

# Museum Relocation Information Summary



## The Lake County Discovery Museum will move in 2 to 3 years.

### **Better storage conditions for the historic collections**

- The new location will allow for the museum's collections to be stored in one primary location with appropriate environmental controls.
- For the past 30 years, the museum's collections have been stored in renovated barns and houses.
- As best we could, we have met the basic environmental conditions necessary for appropriate collections storage, including temperature/humidity control, security and fire suppression. However, existing storage buildings are spread throughout Lake County reducing the ability of staff to access and care for the collections.

### **Centrally located in Lake County**

- Location near Route 45 and Winchester Road will provide convenient access to all Lake County residents.
- The new location provides near-by access to Metra stations, a PACE bus route and several major roadways. Public transportation is not available to the museum's current location.

### **Educational impact maximized**

- The new museum will be larger and provide more space for exhibitions, educational programming and increased public access to the museum's collections.
- Over twice as much public exhibition space will allow for a greater percentage of the historic collections to be on display.
- Two to three dedicated classrooms will better support school field trips and other programs.
- The new location will allow for a larger reading room and improved access to the museum's archival collections, including the Lake County History Archives and the Curt Teich Postcard Archives.
- Numerous additional benefits include: field trip lunch room, school bus drop-off, multi-purpose public space, dedicated museum store.

## The museum move will be privately funded.

- The relocation of the museum will be accomplished with private money. No public money or referendum funds will be used.
- In February 2010 the Lake County Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of an existing building in Libertyville for the purposes of consolidating the Forest Preserves offices and eventually relocating the museum. No referendum funds will be used for this purpose.
- Beginning this spring, the museum will enter into a strategic planning process to obtain public input and plan for the relocated museum and the related fundraising campaign.

## Lakewood Master Plan

- During the next couple of years the Lake County Forest Preserve District will develop a master plan for Lakewood, which will consider how the complex of farm buildings at Lakewood will be used. This master plan will be considered for approval by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners.

- The museum's popular public events, Civil War Days and Farm Heritage Festival, will remain at Lakewood after the museum moves.
- The proposed reconfiguration of the Route 176 and Fairfield Rd. intersection under consideration by the Lake County Division of Transportation is not related to the museum's move to Libertyville.

## Lend your support

- Become a member – show your support for the museum and its important place in Lake County.
- Tell us what exhibitions you would like to see at the museum. Tell us what interests you.
- Give us your address to receive *Horizons* free of charge, so you can keep updated on the project.
- Sign up to receive museum e-mail blasts about programming, news, events and the upcoming capital campaign.

## Additional information

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