

Rusches Offer “The Remedy” for 1513 Washington

The City’s Business and Industrial Development Committee (BIDC) last week approved a loan to Chris and Tracy Rusch, to assist in their purchase of the downtown property at 1513 Washington Street for a new bar and restaurant.

The City and Investors Community Bank will each loan \$105,000, to cover a \$210,000 purchase price for the real estate, furnishings and equipment. The City and bank loans will be secured by co-equal mortgages on the property and personal guarantees from Mr. and Mrs. Rusch.

The Rusches hope to have their new business, the Remedy Pub and Eatery, open for business by early April, in this building originally built to house TR’s downtown JC Penney store.

Despite the past failures of two restaurants at this location, there are plenty of reasons for optimism regarding this new development.

Among those reasons, the new owners have a solid, successful business background. They have built Rusch Machine and Design from a start-up in the City’s business incubator in 1999 to a well-established business with 18 employees. They are well-grounded in business concepts, and have the ability to finance the working capital needs of a start-up operation.

Further, our area has already shown that it will support another quality restaurant and bar in downtown TR. It wasn’t a lack of customer traffic that caused the demise of the earlier restaurants at this location.

It’s heartening to see successful business people investing in their hometown.

...And it will be great to see this historic downtown building, beautifully renovated by former owner Kevin Voysey, again lit up and pulsing with activity.

THANK YOU, Chris and Tracy Rusch, for believing in Two Rivers.

Comprehensive Plan Update Available for Review

The draft version of the City’s new comprehensive land use plan is now available for public review. The plan is intended to comply with Wisconsin’s “Smart Growth” Law, and to guide local zoning and land use decisions over the next twenty years.

The plan was developed by staff at the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, working with the City’s Plan Commission and City staff.

The draft plan can be reviewed on-line on the City's web site, www.two-rivers.org. Print copies are available for review in the reference section at the Lester Public Library and in the City Manager's Office and Inspections Office at City Hall.

The Plan Commission will host an open house for review and discussion of the plan, on Tuesday, March 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the plan, prior to its adoption. That hearing will be held on Monday, March 22 at 6:00 PM, also in the Council Chambers.

Congratulations, Wrestling Champ Joseph Her

TRHS junior Joe Her "brought home the gold" from the WIAA State Wrestling Championships in Madison this past weekend, winning the Division 2, 119-pound class.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph on this accomplishment, the first individual championship won by a TRHS wrestler since 1993.

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