

LATEST PROJECTS ADDING MORE HOUSING TO THE MIX

The new development of downtown

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This is the fifth and final part in a series on Mansfield's downtown, the recent changes there and plans to prepare for the future.

The new design standards for the renovation of downtown building facades have come just in time for what seems like a renaissance — an uptake in interest by current residents and newcomers in the possibilities presented

by the old buildings, and by the new market.

"I wish we could take credit for it," said Planning and Development Director Shaun Burke, eyeing the new multi-colored GIS map that outlines the parameters of the community according to land use.

Burke said the zoning district changes in the downtown instituted in the late 1980s are being used the way they were envi-

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Above, glee gifts prepares to open in the Roosevelt, a new residential and commercial building downtown. At right, George's Cleaners is slated to be razed to make room for six units of housing, several retail shops, and the relocated dry cleaning.



