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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION BEGINS ST. JOHANNES CEMETERY RELOCATION PROCESS

CHICAGO - The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) has begun the St. Johannes Cemetery relocation process. The CDA is working with the next of kin who wish to relocate their relatives' grave sites. To date, 24 graves have been voluntarily relocated to nearby cemeteries with the assistance of the CDA Cemetery Relocation and Family Assistance Program.

In a decision on February 8, 2010, the Circuit Court in DuPage County granted the City of Chicago title and possession of St. Johannes Cemetery. The City recently paid \$630,000 to acquire the cemetery. The relocation of the cemetery is needed to complete construction on Runway 10C/28C as part of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

Acknowledging the sensitivity of relocating a cemetery, and following a stringent evaluation and selection process, the CDA has retained the services of a company that is highly qualified and experienced in cemetery relocations. The CDA remains committed to ensure the disinterment and re-interment of the graves is handled in a dignified and respectful manner.

During the disinterment process, access to the cemetery will be allowed only to the family members of those interred at St. Johannes Cemetery.

The CDA has developed a cemetery relocation plan and family assistance program to provide the utmost care and respect for the deceased and their surviving relatives. The CDA will pay necessary and reasonable costs associated with the cemetery relocation process.

It is the CDA's intention, by working in conjunction with the court appointed Special Master that those individuals who remain unspoken for, buried in St. Johannes will be relocated to a nearby cemetery with a monument dedicated to their memory. It is the CDA's hope that the church and its congregation would be willing to participate in the process.

Relatives of those interred at St. Johannes Cemetery are asked to contact the CDA's Cemetery Relocation and Family Assistance office at (773) 686-5136 for more information about the relocation process.



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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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