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Downtown Buzz



Downtown Investments



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Downtown Laurinburg is beginning to buzz.

Events and Promotions such as Laurinburg After Five can be found downtown. The FunD Run is in the streets. The Storytelling Arts Center presents a steady flow of events. Christmas on Main is a tradition like no other. 'Tis the Season is creating all new memories.

And these and other core events are simply the center of a growing retail community with new shops/services, and restaurants emerging all the time. Come out and enjoy Downtown Laurinburg. Take advantage of shopping specials, greet friends, perhaps even join our retail family.

Downtown Laurinburg - It's becoming the hub of our community - and The Downtown You Should Know!



This resurgence of the downtown area is a result of a commitment from the City of Laurinburg, and the community's acceptance into the Main Street America™ program.

The Main Street America Program works to stimulate economic development within the context of historic preservation, using a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization. Since 1980 when the program began, Main Street communities in North Carolina have had over \$2.5 billion in new investment in their downtowns, a net gain of over 5,500 new businesses and a net gain of over 22,000 new jobs. Laurinburg is now on this track.

Led by efforts on Main Street, Downtown Laurinburg is going through a revitalization, solidifying itself as the hub of commerce, culture, social events, and food for Laurinburg and Scotland County. These growth efforts have led to the direct investment in buildings and property – spurred on by a dedicated Downtown Investment Program.

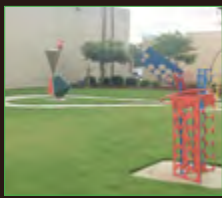
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As you stroll downtown, you can start to see the many investments that are taking place. Two in particular have the community excited.

The first is the purchase of two buildings by the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation. Mark Ward, Director of Economic Development and President of the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation elaborates, "My job is to do industrial recruitment but my job is also recruitment period," Ward said. "We believe that by us owning those downtown buildings, we will manage it and we will do it the way we think the citizens want it to be done."

The buildings are the old Art by Design on Railroad and Main streets and the former Harris Furniture building. The approach is to work first on the Harris Furniture building and be able to present a vacant shell of a building that would only need minor tweaking for whoever would rent it out. Work has already begun.



The second investment taking place is from the City of Laurinburg. The city has taken the lead to purchase over 6 lots in the area between South Gill and West Railroad streets. The aim is to create a vibrant civic space that plays hosts to many functions ... but also helps spur economic development and the continued revitalization of downtown Laurinburg.

Utilities have already been buried and crews are now taking the initial steps to prepare the land for both off-street parking and, more importantly, a green space for gathering, concerts, and special opportunities such as farmer's markets and perhaps even weddings and events.



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If you have always wanted to have your own shop, be your own boss, set your own path, what better place to set down your retail roots than Downtown Laurinburg. Led by efforts on Main Street, Downtown Laurinburg is going through a revitalization.

Spurred on by the Art Park, the tranquil pass through, and a rebirth of festivals and events, Downtown Laurinburg is solidifying itself as the hub of commerce, culture, social events, and food for Laurinburg and Scotland County.

The key to retail is location, location, locations. Come see why Downtown Laurinburg is the location for you!! Whether you are opening a second location, or looking to outgrow selling product from home, Downtown Laurinburg is the solution.

Recent studies highlighted a number of businesses that are currently under-served in Laurinburg including, Food Services & Drinking Places - especially Specialty Foods, Clothing & Clothing Accessories, Electronics & Appliance Stores, and Home Furnishings. In the past year a constant flow of businesses have opened in Downtown Laurinburg to address some of these opportunities.



Opening your own business can be a scary proposition - especially if you are alone. When you join Downtown Laurinburg, you join a team. We know it takes a community to build a community. We also appreciate we are only as strong as our neighbors and partners. We want you to succeed, because it helps all of us succeed. Therefore, there are grant programs and business support programs to help you establish a plan, get set-up, and open your doors to success. If you would like to join this growing movement, contact Daniel Walters, Downtown Development Coordinator - City of Laurinburg at 910-276-8324



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Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the Scotland County Tourism Web site at www.visitnc-soul.com

Hotels

Comfort Inn	910-277-7788	Pine Acres Lodge	910-276-1531
Hampton Inn	910-277-1516	Scotland Inn	910-276-0632
Holiday Inn Express	910-291-3300	Oasis RV Park	910-266-8372
Quality Inn	910-277-0080		

Casual Dining

Captain Larry's Seafood House	910-276-1880
Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano	910-276-0032
O'Shea's On Main with G.Gs.	910-361-4752
The Main Table	910-361-4273
Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille	910-276-6632

Quick Serve Dining

General McArthur's	910-276-1498	Great Wall Chinese Food	910-276-9199
Golden Corral	910-277-1620	Jin Jin Chinese Food	910-277-1616
Greek Village	910-277-7700	Little Fuji Grill	910-277-9922
Jerry's Deli and Grill	910-266-9020	Miyako	910-506-4081
Huddle House	910-610-4100	Taki Japanese Restaurant	910-291-9908
Smithfield's Bar-B-Q	910-266-8700	Jesse's Pizza & Hot Sub	910-277-8538
Waffle House	910-277-9259	Pizza Hut	910-276-1770
China Garden	910-266-8885	Pizza Inn	910-276-6565
Golden Run	910-277-7734		