

Spring

Holiday Closing
Friday, April 3, 2015

Stay Connected!



Public comment Period for Al-
location of 2015 CDBG Funds
Being Held Now Through
April 22, 2015. Call (309) 524-
2044 for More Information!

Recent Building Permits:

Clint's Pizza - 1630 7th Street
Interior Build Out

iWireless - 1201 River Drive
Box Office & Restroom Addition

Hy-Vee - 4218 Avenue of the Cities &
750 42nd Avenue - Interior Remodels

Unity Point OB/GYN - 500 John Deere
Road - Interior Remodel

Connor Co. - 4600 46th Avenue
Interior Remodel

Green Family Hyundai - 6801 44th Av-
enue - Interior Remodel

Plan Commission Meetings

April 8, 2015 @ 4:00 pm
April 22, 2015 @ 4:00 pm

Council Meetings

April 7, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
April 21, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
April 28, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

**BLACK HAWK COLLEGE HEALTH SCIENCES
CENTER TO OPEN IN TIME FOR FALL CLASSES**



BHC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSES

One year ago Black Hawk College broke ground for the new Health Sciences Center at the college's Quad-Cities Campus in Moline. After the ceremonial shovels were cleaned and put away, construction began in earnest. The \$15 million, 46,000 square-foot, three-story facility is shape. Students and college employees have been able to watch the glass-sided building emerge from the hillside next to Building 3.

The need for qualified health care providers continues to grow. Black Hawk College believes this new facility will enable it to continue its long tradition of

training skilled health care professionals. Programs of study including nursing, physical therapist assisting and medical assisting are planned for the center.

"The pace of change in health care is truly amazing," said Dr. Bettie Truitt, President.

"We must continue to provide the best opportunities for our students to learn and acquire the skills that not only health care providers demand, but health care consumers also demand," she said.

The facility is expected to be completed in time for August classes.

Story courtesy of Black Hawk College.

Local Events



April 1	Mallards v Brampton Beast @ iWireless 7pm	April 25	Shred Day (up to two containers) @ Moline Public Library 9:30am-11:30am
April 18	Astronomy Day (all ages) @ Moline Public Library 2-5pm	April 30	1000 Books Before Kindergarten Registration @ Moline Public Library

CITY OF MOLINE PARTNERS WITH MOLINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR NEW \$280,000.00 GRANT

BLIGHT REDUCTION PROGRAM ANNOUNCES ROUND 1 SELECTIONS FOR NEW GRANT

The fourth Program created under the Hardest Hit Fund Program, the Blight Reduction Program, has announced its selections for Round 1 participants. The City of Moline is pleased to be one of the fifteen participants chosen with an award of \$280,000.00.

Through the Blight Reduction Program ("BRP"), the City of Moline will partner with Moline Community Development Corporation to target "blighted, vacant, residential properties in specific communities for demolition, greening, and eventual reuse or redevelopment". The BRP was created to complement the Abandoned Property Program ("APP"). The City of Moline is also a grant recipient for the APP. Under the APP, the City can utilize funds for securing, maintaining, demolishing, or rehabilitating abandoned residential properties.

Having the ability to combine both Programs, will allow the City an advantage towards reaching an overall end use and re-purpose of the targeted sites. Through the BRP, the City has been awarded funds to invest in eight blighted properties. In order for a property to be eligible under the BRP, two or more of the following conditions must exist:

a) construction was initiated and was discontinued prior to completion leaving a building unsuitable for occupancy, and no construction has taken

place in 6 months;

b) Multiple windows on the property are boarded up, closed off or smashed through, broken off or unhinged, or multiple windowpanes are broken and un-repaired;

c) Doors on the property are smashed through, broken off, unhinged, or continuously unlocked;

d) The property has been stripped of copper or other materials, or interior fixtures to the property have been removed;

e) Gas, electric or water services to the entire property have been terminated;

f) One or more written statements of the mortgager or the mortgagor's personal representative or assigns, including documents of conveyance, indicate a clear intent to abandon the property;

g) Law enforcement officials have received at least one report of trespassing or vandalism or other illegal acts being committed at the property in the last 6 months;

h) The property has been declared unfit for occupancy and ordered to remain vacant and unoccupied under an order issued by a municipality or county authority or a court of competent jurisdiction;

i) the local police, fire or code enforcement authority has requested the owner or other interested party to secure or winterize the property due

to the local authority declaring the property to be an imminent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public;

j) The property is open and unprotected and in reasonable danger of significant damage due to exposure to the elements, vandalism or freezing; or

k) Other evidence indicates a clear intent to abandon the property, or the real estate is zoned for residential development and is a vacant lot that is in need of maintenance, repair or securing.

Each unit is eligible for a maximum of \$35,000.00 of BRP funds. Commercial and mixed use properties are not eligible under BRP. Properties registered on national, state, or local historic preservation lists are also ineligible for BRP assistance.

The City and the Moline Community Development Corporation expect to close of their agreement with the Illinois Housing Authority in the coming months and continue its commitment to the City of Moline to enhance, maintain and provide, safe, decent, and affordable housing. The Planning & Development Department also has several opportunities and programs in place to assist homeowners, renters, and potential homeowners, with their housing needs. The City's overall goal to stabilize local neighborhoods will ultimately enhance the communities quality of life, and create a more sustainable community. Please contact the K.J. Whitley at (309) 524-2044, for more information on these programs.

STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Under the Moline Code of Ordinances, Recreational Vehicles ("RVs") are defined as camper trailers, travel trailers, truck campers, motor homes, recreational boats and boat trailers, horse trailers, and utility trailers. With the weather rapidly getting warmer, more and more RVs begin appearing throughout our neighborhoods. It is allowed to park an RV on a residential lot for up to 24 hours for loading, unloading and maintenance. However, most trailers are too big to meet the height and width restrictions for storage on any residential property.

Please remember that a maximum of one (1) RV is permitted per residential lot, when it does not exceed 20' in overall length, 8' in width, and 6' in overall height. If your RV meets these requirements, it must be stored in a rear yard where principal structure setbacks are met and must be parked on a concrete pad. In addition to storage requirements, we would like to remind residents of Moline RVs cannot be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes, they must be in a condition for safe and effective performance of its intended function and must bear current license and registration. For more information on RV do's and don'ts, please contact the Planning & Development Department at (309) 524-2030.



YARD SALE, FOR SALE, GARAGE SALE, & OTHER PRIVATE SIGNS

Spring cleaning has officially begun and after the cleaning, comes the garage sales and yard sales and what is the number one way to attract people to our sales? By advertising with signs! Whether the sign is black, or blue, or red, or green, or neon orange, private signs of any shape or color must be placed in the allowed areas of the City to avoid being taken down and discarded.

As a reminder, private signs may not be placed on utility poles or in the public right-of-way, which is a plateted network of land encompassing all public streets, parkways, sidewalks, utilities, and other public infrastructure. Unlawful signs within the right-of-way will not only be confiscated and discarded, but the owner of the signs will also be subjected to full costs of removal and disposal.

Please be mindful of the City ordinances when putting out your signs this season! One temporary sign may be placed on private property in the lot frontage limited to 36 square feet in total area. Although, when in doubt, take a minute to review our guidelines on www.moline.il.us/index.aspx?nid=322, or view Chapter 3 of the Moline Code of Ordinances.

KICK-OFF MEETING TO TAKE PLACE FOR PHASE II OF PLAN

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) awarded the City of Moline \$160,000 for the purpose of updating certain transportation and development-related elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The \$160,000 IDOT grant will be matched by \$40,000 of local funds.

This effort is being considered as Phase II of an overall effort to update the Moline Centre, Floreciente, and Edgewater plans, known as the Riverfront Neighborhoods Multimodal Transportation Plan. The planning effort will focus on the development of a multimodal transportation system to leverage investments made in the multimodal station and facilitate continued development within the study area. The project will also address parking and circulation, potential IL 92 enhancements, integration of the new I-74 bridge with the Moline Centre roadway and transportation system and the connection of primary activity centers along the riverfront.

A Project Advisory Committee meeting will take place on April 14, 2015, to begin stake holder interview sessions as part of the Phase II process. The City of Moline has partnered with Renew Moline, and will receive assistance from the Soloman Cordwell Buenz Consulting Team which includes Sam Schwartz Engineering that was contracted in March, 2015, to create a guide for future transportation planning efforts and initiatives to enhance the community's economic vitality, appearance, and overall quality of life. This is Phase II, Phase I of the Riverfront Master Plan was completed last year.



MEET DR. BETTIE TRUITT, 16TH PRESIDENT OF BLACK HAWK

Dr. Bettie Truitt earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from St. Ambrose University, a master's degree in school mathematics from Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in mathematics education with concentration areas in statistics, higher education, and policy and planning from the University of Iowa.

With over 25 years at Black Hawk College, Dr. Truitt has held numerous leadership roles on internal and external committees and as a faculty representative in IFT contract negotiations. She began her career as an instructor teaching mathematics for 18 years before becoming Dean of Instruction and Academic Support in 2007. In 2012, she became Vice President for Instruction and added Student Services to her responsibilities in 2013. In June 2014, she took on additional duties of Executive Vice President. Dr. Truitt served as the Interim President of the college from July 2014 to December 2014, until she was selected as the sixteenth (16th) President of Black Hawk College in January 2015.

Dr. Truitt's connections to Black Hawk College run deep. Her Belgium-born father immigrated to the area in the 1950s and enrolled at the college, then named Moline Community College, to take metallurgy classes. As a little girl, Bettie remembers touring the campus with her father and telling him she would one-day like to be President. Her two older sisters have four associate degrees from Black Hawk between them, while her husband graduated from the college's Physical Therapist Assistant Program in 2011 after he lost his job at Grain Processing Corporation in Muscatine, Iowa.

Dr. Truitt currently resides in Muscatine, Iowa, with her husband, Joe. The couple has recently purchased a home in East Moline and hopes to move-in as soon as renovations are completed.

Story courtesy of Black Hawk College.

40 Years



Building Better Neighborhoods

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CDBG SUBRECIPIENTS NOW OPEN

Applications for year 2016 of the City of Moline Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program are now available from April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015, 4:30 p.m. There will be a pre-application (submittal) meeting held on April 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall 2nd Floor Council Chambers (619 16 Street). Attendance is not required but is strongly encouraged to assist you through the application process. The application deadline submittal date is Thursday, April 30, 2015, 4:30 p.m.

Funding for CDBG applicants is anticipated to be between \$40,000 - \$50,000 for 2016. All grant requests must be for a minimum of \$10,000. All applicants who submit a completed application will also have an opportunity to verbally speak on their application directly to Citizens Advisory Council on Urban Policy ("CACUP") for consideration at the May 18, 2015, CACUP meeting. CACUP also has the discretion to recommend an award of less than \$10,000 to any Subrecipient.

As with most programs, the City's CDBG funds have been reduced over the years with a reduction in excess of \$400,000. As a result, funds for City programs have also seen a decrease. However, the City of Moline continues to receive and utilize a reduced amount of funds to provide additional assistance to community needs. The City has also begun its attempts to transition the use of these dollars to supplement community programs or provide the finances for a one-time project expenses.

An application can be found at <http://moline.il.us/index.aspx?NID=302>, must be completed in full, including all requested attachments, and Subrecipients are also required to have a DUNS number and active Sam's registration within thirty days of CACUP recommendations to the Moline City Council. If there is a need for technical assistance or questions pertaining to the application, please contact K. J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager, at (309) 524-2044. Late applications will not be considered for funding. Applications may be hand-delivered or electronically submitted to kwhitley@moline.il.us by the due date and time, or may also be mailed via USPS, post-marked no later than April 30, 2015.