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If you have visited the Historic Downtown District lately, you have probably noticed it is a booming and happening area of the City. Many new restaurants, businesses, and shops have been opening. Recently, the State National Bank Building, home to Chase Bank, sold to a new owner. The new owner of the building has great ideas for Downtown. Also in the past few months, Across the Street Diner and Bistro opened where Dee's Place was located. The former Dyers building has sold and the plan for that unique building is not known at this time. The Stroube Oil Museum has sold and the plan is retail, offices, and lofts. The former Black Jack McCandless Restaurant has been purchased and soon the White Horse Winery will open in that location. Dr. Jody Tacker and Dr. Max Worley are building a new eye clinic at the corner of Main Street and 5th Avenue. Work has started on the foundation and the plan is to open soon. The Veldman Family recently hosted a dedication of "The Sower" bronze located in front of the Beaton Street Meat Market. The bronze is done in the likeness of Obe Veldman's father. The work of art is very well done by artist Lisa Perry, the same artist that created the "Oilfield Worker." It represents the second addition to the ongoing community beautification project.

The fall and holiday season is finally upon us. Now is the perfect time to get out and enjoy the weather and the Historic Downtown. A number of events are happening in the upcoming days and weekends, so take this opportunity to stroll the downtown streets and see everything the merchants and restaurants have to offer.

This Saturday, October 11, the Main Street Program will have its October Second Saturday downtown with a Sidewalk Sale. The Sidewalk Sale hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Downtown merchants will display new arrivals as well as sale items outside the businesses. This will be a great way to kick off the fall and holiday season, don't miss this great event!

October marks the arrival of the Main Street's 3rd Annual Pumpkin Patch. Hundreds of pumpkins will cover the grounds of the Visitor Center. The event is sponsored by local Corsicana businesses, and sales will begin Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. Normal hours for the Pumpkin Patch will be Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4:00 p.m. until all pumpkins are sold, or October 31, whichever comes first! During this timeframe on Wednesdays October 22 and October 29 at 10:15 a.m., the Library will host a special story time in the patch for children.

Halloween night falls on a Friday this year. The City of Corsicana, Main Street Program, Parks and Recreation and many Downtown Businesses will host special events. Happenings will begin at 3:30 p.m. and go all the way until midnight. Between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Department will host a Street Party and Bike Giveaway at the Pocket Park, followed by a costume contest at Wally's Party Factory, a Barrel Train Ride at Grace Community Church, pets dressed in costume for adoption by the Animal Shelter, a special visit by Elsa from "Frozen" at the Shall We Dance

Fitness Studio, photos in the Pocket Park, as well as a hayride and maze for small children at the Corsicana Opry. Once nighttime falls, be sure to head over to the Corsicana Opry for the "Phantoms of the Opry" haunted house beginning at 8:00 p.m. At 9:00 p.m. the Downtown area will be covered in Zombies! A Zombie Walk benefitting the Humane Society of Navarro County and the Corsicana Animal Shelter will occur from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. A fun and spooky night you will not want to miss!

Regards,

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Mayor