



Our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase the quality of living, add well-paying jobs and grow the tax base.

December Economic Development News

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous new year!



ICYMI - November was a busy month in the City of Eau Claire! Here are a few highlights:

- [Logistics Health, Inc.](#) out of La Crosse [announced](#) they will be adding 120 jobs in the Eau Claire area. They will be operating out of new office space in the Hutchinson Technology building.
 - Exciting plans for two new grocery stores in the Downtown area were profiled in the [Eau Claire Leader-Telegram](#).
 - The former Huebsch building in Downtown was demolished. Did you watch the live feed, courtesy of [Volume One](#)?
 - [Small Business Saturday](#) in Eau Claire continues to grow!
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November 2016 Building Permits Summary Report

New Program Announced to Finance Commercial Energy Efficiency Improvements in Eau Claire County

Earlier this year, Eau Claire County joined the PACE Wisconsin



program. PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) allows eligible commercial and industrial property owners to obtain low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water consideration building improvements. See [their website](#) for information on eligible projects, contractors, and lenders.

Check out the new City Tour videos!

A new series of tour videos are now available featuring the City of Eau Claire. The videos focus on many of the aspects that make Eau Claire a unique and exciting place to be, including those highlighting our quality of life, recreational opportunities, arts, and Downtown.



The videos are available on the City of Eau Claire's [website](#) by selecting the "Videos" link at the bottom left of the homepage. Here is a [direct link](#).

A map showing several lots in an industrial center. Lot 2 is highlighted in purple. Other lots are labeled 3a, 3b, 3c, and 4. The map is bounded by Eau Claire Avenue to the west and Craig Road to the east.

Featured Property

[Lot #2 - Sky Park Industrial Center](#)
4.6 acres immediately available for development in the Sky Park Industrial Center on Eau Claire's Southwest side.

Minutes from Interstate 94, Lot #2 is conveniently situated among Eau Claire's key employers and neighbors a wide range of housing opportunities!

[Contact us](#) for more information!

If you are interested in having your property featured here, [contact us](#) today!

Nominations Open for Annual Paragon Award

Nominations are now open for [The Paragon Economic Impact Award](#), sponsored by Royal Credit Union. The award is presented annually at the Eau Claire Area EDC's Annual Luncheon in February. We invite your nominations for local businesses that are a model of economic development excellence - through business expansion and development, job creation, innovation, or other. Be creative!

[Nominate a Business Today!](#)

Interested in the 70th Annual Doll and Pet Parade?

2017 will mark the Doll and Pet Parade's 70th Year! Are you interested in helping organize this long-time community event? If so, please fill out [this survey](#). A leadership team will be put together in January.

December Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 13

Women's Business Networking Event, 5:30pm at Beacon House, 309 E Lake St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is free and donations are encouraged.

Tuesday, December 13 - Wednesday, December 14

Governor's Conference on Minority Business Development at the Potawatomi Hotel and Conference Center in Milwaukee. [Registration](#) is \$60 for both days.

Wednesday, December 14

Wisconsin Workforce Initiative Briefing, sponsored by Momentum West, UW Stout & Competitive Wisconsin, Inc., 8:00-10:00am at the UW-Stout Memorial Student Center. [Registration](#) is free.

Thursday, December 15

Deadline for Fabrication Laboratories (Fab Lab) Grant Program. Visit the [Grant website](#) for more information on the program and application process.

Friday, December 16

Eggs & Issues: Holiday Legislative Breakfast, 7:00am-8:30am at the UW-Eau Claire Davies Center - Ojibwe Ballroom, 77 Roosevelt St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$20 per person.

Chamber Ribbon Cutting: Robles Taco + Tequila, 4:00-4:30pm, 5020 Keystone Crossing, Eau Claire.

Wednesday, December 21

City of Eau Claire Redevelopment Authority, 7:30am at City Hall, 203 South Farwell Street, Eau Claire. [Committee webpage](#).

Financial Assistance

The City of Eau Claire Economic Development Division offers low-interest loans to businesses expanding or relocating within the Eau Claire area. Check out the [Financial Assistance](#) page on our website for more information!

Regional Business Fund

The [Regional Business Fund](#) offers a wide variety of [loan programs](#), including the Downtown Facade Loan, Micro Loan, Technology Enterprise, Revolving Loan, and the Growth Loan. Each program can meet the varying needs of businesses. Contact them today for more information!

The Regional Business Fund is also hiring for a [Lending Specialist](#). Information is on their website, so apply today!

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

In October, the [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) (WEDC) opened a second round of Fabrication Laboratories Grant Program funding. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 15, 2016. This program provides grants to public school districts for up to \$25,000 to create these high-technology workshops, known as "Fab Labs". More information can be found on the [WEDC website](#).

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