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**New Parking Lot to Serve Downtown and Riverfront
*Parking Prohibited During Construction Beginning September 29***

OWATONNA, Sept. 25, 2024 - Construction will begin on a new parking lot at the corner of West Vine Street and North Oak Avenue on September 30. The project will be completed in one phase which will not allow for parking at the current lot effective the evening of Sunday, September 29. Vehicles remaining in the lot past this point will be towed. View the [Downtown Public Parking Map](#) for alternate parking options. Wencil Construction will begin the project by placing signage and erosion control devices and then will remove trees, concrete and a retaining wall. Depending on the weather, the project is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete.

The reconstruction of the parking lot, at the site of the former Monson Eye Care Clinic and adjacent city-owned parking lots, will provide essential parking spaces for those visiting Owatonna's downtown and the riverfront area. The new lot design includes short- and long-term parking areas, green spaces, six accessible stalls, a crosswalk across Oak Avenue with a flashing beacon and 15 stalls along Vine Street. Additional features include updated street and parking lot lighting, a connection to the Muckle Trail, infrastructure for future electric vehicle charging stations and a walkway connection to Broadway Street West.

Updates relating to timelines, project progression and potential traffic disruptions will be posted on owatonna.gov and the [Owatonna Public Works Facebook page](#).

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