

# WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN LEE'S SUMMIT!



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## DOWNTOWN WALKING HISTORY TOUR #ThisPlaceMatters

- 1. FIRE OF 1885** - On April 12, 1885, a fire starting in a photography studio destroyed most of the downtown business district including 25 buildings.
- 2. 1909 BUILDING** - Constructed in 1909 to house City Hall and the Fire Department.
- 3. WPA POST OFFICE** - Constructed in 1939 to serve as the US Post Office. Later served as City Hall, prior to becoming the Lee's Summit History Museum in 2015.
- 4. HOWARD STATION PARK** - Home of the All Veterans Memorial, which was established in 1991 to honor the service of all military veterans.
- 5. LEE'S SUMMITS FIRST HOSPITAL** - Dr. Ragsdale started Lee's Summit's first hospital here. First floor constructed in 1900, the second floor was added in 1925. Served as a hospital until his death in 1935 and then was converted to the Dayton Hotel.
- 6. FIRST STOP LIGHT** - The first "stop and go" light installed at 3rd and Douglas in 1939.
- 7. THE VOGUE THEATRE** - Home prior to both the Douglas Theatre in 1926, followed by Lee Theatre in 1937, the Vogue was remodeled in 1939 in an art deco style. It included more than 500 seats for the town of just 2,200 people at the time. Movies were shown until the late 1960s.
- 8. THIRD STREET SOCIAL** - Former site of Municipal Hall, where Harry S. Truman first announced his candidacy for political office in 1922 for Eastern Judge of Jackson County.

For more history, visit Historical Society of Lee's Summit and Museum.  
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