



Original Walgreens at North and Harlem Avenues opened for business in 1959
Elmwood Park Village Board to officially welcome new Walgreens

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ELMWOOD PARK – The Village has scheduled a ribbon-cutting for the newly rebuilt Walgreens store at North and Harlem Avenues. The new store, already open for business, replaces the older style Walgreens that began serving Elmwood Park in 1959.

"This is not only a new look for Walgreens, but the developer, Delko Construction Co., graciously created a new gateway into Elmwood Park," said Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano. "They built a new brick and stone masonry welcome sign with stainless steel lettering. They also replaced the sidewalk along the perimeter of the building. It looks great."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, in the parking lot of the new Walgreens store. Representatives from Walgreens, Delko and the Village will be on hand for the event.

Delko's development of the location also includes a new First Merit Bank along with restoration of a previously vacant parcel of property. Delko acquired the properties just before the real estate crisis in 2008, but maintained its hope and vision for the project and is now seeing the fruits of its patience and hard work.

By redeveloping the site, Walgreens was able to create drive-through lanes, better access and more attractive features. The new facility has nearly 15,000 square feet of space, new sun shades and is more energy efficient than the older structure.

"The store and the pharmacy are open 24 hours a day," said Trustee Jonathan Zivojnovic. "The old Walgreens did not have a drive-through, so this is extremely helpful to residents."

The new Walgreens has a Home Health Care department featuring specialists to assist patients who need help with durable medical equipment and other needs. The store also features a "Well Experience" which offers immunizations, health tests and access to important medically related services.