

West Broadway Revitalization Project Update



Restoration of the historic Borden Building site began in November 2005, when voters approved the sale of City Hall with the proceeds to be used to help pay for its renovation. As the West Broadway Revitalization Project progresses, residents will see the Borden Building adaptively reused to house City offices and other commercial uses. Connections and the City's website will be used to keep all residents informed of progress as it becomes known.

Borden Restoration Moves Toward Fall Finish

Revival of the Borden Building continues. Installation of drywall and insulation on both floors is now complete. Work continues on the HVAC ductwork, as well as the electronics and broadcast systems in the Commission Chambers.

Early summer is the target for completion of the Riverwalk Trail extension from the Oak Street Bridge to Riverview Apartments, as well as construction of the parking lot. Replacement of the Oak Street Bridge and reconstruction of Island Park Drive South are scheduled for this fall.

When the project is complete and the new City Offices are in order, an Open House will be held for the new owners—the citizens of Mt. Pleasant. Watch for announcements in the fall issue of Connections, on Channel 26, and in the media regarding that event.

Project updates are provided to the City Commission on the second Monday of each month. Those meetings are aired live and rebroadcast on Channel 26. Still photos of construction can be viewed on the City website.

Upon completion of the Michigan Condensed Milk Factory in 1908, an invitation to celebrate was extended by way of the Isabella County Enterprise:

The date for the public opening of the new Condensed Milk Factory has been set for next week Wednesday evening, May 27th. Stickle's full orchestra of eight pieces will furnish music. (Company) Superintendent Wieand will have the floors fresh and clean and plenty of chairs, and everything in order, and he wants every person inside or outside Isabella County who is interested in the factory to be present. Strict order will be maintained and no disrespectful person will be allowed on the floor. . . Dress suits are tabood and you will not feel out of place in any good clothes. . . If you don't dance, come anyway, you will appreciate the privilege of inspecting this magnificent institution that we have been so fortunate in securing.