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# Heart of Downtown Springfield

Springfield's downtown is not just the center of our city – it's the heart of our community. That is why we continue to invest our time, heart and resources into creating a thriving center where people come together to do business, be entertained and celebrate. The HBC, PAC and Courtyard Marriott form the core of the National Road Convention District which plays host to many conferences and events, including MISS OHIO USA.



## PLACES TO STAY + THINGS TO DO

### PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

## NATIONALLY KNOWN ACTS

Clark State Community College, whose Brinkman Education Center is located downtown, teamed with local leaders to build a handsome Performing Arts Center — beautiful Kuss Auditorium. Its stage hosts national acts and serves as a fitting home for Springfield's Symphony Orchestra. Its Turner Studio Theater hosts a theater education program that prepares students for the future and provides space where local talent can be nurtured.



### HOLLENBECK BAYLEY CENTER

## A PLACE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

In 2010, Clark State constructed the Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center, adjacent to its Performing Arts Center. The HBC features state-of-the-art amenities and space for up to 1,500 event attendees and seated dining for 500.

### COURTYARD MARRIOTT

## HOSPITALITY IN DOWNTOWN

With 120 rooms on six floors, the Courtyard Marriott and Mela Urban Bistro, on the downtown Esplanade, is conveniently located next to Clark State's Performing Arts Center and Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center and is one of the most recognized images of our downtown.



## Stay Healthy

### SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

## JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

The Springfield Regional Cancer Center on North Street was the first medical facility to anchor itself downtown. It was followed by the construction of the new, state-of-the-art acute care hospital — Springfield Regional Medical Center — on a spacious campus between North Street and the handsome cliffs above Buck Creek.

Physician-owned Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital was the next to locate downtown, offering more than 40 surgical specialties in its modern facility at 100 West Main Street.

The newly constructed Mental Health Services of Clark and Madison Counties is the newest addition to the downtown medical community, providing a range of mental health services to individuals in a two-county area.

## NATIONAL ROAD COMMONS

### A POCKET OF GREEN

To add gathering and green space downtown, the Community Improvement Corporation developed the National Road Commons and relocated the historic **MADONNA OF THE TRAIL** statue there. A block away, a streetscape project on Fountain Avenue has accessorized the look of small shops made more accessible by a change to two-way traffic.

The historic Bushnell Building, designed at the dawn of the 20th Century by the nationally known firm, Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, underwent a major renovation recently, making space for new business while again preserving the past.

With the help of the Turner Foundation, several downtown churches also prepared for the future by countering the effects of gravity and erosion.



## FAMOUS FIGURES WITH SPRINGFIELD CONNECTIONS

### Take a Statue Tour Downtown

VISITORS WILL NOTICE A SERIES OF DOWNTOWN STATUES IN SPRINGFIELD. HERE ARE THE STORIES OF SOME.

**O.S. KELLY** stands on his Esplanade in front of the Courtyard Marriott. Kelly was the financial backer of William Whiteley, whose Champion reaper turned Springfield into an agri-business manufacturing mecca.

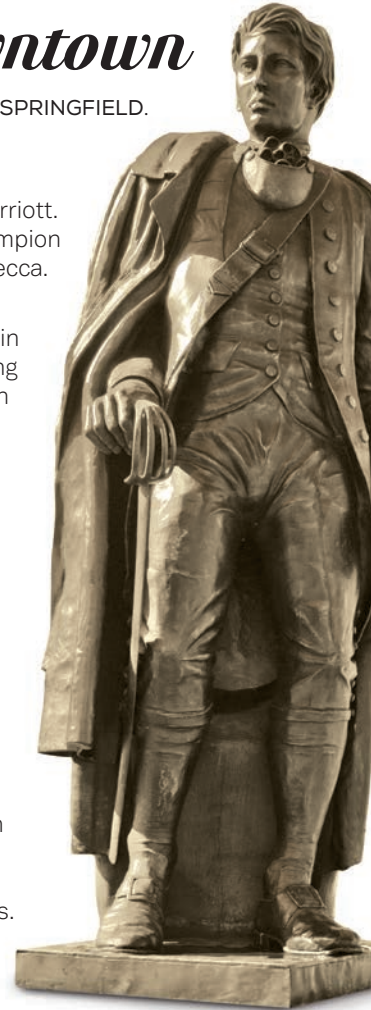
**GEN. GEORGE ROGERS CLARK** looks west from the corner of Fountain Avenue and Main Street. Rogers had the unenviable task of trying to maintain an American claim over the thinly populated western frontier after the war for independence.

**HARRY TOULMIN** stands, pen in hand, across the street from the Bushnell Building. He was the patent attorney for the most famous pioneers in flight, the Wright Brothers.

**A.B. GRAHAM**, founder of 4-H, can be seen in a statue tucked behind a building named for him at the southwest corner of Limestone and Columbia Streets. Graham was superintendent of the Springfield Township Schools where he persistently championed the cause of education to farm families.

**TECUMSEH**, legendary Shawnee leader, stands north of the Springfield Museum of Art along Veterans Park Drive. Although a fierce warrior, he disdained the torture often practiced on frontier captives and tried in vain to assemble a coalition of Native American groups to resist the westward push of settlers.

**DAVEY MOORE**, the 1959 world featherweight champion, stands along Limestone Street just south of the city's downtown. Moore, who died days after losing a defense of his title, is celebrated in a Bob Dylan song. His funeral procession to Ferncliff Cemetery is the largest the city has ever seen.



## TIDBITE



### FOR A TASTE

of Springfield's past, go to the **Fountain on Main** and order the chopped olive and nut sandwich on grilled wheat, a tribute to a much remembered downtown eatery, **Jim's Sandwich Shop**.

### FINE DINERS

may want to try **Cecil and Lime** on Cecil St., or **Mela Urban Bistro** in the Marriott or the locally owned and operated **Seasons Bistro**, at 28 South Limestone Street, where the menu changes with the seasons.

## THE CHILLER

### FUN ON ICE

The latest addition to the downtown has been the National Trail Parks and Recreation District's Chiller. Promised as part of a community-wide recreation renaissance, the rink is home to Wittenberg's hockey team and offers public skating and instruction year round.



## HERITAGE CENTER OF CLARK COUNTY



### FORMER CITY BUILDING AND MARKET IS DOWNTOWN LANDMARK

The spectacular City Building and Market, a Richardsonian Romanesque masterpiece by local architect Charles A. Cregar, is home to the Heritage Center of Clark County.

Acclaimed as one of the nation's finest regional museums, the Heritage Center chronicles life in Springfield through some 200,000 artifacts and interactive displays. Just one trip through the museum and you'll understand why we are so passionate about preserving our history as we move our community into the future.

# 1913

The year Springfield was voted the "Best 60,000 City in North America."