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**DUNEDIN**  
Home of Honeymoon Island

September 14, 2012

## **BUSINESS COMINGS & GOINGS:**

- (OPEN) Joe's Market II Produce & Deli, 1582 Main Street
- (OPEN) Warehouse Sale, Skincare/Makeup/Gifts, 1576 Main Street
- (OPEN) A1 Cleaners, 1572 Main Street
- (OPEN) Stars Bar & Grill Family Restaurant, 1056 Main Street
- (OPEN) El Huarache Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 2020 Bayshore Boulevard
- (OPEN) Street Carts of Dunedin, 917 Broadway
- (CLOSED) Night Owl Custom Tattoo, 1578 Main Street
- (CLOSED) Lace Lingerie, 437 Main Street
- (COMING SOON) Tony's Pizza, 320 Main Street

## **LARGE PROPERTIES FOR SALE/LEASE:**

- Wells Fargo (Next to Walgreen @ Bayshore /Causeway) for lease 20,000 SF 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- 1060 Scotsdale, former Bright House property (5 acres).
- 375 Patricia Avenue, former Nielsen property (17.5 acres).
- 2100 Main Street, former bank, 4,867 SF building
- 2400 Bayshore Boulevard, former Pirates Cove Marina, 20,280 SF building.

## **FAÇADE OPPORTUNITIES:**

- No façade reimbursements during August. The following business owners have recently made application for design review assistance and façade grant awards:
  - Stirling Wines, 461 Main Street
  - The Lair, 300 Monroe Street
  - Dunedin Cyclery, 998 Douglas Avenue
  - 240 Causeway Boulevard
  - Juan's Mexican Grill, 1411 Main Street

## **DOWNTOWN EVENTS:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday activities with over 38 participating merchants.
- Oak Tree Park Dedication ceremony, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **PROJECTS:**

- Wood Street Parking lot: Improvements to this area are for 25 parking spaces to provide added parking in the downtown area. Decorative parking lot lighting has been ordered.
- Gateway: Pizzuti Companies gave a presentation of their proposed plans for the property at Main Street, Skinner Boulevard, and the Milwaukee Avenue extension at the City Commission meeting on 8/23/12. They presented a plan for 138 multi-family units, along with restaurants and retail on the first floor.
- Historical Plaques: Staff has ordered the first four brass plaques to be installed at City properties with historic backgrounds. The Dunedin Historical Society has assisted us in the location selections and wording of these plaques: Oak Tree Plaza (dedication of tree), the Antique Mall on Main Street (former Dixie Theatre), Dunedin Historical Museum (former Orange Belt Railway Station), and the Dunedin Woodwright Shop.

- Jolley Trolley: New signposts are being installed at Weaver Park for a trolley stop. Decorative benches and trash receptacles are being installed in the park.
- Extension of the pressure washing of downtown sidewalks from Main from Loudon Avenue to Highland Avenue will be completed during September.
- Sod has been installed in Pioneer Park to replace the worn turf. Parks Department staff recommended protective mobile mats for the Green Market vendors to use in the heavily-trafficked areas. Mats have been ordered and will begin use when the Fall season begins in November.
- Directional signage for downtown parking areas to be installed in several locations.
- Electrostatic painting of street signs and crosswalk poles on Patricia Avenue.

#### **PROMOTIONS/KUDOS:**

- Staff is assisting with the upcoming Achieva groundbreaking for September 28th.
- The City's new branding logo is beginning to be used throughout the City on posters and brochures!

#### **CORRIDOR NEWS:**

- Patricia Avenue: Decorative street names and poles to be installed in late September. Remaining streetscape enhancements being reviewed.
- Douglas Avenue: Water line is being replaced along North Douglas Avenue.

#### **HOUSING:**

- Staff continues to meet with Planet Green on the overall architecture for the Lorraine Leland EcoVillage project. The architecture of the townhomes will be brought before the City Commission for approval as part of the previously executed Tri-Party Agreement.

#### **COMMITTEE NEWS:**

- CRA Advisory Committee monthly meeting held with staff representation. Discussed the need for signage to public parking in downtown, summer Arts & Crafts festival, and the closing of Main Street for the annual Trick or Treating event on Halloween Friday. We were joined by the new owners of 300 Monroe Street who are new to Dunedin.

#### **MEETINGS/NETWORKING**

- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- FRA Board of Directors meeting in Dania Beach
- Meeting with Representative Peter Nehr
- Dunedin Housing Authority
- PSTA - Jolley Trolley stops at Weaver Park
- Recreation Staff - discuss VFW Memorial
- Potential business owner in Dunedin
- Planet Green - discuss EcoVillage at Lorraine Leland
- Owners of 300 Monroe Street
- Parks Department - discuss downtown Wildflower Garden
- Nielsen redevelopment meeting
- Café Alfresco outdoor dining meeting
- Staff storm preparedness meeting