

BIG REBOUND FOR LOCAL HOUSING MARKET

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Did you notice the news story this week about a big housing development in Pleasant Prairie? It's the kind of thing we haven't seen around here in a while: 227 new apartments and 19 single-family homes.

That project, proposed by Lexington Homes, was approved Monday by the village Plan Commission. It will be located near the intersection of Bain Station Road and Highway H (88th Avenue).

That project comes on the heels of last year's announcement by Bear Development that it will build a 280-unit apartment complex in Somers on Highway 31 near the new Festival Foods store.

That's a lot of new construction, even if most of it is apartments, but apartments are in short supply and rents have been rising.

There are other signs that the local

OUR VIEW



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In some neighborhoods in Kenosha, houses are on the market only a few days before being sold.

housing market, which was seriously damaged by the recession, has bounced back in a big way.

Look around your neighborhood. How long do houses that are for sale stay on the market? In some cases,

it's just a few days.

Do you see more contractors' trucks? As property values rise, homeowners feel more confident about investing in their homes. Many seem to be having work done that they put off for years when the value of houses was falling.

That has a tremendous ripple effect on the local economy. Hardware stores, building supply stores, flooring stores, appliance stores and furniture stores all benefit, along with the skilled tradespeople who work at renovating, remodeling and installing new equipment.

We saw what happened when the housing market collapsed. Homeowners were reluctant to invest in their homes, because their homes were declining in value.

That pendulum has swung the other way. Thank goodness.

Trump brings down the entire system

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Apparently we've reached the part where Donald Trump, not satisfied with having demolished the Republican Party, tries to bring down the rest of the political system as well. No one should be surprised.



Eugene Robinson

The garbage that comes out of his mouth gets more vile and putrid by the day. On Tuesday, he suggested that fervent defenders of the right to keep and bear arms could take things into their own hands if Hillary Clinton were elected. It was a shocking incitement to