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We are pleased to provide you with the DGEDC newsletter. We hope that you find it enjoyable reading and welcome your input. As always feel free to visit our website, www.dgedc.com for the latest updates on Economic Development happenings in Downers Grove

MacNeil Automotive

David MacNeil, Founder and C.E.O. of MacNeil Automotive Products, is pleased to announce plans for a new 130,000+ square foot facility with two story office space to be located in the Ellsworth Business Park in Downers Grove.

The facility will be located at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue and will serve as corporate headquarters, manufacturing, research and development and engineering for MacNeil Automotive. A retail sales showroom will be

Welcome New Board Member Linda Kunze

Welcome Linda Kunze, Manager for Downers Grove Downtown Management, Inc., to the EDC Board. Ms. Kunze has been with Downtown Management since it was created in 1999. She has seen changing in the downtown area such as new streets, sidewalks, landscaping, the train station renovation and much more. Linda has helped place Downtown Downers Grove on the map!



Congratulations to DGEDC Board Member David Fox



DGEDC Board Member
David Fox, President

included.

MacNeil is a leading manufacturer of automotive accessories including custom floor and bed liners and several other items. Visit www.macneil.com or www.weathertech.com for more information.

Plans call for LEED Silver Certification for the facility. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. The design will feature permeable pavers, green roofs, and bio-swales to satisfy certification requirements and achieve the highest level water quality standards. Through the incorporation of best management practices, the site will also include rain gardens, and underground storm-water detention to increase on-site filtration.

"The design and aesthetics of this project should set a benchmark for the rejuvenation and redevelopment of the Ellsworth Park which I hope should be a very important and pivotal point for both the Ellsworth Park and the Village of Downers Grove," said Mr. MacNeil.

"Furthermore, after an 18 year relationship with one of my key suppliers overseas, I am bringing manufacturing jobs back to America and those jobs will be located at our proposed new facility on Wisconsin which will replace a 250 person factory by utilizing the best American talent and technology available to efficiently manufacture a better American made product with one tenth the employees used overseas," Mr. MacNeil also added.

MacNeil Automotive evaluated other communities in Illinois and beyond before making their decision to stay in and expand in Downers Grove.

"My past experience with the Village Staff, virtually a zero crime rate, excellent fire protection and of course the park itself, has provided me the incentive to consider re-investing in the Ellsworth Park once again," Mr. MacNeil stated.

Help was still needed on this project, however. MacNeil Automotive worked closely with staff from the Village of Downers Grove, the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation, the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the DuPage County Regional Development Alliance (Choose DuPage) and officials from local utility companies in

of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, will be honored with the Enterprise Award for building business and community. This award is to honor and celebrate an individual who has significantly impacted the community through personal involvement, while actively providing and protecting economic opportunity for the benefit of all.

The Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry will present Mr. Fox with the award at their annual Black and White Ball to be held on September 20, 2008. For more information regarding attending this event, please contact the Chamber at (630) 968-4050.

Recycling Extravaganza

The Village of Downers Grove will host a Recycling Extravaganza on September 22, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Belmont Train station in Parking Lot H.

helping make this project possible.

The Economic Development Corporation thanks Mr. MacNeil and his entire team for their commitment to Downers Grove. The resulting job growth and building practices will continue to enhance the business environment in Downers Grove.



Play IN

Sears Catalog Home Tours

Sears Trolley Tours are back! In cooperation with the Downers Grove Park District and DGEDC are offering a **Sears Home trolley tour beginning at 12:30 p.m. and a Downers Grove Historic trolley tour beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008.**

The tours are recommended for ages 12 & up. The cost is \$12 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents. Trolley space is limited, and registration is required, so make your reservations now. You may register online at www.dgparcs.org or registration forms are available at the Museum office at **831 Maple Ave.** Additional parking is available at the Lincoln Center at 935 Maple Avenue. For more information regarding the Trolley Tours, call (630) 963-1309.

Fine Arts Festival

**Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14
10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

Main Street, Downtown Downers Grove

Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation is hosting the 32nd Annual Downers Grove Fine Arts Festival. This lovely Downtown event features artists from all over the Midwest - selling oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings, printmaking, photography, and wood carvings, ceramics, fiber art, glass, jewelry and sculpture. The Fine Arts Festival takes place on Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Main Street, Downtown Downers Grove. All Downtown boutiques, cafes and restaurants are also open for the event. For further

Volunteers are needed!

If you would like to volunteer your time, resources, marketing sources or refreshments, please contact Megan Bourke, Management Analyst. For more information please visit the Village of Downers Grove website.

The Photography of George Nicholaou

**Sept. 2 - Sept. 30
Downers Grove Library
Main Floor Gallery
Curtiss and Grove Streets,
Downers Grove**

George, a 37 year resident of Downers Grove and active volunteer with in the community, including service on the Downers Grove Plan Commission and numerous other community projects, has taken his 25 year passion for photography to the Library. Please come and view his sweeping landscapes and cityscapes in both color and black and white at the Downers Grove Library. 15% of all sales during the month will be

information, please contact (630) 725-0991

Taste of Downers Grove

Thursday, September 25, 2008

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

1801 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove

WLIT 93.9 in coordination with the Downers Grove Hospitality Alliance is hosting the Taste of Downers Grove on **Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** The event will take place in the grassy area directly west of Carlucci Restaurant located at **1801 Butterfield Road in Downers Grove**. Downers Grove restaurants will be featured and serving items ranging in price from \$2 to \$6. Come and enjoy the live entertainment with friends and family IN Downers Grove. Proceeds from the sales of Beer will be donated to District 99 Education Foundation, District 58 Education Foundation and Good Samaritan Hospital. For more information call 630-729-0380 or www.visitdownersgrove.com for a full list of participating restaurants and hotels.

Sample of Participating Restaurants.

[Carlucci Restaurant & Bar](#)

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[Emmett's Ale House](#)

[Gatto's Restaurant](#)

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[Omega Restaurant & Catering](#)

[Parkers' Ocean Grill](#)

[Roundhead's Pizza Pub](#)

[Stillwater Restaurant & Wine Bar](#) and [Joyful's Café & Catering](#)
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This event will be sponsored by:

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donated to the Wellness House.

YOU ARE INVITED

To a special Viewing and Reception

Wednesday, September 17

5:30 to 8PM

Stillwater Restaurant and

Wine Bar

5141 Main Street, Downers Grove

\$15.00 per person.

Take time to view the exhibit at the Library and then join us for the famous Stillwater appetizers and a cash bar.

Additional photography will be available at Stillwater during the Reception.

15% of Bar proceeds will be donated to the Wellness House

To RSVP or for additional information please contact **LKunze@DowntownDg.org**
For more information about the Wellness House visit www.wellnesshouse.org

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[Girls Night Out](#)**September 25****5:00 p.m.****Downtown Downers Grove**

Tell your friends and co-workers about Girl's Night Out! Special treats, tastings, demonstrations, drawings, pamperings, and SALE's. For more information call 630-725-0991.

**Stay IN**

DGEDC proudly congratulates DoubleTree Guest Suites and Conference Center for their part in making a difference!



The employees and management team of the Doubletree Guest Suites and Conference Center, Downer's Grove, IL are committed to minimizing the hotels impact on the environment. They are doing their part to conserve our most precious resource, the earth we share. Their mission supports sustainability by balancing environmental responsibility and the financial responsibility

to their owners. They understand that sustainability is a journey, and they are involved in the ongoing process of improving their operations and conserving their resources. To that end they have put together an overview of current strategic plans to achieve this mission!

To view the entire mission visit [DoubleTree Guest Suites and Conference Center Website](#)

Heritage Fest Go Green Bag Sponsors

The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation would like to

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recognize and thank the sponsors of the Heritage Fest Go Green bags. We truly appreciate the ongoing dedication and commitment to Downers Grove. Special thank yous to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Community Bank of Downers Grove, Dominick's, Midwestern University, Sara Lee Corporation and Shane's Office Supply Company. True unity is coming together and important partnerships like these help to energize and unite our residents, businesses and guests.

Thank you again for thinking of Downers Grove First!

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 630-729-0380 or visit www.dgedc.com

We are happy to help!

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