

NEWS & EVENTS

Workforce development issues discussed

The Oswego Economic Development Commission (EDC) has been exploring if the existing workforce training opportunities match current and future demand. The EDC held a panel discussion on October 14th with Lesa Norris, Dean for Workforce Development at Waubensee Community College, as a guest speaker. Norris gave a clear scope of workforce development services offered by Waubensee. Norris also noted two primary vocational training centers feed into Waubensee – Indian Valley and Fox Valley centers. For more information you may visit: www.waubensee.edu/workforcedev

The panel discussed issues and trends in the area including finding good qualified workers and the mismatch in getting the right workers for the right job.



- The discussion on workforce development will continue at the next EDC meeting scheduled for November 4th at 6:00 p.m. with State Senator Sue Rezin as a guest speaker.

Kendall County Industrial Market Study underway

What are Oswego business parks competitive advantages locally and regionally? What industries are best suited for these parks? The study underway by *Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning* (CMAP) for Kendall County is expected to come up with strategies to strengthen Oswego’s position for future industrial development.

As a part of this market study, stakeholder meetings were held on October 14th at the Oswego Village Hall. The Oswego stakeholder panel included Matt Garland, member of the EDC, Steve LaHam, President of Anfinson Plastic Molding, Inc., and Brian Ju from Win Soon Chicago, Inc. The study is expected to be completed in six months. For more information contact Andrez Beltran at abeltran@co.kendall.il.us.

Link to Route 71 construction update

The Village is in the process of developing “support your local businesses” signs for construction zones including Route 71 corridor. For Route 71 update, visit: www.oswegoil.org/IDOTUPDATE9.25.15.pdf.

Oswego ED Director joins NICAR Board

Economic Development Director Vijay Gadde joined the Northern Illinois Commercial Association of Realtors (NICAR) Board on October 20th. In his role as a director, Gadde will help organize programs for the mutual improvements and education of its members. For upcoming NICAR events, visit www.nicar.com.

SITES & BUILDINGS

Opening soon in Oswego

Little Sister Pickers plans to open in November at the old Floral Expressions space - 77 S. Main Street.

Tuscan Tavern is wrapping up the buildout and plans to open on October 28th. They are located at 4571 Route 71 in the Washington Square strip center.



Welcome new businesses!

A new home décor store, **Velvet Grace**, opened on October 17th at 4025 Route 34 offering in-store design consultations, incredible home furnishings, holiday decor, stylish fashion accessories, and unique gifts. Learn more at www.velvetgrace.net.



PARTNER EVENTS

October 29, 8:30 AM:

Get Covered: Business and Community Health Action Fair Will feature many resources for small business owners and the self-employed. Don't miss this FREE event at Waubensee Aurora campus. Contact Geri Aglipay at gaglipay@smallbusinessmajority.org.

November 20, 8:30 AM: Kendall County Economic Development Committee meeting, 111 West Fox Street, Yorkville. Contact abeltran@co.kendall.il.us.

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