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New Businesses Coming



EDWARDSVILLE, Ill - Alderman Janet Haroian hopes the city of Edwardsville's final permit report for December, 2009 – an estimated \$1.9 million in projects – is a sign for what is to come in the new year.

During the city's Administrative and Community Services meeting on Thursday, Haroian reported the city's December 2009 permit report was positive.

She said the city had seven new single-family construction permits issued in December along with many new sign permits.

Several signs to be constructed – many for new businesses – or

replaced include: Dierbergs Market at 6671 Edwardsville Crossing, Platinum Tanning at No. 4 Club Centre Court, Fazoli's at 6663 Edwardsville Crossing, Chicago Title Insurance Co. at 1181 South Route 157, Park Plaza Salon at 112 South Buchanan, Faller Photography at 100 East Park, Joe's Pizza and Pasta at No. 4 Club Centre and Cafe Avanti at 217 East Vandalia.

Haroian said Faller Photography moved here from another area.

Other projects on the permit report include: electrical work, and mechanical fencing.

What's New?

Take a look!

The new playground in Airplane park is coming together! Members of the community have come together to build a new playground for children to enjoy.

With the warm weather coming up, It is sure to be a hit

"We are happy members have come forward to help us with the process. the park is looking great and kids are excited," Chair Mark Man said.

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Edwardsville High School Swimmer Success



Deist swimming in the finals

While the women's swimming team at Florida International enjoyed success during the 2013-14 season, Edwardsville High School graduate Jennifer Deist was still adjusting to the transition to college swimming.

Like any competitive athlete, Deist made mental notes and learned the expectations of the program. She also put in the work during the ensuing offseason.

It paid off, as Deist was a major part of FIU's 10-0 season and its first-ever Conference USA championship.

"It was really great," Deist said. "It was a lot different after getting that first year out of the way.

"In the first year, it was crazy. I wasn't always sure what was going on. I feel like I know a lot more now about how things are going to go and what to expect. It was exciting to be more prepared."

As a swimmer at Edwardsville High School, Deist was the first female swimmer in program history to win three state medals. During her senior year, she took 12th in the 50-yard freestyle, 10th in the 100-yard butterfly and was part of the 12th-place 200-yard medley relay team.

At the time, Edwardsville was not competing as a team. Its swimmers were entered into the postseason as individuals, and practices were mainly done through club teams.

"It was really crazy to go up to Chicago and see the true high school teams," Deist said. "It was a very big deal for me to go up to Chicago and see those kinds of teams and swimmers."

For Deist, who trained with the YMCA Breakers, it made swimming fun. She enjoyed the competition and camaraderie of the team.

Mayor Smith to start Monday

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill - Mayor Smith is so start in office on Monday morning, accoring to the city council.

"We are very excited to have Mayor Smith in office," said Mark Blink, city chair. "He is going to do great things for our town and we are excited to see the progress he will make.

Smith was elected in November for Mayor and is taking the spot of Ginger Van, mayor since 2000, who retired this past year.

He will be missed, but we are excited to see the new changes.



Mayor Smith