of Yorkville

The new slate of officers for 2011-2012:

President: Marilyn Michelini, President of Montgomery
Vice President: David Anderson, President of Elburn
Treasurer: Brian Townsend,

Administrator of St. Charles
Secretary: Ray Keller, Administrator of Gilbert
Past President: Thomas Weisner, Mayor of Aurora
DeKalb County Municipal Representative:
Kris Polvsen, Mayor of DeKalb
Kane County Municipal Representative:
Sean Stegall, Manager of Elgin
Kendall County Municipal Representative:
Brian LeClercq, President of Oswego
Past-Presidents at Large:
Don DeWitte, Mayor of St. Charles
Stephan Pickett, President of Sleepy Hollow

A Star Award was presented to Dale Berman, President of North Aurora, for his distinguished contributions to Metro West over the past several years.

Outgoing President, Tom Weisner, Mayor of Aurora, and Pete Wallers, Metro West Engineering Consultant, received special awards for their valuable service to Metro West COG and the newly formed Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA).

Engineering Consultant Pete Wallers (left) received a Superman coffee cup and Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner received a crown and sword for their valuable service to Metro West this past year. The Mayor also received a donation in his honor to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.

Member News . . .

St. Charles Excited about Red Gate Bridge Groundbreaking

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 100 people gathered at the Red Gate Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony on August 25th. Federal, State, County, and City officials, along with mayors from surrounding cities were in attendance.

Speakers included Norman Stoner, Illinois Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration; Randy Ramey, Illinois State Representative 55th District; Karen McConnaughay, Chairman of the Kane County Board; John Hoscheit, President of the Kane County Forest Preserve; and Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of St. Charles.

The new Red Gate Bridge will extend Red Gate Road across the Fox River to Route 25. The bridge will feature a two-lane car deck and pedestrian walkway that will connect to existing trails on either side of the river.

(Left to right) Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke, Campton Hills President Patsy Smith, St. Charles Mayor Don DeWitte and Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns proudly participate in the Red Gate Bridge Groundbreaking.

Montgomery Wins Governor's Home Town Award for Settler's Cottage Project

The Village of Montgomery was one of 28 communities recognized for outstanding volunteer projects at a ceremony in Springfield on October 26th. The Settler's Cottage restoration project won top honors in the Division Four (population 10,001-25,000) Historic Preservation category. Each winning community received a road sign and plaque commemorating their efforts.

"The volunteers we are recognizing today truly exemplify the best Illinois has to offer by going above and beyond to make their communities better places to live," Governor Quinn said on Wednesday. "By investing their time and talent, these individuals are not only supporting their neighbors, but also uplifting the entire state."

Urkrainian Man Gets Lessons on Efficiency in DeKalb

Vyacheslav Gusyev, of the Ukraine, has been taking part in the Legislative Fellowship Program which facilitates monthlong interships with local and state governments throughout the United States. The program is designed to help young professionals from other countries gain a better understanding of the legislative and political processes.

Gusyev will take back goals for helping his country become more energy efficient with ideas he saw while spending time in DeKalb. He spent time with city departments and companies such as Nicor, ComEd and Waste Management. He also toured three homes in the DeKalb area that use solar panels to produce energy.

Business Partner Highlights . . .

Engineering Enterprises Becomes Gold Level Partner

Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI), founded in 1974, is a consulting engineering firm providing services to public agencies throughout northern Illinois. More than 30 experienced firm members including licensed professional civil engineers and land surveyors, LEED Accredited Professionals, and support team members provide a full range of services for planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects plus grant and funding assistance.

As part of EEI's business philosophy, they are committed to quality, service, and value and employ a team approach to project initiation and completion. Each project is assigned a project manager and a team with experience and qualifications that match the needs of the project and client. However, whenever necessary, other specialists are available for additional assistance.

A sampling of their projects include the new City of Aurora Police Headquarters and Branch Court Facility; the Comprehensive Water Master Plan for the City of Elgin; the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion for the Village of Hampshire; Well No. 15 and Wells No. 14 and 15 Water Treatment Plant project for the Village of Montgomery; Wells 3 and 4 Radium Removal Project for the City of St. Charles; Municipal Drive and Galena Boulevard Extensions for the Village of Sugar Grove; the Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement for Route 47 for the United City of Yorkville; along with a number of Federal-Aid and MFT Highway Improvement Projects for several municipal members of Metro West Council of Government (MWCOG).

Their areas of expertise include water, wastewater, stormwater and floodplain management, transportation, professional land surveying, construction management and GIS.

EEI places high value on their business relationships with many of the members of MWCOG and is proud to be a Business Partner of the Metro West Council of Government. For more information about the company, please visit their website at www.eeiweb.com, like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EngineeringEnterprisesInc) or call (630) 466-6700.

Metro West Honors Business Partners at Recognition Dinner

A Business Partner Recognition Dinner was held on Thursday, October 27th, to honor Metro West Business Partners. Business Partners received Certificates of Appreciation and enjoyed a delicious meal while networking with Metro West Board Members. Metro West plans to make this an annual event.

Metro West Business Partners display their Certificates of Appreciation.

Metro West Business Partners listed below:

GOLD-LEVEL PARTNERS

Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.
Comcast
ComEd
Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, P.C.

SILVER-LEVEL PARTNERS

Larson & Darby Group
Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd.
Trotter & Associates, Inc.

The Metro West Business Partners Program provides marketing and networking opportunities for private-sector businesses that share a common commitment to the well-being of municipalities in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties. Business Partners enjoy heightened visibility among

member communities' elected officials and staff by participating in annual events, workshops, publications and sponsorship opportunities. For more information, please click here.

If you have news items that you would like to have included in MEMBER NEWS, please forward the information to Kathy Burgess at kburgess@metrowestcog.org.

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