



JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE VILLAGES OF GLENVIEW AND NORTHBROOK

July 9, 2012 – At the request of Glenview and Northbrook officials, representatives of Union Pacific Railroad have agreed to appear at a community meeting to explain the circumstances of the July 4 derailment and viaduct collapse on Shermer Road that killed two Glenview residents. The UP officials can also discuss the safety history of the viaduct, the site of two prior derailments; information and schedules regarding construction of the replacement viaduct; and the condition of the track through Glenview.

The meeting has been scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday, July 16, at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, in the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts.

Along with this statement is a detour map for motorists while Shermer Road is blocked. UP officials have estimated that it will take several months to design, procure and install a new, permanent viaduct. In the meantime, a temporary rail bed embankment constructed by UP is facilitating freight train traffic. At the request of Glenview and Northbrook officials, a Federal Railroad Administration inspector last Friday examined the structure and confirmed the rail was safe to operate.

To insure worker safety, and because crews had been working at night, the UP has been requiring approaching trains to blow their whistles while workers restore bridge, track and signal service. That work is expected to be completed by 7 p.m. today, after which the whistle requirement will no longer be necessary. (Horn blowing guidelines can be found at:

http://www.uprr.com/reus/roadxing/industry/process/horn_quiet.shtml)

Residents and businesses can file claims relating to the derailment, viaduct collapse and temporary closure of Shermer Road between Holste Road and Willow Road by contacting William Hannon, UP's claim representative, at (708) 649-5310 or by email to wthannon@up.com.