

Please save the date on  
**January 30, 2009**

Join Neighborhood Ventures in injecting vitality into your business by giving it a rejuvenated look. Help design your future by attending the Design 1st Clinic!

**9:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**Home Repair Services**  
**1100 S. Division Ave, GR**



525 Eastern Ave prior façade renovations

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**If you would like to attend the clinic & reserve a session with a team of architects, the cost is only \$25.**

**What is the Design First Clinic?**

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*Also, the clinic streamlines the façade grant application process while providing insight on how to effectively balance project design, financing and*

**How can proper design & maintenance increase your profits?**

- *Increased building value*
- *Improved commercial traffic*
- *Improved building efficiency*
- *Improved operational efficiency*
- *Improved staff, customer & public safety*
- *Improved neighborhood*
- *Code Compliance*

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday January 23, 2009

*Design 1st Clinic*

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

PH: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**My session fee \$25 is:**

enclosed  invoice me

**I am a:**

Business owner  Property owner  
 Other

**Will you be applying for a Face Forward**

**Façade grant in conjunction with the**

***Design 1st Clinic:***

Yes  No

*Please Fax or mail to : 301-1717*

*Neighborhood Ventures*

*949 Wealthy Street SE Ste 200*

Contact: Sylvia Harris at  
(616) 550-1504 or  
harriss@neighborhoodventures.org

- Work with architects to enhance your business' exterior
- Learn ways to finance building improvement projects
- Learn what to look for when hiring & managing a contractor
- Attract new customers and increase your bottom line



525 Eastern Ave post façade renovations



### OUR VISION:

*A city full of vibrant business districts that are distinctive and reflective of each unique neighborhood.*

### OUR MISSION:

*To interject vitality into the heart of each neighborhood business by revitalizing it's business district.*

### About Neighborhood Ventures:

- *NV is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), neighborhood-based, economic development organization.*
- *NV works to enhance the assets of our urban neighborhood business districts in the core city of Grand Rapids.*
- *NV is now working in 9 of the 20 neighborhood business districts in the city.*

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A Neighborhood Ventures' Service

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