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Neighborhood Revitalization Effort Moves Into High Gear

Local Companies Awarded more than \$600,000 from CDBG

Three neighborhoods within the city will be the beneficiary of significant improvements over the next few months with help from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Park Place Community Center, home to 14 non-profit and for-profit agencies, including Park Place Food Pantry, The Crossings educational program and Operation Veterans' Services, will receive a new roof as part of their long-term building renovation. Fredericks, Inc. was awarded a bid of \$51,900 to complete the work. The community center is also home to After School Fun, a partnership with Anderson Community Schools to provide after-school care to students from 10th Street Elementary, Eastside Elementary and Killbuck Kindergarten Center.

The neighborhoods of Belmont and Walnut Street will see significant improvements to the city parks in their area. Both parks will have new shelter buildings installed in addition to new playground equipment. In Belmont, other community agencies are working in partnership with the city to address abandoned and dilapidated housing demolition, weatherization activities and park

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Broderick Administration Partners with Aspire, Inc. To Support Disabled Residents



Mayor Thomas Broderick, Jr. recently announced the transfer of a home owned by the City of Anderson to Aspire, Inc. The home will be used for Aspire's Permanent Supportive Housing Program. The program provides homeless individuals who also have a handicapping condition with secure housing and supportive services including employment training and job search support.

The city acquired the property from Wells Fargo through a mortgage foreclosure. "The home was a mess when we received it," said Mayor Thomas Broderick, Jr. "We were able to partner with JobSource to rehab the structure and prepare it for use by their clients. It was a win-win for everyone."

Funds for the rehabilitation were provided through the city's CDBG Program. The Permanent Supportive Housing program funds are awarded through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. The goal of the program is to provide safe, affordable housing to vulnerable populations. The transfer of property was approved by the Board of Works at their October 12th meeting.

Save The Date

Upcoming Events in your community

- October 29 - Trunk and Treat for City Youth Sponsored by APD at Dickmann Town Center
- November 4-5 - Bids for Kids, City Hall Auditorium
- November 8 - Election Day (City Hall Closed)
- November 11 - Veterans' Day Ceremony, City Hall Memorial
- November 11 - City Hall Closed
- December 3-4 - City of Anderson Christmas Parade and Downtown Winterfest
- January 16, 2017 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Citywide Celebration



2224 EAST 25TH STREET - KITCHEN BEFORE



2224 EAST 25TH STREET - FRONT OF HOUSE



2224 EAST 25TH STREET FINAL INSPECTION EAST SIDE OF HOUSE



2224 EAST 25TH STREET FINAL INSPECTION KITCHEN

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Neighborhood Revitalization Effort

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park improvements for local residents and youth. Agencies participating include United Way of Madison County, City of Anderson Fire Department, First Church of the Nazarene and New Covenant Kingdom Ministries.

Walton Street has also been earmarked for significant improvements to its sidewalks and curbs from W. 22nd Street to W. 25th Street. The project was awarded to Partners-N-Concrete, an Anderson company. The project is scheduled to begin immediately and be completed by December 11th of this year.

Earlier projects to advance neighborhood revitalization with paving, curb and sidewalk improvements included:

- Brown Street between 14th and 29th Street;
- 25th Street between Raible Avenue and Arrow Avenue
- West 22nd Street between Dewey Street and Arrow Avenue.

"We are excited to see so much improvement in such a short period of time," said Lelia Kelley, Director of Community Development.



2111 Cedar Street Before & After



2016 Paving Projects

Street Department Paves 2.45 Miles to Improve Local Streets

Several new paving projects were completed by street department workers during late September and early October.

Since April, more than 2770 tons of asphalt has been laid to improve the road conditions as part of the Broderick administration infrastructure improvement plan on the streets listed below.

Paving projects for this year will be completed by the end of October due to weather conditions. Spot patching may continue as needed in selected areas.

The city Street Department, under the direction of John Allman, has 10 full time employees and 14 seasonal employees.

"Our guys have worked very hard throughout the spring, summer and fall," said Allman. "The LOIT money we received from the General Assembly allowed us to improve more roads than the budget originally allowed."

- ✓ Central Way from W. 25th to Laurel Lane
- ✓ W. 41st Street from May Street to Lee Street
- ✓ W. 39th Street from May Street to Lee Street
- ✓ Northshore Blvd. from Raible Ave. to Grandview Golf Course
- ✓ West 11th Street from Woodside Dr. to Morningside
- ✓ Westwood from Dressert to Forest Drive
- ✓ East 3rd Street from Chester Street to Elma
- ✓ Alhambra Dr. from East 10th Street to Hillcrest
- ✓ Wheeler Avenue from Cincinnati Ave to Pearl Street
- ✓ Myers Street from E. 7th Street to E. 8th Street
- ✓ Thornwood Dr. from Cottonwood to Scatterfield
- ✓ Franklin from E. 22nd to E. 23rd
- ✓ West 25th Street from Main St. to Meridian St.
- ✓ W. 30th Street from Brown to Delaware
- ✓ West 12th Street from Arrow Ave. to Laurel
- ✓ E. 38th Street Pulaski Park
- ✓ E. 56th Street Entrance Area
- ✓ Sycamore St. from Nichol Ave. to W. 9th Street
- ✓ Moss Island & Romine Road Intersection

Neighborhood Revitalization and Quality of Life

23 Properties Removed Since January Under Broderick Administration Blight Elimination Program

The city administration continued its aggressive efforts to clean up abandoned and dilapidated properties throughout the city's neighborhoods with funds approved by the State of Indiana Hardest Hit Fund. Since January 1, 2016, more than 20 properties have been removed in areas targeted for neighborhood improvement. The city was awarded \$2.8 million dollars back in June 2015. More than \$500,000 has been expended in the program through its inception. Ten properties had been removed prior to January 2016.



The city is eligible to use the remaining funds through December 2017. "We intend to use the winter months finalizing approvals, purchasing eligible properties and completing the necessary steps to spend our remaining funds beginning next spring," said Mayor Thomas Broderick, Jr. "We want to hit the ground running and eliminate as many properties as possible as part of our Neighborhood Revitalization Effort," he continued.



Local companies have been the successful bidders in the program, maintaining a pledge Broderick made as part of his campaign platform. Companies awarded the work have included:

- Apfel, Inc.
- Rhino Excavating
- Gerry's Construction
- Shepherd Homes
- Davis Excavating

Over 100+ properties were originally given the green light to be included in the program.

A complete list of the properties removed under the program can be found on the city's website at www.cityofanderson.com/municipaldevelopment.





City Employee Spotlight

Gary McKinney, a 29-year employee of the City of Anderson Economic Development Department, recently experienced the ravages of Hurricane Matthew first-hand. McKinney was participating in a mission trip to an orphanage in Callibasse, Haiti when their work was interrupted by the Storm. "This was my first trip to Haiti," reported McKinney. "I fell in love with the children of the orphanage. Their living conditions are so difficult," he said. "But they never give up. They are so happy to see us."

Gary is the city Environmental/Brownfields Specialist. He works with companies who need assistance remediating property for future development. The mission trip was organized by a group from Florida known as Helping Hands in Motion. Participating locally were 12 members of East Side Church of God. The group was also joined by a Methodist church group from New Albany, Indiana. Their original goal was to build an addition to the orphanage footprint so to more children could be accommodated. But their work quickly changed when Hurricane Matthew bore down upon the island and destroyed nearly everything in its path. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.



80% of their citizens live below the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty. Haiti and its economy were still recovering from the damage caused by an 7.0 earthquake that occurred in 2010. They were further damaged by Hurricane Matthew which caused over 900 deaths and destroyed homes, businesses and roads across the island.