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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

By mid-October, East Chicago's COVID-19 vaccination rate was 43.5 percent, 13 percent less than the state while the positivity rate was 13 percent, about 4 percent more than the Indiana rate.

The East Chicago Health Department encourages all residents ages 12 and older to get the vaccine. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available. No appointment is necessary, but is highly encouraged.

INFO: Please call (219) 391-8258.

EAST CHICAGO RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT

While most communities are thinking about buttoning up their projects for the upcoming winter, East Chicago is bucking the trend. We are a city on the move and have no plans to shutter any project just because cold weather is on its way.

Developers have taken notice.

Earlier this month, The Missner Group announced plans to build a 249,000-square-foot industrial building on 14.5 acres at 4400 Homerlee, the site of the former Edward Valve plant. It took years and millions of dollars to remediate the site, which is promised to bring up to 800 good-paying jobs right here in our city.

There is nothing easy or quick about repurposing former industrial sites to make them shovel ready for new, clean industries. With every remediation that is completed, we learn more for the next one.

We will continue cleaning up what last century's industries left behind. While once considered an ailing city, East Chicago is on the move, now touted as a key market ripe for development.



Mayor Anthony Copeland joins boys and girls at Parks and Recreation's basketball camp, which teaches youth basic basketball skills while building a solid foundation. [Steve Segura photo]

I hope you are as excited by this news as I am. It's another sign that we are on the right track, that what we're doing is working.

At the same time we are announcing a new business coming to town, we are welcoming more that two dozen individuals and families who have bought homes in East Chicago through the city's real estate portal. Read more about this latest venture inside this issue.

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago



EMPTY. CLEAN. DRY. Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid. One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload, so make sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry.



EAST CHICAGO RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Mondays	Districts 1 and 2
Wednesdays	Districts 3 and 4
Fridays	Districts 5 and 6

KNOW WHAT TO THROW:

Become a better recycler. Make sure you're putting the right materials in your recycling container – paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.



PAPER

- Newspaper
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Phone books
- Brochures
- Magazines
- Poster board
- Food boxes
- Milk cartons

METAL

- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil
- Food cans
- Scrap metal – steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum

PLASTIC

- Water bottles
- Takeout containers
- Soda bottles
- Look for numbers #1 through #7 on the bottom of containers.

GLASS

- Beverage containers
- Glass food jars

Kick it to the curb!

Beginning Nov. 1, all residential recycling will be collected at the curb. Public Works Director Rene Cid said the move was made to remediate an uptick in litter in the alleys and restore compliance in recycling.

"Recycling is a source of revenue that offsets the cost of the program that would otherwise be paid by taxpayers," Cid said. "In September, one of the recycling collection hubs refused loads from East Chicago because they were contaminated with non-recyclables like greasy pizza boxes, shredded paper and plastic grocery bags. This is a problem we need the help of our residents to fix."

QUESTIONS? Please contact the East Chicago Public Works Department at (219) 391-8463.



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Put garbage in its place

RECYCLE

Since curbside recycling began 30 years ago, the system has evolved based on what collectors can sell and what their machines can handle. Shredded paper, which was once accepted, has been banned from recycling because the pieces are too small to be processed. It's the same story with other products, like greasy pizza boxes, plastic grocery bags and Styrofoam. They should never be placed in a curbside recycling container.



NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: Greasy pizza boxes, plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, trash, as well as, food and yard waste are not recyclable.



REMEMBER: ONE PIECE OF MISPLACED GARBAGE IN A RECYCLING CONTAINER MAKES IT ALL GARBAGE!

CITY LAUNCHES REAL ESTATE PORTAL

The city launched its first-ever real estate portal to accolades from those seeking property in East Chicago.

Redevelopment Director Frank Rivera said more than two dozen residential and commercial properties along with vacant lots have already been sold. Another dozen or so are in the process of getting new owners.

The portal is vital to an all-systems-go effort to sell vacant land in East Chicago. It provides instant access to information on all available properties.

"Our real estate team took great care in developing the site to make sure it was user friendly. What we created is a one-stop shop that allows individuals and businesses to discover all East Chicago has to offer in one, convenient location," Rivera said. "The city has acquired many properties over the years primarily through the Lake County property tax sales."

New owners will be moving to a city on-the-move. "Our streets are being upgraded as are our parks," he said. "We've engaged in citywide beautification, including a huge investment in our Lake Michigan beachfront. The time is right to showcase East Chicago to start-ups as well as those looking for a walkable, livable, playable community at affordable prices."

As part of its comprehensive approach to home ownership, East Chicago offers down payment assistance for buyers who qualify. Redevelopment works with each home buyer, providing workshops and assistance with paperwork to make it happen," he said. "We welcome new residents to call East Chicago home."

[DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE]

Within all of the residential programs offered by the city, none is more popular than the Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program. The city offers $10,000 in down payment assistance to anyone eligible to purchase an existing or reconstructed home. City employees are eligible to qualify for an additional $5,000 for a total of $15,000. The commitment: The home must serve as the owner's primary residence for at least five years. Individuals using DPA funds to buy a new home are eligible to receive $25,000. City employees can receive an additional $5,000 for a total of $30,000. The home must serve as the owner's primary residence for 10 years. To receive the bonus, a city worker must have been a full-time employee for at least one year. **Homebuyers Workshops:** Interested individuals are required to take a HUD-instructed Homebuyers Workshop that is held monthly from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. **Upcoming dates:** Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. Please call (219) 391-8513 to register.





3721-23 EUCLID | $28,000



2201-03 BROADWAY | $500,500

[HOW IT WORKS]

Visit **eastchicago.com** and use the Real Estate Locator to view properties for sale in your area. Search for residential and commercial property by clicking through the featured listings or find something specific by using the search function. Agents can add, edit and manage their property listings by simply creating an account through the My Properties button.

BAGLESS LEAF COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 10

MONDAYS	DISTRICT 1
TUESDAYS	DISTRICT 2
WEDNESDAYS	DISTRICT 3
THURSDAYS	DISTRICT 4
FRIDAYS	DISTRICTS 5-6



Please have your leaves deposited at the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of your respective collection day.

INFO: If you have any questions, please call the East Chicago Public Works Department at (219) 391-8463 or (219) 391-8464.

[FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE]

East Chicago is completing its annual fire hydrant maintenance in October, a program that means inspecting and maintaining each of the city's 600 fire hydrants. The program identifies and remedies little problems before they become more expensive and furthers the city's commitment to improve and maximize the water distribution system for future generations.

The program also provides reasonable certainty that every hydrant will perform properly and reliable when emergencies arise.

Water service disruption as a result of the hydrant performance audit should be short-lived. Residents may experience some discoloration and air in their plumbing system, as well. It is recommended that residents flush their internal plumbing systems by allowing the water to run for a few minutes until clear. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your cooperation.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the East Chicago Water Works Department at (219) 391-8469.

[CODE ENFORCEMENT]

Code Enforcement has initiated a Monday blitz and it's coming soon to a neighborhood near you.

The goal: Get all city properties up-to-snuff before snowflakes start to fall.

How it works: Instead of working independently, Code Enforcement Manager Damien Ventura and his four officers travel to a different district each Monday, blanketing a single area looking for new infractions and compliance on existing violations.

Ventura said concentrating staff efforts on a specific location is making a difference. "We are able to make a big impact in a single day by all working in a single location one day a week," he said. "We all have the same goal — of making our city a safe and beautiful place to live, work and play. We need all residents to work with us to keep streets, alleys, yards and parkways tidy."

QUESTIONS? Please contact Code Enforcement Manager Damien Ventura and his team at (219) 391-8294 to file a complaint or for more info.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY

The City of East Chicago and the Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Catholic Charities to giveaway food during the curbside giveaways.

When: 1 p.m. until the food runs out Nov. 18 and Dec. 20
Where: Roundabout outside the park office, 1615-142nd
Info: Call Parks & Recreation at (219) 391-8474.

FOOD BANK OF NWI CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY

The City of East Chicago and the Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana to provide free grains, fruits, vegetables and protein to individuals and families.

When: 1 p.m. until the food runs out Dec. 16
Where: Roundabout outside the park office, 1615-142nd
Info: Call Parks & Recreation at (219) 391-8474.

EAST CHICAGO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From Code Enforcement and police officers to medical assistants 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:

The City of East Chicago Human Resources
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