

Bits & Pieces

Let's take a quick look at some of the things that are happening in Downtown Rapid City:

THE DUSEK BUILDING, 919 Main Street, is getting a facelift. Dorrance Dusek, owner of the building has been very busy trying to upgrade the historic office building. When finished, the new look will include a fresh texture to the building's front, as well as a new awning that should greatly enhance the west end of the Business District. Good things will also be happening inside, according to it's owner. Stop in and take a look, you'll be amazed at how much office space is in the structure.

PARKING WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE at the new lot at Sixth Street and Main. This will complete the most recent phase of downtown parking facility construction by the City. The new 150 car capacity lot will be for leased parking, primarily aimed at helping to eliminate downtown employees from parking on the street, thereby providing spaces for customers to park with more convenience. We will be consolidating parking for at least one major employer into the new lot, resulting in the availability of spaces previously occupied by the same in other

lots throughout downtown, such as Sixth and St. Joe, Stockgrowers lot, and the lot at American State Bank. We can then begin to lease spots to those people on waiting lists, hopefully with the result of a further improved downtown parking system.

RESULTS ARE IN from the image survey recently conducted by the Downtown Development Corporation. The response to the poll was very strong, with a 16.3% return rate. Basically, the survey told us what people are thinking about downtown, how frequently they come downtown, why they come downtown, and gave us some very good insights as to the strengths and weaknesses of our downtown area.

DOWNTOWN HAS BEEN LOOKING BETTER because of the maintenance man we have hired for the summer. Gabe Jacobs has been putting in 30 hours a week in the downtown area. Gabe has been busy keeping the landscaped corner nodes clean, sweeping and spraying sidewalks, planting and watering the street plantings, spraying and removing weeds, as well as painting and a number of other greatly



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needed tasks. He's been working hard in his duties, and it is paying off in the form of a more visually appealing area. Good work Gabe!

WE WANT TO HEAR from all business and property owners in the downtown area, so we will be holding several open meetings by mid-August. The purpose of these meetings will be to explain the Development Plan we are preparing and to hear ideas, problems and solutions from the people who make downtown go. Business and property owners will be notified personally as to the time and locations of the meetings.

CRAZY DAYS will be held on

Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th in Downtown Rapid City. Come down and join us for fun and celebration, especially on Friday evening, beginning at 5 p.m. We are having a street dance with live entertainment, and local restaurants will have concession booths open for a "taste of Downtown." There will be cold beer and soda, great food, lots of people, and great entertainment! Plan to join us after work in the 6th and St. Joe Parking lot.

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