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Elmore County Update

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY



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→ Our Mission

The Elmore County Economic Development Authority works to improve the economic well-being of the business community and enhance the quality of life in Elmore County through the creation and preservation of jobs and wealth.

→ Special Events



ECEDA's 2012 Unity Breakfast with Governor Bentley

Join ECEDA at the 3rd annual Unity Breakfast at the Wetumpka Civic Center on January 5th with Governor Robert Bentley. Breakfast will begin serving at 7:30 a.m. \$15 per person. All attendees must register online at the following link by January 2nd. [Register now >](#)

Legislature Back in Session on February 7

The Alabama Legislature begins meeting again on February 7, 2012 in Montgomery. Stay up-to-date on the current proceedings and find contact information for your local Representative or Senator at the [Alabama Legislature's website](#).

→ Industry

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Hyundai Heavy Job Fairs in January

Hyundai Heavy will host job fairs on Saturday, January 21 in Elmore County. Representatives will begin the fair in Millbrook at 9:00 a.m. and in Wetumpka at 1:30 p.m. Please view our website at the link below for further information and check back regularly to see if any details regarding the fairs have changed. [More info >](#)

326 Jobs Added to Elmore County Since Nov. 2010

Elmore County added roughly 326 jobs according to data released this month by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment also fell to 7.4% - the County's lowest jobless rate in many months. [Read more >](#)

Industry Council of Elmore County (ICE) to formalize in January

The Industry Council of Elmore County (ICE) will be formally chartered on the same date it hosts the first project of the council, an industry-centered career fair for 9th graders on January 26. This project is a partnership with local schools and the Elmore County Technical Center. Each school will have an assigned time for their students to attend. ICE is composed of representatives from several of Elmore County's small, medium, and large industries. The council's focus is to facilitate communication between local industries, governments, schools, and ECEDA, as well as ensure retention and growth for those Elmore County's businesses.

Tourism

Crater Tours and Lecture set for February

Public Lecture by Dr. David King on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Wetumpka Civic Center. School Tours on Friday, February 3rd and Public Tours on Saturday, February 4th. [Get more details >](#)



Now Accepting 2012 Events for Calendar

If you are an event planner/coordinator and would like to see your Elmore County events posted on the www.visitelmoreco.com website, you can submit those to us starting now. Please note, we have a few rules for what types of events, how to submit, and how early you should send those events to us. Click the "Read more" link to get those details. [Read more >](#)

Retail

Wetumpka Downtown & Riverfront Development

Sam Turner
City of Wetumpka

Jan Wood
Wetumpka Area Chamber
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Committees organized with the Wetumpka Downtown and Riverfront Development Plan gathered in public meetings on Tuesday, December 13 to discuss topics pertaining to each of their areas of responsibility. To stay up-to-date on the progress with the Wetumpka Downtown and Riverfront Development Plan, visit the [official website](#).

→ ECEDA News

Investing in ECEDA

The Elmore County Economic Development Authority (ECEDA) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 that was created by members of the Leadership Elmore County class of 2002 to further the county-wide needs of economic development in Elmore County. As the organization's duties and



responsibilities grew, a 5-year capital campaign, "The Door to Tomorrow," was conducted in 2005 to support the increasing need to sustainably fund ECEDA. The Board of Directors and staff members are very grateful to the investors who committed to support our organization during that time as it allowed us to continually improve economic development, tourism, and quality of life in Elmore County. While many of our past investors have renewed their commitment to support the efforts of ECEDA following the end of this campaign in 2010, some investors were not able to renew their commitment at the same level as before, or at all in some cases. Over that period of time, the Board of Directors and staff members have endeavored to develop new sources of funding for ECEDA that are both sustainable and consistent, and those efforts continue today. In the meantime, the reality is that we count on our local industries, governments, and businesses to help us achieve our goals each year. We invite you to consider making an investment in ECEDA for the coming years of economic development in Elmore County. [Contact us about investing in ECEDA >](#)

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