

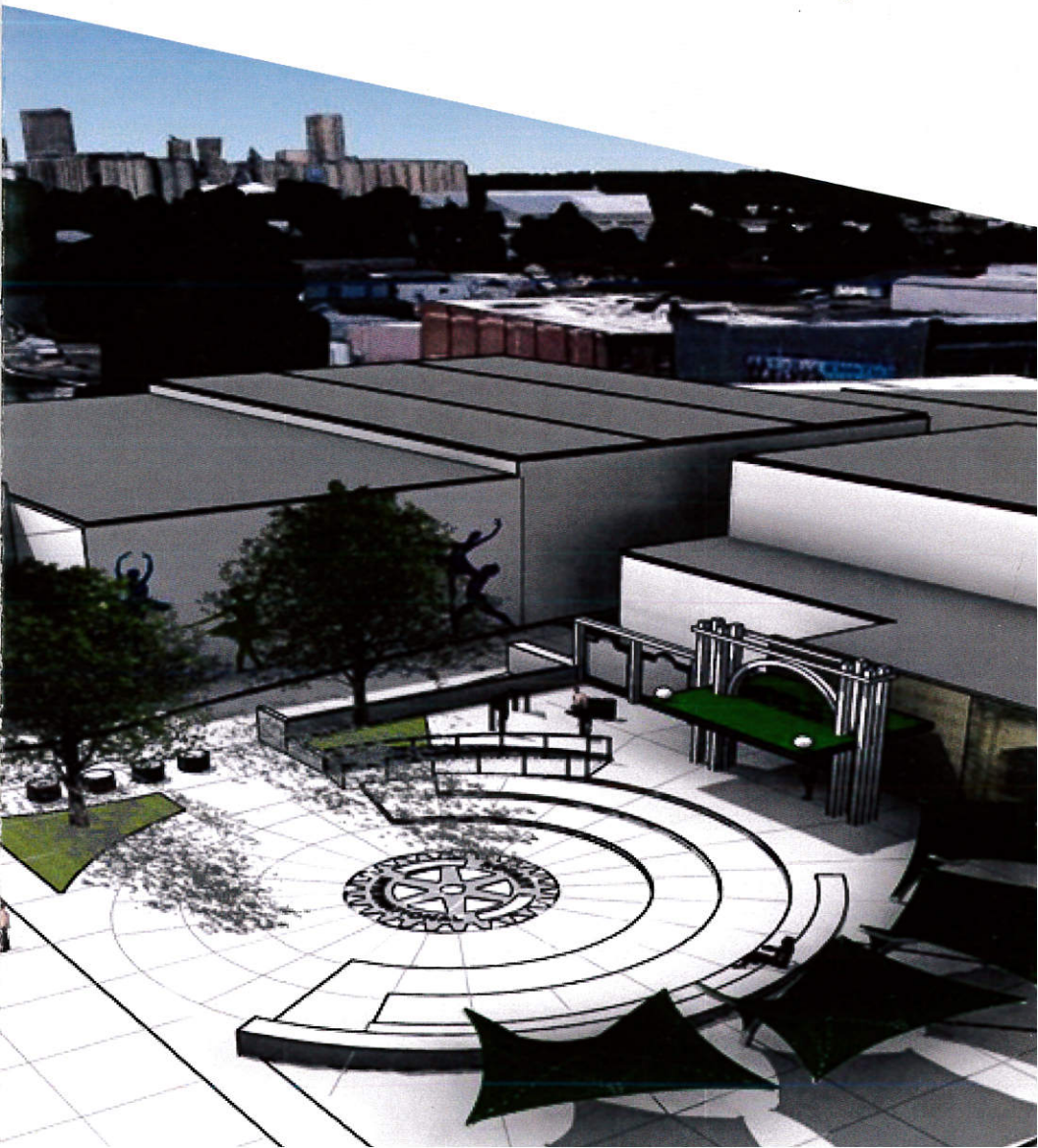
Rotary



Club of
Jonesboro

Centennial Plaza

“A Gift Commemorating 100 Years
of Service to Our Community.”



JOIN THIS IMPRESSIVE DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Jonesboro Centennial Plaza will be a superb open-air venue, serving as a downtown gathering place. The plaza will provide new opportunities for interaction and entertainment. It will transform the block between Main and Church and offer endless enjoyment for all ages and abilities.



CREATING PARTNERSHIPS

This important initiative will be the result of a strong partnership between Rotary, the City of Jonesboro, community groups and individuals. The goal is to create a one-of-a-kind downtown plaza, located on Monroe Street across from the historic Forum Theatre, and boost the vibrancy of downtown.



The plaza will be inclusive,
flexible and built for entertainment,
events and performances.

From a day-time Farmer's Market to a night-time wedding, the space will host a variety of events such as Arts and Crafts, Live Music, Festivals, "Alive After Five," Cinco de Mayo, Movies in the Park.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As the Rotary Club of Jonesboro celebrates 100 years of service, members will join the community to provide a meaningful and sustainable gift that will impact the lives of children and adults for years to come. As "people of action," Rotarians have targeted Downtown Jonesboro for this significant improvement.

PROVIDING A FLEXIBLE VENUE

The plaza will enhance downtown revitalization by providing entertainment space for the community and addressing specific needs such as safety and drainage. It will be a location for fun events and activities, as well as education and cultural projects for diverse groups.

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VERSATILE VENUE



From plays and performances to art shows and more, patrons will enjoy the ambiance, modern look and feel of this area. The space is designed to accommodate a variety of activities, from structured programs and events to simply enjoying a quiet time outdoors.

HARMONY PARK



Surprisingly delightful, these interactive art sculptures work as educational tools, challenging the imagination, encouraging play and making it possible for anyone to create music. Specifically selected for any age and ability, they will amuse and entertain.

MULTI-USE AWNINGS



Large, modern awnings will be available for a variety of uses. Visitors, shoppers and event participants will love the elegant look, sophisticated style and big-city feel.

HISTORICAL TRIBUTE



The Hotel Noble was a gathering place once located at the corner of Jackson and Union. It hosted the Rotary Club of Jonesboro from its inception in 1919 through the 1950s. A replica of the entrance to the hotel pays homage to the long history of service and community engagement the club has maintained for the past 100 years.

On August 1, 1919, twenty-five young businessmen met at the Hotel Noble to form the world's 520th Rotary Club. They adopted the purpose of Rotary: to foster friendships, enhance business contacts and make a difference in their community and the world.

The story of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro mirrors the needs of the community and reflects our decades of service. Throughout its early years the club participated in war time efforts, established the area's first Babe Ruth League field, funded a Student Loan Foundation and helped build a Youth Shelter Home (now Consolidated Youth Services).

For the past thirty years the Rotary's Arkansas Sportshow has generated over 1.5 million dollars for services and projects for children, youth and adults locally and worldwide. Examples include literacy and backpack projects in area schools, Christmas projects for foster children, Shop with a Cop, and college scholarships. We have addressed hunger and health issues. The club has partnered with other Rotary Clubs and the city to create Centennial Park and Fort Rotary at Craighead Forest Park. We joined Rotary International to rid the world of Polio. The projects have varied, but the purpose has remained consistent: to identify the needs of our community and to meet those needs to the best of our ability.

The Rotary Club of Jonesboro will celebrate 100 years of service in 2019. As "People of Action" we have chosen "Centennial Plaza" as our gift to the community in celebration of our birthday. We invite you to join us in this impactful downtown revitalization effort.