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Have you been furloughed, layed off or unemployed because of the COVID-19 crisis?

We'd like to help!

The City of East Chicago has invited local employers to share job opportunities – from apprentice programs to landscaping and banking – on our website. Apply online while practicing safe, social distancing.

INFO: eastchicago.com/390/Employment-Opportunities

Business is booming as developers invest more than $200 million in East Chicago

I am proud to report we have four major projects ongoing in the city today — with more on the way.

It wasn't always a sure thing. When COVID-19 came knocking on our door, developers were understandably concerned about what it would mean for more than $200 million in new investment in housing, commerce and industry. While the projects may be a few months behind, they are moving forward.

Developers see East Chicago for what it is — a great place to do business.

WHAT NEW BUSINESS MEANS TO YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Commercial start-ups — whether they are in North Harbor or West Calumet – add measurably to our collective quality of life. New business help keep our property taxes lower than they would have been if they weren't here. In addition to their contributions to the East Chicago tax base, these businesses also pay monthly sewer and water bills — just like you — and will help pay for improvements to the systems that keep our drinking water safe and further protect neighborhoods from flooding. When they buy gasoline for their vehicles, they add to the tax dollars we receive to pave roads.



Mayor Anthony Copeland reviews plans for Manhattan Mechanical Services, creating 75-100 new jobs over the next two years. [Steve Segura photo]

WHAT NEW NEIGHBORS ADD TO YOUR COMMUNITY

When these projects are complete, the city will welcome individuals who will add value to our city. These are families who see what we have to offer and want to make their homes in the best community in Northwest Indiana. Their children will go to our schools, visit our community centers and participate in local sports. And, that's just for starters.

When our city prospers, we all benefit.

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago







[Jonathan Madera photos | rendering provided]

[ABOUT HARBOR SQUARE]

The 28-unit apartment building features one- and two-bedroom units with modern, accessible layouts and a variety of common spaces, including a community 'hub' space that will host activities and workshops that benefit residents and community members. "This is going to be a great asset to East Chicago," Mayor Anthony Copeland said.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON HARBOR PROJECT

When Harbor Square is completed next year, the city will have 28, one- and two-bedroom apartments that provide low-income individuals and small families housing and a hub of services to help break the cycle of poverty.

In addition to a solar panel array to offset utility costs, Harbor Square will offer regular programming and supportive services geared to enhancing health, economic security, educational achievement and personal well-being. At street level, 2301 Broadway will feature the city's second HealthLinc clinic – a 5,000-square-foot, full-service health center open to residents and neighbors alike.

Mayor Anthony Copeland said none of this would have been possible without a host of project partners.

"I want to thank Fifth Third Bank, Peoples Bank, the East Chicago Housing Authority, HealthLinc and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis," Copeland said. "Harbor Square will offer all of the amenities a family could want or need within walking distance of home."



HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

HOME OWNERSHIP

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

[ABOUT PROJECT PHOENIX]

Before East Chicago leaders envisioned what would come next for Calumet, they bought up properties to give them flexibility in the redevelopment they hoped would follow. They worked with the EPA to guarantee soils contaminated by long-gone heavy industry would be removed, leaving behind land for projects without baggage. They dreamed big and came up with a name that suited the scope and magnitude. They called it Project Phoenix.

PROJECT PHOENIX WILL TRANSFORM CALUMET

A decade after planning began, the city is unveiling the Phoenix Project — a holistic remediation and rebuild that will transform the industrial neighborhoods in Calumet that took flight a century ago.

East Chicago and its partners are looking to anchor the area with a state-of-the-art distribution hub that will bring with it hundreds of stable, long-term jobs to attract new homeowners and spur commercial development.

The Lake County Economic Alliance is working with East Chicago to make it all happen. As a private, nonpartisan 501c3, LCEA identifies developable land to attract businesses, jobs and investment. Their goal: bring projects to fruition for the good of all.

LCEA President and CEO Karen Lauerman said Phoenix is a project with the potential to holistically and dynamically change the Calumet landscape.

“Our job is to look at opportunities, take challenging situations and make them positive,” she said. “We want Calumet to become a benefit for all who live and work there.”



MICHIGAN AVENUE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT





[Steve Segura photo | renderings provided]

[ABOUT MANHATTAN MECHANICAL SERVICES]

Manhattan Mechanical Services is a heavy industrial mechanical contractor providing services to oil refineries, chemical plants, steel mills, paper mills and other heavy industrial operations. The new facility at 3450 Michigan Avenue (shown above) will serve as its corporate office and feature a fabrication shop and craft training center.

NEW CONTRACTOR INVESTS IN EAST CHICAGO

With an eye on opening Oct. 1, Manhattan Mechanical Services had begun construction of a 20,000- square-foot building on nearly three acres at 3450 Michigan Ave.

This $2.5 million project will mean up to 83 new, high-wage jobs with the promise of additional hiring as the company expands its reach in Northwest Indiana.

Mayor Anthony Copeland said the city has a growing reputation for being a great city to do business.

"East Chicago has shown itself to be a community companies can rely on to help provide a return on their investment and future prosperity," Copeland said. "We appreciate the commitment Manhattan has made to our city."

Manhattan, which has grown significantly in recent years, wanted to relocate to better serve the Midwest market.

"East Chicago and the State of Indiana provide a business environment where we and our clients can continue to prosper," Manhattan President Mike Uremovich said.



NORTH HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD





[renderings provided]

[ABOUT LAKESHORE MANOR]

The city's new senior housing will be blocks from the Lake Michigan shore amid the new walkable city development known as North Harbor. Built to green standards, the development will include secure, brightly lit entrances, color-coded elevators and floors, ADA units as well as efficient heating and cooling.

$40 MILLION SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

A sparkling, new development to replace the aging John B. Nicosia Senior Housing high rises is scheduled to begin this year and open to new residents by the first quarter of 2022.

In place of the two, nine-story buildings that have dominated the Indiana Harbor landscape since 1972 will be Lakeshore Manor – two, three-story buildings containing 206 bright and airy apartments that include amenities most requested by seniors.

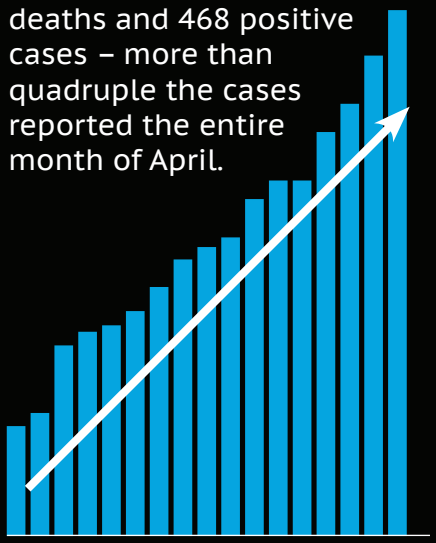
"There have been so many changes in senior housing over the last 50 years," said Tia Cauley executive director of the East Chicago Housing Authority. "The city and housing authority have been working for more than two years to create the best development possible for East Chicago senior citizens."

Developer Ezra Burdix, owner of DTM Real Estate Services of Indianapolis, said Lakeshore Manor will be welcoming to all who live and visit there.

"We have paid attention to every detail, including air quality and the overall environment," Burdix said. "At completion, Lakeshore Manor will be one of the premier senior housing developments in North America."

EAST CHICAGO COVID-19 CASES

The number of positive Covid-19 cases continue to climb in East Chicago. As of June 25 the health department reported 14 deaths and 468 positive cases – more than quadruple the cases reported the entire month of April.



Get the latest COVID-19 updates at **eastchicago.com**.

Outside your home – wear a mask, maintain 6 feet distance from others and wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

CANCELLATIONS & CLOSURES

All special events have been canceled or postponed until further notice. Jeorse Park Beach, the Splash Pad, H2Oh water sports rentals and all city pools remain closed amid the Covid-19 crisis.

CENSUS 2020

Stand up and be counted, East Chicago! Take the 2020 Census by responding online at **2020census.gov** or by phone at (844) 330-2020. Residents are encouraged to reply promptly. US Census personnel will begin visiting households in August.

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