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Coming Soon... New City Website!

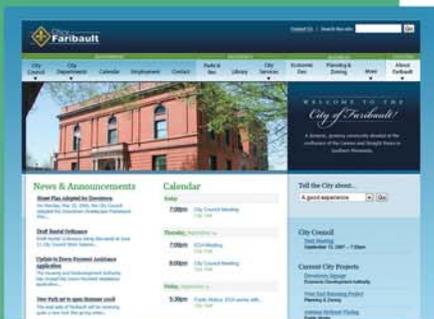
City of Faribault residents and others who visit the website each year can look forward to a newly updated and revised city website.

The two main enhancements to the site will be a redesigned and updated appearance to the site as well as a Content Management System which will allow city staff to update information on the site as needed.

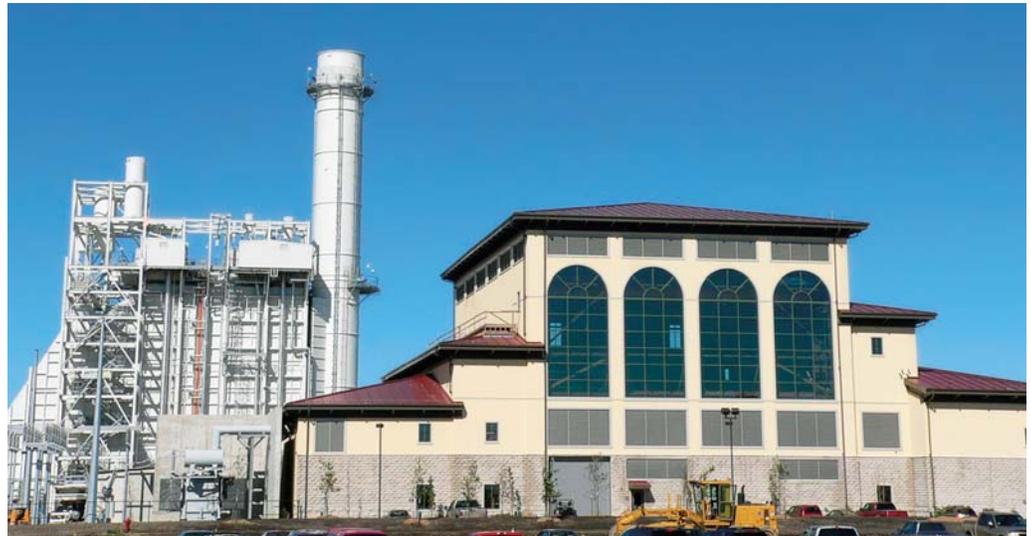
Look for the new website to be up and running just after the first of the year.

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Faribault Energy Park generates electricity with a green twist.



Minnesota has a new source of electrical energy generated from clean-burning natural gas and from renewable biomass resources — the Faribault Energy Park.

In addition, the facility will be a “working classroom” about green energy production.

The facility, owned by Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) and designed by Avant Energy Services, is now operating in “combined cycle.” The main source of power is a turbine powered by burning natural gas. The second cycle is another turbine powered by excess heat from the natural gas turbine and supplemented by burning liquids from renewable,

or “biomass,” sources such as recycled vegetable oil, soy oil and camelina oil. The result is highly efficient production with low emissions. Capacity is 265 megawatts, or enough electricity to power about 265,000 homes for a day.

“This is an important win for Minnesota,” said Dave Pokorney, chairman of MMPA. “Faribault Energy Park will mean reliable, economical power for the state, while balancing the mandate for electricity from renewable resources,” he said. Pokorney said Faribault Energy Park will be among the cleanest-burning, most efficient electrical generation plants in the Midwest-

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Dave Pokorney,
Chairman of MMPA



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part of the evolution toward greener power. The natural gas portion of the facility has been operating since 2005, and the addition of the second generator brings the project to completion.

The educational aspects of the facility are unique. “We created this facility to be integrated into the Community as an

asset, while serving as an educational and recreational resource,” said Derick Dahlen, president of Avant Energy Services, the firm that designed the facility and managed construction.

Students and residents touring the facility are able to view the control room and one of the massive turbines. Set among the facility's 20 acres of wetlands

will be educational displays demonstrating alternative energy sources including hydro, solar and wind energy. A contest is currently underway to allow Faribault area students and residents to help finalize plans for the displays.

“Visitors will be able to visit the wetlands recreation area, view the educational displays and even drop a fishing line,”

Snapshots of Growth



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Charles Ackman
Faribault Mayor

said Dahlen, who added that MMPA also placed a premium on building an attractive, aesthetically pleasing Campus. He said the wetlands serve as a rainwater recovery and filtration system that stores rainwater for producing steam and for cooling equipment.

Dahlen said emissions are dramatically reduced compared to conventional power plants. For example, he said, Faribault Energy Park will produce less than three percent of the nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide that a similar-capacity coal burning plant would produce. He said that although there are many variables, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide emissions are expected to be roughly half of a coal plant.

Faribault mayor Charles Ackman adds, “Faribault Energy Park is a welcome addition to our community. It is providing good jobs along with amenities you'd never imagine from a power facility, including tours, public use of their park-like wetlands area, and the educational displays.”

The facility cost approximately \$180 million, the largest investment in Faribault's history.



Western Avenue Marketplace



Warmington Custom



Tru Vue, Inc. expansion



Shattuck sports complex lobby addition

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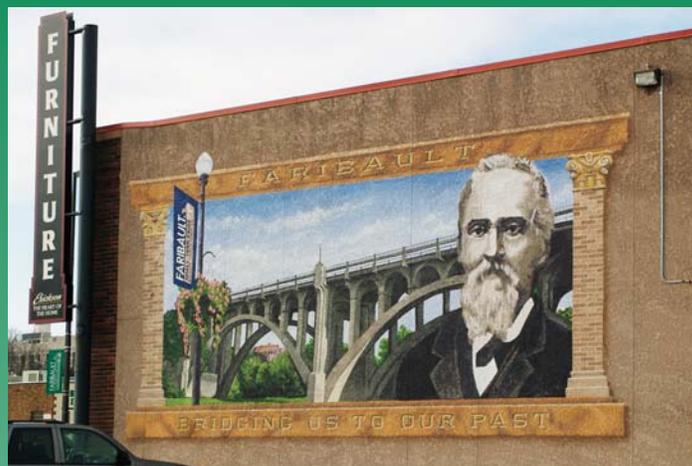
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New Mural Debuts

Faribault's first new mural in over ten years was completed this year by the Mural Society of Faribault. The mural is located on the east wall of the Erickson Furniture Store at 30 5th Street North West. It depicts the link between our community's historic past and today. The mural was funded with private donations from local businesses and individual citizens and from proceeds approved by the Charitable Gambling Board.

The Mural Society is planning to do a new mural each year depicting Faribault's history, culture, its people and its quality of life. The Mural Society will be selecting a site for the 2008 mural in the coming months. In addition, the Mural Society is also planning



to work with art students at Shattuck-St. Mary's who have proposed to restore a Tilt-A-Whirl car and paint it with a mural depicting the school's sesquicentennial.

The Mural Society of Faribault was formed this year with goals to employ public art as a means to bolster tourism and thereby the economy of the

Faribault Area and build community pride by preserving and honoring the history of our community in art. The group was formed by interested citizens and business leaders in the community as part of a committee of the Downtown Action Committee of the Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce.

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