



Continued growth in local housing market, economic development

Saviano touts Elmwood Park's status as "Hot Area"

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ELMWOOD PARK – Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano points to a [Chicago Tribune article](#) that featured Elmwood Park among the Chicago area's hottest neighborhoods as further validation of the Village's focus on making the community clean, safe and beautiful. The Tribune's story highlighted an Elmwood Park bungalow that sold in less than a week for \$21,000 over asking price.

"This is no surprise to anyone who's followed our story here in Elmwood Park," said Saviano. "We knew it would take time to rebound from the mortgage crisis and the foreclosures we had to deal with, but we're well past that point and continuing to see great success."

Elmwood Park has long enjoyed the benefits of its unique size, location and access to transportation. Residents are able to take advantage of Elmwood Park's close proximity to Chicago while also appreciating the smaller look, feel and services associated with living in a suburban community.

"We really have it all," Saviano said. "We have our own stop on Metra (commuter rail service), great local restaurants and merchants, beautiful neighborhoods, excellent schools and a close-knit community with countless activities."

Saviano and Village staff have worked hard in recent years to make the Village an inviting place. The 2014-15 street resurfacing program, when coupled with a three-year Flood Mitigation Project, will, upon completion, repave roughly 20 miles of streets. The Metra stop now offers an inviting pick-up and drop-off site for commuters.

Successful economic development efforts have landed the Village a new McDonalds restaurant, a new environmentally-friendly NASCAR car wash, and new streetscaping along the Harlem and Grand corridor. The flood mitigation project, due to wrap up this year, will benefit homes in the entire community.

"I think it's clear that people see real value in Elmwood Park," Saviano said. "We're becoming the place where people know they can buy an affordable home, raise a family, have access to the city and still enjoy the services and safety of a smaller town."

Staff and volunteers are gearing up for another busy summer of outdoor events, including Central Park Markets every other Sunday, the Circle Car Show in June, Concerts in the Park, the annual 4th of July parade and fireworks, and the four-day Taste of Elmwood Park in August.

Read the Tribune story [here](#).

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