

Dear Community Members,

We want to acknowledge the challenges that Hurricane Helene has brought to our community. While the damage has been significant for many, we are heartened to see how Boone is coming together, and we remain optimistic about the road to recovery. Our thoughts are with everyone as we continue rebuilding and supporting one another through this time.

As we move forward, we are pleased to share that much of downtown Boone is open and ready to welcome you. Our local businesses are eager to see familiar faces and offer a space where you can reconnect with your community. Whether you're looking to unwind, spend time with family, or simply enjoy some normalcy, downtown has much to offer.

Here are some activities to enjoy in downtown Boone:

- Create a family terrarium at King Street Flowers & Gifts
- Check out Rams Rack for a creative Halloween costume
- Hang out at one of our arcades: Ambrosia Arcade or Boone Saloon
- Enjoy a picnic lunch from Wildwood on the Jones House lawn
- Explore the current showings at the Appalachian Theatre
- Visit the Watauga County Public Library for your next great read
- Take a moment to relax at beautiful Jimmy Smith Park
- Treat yourself to a sweet from Blue Deer, Ben & Jerry's, Venture, Hole Lotta Doughnuts, Insomnia Cookie, or Little Wing Ice Cream
- Test your skills on the climbing wall at Rock Dimensions
- Pick up some candy from Mast General Store
- Center yourself with a yoga class at Neighborhood Yoga
- Enjoy a meal at one of our 25 restaurants, offering a variety of delicious options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. From pizza and burgers to tacos and more, our local restaurants are ready to serve you with a warm welcome.
- Grab a coffee or hot chocolate and do some window shopping as you stroll through downtown.

We are grateful for the resilience and spirit of our community and look forward to brighter days ahead. Thank you for supporting downtown Boone as we work together to help our local businesses and neighbors recover.

Warm regards,
Downtown Boone Development Association