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## **McDonald's breaks ground for new Elmwood Park restaurant**

*New economic development commission to hold first meeting*

ELMWOOD PARK – Village officials and community leaders joined developers to formally break ground for a new McDonald's restaurant near the corner of Grand and Harlem avenues today. Under a redevelopment agreement (RDA) between the village and Gullo Property, LLC, McDonald's will build an approximately 4,000 square foot, single story, restaurant with a dual-lane drive-thru.

"We're excited for this latest addition to our growing list of new businesses we are attracting to Elmwood Park," Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano said. "This restaurant will really help bring new life, jobs and tax dollars to the village."

McDonald's corporate office says that the new Elmwood Park restaurant could create up to 60 new jobs. In addition, the company says that on average, its restaurants return more than 47 cents of every dollar earned to local economies.

The company says it plans to operate the dining room from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and the drive-thru 24 hours a day. The new restaurant could be open as early as November 1.

The Grand & Harlem redevelopment plan includes a variety of improvements, including new lighting and a new welcome sign for the village. New sidewalk and streetscaping is set to begin soon along the south side of Grand Avenue between Harlem and 73rd Avenue.

Meantime, the village's new Economic Development Commission is scheduled to hold its first meeting Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the Village Board room. The five-member panel was sworn-in last month, charged by President Saviano to "think outside the box," for new ways to keep and attract new business to the village.



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