



City of
URBANDALE
Department of Economic Development

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Do you want to improve your bottom line by reducing costs and saving time?

Applicable to organizations in all industries, [Workplacelean](#) takes a holistic approach to process improvement with the ultimate goal of reducing wasted resources and errors, streamlining workflows and improving communication between employees and departments.

Join us **tomorrow, April 13 (8:00 – 9:30 AM) at Urbandale City Hall** for a free training session on Workplacelean, provided by the City, Chamber and DMACC Business Resources. The session will feature representatives from The Stelter Company and the Urbandale Community School District to discuss their experiences with the program. Walk-ins welcome!

Hy-Vee, Inc. Purchases Former K's Merchandise Building, Plans for Hy-Vee Training and Fulfilment Center

In late March, Hy-Vee, Inc. announced their purchase of the former K's Merchandise Building at 3303 86th Street. The nearly 82,000-square-foot building had been vacant for several years. It will become the learning campus for thousands of the company's store employees. About half of the building will be used as a centralized location to fulfill Hy-Vee Aisles Online orders for the Des Moines area. The education and training center will open in late fall. This significant transaction marks continued momentum in the redevelopment of the 86th Street corridor. The building is just south of the former Parkwood Plaza, which came under local ownership last year and has been updated and rebranded as Urban Town Center.

Urbandale's FarmHer to Showcase Women in Agriculture on TV Show this fall

FarmHer was founded in 2013 by Urbandale Resident Marji Guyler-Alaniz to begin to change the image of agriculture by including women in that image through photographs and stories. This fall, RFD-TV will debut "FarmHer," a weekly 30-minute television series about women doing great things in agriculture. The FarmHer theme is: Love the land, Care for the community, Feed the people. Guyler-Alaniz and RFD-TV will be traveling this spring and summer across the United States in search of FarmHers with all different types of backgrounds. For more information, visit the [FarmHer website](#).

Intern Development Series: Employability Skills Training for Today's Interns

The City of Urbandale and DMACC Business Resources have partnered to help companies with interns incorporate skill development into their internship experience this summer. We are offering a five-part series focused on employability skills in today's changing workforce. Interns in any industry may participate. The training sessions will be held at the Urbandale Public Library (3520 86th Street) from 2:00 – 4:00 PM on June 8 and 22, July 6, 13 and 20. Training topics include resilience, adaptability, self-awareness, empathy, and professionalism and networking. The program is \$150 per intern. Please [follow this link](#) or [contact Katie Gieszler](#) for more information or to register.

Parks & Rec Offers Opportunities to Enjoy the Outdoors, Engage with Community

The Urbandale Parks and Recreation Department provides ample opportunities to get engaged in the community with recreational activity. Options abound for the lunchtime walker or weekend warrior with the city providing access to an expansive trail network of 42 miles and 38 well-maintained parks. In addition to summer kids' camp and activities and programming for all ages, the business community can get engaged by scheduling a park clean-up, adopting a trail, park or flowerbed. Visit the [Parks and Recreation website](#) for additional information and to sign up for the Parks and Recreation newsletter.

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

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

Opened: [Source Allies](#) purchased the former Grinnell State Bank at 4501 NW Urbandale Drive

Opened: [Main Street Café and Bakery](#) has established a location inside the Urbandale Public Library at 3520 86th Street

Opened: [Home Plate Diner](#) at 8569 Hickman Road

Leased: [Get Air Trampoline Park](#) leased approximately 20,000 SF in Urban Town Center at 86th Street and Douglas Avenue

Building permit approved for a 7,400 SF [Discount Tire](#) retail location at the northwest corner of Aurora Avenue and Merle Hay Road

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