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Happy New Year!

Thanks for checking in on the second issue of eMacomb – Business Matters. Based on feedback we received from many of you regarding our inaugural issue in November, we feel confident that this format is an effective method for communicating the work of our department to define business and life in Macomb County. ([more](#))



Business accelerators coming to Macomb

Have you heard the buzz? Macomb County is set to welcome at least two business accelerators in the very near future.

Set into motion by the Economic Development Coalition of Southeast Michigan (EDCSM) – of which the department is a member – nearly \$3 million in federal funding is on its way to the county. ([more](#))

Van Dyke - 8 Mile Gateway Collaborative

The Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development (MCPED) has been actively involved in the revitalization of Van Dyke Avenue in the cities of Center Line and Warren since 2003 when the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) funded a corridor study. ([more](#))



Nation's largest real estate conference coming to Detroit

Following a 10 year collaborative effort to land Brownfields 2008, the largest Real Estate Conference in the nation will convene at Cobo Center in Downtown Detroit May 5-7, 2008. ([more](#))

County awards HOME funding to Solid Ground

In December, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners awarded \$554,253 in Federal HOME funding, made available through the Macomb HOME consortium, to Solid Ground, Inc., to convert the old Red Cross office building in Roseville into transitional housing for homeless families. The county's

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Business Spotlight

Macomb County businesses honored by Michigan

The Department of Planning and Economic Development is pleased to congratulate **Burtek Inc.** of Chesterfield Township and **Eagle Manufacturing Corp.** of Shelby Township on their recent recognition by the State of Michigan. These two Macomb County manufacturers took their turns in the spotlight among the 22 businesses honored at the State's annual **Michigan Diversification Celebration.** ([more](#))

action was the last of 4 community approvals required to commence the project. Funding will ensure the facility's completion in 2008. ([more](#))

Q & A

MCPED recently sat down with Arthur Mullen, AICP, Executive Director of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority. ([more](#))

Economic Development in Action

Graphics East, Inc., a full-service printing company, is consolidating its operations into a single, 23,000 square foot building in Roseville. A more diverse and expanding customer base has made it necessary for the company to purchase a larger printing press and related equipment. According to **Mike Easthope**, founder and president, "At one time, more than 60 percent of our business was tied to the automobile industry. Today, only 10 percent of the jobs we produce are auto related." ([more](#))

Progress Through Partnerships

The M-59 Corridor Business Association has moved one step closer to formalizing the organization as a legal entity. Articles of Incorporation will be filed with the State of Michigan and a committee is working to finalize a set of organizational bylaws. This comes after several months of discussion and work on the part of key stakeholders to determine the mission, organizational structure and course of action for the association over the next 6 to 12 months. ([more](#))

Feedback

Your comments about our inaugural issue or suggestions for future articles are greatly needed and appreciated. Please drop us a line and let us know what you think: emacombbizbitz@macombcountymi.gov

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Groundbreaking News

Banquet center under construction in Shelby Township

Area residents will soon have another location to host their weddings, receptions, proms, and other special events – the 40,000-square-foot Palazzo Grande Banquet and Events Center at 54660 Van Dyke Avenue, south of 25 Mile Road in Shelby Township. ([more](#))

Redevelopment news

Former church converted to lofts

Retrofitting an existing building into a new use is redevelopment at its purest. That is the intention of developer Ted Schollenberger, President of Mineral Springs Development LLC for a new loft development. ([more](#))

Upcoming Events, Workshops and Other Time Sensitive Matters

Regional Redevelopment Summit

March 7, 2008, 8 am - 4 pm, MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third Ave, Detroit. Southeast Michigan's leading voices on urban redevelopment are coming together for a one-day Regional Redevelopment Summit! ([more](#))

Macomb County Wide Trailways Summit

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm at the Macomb Intermediate School District (Clinton Township). This event is targeted to local governments and other agencies that provide input as to the development of non-motorized trails within the county of Macomb. If interested, please contact Gerard Santoro at (586) 469-6443 or email: gerard.santoro@macombcountymi.gov.

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