

Southeast Nebraska Development District

Pawnee City— History in the Making

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awnee City an active community in the southeastern most part of the state is the County Seat for Pawnee County. With a rural population Pawnee City is the historical and cultural hub for the county.

Pawnee City has many things to do and see, including an annual Civil War reenactment at the Historical Society. Additionally, Schilling Bridge Winery is home to local favorites as well as award winning wines and hand crafted beers.

For a community of its size Pawnee City has everything anyone could need: a hospital, library, school, sports complex, golf course, swimming pool, walking/biking trails, several churches, civic organizations and a picturesque downtown.

Pawnee City has had and continues to develop many economic development opportunities. Pawnee City's



The new library in Pawnee City is quickly taking shape. Made possible through CDBG public works funding and USDA grant/financing, the library will be an asset to the community. The new facility includes a larger, more accessible library space and a public meeting room. The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2011. The current Library has 15,222 collections, an annual circulation of 12,983, 4 computers and WIFI access.

Photo by SENDD Staff Crystal Dunekacke

owner occupied housing rehabilitation program is currently half way to its goal of assisting 10 households over a 2 year period. Additionally, they are wrapping up a housing analysis update with the Pawnee County Development Corporation as the steering committee. The City is also updating its blight and substandard determination study.

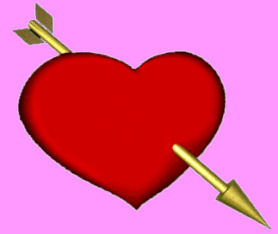
SENN staff has long provided administrative support to Pawnee City's active CDBG Economic Development Program Income Revolving Loan Fund. SENDD is also providing support to Pawnee County with its Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to upgrade lighting at the Courthouse and highway shop.

For more information on Pawnee City activities, visit www.pawneecity.com



The Pawnee Historical Society & Museum is located on the eastern edge of Pawnee City. It is home to 20 historic buildings, including David Butler's home (First Governor of Nebraska 1867-1871). The latest addition to the seven acre site is the barn from the Whitney property (comedian Dan Whitney aka Larry the Cable Guy). Photo from Pawnee County Historical Society

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Section 3 & Federal Funding

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a requirement that recipients of federal funding need to be aware of concerning a Section 3 program.

WHAT IS SECTION 3?

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons. Other HUD programs covered by Section 3 are those that provide housing or community development assistance for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project.

SEND D Staff will be notifying and assisting communities throughout the district with compliance suggestions.

SERN 2011 –First Quarter Meeting

Host: Arlis Hohl

Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA)

Location: Mary's Cafe

Address: 245 South 13th Street, Hebron, NE 68370-1920

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

- ◆ **10am Business Meeting**
- ◆ **12:45pm Feature Presentation – Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB840)**
Andrea McClintic from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development will present information about how communities are able to utilize and adopt LB840 as an economic development tool. Communities who are currently implementing LB840 have been invited to share their experiences and successes with LB840.
- ◆ **2:00pm TOUR – METALQUEST**

RSVP by March 4, 2011 to tceda@diodecom.net or call Arlis Hohl at: 402-768-7407.

IMPORTANT 2011 DED Application Dates

Funding Category	Application Closing
Housing	
<i>Nebraska Affordable Housing Program</i>	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application (optional)	February 25, 2011
Application Due	May 6, 2011
*Second Cycle (If Needed)	TBA
Community Development	
<i>Public Works</i>	
*First Cycle	July 1, 2011
*Second Cycle (If needed)	TBA
	Open Cycle, begins May 2, 2011
<i>Water Wastewater</i>	
Planning	
*First Cycle	April 8, 2011
*Second Cycle	October 29, 2011
	Open Cycle, begins January 11, 2012
*Third Cycle	
<i>Downtown Revitalization</i>	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application	March 18, 2011
Planning Phase Implemented	June 2011-January 2012
Phase II Application (Project)	January 31, 2012
*Second Cycle (If needed)	To Be Determined
Economic Development	
Economic Development	Open Cycle
Tourism Development	Open Cycle begins May 10, 2011