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Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Connection to Local Business, Public Policy, Economic Development & Community Events



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Marshall Chamber President

There is a lot of development going in the Marshall community. Let's check in with EDA director, Lauren Deutz and get an update.

There have been many people wondering what the status of the old ShopKo building is. Harbor Freight has been in there for several months. What is the latest on Marshalls and is what is the status of Big Lots?

One of two of the building permits for Marshalls has been issued and crews are onsite to begin infrastructure and exterior work on the building. We do not have a timeline of when the project is expected to be completed. The Retail Center owner is no longer negotiating a lease with Big Lots and is actively pursuing a third tenant for the remaining 33,000 sq ft.

What is else is going on as far as development goes in Marshall such as the Solugen, the building between the DQ and Western Mental Health, the Mall, SW/WC, etc.?

There are several construction projects underway in Marshall including the SWWC Admin Office being built on London Road and Kwik Trip's 2nd store located on the corner of Main St and Hwy 59. Both projects started work in early June with Kwik Trip expected to be completed in November of 24 and SWWC to be completed in August of 25. The former Empire Office building located on E College Drive, which was formerly underutilized, is being torn down to create a future development site opportunity. The mall was previously purchased by Kal's Motor Group based out of Wadena to be used as a sales location for cars, motorsport vehicles, and equipment. The group intends to make updates to the mall as needed for future tenants. Solugen is the preconstruction phase and completing groundwork at the site to prepare for construction in early 2024.

There is an opening on the EDA Board. If someone were interested, how does one apply?

All City Board and Commission openings are posted on the City's website. You can also find the application form under the Administration page under "Boards and Commissions".

Childcare is an ongoing issue. What is being done locally?

The City has been accepted into the Child Care Strategic Supply Plan through First Children's Finance. This 8-month program will work with local stakeholders to educate on and determine local child care challenges. Goals will be established through the program to help address the community needs with the intent of increasing child care availability.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS THIS MONTH:

- *Rise & Grind Bakery
- *US Postal Service (Marshall)
- *Elizabeth's Getaway
- *EE Farm House LLC
- *SJ Miller Arts
- *Minnesota Energy Resources



CRAZY DAYS

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH, 2024

Save the Date for Downtown Marshall's Crazy Days on Thursday, July 18th, 2024! Join us for crazy deals all day long as you shop the downtown stores & vendors, eat & drink from downtown bars/restaurants & food trucks + activities for all ages!

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CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Women's Connect had a great topic of "Fellowship" for the month of May! Thank you to everyone who attended!

Chamber 101 had a great turnout this month. Members came to learn how to make the most of their Chamber membership!



Young Professionals got the inside scoop on all things behind the scenes at Hy-Vee! Thank you to all the Young Professionals who attended this event!



Lunch & Learn in May was all about The 6 Types of Working Genius. Thank you for those who attended!



Thank you to everyone who attended Business After Hours! The event was hosted by the Lyon & Murray County CEO Program.



Business During Hours was hosted by Invenergy this month! Thank you to all who made it over to their new location!

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