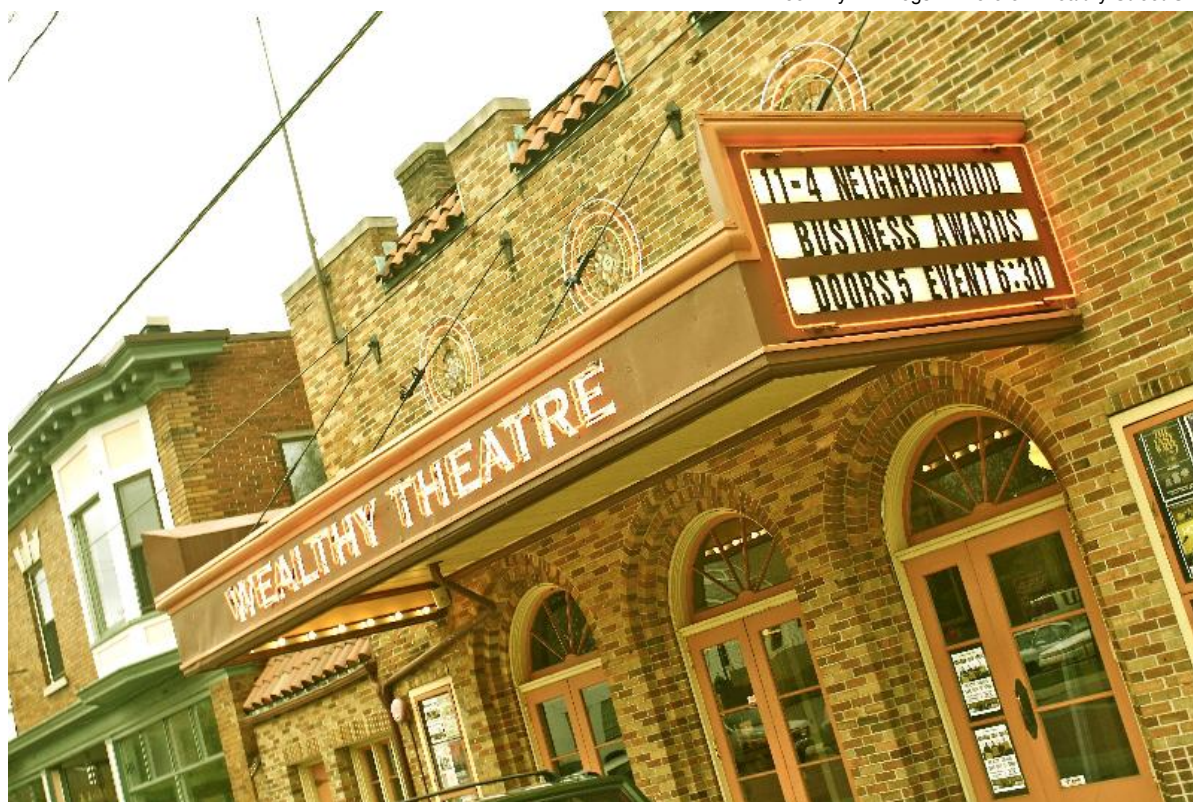


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December 2010

Happy New Year!

As we here at Neighborhood Ventures close out an incredible 2010 chock full of amazing accomplishments and incredible vibrance in our twenty neighborhood business districts we pause to say "Thank You" to one and all and we wish you the best in the New Year!

Thinking back one short year ago, we muse about how much potential our neighborhoods offer and the tenacity of those committed to them. Twenty-six new businesses were rightfully honored this year at the 21st Annual Neighborhood Business Awards for saying "yes" to urban Grand Rapids. We salute the newcomers along with those long standing businesses who preceded them for offering valuable products and services that residents and visitors alike seek out.

That common denominator of commitment to our neighborhood business districts comes in many forms - locally owned, franchise, government and institution, or not-for-profit. And like the residential neighborhoods that surround them, it is the variety found within our commercial corridors throughout the city that creates complete neighborhoods.

2011 promises to continue the success. New energy is building as creative individuals in our business districts come together



Neighborhood Ventures is 501(c)3 community and economic development organization that works to revitalize Grand Rapids neighborhood business districts.

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and realize the potential that surrounds them. Future projects are already in design or on pace for completion in the coming months. We are already making a list of "Best New Business" for the 22nd Annual Awards on November 3rd, 2011.

Neighborhood Ventures maintains our focus on neighborhood economic development in the New Year. From our where we stand, 2011 is a great time to keep Grand Rapids neighborhoods a great place to live, work, shop & play.

Mark C. Lewis
Executive Director



Neighborhood Business Alliance
The voice of neighborhood business

Quarterly Neighborhood Business Alliance Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
7:30 - 9:00AM

Special guests this quarter include representatives from Rapid Growth Media. Come share success stories from your business district for potential media coverage in the New Year. The NBA meets quarterly to provide the twenty business districts of Grand Rapids an open forum to communicate with one another and share information between neighborhoods. Call 301-3929 for information.

Did you know that the recent LISC/MetroEdge Grand Rapids Market Profile found \$544,000,000 worth of retail leakage within our neighborhood business districts? How does your district stack up? Just ask. We have the data in hand and are happy to share. lewism@neighborhoodventures.org

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Partner Info.

Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women

Intro to GROW
Tuesday January 4
6:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday January 13
12:00pm-1:00pm

Marketing Plan Boot Camp
Thursdays 6:00-9:00pm
January 13 - February 3

Call 458-3404

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