

CENTERVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

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Nursing Home: The current census at Centerville Care and Rehab Center is 47 residents, consisting of 34 skilled nursing, (2 of which is Medicare Part A) and 13 assisted living. The Development Corporation has the purchase agreement in place with Chad Stroschein of Caring Professionals. We are now working through the transition list. The sale will be official in June.

Housing: The Dev. Corp continues to market the spec home that is for sale on Nebraska St. We continue to get interest both online and with phone calls. The CDC is looking at potential options for incentives that we might be able to offer for this home and other homes as we move forward with our focus on housing.

The planned housing project on the CDC's State St lot has unfortunately fallen through. We still believe the location holds potential and will be a viable option for a home in the future. The CDC is currently making plans for future housing projects in Centerville with the knowledge that if we do not have the housing stock to attract newcomers they will pass us by for other options.

The CDC continues with their efforts to identify and acquire other empty lots that we feel will be good locations for future housing projects. We are close to the purchase of three adjoining lots on the North side of town where we will consider more infill housing development.

The 8-unit multifamily housing project that was scheduled to go up this summer on the CDC owned lot on the corner of Vermillion and Iowa has now also fallen through. The developer that was heading up the project has since bought an existing property in Viborg. We will still move forward with the conversation at the planned public hearing to make the public aware that we do envision the area being for a multifamily housing project at some point.

Commercial Business: The Development Corporation closed on the old "Roundies" buildings on Broadway on April 30th, officially acquiring the properties. The long-term goal and vision will be to clean up this area to make way for a new commercial building and business opportunity for our downtown. This acquisition has been a work in progress for several years and we are excited to have finally secured the property to make way for progress.

The CDC and Centerville Chamber of Commerce continues their shop local campaign called "Blitz The Business" in April. This month's business was Maria's Restaurant. We plan to continue this shop local campaign each month.

The CDC continues to work with sign companies on concepts for new welcome signage into town. We are hoping to receive quotes from at least three different companies. Plans are in the works for adding 2 to 3 new welcome signs at the entrances of town.

The Community Innovation Team geared around bringing a Mechanic to town continues to make strides. We have had some great preliminary discussions and we believe things are falling into place to see this business need in Centerville be filled by late summer. We feel have a well-established mechanic business ready to set up shop in Centerville and a potential space to place the business in. The Development Corporation is working to help facilitate to see this happen. If all goes according to plan the new business would like to open its doors by August 1st.

Over the past couple months, the Development Corporation has met with three different parties with interest in potentially starting a business in Centerville. All three of these business ideas have potential and would be a great addition to the community. The CDC will look to assist with the various needs these entrepreneurs might have in order to help get them started. We hope this is a continued trend for the shift we have been hoping to see with our downtown and community being an attractive place to open a business.

Strategies to Recruit Young Families and Alumni: Planning continues for the annual Tornado Days celebration. The schedule of events is in place. We will be continuing with the preparation, planning and advertising through the summer until the event is here in July. We fully anticipate this year to be the largest yet.

The Community Connections gathering for Cinco De Mayo at Marias is all set for May 5th in downtown Centerville. We expect a nice crowd and hope it is a multicultural experience that is welcome to all races.

The CDC is working on their newly updated strategic plan. The new vision for the organization has both short-term and long-term goals we are working towards. Much of the early planning has revolved around financial planning for the organization and how we can have both an immediate impact for the community now, and a lasting impact for the future.

Parks & Rec: The CDC has been assisting in moving the pool repair timeline along. The pools plumbing has been checked and pressurized. We will now have discussions with the City for the timeline for re-lining the pool. The soonest the company can get here to do the lining will August or September.

The Peder Larsen Park renovation projects are back in full swing. The picnic shelter renovations are bak up and going, the new sand diggers for the kids sandbox area are being built. Work on the new sand volleyball court has also continued. The poles for the new batting cages were also just put in recently.

With spring in full swing, the Rotary Club is planning their continued creation of Rotary Park at the north end of Broadway. The group will continue the clean up and landscaping efforts in the area and will look to add the metal art they have designed sometime in May.

Grant Opportunities: The CDC continues to be involved in the preparations for the Main St street repair project. The project is anticipated to bid in early summer to make way for the project to start mid-July. The project will be a nice improvement to several blocks either side of downtown.

Our application for funding for the pool project through the Wellmark Foundations Large Matching Grant was not selected this time around. The is another round of funding through their Small Matching grant we will look to apply for this summer to see if we have better luck.

Conferences & Training: Jared attended the annual Governor's Office of Economic Conference in Sioux Falls April 11th and 12th. The conference had several good speakers and presenters and was a great refresher on everything the GOED has to offer.

Jared attended the quarterly Dakota Resources Network Gathering in Wagner, SD on April 19th & 20th. Main highlights from the gathering included sessions on Makerspaces, Entrepreneurship, and Managing a Revolving Loan Fund.

Jared will attend the up coming Energize Economic Development Conference in De Smet May 8th and 9th. The Conference will explore innovative rural communities. Jared has been asked to both participate and to be a presenter in one of the breakout sessions.