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County Exec. Walsh Committee seeks Will residents' input

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JOLIET -- Will County residents are invited to become part of an expanded discussion about issues facing senior citizens and people with disabilities by joining the Eastern Will County Senior and Special Needs Advisory Committee.

The group is a subcommittee of the Will County Advisory Committee on Disabilities formed by County Executive Larry Walsh in 2005. Currently, Sandy Simmons, a member of the county executive staff and the disability liaison for Walsh's office, facilitates the committee. She also will lead the new group.

"Executive Walsh is committed to outreach to all corners of Will County," said Simmons. "I am proud to be part of this ongoing effort to pro-actively seek input from residents on critical issues to both our senior and special needs communities."

For Walsh, seeking input from these groups is simply the right thing to do. "Every resident has the right to participate fully in all of the county's offerings. We want to do everything we can to make that possible. We're simply seeking input in what we need to do to make county services more user-friendly."

Three meetings have been scheduled for the Eastern Will County group at Eastern Will County Senior Services, 25864 S. Chestnut Road, Monee. The events will be hosted by Senior Services Executive Director JoAnne Alexander. The group will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 24, June 23 and Oct. 27.

Information gained from these meetings will be shared with the county executive so that he can explore changes that will address the issues presented.

Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the group's focus.

For additional information about either group, contact Simmons at 815-740-8398 or ssimmons@willcountyillinois.com.