

CENTERVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

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Nursing Home: The current census at Centerville Care and Rehab Center is 48 residents, consisting of 35 skilled nursing, (3 of which is Medicare Part A) and 13 assisted living. Further updates within the facility continue to be made such as new bedside cabinets and closet doors. We are now looking into updating dressers. The sale of the facility is still slated for this June.

Housing: The current CDC spec house continues to see views on the internet through Zillow. We had a promising showing of the home to a couple from Iowa this past month. We are looking at some possible open house dates in March. The CDC also has plans for another housing project in 2018. We believe we already have a buyer identified for the more affordable home we have plans to build on our lot on State St.

The CDC is also looking to develop a long term housing plan to determine how we might better meet future housing needs. We are looking at various programs and partnerships we might be able to utilize to continuing housing development in Centerville.

Commercial Business: One of the main priorities for the Development Corporation in 2018 is the continued clean up of our downtown and central business district. The CDC has a preliminary agreement in place to purchase the old "Roundies" buildings. The two vacant and dilapidated commercial properties in the heart of our downtown have been empty and an eyesore for many years. We hope to clean up the lots to make way for a new commercial building and business opportunity.

The next featured business in Centerville will be Kut Kabanna hair salon. Kim Satter's business will be featured on Facebook and the website.

The CDC and Centerville Chamber of Commerce are partnering on a shop local campaign called "Blitz The Business". Each month a different retail store will be selected. On the selected day each month shoppers who make a purchase at the selected business will get their name in a drawing for a chance at \$50 in Centerville Chamber Bucks. On March 7th NAPA Auto Parts will be our first business to kick things off.

The CDC is also working on a project to update welcome signage into town. We are looking at the possibility of 2 to 3 new welcome signs at entrances into town. We hope to partner with the school on a entrance welcome sign near the football and track complex. We also plan on addressing the aging billboards on highways 19A & 46. Our goal is to complete these projects before the end of 2018.

Strategies to Recruit Young Families and Alumni: The CDC continues it's talks with the school on the development and structure of a Youth Advisory Board to the Development Corporation. Jared will again meet with potential student candidates at the school this semester.

The CDC is also looking to implement new engagement strategies with various entities and organizations in Centerville. We feel it necessary to involve a wider ranging audience in Centerville and will look to add more members to the Economic Development Corporation in an advisory role.

Parks & Rec: The pool fundraising committee is in full swing. With the condition of our aging pool the plumbing and walls are in need of some repairs and renovation. The groups large community fundraiser planned for St. Patrick's

Day, Saturday March 17th should go a long way to raising funds. The group hopes to raise matching funds for a Wellmark Foundation grant for wellness.

The Peder Larsen Park Revitalization group also continues its efforts and planning for upcoming projects this spring. At the top of the list are the picnic shelter renovations, finishing the sand volleyball court and putting in the new batting cages.

The Rotary Club will continue their work to create and establish Rotary Park in Centerville at the north end of Broadway. The group will continue its clean up and landscaping efforts in the area and will look to add some metal art pieces come spring.

Grant Opportunities: The City continues to work on the details of the Main St project. The CDC assisted in the application for a Community Access Grant for \$240,000 in grant dollars to be paired with the previously awarded \$240,000 low interest loan from the DENR through the State revolving loan fund. They are now waiting to hear back on approval from the City's Bond Council to determine if we can move forward with the project.

The CDC again assisted the Centerville Police Dept and the Centerville Fire Department on applications for Homeland Security Grants. If successful these dollars would go towards assisting in the purchase of updated communications equipment for the departments. The grant applications were submitted on February 16th. According to the County we were one of the few communities to apply so we feel our chances are pretty good again this time.

The CDC finalized its application for the Wellmark Foundation Match Grant in February. If successful the grant dollars would be used to match our fundraising efforts for the pool renovations. The dollars would go towards plumbing repairs and relining the pool. The application was for approximately \$30,000.

Conferences & Training: The CDC went through the process of updating their strategic plan February 3rd and 4th. The retreat was facilitated by Dakota Resources. The group came out of the planning session feeling renewed and excited about the future. We now have a more clear vision for the next 5 to 7 years and beyond.

Jared plans to attend the next quarterly economic development regional round table held in Aberdeen on March 21st. The agenda will be highlighted by a legislative update and the main speaker will be Chad Babcock from the SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources. Chad will discuss the waste management program and speak on the state asbestos and solid waste requirements when clearing commercial properties.