



Industrial Development Board director Don Alexander says Warren County needs more modern housing to keep millennials in this area.

Alexander calls for more modern housing in town

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Economic development was on the minds of McMinnville Breakfast Rotary Club members when Industrial Development Board director Don Alexander visited the group as guest speaker.

Alexander flipped the usual script by asking a question of the audience: "What would you like to see happen and develop in Warren County, let's say in the next five-year plan? Tell me the things you would like to see. I value this feedback."

Dwight O'Neal stated, "I would like to see something that would keep our 20- and 30-year-olds here rather than them leaving."

Alexander replied, "One of the goals we are looking at from an industrial development standpoint is we want to encourage some modern-day housing. When I say modern-day housing, I'm thinking of things like villages that have walkability to them. I think we have a nice element of housing, from the \$250,000 to \$350,000 range. If you think about some of the projects we've been working on, they have a middle strata of management that we really haven't addressed where they can live and stay. As a result, we are losing some of those people to our neighboring areas."

Alexander said millennials aren't seeing the white picket fence with a yard to mow, because

their focus is climbing the corporate ladder.

"Their generation is a little bit different from ours and we need to keep that in mind," he said. "That's one of the things I think we can work on and encourage. There is one word I think that keeps some of this from happening. Does anyone know what that word is? It's sewer. These developers are not going to put in facilities in that close proximity to each other without sewer capability. That limits our area in which we can do that."

Rachel Killebrew said she'd would like to see more buildings downtown renovate upstairs for apartments and condos.

"You're making our case for us, Rachel," said Alexander.

Killebrew added, "We need some kind of incentive to get people to do that in our downtown buildings."

As long as every building isn't apartments and condos, Alexander is in favor of that.

"Let's keep things in balance," he said. "If we do all the buildings that way, then we'll get out of balance with just condos and townhouses. Everything, I think, needs to be in balance, but that's one area that I see we are a little bit out of balance right now. We probably do need more apartments and condos, but keep the balance."

McMinnville Breakfast Rotary meetings are held at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m.

Business licenses

March 22 to April 19

NAME	PRODUCT/SERVICE	ADDRESS	OWNER
Alliance Fitness	Personal training	314 Oriole Dr.	Mari-Lynn Wilson
AT&T Retailer	Retail of cellphones, accessories	241 Northgate Dr.	Laren Whiddon
Conchita Mexican Tienda	Mexican grocery	231 Northgate Dr.	Concepcion Reyes
Dawn Richardson	Hair, nail service	108 Peers St.	Dawn Richardson
Eclectic Aesthetic	Resell merchandise	95 Creek Ln.	Rachel Orrick
Freedom Apparel	Apparel and more	301 S. High St.	Mark Tidenburg
Garcia's Landscaping	Mowing, remodeling	3464 Bybee Branch	Ivan Garcia
GH Partners	Beauty salon	915 N. Chancery St.	Mayur Patel
Good Medicine Massage	Massage therapy	494 Shelbyville Rd.	Mary Wolford
Grass Hackers Lawn	Lawn care service	74 Gwyndoland Dr.	Jeff Snider
GS Leather	Leather goods	129 Foothills Dr.	Gavin Slaughter
Happy Days Grill	Food vendor cart	453 Dunlap Ln.	Melinda Aramburo
J-Wil Construction	Construction	570 John Oliver Rd.	Justin Wilson
La Real Michoacana	Ice cream shop	765 N. Chancery St.	Carlos Garcia
Leo's Lawn Care	Lawn Care	632 N. Spring St.	Jose Leonel
LF Businesses	Electronic shopping	1486 Bessie Gribble Rd.	Gregory Johnson
Living Well Spa	Facial cosmetology	200 Hobson St.	Marieli Hernandez
Loud Love Photography	Photography services	80 King's Ridge Dr.	Sarah Loud
Ma & Pa Farm	Flowers, canned goods, eggs	313 Makarios Ln.	Mike Allen
Medxcel	Medical building maintenance	1559 Sparta St.	
Mind of Rascory	Arts music	245 Durham St.	Cory Hill
Pawsitive Paws	Dog training	313 Makarios Ln.	Patty Allen
Pool Medic	Swimming pool repair	5579 Petigap Rd.	Bryon Wallace
Rocky Top Sno	Shaved ice	60 Maryview Ct.	Dana Mullins
Roland Renovations	Remodeling	128 Duck Hawk Rd.	Jordan Roland
RSR Kitchen and Bath	Cabinet and hardware sales	1710 Smithville Hwy.	Kris Pawlak
Swaminarayn Construction	Construction	100 Dundee Circle	Ronak N. Patel
T&J Roofing & Barn	Roofing, barn dismantling	3641 Lawson Mill Rd.	Tara Lira
Vanilla Bean Baking Co.	Baked goods, coffee	224 E. Main St.	Sally Roberson
The Weathered Arrow	Home decor, clothing, gifts	112 E. Main St.	Vicki Benedict
Anything Amish	Fresh produce	12407 Jerry Cooper Hwy.	Thomas Melton
Thrower Iron Works	Welding services or repair	6794 Lucky Rd.	Josh Thrower

Marijuana mindset changing

Senate Minority Leader supports decriminalization

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Senate Democrat is using marijuana's informal holiday to announce a change of heart about the drug, another sign of the growing political acceptance of pot.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said Friday he'll introduce a bill taking marijuana off the federal list of controlled substances — in effect decriminalizing its use.

His bill would let states decide how to treat marijuana possession. Under the measure, the federal government would still enforce laws against moving pot into states where it's illegal and would still regulate advertising so it isn't aimed at children. Schumer said he also wants to ensure that minorities and women have a fair shot at getting involved in the growing marijuana industry and that the federal government invests in research to better understand the drug's health effects.

"My thinking, as well as the general population's views, on the issue has evolved," Schumer said. Schumer is only the latest

mainstream politician to endorse what once was viewed as a pet cause of stoners and ex-hippies.

But as more and more states legalize some marijuana use and an industry is beginning to boom around its sale, powerful politicians in both parties are shifting their stances and seeing the political benefits.

Schumer unveiled his new position on HBO's "Vice News Tonight" where he was asked whether he had smoked pot before. "No," he replied.

Would he like to try? "Well, as you pointed out maybe I'm a little old. But, who knows? Who knows?" said Schumer, age 67.

Schumer timed his announcement to April 20, or 4/20.

That's the numerical code for marijuana's high holiday, an homage to pot's enduring appeal and universal slang for smoking.

Schumer's new stance could be a smart move politically. Democrats are trying to do a better job of connecting with young voters, hoping to drive them to the poll in November's mid-term elections.



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer says he now supports the decriminalization of marijuana.

Guy Cecil, chairman of Priorities USA, a Democratic super PAC, said that decriminalizing marijuana is a clear motivator for younger voters.

"It has a huge turnout effect on young people," Cecil said. "I think you'll see most, if not all of the presidential candidates in the next election be in favor of it, some version of it."

Nine states and the District of Columbia now allow recreational use of marijuana, and a majority of states allow its use for medical purposes.

Americans' support for marijuana legalization has been growing in polls with Gallup's most recent update in October showing

that 64 percent of Americans were in favor of legalization.

On the campaign trail, President Donald Trump pledged to respect states that legalized marijuana but also criticized legalization and implied it should be stopped.

Former U.S. House Speaker John Boehner also announced recently he had changed his stance on marijuana and that he would promote its nationwide legalization as a way to help veterans and the nation's deadly opioid crisis. Boehner, an avid cigarette smoker, has joined the advisory board of Acreage Holdings, a multistate cannabis company.

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McMinnville, TN
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