



City of
URBANDALE
Department of Economic Development

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Urbandale Develops Partnership with University of Iowa to Support Entrepreneurship

To support entrepreneurs in Urbandale, the City and Chamber have partnered to fund an Urbandale team for Venture School at the Des Moines campus of the University of Iowa's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. Venture School is a 6-week program that helps entrepreneurs determine product-market fit and accelerate the startup process. The deadline to apply is January 7; Venture School begins February 4. Contact Wade Steenhoek at wade-steenhoek@uiowa.edu or visit www.venture-school.com for additional information.

City, Chamber, Partners Collaborate to Obtain Home Base Iowa designation

Home Base Iowa is a one-of-a-kind program assisting veterans and transitioning service members. This program helps connect businesses with qualified veterans looking for career opportunities. In addition to Iowa's efforts to be recognized as the state of choice for veterans and transitioning service members, Urbandale strives to become a community of choice for veterans and is seeking the Home Base Iowa community designation. One of the requirements to become a Home Base Iowa community is that ten percent of Urbandale businesses must become a Home Base Iowa business. What does this mean? Home Base Iowa businesses pledge to hire a specific number of veterans by December 31, 2018 and commit to posting their jobs on the Home Base Iowa website.

If you're interested in becoming an Urbandale Home Base Iowa business, please [complete this form](#) and [email to Tiffany Menke](#), President of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit Urbandale's [Home Base Iowa website](#).

Delta Dental of Iowa Recognized as Economic Impact Award Winner by Greater Des Moines Partnership

The annual [Economic Impact Awards](#) recognize the influence companies have had on the local economy in terms of job creation, capital investment and facility

expansion. Last month, Delta Dental of Iowa was recognized for the economic impact of their 2014 expansion project. The \$9.4 million capital investment added nearly 30,000 square feet of office space, doubling the size of the organization's Urbandale headquarters at 9000 Northpark Drive. The expansion project also added more than 15 new employees.

Fastpath, Inc. Expanding Space and Employment

[Fastpath, Inc.](#) is a software development company that specializes in audit, compliance and security solutions that enable organizations to automate audit processes. Fastpath, Inc., in Urbandale since 2004, will expand their Urbandale headquarters by leasing approximately 12,000 square feet of office space at 4093 NW Urbandale Drive. The company plans to invest just over \$1 million at the new location and will hire twelve additional employees in the next three years.

City Council to Consider Bids for 100th Street Roadway and Bridge Improvements

Urbandale has steadily invested in infrastructure to support new development and existing businesses along Northpark and Plum Drives for years. Next Tuesday, the City Council will consider another major step forward in preparing this area for development when it holds a public hearing to consider bids for the 100th Street & 54th Avenue intersection improvements and 100th Street bridge project. These two projects would reconstruct the intersection of 100th Street and 54th Avenue and widen 100th Street from Plum Drive to NW 54th Avenue. This project also includes a new bridge over Interstate 35/80 in 2016. The construction contract is subject to approval by the Cities of Grimes and Johnston and is expected in January 2016.

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

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

Demolition Permit Approved for former Villa Lodge and Dragon House site at 10912 -11000 Douglas Avenue. Demolition is currently underway and will be complete by February 20, 2016.

Building Permit Approved for two retail buildings at Heritage Park (118th Street and Hickman Road). Heritage Park Retail Center consists of two buildings that range from 7,425 – 8,125 square feet each.

Building Permit Approved for interior finishes of leased space for Visible Sediment Test Card Company at 2771 104th Street. The space is approximately 1,860 square feet.

Opened: Salon U leased approximately 1,400 SF at 3755 86th Street and Venom PC leased approximately 1,300 SF at 3707 86th Street. Both projects are in Urban Town Center (the former Parkwood Plaza) at the southeast corner of 86th Street and Douglas Avenue.

Final Plat Approved: *Waterford Glen* (163rd Street & Waterford Road) for 48 residential lots and one outlot on 20 acres.

Final Plat Approved: *Bent Tree Crossing* (156th Street & Hickory Drive) for 23 residential lots and two outlots on 11.6 acres.

Final Plat Approved: *The Reserve, Plat 3* (142nd Street & Hickman Road) for 21 residential lots and one outlot on 19.23 acres.

Access Urbandale

- Interstate Access/Visibility
- Five Interchanges
- Financial Incentives
- High Value
- Dedicated City Leadership

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