

Wind turbine seminar planned this Saturday

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LIBERTYVILLE -- The effects of wind turbine noise control on community life is the subject of a free public seminar at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street.

Primary speakers will be sound engineer Richard James, with E-Coustic Solutions, and Michael McCann, a Chicago certified real estate appraiser.

James is a recognized expert in the field of industrial noise control and co-author of a guide on locating wind turbines to avoid health risks.

McCann specializes in property appraisals, particularly those resulting from incompatible land uses. He has also served as an expert court witness on the impact of wind turbines on residential property values.

The program is sponsored by Citizens for Protection of Libertyville, a group of residents who have been opposing operation of a nearby wind turbine in their neighborhood.

Based upon protests from residents, Libertyville is currently under a six-month moratorium for siting more wind turbines until the village completes a zoning study on their impact upon the community.