



Southeast Nebraska Development District

Plattsmouth "Honor the Past, Plan for the Future"

Plattsmouth is one of Nebraska's oldest cities. Plattsmouth was founded in 1854 at the confluence of the Missouri and Platte rivers. The Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery passed the mouth of the Platte River, just north of what is now Main Street Plattsmouth on July 21, 1804. Plattsmouth, as the county seat for Cass County, is home to a Romanesque-style Courthouse built in 1891. The City has 45 buildings listed on the national register including the Fitzgerald Building. In 2010 this building re-opened as a nineteen room hotel and in the future will include a new lounge and restaurant.

Plattsmouth, an Economic Development Certified Community, has partnered with numerous groups to accomplish many goals. Some of these groups include: Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Public Power District, Cass County Nebraska Economic Development Corporation, Black Hills Energy, and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The Main Street Association is dedicated to preservation of the Historic downtown and has been instrumental in the continual progress of the downtown revitalization project. Plattsmouth has been awarded many Community Development Block Grants ranging in activities

from home owner occupied rehabilitation, job creation/retention, business recruitment and downtown revitalization.

Quality of life in Plattsmouth has consistently been a priority as Plattsmouth continues to plan for future generations. Plattsmouth Public Library, founded as a Carnegie Corporation Library in



Plattsmouth awarded the Governor's Showcase Community Award on April 26, 2011. Governor Dave Heineman presents Mayor R. Paul Lambert and representatives from Plattsmouth the Award.

1916, rivals larger libraries with its impressive book circulation, video and computer technology and hands-on reading programs for the whole family. The community has seven park and recreational facilities featuring a water park, aquatic center, skate park, ball fields, fishing pond and a historic 1913 Burlington Caboose.

The community calendar is filled with annual festivals that bring the visitor a variety of exceptional entertainment. Band concerts, fun runs, historic heritage events and

other seasonal activities are well attended. Held continuously for 80 years, the Kass County King Korn Carnival draws thousands of people each September. Other festivals include: "Cruisin' Main," where car enthusiasts come from four counties to the Show 'n Shine Car Show; and the popular horse-drawn carriage rides and live reindeer at

"Hometown Holidays." A mixture of antique stores and niche shops in Plattsmouth await the shopper.

Plattsmouth is in the midst of a major downtown revitalization project. With the Clean Water Act Combined Sewer Overflow federal mandate, (and compliance required by 2015), the City turned this potential problem into an opportunity. This mandate required a project in Plattsmouth to separate storm and sanitary sewers in the downtown area.

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The streets, alleys, and sidewalks need to be torn up for the sewer separation project, so community leaders took advantage of the opportunity for a redesign of the entire Historic District streetscape. Fundamental to the final Downtown design was the need to create a more vibrant and pedestrian-friendly environment, while maintaining sensitivity to Main Street's designation as a Historic District. The new design includes ornamental period energy-efficient LED lighting, landscaping, widened sidewalks with benches and ornamental clay pavers, corner nodes for landscaping, spaces for public art, traffic calming, and an outdoor entertainment plaza. For more information on Plattsmouth visit plattsmouth.org

Plattsmouth's Historic Downtown is a vibrant part of the community. Plattsmouth has many thriving businesses including a local favorite: Stan's Bakery at 126 South 6th Street.

SENDD WELCOMES NEW HOUSING TEAM MEMBERS BRIAN BASHORE & JIM WARRELMANN

The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) is excited to announce Brian Bashore & Jim Warrelmann as their newest team members.

Brian recently accepted a position with SENDD as a Housing Specialist out of the Lincoln Office. Brian's experience includes the successful creation of a custom home business, as well as a financial services business in Lincoln. In addition Brian serves as a member of the US Naval Construction Force, where he implemented new building specs and bills of material during Operation Iraqi freedom. His experience in the construction and finance fields will be valuable as he works with Counties and communities in SENDD's 15-County service area in Southeast Nebraska. Brian and his wife Kimberly reside in

Milford, Nebraska. Brian is a Nebraska native, growing up in the Malcolm area. His volunteer activities include membership on the Milford Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department as well as serving on several local and state boards/associations. Brian can be reached by email at bbashore@sendd.org or by phone at 402-475-2560.

Jim recently accepted a position with SENDD as a Housing Specialist out of the Lincoln Office. Jim's experience includes the successful ownership and management of a construction and home renovation company, as well as client support analyst for a national marketing company in Lincoln. His experience in the construction and client support fields will be valuable as he works with Counties and communities in

SENDD's 15-County service area. Jim, his wife Deb and two children reside in Malcolm, Nebraska. Jim grew up in Geneva, Nebraska. His volunteer activities include developing and participating in several local youth sports and charity organizations as well as serving on local school activity boards and associations. Jim can be reached by email at jwarrelmann@sendd.org or by phone at 402-475-2560.

Brian & Jim will both work in conjunction with other SENDD Staff to assist communities with project development, Housing Rehabilitation Management, Homebuyer assistance, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administration, and provide assistance with application intake for various community housing programs.

Plan to Attend the: **4th Annual Seward County Business Fair**

June 16, 2011

Seward Civic Center—Lower Level 11:00 a.m.—6:00p.m.

For more information visit: www.SewardCountyBusinessFair.com Or contact Craig Eberle ceberle@sendd.org

Local Elected Officials Training JUNE 7, 2011

You've been elected, appointed or hired, but do you "Know your Role" in the government process? Local elected officials, city administrators, clerks and volunteers from Villages, Cities and Counties in SE Nebraska are invited to attend a FREE 4-hour training geared toward the Local Elected Officials role in municipal and county government.

The event will take place at the Wheeler Inn, Auburn Nebraska from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2011. There is no cost to attend the workshop, however registration is required to save your seat as space is limited.

This program is being hosted by the Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN), a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska. Elected Officials Training has been identified as a need in SE Nebraska from survey results conducted in an eight county area by the Five Rivers RC&D. SERN includes the following Nebraska Counties and their municipalities: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York.

For more information or to receive a registration flyer, contact Jen Olds at the Southeast Nebraska Development District, 402-475-2560 or jolds@sendd.org. Registration is also located online at: www.sendd.org.