

# TEN REASONS HAMILTON IS ON A ROLL

## 1. HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT DOWNTOWN LATELY?

Downtown Hamilton is coming back in a big way. If you haven't been here in a couple years, you won't recognize it now. Downtown living has brought Hamilton back to life after 5pm and about 130 additional apartment units will be under construction in 2017.



## 2. GREEN ENERGY

Did you know that Hamilton Utilities owns the two largest hydroelectric facilities on the Ohio River? We just celebrated the grand opening of the Meldahl Hydroelectric facility in 2016. Now, 50% of our energy is produced from non-carbon emitting sources. These investments help save our customers money because of the predictable and stable costs of water power.



## 3. OUR WATER

Our water is so delicious it has won the title of Best Tasting Water in the World twice. This water has driven a surge in our beverage industry, including Synergy Flavors and Municipal Brew Works. It is also the reason that The Hamilton Mill business incubator is the hub for Pipeline H2O, the country's premier public-private water innovation cluster.

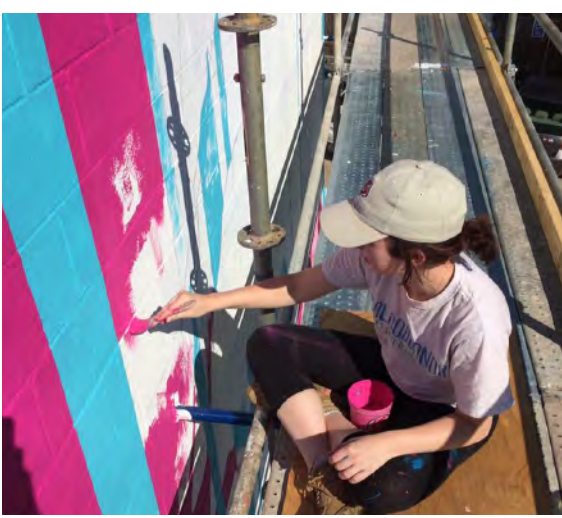
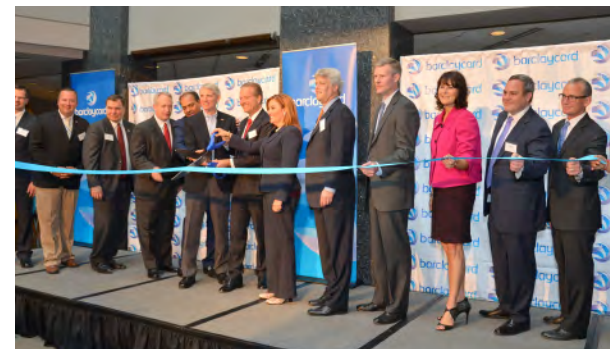


## 4. AWESOME SPECIAL EVENTS

No matter the time of year, Hamilton has a lot going on. Even in January, IceFest draws 15,000 people downtown, and in its biggest year yet, Operation Pumpkin drew over 30,000 people in 2016. Alive After 5, the Hamilton Flea, and the RiversEdge Concert Series give people a reason to keep coming back to downtown Hamilton all year. Plus, they're all free!

## 5. SO MANY NEW JOBS!

New jobs are reinvigorating our community and Hamilton is welcoming these growing companies with open arms. Companies including Barclaycard, STARTEK, ThyssenKrupp Bilstein, and Darana Hybrid are adding 3,500 new jobs to our community – 1,000 of which will be created in 2017.



## 6. A BLOSSOMING ARTS SCENE

Hamilton has been the City of Sculpture for many years and you don't have to look far to find public art in the community. The Fitton Center for Creative Arts and Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park are cornerstones of our arts scene. New to the mix are StreetSpark, a mural program adding color to our community, and Artspace Hamilton, an artist-only apartment building. And we are lucky enough to have our very own high school dedicated to the arts in our downtown – Butler Tech School of the Arts.

## 7. SHOPPING SMALL

Hamilton has so many new unique local shops and restaurants for you to check out. 27 small businesses have opened since 2013 and there are more on the way. Stroll along High Street or Main Street to see what you can discover and plan to stay for a meal.



## 8. STRONG COMMUNITIES

There are 17 unique and diverse communities in Hamilton, including some of the most beautiful historic districts around. Through initiatives such as the micro-grant program, which in 2016 awarded over \$37,000 to neighborhoods in all corners of the city, the new 17Strong initiative works to rally individuals and groups to make Hamilton the best it can be.

## 9. OUR NEW PARKS CONSERVANCY

Hamilton has great parks and they're only getting better. In 2015, the Hamilton Parks Conservancy was launched, and since then, they have built 5 new spraygrounds around the community, and will install another one this year. In addition to significant upgrades in existing parks, they are celebrating the grand opening of two brand new parks in 2017: Marcum Park and Rotary Park.



## 10. MASSIVE INVESTMENT

We have been working hard to improve our road systems. \$13 million in improvements have been completed and another \$39 million in improvements are in the pipeline. The East Highway gateway project will be complete this spring and South Hamilton Crossing, a new railroad overpass, is under construction. Two major intersections on Main Street are slated for realignment to continue efforts to ease traffic congestion in the community.

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