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Urbana's Monument Square is going through some changes. From 31 to 37 Monument Square, Jamon Sellman is making an impact on more than just the esthetics, he is providing opportunities for businesses and loft apartment living. The nine loft apartments going in above Sellman Insurance group will be an upscale place to

live and should be completed this summer. The buildings will also be home to new businesses. Coming businesses in Jamon's buildings are a wine bar, a rooftop lounge, a flower shop, and a brewery filling spaces on Monument Square. When asked why he would invest in and what he is hoping to bring to Champaign County, Jamon said,

"I wanted to stop talking about progress, I want to be part of progress. Urbana has become my personal home, if we can create real change, now is when we should do it." It is an exciting time to be a resident of Champaign County and to be watching such great progress. Thank you Jamon for your investments!

PARTNERSHIP INVESTOR HIGHLIGHT



In 2021, Champaign County voted on the "Best" non-profit award along with twenty-four other awards. Through this process, Mercy Health Urbana Hospital was voted as "Best Non-Profit" by the community because of their exceptional staff and the service they provide for their patients. If this was excitement enough, MHUH also received a 5 Star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Overall Hospital Quality. "Of all the challenges we faced last year, I couldn't be prouder of our team, who not only helped us achieve this accolade, but one that I personally dedicate to each of our associates," said Jamie Houseman, president of Urbana Hospital. "Every member of our team from physicians to nurses to respiratory therapists to our dietary and environmental associates are responsible for the care we provide and this one is for them," she said. We are thankful to have such an amazing hospital in our community.



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A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND CHANGE FOR CEP

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In 2021, The Champaign Economic Partnership (CEP) has had a most productive year. Even during the current pandemic, Champaign County has seen continued growth. This is due in large part to the focus that The CEP has put into the many economic partnerships that have been developed throughout the county. From the restoration of storefronts and buildings on Monument Square to the transition of leadership from Marcia Bailey to Richard Ebert, The CEP has been a constant force of economic progress in our community. The CEP office location has also changed from 3 Monument Square to 40 Monument Square, Suite 306 in Urbana, Ohio. Please come visit, Rich and Tonia would be happy to see you.

In 2021, The CEP has brought new projects and opportunities to Champaign County. The Sutphen Corporation broke ground on their newly acquired property that will centralize their workforce to one location on the southwest side of Urbana. The True Inspections Services project in the old Q3 JMC building is bringing new life to the West Entry Corridor of Urbana and Legacy Place affordable senior housing project construction has come to a completion and is now leasing apartments in all three buildings.

Saint Paris and Mechanicsburg are receiving grants to improve their water lines and new businesses are being discussed daily. North Lewisburg is saying goodbye to long time administrator and CEP board member



THE NEW CEP OFFICE IS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN URBANA AT 40 MONUMENT SQUARE, SUITE 306

Andy Yoder. He will continue to promote the village and business coming to the area. Champaign County is making great economic progress thanks to our continued support from our CEP investor businesses and individuals. 2021 was a big success and we are excited for 2022!

As The CEP moves into 2022, there are several projects that started in 2020 and 2021 that will conclude and many new projects that are coming to the forefront as well. The CEP has a new location, new leadership, and new projects but the same focus and personal relationships you have always known from the CEP.

For additional information on our projects please visit: www.cepohio.com/news



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LEGACY PLACE APARTMENTS NOW OPEN AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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Legacy Place Apartments have become a symbol of the rich history and deep sense of community in Champaign County. After years of planning and many partnerships, work on all three locations began in fall of 2020. With a goal of creating affordable, senior housing, the former Douglas Hotel along with former North and South Elementary Schools have been transformed into spacious and well-appointed apartments for individuals 55 and older. Six of these units are designated to accommodate individuals with developmental disabilities. With Legacy Place South already close to capacity, it is obvious that this opportunity is vital for the seniors in our community. Richard Ebert, The CEP's Executive Director, recently said "Seeing lights on at Legacy Place in

Urbana's Downtown warms my heart. The transformation of all three buildings has been amazing. The impact of this project on our community will be felt for many years to come. In all three building, the apartments are large and comfortable as well as cozy and clean. Residents coming to live in these apartments will be thrilled with the amenities and features along with the unique setting each is in. After touring the buildings, I've been most impressed with the attention to detail by the designers and builders. It will be an absolute asset to Urbana and Champaign County for years to come!" All three apartment buildings are currently accepting applications for future residents aged 55 and older. For information on tours or leasing, contact legacyplace@herronmgmt.com



LEGACY PLACE MONUMENT SQUARE, FORMERLY DOUGLAS HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN URBANA.



LEGACY PLACE NORTH, FORMERLY NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN URBANA.



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TRUE INSPECTIONS SERVICES PROJECT UPDATE

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True Inspection Services (TIS) in conjunction with many partnerships has led the rehabilitation of the former Q3 JMC property on Miami St in Urbana. Soon Community Health and Wellness will be opening their Urbana offices on the main floor of the renovated building. The second floor will become the home of both TIS and The Door Shop, a commercial door manufacturer and sales company. CEP Executive Director, Richard Ebert

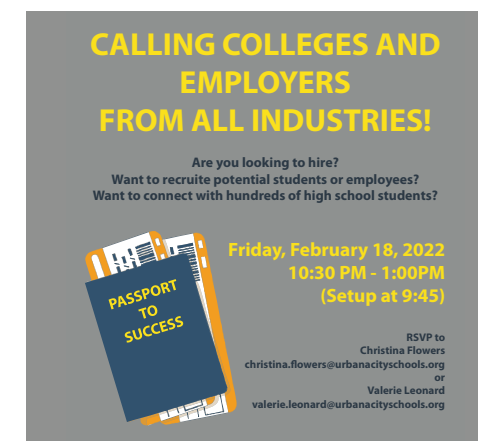


recently toured the former Q3 building and said, "... It's amazing to see the building coming back to life. Everything is coming together nicely, and the inside looks amazing. When this project is done, it will be a huge asset to the city and county and will help spur development to the west side of Urbana as well. The three tenants of the building will quickly become a special part of our community!"

URBANA HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Urbana High School presented a college and career fair on Friday, February 18th. Local employers and colleges attended this great event and the attendees very much appreciated information what opportunities local companies are able to offer them after their high school graduation. Students commented that it is possible to have a local career without having to move out of the area. With the College and Job Fair being such a success, more fairs will follow.

If you are interested in finding out how local students could benefit your business and help you fill positions, please contact Ashley Cook at acook@ohiohipoint.com Christina Flowers at christina.flowers@urbanacityschool.org or Valerie Leonard at Valerie.leonard@urbanacityschools.org or the Champaign Economic Partnership at cepinfo@cepohio.com



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS!

ST. PARIS

The Village of St. Paris was recently awarded a \$470,000 grant through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) This money will be used for waterline replacement, water valves, fire hydrants, and road construction on W. Lynn Street. Village officials are also discussing the possible sale of the St Paris municipal and police buildings. The Bike Path feasibility study has been returned to the bike path group and discussion around that continues as well.

NORTH LEWISBURG

The Village of North Lewisburg is currently looking for a replacement of long time Village Administrator Andy Yoder. Mr. Yoder announced his retirement last year and his last day will be March 31, 2022. Mr. Yoder is also a CEP board member and friend of The CEP. Congratulations Andy on your retirement and thank you for your service to the village and the county! To apply for the position, email resumes to the North Lewisburg Mayor at mayor@nlbohio.com or for more information on the position go to www.champaignworks.com/jobs/village-administrator

MECHANICSBURG

The Village of Mechanicsburg was awarded funds from the Ohio Builds Water Infrastructure Grant. The money awarded from this grant will assist in the replacement of aging water lines throughout the Village. With Phase I completed in 2018, the Village continues to seek financial assistance through Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to implement Phase II of their water line replacement program.