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## **Village removes red light camera at 76th and Grand**

*New signs will continue to urge motorists to be on lookout for pedestrians*

ELMWOOD PARK – Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano has announced that the village is taking down its red light camera at the intersection of 76th Avenue and Grand Avenue, fulfilling a campaign promise Saviano made when he ran for Village President earlier this year.

"The camera had been turned off as of the end of November," Saviano said. "But, we're taking the final step to remove the hardware. It's accomplished its purpose, and we feel confident that residents and visitors will be better served without a camera at that location."

Saviano said that new signage will remind motorists of the need to use caution and be on the lookout for pedestrians at the intersection. "Clearly, folks have gotten the message," Saviano said. "We've seen traffic violations cut by more than two thirds since the camera was installed back in 2007. The camera has done its job."

The action to remove the camera comes as the Village prepares to construct a new pick-up and drop-off center at the nearby Metra train station. Plans call for new landscaping, parking spaces, bike racks and park benches that will offer easier access to and from the station. The project is expected to be completed by the end of next summer.

The action also complements the Village's economic development efforts. The Village is in the process of implementing a new TIF which will encompass a portion of the Village Circle. "We are doing all that we can to encourage new businesses to locate in Elmwood Park and to connect our residents to our local businesses," Saviano explained.

"We're continuing to make the area more attractive to residents and visitors who want to shop and take advantage of what Elmwood Park has to offer," Saviano said.

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