

DGEDC NEWS



The Most Recent News From Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation

October 2, 2007

What's Happening Around Town

Ellsworth Industrial Park Taskforce

The DGEDC and the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce held their second meeting of the Ellsworth Industrial Park Taskforce.

A representative of the Village of Downers Grove provided an update on issues currently impacting the park. Also, a representative from DuPage County's workforce development board provided information on employee training and development programs offered by DuPage County. The EDC and the Chamber would like to thank Mr. James J. Cervinka of Arrow Gear for hosting the meeting.

Arrow Gear is celebrating 60 years of successful business in the aviation arena. A proclamation presented by Mayor Ron Sandack to Mr. Cervinka recognized Arrow Gear for their commitment to the Ellsworth Industrial Park, as the second business to open within the park. In addition, Mayor Sandack recognized Arrow Gear for their position as the largest supplier of wing flap and engine gears to the commercial and military aviation industry as well as the world's largest supplier of power bevel gears to the helicopter industry.

New Addition for Good Samaritan Hospital

The DGEDC would like to congratulate David Fox, President of Good Samaritan Hospital, and his staff for their newest addition, a new, state of the art Surgical Pavillion. Downers Grove is honored to have such a prestigious hospital in our community with such cutting edge technology and staff.

On September 25th, Good Samaritan Hospital unveiled its 50,000 sq. ft. ultra modern surgical pavilion featuring technology and design innovation- all geared at enhancing an exceptional patient experience.

The new surgical pavilion boasts the latest in surgical technology-bringing together strategic operating room layout, lighting, equipment mobility and design integration. The viewing rooms provide the opportunity for outreach and education.

Good Samaritan Hospital's new surgical pavilion serves as a national leader in the healthcare industry.

For more information on Good Samaritan Hospital please visit <http://www.advocatehealth.com/gsam/>

Welcome Packey Webb Ford To Downers Grove

The DGEDC would like to welcome Packey Webb Ford to their new location at 2150 W. Ogden Ave., previously the Joe Madden Ford location.

The Webb family is also excited about their new home: "As difficult as it is to leave Wheaton after 45 years, we are extremely excited about our move to Downers Grove. Ford Motor Company has made a concerted effort to consolidate its dealers in the Chicago market and convinced us that the Ogden Ave. corridor will continue to be a prime site for the sale of Ford vehicles," states Brad Webb. "We look at this opportunity as a win-win for our current customer base in Wheaton-Glen Ellyn as well as the Downers Grove Market. We believe that this convenient location will allow us to continue to serve our long-standing customers and bring back that family-oriented customer service the Joe Madden Ford customers were accustomed to."

"We truly are excited about the NEW home of the Webb Boys and look forward to being a vital member of the community," Webb further states.

Welcome New Board Members

Gordon Humbert
Downers Grove DoubleTree

Nick Menninga
Downers Grove Sanitary District

Gordon Humbert

The EDC would like to welcome, Mr. Gordon Humbert, General Manager of the Downers Grove DoubleTree Guest Suites and Conference Center, to the DGEDC Board.

Mr. Humbert a native of southern California, has been living in the Midwest for the last 17 years. He has a Marketing degree which he has used to cultivate a successful 30 year career within the hotel industry; 4 years with Westin, and 26 years with Hilton Hotels Corporation. Gordon has served at flagship properties such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Minneapolis. He has been the General Manager of the DoubleTree Hotel in Downers Grove, which is part of the Hilton Family of Brands for 5 years.

Gordon and his hotel are pivotal to the success of the EDC and our tourism efforts. His expertise and insightfulness will be an incredible asset to this growing organization.

Nick Menninga

The EDC is happy to welcome Mr. Nick Menninga to the DGEDC Board. Mr. Menninga is the General Manager of the Downers Grove Sanitary District. He has over 20yrs. experience as a civil engineer specializing in wastewater collection and treatment systems, including tenures working for the State of Illinois' Environmental Protection Agency, as an engineering consultant, and as a municipal government employee. Mr. Menninga holds a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois, is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois, is a Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, and is a Diplomat of Environmental Engineering with the Academy of Environmental Engineers.

The EDC is excited to have Mr. Menninga as a board member and look forward to the years of experience and knowledge that he will bring to the DGEDC.

EDC OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You

The DGEDC would like to extend a thank you to Board Members, Mr. Stan Urban and Dr. Kathleen Goepfinger, for agreeing to Co-Chair the EDC Public-Private Partnership initiative. This initiative will be designed to balance the financial support needed to achieve the current and future goals of the DGEDC with financial support from the Village as well as financial investments from Downers Grove private sector businesses.

We are confident that Mr. Urban and Dr. Goepfinger have the knowledge, committment and experience to address these future needs. We look forward to working with each of them as the Public-Private Partnership continues to move forward.

We've Moved

As the DGEDC continues to grow, so does our office space. When we noticed that we were starting to outgrow our previous location we knew it was time for a move. The staff needed a location that provided the DGEDC with corporate visibility, professionalism and yet maintained the level of productivity needed to expand our activities.

The DGEDC office may have moved but we did not move far, we are still currently located in the Esplanade, at 2001 Butterfield Rd., Suite 120.

We would like to extend our gratitude to DGEDC Board Member, Gary Mori, of Hamilton Partners, for aiding the DGEDC in our relocation efforts.

Be "IN" This Holiday

It may only be October and we may try to deny it, but the Holiday Season is just around the corner. Which of course means its time to start planning your Holiday Company Party.

Where better to have your Holiday Party than IN Downers Grove. Downers Grove has over 100 restaurants and banquet facilities, 2 full service hotels, and a variety of other creative venues for a party. Parties from 5 to 1400 are welcome!

Need help in finding the right fit for your company? The DGEDC is here to assist you in finding the perfect location. For more information call 630-729-0380 or visit www.dgedc.com.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The DGEDC has immediate internship opportunities available.

This position requires a highly motivated, organized and outgoing individual with knowledge of Microsoft Office 2003. An ideal candidate will possess an interest in the improvement

of the Downers Grove and it's business landscape. Preferred applicants must be energetic with strong interpersonal communication skills and possess the ability to think on their feet. The ability to adapt to both office and field work is desirable as well.

These intern positions will support all the efforts of the EDC. The intern will assist in collecting and updating a business database, and marketing efforts in Downers Grove. Daily office tasks will also be a part of the intern's duties. Send resumes to info@dgedc.com