



100th Street Construction Underway

The 100th Street and 54th Avenue street improvement project and the 100th Street Bridge improvements project involves reconstructing the intersection of 100th Street and 54th Avenue and widening 100th Street from Plum Drive to north of Interstate 35/80 to a five-lane roadway. A separate but related project will provide a new 100th Street bridge over Interstate 35/80 with pedestrian access. These projects are anticipated to be completed in late November of 2016. 100th Street is currently closed between Plum Drive and Northpark Drive and will remain closed for the duration of the project. Follow this link for a [helpful map of the project phases](#) and a suggested detour route. Frequent project updates are available on the City website [at this link](#).

Upcoming Urbandale Infrastructure Projects

In addition to the 100th Street project described above, in January the City Council also approved the following 2016 and 2017 projects in the five-year Capital Improvements Program. Those projects include:

(2016) Douglas Avenue; add beautification features to the bridge over I-35/80 and create an access for former Villa Lodge/Dragon House site.

(2016) Installation of a right turn lane on Douglas Parkway for westbound traffic to turn north onto 121st.

(2017) Reconstruction of Aurora Avenue between NW Urbandale Drive and 112th Street, including replacement of the railroad crossing.

(2017) Construction of a four lane roadway on Meredith Drive from 128th to 142nd Street, west of Paragon Office Park.

(2016-2018) Installation of community entrance signage at key locations.

City and Chamber Support Urbandale Entrepreneurship with UI Venture School Scholarship

The 2016 Des Moines Venture School cohort is in session at the Des Moines UI Pappajohn Education Center. [UI Venture School](#) increases the chances of a startup's success by helping teams align their businesses with the critical needs of their customers.

In this Venture School group are entrepreneurial city scholarships like the one granted by the City of Urbandale and Chamber of Commerce to Clemen Wilcox, Founder of Everything - Spanish. "Without this scholarship, I wouldn't have this opportunity. I am excited to see how Venture School can help my business. The resources, mentors and support provided are amazing," she said.

"The Urbandale Chamber is proud to support entrepreneurs through Venture School," said Matt Nuetzman, 2016 Chair. "We look forward to a long partnership with the City of Urbandale and UI Venture School to help startups set a solid foundation for their businesses."

"Our goal is to share the expertise of the University of Iowa's award-winning John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC) to entrepreneurs across the state of Iowa," said Jennifer Banta, training and engagement liaison for UI JPEC. "By creating new partnerships with entrepreneurs and organizations that support new business development, we can offer entrepreneurs and small business owners a wide variety of resources including prototyping, business strategies and industry specific mentoring," she said.

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

Urbandale provides many opportunities for commercial and residential investment. Below are some recent projects:

Opened: Twisted Bean Coffee Company opened a new 3,500 SF location at 4504 Merle Hay Road.

Reinvestment continues in the Merle Hay Road corridor. Twisted Bean's new location is preceded by recent projects such as Tom's Auto Sales, Pita Pit and Dunkin Donuts.

Opened: Next Level Extreme Fitness leased approximately 7,500 SF at 3709-3711 86th Street in Urban Town Center.

Opened: Grayhawk Homes leased approximately 1,875 SF at 3988 NW Urbandale Drive.

The lease of space by Grayhawk Homes is one of many recent additions to the 100th Street/NW Urbandale Drive home improvement corridor. Additional projects underway in the corridor include the Habitat for Humanity ReStore additional location, Renaissance Granite & Quartz expansion and Homemakers warehouse expansion.

Learn About the People and Innovations in Urbandale's Business Community

The third week of each month, the City and Urbandale Chamber of Commerce partner with the *Business Record* to produce a custom publication, the *Urbandale Business Connection* (UBC). The UBC shares information about Urbandale businesses and highlights initiatives and events and those in the Urbandale workforce. [Follow this link](#) to check out our Media Center, which houses all current and archived editions.

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