

**McKinney Community Development Corporation  
Approved Grants - FY 13**

Category	Grant	Amount
Promotional & Community Events		\$ 100,000
	Balance	\$100,000
Projects - MCDC Discretionary		\$ 682,357
	Balance	\$ 682,357
Projects (Capital and Economic Development)		\$ 3,911,787
	Balance	\$ 3,911,787
Projects - PROS		\$ 2,347,072
	Multiple Projects	\$ (2,347,072)
	Balance	\$ -
MPAC Operations		\$ 391,179
		\$ (391,179)
	Balance	\$ -
Contingency		\$ 391,179
	Balance	\$ 391,179

### Prospective Projects for MCDC Funding

Prospective Project	Description	Cost	Timeframe
Gateway	Hotel/Conf Center	\$7,000,000 existing commitment/possible additional	Q3 2012
Community Lifeline	Infrastructure improvements	\$15,000	Q1 2013
City of McKinney Aquatic Center	Construction	?	?
Collin County Regional Airport	General Aviation Terminal	?	?
McKinney Housing Authority	Repair & Renovation of Residential Units	?	?
Chestnut Square	Repair & Renovation of Historic Structures	\$99,000	Q1 2013
Heard Craig House & Hall	Improvements, Repairs, Renovations	\$52,000	Q1 2013



## Crape Myrtle Trails Schedules "2012 Run The Trails"

McKinney, Texas      October 15, 2012

The Crape Myrtle Trails (CMT) of McKinney proudly announces the 2012 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run the Trails" will be held on Saturday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. "Run the Trails" includes a 5K @ 9:00am, 1-Mile Fun Run @ 8:30am and festival "Myrtle Village" featuring a Petting Zoo, Vintage Car Show, Kiss-the-Pig Contest and more. Not only fun fitness for all, but FUN for all! Join us at Myrtle Village from start to finish...

The Saturday before Thanksgiving is the ideal time to enjoy invigorating competition and lots of laughs for the whole family. First-class runners will excel at our certified (and very fast) 5K course (Cooper Fitness, 7910 Collin McKinney Parkway). Participants of all ages will enjoy the FUN before, during and after the race at our Myrtle Village Fun Alley featuring a kid's 65-foot obstacle course with prizes for the best time, face-painting, bounce house & more. Tons of awards for all ages and lots of prize give-aways! Come join us; we are going to have a great running event and a world-class good time! **Awards and Prizes for Overall and Master male and female finishers in 10 Age groups: 5-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69; 70+**

*\*Myrtle Village is a fun festival area for families to enjoy before and after the race. The village consists of sponsor's booths and tables intermixed with games, activity stations and treats. The mission of the Crape Myrtle Trails 5K, 1Mile and Celebration is to provide a fun morning of exercise and entertainment for families and participants of all ages! Our goal is to host an event that families will enjoy and look forward to for years to come and to promote community awareness of the beauty and appeal of our city by showcasing the premier flowering shrub of the South and promoting our city as America's Crape Myrtle City.*

*"This family event will assist in creating awareness of our beautiful Crape Myrtle Trails and the Crape Myrtle World Collection Park. With more than 100 miles of Crape Myrtle tree lined medians and streets and almost 30,000 trees planted we are well past the ½ way mark on our goal to plant 50,000 trees in publicly visible places within 10 years," stated Crape Myrtle Trails Chairman John Rattan. "We invite kids of all ages to bring their parents and join us for a run and Crape Myrtle Village festival."*

Run & Myrtle Village supporters include the **McKinney Community Development Corporation**, Irrigator Supply, Haynes Landscaping, Crazy Water, AgPower, Shades of Green Nursery, Tate Financial, Fiat of McKinney, Arborilogical Services, Crumps Gardens, Entrepreneur Authority, Pucketts Nursery, Thrivent Financial, FS Photography, Carolyn Skei, CertaPro Painting, Progressive Waste Solutions, Loughmiller Higgins Law Firm; Phil Wheat CFP, First United Bank, Covington's Nursery, Neil Sperry Gardens Magazine, Title Boxing and PRO Marketing Links. To sponsor or to register you or your team please visit [www.crapemyrtletrails.org](http://www.crapemyrtletrails.org) or register on site (7910 Collin McKinney Parkway) after 7:00am on run day, Nov 17.

*"Our community's Crape Myrtles do make a difference and certainly contribute to McKinney's brand of Unique by Nature. In the entire world only one city has these trails and the 7-acre world collection park where all varieties of crape myrtles grow side-by-side (the park is located at 6452 Collin McKinney Parkway, near Stacy Rd. and Hwy. 121 in McKinney)." In McKinney, a world in bloom awaits our citizens and our guests", added Crape Myrtle Trails founding Board Member Neil Sperry. Registration opens at 7:00am on Nov 17th*

***The mission*** of the Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney is to elevate the beauty and appeal of our great City to the highest levels by showcasing the premier flowering plant of the South throughout our community in a thoughtful and meaningful manner and by promoting McKinney as America's Crape Myrtle City.

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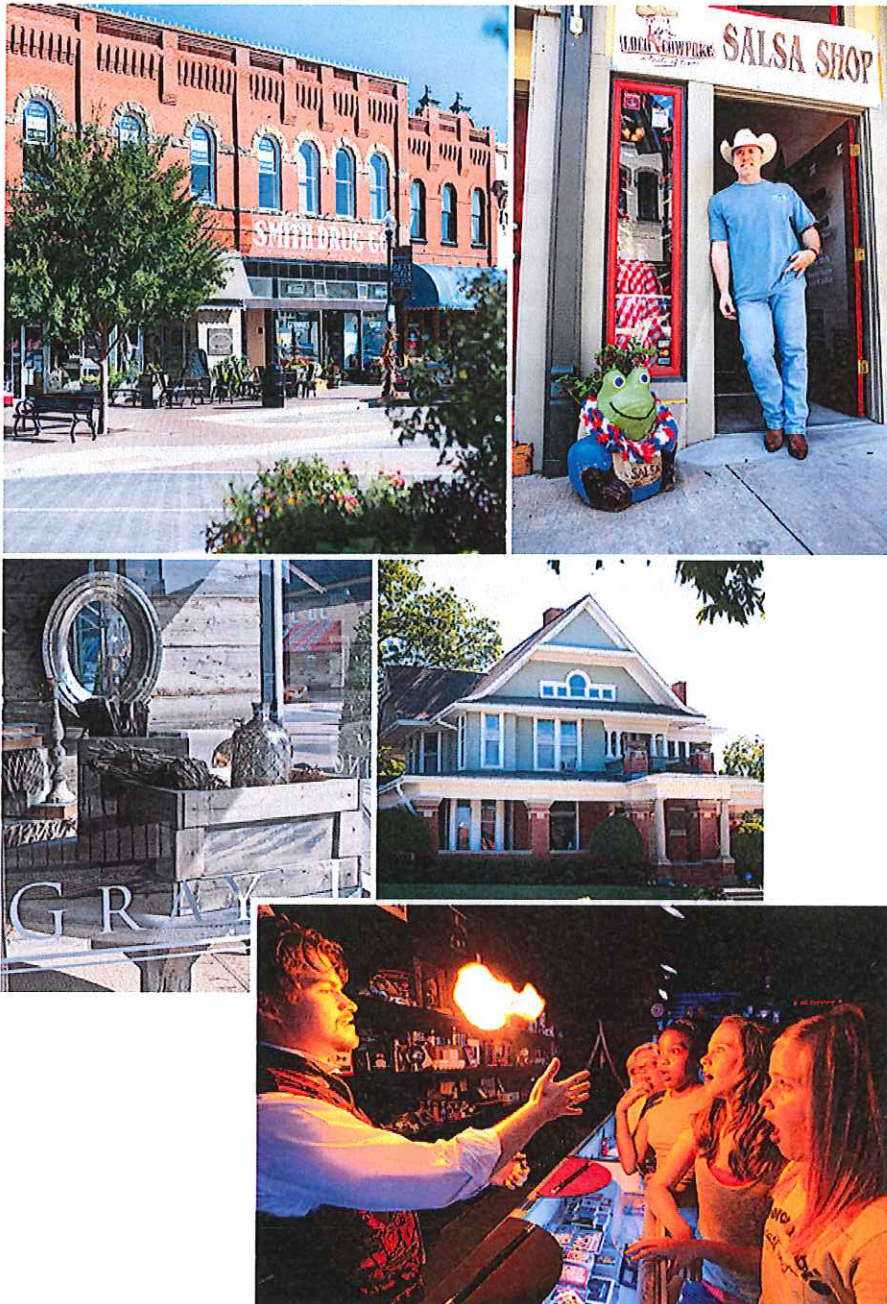
# McKinney: Small-Town Feel, Big-City Perks

Visit the charming downtown of the Collin County seat.

by [Dawn McMullan](#)

"We both had such great memories of our grandmothers' homes with the porches and that kind of slower pace, where everybody's up and down the sidewalk, talking on the porch. We found that here." -Billy Simmons

photography: salsa shop, fire by [Scott Womack](#); all others by [Elizabeth Lavin](#)



Billy Simmons and his partner, Marc Steib, grew up in small towns. After living in Richardson for more than a decade, they decided they wanted something different. One day, they stumbled upon downtown McKinney and fell in love. Now they're as much a part of the neighborhood fabric as the historic downtown courthouse, which now houses the McKinney Performing Arts Center. The Collin County county seat recently was named the second-best American city of its size by Money magazine, and it has been in the top three fastest-growing cities every year for the past 12. But despite all the growth, the streets of downtown have managed to retain their charm.

**Location:** Centered by McKinney's downtown square, of course, and bordered by Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky streets.

**Average home price:** \$100,000 to \$575,000; average of \$250,000.

**Average lot size:** Most of the homes sit on .26 acres.

**Population:** Roughly 3,000 people live in the historic district proper; 5,000 live in the greater downtown area.

**Why downtown McKinney:** "You see people walking downtown all the time," says Tracey Collins, who moved there 20 years ago and now owns a shop right off the square. "I walk my dog downtown on the weekends, and lots of people have bicycles. We have front porches, so we spend a lot of time outside, talking with our neighbors. It's very, very much about the community here." Downtown is the hub of this suburb, hosting annual events like Oktoberfest, Dickens of a Christmas, Scare on the Square, and the Krewe of Barkus Mardi Gras Dog Parade, plus special one-time events like Hollie Cavanagh Day (the local who was third runner-up in a recent *American Idol* season). "McKinney is diverse with historical significance, a charming community, and has a quaint, small-town feel," says real estate agent Jane Clark of Keller Williams Realty.

**Where to go:** Collins' Diggin' It garden shop, in the old Greyhound bus station, is a fun diversion. Chestnut Square Historic Village just off the square hosts a popular weekend farmers market. The Cadillac Pizza Pub is always a good time, especially during Tuesday's singer-songwriter night. Gregory's Bistro doesn't have a liquor license, but never fear. Walk across the street to McKinney Wine Merchant, tell them what you're having for dinner, and they'll pair you up. Rick's Chophouse is another local favorite, as is the European bistro La Misha. Lone Star Wine Cellars, inside the old Ritz Theatre building, offers tastings from local wineries on Friday nights. Although many of the small antiques shops have been replaced by restaurants in recent years, The Antique Company Mall remains, as do Heirlooms, Antique House, Chase Hall, Alternative Furnishings, and Patina Green Home and Market.



# FALL CARNIVAL

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## CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE 4 FREE TICKETS!

### AREAS OF FUN

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|----|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Registration                 | 11 | Zoe The Clown              |
| 2  | Ticket booth                 |    | Ballon Artist              |
| 3  | Concessions                  | 12 | Face painting              |
| 4  | Petting Zoo                  | 13 | Nails by Bella & Friends   |
| 5  | Trick or Treat Street        | 14 | Ballloon Artist            |
|    | Special Village sponsored by | 15 | T-shirt pick up            |
|    | Girl Scout Troop 930         | 16 | Hot Air Balloon Display    |
| 6  | Bounce Land                  |    | Sponsored by Dr. Buchannan |
| 7  | Cake Walk                    | 17 | Dance Zone                 |
| 8  | Midway                       | 18 | EN Vendor Lane             |
| 9  | Fireworks Viewing area       | 19 | Information                |
| 10 | Restrooms                    | 20 | Toddler Area               |

In case of an emergency call 214.499.3439 or go to the information booth (or call 911)

Food and drinks are only permitted in the concession area

Fireworks Display will begin at approximately at 7:55p.m. We have bags that can be used to sit on in the grassy area.

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Unique by nature.

TICKET INFO: **Food** = 1 Red Ticket **Drinks** = 1 Blue Ticket **Cotton Candy** – 1 Pink ticket **Popcorn** = 1 Yellow Ticket **Additional Tickets** can be purchased at the ticket booth for \$1.00

