



Urbandale to Host First Tech Town Hall Event of 2016 – Join the Conversation!

The City of Urbandale is a member of the Technology Association of Iowa and is working with TAI to support technology companies in the community. Urbandale is proud to host the first [Tech Town Hall event](#) of 2016. Tech Town Hall will offer local leaders and technology experts the opportunity to discuss issues in technology as they impact their community, business and quality of life. The event will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 4:00 PM at the Giovannetti Shelter (8900 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale 50322) at Walker Johnston Park in Urbandale. TechBrew will immediately follow the Tech Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public. [RSVP for the event here.](#)

Consider Becoming a Home Base Iowa Business and Support Urbandale's Effort to Welcome Veterans

Home Base Iowa is a one-of-a-kind program that helps businesses connect with qualified veterans looking for career opportunities. Urbandale is joining the statewide effort to be recognized as a destination of choice for veterans and transitioning service members.

For Urbandale to become an official Home Base Iowa community, 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](#).

New Year, New Tools for Using DART's Service in Urbandale

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is going more places, more often, with four routes serving Urbandale: [Express Routes 92 Hickman](#) and [93 NW 86th](#), and Flex Routes [73 Urbandale/Windsor Heights](#) and [74 NW Urbandale](#). Urbandale employees and commuters can use DART's suite of online and mobile tools, including the DART Trip Planner, text messaging service and RideTime mobile app to access live arrival/departure times and plan their travel. DART schedules are also available on Google Maps and Bing Maps by entering your trip details and clicking on the public transit icon. For more information on DART trip planning tools and Urbandale bus routes, visit [ridedart.com](#) or contact DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100 or dart@ridedart.com.

Commercial and Residential Permits Grow in 2015

The City of Urbandale experienced a 12 percent increase in commercial and residential permit value during 2015. This represents 865 permits for a total valuation of over \$105 million. The City issued permits for nearly 200 single family units and over 80 multifamily units.

In October 2015, the City Council approved a plat in the Coyote Ridge development, the planned host site for the 2016 Home Show Expo. Coyote Ridge is located near 142nd Street and Waterford Road. For information on Urbandale's residential and commercial development, please contact Community Development Director Steve Franklin at (515) 278-3935.

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