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Bensenville promotes Online Transparency Center to Celebrate National Sunshine Week

Bensenville, IL – In recognition of Sunshine Week, the Village is proud to highlight our commitment to the importance of understanding and preserving open government through our online transparency center.

Sunshine Week is celebrated for one full week in March each year to educate the public about the importance of open government. This year, Sunshine Week will be celebrated on Sunday, March 10th through Saturday, March 16th.

To ensure open and honest government, Village staff and elected officials go through extensive online training through the Attorney General's Office. These trainings teach the fundamentals of free and open exchange of information between government and the public. Courses like these help staff provide the highest level of transparency to the community.

"Good government begins with being open, honest, and transparent. The Village's online Citizen Transparency Center makes that an easy process and can be a valuable resource for Bensenville residents," said Village President Frank DeSimone.

The online transparency center offers information and links to the Illinois Policy Institute's Ten-Point Transparency Checklist to hold government and elected officials accountable to the citizens and taxpayers. When last audited by the Illinois Policy Institute, Bensenville received a 98% score on transparency. Other helpful links available on the Citizen's Transparency Center include meeting information, yearly budgets, salary & benefits, contracts, lobbying, taxes and fees, and more. These resources can be accessed online at any time through the Village's website at:

<https://www.bensenville.il.us/498/Citizens-Transparency-Center>

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About Bensenville: 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 commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the "Gateway to Opportunity." Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us