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### April Calendar of Events

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- 21<sup>st</sup> Mixer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Membership Luncheon

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## Chamber Fights for You to Choose

Based on input from the Chamber and business owners, the City Council declined to move forward with the proposal to go to an exclusive commercial waste hauler agreement. This means that businesses can continue to choose the commercial waste hauler service that best suits their specific business needs.

The Chamber hosted two meetings of business owners on the proposal, participated in the City's workshops, and urged the Council not to move to an exclusive agreement. "The Council made the right decision," stated Janet Toppenberg, Chamber President/CEO.

For more information on participation in the Chamber's advocacy efforts, contact the Chamber at 916-691-3760.

## Mayor Hume will deliver State of the City Address



For the ninth year, the Chamber will provide the forum for the State of the City address. Mayor Pat Hume will provide an update on the City's progress, status, and future plans at the March 26<sup>th</sup> dinner.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the city's plans for the future and their support of business in Elk Grove," stated Janet Toppenberg, Chamber President/CEO.

Admission, at \$60 (\$10 discount for Chamber members), will include dinner. Reservations are required and can be made at the Chamber office and on the Chamber's website, [www.elkgroveca.com](http://www.elkgroveca.com).

## Chamber Partners with City and CCSD to Produce July 4<sup>th</sup> Event

Even with its increased focus on direct benefits to business this year, the Chamber will again produce the July 4<sup>th</sup> *Salute the Red, White & Blue* extravaganza for the residents of Elk Grove. This year, the City of Elk Grove and the Cosumnes Community Services District have partnered with the Chamber to ensure that the event goes on as usual.

This is a great way for a business to promote the contribution of business to the community, as well as thank the loyal customers and clients for their continued support. A broad spectrum of sponsorships are available that will allow businesses of any size to help fund the event. For details on the event and sponsorship opportunities, go to the Chamber's website, [www.elkgroveca.com](http://www.elkgroveca.com) or contact Paula Schroeder at 916-691-3760.



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## Elk Grove Chamber Recognitions



Jackson Properties, Inc. was honored as **2008 Elk Grove Business of the Year** during the annual Chamber Leadership Recognition in January.

The Elk Grove Chamber Business of the Year award is made annually by the Chamber to a member business that demonstrates leadership in its business practices and in the community.

"Jackson Properties has contributed to job creation and retention in Elk Grove by the construction of, and the subsequent occupancy of the buildings they construct," stated Jack Williams, outgoing Chamber Board Chair, in announcing the award. "In addition, the company and its leadership have given back to the community at many levels, helping make Elk Grove a great place to live, work and do business."

In Elk Grove, Jackson Properties has been one of the most prolific developers and owners of various types of multi-tenant commercial real estate. They have also developed almost half a million square feet of industrial properties along Waterman Road, Grant Line Road and Union Park Way. In the last ten years, the company has developed in excess of 400,000 square feet of office and medical space in the Elk Grove market. This space includes the three office buildings sold to the City of Elk Grove where the City offices are still housed today.

The **Chamber Service Award** is given to an individual who is not a present board member but who has volunteered in other ways for the organization. Bob Gluck, of Primerica Financial Services, was honored as the recipient of the Chamber Service Award. 2008 Board Chair Jack Williams said that Gluck was "one of enthusiastic and involved volunteers the Chamber ever had."



Al Livingston, retired Deputy Director of the DMV, was named as this year's **Ambassador of the Year**. Livingston attends all the Ambassador functions: ribbon cuttings, Chamber luncheons, business mixers, etc. Janet Toppenberg, President/CEO says, "Al is always there to support the Chamber and help out wherever he can."



## Schroeder Receives Accredited Chamber Executive Designation

Paula Schroeder, Elk Grove Chamber Vice President, has been awarded the designation of Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) by the Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE).

At the February 2009 conference, WACE recognized six chamber professionals for meeting the criteria of the ACE designation. The ACE designation recognizes a high degree of training, responsibility, and professionalism.

"This award recognizes Paula's skills and contributions to the Elk Grove Chamber and the chamber management industry. It illustrates the truly outstanding quality of our staff," stated Elk Grove Chamber President/CEO Janet Toppenberg, ACE. "It also means that our Chamber is one of only two Chambers with two ACE designated staff members."



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