



## ROUNDAABOUT COMING TO DOWNTOWN JAMESTOWN

The Jamestown City Council recently resolved to approve the construction options relating to the NDDOT Urban Reconstruction Project at one of our major intersections at 1st Ave S & 10th Street. The former “Hardees” intersection is a major thoroughfare funneling arguably the highest number of vehicles in the city. The City decided to approve option 4 as presented by the ND Dept of Transportation, changing the intersection to a roundabout. Also included in the plans will be a major reconstruction of the west business loop past the former Dairy Queen location. The city council chose option B for this portion of the project. To see the options that were presented at the April 2024 public meeting you can watch the video here:

<https://youtu.be/A1O4ZsYQ2vE>



## Rods & Hogs June 14, 2025

Save the Date! Our favorite downtown event will once again take place on the 2nd Saturday of June. We will welcome all Rods, Hogs, Trucks, Rat Rods, and anything else with a motor you'd like to show off! Once again, Doodling Dixies and Hog Time BBQ will bring their food trucks we are seeking any and all other street vendors with a “motor” theme!

Registration forms are available at [www.jamestowndowntown.org](http://www.jamestowndowntown.org) or call Lynn at 701-320-7217 or Nancy at 269-3148.



**What are the benefits of replacing an intersection that has traffic lights with a roundabout? Answered on Quora by Michael Hunter, Retired Highway Patrol Lieutenant, Driving Teacher at AAA Ohio, 2008–present**

Roundabouts are associated with 35% fewer traffic crashes, 78% fewer injuries and 90% fewer fatalities. I have clocked dozens of cars through intersections at 80–100 mph (highest was 117 mph). If anyone gets in the way of a car moving at that speed, someone dies. There is no way to transit a roundabout at that speed.

Mythbusters went out to see which kind of intersection is most efficient. They did experiments, setting up their own intersections and roundabouts. They concluded that roundabouts are the most efficient.

In any area where they are introduced, people sometimes have problems with the concept. They have gone through millions of conventional intersections and are suddenly confronted with something that looks different. People sometimes think they have to stop (they don't except to yield), they turn the wrong way (especially the elderly), and some charge in too fast. They also forget that pedestrians have the right of way in the crosswalks (**true at all intersections**).

My first introduction to roundabouts was in the U.K. where I was driving the opposite side from the US. I got beeped 3 times, so I was doing something wrong. I learned by watching video tutorials. France has 30,000 of them, and they work fine, and I never got beeped (so I guess I was finally doing it right). Carmel, Indiana, has 122 of them in their city north of Indianapolis.

In the US most people are using no signals. That is increasing the uncertainty and contributing to the discomfort. I use them and I teach new drivers to use them. I'm beginning to see some here.

No traffic signals, so you rarely sit still. No electrical costs to run signals 24 hours per day. No signals to place (\$50,000 - \$100,000) or maintain. These are some of the other benefits. There is one other thing: at signals, people watch the signal light; at roundabouts people watch the traffic.

We have to give better attention to pedestrians, signal, properly yield and practice to make the system better.

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# MOVERS AND SHAKERS

**We always say one of the best sites downtown is a big old dumpster in front of a building in renovation! More exciting changes:**

## **Center Counseling-312 2nd Ave SW**

The building that formerly housed the Chiropractic Arts Clinic has been undergoing renovations under the new ownership of Nick Bruns and a group of investors. Brita Goss will open a Jamestown branch of her counseling business here when remodeling is completed. Center Counseling also has offices in Bismarck and Washburn.



## **Corner Bar & Grill - 200 1st Ave S**

The kitchen is now open from 11 am to 10 pm!! And the reviews have been spectacular!! You'll find some items on their menu that are completely new to Jamestown, like scotch eggs and crab rangoon mac and cheese. Check out the completely new décor too. And kids are welcome to dine. See the full menu at [cornerbarjamestown.com](http://cornerbarjamestown.com)

## **Infinity Thrift and Resale- 108 1st Ave S**

There is a new thrifting option in Jamestown. Infinity Thrift and Resale has taken over a space in the former Innovative Office location. Offering a huge variety of merchandise, everything from laptops and games to comic books, clothing and fishing gear. Also located inside the store is On the Move Cards and Collectibles. Check them out today.



## **THE LIGHT IS FLASHING! WHAT ARE THE RULES?**

We have received numerous complaints that drivers are failing to yield at the pedestrian crosswalks, particularly at the corner of 1st Ave and 2nd Street where the Top of the Stairs Dance Studio is located. Please be mindful of pedestrians crossing, particularly those in tutus!

### **For drivers:**

- You must stop when the light is flashing and a pedestrian is crossing.
- You don't have to stay stopped the entire time the light is flashing, only when someone is actually crossing the street. That's why the signals use an amber light, signaling caution, as opposed to a red light.
- Once the person or bike clears through the side of traffic you're on, and they're on the other side of the median, you can go.

### **For pedestrians:**

- Make sure to push the button. The flashing lights help signal the driver that you want to cross.
- Take a defensive approach. Scan the road to make sure vehicles are yielding before attempting to cross the street.
- Always make eye contact with the driver before crossing.



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