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CITY OF HOPE & PROGRESS

EAST CHICAGO IS ON THE MOVE!

Whether it's the long-planned – or unexpected – projects, East Chicago is on the move.

I am proud of every city worker who puts aside their desire to go home at the end of a regular work day in order to stay on the job around-the-clock when necessary — to guarantee every emergency is handled in a professional and expeditious way.

These same dedicated folks come back the next day to keep this city advancing on its plans to create the premiere community in Northwest Indiana for individuals, families, businesses and industry.

We have been working for more than a decade toward that goal. What has happened during this time is nothing short of incredible.

We've now added additional fitness opportunities at our parks. Outdoor exercise gear perfectly complements the equipment and programs at Heritage Hall and Unity Center.

Don't forget about utilizing the lakefront to stay fit in every season. Fresh air, windswept vistas and the joy of living steps from Lake Michigan – one of the seven Great Lakes and one of our many blessings.

We invite our residents to see all we've done. It's your city East Chicago. Help it thrive!





Mayor Anthony Copeland's 5K Mayor-A-Thon was a success. Congratulations to the winners, runners and walkers. A special thank you to our many sponsors and volunteers. [Steve Segura photo]

MAYOR-A-THON

Sunny skies and chilly temps welcomed throngs of residents who laced up their shoes and got moving for the city's first Mayor-A-Thon. It was an event that bonded East Chicagoans who know the benefit of getting up and moving while reinforcing how much our health depends on our commitment to ourselves and each other.

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.

The city is asking for your help in reporting contractors, landlords and visitors who dump garbage and construction debris on vacant lots. Areas most recently identified include Roxana, Harbor, Sunnyside, Prairie Park, Marktown, West Calumet, New Addition, North and South Side,

Please report suspicious activity to the East Chicago Police non-emergency number at (219) 660-0000 or the anonymous tip line at (219) 391-8500.

See Page 3 for updates on garbage, recycling and leaf collection.

SEWERS

[SEWERS & WATER]

After three years of replacing century-old sewers and water lines in North Harbor and Roxana, Joe Wright, manager of the Sanitary District, said the focus has turned to the south side. "We are finishing work in Roxana. All sanitary pipes have been lined and manhole lining is nearly complete," Wright said. "A special material that cures in place means the neighborhood will be safe from leaks for the next 50 years – or longer." Projects that will continue through 2023 include:

- **MAGOUN:** 151st Street to Chicago Avenue.
- **HOMERLEE:** 151st Street to 148th Street.
- **ALDER STREET:** Crews finished a 17-month clean-out of the line from Broadway to Gary Road. A portion of the 42-inch force main coming from the Alder Street pump station to the East Chicago Sanitary District collapsed in September, resulting in emergency sewer repairs. The resurfacing project is ongoing.
- **INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND 152nd STREET:** The city will replace the water main and laterals as well as the water service line from Columbus Drive to City Hall. Sewer lines will be replaced at the curb and a main line under Columbus Drive.





[Steve Segura photos]

[ROAD PROJECTS]

East Chicago Engineer William Allen said the city continues to max out its participation in Indiana's Community Crossings Matching Grant program while allocating additional local dollars to continue rebuilding the city's infrastructure.

- **MARKTOWN:** A new roundabout at 129th and Dickey Road in Marktown will be open to traffic yet this year. The goal: Move traffic into – and out of – the BP refinery more quickly.
- **COLUMBUS DRIVE:** Pavement on the Columbus Drive roundabout will be replaced during the 2023 road construction season. "The state's experimental paving product did not hold up as officials had hoped," he said.
- **INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND 152nd STREET** is getting the benefit of three projects through the end of 2024. In addition to sewers and water, the state and city will partner on replacing pavement, sidewalks and aesthetics. ADA ramps will also be installed to solve safety issues. "The plan is to replace utilities two to three blocks at a time, patch the roadway and then move on to the next section once the previous is drivable," Allen said.

ROADS



City of East Chicago

BAGLESS LEAF PROGRAM

OCTOBER 31 - DECEMBER 9

SCHEDULE

Please have your leaves raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of your collection day:

Monday: District 1

Tuesday: District 2

Wednesday: District 3

Thursday: District 4

Friday: Districts 5-6

COLLECTION TIPS

- **Place leaves curbside in piles. Other forms of yard waste – such as rocks, cement, tree branches, twigs, flowers, walnuts and grass clippings – are not acceptable.**
- **At any time, residents may place leaves and yard waste at the curb in plastic bags for regular trash pickup. Leaf piles should be placed as close to the curb as possible. If our equipment can't reach the leaves, we cannot pick them up.**
- **Property owners without curbs may pile leaves as close to the street as possible, but not in the street.**
- **Leaves should not be piled behind parked vehicles, near storm drains, or around telephone poles, sign posts or mailboxes.**

NEW RECYCLING RULES

The East Chicago Public Works Department will no longer do curbside pickups.

Alley Pickups Only:

All recycling toters must be placed in the alley behind your home or apartment for pickup. The only exceptions are areas that do not have alleys – such as Prairie Park, Marktown and Sunnyside.

Recycling Pickup Days:

Monday: Districts 1-2

Wednesday: Districts 3-4

Friday: Districts 5-6

TRASH COLLECTION

All residents are asked to put the trash out Monday morning. Please place all garbage in trash bags and then inside the provided trash receptacle. No loose garbage allowed. Garbage will be picked up within 48 hours.

Exception: Prairie Park, Sunnyside and Marktown should place their trash curbside on Wednesday morning.

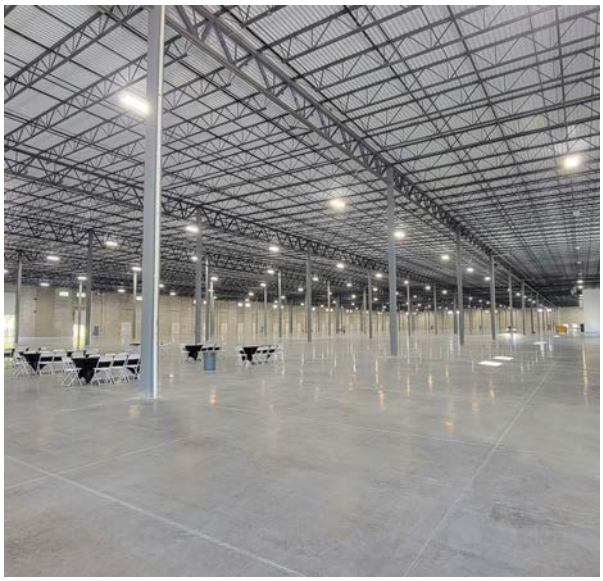
INFO: Please call (219) 391-8463 or (219) 391-8464.

NEW RUBBISH RULES

Sunnyside and Prairie Park rubbish pickup days are Monday and Thursday mornings only. Residents must place large items – such as furniture and appliances –at the curb on those days. **Questions?** Call (219) 391-8463.

NEW BUSINESS





[4400 HOMERLEE] This site is the perfect blend of a public and private partnership that replaced an eyesore and came together in record time. The $20 million project is ready to welcome tenants looking to fill a niche in the burgeoning logistics industry. News of the 250,000-square-foot spec building has generated interest from companies as close as Chicago and as far as Italy. Mayor Anthony Copeland said the Missner Group, which transformed the former Edward Valve industrial site, is hoping to see tenants by the end of the year. "The East Chicago project is building capacity in one of the hottest markets in the country," Copeland said. "It has the potential of adding 300-500 good-paying jobs to the local economy." [Steve Segura photos]



[LA GALLERIA]

Big news is expected this year that will launch La Galleria as the city's first business incubator space and an invitation for would-be entrepreneurs to turn their dreams into reality. Designed to provide the support new businesses need, the eight-unit building is in the midst of North Harbor. Mayor Anthony Copeland expects La Galleria to be a catalyst for growth. "Research proves incubators increase the survival of start-ups," Copeland said. "They serve as resource-sharing hubs for cash-strapped entrepreneurs in those critical early years when start-ups are most vulnerable. I can't wait to see Galleria filled with tenants that will help transform the landscape of commerce in the city."[Steve Segura photo]





[LUMAR TASTE] New restaurant!

3804 Main Street | East Chicago | (219) 629-1249

Amelio and Iris Roldan were looking at opening a food truck specializing in a fusion of Puerto Rican and Mexican cuisine when a bricks-and-mortar building became available. With that, Lumar Taste was born. Three months later, Amelio said business is booming. "We have been blessed being part of this growing neighborhood in the Harbor," he said. "This area is becoming more popular everyday with neighbors and people who are willing to drive into the city to get a taste of home."





[KIYA'S KITCHEN] New restaurant!

3927 Main Street | East Chicago | (219) 354-0016

Kiya's Kitchen and Catering has made its debut in one of the fastest growing restaurant scenes in the city. Owner Damika Hill established this cheery storefront to serve up American soul food to a community hungry for a taste of home. Featuring favorites like turkey chops or lasagna hot and bubbling from the oven, the eatery has a menu designed to please. Daily specials – like Taco Tuesday and Fish Fry Fridays – keep lunch and dinner interesting for a takeout meal with friends or family.



[EL RANCHERO CHIDO] Reopening!

3809 Main Street | East Chicago | (219) 354-0260

El Ranchero Chido is back – boasting the flavors that made the restaurant a local destination for nearly 30 years. Manager Sergio Martinez and Owner Rodolfo Castro hope more than a dozen new seafood entrees will be some of the new hits as the restaurant begins another chapter at the same location in North Harbor. Open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily. Martinez said walk-ins are welcome and carryouts are available. Reservations are available for larger groups.

WANT TO OPEN A BUSINESS IN EAST CHICAGO? When it comes to helping businesses get established, East Chicago makes the process seamless. Whether you are seeking a new location, planning an expansion or starting a new business, we are always eager to help. **INFO:** Call (219) 391-8205.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

All aboard! Join East Chicago Parks and Recreation for a movie day featuring the holiday classic "The Polar Express." Hot chocolate provided. Please register online at eastchicago.com.

WHEN: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, **December 20**

WHERE: Roxana Center, 900 Shell St.

INFO: Please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (219) 391-8474.

HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

Dream of owning a home? Learn more about buying or building in East Chicago through the Homebuyer Assistance Program at an upcoming workshop hosted by the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

When: **December 10**

Registration: Please call (219) 391-8513 to register.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From code enforcement and police officers to recreation leaders and laborers, the City of East Chicago has both full- and part-time employment opportunities.

INFO: Visit eastchicago.com/jobs for openings and details. Send resume, application and cover letter via email to ecapply@eastchicago.com, fax (219) 397-5755 or mail to:

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