

The Lakeside Update

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2010 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates are typically schedule for the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. and are held in the Conference Room of the Cadillac Municipal Complex, 200 N. Lake Street, Cadillac

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January 27, 2010
February 24, 2010
March 31, 2010
April 28, 2010
May 26, 2010
June 30, 2010
July 28, 2010
August 25, 2010
September 29, 2010
October 27, 2010
December 8, 2010

Mitchell Street 2009 - "Just Imagine" is now a reality!

After several months of construction, the 2009 Mitchell Street Improvement Project is now complete from River Street south to Granite Street. This project incorporated numerous improvements on and under the US 131 BR corridor, including underground water and sanitary sewer main upgrades, sidewalk bump-outs, new traffic signals, new count-down pedestrian signals, gateway treatments, light poles, street trees, and a "smooth riding" asphalt surface. These features add to the safety and aesthetics of downtown and were preceded by years of careful planning and budgeting.



Improvements at Granite Street

The DDA board is currently evaluating several different banner layout designs. New banners will be placed on the clustered street lights incorporated into the gateway treatments. These banners will follow the design of our blue and white wayfinding signs located throughout the community and help to welcome travelers to our central business district. The north gateway planters will be filled with perennial and annual plants next spring, to match those already planted at the south gateway.



South-end Gateway Treatment

Probably the most noticeable change produced by the 2009 Mitchell Street Improvement Project was the addition of sidewalk bump-outs. Bump-outs have been incorporated in numerous streetscape projects throughout the state and nation, and have proven to help "calm" or slightly slow passing traffic, thus enhancing pedestrian safety. Because bump-outs extend into the street equal to the width of the parking lane, they increase pedestrian visibility to drivers and also shorten the street crossing distance for pedestrians. Our bump-outs also feature new highly-marked pedestrian crosswalks with count down signals that indicate how much time is remaining to safely cross the street. The new signals are also pedestrian activated, meaning pedestrians must first push the crosswalk signal button to trigger the count-down cycle in conjunction with the traffic signals. (See **Mitchell Street**, page 2...)

Winter Parking



Winter Overnight Parking Reminders:

- 1) A permit is needed to park overnight (2:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.) in downtown Cadillac from November 15 to April 15. Contact the City of Cadillac at 775-0181 to secure a permit.
- 2) Parking permits are issued on a complimentary basis to employees of businesses that pay the parking special assessment.
- 3) Permits are available to all others for \$6.50 per week; \$22 per month or \$82 for the entire season.
- 4) Overnight parking must occur in designated areas only. When a permit is issued, a map is also provided that shows the designated areas. Parking in an undesignated area could result in a ticket and a tow.

Downtown Snow Removal Tips and Reminders

Businesses and/or building owners are in charge of snow removal from the sidewalks in front of their properties. Some businesses choose to manage this responsibility via the "do-it-yourself" method; others hire snow removal services. Regardless of which option you choose, following are a few helpful reminders for the most successful clean-up:

- If the street has already been plowed, don't push sidewalk snow into the parking lanes or the street. Instead, make snow piles at the curb edge, which will be removed later by city crews.
- Please make sure your snow piles do not surround street trees or street lights, which hampers proper snow removal by city crews.
- If your business is on a corner or next to a mid-block bump-out, please don't forget to clear this area of snow too. Your customers will be especially appreciative!
- Building owners with vacant storefronts are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks and should make arrangements accordingly.
- With installation of the bump-outs on Mitchell Street, snow removal is expected to take additional time. Reflector poles have been installed for the season to mark the new curb line. Your patience and understanding is appreciated!



Mitchell Street (continued...)

Aside from all the improvements to the sewer and water mains throughout the construction area, Cadillac is now one of the first downtowns to be completely up to date with all the latest Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This means all downtown crosswalks are barrier free (wheelchair accessible) and detectable warning surfaces are in place at each crosswalk apron, among other improvements. The city of Cadillac and Downtown Development Authority would like to thank all downtown customers and merchants for their patience and support during the construction project! We are also very thankful for our numerous partner organizations, and especially the Michigan Department of Transportation for helping to make the project such a great success and asset to our community.

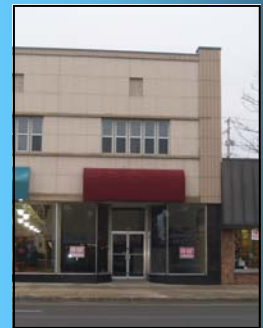
Downtown Retail/Office Space Opportunities



116 W. Harris Street - space available in on four levels, building includes a freight elevator and private parking lot.



115 N. Mitchell Street - available for lease or sale starting in January 2010.



109 S. Mitchell Street - Retail storefront for lease, excellent location.

To see the complete list of available downtown properties for lease and/or sale, go to:

www.cadillac-mi.net
(follow the links under "City Departments.")