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Press Release

Beginning Monday November 16, 2026, clean-up of the building that collapsed that is located at 19th and Western on September 20, 2026, will begin with Curry Construction doing this work.

This work will cause the following road closures until the work is completed.

- Western Avenue from 19th to 20th streets for both East and West bound traffic
- Prairie Avenue East bound lane.
- Part of the East side of Niemanns parking lot
- West bound Prairie Avenue will remain open to access Niemanns as well as Scheff's office supply from 19th street.

These closures are expected to last two (2) weeks for the removal of these buildings to be completed safely. The goal is to have this work completed prior to the Downtown Christmas celebration and parade on Friday December 4th.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the safety of the community as well as the individuals doing this work is of the upmost importance.

Jeff Hilligoss
Fire Chief