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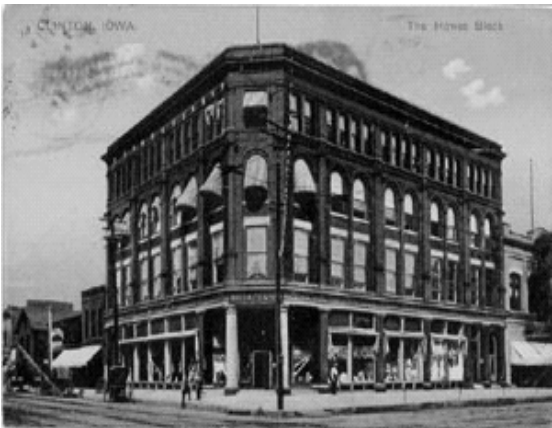
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The Howes Building 419-425 2nd Street

The turn-of-the-century Howes Building in Clinton is significant for its association with Edward Howes, a prominent citizen and relentless promoter of his community. After purchasing a prime lot in downtown Clinton, Howes hired friend and local architect Josiah Rice to design a three-story Classic Revival style building. Construction was complete in 1900, but it quickly became apparent that more space was needed. In 1905, a fourth story was added by architect John Morrell.

The original grand entrance to the building is accentuated by the chamfered corner of the building's south-west façade. On the chamfered corner, a name stone reading "Howes" sits between the windows on the third and fourth level and a date stone reading "A.D. 1900" sits atop the fourth story window, just under the roof cornice.

The street level of the Howes Building hosts the most dramatic exterior alterations, the street level façade was first altered in 1914.

Upper stories of the Howes



(Top Left: Howes Building in 1910. Top Right: Howes Building today. Center Top: Howes Building from 1900-1905. Center Bottom: Edward Madison Howes.)

*www.nationmaster.com

Building façade remain predominantly unaltered. The building's top three levels retain historical integrity with original red brick and terra cotta ornamentation. The Ionic pilasters feature decorative capitals with protruding volutes and are located between the third and fourth stories, representing the building's original 1900 roof line.

The fourth story represents a slight aesthetic departure from the building's original Classic Revival symmetry. Windows on the fourth story were designed smaller than those below, but are positioned in keeping with the original window bays. The roof line on the 1905 fourth story addition has classical style moldings on an ornamental cornice which projects from the top of the building.

In 2004 a restoration project began with the help of Community Housing Initiatives. The \$2.7 million Howes project restored the facade and converted the upper three stories of the building into 19 one-and two-bedroom affordable apartment units.

In 2004 the Howes building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



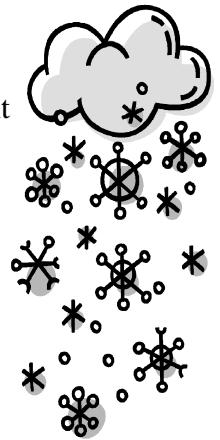
Snow Removal Policy

The Downtown Partnership's Planning and Design Committee recently reviewed sidewalk snow removal policies in an effort to improve these procedures. The Committee met with City staff and came to an agreement to compensate the City for providing this service.

Sidewalks in the Self Supporting Municipal Improvement District will now be cleared by the City Grounds and Facilities Division at the same time they begin the process at City Offices. Snow removal may occur at various times of the day, depending on when snowfall occurs and the amount of accumulation. The City will sweep, blow or plow snow from the edge of buildings into the curb; they will not clear doorways, driveways, private walkways, or paths to the street. Grooming remains the responsibility of the property or business owner. Your assistance will be appreciated.

If there is an accumulation of two inches or more the City Street Department will plow from the curb to the middle of the street, windrow and remove snow the following day.

If you have any questions please contact the Downtown Partnership at 242-5702.



Thinking about expanding or remodeling?

If you are a property owner and looking to expand or remodel and are concerned about your taxes being increased, stop by the Community Development Department at 110 5th Avenue South to pick up a Tax Abatement form. This offers you a 100% tax abatement for 3 years on your increased property value after expansion or remodeling.

Parking Space Available

The Clinton Downtown Partnership's parking lot at the corner of 2nd Street and 6th Avenue South has 4 spaces available. For lease information call 242-5702.



The Downtown Partnership's mission is in keeping the enhancement of Clinton's Downtown a high priority in the community and to stimulate action focusing on Downtown revitalization.

What's New?

Downtown PM

The Van Allen building located on 5th Ave South & 2nd Street will be hosting our next Downtown PM. Enjoy snacks and refreshments while networking with other Downtown Businesses on January 14th, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Sign up to win a \$25 gas card!

New Business

* **J-Z** is now open at 134 5th Ave South.



The Downtown Partnership wishes your business a Prosperous and Happy New Year for 2009!

Upcoming Events:

January:

- 6th- 7:30 am Planning & Design at the Chamber
- 9th- 8 am C & E Meeting at Clinton Historical Society
- 14th- 5-7 p.m. Downtown PM Van Allen Building
- 15th- 8 am Events Committee at US Bank
- 20th- 7:30 am Board Meeting at the Chamber

February:

- 3rd- 7:30 am Planning & Design at the Chamber
- 13th- 8 am C & E meeting at Clinton Historical Society
- 19th- 8 am Events Committee at TBA

March:

- 3rd - 7:30 am Planning & Design at the Chamber
- 13th- 8 am C & E meeting at Clinton Historical Society
- 19th- 8 am Events Committee at TBA

SCORE- Free Counseling

With today's economy everyone is concerned about their future, especially small business owners. If you need any assistance with keeping your business successful please contact the Chamber of Commerce to set-up a face-to-face meeting with our local SCORE counselors at (563)242-5702. Or visit their website at www.score.org.

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

SCORE's goal is to help you live your dream. SCORE volunteers are successful entrepreneurs and executives who love business and want to share their knowledge with you, so you can succeed too. SCORE is headquartered in Herndon, VA and Washington, DC and has 389 chapters throughout the United States and its territories, with 10,500 volunteers nationwide. Both working and retired executives and business owners donate time and expertise as business counselors. SCORE was founded in 1964.

If you would like to get involved with any committee or event for the Downtown Partnership please contact Jennifer Lee at downtown@clintonia.com

Holiday Open House

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The 2008 Holiday Open House was a jolly good time! Over 300 people rode on the horse drawn carriage rides throughout downtown. Children enjoyed making holiday crafts at the YMCA, over 80 letters were mailed to soldiers overseas and the Foursquare Puppet Ministry held 2 shows in Downtown for kids to enjoy. Santa had his hands full all day talking with children and getting over 120 pictures taken. The official Downtown Christmas Tree was lit at 3:30 by Mayor Rodger Holm and Santa Claus. The CHS Choir filled the streets with holiday cheer while singing Christmas carols. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies at the Clinton County Historical Society and the Children's Discovery Center.

This event was made possible by the following generous sponsors:

Adcraft Printwear Co., Aegis Credit Union, Ameriprise Financial, Banner Home Furnishings, Bentford Antiques, Bizzy B Scrubs, Citizen's First Bank, Clinton Herald, Computer Box, Corner Deli, Dear Charlie Photography, Elegance Express, Fuller I Wireless, Gateway Monogram, Guzzardo's Hallmark, KROS Broadcasting, Mac 94.7/KCLN 1390, McGraw Accounting, Member's Choice Community Credit Union, Nutrition Plus, Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors, Steve Roling, CPA, US Bank, Valley Bank and Timberland Tree Farm.



Business Spotlights

The Investor Edge University is a virtual University with a National Training Center located at 215 5th Avenue South in Clinton.

Bill & Dwan Twyford are professional real estate investment coaches and members . With over 1,800 real estate transactions under their belts, they have created a duplicable system to help you find the same success. Their goal is to educate you on everything related to real estate investing from short sale investments to real estate foreclosures. Their home study courses, proven methods, internet training program, and live classes not only teach you how to become a multimillionaire real estate investor... they also hold you accountable for your progression along the way.

Bill is President of B.K. Ventures, Inc., a company that specializes in helping distressed homeowners stay in their homes. In addition to his investing career, he heads up the Fa\$t Track program. He personally guides students to incredible success. Fa\$t Track is a unique one-of-a-kind opportunity that will take you light years ahead of where you are today.

Dwan is President of Financial Freedom Through Foreclosures. Her company specializes in educating new as well as seasoned investors through a series of home study courses and intense training classes. She is on the board of FLREIA – the real estate investor's association in West Palm Beach, REIP - a national real estate investor's magazine, and Home Rescue Solutions – a company that specializes in helping distressed homeowners.

If you are interested in attending these seminars please go to www.theieu.com and register. There are several seminars available.

Just 4 Kids

Just 4 Kids located at 311 South 2nd Street is owned and operated by Brenda Newcomb, a Clinton native. This charming store features gently used children's clothing with sizes ranging from infants to teenagers. Brenda opened her doors on October 1st, 2008 and has been expanding her selections ever since. She now offers everything from maternity clothes, children's toys, strollers, bouncers & bath tubs. Her prices start as low as a nickel! For the entire month of January stop in and receive an additional 25% off your purchase. Brenda is also currently accepting consignment items. You can contact Brenda at 243-6070.

