



General Updates:

- Ecusta Trail Summer Closures – NCDOT
- Recent New Businesses:
 - Adair's Cajun
 - Eden's Garden – Smoothie / Acai bowl
 - Mini Batch Bakery/Café expansion
 - Curations Events
 - Bardega – coming soon?
 - Oklawaha Brewing expansion (façade grant)
 - Hairloom Salon
- Closing Businesses:
 - Pedro's Tacos – being replaced by Los Margaritas
 - Caffè Rel
 - Botanica (7th Avenue)
- Coming Soon:
 - 418 N Main St – OP Taylor former location – will be an antique store – applying for façade grant
 - Feta Flav (Inside Oklawaha Brewing)
 - Oklawaha Arcade

Events Completed (by Friends of Downtown) – 1st half of 2026:

- Business breakfast
- Loft Tour
- Farmers Market Kick Off with Art Stroll and Open House
- Bear Reveal
- Garden Jubilee
- Pollinator Passport – 7th Avenue
- Special America 250 July 3rd evening market
- Rhythm & Brews – June 18 (partial rain-out)

Notable/Upcoming activities:

- June – Presented Public Art Plan overview to City Council to receive feedback
- North Carolina Main Street Statistics Reporting – Due end of July
- Tomato Day – Hendersonville Farmers Market
- Apple Festival Windows
- New Downtown/City Website going live this summer:
 - Businesses will be able to self-enter events (with staff approval) – reduces staff time significantly
 - Better usage for business directory
 - New Look/design
 - ADA compliance

- August 8 – Filming with North Carolina Main Street
- Summer event intern, Ivan Acosta, started in June, will be with us through August – part time, funded by Friends of Downtown
 - Future internship program with Henderson County Public Schools for off-season support
- Applied for Duke Energy Grant - \$25,000 for business grant programs – submitted early July, will find out by September

2026 Event Dates – Friends of Downtown Hendersonville

Farmers Market – every Saturday from May through October

Farmer's Market Special Event Days:

May 2nd – Opening Day (see note below)

May 16th – Health

June 6th – Pollinator Day – 7th Avenue

Scavenger Hunt

June 20th – Juneteenth

July 25th – Tomato Day – 7th Ave special event

Sept 5 – 7th Avenue Apple Junction

October 3rd – Pink Day

Oct 24 – Trick or Trail 5k

November 21st – Thanksgiving Market

December 5th – Christmas Market

July 3 - Special America 250

Friday Evening Market

(no Saturday Market on July 4)

Bearfootin' Bear Reveal – May 6th

Garden Jubilee – May 23rd & 24th

Rhythm & Brews – third Thursday June through October

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

Bearfootin' Bear Auction – October 22nd

Treat Street – October 31st

Holiday Tree Lighting – November 27th

Olde Fashioned Christmas – December 4th

Holly Jolly Train Rides – December 19th