



CITY OF URBANDALE **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER**

August 2021

New Site Preparation Assistance Policy for Transitioning Properties

The City Council recently approved a Site Preparation Assistance Policy to provide funding to landowners considering changing the use of their property. Properties need to be evaluated for the development potential, extending infrastructure, access points, and other topics to develop conceptual plans for future development. To learn more about the program, its requirements, and next steps, more information is available on the [Incentives & Assistance page](#) on the City's website or reach out to the Economic Development team.

Railroad repair on 100th Street to begin Monday, August 9

100th Street south of Douglas Avenue will be closed starting at 6 AM on Monday, August 9, for railroad crossing improvements. This closure is for both northbound and southbound traffic.

It's anticipated that the work will be completed by Saturday, August 14.

Please drive safely through this area as lane closures and restricted access modifications will be made throughout the construction period. A more detailed description and regular updates on construction projects throughout town may be found on our [City Projects](#) page of our website.

Merle Hay / Buccaneer Arena Revitalization gaining Momentum

In late June 2021, the [State of Iowa awarded](#) the Merle Hay Mall revitalization project an Iowa Reinvestment Act award ensuring a major funding source for the new Buccaneer Arena and Training Center. The Buccaneers, Merle Hay Mall, and the cities of Des Moines and Urbandale are working to solidify all the financial components and design for its construction and operations.



Recently Approved Projects in Urbandale

The City Council approved several new developments and projects the last two months. The following is a list of the rezonings, plats and site plans which have recently moved forward:

- Calusa at Timberline Village (142nd and Douglas) – Final Plat approved June 1, 2021 for 35 townhome units
- Timberline Village PUD (142nd and Douglas) – Final Plat approved June 15, 2021 for 3 commercial lots
- Daycare Project (2506 142nd) – Site Plan approved on June 15, 2021 for building conversion into a 8,100 SF daycare facility
- Urbandale Marketplace (4820 100th Street) – Site Plan approved on June 29, 2021 for a 10,000 SF retail center on the corner of Plum Drive and 100th Street
- Valerius School Site Plan (3305 92nd Street) – Site Plan approved on July 13, 2021 for a new elementary school.
- Bestland Estates Rezoning (86th St. north of Meredith Dr.) – Rezoning approved on July 27, 2021 for 60 single family lots and commercial and multi-family uses

Staying in Touch with Urbandale's Economic Development Team

We have built this newsletter and distribution list to stay in close contact with the valued business leaders, partners and stakeholders that help the City advance its economic development goals. If you think someone would value receiving this, please forward it. Archived editions and an opportunity to sign up to receive the newsletter directly are [here](#).

A great way to receive updates faster is to connect with the City of Urbandale on our various social media channels.



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