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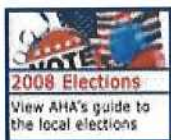
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Election Night Re-Cap

Home builders send message to Elected Officials

As the election results came across the wire Tuesday night, the home building industry claimed at least one victory in the re-election of State Representative Tim Schmitz's over challenger Jim Krenz,. Although only one anti-incorporation candidate was successful, the Campton Hills races indicate a growing support for the dissolution of the new village, which was established solely as an anti-growth measure.

For full results from each county, select the following links:

- [Cook County](#)
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Chicago Approves Transfer Tax

Council offers small concession to senior citizens

Despite a grassroots push from real estate interests to defeat the proposal, Chicago City Council voted 41 to 6 in favor of increasing the real estate transfer tax by 40% to fund the CTA pension system. The one concession made by the Council was to offer refunds to persons 65 and older who buy a home priced at \$250,000 or less and reside in it for one at least year. The refunds, however, will not be automatic. Seniors will be required to apply for the refund. Special thanks to all members who contacted their aldermen and voiced their opposition to the measure prior to Wednesday's vote.

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Membership Has Its Privileges

Have you registered on the AHA website yet? If not, you are missing out on vital resources provided by AHA staff. If you still haven't registered, contact [Kurt Kojzarek](mailto:Kurt.Kojzarek@ahabuilder.com) to find out how.



**Elgin Business
Roundtable**

February 20th

Come voice your
opposition to the
proposed \$4,000
increase in residential
impact fees.

[LINK](#)

To view a copy of the ordinance, click on this [link](#).

School Acreage Forum Postponed **Committee Chair indicated lack of supporting data**

On January 25th, AHA informed its members of the Kane County Schools' proposal to increase its high school acreage requirement by 35%. Since last discussing this proposal, AHA has been successful in persuading members of the county's development committee to postpone the issue for 3 to 4 months due to the lack of evidence supporting the need for more land. We will continue to work with the committee to prevent the increase from taking effect.

AHA Welcomes Its New Board of Directors **New Officers take over the reigns**

On behalf of the AHA staff, we would like to welcome Art Zwemke of Robert Arthur Land Company as our 2008 Board President. Art will be joined this year by his Vice-President, Mark Buschman of Buschman Homes, LLC, and his Secretary/Treasurer David Faganel of R A Faganel Builders, Inc. As per AHA bylaws, all three home builder associations participating in AHA are represented on the executive board, with Art representing Greater Fox Valley, Mark representing Greater Chicago and Dave representing Northern Illinois.

We would also like to thank outgoing president Steve Gregory of James McNaughton Builders for his steadfast leadership during the past year. The home building industry is fortunate to have such intelligent, dedicated individuals volunteering on their behalf.

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