

FCDC NEWS

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Wellsville Ready For Growth



The city of Wellsville is a hot spot in Franklin County. This wonderful community is a proud partner of the Franklin County Development Council and we are proud to feature the City of Wellsville in this edition of our newsletter.

Wellsville was platted in 1870. The town was named after D.L. Wells, a railroad construction engineer. It is the home to over 1,800 friendly people. Historically Wellsville has been a quiet little town in the northeast corner of Franklin County. Today, this community is starting to grow and expand as we see economic growth come south down interstate 35. The city has been positioning itself well for this coming expansion of economic activity.

The city of Wellsville is in a great position to face the future. The city has and continues to work to maintain, improve, and expand its infrastructure. This is critical for new housing, business, and industry. If you drive into town off of I-35 today you will see the beginning of an economic expansion. Bert's is an exciting addition to this community. Over 85 trucks spend each night at this great location. Select Steel has recently built a new manufacturing operation in Wellsville. These are just two examples of the growth and expansion that is coming to Wellsville.



While we cannot always give details on potential new industry and business, we can share that a number of new businesses are looking closely at coming to Wellsville. They recognize the value of building a business in this great community that is on the forefront of expansion in Franklin County. All of us will see the results of this in the not too distant future as Wellsville becomes a destination for businesses wanting to take advantage of a great location and a great community.

Even with tremendous growth taking place in new areas around the Wellsville community, the downtown is also positioning itself for a rebirth. Property is selling along main street as new investors are acting on their plans to open up various new opportunities on the main street area of Wellsville. This is exciting as it will help maintain the feel and attraction of the historical Wellsville community.



The community also has land ready for development for commercial use and for housing. The opportunity for investment and economic growth is at an all time high. It is important to the community to maintain it's heritage and small town feel, but to also bring new jobs and new business to the area to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Wellsville. They are working to balance their proud history with a great future.

Wellsville leadership and the community at large have been planning for this economic growth. The community has passed several sales tax increases over the past years to pay for improvements to infrastructure. As a result, the city has very little debt to carry at this time. They continue to work on infrastructure with an eye to future needs. This is a forward looking community.

As I walk the streets of Wellsville I am always impressed by the pride within the community. You see this downtown, at the schools, inside the businesses, and in the public offices. A friendly community, great schools, and a progressive attitude for growth is what you will find in Wellsville. I hope you will stop in, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy this great community. I know FCDC is proud to partner with Wellsville and we look forward to working to support them as they move forward.

It is a GREAT day to live in Franklin County!

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