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NEWS RELEASE

Public Input Wanted for Downtown Revitalization Plan

The City of Martinsville has recently been awarded a \$50,000 Community Focus Fund grant to prepare a plan for the revitalization of the downtown area. The plan will include three parts: landscape analysis and improvements, building repairs and facelifts, and a retail and marketing study. Sponsoring partners for this project are Rediscover Historic Martinsville, Greater Martinsville Chamber of Commerce, Morgan County, Morgan County Historic Preservation Society, and the Reporter-Times.

Do you have an opinion about what downtown could or should be? Are there businesses that you would like to be able to shop at or eat at? Do you have ideas about sprucing up the square with flowers and other plantings?

It's time to speak up! What you have to say is important.

Everyone is invited to take part in a public discussion and information gathering session on Monday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Art Sanctuary, the former Methodist Church at the corner of Sycamore and Pike Street in Martinsville.

The professional consulting team assembled by Odle McGuire Shook Corporation, under the direction of Martinsville resident Ben Rawlins, will be there to discuss buildings, signs, parking, flowers, shopping, how to get in and out of downtown from the highways, developing an image to market downtown, and public policy—in short, anything and everything related to improving downtown.

If you have something to say, say it! Downtown Martinsville depends on you. Downtown Martinsville matters. Come see why.

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