

Lake County in 60 seconds

Transit group getting support:

Lake County officials are considering formalizing their support of a committee striving to improve public transportation for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee consists of township officials, health care agency representatives and other activists and has been meeting for about two years. The county board this month will be asked to approve a resolution formalizing its participation in the program. The board's public works and transportation committee will talk about the resolution on Tuesday. That meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. at the county's transportation headquarters, 600 Winchester Road, Libertyville.

Info on underage drinking:

Lake County service providers will host a town hall meeting on underage drinking from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 11 at Carmel

Catholic High School, Route 176 near Hawley Street, Mundelein. Hundreds of communities nationwide are holding similar meetings. Sponsors include the Illinois Department of Human Services, Lake County Health Department, Mundelein police department and the After School Coalition. The purpose is to share new research on the risks associated with, underage drinking and prompt community action. Call (847) 680-5909 or visit www.lakecountyafterschoolcoalition.org.

Contest to help health center:

Friends for Health, a nonprofit public foundation, is launching a photography contest to help decorate the Lake County Health Department's North Shore Health Center, 1840 Green Bay Road, Highland Park. The center opens May 30. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$100. Photographers may submit as many entries as they like. There is no entry fee. Entries may be

in color or black & white and submitted in print or digital format. Print images must be 11 by 14 inches and mailed or hand-delivered to: Friends for Health, c/o 1760 Dale Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035. Digital images must be a minimum of 1,600 by 1,200 pixels and should be e-mailed to [Friendsforhealth@aol.com](mailto:friendsforhealth@aol.com) or mailed or hand-delivered on a floppy disk or CD. Entries must be received by May 1 and winners will be notified by May 15. E-mail friendsforhealth@aol.com.

Employees sought for hotel:

Developers of the 15-story, 411-room Westin North Shore hotel in Wheeling say they are planning a job fair this summer to find employees to staff the hotel. The hotel is being built on Milwaukee Avenue just south of Lake-Cook Road. More information will be available at www.westin.com/chicagonorthshore as it becomes available. The hotel has a tentative opening date of Oct. 12.

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To the Schuler Family Foundation, which has awarded 50 more Waukegan high school students with \$20,000 college scholarships.

The new Schuler scholars will join a group of 118 students who have already been awarded the four-year scholarship. To date, the Schuler Family Foundation has committed \$3.36 million to higher education in the Waukegan community.

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To the hosts of the Mundelein town hall meeting this week on underage drinking. What the meeting clearly showed is that Lake County is on the verge of an "epidemic" of underage drinking. Alcohol kills more kids annually than all illegal drugs combined. More than five million high schoolers binge drink at least once a month.

The message at the town hall meeting waws clear: Parents can't condone this kind of behavior.