

# CENTERVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

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**Housing:** Community Partners, the company putting together our housing study update, will be coming back to Centerville Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to report the results of the housing study to our Development Corporation Board. City Council members will also be encouraged to attend this portion of the meeting. The housing update is basically complete and this will be great information as we move forward with housing development in Centerville. Once completed we hope to put together a summary of the findings and recommendations

The CDC will be holding a special housing meeting Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential development plans for 2020-2021 housing projects. Engineers from Banner & Associates will be in attendance to discuss the site plan for what is known as the garden lots on Nebraska St. We hope this meeting will give us direction with housing development moving forward over the next couple years.

The CDC is now in the process of acquiring a couple more properties in Centerville to clean up and for future housing projects. The purchase agreements are being drawn up with the attorney and we hope to close and be able to share more information on these properties this spring. Along with this the CDC is considering another large-scale housing rehab project. We hope to have more details for this by early Spring as well.

Our 111 Iowa St spec home project continues to be ahead of schedule. We are hoping to have interior painting done in the next few days and then Tough As Nails Inc can really go to work on interior finishes from there. We are hoping the house will be ready to put on the market by the beginning of April if not sooner. We have started to spread the word about the home again through social media to create buzz as well.

**Business Development:** The Arts Commerce & Visitors Center building renovation at 616 Broadway St continues to churn along. The new roof is finally installed and leaking is no longer an issue. We have gotten more items moved out of the way for the construction and S&P Construction has started on the rehab of the tin roof in the building. We have been having conversations with Sherree Dee to develop a plan for the museum items that will be moved over.

The new ads for The Seed Coffeehouse and Eatery went up in mid-February on the interstate billboards, which/ announces their opening in downtown Centerville coming this spring. The space that will house this new business has seen a lot of progress over the past couple months. The buzz around this new business to Centerville continues.

The new graphics for the billboards on the corner of highways 46 & 19A have been order. We hope to have these ready to go up in March. This high traffic area will be another great visible area to promote a few more of the businesses in Centerville.

After long wait Pollman Excavation arrived in town at the end of February with the heavy equipment that will be used to take down the old Roundies buildings that the CDC owns. They started to take down the large trees in the back and we anticipate they will be starting on the buildings demo in the next few days. We are very excited for this project to finally happen!

**Community Development:** The CDC is looking at the possibility of an update to the CentervilleSD website. The website that is hosted through the City is somewhat antiquated and limited for what we can do. The information is the main hub for the City of Centerville, The Centerville Development Corporation and the Centerville Chamber of Commerce. Through a facilitated project from Dakota Resources called "Strategic Doing" a group made up of CDC board members is dedicated to improving the website. We hope to reach out to the City for their cooperation and partnership to make this

main driver for Centerville better. We believe we can increase visibility and traffic to the site and bring more awareness to what Centerville has to offer.

Fundraisers for the Centerville Senior Center have been going well. Bingo nights in February were well received. The events were fun and well attended. We are hopeful for similar crowds in March. A group of us will be having a meeting with active generations to better determine what this partnership needs moving forward.

We started marketing the Adult Prom Fundraiser idea for the Arts, Commerce and Visitors Center Building. The fundraiser is generating some really good buzz and we are hopeful that it will be a nice fundraiser. If nothing else it will be a fun community event that will bring people to town and give a boost to some of our local businesses. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in Centerville.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> a planning meeting for the Tornado Days 2020 weekend was held. The planning and schedule of events for the weekend are coming along nicely with just a few more details to iron out. The dates are set for July 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will soon be promoting and advertising this event as well. Its shaping up to be another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Projects within the Downtown Revitalization will soon start to be taking shape with Spring right around the corner. Discussions are being held on the downtown sitting areas. It will soon be time to order the flowers for the hanging flower baskets. We are looking into the fencing for the empty lots and just overall various cleanup of the downtown.

The Community Parks & Recreation Action Committee hopes to meet this Spring to make a plan for various cleanups and possible projects at the park. Some of the items that are being discussed with the CDC's involvement and possible funding has been tiling and better drainage at the park, improving the outfields on both ball diamonds and the possible expansion of the camping area up at the park.