

Vibrant Downtown Merchant Community

It's exciting to welcome so many new businesses to the Downtown Central Business District in the last 3 months! We work hard to support our thriving downtown merchants, and their success is a big part of what makes the City of Lincolnton a great community. Entrepreneurs opening recently include:

- Blue River Outfitters – 202 East Main; outdoor gear & clothing
- Christmas Haus – 204 South Academy; European style Christmas market
- City Cellar – 411 East Main; wine bar & bistro
- Events on Main – 114 West Main; event venue
- Noble Thread – 212 East Main; men's clothing store
- Noble Artistry – 333A East Main; florist
- The Odd Duck – 204 North Academy; gifts & curiosities
- Twisted Sugar – 503 East Main; specialty cookies & drinks
- Quozix – 415 East Main; specialty toy store

Also recently announced as coming soon:

- Palm Berries – 123 East Main, açai bowls and smoothies
- Sweet Side Bakery & Café – 111 South Academy; gourmet donuts
- Suites on Main – 227 East Main; spa, beauty, health, and wellness



Thanks to **LEDA** (Lincoln Economic Development Association) and **DDA** (Downtown Development Association) for their continuing support!

Public Services

City Parking Lot Opens

The new **West Water Street Parking Lot** opened in time for Dancing with our Stars in September and the Apple Festival in October. The new lot adds almost 60 parking places to the downtown area and with so much activity downtown, it will be put to good use. Drivers can access the lot from West Water Street or West Church Street, making the location perfect for Citizens Center events and the increasing number of downtown shopping and dining visitors. As Lincolnton becomes more popular as a "day trip" destination for visitors, easily accessible free parking is a critical amenity, and the new parking lot will support the growing downtown central business district.

Planning & Zoning Updates

Residents may be aware of several new planned residential developments coming to Lincolnton. The Clarks Creek development, located on Startown Road at Clarks Creek Road was approved by the City Council in March 2022. The project developer, Prestige Acquisitions, plans to build 188 new single-family homes and 140 new townhomes. Prestige Acquisitions is responsible for all infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, and utility services. The city has sewer, water, & electrical service available at the location with the capacity to provide service for the new neighborhood. Prestige has requested annexation into the city and hopes to break ground in late 2022/early 2023 with home construction starting 8-10 months later. There is no update on the timeline for the traffic light required at the intersection of Clarks Creek and Startown Roads.

The Carpenter Farms project, also on Startown Road just south of the Clarks Creek project, received approval from City Council in June 2022 for 209 single-family homes and will access city water, sewer, & electrical service after the developer, Century Communities, builds out the streets, sidewalks, and utility infrastructure.

Piedmont Companies has been approved to build 52 new townhomes on the west side North Generals Blvd across from Timken Dr.

Safety Updates

Cameras in Downtown



The installation of new **Tsunami Cameras** in downtown and along the popular Rail Trail started this summer and is moving forward quickly. This project provides video coverage to improve safety

for downtown merchants and residents. You may have noticed the new cameras as they have been installed. Don't forget to SMILE, you're on camera!

Public Utilities

New Mapping System

The water, wastewater, and electric departments are installing new technology, called **IamGIS**, to digitally map line locations & connections throughout the city. The system also integrates data on equipment/materials installed, repairs, flow/power rates, & more. These digital map & data tools will enable the utility teams to proactively monitor, repair, and maintain crucial utility lines for city residents & businesses. Once fully implemented, utility teams will be able to pinpoint issues with greater accuracy and respond more efficiently to customer needs. It will also improve data analysis and retain complete work order and installation information in one location.

REMINDERS!**CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION – starts 10/15**

The City of Lincolnton provides free curbside leaf pick-up service from October 15 through February 15.

- All leaves must be raked to the curb **without any other limbs, debris,** or other materials that interfere with the city leaf vacuum equipment.
- Mixed piles will not be collected!



Any questions? Call the City Public Services department at **704-736-8940** or the website at: www.LincolntonNC.org/PublicServices

**TREE TRIMMINGS**

The City of Lincolnton will collect tree trimmings that are less than 6 feet long and/or 8 inches in diameter. The city will only collect bundles that do not exceed 6 feet in length, 6 feet in depth, and 5 in height:

- Always keep leaves and grass clippings separate from limbs.
- Gather smaller limbs/sticks into piles or bundles.
- Large piles of limbs are collected using a special piece of equipment. This may not occur on your regular scheduled day but is usually collected within 7-10 business days.
- The City of Lincolnton does not collect mulch or dirt.
- The city will not collect yard waste generated by contractors or paid services.

EVENTS CALENDAR Highlights - Check Facebook or the City Calendar for more details on upcoming events!

- **Saturday, October 15, 9a-4p – Lincoln County Apple Festival!** Celebrating the harvest, the county fair takes over Main Street!
- **Fri/Sat/Sun, October 14-23 – Little Shop of Horrors!** Hilarious musical produced by Lincoln Theatre Guild at the Lincoln Cultural Center. Two weekends, Fridays & Saturdays at 7p and Sundays at 2p.
- **Thursday, October 20th – One Stop Early Voting Starts** Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Please **VOTE!**
- **Monday, October 31st, 6-8p – Drive Thru Trick or Treat!!** Organized by Lincolnton Parks & Recreation, this fun Halloween activity includes stops like Lincoln Cultural Center, First Federal Park, First United Methodist, and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches.
- **Friday, November 4, 5:30p-9p – Fall Art Crawl!** Throughout downtown, our local merchants pair up with artists, musicians, artisans for fun shopping, dining, and community spirit. Come stroll downtown & see your neighbors!
- **Thursday, November 11 at 11am – Veterans Day** Parade on East Main & Ceremony at the Veterans Monuments on the east side of the old courthouse. Honor our **Hometown Heroes** and see the tribute banners throughout downtown.
- **Saturday, November 12 – Downtown Christmas Open House!** In November, **2nd Saturday** is the downtown merchants' open house. Holiday spirit and Santa sightings make it a festive day downtown. **Shop Small, Shop LOCAL!!**
- **Fri 11/18 & Sat 11/19 – Handmade for the Holidays!** Artisan market at the Citizens Center featuring local makers and unique holidays gifts for all. At the Citizens Center – 3p-9p on Friday & 9a-3p on Saturday.
- **Sunday, November 27th, 4p – Lincolnton Christmas Parade!** The best parade around – floats, treats, and **SANTA!**
- **Th/Fri/Sat, 12/1 – 12/17 – Candy Land Christmas Nights** featuring the Santa House from 5p-8p each night, and carriage rides through downtown from 6p-9p each evening. Catch the holiday spirit in **Historic Downtown Lincolnton!**
- **Fri/Sat/Sun, 12/9-11 – The Nutcracker Ballet** at the Citizens Center, a Christmas community classic!
- **Saturday, December 31st, 5-8p – Lincolnton Apple Drop!** It's BAACK, the annual Blessing of the City and New Year's Eve family-friendly street party to celebrate the new year.

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The [Calendar of Events](#) on the city website is the best source for up-to-date event and activities in downtown!