

# Progress

## Restoration of Central Storefronts is Under Way

Four storefronts in the 300 block of Central Ave. soon will receive an amazing face lift: 314 (Rison Homes), 316 (formerly Jim and Joe's), 318 (Long Cheng) and 320 (formerly Nona Boyes).

New owners of three of the buildings have submitted plans of how these buildings will look. The State Historic Preservation Office has approved plans for 314 Central and funding assistance has been approved by the Economic Development Authority. Funding comes from a one-year extension

of the City's 2004 South Central Revitalization program grant, allowing up to \$50,000 in low-interest loans and up to \$15,000 in deferred loans per storefront.

Improvements will shore up the main level allowing the fencing to be brought back to the sidewalk to restore the street parking. Other improvements will include: new storefront windows, opening up the transom windows, restoring or replacing upper-level windows, tuck pointing and interior work.



Improvements to buildings in the 300 block of Central Ave. will be completed in early 2007.

### *Salespeople Wanted!*

Economic development in Faribault has been a priority for many years, and the results are showing!

Faribault has an aggressive infrastructure-improvement program in place, grant and loan programs and state incentives for businesses, and a good community marketing plan. So what else does Faribault need to be successful?

Answer: citizens to be positive about where they work and live.

A community is like a person, a positive attitude is the first building block for success. The more individual citizens talk up the good things about our community, the more outside businesses will want to locate here and local businesses will expand.

Did you know that businesses looking for places to locate in will often send advance people to a community to listen in on coffee groups and other gatherings to determine community attitudes?

The best salesperson Faribault has is each of you.

—Tim Madigan,  
City Administrator

PROPERTIES IMPROVED THROUGH LOAN PROGRAMS

## City Completes South Central Property Project

The City of Faribault has completed the 2004 South Central Comprehensive property rehabilitation for historic building in the Central Business District and designated residential and multi-family homes.

In the Central Business District there were eight buildings that received program funding assistance for revitalization or replacement of upper-level windows, storefront restoration, front door and transom window replacement, tuck pointing and restoration of awnings.

Funding for these projects came from the City of Faribault, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the property owners for a total investment of \$337,842.

In the residential program, a dozen homeowners received low-interest or deferred loans to address deferred maintenance issues on their homes for a total investment of \$200,000. One rental-property owner took advantage of low-interest and deferred loans to stretch his dollars to upgrade his duplex. Total project costs were more than \$38,000.

The Community Development Department is planning another round of grant applications for state funding in 2008.



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WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

## Downtown Improvement Task Force Begins Its Work

The Downtown Improvement Task Force began work in August in an effort to develop recommendations to the City Council on public improvements in the downtown area which will enhance property values, economic development, aesthetics and quality of life in the City's historic downtown.

Mayor Charles Ackman, with the consent of the City Council established the task force, which began meetings in August to study downtown area improvement needs, opportunities, and costs, and develop recommendations for consideration by the City Council. The task force is reviewing the Downtown Parking and Pedestrian Needs Analysis that was funded by the Faribault Economic Development Authority at the request of the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Action Committee.

The parking study which was conducted this year by Bonestroo, Rosene Anderlik & Associates from St. Paul, provides an analysis of parking supply and occupancy as

well as examining the current pedestrian connections to the downtown retail areas. It includes recommendations on parking improvements, pedestrian connections to parking areas and streetscape improvements.

The work of the task force is anticipated to take four to six months to complete.

The task force report and recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council in the spring for consideration.

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### *Economic Development Partners*

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# Snapshots of Growth



**Faribault Ice Arena expansion**



**Boston's The Gourmet Pizza Restaurant**



**Willow Creek Concrete Products**



**Wal-Mart expansion**



**Subway**



**Kwik Trip car wash expansion**

DID YOU KNOW?

# The Faribault Flyer

Did you know:

- The Faribault Flyer is a public transit system operating along a route within the Faribault city limits.
- The Faribault Flyer operates 7 days a week:
  - 6:30-6:30 Monday-Friday
  - 7:30-4:30 Saturday
  - 8:30-3:30 Sunday
- The Faribault Flyer offers affordable rates:
  - \$1 cash fare
  - \$5 unlimited ride youth pass
  - Free to children under 5
  - Senior Pass (\$6 for 10 rides) to registered seniors
- The Faribault Flyer is handicapped accessible.
- The Faribault Flyer provides off-route service upon request and as it fits into the schedule (2 hour notice is recommended).

The Community Development Department is conducting a service analysis of the bus system. An infor-



mation survey will be sent to each household in the coming months seeking input on perceptions, how the system can be improved, and what transportation needs are not being met.

We hope you will take a few minutes to respond to the survey. Your input is important as we strive to address the transportation needs of our residents.

For more information on the Faribault Flyer, please call Kim Lang at 333-0376.

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### WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

*If you have any comments, give us a call at (507) 333-0342.*