

White Round Planters.

Twenty-two white round concrete planters were added to the Walnut Street Corridor. The aggregate stone planters which were previously placed on Walnut were placed on corners on the 3rd Street corridor to beautify other street corners and also on the Douglas corner of 2nd Street. These downtown planters contain annual flowers which provide much more color than the perennial flowers that are planted in the landscape beds in the streetscape. The annual flowers in the planters can be removed in the fall and other flowers which flourish in the cool fall temperatures can be planted to add color throughout the fall season. In the winter, the plantings can be removed and the planters can be decorated with seasonal evergreens and winter themed items. When planning for the Walnut Street redesign, the City along with the newly formed Meridian District, brought to town the Design South Dakota group. As a part of the Design South Dakota meetings with community stakeholders, it was made clear that the designs needed to include natural beauty using flowers, trees, and perennial plants. The decorating efforts in the planters are important because the space is a walkable and social gathering area for the community. The Welcome to Walnut celebration commemorates the important community investment in a public space aimed at making the downtown a really great experience for citizens and visitors.