## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## ECONOMIC **DEVELOPMENT**

The Town of Superior is committed to creating a robust economic ecosystem that benefits residents, businesses, and the community at large.

This Town of Superior 2023 Economic Development Report showcases our community's progress and achievements, including:

- **Business Attraction**: conducted outreach to prospective businesses, coordination with brokers, and assistance to businesses who are working to open a location in Superior.
- **Business Support:** provided promotional support, guidance on policies that impact local businesses, and business grants.
- **Promote Downtown:** celebrated critical milestones in securing new businesses in downtown Superior and proactively developed a pipeline of prospective businesses.
- Business Retention and Expansion: continued business outreach and support that resulted in growth and retention of local businesses.



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# **BUSINESS ATTRACTION**

## **11 NEW BUSINESSES OPENED**

New businesses that opened in Superior in 2023 include:

- Blue Federal Credit Union
- Pat's Tap
- Restoration Hardware (RH) Outlet
- Pharaoh's American Grill
- Bambei Brewing
- CMG Home Loans
- Tuft Love
- Facial Aesthetics
- Curated & Paull Interior Design
  Studio
- YoGallery Wellness
- Youthbar

## ATTENDED ICSC

Town representatives had 10 meetings at the ICSC conference.

## MARKETING THE REGION

Superior worked with the US 36 Corridor Economic Development Coalition to promote the region to attract development and new businesses with an emphasis on life science uses.

## **Our Coalition**

Municipalities along Highway 36 from Boulder to Denver.

## Objective

Empower Growth, Innovation, & Opportunity Along the 36 Corridor.





## BUSINESS SUPPORT



### **BUSINESS PROMOTION**

- 4 Business Spotlights
- 7 ribbon cuttings
  - Blue Federal Credit Union
  - Bambei Brewing
  - CMG Home Loans
  - Facial Aesthetics
  - YoGallery Wellness
  - Youthbar
  - Sparta Coffee + Cereal Bar
- 5 Superior businesses and individuals recognized in the Superior Chamber 2023 awards
- Daily Small Business Week posts
- Daily Economic Development Week posts
- 7 promotions for new business openings
- 3 Hello Superior articles and 12 Superior Sentinel articles
- Small Business Saturday post
- Updated business inventory
- Superior Welcome Guide
- Holiday Shopping Guide

#### **OUTREACH & INFORMATION**

- Superior Small Business Roundtable
- 4 meetings with businesses in Rock Creek Village
- Polystyrene ban guidance
- Backflow testing guidance





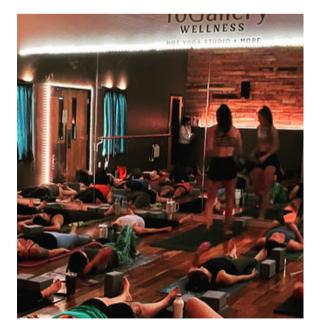
## **BUSINESS GRANTS**

In 2021 the Town of Superior launched a local business grant program to assist small businesses with starting, relocating, expanding or improving their business. These grants can provide support for investments in equipment, marketing and signage.

Grant totals awarded to date: 2021: \$6,900 2022: \$29,003 2023: \$38,489

The businesses who received grants in 2023 include:

- Wayne's Smoke Shack replaced picnic tables lost in Marshall fire
- Pat's Tap patio
- YoGallery commercial space heaters
- Facial Aesthetics signage





Awards of note for the Town of Superior and its businesses include the following:

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Superior Chamber of Commerce 2023 Awards honorees from the Town of Superior include:

- Professional of the Year:
  Jeanie Jones
- Heather Cracraft Superior Achiever:
  - Stephanie Miller
- Startup Business of the Year:
  CBArt Studios
- Business of the Year:
  Superior Liquor
- One Community Service Award
  Superior Rising

### **BEST PLACES**

Out of 276 communities in Colorado, the Town of Superior was ranked by Niche as the #5 of "Best Places to Raise a Family in Colorado" and #6 of "Best Places to Live in Colorado."





# ACTIVATE DOWNTOWN

## COLLABORATED WITH CBRE

Ongoing collaboration with commercial broker to promote retail opportunities in downtown.

## **NEW BUSINESS PIPELINE**

4 new businesses have signed leases in Downtown Superior, including:

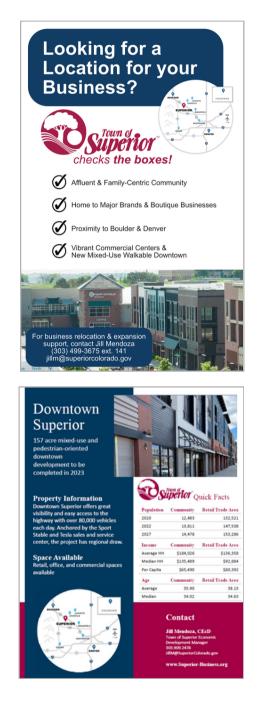
- Boulder Baked
- Halcyon Mind+Body
- Menchie's
- Krak Boba

**Bigsby's Folly** has plans to purchase a pad site and construct a new restaurant and event venue.

Prospective businesses currently considering downtown includes:

- Restaurants & Quick Serve
- Retailers
- Fitness & Wellness
- Beauty & Self-Care
- Services





# COMMERCIAL **PROPERTIES**

### VACANCY RATES

Superior's commercial centers are on-par with the vacancy rates of other commercial centers in the region.

Superior has experienced fairly stable vacancy rates year-overyear since 2021.

### SUPERIOR Q4 QTD RETAIL STATS

Available Units: 14 Lease Rate: \$29.40 Vacancy Rate: 6.5%

### DOWNTOWN RETAIL STATS

Available Units: 17 as of Q4 2023, 29 by Q3 2024 Signed Tenants: 4 Pipeline of Interested Tenants: 3



## SUPPPORTED PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Provided ongoing support for proposed mixed-use and life sciences projects.



# THE COMING YEAR

## **OBJECTIVES FOR 2024**

## ACTIVATE DOWNTOWN

 Generate new business services and offerings to make the Downtown a vibrant and thriving community hub that will attract residents and visitors with diverse businesses and cultural offerings.

## **RECRUIT BUSINESSES**

- Continue to actively recruit new businesses to Superior and provide ongoing support to existing ones, ensuring a healthy and diverse business ecosystem that contributes to the Town's economic vitality.
- Provide data and information to interested businesses to facilitate the recruitment process.
- Structure and administer incentives as needed.

### SUPPORT BUSINESSES

- Collaborate with local and regional partners to provide programming and resources to support the growth and success of local businesses.
- Spotlight local businesses as appropriate.

## SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

- Facilitate development and redevelopment initiatives with positive impacts of improved land use, infrastructure and investment in the community to promote sustainable growth and enhanced quality of life for residents.
- Market available hotel sites to developers to garner interest in the construction of a new hotel in Superior, to boost tourism and provide accommodations for guests.

## TARGET INDUSTRIES

- Entertainment
- Entrepreneurs & start-ups
- Financial
- Health & wellness
- Hotel
- Outdoor
- Primary employers
- Recreation
- Retail
- Restaurant
- Sciences
- Technology