

15th Annual Terry Brewer Memorial Golf Classic

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Wednesday, June 24th, Quail Meadows Golf Course

Terance J. Brewer was a member of the East Peoria Fire Department, a longtime Chamber volunteer and a faithful civil servant who spent much of his life making East Peoria a better place to live and work. He died in 1994 after a year-long battle with cancer, and his death occurred within a week of the annual golf outing he had chaired for many years. It is with great honor and pleasure that the Chamber celebrates the 15th Annual Terry Brewer Memorial Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 24th.

The Chamber has moved to a later tee time with a shotgun start of noon. Registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. Several entry packages are available including advertising opportunities at the event and in the newsletter. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and are an attractive way for corporate exposure with opportunities to network with each golfer. The Chamber is still seeking donations of door prizes and goody bag items to be given out to participants. All donors will receive recognition in the event program.

Oberlander Electric is hosting an after hours event at Quail Meadows following the golf outing. Golf participants are encouraged to stay for this event, and all Chamber members are invited to attend. This event is complimentary for all golfers and members.

50/50 raffle tickets are being sold to support the Chamber's Terry Brewer Community Service Scholarship given each year to a graduating East Peoria High School senior. For more information, please see the enclosed insert, call the Chamber at 699-6212 or check out the new www.epcc.org event page.

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HOME CENTRAL

By Michael Smothers, Cullinan Properties Ltd.

Within a flip of the annual calendar, a new economic engine for the city will hum to life. East Peoria will be home to Home Central Illinois.

Providing lamps to lumber for redecorators to builders, a collection of small to regionally prominent businesses will gather to establish a "homestyle center" in the 20-acre southern edge of the city's East Peoria/Downtown 2010 development site.

Jeff Gielbelhausen, president and COO of Cullinan Properties Ltd., made those plans and that promise public at a recent City Council working session to report Cullinan's progress as the city's master developer of EP2010. While names of targeted Home Central tenants remain under wraps, Mayor Dave Mingus captured the mood with a buoyant metaphor.

"We're not treading water, we're swimming," he said. "We're moving forward, and that's something to say in this economy."

Our community in this still-young year has already witnessed - and taken part in producing - several essential developments in the ambitious public/private effort to rebuild our inner city, fortify our economic strength and enhance our quality of life through EP2010. Several blocks of worn-out structures have disappeared. Sixty-plus acres of foot-thick concrete have been "rubblized" into ground ready for new growth. That will include a new voter-approved Fondulac District Library, with more to come around the civic plaza that will anchor the main EP2010 site.

Home Central Illinois, to rise on the expanse of former Caterpillar Inc. factory parking lots along the south side of West Washington Street, is embedded in EP2010's overall development strategy. Indeed, "It's a pump primer," said Rick Jeremiah, Cullinan's director of site planning and construction, that will generate tax revenues to help develop the larger portion of the Washington Street Tax-Increment Financing District that holds EP2010.

Home Central, however, needs no financial fertilization to grow. Specifically, and unlike the larger EP2010 site, it needs no new roads.

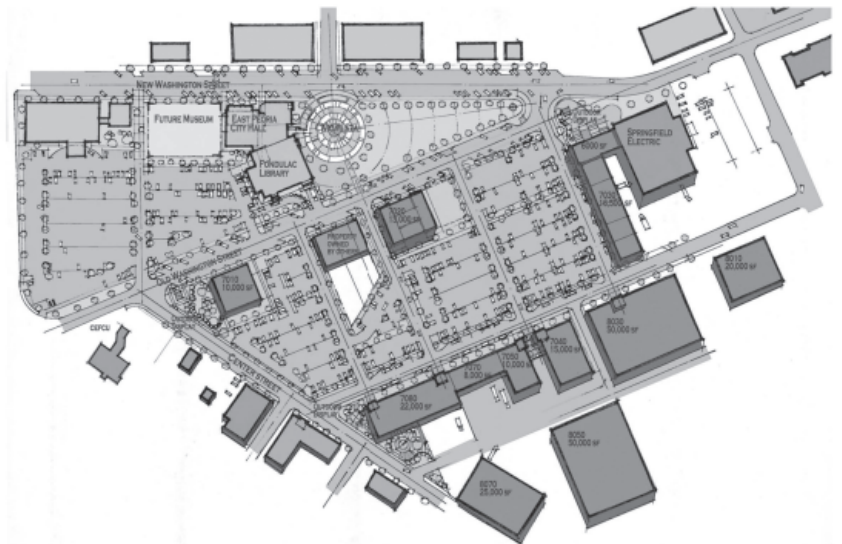
East Peoria, like the rest of Illinois, continues to wait for Springfield to produce its first capital improvements budget of the decade. Our local and state leaders have worked hard to make sure that, once the General Assembly finally approves a public works budget, the EP2010 main site stands "Ready Now" for the infrastructure that will spring it to life.

The overall EP2010 project, with its New Urbanism mixture of small and large businesses, residential, recreational and public elements, will join the Par-A-Dice Riverboat Casino and Riverside Center as vital economic engines,

Gielbelhausen told the council. He further explained the project is open to every other developer that has users and encouraged them to contact him or the city.

The sooner the state fulfills its six-year-old promise to help pay for the site's groundwork, the sooner EP 2010's main site will fill with the private development already planned for it.

But, while they're waiting, the city and Cullinan are swimming forward with Home Central Illinois.



Proposed Home Central Illinois Site
East Peoria/Downtown 2010

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