

# Community Action Alert

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*Re: Proposed development of a [mega gas station](#) at the northeast corner of Butterfield Road and Route 53*

A hearing will be held before the  
Du Page County Development Committee

**Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 am**

Jack T Knuepfer Building (aka County Administration)  
[421 N. County Farm Rd](#), Wheaton, IL

***This is a significant meeting and community attendance is very important. The recommendation of the Development Committee will later be considered by the entire [County Board](#) which is the final decision-maker on this matter.***

During testimony before the [Zoning Board of Appeals](#), environmental experts demonstrated that the proposed development would significantly raise airborne benzene levels from vehicle re-fueling and exhaust. The Department of Health and Human Services has determined that “long-term exposure to high levels of benzene in the air can cause leukemia, cancer of the blood-forming organs.” The American Cancer Society has stated that “benzene is known to cause cancer, based on evidence from studies in both people and laboratory animals”.

***Children at the adjacent [Butterfield Park District](#) will be exposed to this increased risk.***

Additionally, this intrusive development will destroy the pleasant experience that park visitors and program participants have come to enjoy. [Green-space will be eliminated](#) and replaced by brick, asphalt, noise, fumes, and easy accessibility to alcohol. A precious urban retreat will be spoiled.

This development will also:

- Substantially increase [traffic congestion](#) (prepare for increased traffic from the new Super WalMart.
- Increase the potential for flooding to an area already struggling with this issue
- Be a nuisance and detriment to the comfort and general welfare of our community
- Diminish the value of homes in the vicinity

In addition to attending the hearing, you can make an impact by contacting members of the Development Committee (please reference zoning petition Z13-013 Buchanan Energy). If you have previously contacted these committee members, do not hesitate to do so again. They need to know that this issue is still important to you and our community.

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Many of you attended the meeting at Glenbard South High School this past week regarding major reconstruction planned for the [53/56 intersection](#). When evaluating the number of increased lanes and planned U-turns in order to head in a different direction because of proposed walls and un-mountable medians, careful consideration is needed as to how future development might fit into this traffic plan.

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