

# Cool Spring Downtown District, Inc. 222 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301 <a href="mailto:lnfo@CoolSpringfay.org">lnfo@CoolSpringfay.org</a>

#### QUARTERLY REPORT - FIRST QUARTER

October 1 – December 31, 2024

Our organizational efforts align with the City of Fayetteville's goals in the following ways:

#### **CSDD Goals**

- 1. Economic Vitality and Development
- 2. Art and Design Enhancements
- 3. Promotion and Marketing
- 4. Special Events and Programming
- 5. Partnership & Conflict Resolution

#### City of Fayetteville Goals

Goal II – Diverse and Viable Economy

Goal III - High Quality Built Environment

Goal IV - Desirable Place to Live, Work & Recreate

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Goal V – Sustainable Organizational Capacity

Goal VI - Citizen Engagement & Partnerships

#### **QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS:**

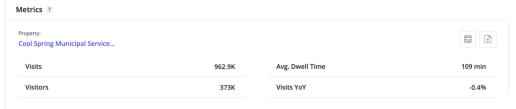
<u>Economic Development:</u> In the SECOND quarter of the FISCAL YEAR, the district welcomed FOUR (4) new businesses. This quarter saw two (2) businesses close. Since the beginning of the quarter on September 30, 2024, the DISTRICT had a net gain of two (2) NEW street-level businesses, celebrating a positive absorption rate. Additionally, we expect three (3) new street-level businesses to open soon.

The district celebrates several ongoing expansions and new infill projects, representing over 900,000 new or adaptive reuse construction GSF, including completing a new dumpster pad for communal use on Person Street. See the chart below.

<u>Policy and Advocacy:</u> The District is keenly interested in expanding the Flag and Banner Policy. In December 2023, the City's Parks and Recreation Department requested that CSDD provide suggested edits to the existing policy. Those proposed revisions were submitted to expand the type of banners allowed, explicitly allowing for the placement of branded banners such as ones that say, "Downtown Fayetteville." Our team was invited to a meeting on 5/13. However, the agenda item was removed from the discussion. We will continue to nudge this policy change forward.

Design and Placemaking: In Q2, CSDD added two (2) new placemaking initiatives to the district. CSDD raised \$40,000 and contributed \$20,000 of its organizational general fund to bring new placemaking initiatives to the district. To its holiday décor armor, the district added three (3) LED reindeers, a six foot LED, and asteroid holiday splatter star. Lastly, we are proud to report that we completed phase one of the Hay Street Light project. The organization is hopeful to work with City officials in the coming weeks to procure a budget allocation for the remainder of the project.

<u>Events, Marketing, Visitation:</u> Since the start of the second quarter, the district has welcomed over 960,000 visits and 373,000 unique visitors with an average dwell time of 109 minutes. This is a 4% decrease from the last quarter. Nevertheless, on behalf of the City of Fayetteville, the district was pleased to organize the Night Circus: A District New Year's Eve Spectacular. They welcomed two Grammy award-winning headliners, Digable Planets and Arrested Development, and it was a fantastic show for all to enjoy. An estimated 20,000 people attended the event.



<u>Operations:</u> Given the fluctuations in our business climate, it's certainly a unique time to be downtown. That's why it's the perfect time to undergo a Strategic Plan. The district was awarded a technical assistance grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville-Cumberland County. We used the funding to hire "Keys to Your Brand," a local marketing and consulting firm with deep roots in our community. Through this process, we formed a planning committee, designed, released a survey with over 400 respondents, and hosted a "Big Ideas Forum," and completed our Strategic Plan in December 2024.

### 1. ECONOMIC VITALITY & DEVELOPMENT

#### **NEW BUSINESSES**

#### **NEW THIS QUARTER**

- 1. Floral Oasis (312 Hay Street) Retail
- 2. Old Street Tattoo (116 Old Street) Service
- 3. Dad Bod Dive Bar (444 W. Russell Street) Brewery and Taproom
- 4. The Warehouse (226 Donaldson Street) Event Space

#### **RELOCATED WITHIN THE MSD**

1. Gallery 13 (240 Hay Street) - Service

#### **CLOSED**

#### **CLOSED THIS QUARTER**

- 1. Bright Light Brewing Company (444 W. Russell Street) Brewery and Taproom
- 2. Lodestone Antiques (223 W Russell St, Fayetteville, NC 2830) Retail

#### **OPENING SOON**

- 1. Southern Pines Brewery (123 Hay Street) Taproom and music venue
- 2. Our Place (106 Hay Street) Restaurant
- 3. Sol's Arcade and Taproom (421 Maiden Lane) Bar

#### NEW INVESTMENTS AND PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY/COMPLETE **GSF** Project Name Investment Status Segra Stadium \$43,000,000 55,000 Complete The Residence at Prince Charles \$18,500,000 Complete 75,000 Hay Street Parking Deck \$19,000,000 200,000 Complete Kress Open Spaces LLC \$2,400,000 10,000 Complete Downtown Redevelopment Pad \$2,100,000 Complete 10,000 Systel Building Improvements Complete \$600,000 110,000 100 -block Tyson Investment \$500,000 79,000 Complete Capitol Encore Academy \$2,000,000 39,000 Complete Crown Complex \$145,000,000 123,000 Underway Festival Park Plaza \$7,100,000 43000 Underway Ammons Infill Development \$2,000,000 9,000 Underway Capitol Encore Academy \$7,500,000 32,000 Underway Southern Pines Brewery \$2,100,000 13,400 Underway Adams Street Condominiums Underway \$5,000,000 50,000 County Parking Deck \$33,000,000 50,000 Underway **AIT Building** \$1,000,000 68,000 Underway Kress Building Condos \$2,000,000 20,000 Underway **Total Investment** \$292,800,000 986,400

COSTAR REAL ESTATE ANALYTICS SPECIFIC TO THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT from October 1 – December 31, 2024.



Over the last 12 months, our absorption rate has reduced by 45%. This indicates a slowing of real estate transactions and a shift from a seller's market to a buyer's market. We are confident that once critical vacancies are absorbed, such as the Huske Hardware Restaurant and Taproom building, investment risks will be mitigated. One positive trend has been the continuous reduction of our vacancy rate, now 4.1%, which has improved from 4.6% since the previous period.

#### **Key Metrics**

Availability		Inventory	
Vacant SF	81.2K <b></b> ₩	Existing Buildings	230 🖡
Sublet SF	0	Under Construction Avg SF	-
Availability Rate	10.8% ₩	12 Mo Demolished SF	0 ₩
Available SF Total	214K <b></b>	12 Mo Occupancy % at Delivery	100.0%
Available Asking Rent/SF	\$16.79 ₩	12 Mo Construction Starts SF	0 ₩
Occupancy Rate	95.9% 🛊	12 Mo Delivered SF	2.9K <b>▲</b>
Percent Leased Rate	95.9% 🖡	12 Mo Avg Delivered SF	2.9K

Sales Past Year		Demand	
Asking Price Per SF	\$278 🛊	12 Mo Net Absorp % of Inventory	1.2% ₩
Sale to Asking Price Differential	-0.5% 🖡	12 Mo Leased SF	38.1K <b></b>
Sales Volume	\$3M <b></b> ₩	Months on Market	11.2 ₩
Properties Sold	3 ₩	Months to Lease	-
Months to Sale	41.1 🛊	Months Vacant	-
For Sale Listings	9 🌢	24 Mo Lease Renewal Rate	75.4%
Total For Sale SF	153K <b></b> ₩	Population Growth 5 Yrs	2.2%

Note: This information was generated with the Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) COSTAR Subscription.

#### Development and Redevelopment.

- Collaborations. Staff actively collaborates with fellow economic development intermediaries, including The Fayetteville-Cumberland County EDC, the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, and DistiNCtly Fayetteville. Staff have forged a strong partnership with the office of Community and Economic Development Department and, partners with the Downtown Alliance, a business-to-business organization, on bringing the business and residential communities together.
- Resident's Social: In July we organized a residence social, renting a booth at Segra Stadium. Over 40 residences attended the gathering.

Retention and Support. Cool Spring Downtown District continues to work on creating resources for new and existing businesses.

Recruitment and Retention: CSDD works to build momentum to further strengthen the commercial core through assisting in business recruitment and retention efforts. Our efforts include leasing assistance (connecting property owners to potential tenants), conducting surveys, and disseminating downtown research and information, promoting available local, state and federal resources, and working in tandem with our partners to drive pro-urban policy. Some businesses CSDD has recruited include: A Friends Table, Vagabond Coffee, and Pan Sandwiches.

- Downtown Gift Card Program: Since its inception, CSDD has sold over 700 gift cards valued at \$35,000. Over 35 businesses participate in the districtwide, all digital gift card.
- Social Districts: HB890 is a bill lobbied for by the NC Retail Merchants Association in the spirit of driving business to retailers in urban cores and expanding a community's the sense of livability. The bill, adopted into law in the fall of 2021, allows Cities and Counties to create "Social Districts" and enable them to ease open-container laws. CSDD manages the social district, distributing free cups to participating businesses. To date, we've given away 50,000 cups, which we estimate has generated nearly \$350,000 in sales.

#### Metrics.

#### 1. Vitality Overview

Vitality Quarterly Overview	Q1	Q2	YTD
Total new Businesses	4	4	8
Total Business closures	1	2	3
Total Expansions or relocations within MSD	1	1	2
Expected new businesses	3	3	6

#### 2. ART AND DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS

In addition to the expanding the holiday decor, we updated the alley into the "Holiday Alley." The Cool Spring Downtown District received a donation of ten(10) spruce trees from the Fayetteville Woodpeckers to enhance our alley and cross promote Segra Stadium's annual Holiday Lights event. The Holiday Alley serves to bring joy and photo activation to Downtown Fayetteville. Families can enjoy the Holiday Alley, with the decorations, trees, and Santa Mailbox. This December, the Cool Spring Downtown District, with help from the Downtown Alliance and our friends at the North Pole, penned sixty "Letters from Santa" to children in Cumberland County.





Cool Spring Downtown District presented the project, Lunasee, to the Corridor Revitalization Committee, where it received support to move forward. With the support of the City, Arts Council, and CSDD's general fund, this project will move forward in two phases. Phase One added19 floodlights to the façade of the Hay Street deck which have been installed in December (pictured right). Phase Two, once funded, will add an "art-deco" style splatter to the corner of the deck (pictured left).





#### Metrics.

### 1. PLACEMAKING Overview

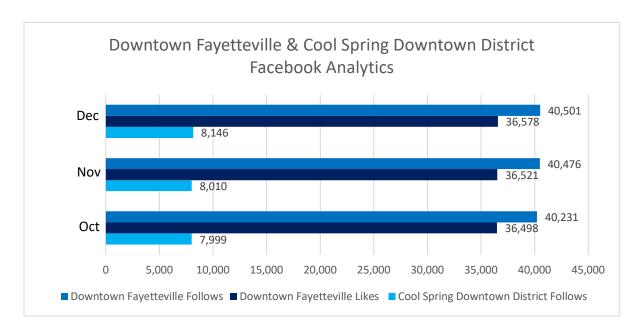
Vitality Quarterly Overview	Q1	Q2	TYD
Total PERMANENT Placemaking Initiatives	1	1	2
Total TEMPORARY Placemaking Initiatives	4	1	5

#### 3. MARKETING AND EVENTS

Number of monthly social media followers and likes (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) at the end of the quarter December 31, 2024.

#### Facebook:

- Downtown Fayetteville
  - o Like: 36,578, an increase of .40% from 36,431 last quarter
  - o Followers: 40,501, an increase. 1.02% from 40,089, last quarter
- Cool Spring Downtown District
  - o Likes: N/A
  - o Followers: 8,146, an increase of 2.68% from 7,933 last quarter

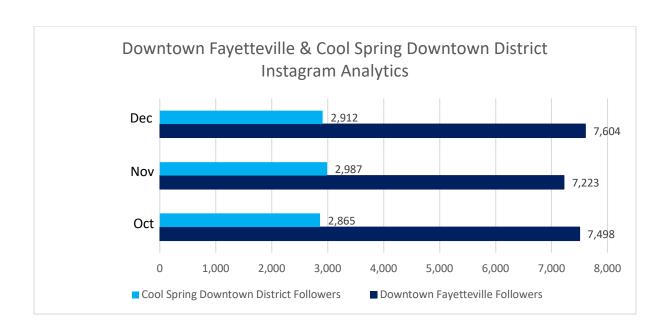


#### **Tiktok**

- Downtown Fayetteville
  - o Followers: 1,031, an increase of 69.29%, from 609 last quarter
- Cool Spring Downtown District
  - No TikTok Information

#### Instagram:

- Downtown Fayetteville
  - o Followers: 7,604, an increase of 2.45% from 7,422 last quarter
- Cool Spring Downtown District
  - o Followers: 2,912, an increase of 3.74% from 2,807 last quarter



#### **Email Newsletter:**

- Subscribers:
  - o 5,956 Subscribers, an increase of 2.84% from the 5,791 last quarter.
- Open Rate:
  - o 42% open rate average, an increase of 16.66% from 36% last quarter

#### Google:

- 2,725 people found Downtown Fayetteville/Cool Spring Downtown District through Google Business, an increase of 69.04% from 1,612 people last quarter
- 130 people visited the website through Google, a decrease of -4.41% from 136 last quarter.

#### Website:

- 20,330 users visited the Cool Spring Downtown District website, a decrease of 30.83% from 29,395 users last quarter.
- 19,597 new users visited the Cool Spring Downtown District website, a decrease of 31.86% from 28,761 last quarter.

## Cool Spring Downtown District's Events

		People Attended
Date	Event	(Average)
10/6/24	The District Trolley	46
10/12/24	The District Trolley	67
10/13/24	The District Trolley	28
10/19/24	The District Trolley	38
10/20/24	The District Trolley	41
10/25/24	Zombie Walk 4th Friday	18.6
10/26/24	The District Trolley	23
10/27/24	The District Trolley	56
10/31/24	Trick-or-Treat	2,000
11/2/24	The District Trolley	25
11/3/24	The District Trolley	38
11/9/24	The District Trolley	29
11/10/24	The District Trolley	38
11/16/24	The District Trolley	37
11/17/24	The District Trolley	27
11/23/24	The District Trolley	49
11/24/24	The District Trolley	23
11/29/24	Holiday Carriage Rides	85
11/30/24	The District Trolley	24
12/1/24	Letters to Santa	60
12/1/24	Holiday Alley	2,000
12/1/24	Light Up the City	5,000
12/1/24	The District Trolley	49
12/6/24	Tree Lighting Ceremony	50
12/6/24	Holly Jolly Singalong Trolley	60
12/6/24	Roast & Toast w/Old St. Mitch Bar Trolley	30
12/7/24	The District Trolley	55

12/8/24	The District Trolley	34
12/14/24	The District Trolley	42
12/15/24	The District Trolley	49
12/21/24	The District Trolley	48
12/22/24	The District Trolley	34
12/28/24	The District Trolley	23
12/29/24	The District Trolley	31
12/31/24	Night Circus: A District New Year's Eve Spectacular	20,000
	TOTAL ATTENDEES TO CSDD EVENTS THIS  Quarter	30,257

## Cool Spring Downtown District "Can Do" Coldwell Banker Private Trolley Rentals

DAY	EVENT
10/5/24	Private Trolley: Pennink Wedding
10/12/24	Private Trolley: Birthday Party
10/25/24	Fort Liberty Trolley to Zombie Walk
11/16/24	PRIVATE TROLLEY: Wedding Pantelakos
11/29/24	Private Trolley: A Dickens Holiday
12/7/24	Private Trolley: Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
12/17/24	Private Trolley: Kim Vest: SOM Methodist

## Events Hosted in the Cool Spring Downtown District Stats

Date	Event	Organizer	People Attended (Average)
10/4/24	Fantastic Fish Fridays	Taste of West Africa	17
10/4/24	Art Meets Life: October Edition featuring Langston Kelly	Poetry N Motion	77
10/5/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	20
10/6/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	46
10/7/24	Yoga with Afrobeats & HipHop	Therapuetic Solutions and Wellness	22
10/8/24	Disney Halloween Trivia @ Gaston Brewing Co	Gaston Brewing Company	20
10/9/24	A Christmas Story Auditions	Gilbert Theater	23
10/9/24	Libra Birthday Celebration	Shop Cursive	3
10/10/24	Climbing Meet up	LATCH Breastfeeding and Postpartum Wellness Center	2
10/11/24	Indigo Moon Film Festival	Indigo Moon Film Festival	1,000
10/12/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	67
10/13/24	Reiki Level 1 Training	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	8
10/13/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	28
10/15/24	Full Moon Meditation Class	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	10
10/16/24	Quarterly Downtown Business Meeting	Cool Spring Downtown District & Downtown Alliance	20
10/17/24	Guided Meditation Class	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	12
10/17/24	Mystics Night Out	Therapuetic Solutions and Wellness	5
10/17/24	Artist Information Mixer	Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County	143
10/17/24	Witches Night Out	Downtown Alliance	194
10/17/24	Withes Night out at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	40

10/18/24	Halloween Boo Bash	Fascinate-U Children's Museum	265
10/10/04	Comedy Couch 0 Best of 2024		20
10/18/24	Finais	Cameo Art House Theatre	20
10/18/24	Learn to Cook: Zuppa Tuscana	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	52
10/18/24	Booville	Downtown Alliance	112
10/19/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	38
10/20/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	41
10/24/24	Climbing Meet up	LATCH Breastfeeding and Postpartum Wellness Center	3
10/25/24	Zombie Walk at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	41
10/25/24	TCEA October Pop-Up Market	The Capitol Encore Academy	31
10/25/24	Zombie Walk 4th Friday	Cool Spring Downtown District	18.6
10/25/24-			
10/31/24	Pumpkin Trail	Downtown Alliance	371
10/26/24	Author Event: Paranormal Savannah- Haints, Haunts, and History	City Center Gallery Books	14
10/26/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	23
10/27/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	56
10/29/24	Lunch and Learn: Business Insurance Protection	Women's Business Center of Fayetteville at CEED	3
10/31/24	Trick-or-Treat	Cool Spring Downtown District	2,000
11/1/24	Redefining Indigenous Opening Reception	Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County	266
11/1/24	Private Event at the Sip Room	The Sip Room	10
11/1/24	Art Meets Life: 10 Year Anniversary feat. Neil Ray	Poetry N Motion	66
11/2/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	25
11/2/24	Planting and English Bulb Garden w/ Gwen Bell	Bell's Seed Store	77
	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District  Taste of West Africa	38
	Dish of the Week		11
11/5/24	Election Night Watch Party	Cameo Art House Theatre	20

11/6/24	Meditate and Paint Class	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	32
11/6/24	Lunch and Learn: Maximize Your Business Deductions for taxes	Women's Business Center of Fayetteville at CEED	5
11/7/24	Climbing Meet Up	LATCH Breastfeeding and Postpartum Wellness Center	2
11/7/24- 11/10/24	Holiday Open House	Downtown Alliance	110
11/7/24- 11/10/24	Holiday Open House at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	34
11/8/24	Paint Ornaments with Santa	Greg's Pottery	30
11/9/24	Yoga with Afrobeats & Hip Hop	Therapuetic Solutions and Wellness	35
11/9/24	Open House	Bell's Seed Store	434
11/9/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	29
11/10/24	Fayetteville NEXT Adult Field Day	Fayetteville NEXT	1,000
11/10/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	38
11/13/24	Scorpio Birthday Celebration	Shop Cursive	4
11/15/24	Learn how to cook your holiday dishes VEGAN STYLE - LIVE Cooking Class	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	17
11/15/24	Dad Bod Dive Bar Grand Opening	Dad Bod Dive Bar	953
11/16/24	Live Band November16th 7th ANNIVERSARY	Bruces Sportsbloc	14
11/16/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	37
11/17/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	27
11/21/24	Redefining Indigenous: Pop-Up Shop	Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County	171
11/21/24	Dish of the Week: Khebabs	Taste of West Africa	13
11/22/24	Hot Cocoa Trail	Downtown Alliance	67
11/22/24	Hot Cocoa Trail at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	85
11/23/24	Paint your own Light up Tree	Greg's Pottery	45

The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	49
Planting and English Bulb Garden w/ Gwen Bell	Bell's Seed Store	14
The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	23
Paint Ornaments with Santa	Greg's Pottery	30
Holiday Carriage Rides	Cool Spring Downtown District	85
A Dickens Holdiay	Downtown Alliance	5,500
Gingerbread House Contest	Downtown Alliance & The Volta Space	221
A Dickens Holiday at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	268
Shop Small Downtown	Downtown Alliance	128
Pins and Lights at Fayetteville Holiday Lights	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	251
Shop Small Downtown at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	50
Finklepott's Fairy Hair with Melody	Greg's Pottery	14
She Brews Coffee at Bell's Seed Store	Bell's Seed Store	38
Family Christmas Event at Bell's! Meet Santa, design a Custom Polaroid Ornament, and Duck Donuts!	Bell's Seed Store	437
The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	24
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Moon Meditation and Paint Workshop	Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center	9
The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	49
Tree Lighting Ceremony	Cool Spring Downtown District	50
Holly Jolly Singalong Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	60
Roast & Toast w/Old St. Mitch Bar Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	30
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12/6/24	The Whimsical Naturalist Opening Reception	Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County	112
	Art Meets Life: December Edition feat Dennis Vee	Poetry N Motion	42
12/7/24	The Green Grump who stole Fooville at A Bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	96
		Fayetteville Latin Dance & Arts Council of	
12/7/24	Fayetteville Latin Dance Social	Fayetteville/Cumberland County	240
12/7/24	Yoga with Afrobeats & Hip Hop	Therapuetic Solutions and Wellness	32
12/7/24	The green Grump who stole fooville	Downtown Alliance	1,800
12/7/24	Reverie's Christmas Open House & Second Floor Reopening!	Reverie Goods and Gifts	18
12/7/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	55
12/7/24	The green Grump who stole fooville at Turner Lane	Turner Lane	10
12/8/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	34
12/9/24	Lunch and Learn: Payroll	Women's Business Center of Fayetteville at CEED	3
12/10/24	Pedestrian Plan Public Workshop	City of Fayetteville	16
12/11/24	Sagitatarius Birthday Celebration	Shop Cursive	4
12/11/24	Dish of the week: Egyusi Soup	Taste of West Africa	13
12/12/24	Market Weekend at The Fayettevill holiday Lights	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	327
12/13/24	Taste of West Africa: Amapiano Music Night!	Taste of West Africa	12
12/14/24	Fayetteville Rotary Club Christmas Parade	Fayetteville Rotary Club	2,000
12/14/24	Reading with Miss Lily	City Center Gallery and Books	5
12/14/24	TCEA Christmas Pop-Up Market	The Capitol Encore Academy	59
12/14/24	Breakfast with Santa	Fascinate-U Children's Museum	241

12/14/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	42
12/15/24	Photos with Santa	A Bit of Carolina	30
12/15/24	Night Market at Turner Lane	Turner Lane	43
12/15/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	49
12/19/24	Ugly Sweater Crawl at A bit of Carolina	A Bit of Carolina	105
12/19/24	Now We Don Our Ugly Sweaters	Shop Cursive	2
12/19/24	Ugly Sweater Crawl	Downtown Alliance	2,400
12/19/24	Ugly Christmas Downtown Crawl	Dad Bod Dive Bar	141
12/21/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	48
12/22/24	Holiday Pajama Brunch	Blue Moon Cafe	16
12/22/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	34
12/24/24	A merry And Bright Celebration	Shop Cursive	17
12/28/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	23
12/28/24	Free Amarnos Tequila Tasting	Dad Bod Dive Bar	54
12/29/24	The District Trolley	Cool Spring Downtown District	31
12/31/24	Night Circus: A District New Year's Eve Spectacular	Cool Spring Downtown District & City of Fayetteville	20,000
12/31/24	New Years at Noon	Fascinate-U Children's Museum	25
12/31/24	Getting Back to you in 2025	Shop Cursive	10



Clean Street is a voluntary, fee-based waste management program serving Cool Spring Downtown District businesses. Billing and maintenance are managed by Cool Spring Downtown District, with quarterly invoicing for participants. To date, Clean Streets provides commercial sanitation services for 25 businesses. As new companies join the downtown district, they are encouraged to participate in the Clean Streets program to reduce the number of individual roll carts in the district and keep our sidewalks and alleyways clean and safe.

Currently, we offer three locations for downtown entities to utilize for trash disposal and recycling: Franklin Street (across the street from 208 Franklin St), which provides a Verti Pak trash compactor and cardboard recycling, 301 Franklin Street, which houses two 8-yard dumpsters and glass and cardboard recycling, and newly-completed Otis Jones Parkway located behind 116 Person Street. That project was completed in December 2024 and will begin operation in January 2025.

#### **ESTIMATED TOTAL TRASH REMOVAL:**

Type of Canister	Estimated Waste	Number of Weekly Pickups	Number of Weeks	Estimated Impact of waste removed
Verti Pak (8 yards)	Estimated 80 lbs/yd	3x weekly	52	96,000lbs
Cardboard (8 yards) (x 2 receptacles)	75 lbs/yd	2x weekly	52	120,000lbs
Dumpster (8 yards)	1600 lbs	3x weekly	52	240,000lbs
Estimated Tota	456,000 lbs			



• Property Database. Ongoing - Cool Spring staff maintains a database to provide current listings of available properties and track business and residential populations within the

MSD. This database of available properties is provided by CoStar by the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC).

Liaison between Downtown stakeholders and local government

- Construction. Cool Spring will continue liaising between the City and Downtown
   Stakeholders to mitigate the effects of road closures during public and private construction efforts.
- Small businesses and City service staff. Cool Spring continues to serve as the liaison and information conduit between downtown stakeholders and City staff to facilitate better relationships, more understanding, and increased effectiveness for both City and businesses. To this end, we participate in Parks and Recreation's Special Events Committee, Parking Committee. We also work closely with Traffic Engineering, Parks & Recreation, and Construction employees to ensure that stakeholders are made aware of planned activities that may impact them and to help City departments identify the best times to perform these projects with the least impact on businesses. CSDD also receives committee updates from the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Historic Resource Commission, and the Technical Review Committee.

#### Metrics

- 1. Percentage of downtown merchants satisfied with the support provided by Cool Spring Downtown District. Over 400 People responded to a survey organized by CSDD. The results of the survey are attached.
- 2. Number of direct interactions provided to downtown district to resolve issues or complaints: Estimated 30 +
  - Cool Spring often receives complaints related to parking, construction, road closures, and politics. Staff is available daily to hear the concerns of merchants, property owners, and visitors. Our efforts to mitigate the challenging effects of revitalization are helpful and provide a safe place for the community to express itself.

#### **AMBASSADOR UPDATE:**

Thanks to funding from the City of Fayetteville, our two Ambassadors work collectively in the Municipal Service District, averaging about 60 hours. Additionally, we are pleased to report that we moved one of our Ambassadors to an FTE. Their accomplishments include the following:

#### Physical Environment:

- 90 Hurley pots and Street Poles have been repainted.
- 12 New Recycling bins sited and installed.
- Over 2000 LBS of cedar mulch were placed in tree beds and raised planters.
- 200 new plants were planted in the Hurley pots.
- Increased plant watering (we purchased a mobile watering device and 200-gallon drum).
- Purchased a golf cart and trailer to improve the ability to water plants
- Daily litter street sweeps.
- Helped Residents
- Weekly dumpster maintenance.
- Submitted 40 FayFixIt reports for Downtown maintenance.

#### Homelessness/Panhandling/Illegal Activity

- Regularly engage with homeless population to redirect them to services.
- We have filed twelve police reports for downtown.
- Redirected over 35 people/incidents panhandling this quarter
- Work with downtown merchants to ease concerns about indecent exposure, street preaching, littering, and panhandling.
- Met with Homelessness and Mental Health Officers from Fayetteville Police Department to better understand services offered.
- Interact with Downtown Police presence to ensure the public's safety.
- Creating a database of persons of interest with repeat incidents.

#### Meetings/Events:

- Attended Monthly merchant stakeholder group meeting.
- Attended bi-monthly Community Watch meeting.
- Provided event support for the following events:
  - ALL 4<sup>th</sup> Friday events
  - o Night Circus: A District New Year's Eve Spectacular
  - o Quarterly Merchant Meetings
  - o Installed Holiday Decorations

#### Cool Spring Downtown District Investors FY23/24

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- Fayetteville State University