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## City's tribute to holiday lights awarded

**Y**ou love the white holiday lights twinkling downtown during the winter, and so does the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The group sponsored a contest encouraging residents in the seven-county region to submit pictures that showed what they liked and valued about living in the metropolitan Chicago area. The contest had five entry themes, including diversity, community vitality, natural environment, global appeal and architecture/urban design. City staff entered a photo depicting a nighttime skyline view of the city with all the holiday lights aglow. It placed second in the community vitality category.

— *Kate R. Houlihan*

### Forest district gets greener by minute

The Green Team of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has established a partnership with the Energy Star Program, which is a voluntary program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy to promote energy efficiency strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money.

As a member of the program, the district will be required to measure, track and benchmark its energy

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performance; develop and implement a plan to improve its energy performance using Energy Star strategies and educate staff and the public about the partnership and the district's achievements.

— *Kathy Cichon*

### Hanover mayor fills Burchard board seat

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference recently announced the appointment of Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig to its board of directors. Craig fills the term of Peter Burchard, who recently retired as Naperville's city manager, as deputy director of the Transportation Policy Committee.

— *K.C.*

### League honors judge for 'integrity'

DuPage County Judge Dorothy French recently was honored by Police Athletic League of Illinois, receiving the first Bishop Shiel Award for an "outstanding record of integrity in the community, leadership and support of law enforcement."



Courtesy of the city of Naperville

**This photo of downtown's holiday lights won second place in the community vitality category of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's recent photo contest.**

The league is a nonprofit guided youth organization whose mission is to reduce juvenile delinquency and promote positive interaction between law enforcement and the community. Its juvenile crime prevention program relies on athletic and recreational activities to tighten the bond between police officers and community youths. French received the award for her years of courtroom experience, community service and work with youths in DuPage County high school mock trial competitions.

"Judge Dorothy French, a 28-year resident of the Wheaton/Glen Ellyn area, exemplifies the leadership, work ethic and most of all, the

integrity that the Police Athletic League recognizes with the Bishop Shiel Award," said Michael Preuter, president of the league, in a statement.

Roman Catholic Bishop Bernard Shiel founded the Catholic Youth Organization and the Shiel House neighborhood centers for Italians, Puerto Ricans, African-Americans and Navajo Indians.

— *K.C.*

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