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NEWSLETTER



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The Saint James EDA is excited to announce the **Quarterly Newsletter**. The EDA newsletter will cover EDA sponsored events, grant updates, updates on investments being done in the community and city updates. The newsletter will be published on the City of St. James website and will be shared in the Plaindealer during the months of March, June, September, and December. If you have any questions, please contact Brianna Sanders at 507-375-1289.

Update from the city

The City of St. James currently has a moratorium on lot divisions or property splits within city limits until December 1, 2022. This is to provide time for city staff to put together an ordinance to address the increase of property splits in the City.

The City Council approved to move City Hall to the "K Building" located at 1205 6th Ave S. This building was generously donated to the City by the Mayo Health System. Construction to the building will be done by Wilcon Construction and is expected to begin early October 2022.

The EDA Business Spotlight:


- **July:** Variedades Mi Guate located at 118 Armstrong Blvd S

- **September:** Massage by Jennifer located at 120 7th St S. You can schedule an appointment by calling Jennifer at 507-327-2502.

The St. James EDA is sponsoring a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the St. James Veterinary Clinic** on Wednesday, September 28th at 1:00pm. The St. James Veterinary Clinic is located at 211 First Ave S and is owned by Dr. Dana Hirsch. St. James Veterinary Clinic hopes to provide high quality veterinary services with a small-town attitude.

The **St. James Citywide Clean Up** will be held on October 8, 2022 from 7:00am to 2:00pm at Meadowlark Compost Site. The compost site will ONLY be open from 7am to 2pm for the citywide clean-up at no charge. For more information on what items are accepted or not accepted, go to the City's website at www.ci.stjames.mn.us or included on your utility bill.



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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The City of St. James, in partnership with Watonwan County and the Saint James Public School District, was awarded \$265,000 through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) towards a Safe Routes to School Project on 10th St N. This project included installing sidewalks on the west side of 10th St N from 10th Ave N and Weston Ave N, curb bump outs on 10th Ave N, and a flashing beacon on 10th Ave N. This project is to promote access and safety to allow students to walk and bike to school. The construction is complete and is awaiting the installation of the flashing beacon.



FIX UP FUND

The EDA currently offers a Fix-Up Fund program to provide financing for minor home repairs. Each applicant may apply up to \$2,000 in assistance, must live within the city limits, and meet the income guidelines. An application can be found on the City's website or a copy can be picked up at city hall.



SMALL CITIES DEV. PROGRAM

In the past few years, there has been some concern of the state of the homes in St. James. In 2019, the City of St. James received \$294,000 to provide housing repair loans through the Small Cities Development Program. The application window for this program is closed. One housing repair project was completed through this program. The main challenges were the need for licensed contractors, the home needed to be located in the northwestern side of the city, and homes with contract for deeds were not eligible. The St. James EDA has received multiple inquiries of reapplying to this program to receive funding for housing repair loans for the entire city.

