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City of Chicago

The Chicago City Council yesterday approved the [appointment](#) of Juan Calderon to the Chicago Board of Health. Calderon, chief operating officer at the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, was nominated by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to succeed Carl Bell, a psychiatrist and professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Psychiatry and School of Public Health.

Kane County

On Sept. 16 at 9 a.m., the Kane County Health Department will host an [informational kick-off meeting](#) for those considering joining the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC identifies, screens, trains, and organizes volunteers to support routine public health activities and augment local emergency preparedness and response efforts.

Lake County

The Board of Directors of the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves recently approved a grant to provide all full-time Lake County Forest Preserve rangers with Crisis Intervention Training. The training is intended to give rangers the skills to de-escalate interactions with community members in crisis and connect them with health services. As the second largest jurisdiction, the Lake County Forest Preserve Ranger Police patrol 10 percent of the land in Lake County and often encounter those with emotional, cognitive and mental health challenges.

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On Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center will host a [Mental Health Wellness and Recovery Conference](#) at the Greenbelt Cultural Center. The conference is designed for those who are in recovery and those working in the recovery services field. It will feature keynote speakers, interactive break-out sessions and a panel discussion on stories of recovery. There is no cost to attend. The registration deadline is Sept. 7.

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Both the Lake County Board's Financial and Administrative Committee and the Health and Community Services Committee recently approved [proposed revisions](#) to the Lake County Tobacco Ordinance that would raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21 and expand the definition of tobacco products to include electronic smoking devices and any component or

accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product. The Lake County Board of Health approved the revisions earlier this year. The full County Board is expected to consider the changes at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Madison County

Madison County invites residents to complete a [survey](#) to help guide its upcoming [Comprehensive Plan Update](#). The current plan was adopted in 2000 and serves as a blueprint for enhancing the county's quality of life and attracting economic investment. The survey will remain open until Sept. 30. In addition, the county will host open houses on the update process on:

- Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Maryville Village Hall; and
 - Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Weinheimer Community Center Highland.
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McHenry County

The McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition [announced](#) that a drug disposal bill it proposed, [Senate Bill 0680/House Bill 0524](#), was recently signed into law by Gov. Bruce Rauner. The legislation amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act to allow a law enforcement agency to destroy pharmaceuticals collected by a city, village or municipality. Currently, police may only destroy illegal and prescription drugs acquired during the course of a criminal investigation. Drugs turned over by the public must be stored in evidence until the Drug Enforcement Agency picks them up for destruction at federal facilities, resulting in large backlogs of illegal and prescription drugs.

Will County

Will County Executive Larry Walsh recently [delivered](#) his annual State of the County address, which focused on the county's collaboration efforts and financial health. Among other topics, he highlighted the county's strategies to fight the opioid use epidemic and connect people to treatment, which include expanded Narcan training and the initiation of the Safe Passage program.

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Will County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is [hosting](#) its annual [Fall Forum](#) on Oct. 6. This year's theme is *Celebration of Collaboration*. The event will include the unveiling of MAPP's new plan, recognition of worksite wellness award recipients and a keynote address on community worksite wellness.

City of Aurora

A recent report from a national healthcare incentive and engagement program [named Aurora first in the nation for access to pediatricians](#). The ranking accounted for the number of pediatricians available in a city on a per-capita basis for the under-18 population, as well as

patient-reported metrics such as ease of getting an appointment, pediatrician ratings and wait times. Aurora was the only city in Illinois to be included in the report's top 10.

[City of Champaign](#)

The city of Champaign is conducting a [goal-setting survey](#) in advance of a City Council discussion on priorities for 2017 through 2019, to be held later this month. The survey asks residents what they value most about the city and what the city's highest priority should be. Every two years, the City Council identifies a set of goals, which the city manager and executive staff use to set priorities, direct work activities and allocate staff and financial resources.

[City of Evanston](#)

The city of Evanston will [host](#) a multi-media Community Budget Meeting on Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Morton Civic Center. Those who cannot attend in person can watch the meeting live [online](#), through the city's [Facebook page](#) or on television through City Channel 16.

[City of Naperville](#)

The city of Naperville is accepting applications for its [2018 Social Services Grant Program](#). The program aims to enhance social service activities for community benefit by providing financial assistance to municipal and not-for-profit social service agencies. Applications are due Sept. 22.

[City of Park Ridge](#)

The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is [seeking new members](#). The program educates residents about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. CERT will host a two-day class on Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Park Ridge Public Works Service Center.

[City of Peoria](#)

The city of Peoria recently launched the [2018 Online Budget Challenge](#), an interactive tool for residents and business owners to provide input on allocating funding across city services. The tool is designed to show participants how these decisions impact the city's \$7.9 million budget deficit for 2018. The survey will close Sept. 30.

In addition, the city is hosting [public budget discussions](#), which include an overview of the budget, the online tool and the opportunity to talk to department heads. The two remaining sessions will be held on:

- Monday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m., at Illinois Central College – North Campus; and
 - Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
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Village of Buffalo Grove

Last month, the Buffalo Grove Village Board [approved](#) an ordinance to increase the minimum legal sale age for tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, to 21, effective Dec. 11. Other Illinois municipalities that have already increased the minimum age for tobacco sales include Chicago, Deerfield, Evanston, Highland Park, Lincolnshire, Naperville, Oak Park, and Vernon Hills.

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