

City Hall Holiday Closings
February 16, 2015 - President's Day

Stay Connected!



**NSP2 Homes:
SOLD!**

NOTICE: Bid Packets for the Sale of Garfield Elementary School Due February 10, 2015 at 2:00pm to the Moline School District!

Proposed Annexations:

- Residential - 3823 15th Street D
- Residential - 1522 36th Avenue
- Residential - 3727 15th Street D
- Residential - 3815 15th Street D

Recent Building Permits:

- Kosama - 1611 5th Avenue

Plan Commission Meetings

- February 11, 2015 @ 4:00 pm
- February 25, 2015 @ 4:00 pm

Council Meetings

- February 3, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
- February 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
- February 24, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

STATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WE CAN HELP YOU SUCCEED

The City has been very lucky. The last several years have been a struggle for most cities across the country, Moline is no exception. With the ever increasing cost to provide government and services to residents, there is a constant pressure for Cities to continue to perform at increased levels with less public funding.

In Moline, the City has focused on a strategy to continue to provide its residents with top notch services and an environment that is conducive to living, working and finding the day to day services and goods necessary for a good life. In order to do this, the City Council has continued to strive to provide opportunities for its residents. The City has seen continued investment in its streets and utility systems and the City has also partnered with the private sector to make improvements to their business and properties, which in turn provide significant opportunities for the City's residents.

Some good examples of recent improvements include: SouthPark Mall, the new Menards, Zimmerman Honda, Green Family Hyundai, Sam's Club at Valley View Village, the former Menards which is now home to Hobby Lobby, Ross Dress for Less, PetSmart, and of course, the very important Western Illinois Quad Cities Riverfront Campus and neighboring development, known as, the Mills at RiverBend Commons. These operations employ hundreds of residents and also provide opportunities for goods and services. The City wishes

to continue to expand WIU with the upcoming Phase III and RiverBend Commons with Phase II, as well as additional investments in SouthPark Mall and the expansion of utilities to serve the Quad City International Airport and adjacent Business Park. The City has also focused on residential growth with residential projects at the site of the former Moline Lutheran and Moline Public Hospitals, known as Hawk Hollow and The Point, that will provide construction jobs as well as living options for all ages.

Ray Forsythe, Director of the Planning & Development Department, for the City of Moline, recently attended an Economic Development Leadership Summit where Economic Development Practitioners from across the world explored the role and responsibility of economic developers and organizations by channeling new ideas, markets, and products into their "gateways" to increase local, regional, national and global economic growth in today's competitive marketplace.

The Summit focused on Micropreneurs and Microbusinesses, highlighting that data from the U.S. Census Bureau in 2008 indicated that of all the firms in the U.S., 78% were non-employer firms and only 13% of the firms employed 1-4 people. These self-employed individuals and the micro-businesses create sizable economic impacts for themselves and their communities. The City is fortunate to have many large businesses in Moline and around the Quad Cities such as Deere & Company,

Local Events



Feb. 6	Mallards v Allen Americans @ iWireless 7pm	Feb. 7	Mallards v Allen Americans @ iWireless 7pm
Feb. 13	Mallards v Oilers @ iWireless 7pm	Feb. 25	Mallards v Allen Americans @ iWireless 7pm

the Rock Island Arsenal, Genesis Health, Trinity Regional Health System, Kraft Foods/Oscar Mayer, Alcoa, Group O and many others. These large businesses create many opportunities for small businesses to prosper because the small businesses provide services and goods to the manufacturing community as well as support services to those that work at these businesses. "This is what keeps the economy going," says Ray Forsythe, "the best way to keep these small businesses going is to provide continued support. This support can be in educational opportunities, access to capital, qualified workers, and the necessary materials needed to produce the product if it's a manufacturer," he added.

The City has several programs and staff in place to help and assist with many of these important success components. The City has a Façade Program to partner with the business owner on exterior improvements, as well as Moline's Revolving Loan Program (RLF) to partner with the business owner and their primary funding source to provide additional funding to businesses. Funds for the RLF are very competitive and are often time the necessary input to make a project feasible. In addition, the City also has staff members with knowledge of other resources throughout the community that will benefit existing as well as startup companies and are able to direct you to the appropriate agency or person to help you succeed. Merely keep the Planning & Development Department in mind as you look for your opportunities within Moline. Continue to read our Department newsletter, visit the City's website, "like" us on FaceBook, and follow us on Twitter for more information that may benefit and help you!

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Interested in starting a business in Moline? Don't know where to start or need an additional funding source? Small businesses in our community have a major impact on the City's future as well as the overall economy. The City encourages and supports individuals looking to open their business in our community in various ways including providing assistance with the Revolving Loan Fund.

The overall intent of the RLF is to encourage the expansion and development of viable business/industrial activity in the City of Moline. The RLF is targeted to those businesses and industries that cannot obtain economically feasible financing because of conventional interest rates and lending/exposure limits applied by local lending institutions. The RLF program is intended to provide the funds that make the project viable by filling the financing gap created by these conditions.

The City currently has \$243,000 available to loan for the 2015 calendar year. The minimum loan amount is \$10,000 and the maximum loan amount is \$100,000 – that means the City has funds to assist anywhere from 2 – 24 different businesses! City Council recently approved changes to the City's Revolving Loan Fund to make it more marketable and attractive to potential applicants, including a reduction to the once 4% interest rate. Loans have the potential to be approved for 5 years at 50% below prime rate or 10 years at prime rate (currently 3.25%).

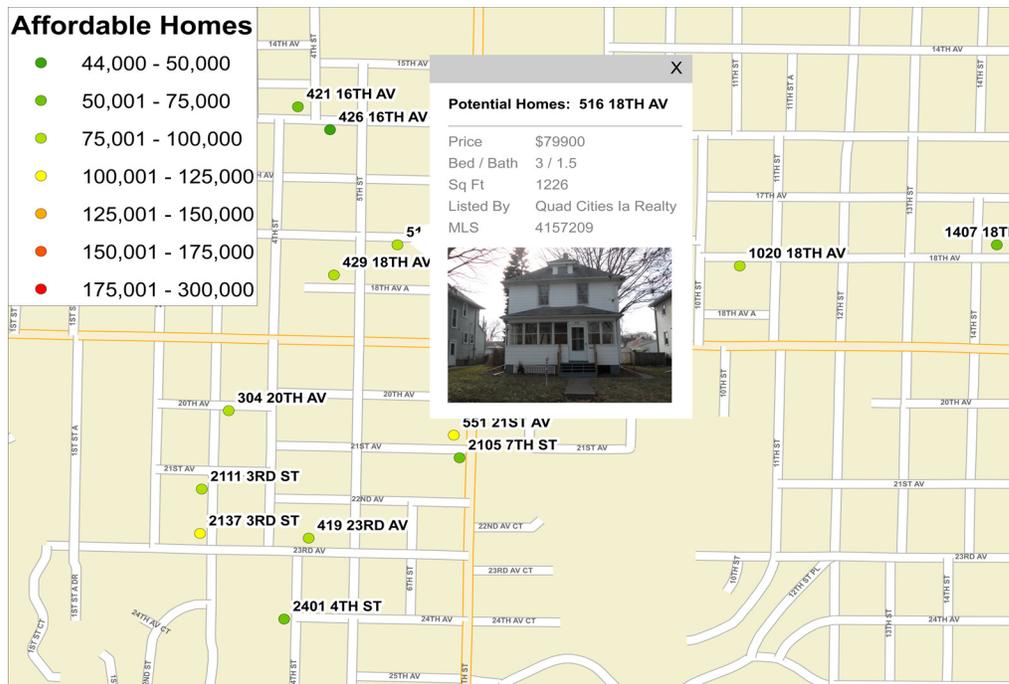
Applicants are encouraged to have a completed Business Plan, Financial

Projections and a letter of justification for public financing prior to applying. There are various resources available in the area to assist those who aren't familiar with creating a business plan or financial projections such as score.org and Blackhawk College Small Business Development Center.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Moline announces that a proposed substantial amendment to the City's Program Year 2013 Annual Action Plan (AAP), Amendment #3 and Program Year 2014 APP, Amendment #1, are available for public review and comment. Five activities have been proposed for modification or cancellation to the 2013 Annual Action Plan. Seven activities have been proposed for modification or cancellation to the 2014 Annual Action Plan. The purpose of these substantial amendments are to make the public aware of them. Documents will be available at the Planning and Development Department located in the Moline City Hall, 619 16th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265 and the Moline Public Library located at 3210 41st Street, Moline, Illinois 61265. An electronic version is available on the City webpage.

The public comment period will take place January 25, 2015 – February 24, 2015. Citizens are encouraged to examine and comment on the proposed amendments during regular business hours Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. All comments must be received by February 24, 2015 in the Planning and Development Office. Written comments may be sent to the Community Development Division at City Hall or e-mailed to kwhitley@moline.il.us.



CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

At the conclusion of every Community Development Block Grant Program year, the City of Moline is required to provide the public and The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an assessment of its accomplishments throughout the Program year. This annual assessment is known as the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and compiled within it an accomplishment summary for the City of Moline's management and allocation of federal resources received from HUD. This report is due on April 1, 2015.

TRUST FUND PROGRAM APP

The Trust Fund Homebuyer and Rehabilitation Assistance Program provides eligible homebuyers with up to \$5,000 to assist with down payment and closing costs, and up to \$20,000 to assist with eligible rehabilitation items. An important requirement of the program is that the home must be unoccupied at the time a purchase offer is submitted. In an attempt to dampen any misconceptions about unoccupied houses, we have added a new "map app" to the Program webpage! The app is an interactive map of the City of Moline with expandable location markers to where potential homes are located.

The featured properties are "potential" homes that appear to meet the program criteria: unoccupied and in decent shape for rehabilitation, however, when an eligible participant finds any home, the home will undergo an

inspection to determine whether it is eligible for purchase through the Program and will be deemed qualifiable at that time.

For more information regarding the Program, contact Alan Sabat, Community Development Assistant, at 309-524-2037 or via email at asabat@moline.il.us. To view the app, visit the Program webpage at moline.il.us/index.aspx?nid=308 or moline.il.us. The app can be viewed on a desktop and is also mobile-friendly!

PLEASE NOTE: The properties featured in this inventory have not been determined eligible for the program and are not guaranteed to be active listings. They appear to meet the program criteria, but will be subject to an inspection to determine eligibility. This application (app) is intended to aid potential participants in finding a home for purchase and is not an endorsement of any particular property or real estate agent, agency, or service.

Prior to that date, there will be a fifteen (15) day public comment period, in which the public will have the opportunity to comment on this Report. There will also be a public hearing held at the commencement of the fifteen (15) day period. This period is anticipated to take place mid-February to mid-March, however, dates for this public comment period have not yet been announced. Dates will be announced on the City's webpage, as well as the City of Moline - Planning & Development Department's Facebook page.

For additional information on the CAPER, or to inquire about the public comment dates or the hearing date at a later time and you are unable to access the City webpage or Facebook page, please contact Annaka Whiting, Compliance Analyst, at 309-524-2035 or by email to awhiting@moline.il.us.

\$30,045 BUDGETED FOR 2015 FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



BEFORE



AFTER

FACADE PROGRAM

The purpose of the City of Moline's Facade Improvement programs is to provide financial assistance to owners for the rehabilitation of facades of property tax generating structures, with priority given to historic buildings. All rehabilitation work must be respectful of the historic character of the building, with every reasonable effort made to preserve its distinguishing original stylistic features. The City of Moline is able to offer two Facade Improvement Programs in 2015, both of which assist applicants with 1/3 of the project cost. The first Program is the Storefront Restoration Grant which assists with up to \$2,500 towards the total project cost. The Second is the Traditional Commercial Areas Reju-

venation Program which assists with up to \$7,500 toward the total project cost. In order to qualify the applicant must meet the following general guidelines:

- The applicant must be the owner of the building to be rehabilitated or a business within that building and all property tax payments must be current in order to qualify for participation in the program.
- The work involved with the project cannot start until the applicant has received a Letter of Commitment from the Design Committee.

All applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and contingent upon funding that is available, however, assistance will be given until all program dollars have been committed. Only one award is allowed per building, every five years. The Design Committee shall also retain final approval over all project designs.

Preference is also given to projects where the removal of overlay materials reveals superior design, materials, or workmanship; Historic materials, design, or workmanship; or where the removal will facilitate the restoration or construction of a facade that is more compatible with the character of the building and surrounding streetscape.

For more information on the Facade Program or for an application please visit moline.il.us, or contact Annaka Whiting at 309-524-2035 or awhiting@moline.il.us.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2 HOMES SOLD

The City of Moline has recently sold two newly constructed homes through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2. The City has plans to begin construction of two additional homes in March or April. The location of these two homes are 1505 17th Street and 833 15th Street A. The homes that are currently located at these lots will be demolished in February. A Request for Bids with regard to the demolition will be posted later this month.

For additional information on NSP2, please visit moline.il.us, or contact K.J. Whitley at 309-524-2044 or via email at kwhitley@moline.il.us.

