

## January 2024

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### **Downtown Facade Improvement Program**

- In 2019, the Council decided to create the Downtown Facade Improvement Grant Program to encourage enhancements to the front facades of downtown buildings.
- These funds come from the City's Community Development Assistance Program Fund, used to encourage economic growth in the City.
- There have been 9 completed facade grants, 3 in progress, 3 approved with spring '24 construction dates, and 1 pending application.
- The upgraded exteriors help strengthen local businesses which boosts economic development, attracting more visitors, businesses, and investment.
- For information on how to apply to the Facade Grant Program, contact City Hall at (815) 784-2327.





#### **UPDATES**



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The 4th Annual Harvest Festival will take place on October 5th, 2024. The City is looking for volunteers. The first planning meeting is being held at City Hall on January 22, 2024 at 10am.

The City's Downtown Revitalization Project, that will include new street lighting, burying light cables underneath brick pavers at the back of the curb, and stamped concrete crosswalks is scheduled for early Spring. When a construction schedule is received, this will be shared on the City's social media and website.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

**January 1st** 

January 1st
January 1st-31st

January 3rd January 17th

**January 22nd** 

No on street parking began and ends March 31, 2024

City Offices Closed

Flood Brothers Christmas Tree Disposal

City Council Meeting 7pm
City Council Meeting 7pm

First Harvest Fest Planning Meeting 10am