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Industrial Ground located in Jackson, Missouri



Greetings!

Welcome to the Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET's REAL IMPACT newsletter. This newsletter will feature some of the latest economic development news from the Cape Girardeau, Missouri area. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

→ Jackson, Missouri Welcomes Dwain Hahs as Mayor



(Photo courtesy of Southeast Missourian/Laura Simon)

Businessman and Jackson native, Dwain Hahs, was voted Mayor of Jackson in early April. Dwain Hahs is a retired executive with over 30 years of business experience with Bausch & Lomb before retiring to Jackson. Hahs says he is humbled, but excited to fill the position. As mayor, Hahs plans to utilize his experience in business and commitment to Jackson's traditions to build growth within the community. This plan will include active recruitment of potential businesses, expanding inventory of land and buildings for business development, updating building codes, and building on the quality of Jackson Public Schools. Hahs will replace Barbara Lohr, who served as Mayor for the past 8 years.

Jackson, MO

This 15+ acre site is currently available for purchase, zoned I-2 industrial and located off Highway PP in Jackson, Missouri. Price is negotiable. All utilities are located within the JIDC Park.

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Featured Available Properties:

Industrial Building For Sale or Lease



Scott City, MO

60,000 SF industrial building and 7 acres has 3 loading docks, 1 drive-in door and up to 24' ceilings and 6" floors. Situated in the Nash Road Industrial Park in Scott City, Missouri.

Located in close proximity of Interstate 55, Cape Regional Airport and Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority.

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Cape Girardeau, MO



Cape Girardeau, Missouri Wins 2015 Great American Main Street Award



Cape Girardeau, Missouri has been chosen as one of only three 2015 Great American Main Street Award® (GAMSA) winners presented at the National Main Street Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Downtown Cape Girardeau's dynamic blend of public art, shopping, educational and cultural attractions, and over 300 businesses were major highlights in the community's selection. In the past year, downtown has seen a rise in preservation projects, which have led to 85 net new jobs, reinvestment of over \$6.6 million and 34 new or relocated businesses. Cape Girardeau Mayor Harry Rediger contributed this achievement to Old Town Cape's Board of Directors, who he cites as active catalysts for gaining momentum and community support. Rediger says he is excited about the future of the downtown area as it continues to see more commercial and residential development.



Cape Girardeau County Attains Certified Work Ready Community Status



Governor Jay Nixon visited the area to designate Cape Girardeau County as the 12th County in Missouri to become a 'Certified Work Ready Community,' thus fulfilling the requirements put forth by the Missouri Workforce Investment Board and ACT. To attain the designation, counties in Missouri must build a



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coalition of business, education and workforce professionals to collectively work toward the designation, fulfill a commitment to have a certain amount of individuals taking the Work Keys Assessment, as well as a certain number of area businesses recognizing Work Keys in their hiring processes. On all fronts, Cape Girardeau exceeded their goals and submitted their proposal this past winter for approval.



Delta Regional Authority Awards \$148,000 for Workforce Development Investments



Delta Regional Authority

Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill announced the Cape Girardeau region would be the recipient of a \$148,000 grant to transform workforce development across the Mississippi River Delta region. The funds will be used to identify new strategies to appeal to younger students in career exploration efforts, assist regional businesses in workforce recruitment and retention efforts, and develop a plan to expand information technology training in regional high schools. The grant was made possible due to the partnerships cultivated by the Work Ready Coalition with the Cape Business Development Foundation, the Cape & Jackson Chambers, Workforce Investment Board of Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center, and Mineral Area College.



Purchase Clinic Moves into Old Federal Building



Purchase Clinic, an affiliate of MedAssets, moved into 339 Broadway, a multi-tenant office complex recently renovated and opened to new tenants. Purchase Clinic provides an online marketplace for businesses to save on medical supplies, capital equipment, and services. Purchase Clinic seeks to increase employment of young professionals by offering benefits such as flexible scheduling and requiring little to no travel. They also hope to establish new partnerships with Southeast Missouri State University and continue to grow in Cape Girardeau's downtown district.



Public Investment in Schools & Infrastructure Continues



Scott City Public Schools Ribbon Cutting

(Photo courtesy of Southeast Missourian/Katie Lamb)

A few highlights of new investment in the area:

- Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority announced a new infrastructure investment in rail expansion. The \$530,000 project was made possible by Port Authority funds and funds authorized by the Governor of Missouri for Port expansion. The additional rail will allow the Port to continue to handle more freight, which in 2014 the Port topped 1.3 million tons in cargo shipped,
- Citizens of Cape Girardeau County passed a use tax for the purpose to construct a new consolidated courthouse in Jackson, Missouri,
- Scott City Public Schools opens their new \$2.1 Million dollar Performing Arts Center and Safe Room,
- Citizens of Cape Girardeau authorized a bond refinancing ballot measure for Cape Girardeau Public Schools to launch a \$20 Million facilities upgrade. Two signature projects include a \$6 Million dollar expansion of the Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center (for healthcare programs and Cape College Center) and extensive renovations to the Junior High School,
- City of Cape Girardeau's new \$54 Million dollar wastewater treatment plant came online in early 2015. The new facility is the largest and most advanced plant in the state of Missouri and allows us to effectively treat wastewater before discharge.

Contact us today to learn more about economic development opportunities and sites available in the greater Cape Girardeau, Missouri, area.

Sincerely,

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