

## Illinois EPA Vehicle Emission Testing to Resume

The Illinois EPA will resume vehicle emissions testing at most Illinois Air Team locations beginning June 1, 2020. The Agency suspended operations on March 21, 2020 to aid in the State's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois. Extensive precautions are in place at Air Team testing locations and follow Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Workplace Guidelines to protect motorists and staff.



All Illinois Air Team testing locations will be open with the exception of the Markham and Waukegan locations. In cooperation with Applus Technologies, Illinois EPA's vehicle emissions testing contractor, these locations have been utilized for COVID-19 drive-through testing as part of the ongoing efforts to provide COVID-19 testing. These two locations will reopen in the near future. For a list of available emissions testing locations, motorists may visit <http://illinoisairteam.net>.

In order to reduce traffic volume and motorist wait time at testing locations, Illinois EPA is recommending motorists with a March or earlier vehicle registration expiration date have their vehicles tested in the month of June. Vehicle registration expiration dates have been extended without penalty by at least 90 days, allowing motorists to wait to have their vehicles tested and renew vehicle registrations.

With the extension of vehicle expiration dates, motorists who are not comfortable visiting an Air Team testing location at this time may have testing completed at a later date or may have someone else bring the vehicle in for emissions testing. In addition, Illinois EPA encourages those 65 and older, healthcare workers, first responders, and those with pre-existing health conditions to visit Air Team testing locations during the first testing hour of each day (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. M-F and 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays).

The Illinois EPA is monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and relying on public health guidelines in the reopening of vehicle emissions testing stations. Special precautions to protect motorists and staff include:

Illinois Air Team Staff will:

- Wear masks at all times
- Practice social distancing
- Clean and disinfect testing stations regularly
- Minimize contact with vehicles

Motorists are asked to do their part to keep us all safe and abide by the following:

- Do not visit an Air Team testing location if you are currently under self-quarantine, isolation or if you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
- One person per vehicle and no pets
- Wear face coverings
- Practice social distancing and follow the procedures in place at Air Team testing locations

Additional information and updates will be made available on the Illinois Air Team website at <http://illinoisairteam.net>. Motorists may also call the Air Team Call Center at 844-258-9071.



The district will continue to provide curbside grab-and go breakfast and lunch meals for any student who needs it throughout the summer. There is no cost to families for the meals. Meal pickup locations are at elementary schools throughout the district from 11 am to 1 pm each weekday. For more information and to reserve your meals, visit Summer Meals. All student registrations for the 2020-21 school year will be processed online. Parents can complete their child's registration for next year starting June 8 in the new student information system. Report cards and transcripts will be available beginning June 8. Information about the new student information system, accessing report cards and parent logins will be provided in an upcoming email.

## Will County Executive, Larry Walsh, passes after long bout with cancer

JOLIET, IL — Will County Executive Larry Walsh Sr., a four-term Democrat from Elwood who championed the construction of a new Will County Sheriff's Office law enforcement center on Laraway Road plus the construction of the new Will County Courthouse that will open in late October, died Wednesday evening after a long battle with prostate cancer, his staff announced.



Walsh was 72.

Walsh died around 7:30 p.m. following a courageous battle with prostate cancer, his staff said. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Walsh had battled complications from prostate cancer for more than five years. In late 2018, Walsh again began chemotherapy treatments after the cancer returned, his staff said.

Denise Winfrey, Speaker of the Will County Board, was sworn in to serve out the remaining part of Walsh's term, which expires after the fall election this year.

## Solarize Chicagoland returns for second year!

The Solarize Chicagoland program returns in 2020 after surpassing its goals last summer. Solarize Chicagoland educates home and small-business owners about solar and offers an opportunity to secure discounts on solar photovoltaic systems through volume purchasing. The program is led by two nonprofit organizations, Citizens Utility Board of Illinois (CUB) and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA), with support from four Chicagoland counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, and Will.



For more information, [go here!](#)

## Illinois Pandemic Information



The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is also reminding Illinois residents about the Illinois Helpline, a resource for residents who need emotional support or quick answers to questions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinoisans can text "TALK" to 55-2020 (or "HABLAR" for Spanish) for the Call4Calm service, or text their questions about services provided by IDHS in communities across the state. The text line is free of charge and designed to support residents who have questions about services or who are experiencing stress. In

addition to the Call4Calm service, the text number can help Illinoisans find help and guidance on other critical issues during the pandemic. Residents can text keywords like "UNEMPLOYMENT," "FOOD," or "SHELTER," to 55-2020 to receive additional information in response. Illinoisans can also always visit [www.dhs.illinois.gov/HelpIsHere](http://www.dhs.illinois.gov/HelpIsHere) or call 1-833- 2-FIND-HELP (1-833-234-6343) for access to IDHS benefits, services and supports

## COVID-19 Facebook Scam

The Federal Trade Commission recently alerted Facebook users of a human contact tracing scam. Human Contact Tracing is the process of identifying people who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitoring their symptoms daily. While there's no question that contact tracing plays a vital role in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to be alert for scammers, pretending to be contact tracers and taking advantage of how the process works, sending text messages.



## Library News



For more information go to <http://www.naperville-lib.org> Starting Monday, May 11, Naperville Public Library will begin offering curbside service at each of its three buildings. Patrons can place materials on hold using their account through the Library website or using the Naperville Library smartphone app. Curbside pickup services will run through Thursday, June 11. Library buildings are expected to reopen Monday, June 15. All library staff working curbside service will be given personal protective equipment (PPE) including disposable gloves, reusable and disposable masks, a safety shield, and other PPE as needed. Per recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, we will continue to quarantine materials for three days after they are returned to the library. All in-person library programs have been cancelled through June. To stay up to date on library news, or to sign-up for a digital library card, visit [www.naperville-lib.org](http://www.naperville-lib.org) Customers can stream movies and music on hoopla, get e-books through OverDrive, read newspapers through PressReader, and so much more. The Library Catalog, <http://www.napervillelib.org> is available 24/7 for you to download or renew materials.

[As unincorporated residents you can still elect to be a member of the Naperville Library system. Call the Library or go to their web site for more details.](#)

## Conservation Foundation events

Interested in improving your yards and gardens? The Conservation Foundation has a number of webinars planned throughout the month of June: Details on the scheduled times and content can be found at <https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/events>

## Got Something to Share?

This is your community. Would you like to share an upcoming neighborhood or community event? Something coming up that your friends and neighbors might like to join in? Scouts selling cookies? Touch-a-truck for kids? Want to arrange a group to meet and talk about books, movies, gardening (even over Zoom)? Let us know so we can include it here. Send me an email to: [nwtha4u@gmail.com](mailto:nwtha4u@gmail.com). - Editor- Jim Kopchok



## Volunteers Needed

As an all-volunteer organization we count on your support to help us in organizing and delivering events and services to our members. Please consider offering your skills if you can. We can use help in preparing newsletters and emails, events for the kids, our annual Block Party, adult socials and more! With our current safety guidelines now is a good time to focus on something positive!



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A politically independent organization that was formed (according to our by-laws) to improve the conditions of education, work, recreation, health, and safety; to foster and develop a neighborhood plan; and to aid, assist and sponsor neighborhood activities."

Inexpensive to join — only \$17 per year , plus a one-time Legal Fund assessment of \$20 (which pays our attorney's fees if/when we need such services to resolve community-wide issues). In other words, it's \$37 the first year and \$17/year thereafter , which entitles

you to receive our bimonthly newsletter and annual membership directory and to participate in NWTHA programs and events -- such as our annual family picnic and popular Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Party for the kids.

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