

Developments

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Making Economic Development Happen in West Plains



Construction Projects Underway in City



As the weather heats up, so does new construction around the City of West Plains, which has a number of projects currently underway at various stages of completion. I would like to update you on the ongoing projects in and around the city.

Regarding new construction, work is underway on a new 1,500-square-foot barbecue restaurant on Gibson Avenue, and McDonald's is also constructing a new, 5,280-square-foot building in the Southern Hills Shopping Area. Both are expected to be completed in late Summer or early Fall.

Work will also begin soon on a new, 98-room Holiday Inn Express in the Southern Hills area. Estimated completion on the hotel is Fall, 2016. Construction has started on a new, 6,264-square-foot Orthopedic clinic for Ozarks Medical Center, which will be located at the corner of Kentucky and Ninth Streets. That project is expected to be completed by Spring, 2016. The City of West Plains is also constructing a new 4,300-square-foot building to house the Transit Department on Broadway Avenue across from the West Plains Civic Center, with estimated completion in late Fall.

Here is also a brief update on other projects:

- The new 45,000-square-foot Air Medical Group Holdings (AMGH) building on Worley Drive is now occupied and nearly complete.
- The United States Postal Service (USPS) is still considering its options for a new post office in West Plains, with the USPS needing a facility with at least 13,000 square feet.
- Garner Road is 97% completed and now open to the public. Work will be done to stripe and install lights along this new road by the end of the summer.
- We are currently working with five developers that are wanting to construct or rehabilitate buildings here in West Plains for multi-family and senior living.
- A Delta Regional Authority grant has been submitted for a new Advanced Manufacturing Training Center to be housed in the old City Scales Building off Howell Avenue, and a TIGER grant has been submitted for a railroad bridge overpass on Independence Drive.
- Recently opening in West Plains is Gigi's Bistro, located in the Southern Hills Shopping area. JPO Orthotics has moved into Gibson Plaza next to the OMC Wound Care Clinic.

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Shown at left is construction on a new barbecue restaurant on Gibson Ave., and at right is a new McDonald's that is being constructed on the previous site in the Southern Hills Shopping area.

