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DeKalb, Kane and Kendall Counties*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Legislative Breakfast Thursday, January 19th** (details below)

### **Americas Auto Auction January 24 at 1:00**

The next quarterly auction will include 150+ municipal vehicles. It will be held at 14001 South Karlov Avenue, Crestwood IL.

### **Metro West Board Meeting January 26**

The next Metro West Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26 at The Office, 201 East Main Street, St Charles. Registration and networking begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and board meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members of Metro West. Prior reservations are required; please contact us at [metrowest1565@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metrowest1565@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to attend.

## 2017 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

When: January 19, 2017  
Time: 7:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.  
Place: Waubonsee Community College  
4S783 State Route 47, Sugar Grove, IL



The event will begin with networking and a buffet breakfast at 7:30, followed by the program at 8:00 to 9:30. This is an opportunity to listen to state legislators discuss some of our top legislative priorities for the upcoming year. Each legislative guest will be provided a limited time to speak. The Metro West Legislative Committee will select two questions which each legislative guest will have an opportunity to answer.

Please reserve your spot early using this registration form.

To learn more about Metro West's legislative priorities for the current year, please visit our website at <http://www.metrowestcog.org>

## STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

The General Assembly has completed its 2016 Veto Session. The Lame Duck Session will be held January 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. The General Assembly will be sworn in on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Calendars for the 2017 Spring Legislative Session have also been released and can be viewed for the [House](#) and the [Senate](#).

### [SB 2964 Sen. Harmon, Rep. Hoffman - Prevailing Wage](#)

During the first week of veto session, the Senate voted to override the Governor's amendatory veto of SB 2964 by a vote of 41-17-0. On Tuesday, the House also considered a motion to override, but the motion failed by one vote, 70-42-2 (the roll call can be found [here](#)). The bill is considered dead. If it had passed, the underlying bill would have required that prevailing wage rates be calculated based upon wages contained within collective bargaining agreements even when a contract covers as few as 30% of workers performing similar work in a locality. This would have increased the prevailing wage. **Metro West opposes the underlying bill and thanks the legislators who voted against the motion to override the amendatory veto.**

### [HB 4248 Leader Durkin - Worker's Compensation](#)

Among several provisions, HB 4248 provides that an employee, not an employer, bears the burden of proving that they sustained accidental injuries out of the employment and that the injuries are the major contributing cause of the illness or injury for which they are seeking compensation. HB 4248 was assigned to a committee, but did not receive a hearing.

### [SB 2814 Sen. Harmon, Rep. Rita - Future Energy Jobs](#)

After being amended several times, and undergoing extensive negotiations, the legislation introduced by Com Ed and Exelon was approved by both chambers on the final day of veto session. SB 2814 contains compromises on energy efficiency programs and keeps Exelon nuclear power plants in Clinton and the Quad Cities open via subsidy. The amended version also includes rate caps for individual consumers and certain sized industrial users. The bill must next go to the Governor for consideration.

### [SB 550 Sen. Steans; Rep. Harper - Lead Testing in Water](#)

As amended, SB 550 requires school districts and the corresponding owners and operators of community water systems, which are often municipalities, to test each source of drinking water in school buildings that serve pre-kindergarten through grade 5 for lead. SB 550 also requires the water suppliers/municipalities to pay for the lead testing. House Amendment 2 was approved by the House Environment Committee a vote of 17-0 but the sponsor has committed to hold the bill on Second Reading for further negotiations.

### [SB 2600 Sen. Delgado, Rep. Welch, - TIF Commission](#)

SB 2600 would mandate representation of union labor and minority groups on a TIF commission's board of directors if the entity receives public money. SB 2600 was passed by both chambers during spring session, but the Governor vetoed the bill. There was no override in the Senate and the total veto stood as of November 30.

Metro West continues to monitor bills that are relevant to municipalities. If you have any questions about bills or legislative activity, please contact Executive Director Mary Randle, at 630.859.1331.

## INSTALLATION OF NEW 2016-2017 OFFICERS



### **2016-2017 Metro West Council of Government Officers**

President..... John Rey, Mayor, City of DeKalb  
 Vice President..... Steve Ward, President, Village of South Elgin  
 Secretary..... Steve Bosco, Administrator, Village of North Aurora  
 Treasurer..... Dan DiSanto, Administrator, Village of Oswego  
 Immediate Past President..... Matt Brolley, President, Village of Montgomery  
 Past Presidents at Large..... David Kaptain, Mayor, City of Elgin  
   Dave Anderson, President, Village of Elburn  
   Stephan Pickett, President, Village of Sleepy Hollow  
 DeKalb County Municipal Rep..... Anne Marie Gaura, City Manager, City of DeKalb  
 Kane County Municipal Rep..... Harry Blecker, President, Village of Campton Hills  
 Kendall County Municipal Rep..... Dan Duffy, Administrator, Village of Minooka

### **RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU TO 2015-2016 OFFICERS**



Matt Brolley, President of the Village of Montgomery was thanked for his dedicated leadership

and commitment to the Metro West Council of Government members, and the municipalities they represent, while serving as the 2015-2016 president. For his service he received an engraved plaque and a contribution to the Montgomery Trust Scholarship in his name.

Steve Super, Administrator, Village of North Aurora, served as the Kane County Municipal Representative.

Gary Golinski, Mayor, United City of Yorkville, represented Kendall County municipalities. James Roderick (unable to attend), President, Village of Hickley, provided representation for DeKalb County municipalities.

They received engraved plaques in honor of their service.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BUSINESS PARTNERS

Metro West is pleased to welcome the following new business partners:

### The Concord Group

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The Concord Group is a team of highly skilled professionals specializing in the fields of Project Management, Cost Management, Cost Segregation and Real Estate Advisory Services.



### The Horton Group

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As one of the largest privately-held insurance brokers in the country, The Horton Group offers a comprehensive portfolio of products and services for a wide-array of industries and niche markets that includes public entities. Our business is helping clients with complex needs and limited resources achieve a higher level of performance. We are an insurance, employee benefits and risk advisory firm.

### Realtors Association of the Fox Valley, Inc.

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The REALTOR® Association of the Fox Valley serves brokerages along an estimated 40 mile stretch in the Fox River Valley, placing us in the top five largest local association in Illinois. Homeownership remains priority one at RAFV and the Association is in place to help REALTORS® achieve business growth through community, advocacy, and education.

### Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board

62 Orland Square Drive  
Suite 201

Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board is a not for profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness, and educating code officials and governmental policy makers by demonstrating the proven performance of fire sprinklers in saving both lives and property.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNER RECOGNITION DINNER

October 20<sup>th</sup> was an evening of celebration as Metro West and the municipalities it represents honored its Gold and Silver Level Business Partners. The event was held at The Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora. A time for networking and appetizers kicked the evening off, followed by a lovely dinner. 2015-2016 Metro West President Matt Brolley and 2016-2017 Metro West President John Rey recognized each of the partnering organizations and awarded them a certificate. The Business Partners were encouraged to bring materials to share and distribute to the Metro West membership.

Metro West is fortunate to have the long term support and expertise of such loyal Business Partners. The Metro West Council of Government Business Partners Program provides marketing and networking opportunities for 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. More information is available at our website <http://www.metrowestcog.org/business-partners.aspx>



### Our Gold Level Business Partners:

Aqua Illinois  
AT&T  
Azavar Government  
Solutions  
Comcast  
ComEd  
Engineering Enterprises Inc.  
HR Green Inc.  
Kathleen Field Orr & Associates  
Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, PC  
Nicor Gas  
Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, Gilbert &  
DiNolfo, Ltd.  
Sikich LLP

### Our Silver Level Business Partners:

Alliant/Mesirow Insurance Services  
Baxter & Woodman  
Call One Telecommunications  
CDM Smith  
Chastain & Associates LLC  
The Concord Group  
Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona  
The Horton Group  
Larson & Darby Group  
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Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board  
Realtors Association of the Fox Valley  
Robert Arthur Land Company  
Robinson Engineering, Ltd  
Trotter & Associates, Inc.  
Wine Sergi Insurance

## CONGRATULATIONS



### VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN

Transform Illinois, a statewide collaborative of elected officials as well as civic and research organizations is dedicated to supporting more efficient local governments. In October they announced the list of recipients of the second annual Transformer Awards, which recognize State, Local and Citizen Transformers whose efforts exemplify the coalition's mission to better coordinate research, advocacy, and legislative and policy implementation activities that will improve the effectiveness of government service delivery in Illinois.

Algonquin received the 2016 Local Transformer Award for its creative use of innovative intergovernmental agreements with neighboring communities to deliver better services to residents. "Our goal is to provide better services without increases in taxes or reductions of other governmental services" said Village President John Schmitt. "It is with this in mind that we began looking at intergovernmental agreements with our neighbors."

As a cost-containment strategy to address budget shortages during the Great Recession, the Village of Algonquin began insourcing building inspection, fleet maintenance, and information technology services utilizing existing resources. By embracing a business-like mentality of providing services to its customers, village leaders quickly identified several new ways to be more efficient using available resources, including sharing staff and pooling resources with neighboring communities to create more effective operations.

"The shared services model has allowed the Village and its partners the flexibility and cost-containment necessary to reduce budgets but still deliver effective services" said Schmitt. The services Algonquin partners with other entities to deliver has grown in recent years to include fleet maintenance, geographic information systems, information technology, building inspection, code enforcement, plan review, public safety, recreation programming, school safety, snow plowing, and purchasing. Partnering communities were Kane county municipalities of Pingree Grove, Carpentersville and Huntley.



### VILLAGES OF SLEEPY HOLLOW AND GILBERTS FIRE PROTECTION

Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District Fire Chief Richard Thomas announced that the District's Fire Department has been awarded a 2 / 10 rating by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). The ISO rating system is the nationwide standard used by property and casualty insurance companies to determine the rates at which premiums are set for insuring residential, commercial and industrial properties throughout the District. The 2 rating awarded to Rutland-Dundee has been achieved by only 2.76% of fire departments throughout the nation, based on 2015 numbers. Of the 48,632 fire departments rated by ISO, only 1,343 have received a rating of 2 or better. According to Chief Thomas, this will have a significantly

favorable effect on homeowners' and business owners' insurance rates as of January 1, 2017.

Chief Thomas explained that the ISO rating is based on a wide variety of factors that assess how a fire department's capabilities curtail the risk of loss by fire, explosion or other casualty. ISO evaluates the level of training received by department personnel, the type and condition of firefighting equipment and the reliability and availability of a water supply for firefighting purposes. Dispatching systems, command and control characteristics and communication capabilities are also assessed. Chief Thomas added that an additional factor that has a tremendous effect on the overall rating is the measurement of response times. This depends upon the placement and availability of firefighting personnel and the location and staging of firehouses and equipment in relation to the structures they are expected to protect.

A big factor in this rating was the commitment of the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Village of Gilberts to upgrade their water systems. Also, the Quadcom 911 Board of Director's determination to keep our dispatching system at the state-of-the-art level made a large impact on our rating.

## AMERICA'S AUTO AUCTION

America's Auto Auction has been working with other peer organizations and has opened its program to COGs. Metro West has joined America's Auto Auction and will receive a small portion of the purchase price of vehicles submitted for auction by its municipality members. If you want, they will pick up the vehicle, detail it and take it to the auction. It is a great way of liquidating police cars, fire trucks, or any city owned vehicles. The auctions draw large groups of people and the sales prices are generally higher than those sold outside an auction. In November Metro West received the first check from America's Auto Auction as a result of member vehicles sent to auction. The large auctions are held quarterly with the next one scheduled for January 24, 2017. If you have questions about the program or would like further information please call Fred Uhter at 773-294-7213.



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