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O'Hare Airport Noise Reduction a Top Priority for Bensenville

Bensenville, IL – The Village of Bensenville embarks on a new path seeking solutions related to the increased noise levels caused by the commissioning of Runway 10C/28C on October 17, 2013 at O'Hare International Airport. Bensenville is situated directly west of the new runway, resulting in significantly increased noise complaints from Bensenville residents. As such, Bensenville's Board of Trustees is working to identify solutions to mitigate the negative impacts of the new runway.

"The Village of Bensenville is actively working to identify different methods to address the concerns of our residents over the increased noise caused by Runway 10C/28C. Progress towards noise mitigation now can proactively address future issues for other new runways planned at O'Hare" said Village President Frank Soto.

At a meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) on May 2, 2014, ONCC Member and Bensenville Village Trustee JoEllen Ridder called for a meeting with the City of Chicago and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to work cooperatively toward solutions to reduce noise levels in residential areas in Bensenville and surrounding O'Hare. In addition, to directly address the numerous noise complaints from Bensenville residents, the Village of Bensenville is planning neighborhood meetings for those areas most impacted by the new flight patterns.

The Village of Bensenville is also working with community leaders near airports in other States; in March, Village President Frank Soto traveled to Washington DC and attended the National Organization to Insure A Sound Controlled Environment (NOISE) legislative summit. NOISE is an organization committed to reducing the impact of aviation noise on local communities.

"Collaboration with other communities affected by airport noise and cooperation with the FAA and City of Chicago is the first part of the Village of Bensenville's Action Plan" said President Soto, "Our goal is to find solutions and implement those solutions as soon as possible to improve the quality of life for our residents."

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About Bensenville: Bensenville, Illinois is a friendly village of more than 18,300 residents that provides exceptional benefits whether you live here, work here or are entertained here. In 2011 Bensenville was named the #2 "Best Place to Raise Kids" in Illinois by MSN Real Estate & Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O'Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra train station. Residents enjoy a thriving Downtown and commercial corridors with a variety of shopping and dining options, and beautiful parks such as the Redmond Recreational Complex featuring The Edge Ice Arenas. Our over 1,000-acre Northern Business District includes many Fortune 500 companies. In addition, Bensenville is home to Robert Morris University, White Pines Golf Course, Fenton High School, an outstanding public library, water park with new splash pad and two newly constructed elementary schools. With plenty to offer both families and businesses, Bensenville really is the "Gateway to Opportunity". Please visit our website at www.bensenville.il.us.