

Selective Business Survey Results

09/15/10

Entertainment Comments

- Boat Cruise with med. meal setting as BBQ. Historic Tours around Lake Eustis.
- country line and couple dancing club or classes
- Dance studio/classes for adults. No arcade near downtown!!
- I think that night clubs are ok, but it would take away of the small town feel to downtown Eustis
- need larger outdoor/indoor live music restaurant, reasonable priced, varied menu. Olivia's is too small
- No chains
- Performing Arts Center downtown. Branch of University of Central Florida downtown. Any type of endeavor that would draw people and additional business's downtown. I.e: the Tavares seaplane port has drawn numerous new business to downtown Tavares.
- Skydiving, Eustis Airport
- SOMEONE REALLY NEEDS TO OPEN A PLACE LIKE THE LAMP POST. IT WAS A GREAT PLACE TO GO.

Retail Comments

- Arts N Crafts store downtown or on 19. Quilting store on 19.
- Village of Stores like Winter Park Village. Cosco, BJ's and clothing
- A quaint breakfast/lunch Mom & Pop restaurant in the downtown area.
- Adult education
- any new retail shops downtown.....Would love to see the downtown come alive with some nice shops.....
- Arts and Craft Store Hobbie Retail Mall for artist to display and sell local merchandise. Can be combined with supplies and class for different crafts.
- bicycle shop,
- Comic Book Store
- General Hobby Shop featuring model airplanes / ships / cars, and assortments of radio controlled toys.
- Gourmet and speciality food store in downtown
- Hobby shop for model airplanes, cars and rock hound supplies and gem displays located at Lk Sq Mall or David Walker road/441 area Easy parking is essential to the plan.
- I suggest since you are a historic area that you focus on two areas: 1) Antique sales, including fairs, etc, and 2) Attracting and building businesses in the "restoration" business. You already have an antique boat restoration business, but get more in fields like antique cars, boats, even trains, rebuilding of older cars like Jeep Grand Cherokee, etc. Place ads in hobbyist magazines for antique cars and boats looking for companies that will relocate. Make Eustis the hub for the restoration industry, which could even include jewelry, etc. Then have both the service providers and the retailers to support them. Become the restoration capital of the South. (Kinda like Boston). Put on big shows for the fields, such as the one in Asheville for Arts & Crafts which is not for consumers as much as for the businesses in the field. Focus on the BUSINESSES that serve a hobby, and when you get them, the hobbyists willing to travel will come.
- In my opinon the more the better!
- Miniatures...dollhouse...trains....etc
- new and used bike shop, canoe sales and rental,
- Remote Control Hobby Shop, anywhere in Eustis
- specialty hobby shop (electronics, games, models,toys, teaching tools)
- Sporting Goods- Bass Pro, Gander Mountain, Sports Authority, or Dick's
- Stationary store and/or bookstore

- There is an empty lot on 19 next to John Weatherford's office (atty) - use to be a very popular plant nursery site....
- you do not have any controversial businesses listed here. I believe all businesses could be located where the owners desire to be. Instead of checking all buttons please accept this as pro all of these businesses all of these locations on the whole page

Food Comments

- Desperately need a nice restaurant in this area like Carabba's, Macaroni Grill or Panera, etc. Cheesecake Factory, Outback, Stonewood. Bj's, Sams, Costco located on 44 east from 437 past 46A
- a good looking restaurant on the water. Crazy Gator is ok, but it needs a complete overhaul. The benches are uncomfortable and the place looks seedy. It's sad that we don't have a waterfront with more amenities. Gianni's is a great high end restaurant, I would like to see something inbetween Gianni's and Crazy Gator. No chains
- COLD STONE CREAMERY, CARRABBA'S, PANERA, FIVE GUYS, MACARONI GRILL
- delicatessen downtown; small grocery store with health food/ organic food -- downtown or 19 corridor ; internet/cafe/ bookstore downtown
- Easy central location with good parking is absolute 441/David Walker rd area or the Lake Sq Mall/Radio Rd area.
- Forget about "fine dining"...it doesn't work in this area. An English or Irish Pub & Restaurant or an English tea room would be nice. You could also talk to Hugh, owner of the Umatilla Inn and Restaurant....great food there...maybe he would extend to downtown Eustis.
- I love Strawberrys. But more restaurants would be good
- I think we have enough Italian Restaurants.
- Italian bakery, greek restaurants
- KRISPY CREAM DONUTS. HOOTERS OR WINGHOUSE NEAR THE WATERFRONT WOULD BRING PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN EUSTIS
- Lots of great places to choose from now.
- Popeyes Chicken!!!
- ruby tuesdays bone fish grill
- Sea Food Rest. over water with boat dock and parking area for cars.
- Specific restaurants: Carrabas at a 441 location. A great all purpose diner downtown like they show on Diners Drive Ins and Dives on the Food Network. Nightspots downtown that would attract young people like the places on the Tavares waterfront and McGregores in Mt Dora.
- Wing House

General Comments

- A MALL WOULD BE NICE
- An Aldi grocery store downtown.
- antique shops
- Card and gift/book shop in downtown
- consignment shop, down town
- Cracker Barrel
- DOWNTOWN DOES NEED SOME MORE SPECIALTY STORES FOR SHOPPING. SOME NICE GIFT SHOPS OR NICE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES WOULD BE GREAT.
- grocery store should NOT be a supermarket but a small old fashioned neighborhood grocery with all the basic necessities and have organic or health food specialties An electronics store that sells and services computers, and all electronics personal devices
- Home improvement would be ok as long as it's not the big box store that would take away the small town feel of downtown Eustis
- Hotel like the fountain Inn with retail stores on the downtown street.

- Include card store with gift shop Need a Barnes&Noble in the area Would like to see a Marshalls or TJ Maxx in the city.
- Kirkland Homes
- MACEYS WOULD BE A GOOD DRAW FOR DOWNTOWN. PEOPLE ARE REALY OVER LAKE SQUARE MALL AND THERE IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR US AS A CITY TO GROW.
- No chains, speicality food store
- Remember the old Ezell's that use to be in downtown Leesburg with wood creaky floors? There is a place like that in downtown Greenville, SC.
- Sams Store
- Specialty shoes...like, "just for feet".
- we need a store like ross inexpensive with a variety of clothes and other household items
- We need shops that are easy to get to and has good parking. We need the stores I have listed below

Specialized Comments

- 2nd fire station for Eustis residents
- A downtown hotel that replaces the historic Ocklawaha...Fountain Inn. This can have tram moving people to and from for rest..Bay Street Theatre..RX drug store.. downtown stores...Dry Cleaning...City Pool... Ferran Park walk.. Museums..Cliffords and Art.. Arange for transport to Troute Lake Walk.. Golf Courses... The hotel can serve as a small covention ctr. and business retreats with wives and family able to vist Silver Spgs., Disney, the beach..etc. The real need is a hotel as in the past, bring the people and business will follow.
- A sports complex would be nice on the property the city of eustis owns on CR 44 east of hicks ditch. A hotel downtown would be nice on the old Waterman Hospital property.
- I DO NOT THINK THE CITY NEEDS ANYMORE BANKS WITHIN THE CITY.
- More family events in Ferran Park or Fountain Green. Like the movie in the park once a month. Events should be scheduled throughout the year targeting a multi cultures, age groups, and interests. Arts are okay, but Eustis should not try and duplicate what Mt. Dora has already accomplished.
- Music Store
- None of the above.....we have enough!
- Restart the dinner train. A dinner boat from our lakewalk docks. Basically attractions that would bring people to Eustis.
- These are all run of the mill - see comment below..
- these businesses already populate the Eustis town and area We need to keep the banks and post office that are downtown. It would be wonderful if a branch campus of the University of Central Florida were in the Eustis Area. Through the government money that would flow through it, that would also support many of the above service businesses
- These types of businesses are good all over.
- Travel agency, Lab Corp near Mall
- WE DONT NEED ANYMORE OF ANY OF THESE BUSINESSES
- What happened to the small motel we were going to have on Bay Street.

General Comments

- A lot of thought has to go into a major business, education facility, or attraction in downtown that would attact additional business's. That is of #1 importance.
- All the other businesses you list above depend on a population that can afford them, so you need to develop a business niche like restoration - I also notice you didn't even mention any high tech businesses. Why not also try to build website development businesses or import export that attract customers electronically rather than in person. I live in Tavares, but am a member of the Eustis chamber and I am in Eustis 1-3 times a week.

- Consider partnering with Eustis Main St, Downtown Business Alliance and Lake Community Foundation to develop a common plan for economic development.
- I *love* Eustis. I reside outside city limits but have a Eustis address. More and more my shopping is shifting from east (Sanford) and south (Apopka) of where we live to Eustis and Tavares, because they both have such great character (and characters).
- I am a Leesburg resident and only able to drive between Mt Dora, Eustis and Leesburg. I would like to be specific as to ideas. Many new places would be good at the Lake Square Mall/ Radio road area and at David Walker Rd/441 area. Parking is good at both places. We need Costco, Michaels Crafts , Shoes Biz, Toys R Us, TJ Maxx, Ross's Dress for less, Marshall's, Bed bath & Beyond, Pottery Barn, Barnes n Noble Bookstore. Family Resaturants ie: Bob Evans, A Nice Sandwich shop. Hobby Store for model planes & cars and supplies for Rock Hounds and displays of rocks & gems, and coin collectors. A FULL SERVICE COSTCO is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. PetSmart, Grooming for dogs close to the mall in the mall part of Leesburg. Pinch a Penny in this end of town A nice Florist & Gift Shop near the Mall. A Watch & Jewlery Repair Shop. Plenty of Good Parking is a must to get people out and convient for shopping in one place, so, if they enlarge the mall and make the rental space a reasonable fee it would encourage more shoppers. . When you locate shopping near the mall or the hospital people can do many things at one stop to make life easier for todays busy life styles. We definitely need a Costco or Sams or BJ's in this area. We need to be able to "run" to the store and not have to make a planned day trip to Orlando or Sanford or Altamonte to do shopping. Bring the stores to us and they will be used. Walmart is useful, but not for everything!!!! Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion let's hope it helps get some good results. B Honeycutt, Leesburg Resident, who shops in Eustis!
- I live in Grand Island but work in Eustis.
- I live in Howey in the Hills and spend a LOT of time in Eustis. You all have come a long way over the years! Keep up the various activities at the waterfront.
- I love it when a downtown area always has something going on.
- I love the small town feel of Eustis, let's not screw that up. But on the other hand we need more and different types of business to pull more people here. Go on line and look at places like Dillsboro, NC and Highland, NC. They have wonderful downtown areas that we enjoy visiting.
- I want to shop in my downtown. I try to as much as possible. One of the reasons I moved to Eustis for for the home town feeling. I do not want to see chain, resturants, or pharmacies etc in our downtown. I am not a huge shopper so I do not know what to add.
- I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE CITY OF EUSTIS DEVELOP DOWNTOWN EUSTIS TO A MORE VIBRANTE UP AND COMING AREA FOR FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS. A MOVIE THEATER AND CHAIN FOOD STORES SUCH AS PANERA BREAD, SUBWAYS, KIND OF LIKE LAKE MARY OR WINTER PARK. SHOULD MAKE THE AREA MORE APPEALING INSTEAD OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.
- I would really like to see Crazy Gator's do some upgrading, painting....get a "Fresh Look". They have REALLY great food but it needs an upgrade!!
- I'm not a Eustis resident, however I am a Eustis commercial tax payer.
- It would be nice to have a grocery store like aldi's or save a lot on orange ave for the residents that don't drive and have to rely on others to get there grocery's every month also what about a fast food resturant in the downtown orange ave area it would also put jobs in the area Popeyes or Mac-Donalds some thing in that nature something to think about. Maybe even a Wal-mart on Orange ave.
- Mix of commercial, residential, retail, professional, arts and culture/entertainment in the downtown is what is needed.
- more businesses/restaurants in north Eustis!
- Outside the downtown area, we should have in the city limits a manufacturing plant that MAKES stuff (value added products) and is shipped to all parts of the state and country. Preferably it should be of high value/ high technology. This can provide good jobs with benefits to support a family. This kind of industry is the only thing that can feed all of the

- above. Without it, the inner town will die -- unless you can provide some extraordinary tourist attraction for people to come and empty their pockets. I don't think we have the tourist attractability by itself to really support a vibrant downtown. Economics 101: ALL money comes from the private sectors of manufacturing, mining or agriculture. That's the source of all that feed those "service and retail" businesses, and all government operations. One manufacturing job (not construction) supports 7 service jobs. .
- Sun Set on Lake Eustis. Like "Key West's" for evening turn out of local artist...music..entertainers...each takin a spot a long the sea wall. A regular gather spot for tourist to be intertained and buy from artist that live in local area. Great for Spring, Summer and FALL.
 - Thank you for a CVS on 44!
 - THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO IMPROVE EUSTIS ON THE COMMERCIAL END. I DON'T LIVE HERE, BUT I WORK HERE, AND MIGHT LIVE HERE IF THERE WERE SOME IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE BUSINESS INDUSTRY.
 - This is a GREAT little town. We need to stay little but have more variety.
 - WE NEED A MAJOR ATTRACTION DOWNTOWN SUCH AS A MOVIE THEATER THAT WOULD DRAW PEOPLE IN. THERE HAS TO BE A DRAW OF SOMETYPE. ANOTHER SUGGESTION WOULD BE MAYBE A MACEYS STRIP MALL/VILLAGE SIMILAR TO WINTER PARK.

Selective Survey Results

Updated

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	Downtown	SR 19	US HWY 441	Orange Ave.	Other	Total	%of responses
Fine Dining	49	31	23	9	8	120	4.15%
Restaurant (general)	43	31	23	13	6	116	4.01%
Bakery	70	19	10	6	7	112	3.88%
Clothing (general)	35	25	29	9	10	108	3.74%
Movie Cinema	39	19	36	3	6	103	3.56%
Clothing (fashion)	40	24	24	9	6	103	3.56%
Books	48	21	16	6	4	95	3.29%
Gift Shop	50	20	11	6	7	94	3.25%
Restaurant (specific)	36	25	16	9	7	93	3.22%
Groceries	25	28	17	15	7	92	3.18%
Gardening/Botany	17	31	14	21	6	89	3.08%
Pub	47	19	11	7	4	88	3.04%
Cooking	40	22	10	10	4	86	2.98%
Ice Cream	43	17	10	8	4	82	2.84%
Pets/Supplies	26	25	15	12	4	82	2.84%
Clothing Accessories	33	19	17	7	3	79	2.73%
Banking	30	20	12	9	5	76	2.63%
Comedy Club	49	10	8	3	5	75	2.60%
Medical Office	12	27	13	16	7	75	2.60%
Collectibles	37	16	7	10	4	74	2.56%
Education	11	25	13	11	12	72	2.49%
Law Office	18	21	11	14	8	72	2.49%
Pharmacy	25	20	10	11	5	71	2.46%
Wine Bar	41	9	10	3	5	68	2.35%
Sewing/Knitting	23	17	10	11	6	67	2.32%
Woodworking	10	21	12	15	9	67	2.32%
Live Music/Karaoke	36	9	15	2	4	66	2.28%
Jewelry	44	10	8	2	2	66	2.28%
Realty	10	17	16	15	6	64	2.21%
Night Club	29	10	17	1	5	62	2.15%
Intimate Apparel	23	14	13	6	5	61	2.11%
Home Improvement	6	17	18	12	8	61	2.11%
Tourism	35	9	6	4	4	58	2.01%
Photography	22	14	7	2	7	52	1.80%
Scrapbooking	20	12	6	8	5	51	1.76%
Arcade	18	7	11	5	5	46	1.59%
Radio/Television	11	7	12	5	9	44	1.52%

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Number of Participants

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Eustis Resident

Yes	65	59.09%
No	43	39.09%