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June 2013

BUSINESS COMINGS & GOINGS:

- (OPEN) Frenchy's Island Outpost, 466 Causeway Boulevard. Purchased by the popular Frenchy's Corporation during June, this restaurant will be incorporating Frenchy's signature menu items during the transition to a full Frenchy's restaurant later this year.
- (OPEN) Dollar General, 1260 Belcher Road.
- (CLOSED) Spotos the Steak Joint, 1280 Main Street. Guests are encouraged to visit Jimmy Stewart's Bascetti's Italian Grille at 1568 Main Street.
- (COMING SOON) Orange Crate Café at the BoxCar, downtown at the Dunedin Historical Museum.
- (COMING SOON) Clear Sky Draught Haus, 680 Main Street. After a complete architectural remodel, this location at the Gateway to downtown will open up as a gastropub, a popular dining trend offering artisan flatbread sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, unique burgers, short ribs and plenty of vegetarian options, and complimented by high-end craft beers.

Achieva Credit Union is working hard on the relocation of their corporate headquarters to Dunedin! Phase 3 is underway, with 100 employees already moved in on 1659 Virginia Street. The buildings are expected to be ready by October for the remainder of staff to join them.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE/LEASE:

For Sale:

- NEW! 1275 Bayshore Blvd, 1280 Main Street, 12,080 SF retail building
- 2000 Main Street #4, 2,868 SF office building
- 2494 Bayshore Blvd, 37,968 SF two-story office building (22,205 SF available)(Wells Fargo anchor tenant)
Note: Property to be auctioned 7/29-7/31
- 453 Edgewater Drive, formerly The Fenway Hotel, 79,380 SF of buildings on 5.64 acres is advertised for short sale

For Lease:

- NEW! 1681 Main Street, 46,055 SF retail space (former SweetBay), Weathersfield Commons
- NEW! 1523 Main Street, 6 retail spaces (800 to 4,370 SF), Granada Plaza
- NEW! Available November 2013: 461 Plaza Drive, 12,500 SF office space
- 1681 Main Street, 6 retail spaces (1,000 to 5,600 SF), Weathersfield Commons
- 1425 Main Street, 2,270 SF restaurant
- 1761 Main Street, 8,200 SF retail building
- 2196 Main Street, 2 offices (1,633 to 3,375 SF)
- 912-956 Patricia Avenue (2,000 SF) retail
- 300 Monroe Street, 2 retail/office spaces (1,462 to 2,000 SF)
- 1964 Bayshore Blvd #B, 1,300 SF office
- 1201 CR 1, 1,340 SF office building

FAÇADE OPPORTUNITIES:

- During June, we issued a total of \$6,000 in reimbursements to the owners of the Dunedin Brewery and Flanagan's Irish Pub for improvements to the façade of their properties.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

- Arts and Crafts Festival, June 22 & 23.
- Green Market on Saturday mornings in Pioneer Park.
- 2nd Friday activities with over 35 participating merchants.
- Florida State League All-Star Celebration at Edgewater Park, June 14.
- 4th Annual Dunedin Orange Festival, Edgewater Park, July 6.

PROJECTS:

- Promenade to Waterfront Project continues along the north side of Main Street. A gas line was relocated and this project is approximately 50% completed.
- Gateway: Staff is working with Pizzuti Companies and the City Attorney on a revised development agreement, ground lease, and fourth amendment to second purchase and sale agreement for the proposed residential/retail development. Plans were discussed at the June Local Planning Agency (LPA) meeting, and scheduled for the City Commission meetings in mid-July and mid-August.
- Branding: Staff has visited Tampa International Airport to view the electronic advertising displays and car rental areas for ideas to implement our brand. Staff will be meeting with the St. Petersburg/Clearwater CVB to discuss ways to partner and market our brand logo and our *DUN OUR WAY* campaign.
- Staff is continuing to inventory commercial businesses in the City build a database. This information will assist with a Business Visitation Program that we are beginning City-wide.
- John Lawrence Pioneer Park Memorial: Working with volunteer committee and architect on design to create a permanent memorial at Pioneer Park.
- Staff is working to issue Request for Proposals for a Green Market Manager and Arts & Crafts Festival Manager for the upcoming season.
- Working with new owner on redevelopment of 324 Monroe Street.

PROMOTIONS/KUDOS:

- Banners have been hung over Main Street advertising the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School, Green Market Summer Saturdays, and the Dunedin Historical Society's Duck Derby.
- Staff working to create new "DUN OUR WAY" banners to hang over Main Street at the Trail crossings. Sunsets *DUN OUR WAY* featuring a beautiful Dunedin Marina sunset has been hung up.
- Donated giveaways with *Dunedin – Home of Honeymoon Island* logo to Achieva to welcome their employees to their new headquarters in Dunedin.
- Donated giveaways with *Dunedin – Home of Honeymoon Island* logo to Dunedin Orange Festival event; all proceeds benefit the Dunedin Historical Society.
- Placed advertisement in Where Quick Guide, which is placed in many locations, including rental cars at Tampa International Airport and area hotels.

HOUSING:

- A revised Housing Element to the updated City's Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at the July 10th Local Planning Agency (LPA) meeting. Initial goals were developed with the assistance of Planning staff and the Committee on Aging's "Age Wave" subcommittee.
- Lorraine Leland EcoVillage Project: Planet Green submitted their infrastructure plans on July 9th. There has been strong interest from the public.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

- Arts & Culture Advisory Committee met with staff representation. Design of the City's new Fire Station, refurbishment of the concert piano, Chess Club and Historical Museum statues were among items discussed.
- CRA Advisory Committee met with staff representation. Nichole Allen reported on downtown activities, and the committee voted again to close the streets for the annual downtown Trick or Treat event in late October. A memorial at John Lawrence Memorial Park, Pizzuti's proposed Gateway development, and possible changes to downtown parking requirements were discussed with Planning Director Greg Rice.

MEETINGS/NETWORKING

- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
- Visit Dunedin meeting
- Downtown Dunedin Merchants Association meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Before Hours meeting
- Governmental Affairs meeting
- Dunedin Housing Authority meeting
- Economic Development Practitioners meeting
- Tourist Development Council meeting
- Upcoming FY 2014 budget meetings