

# JADA

*Joliet Arsenal Development Authority*

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## *JOAAP Commemorative Event*

On Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> an event was held at Syl's 150 West commemorating the final clean up of the former Joliet Arsenal property. The Joliet Army Ammunition Plant hosted the event, which included participation by Senator Durbin; Colonel Raymond Midkiff, commander of the Louisville KY., Army Corps District and local officials. Along with many honored speakers, the evening offered guests a slideshow of pictures, from historical to current, from active to decommissioned, along with clean up and redevelopment. A brochure and DVD set was also produced for the event. Both highlight the stages and all the partners involved with the clean up and redevelopment.



*Senator Durbin*



*Colonel Raymond Midkiff*

Over the past 12 years, the members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), led by Art Holz, Commander's Representative for the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, have worked together to clean up the 23,544-acre former arsenal property. Illinois EPA Director, Doug Scott said, "The Army Corps has taken largely unusable space and turned it into a tremendous asset to the state of Illinois. The efforts not only created a healthier environment, it also opened doors for economic transformation."



*Art Holz, JOAAP*

One type of cleanup used was bioremediation. This process mixes wood chips, stable bedding, and a corn mixture with contaminated soil. "This

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## *Chairman's Corner*

*Walter Strawn, Chairman*

JADA has recently moved into a new office space on the west side of Joliet. We were pleased to have found office space that fits our needs, and allowed us to remain in the Joliet community. The new office is located at Essington & Theodore Street. We welcome you to stop in any time. Please see the back of the newsletter for the complete address.

I would also like to express my sorrow in the passing of Mayor Jan Ruban. I had the honor to serve on the board with Mayor Ruban for over 10 years, before she was appointed acting Village President in June 2007. She was a well thought of and well liked.

## ProLogis Park Arsenal

### *South Arsenal Road*

The bids were open by IDOT for South Arsenal Road on August 3rd. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, D Construction at \$4.4 million dollars. Many of the bids came in higher than estimated due to high liquid asphalt prices. As part of this project, we will be utilizing the \$3 million grant that we received from Senator Durbin.

This project is expected to move forward quickly, with construction possibly starting the beginning of October. The project will be built in two phases with full road closure to expedite construction. The first phase will consist of work from the bridge just east of the white circle area to the Local 150 entrance. Then, the second phase will be from the Local 150 entrance to Old Chicago Road. Although there will be full road closure, Local 150 will continue to have full access to their facility. Phase 1 should be completed by the end of the year, with the final lift of asphalt in the spring of 2009. Phase 2 will start in the spring, with the entire project anticipated to be complete by the end of June 2009.

## CenterPoint Intermodal Center

### *BISSELL Announced*



Mark Bissell, President & CEO

On May 30th, CenterPoint held a ground breaking ceremony to announce that BISSELL Homecare, Inc will be their newest customer at the newly expanded CenterPoint Intermodal Center (CIC).

The new build-to-suit 500,000-square-foot distribution facility, is the first tenant of the expanded portion of CenterPoint Intermodal Center. Mi-

chael Murphy, Executive Vice President of Development at CenterPoint Properties said, "BISSELL is an ideal customer for the CenterPoint Intermodal Center - Elwood. We are able to provide them significant transportation cost savings due to their proximity to the intermodal facility."

This newest addition sits on an approximate 35-acre site,

that will have 229 trailer parking spaces, 120 dock doors, and 4 drive-in doors. The construction started earlier in May, with completion expected in winter of 2008.

BISSELL, a 132-year old company in its fourth generation of family leadership, will use the facility to transload shipments of its product for repackaging and distribution to retail customers.



September 2008

## *ADC in Monterey*

In August we attended the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) annual conference in Monterey, CA. During the time there, we had an opportunity to spend some time with the mayor of Seaside, California, which is where Ford Ord was located. The Mayor gave us an overview of the developments, both in progress and to-come on the former military site. Ironically, even though it is a different geographical area, many of the issues for re-development are the same.

There were numerous functions that we were able to attend, which allowed us to network with military personnel, developers, and other LRAS's from around the country. JADA's Executive Director attended the LRA Directors meeting where they discussed future conference improvements as well as information that all thought would be valuable to LRA's.




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## *Village of Elwood*

In August, the Board and staff at JADA were saddened to hear of the passing of Mayor Janice Ruban. Mayor Ruban had served as a village trustee for 12 years, before being appointed as the acting village president in June 2007 when the former mayor resigned. Mayor Ruban had become the first woman mayor in Elwood's history, and was to serve as village president until the April 2009 election.

On September 10, 2008, at a special meeting, the village board voted 4-2, to appoint Walter Strawn as acting village president, until the April 2009 election. Walter Strawn has lived in Elwood since 1942, has been a village trustee for Elwood for over 10 years, has served as the Chairman for the Jackson Township Planning Commission, and currently as Chairman on the JADA Board.



## *Our New Look*

We are introducing our new look in this edition of our newsletter. This look is will feature the same content and information as in past newsletters.

In an effort to "go green", you will soon receive the JADA Journal electronically, and on a semi-annual basis. We will launching all future publications in an electronic version .

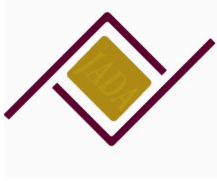
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had not been tried on a large scale in many places, none in the Midwest that I know of and none on such a large scale.", Art Holz said. The cleanup resulted in more than 276,000 tons of soil being remediated, and approximately 27 million gallons of contaminated water being cleaned. In addition, more than 8,000 munitions and explosive-related items, along with more than 5 tons of munitions debris, were removed from the site during the cleanup period.



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