

### February 2009 News

#### Financial Assistance Report Available from Progress Plus

In today's challenging economy, businesses are looking for all the help they can get, especially if they are considering relocating or expanding.

Progress Plus recently compiled a report summarizing a variety of business assistance programs available at the local, county, metro and state level, some of which are available directly to businesses for relocation or expansion.

While many programs are designed to assist cities with development, some, such as loans from the Small Business Administration, organizations such as South St. Paul Futures, and loan programs available through cities, are designed for businesses. For example, businesses that are considering making a major capital improvement to their facility, or looking to relocate, may qualify for a variety of financing programs, many of which require less collateral and longer payback than traditional financing.

For a copy of the report or to learn more about financing available for businesses in South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights, contact Progress Plus at 651-451-2266.

#### South St. Paul's Featured Property: 222 Grand Avenue office space



Second floor office space with gorgeous river valley views for only \$2350/month.

### Featured Investor of the Month



RE/MAX Realty 100, LLC is an organization of professional real estate consultants willing to go extraordinary lengths to provide their clients with a one-stop solution to their home buying and selling needs; thus providing trustworthy services in a courteous atmosphere.

RE/MAX is the #1 real estate organization in both Canada and the United States. RE/MAX is also growing internationally by leaps and bounds.

Challenging conventional methods in order to maintain all aspects of their companies keeps RE/MAX Realty 100 on the "cutting edge" of today's market.

In a world where technology is faster than most can keep up with, RE/MAX Realty 100 takes the hassle and worry out of the consumer's hands, making their experience one of a relaxing and rewarding nature. Their real estate consultants handle the ins and outs of every facet of your real estate transaction so YOU don't have to.

#### New Board Member Nominee: Steve Haider, SANIMAX amx LLC



for only \$2350/month.  
 2,250 square feet; Lease rate: \$12.50 gross  
 Office available on second floor with river views and two sides of glass. Great open space with reception and conference room in good condition. Owner is willing to update the space for a new tenant.

For information, contact Dave Langer at 651.450.9669 or [david@langercommercial.com](mailto:david@langercommercial.com).

### Inver Grove Heights' Featured Property: Wakota Federal Credit Union Building



- 9050 Buchanan Trail Building
- Building size: 6,657 SF on 1.03 acres (44,867 SF)
- Offering price: \$1,600,000 or \$240.35/SF
- Turn-key opportunity for a bank, good for lawyers or accountants office, or other retail
- High traffic area with nearly 50,000 vehicles passing on Highway 52/55
- 3 drive-thru lanes and 1 ATM lane
- 2005 construction with state-of-the-art vault and furniture systems that can be made available
- 20 minutes from downtown Minneapolis, 10 minutes from downtown St. Paul, and 10 minutes to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
- Retailers in the area include: Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Advanced Auto Parts

For information, contact Mark Stevens at 612.347.9365 or [mstevens@ctmt.com](mailto:mstevens@ctmt.com).



Steve Haider was born and raised in St. Paul, MN where he resides today with his wife and two children. Steve attended high school at Cretin-Derham Hall and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 1998. He is currently working for Sanimax in South St. Paul.

Sanimax specializes in recycling animal and meat by-products from the meat industry and food waste such as waste cooking oil from restaurants. From these waste streams they produce high-quality animal feed ingredients and bio-fuels. Steve first began working part-time for Sanimax while attending school. At that time the company was known as the Van Hoven Company; owned and operated by the 4th generation of the Van Hoven family. Steve joined the company full-time in 1997 as a Sales Representative.

Over the past 12 years, Steve has held several different positions with Sanimax (Van Hoven). Today, he is the District Procurement (Sales) Manager. Sanimax is owned by the Couture family out of Montreal, QC, Canada. They have over 20 facilities located throughout the Midwest and Eastern Canada. The Couture family insists on being involved in the communities in which they do business, and being a good neighbor. Steve is a key part of that vision in the River Heights community.

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[www.progressplus.org](http://www.progressplus.org)

Contact Progress Plus for more information on urban alternative space available in the region at 651.451.2266 or [ellenwatters@comcast.net](mailto:ellenwatters@comcast.net)!

Check out photos from the River Heights Chamber of Commerce & Progress Plus Annual Meeting [here](#).

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