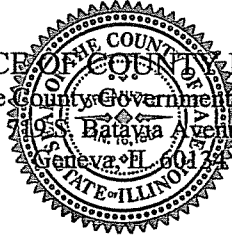


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PRESS RELEASE

KANE COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC FORUMS ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2008

Kane County will kick off its 2008 Community Investment Initiatives by holding four Community Forums to inform the public about the funding opportunities that are available to municipalities and organizations through Kane County programs. Meeting times and locations are as follows:

Northern Kane County	Monday, Nov. 5	The Centre of Elgin Arts/Crafts Studio 100 Symphony Way Elgin IL 60120	7:00 pm
Western Kane County	Tuesday, Nov. 6	Town & Country Library, Rm. 108 320 E. North St. Elburn, IL	7:00 pm
Central Kane County	Wednesday, Nov. 7	Kane County Govt. Center Auditorium 719 Batavia Ave. Geneva, IL	2:00 pm
Southern Kane County	Thursday, Nov. 8	Prisco Community Center, Rm. 103 150 W. Illinois Ave. Aurora, IL	7:00 pm

County staff that administer the Riverboat Fund Program and the Community Development Fund Program will give an overview of the programs (i.e., qualifications, guidelines, etc.), including a question/answer period, for those parties interested in applying for available funds. Application materials will be available at each of the forums. Both of these programs have existed for more than 10 years, and millions of dollars have been invested in a wide variety of community initiatives. In 2005 the Riverboat Fund Program underwent significant changes addressing how this program is administered, and there has been an intentional effort in recent months to better coordinate both the Riverboat Fund Program and the Community Development Fund Program to maximize the impact these funds have throughout Kane County. **The Open Enrollment for the Riverboat Fund Program has changed to November 5, 2007 through January 4, 2008.** The public can contact 630-232-5971 or 630-208-5351 if they have any questions.

County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay stated, "Kane County is proud of the wonderful projects throughout Kane County that have been accomplished through our community investment initiatives. The County is striving for better coordination between the funding programs available to the public to increase the impact to the community. These public information forums enable us to get the latest information to those parties that are interested in partnering with the County in the future."

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