

## **Economic Development December 2008**

The Heart of Christmas celebration was a huge success. I continue to get calls and e-mails from people already wanting to know about next year. At our final meeting with staff, we discussed several things that we want to do differently next year to improve upon. Mark your calendars now for December 4, 2009!!

As is typical for this time of year, development has been slow. Some of it has to do with the time of year and will pick back up after the holidays but I think some has to do with the economy. I have at least two groups who are having trouble getting any type of commercial financing. I think if you have the money to finance things yourself right now (like a CVS), then we will continue to see those things move along. Otherwise, I think some of the projects either will not happen or may be reconsidered once the economy shows some progress.

The construction guidelines are complete and will be sent out to a designer/printer by the time of the Council meeting. With the holidays, it may take a month or so for them to get designed but we will have those ready to go after the first of the year.

I will be on vacation from December 24 until January 5. As always, let me know if you have any questions.