



## Dan's News & Views Blog July - August 2019

### Mid-Year 2019 – Building Construction Activity

Through the second quarter of 2019 (6 months), the City of Red Wing's building construction activity is ahead of the same 6-month time period in 2018, and examples of construction activity follows:

- Total permit valuation in 2019 = \$24.3 million compared to \$20.3 million in 2018.
- Total residential valuation in 2019 = \$13.8 million compared to \$7.2 million in 2018.
- Total commercial/industrial valuation in 2019 = \$4.5 million compared to \$4.3 million in 2018.
- Total new construction valuation in 2019 = \$11.5 million compared to \$7.7 million in 2018.

**Anytime Fitness** (1105 Bench Street). Red Wing Construction began a new 6,040 sq. ft. single story building for the local fitness franchise, which will be located on Highway 1 just south of Tyler Road.

**St. James Hotel** (406 Main Street). This historic hotel is continuing renovations to include the Port Room; located in the basement, this space will host weddings and special events for groups of 80 to 150 people.

**Keller-Baartman Apartments**. This new 108-unit residential project is underway near the Mayo Hospital on Hewitt Avenue, which should be open in late 2020



**United Lutheran Church** (628 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street). An addition is being constructed on the front of this church facing W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, which will accommodate a new ADA compliant entry with new space for gathering.

**Walmart** (295 Tyler Road So.). Walmart recently completed an addition to accommodate their Online Grocery Pickup program with a staging area for groceries located under a newly installed canopy.

**Red Wing Golf Club** (1311 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street). This golf club is expanding their existing clubhouse with a 56' x 72' two level addition, including a larger deck and a corresponding 75-stall parking lot expansion.



## **Red Wing Ignite Wins \$750,000 Federal Grant**

Red Wing Ignite was one of 44 organizations chosen to receive a grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce's 2019 i6 Challenge program and the only Minnesota organization to be named as a winner this year. As an i6 Challenge winner, Red Wing Ignite will receive \$750,000 from the DOC, along with \$940,602 matched by local entities in cash and in-kind support, making it the most substantial grant in the organization's history. With this grant funding, Red Wing Ignite's i6 Challenge project, billed as "Igniting Innovation in Rural Minnesota", will expand the organization's capacity to provide regional connectivity – with a specific goal of helping advance 30 emerging entrepreneurs, meet the talent needs of 15 employers, and prepare 75 students for the future workforce.



## **Population and Household Growth Estimates for 2018**

The following estimates have been provided by the Minnesota State Demographer for Red Wing in 2018:

- Red Wing Population Growth 2010-2018 = 16,459 to 16,522, or .4% increase (average of 8 per year).
- Red Wing Household Growth 2010-2018 = 7,017 to 7,171, or 2.2% increase (average of 19 per year).
- Twin Cities = 9.3% Population Growth Estimate 2010-2018.
- Twin Cities = 8.6% Household Growth Estimate 2010-2018.

## **Minnesota Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

Thanks to changes signed into law as part of a state budget deal this May, the PACE program is now open to new construction. Minnesota's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program was originally designed to help finance retrofits for existing commercial buildings. The recently passed measure expands the program to include new buildings as well. PACE allows building owners to pay back loans they use for energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy investments via their property taxes. Building owners use the money for LED lighting, high-efficiency heating and air conditioning equipment, solar energy systems, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and better-than-code building envelopes. Contact Melissa Baartman, City of Red Wing, for more information (651-385-3685).



## **Twin Cities Business Magazine Feature**

Red Wing was featured in the August 2019 issue of the Twin Cities Business magazine; the article is titled "The Turning Tides of Red Wing. The Old, Established River City is Crafting a Future While Maintaining Historic Traditions". The article features many businesses in Red Wing, including Red Wing Grain, SCS Elevator, Food Service Specialties, 3M Fall Protection, Red Wing Shoes, Nanocore, Treasure Island Resort & Casino, and Red Wing Stoneware & Pottery. The article also provides information about various economic development partners here, including the Chamber of Commerce, Port Authority, Red Wing Ignite, and Minnesota State College Southeast. A link to this issue can be found at <http://tcbmag.com>, "MAGAZINE".

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