



BRIGHT HORIZONS

Nearly 200 retailers, restaurants, medical and service providers, and manufacturers helped us grow last year, bringing new jobs and increasing tax revenues.

- 10 restaurants
- 24 professional services
- 47 new retail establishments
- 15 construction-related contractors
- 70 service companies
- Mapco Express, River City Pharmacy, The Print House Gallery, Urban Closet, Muse Day Spa & Salon, and Classic Game Vault.
- Magnolia River Geospatial, Blossomwood Decatur, Sunshine Pediatrics, and Studio 113.
- Bank Street Grill, The Gridiron of Decatur, Hibachi Express, IHOP, Kaleidoscoops, Keep Your Fork, Lucia's Cocina Mexicana, The Railyard, and Sharxs Fish & Chicken.
- DoubleTree Decatur Riverfront by Hilton; Holiday Inn Express opens this year.
- New apartments are coming at 307 Second and the City Center Village on Bank St.

DESTINATION DECATUR

- The Cook Museum of Natural Science broke ground on a 60,000 SF facility on Lee Street & 4th Avenue. Opening is slated for 2017.
- Renovation of the historic Railroad Depot is complete. Decatur Police moved into the new space in March.
- Decatur Police Dept. introduced the River City Cup soccer tournament to connect with the community. DPD volunteers provided hot meals for families in need at Thanksgiving with *Operation Thank You*.
- The inaugural River Clay Fine Arts Festival, held on the lawn at city hall, brought 56 artists from 7 states and 4,000 patrons to downtown Decatur.
- Community arts groups are staging plays and concerts at the amphitheater at Founder's Park, including the Ross Malone, Jr. Multi-Cultural Music Festival and 3D light shows at the Old State Bank.
- Downtown Decatur draws thousands of visitors each month for 3rd Friday as well as for seasonal parades and block parties. New festivities are coming in 2016.

A diamond-shaped logo with a sunburst background. Inside the diamond, the words "BRIGHT", "TOGETHER", and "HORIZONS" are stacked vertically. "BRIGHT" and "HORIZONS" are in a smaller font, while "TOGETHER" is in a larger font. There are small dots on either side of "TOGETHER".

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INFRASTRUCTURE

The Morgan County-City of Decatur jail expansion project is slated for completion in 2016.

The city is helping provide sewer and an access road to run from Old Moulton to Beltline Road in conjunction with new development in the area.

Major road projects in Decatur include the widening of Moulton Street all the way to Beltline Road made possible by ATRIP funds, as well as approximately 50 city streets being resurfaced in the last two years.

The intersection restructuring project at Wilson Street and 6th Avenue will greatly improve the flow for commuter traffic.

Electric utilities at the 6th Avenue Mapco were moved underground to improve the aesthetics and traffic safety. We now have a template to use as redevelopment occurs.

Sidewalk and gateway improvements on Lee St. are underway, funded by a transportation grant.

EXPANDING INDUSTRIES

In 2015, 18 industries in Decatur-Morgan County invested \$229 million in facility expansions and created 600 new jobs, helping our economy grow stronger.

United Launch Alliance is leading the way with rocket engines - with 105 consecutive successful launches & counting.

EDUCATION

Alabama Center for the Arts Phase II opens this fall and will house music and drama programs.

On-going efforts at the secondary and collegiate levels help assure Decatur has a highly skilled workforce that meets the needs of area industries.

Plans for two new state-of-the-art high schools bring exciting possibilities.

PARKS & RECREATION

Locker room facilities at Jack Allen Recreation Complex will open in April.

Point Mallard Aquatic Center is in the black again, reflecting a turn around of between \$500,000-\$750,000. The Center's 2016 12-hour Season Pass Attack set a new record of \$482,169. The Sky Pond slide is being resurfaced and a new filtration system installed at the wave pool.

