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CMAP planning workshop in Geneva on Aug. 11

Give us more roads and rail lines, and better housing – and make them "greener," too.

That was the consensus of residents from around the Fox Valley at a forum recently on keeping the Chicago area viable going into the mid-21st century.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – CMAP, for short – designed the GO TO 2040 forums to get community input on which large-scale regional infrastructure projects it should promote, said associate planner Erin Aleman, who led the program at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove.

CMAP will hold 50 such forums throughout the six-county region in the coming months. On Aug. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m., one of those forums will be held at the Geneva Public Works Department, 1800 South St.

Residents may vote on CMAP policy and create their own development scenarios online at www.goto2040.org.

Eagle Scout project benefits St. Peter Parish

Geneva High School sophomore Aaron Volk recently completed his Eagle Scout project – a grounds beautification project at St. Peter Catholic Church in Geneva.

Aaron organized and led a group of more than 40 to remove several large evergreen bushes from a parking lot island where children are picked up and dropped off. The bushes created a visibility problem. Two large areas without vegetation were filled with two Norway maples. Several unsightly, overgrown bushes were dug out and replaced with plantings and ground cover.

The project took nearly 250 man-hours and was completed by members of Troop 37 Scouts and their parents. Volk's project was aided by Midwest Ground Covers, which donated mulch and new bushes, and Mutz Landscaping, which donated the maple trees.

Aaron, who is a St. Peter parishioner, is the son of Ron and Lisa Volk.

CASA Kane County to hold sessions for volunteers

CASA Kane County will have informational meetings for anyone interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer for abused and neglected children. Meetings will be at the CASA office in the Kane County Courthouse, 100 S. Third St., Suite 460, Geneva. Sessions are 9 to 10 a.m. July 27; 4 to 5 p.m. July 29, and noon to 1 p.m. July 31. For more information, call Deb McQuaid, 630-444-3110, or visit www.casakanecounty.org.

Booth space available for Elburn flea market

The Elburn and Countryside Community Center is taking reservations for booth space for a flea market and yard sale planned for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 8.

Booth space is \$15 for the day; call the center, 630-365-6655, for reservations. A special area will be designated for children's booths. Kids under 16 who wish to sell their items may reserve booths free by calling the center.

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