

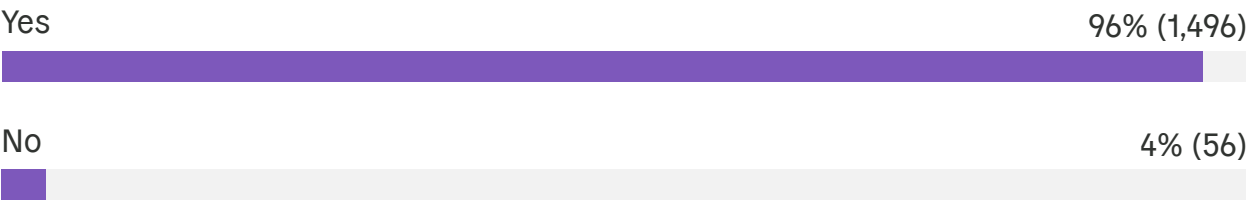


Shop & Dine Out in Downtown Community & Tourist Survey

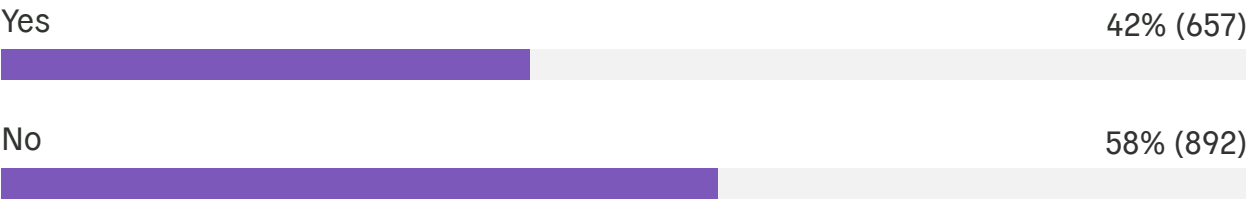
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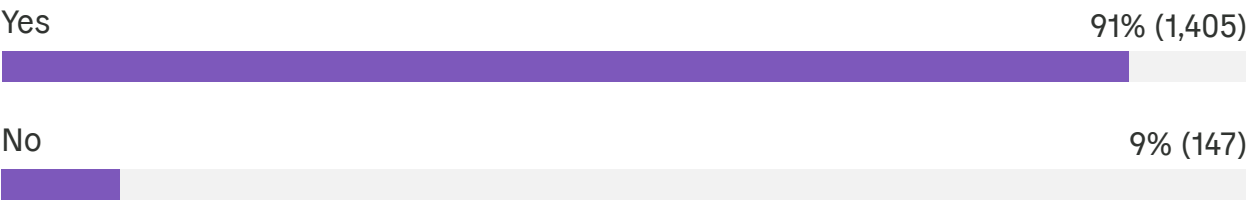
Do you live in Staunton or within 50 miles of the city limits?



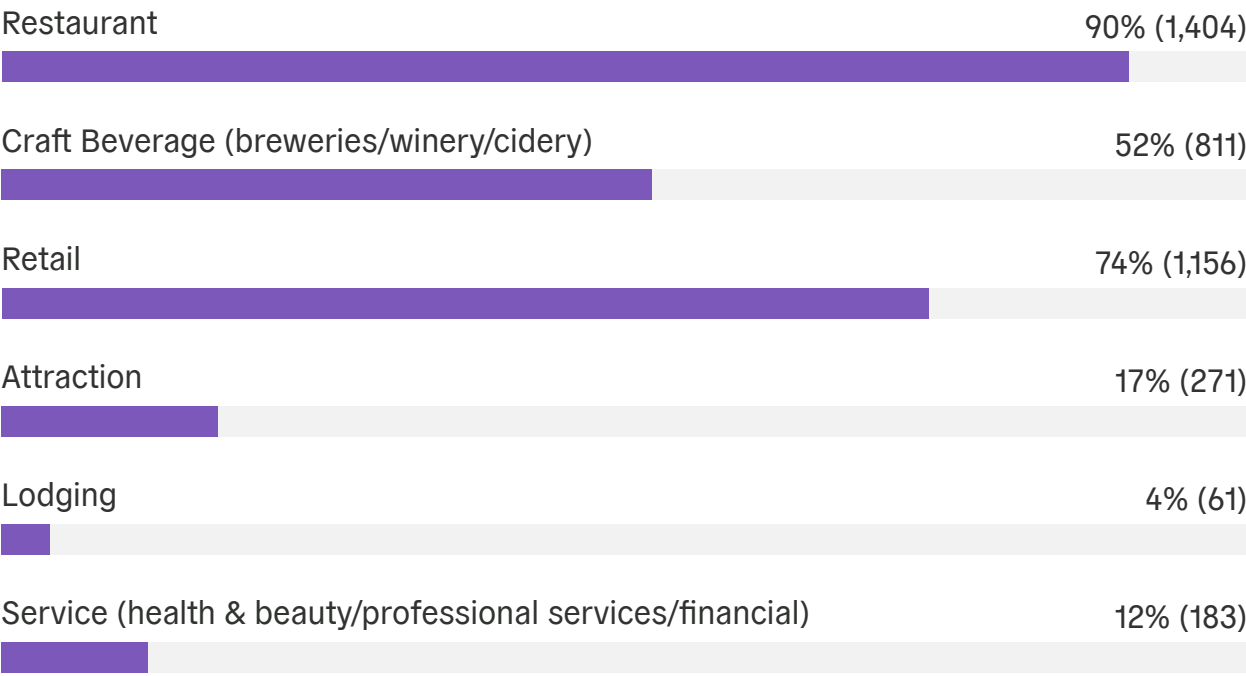
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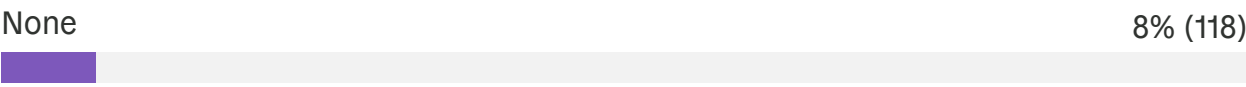


Did you come to Beverley Street during Shop & Dine Out in Downtown in 2021?

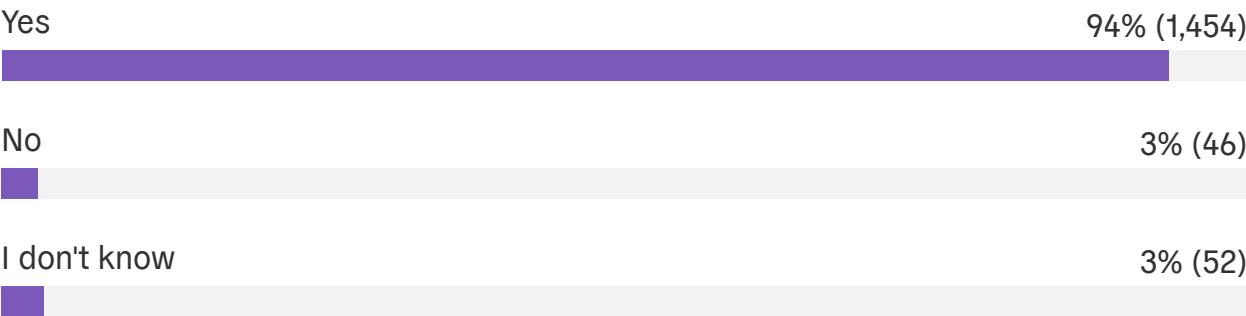


What type(s) of businesses did you visit during Shop & Dine Out in Downtown?

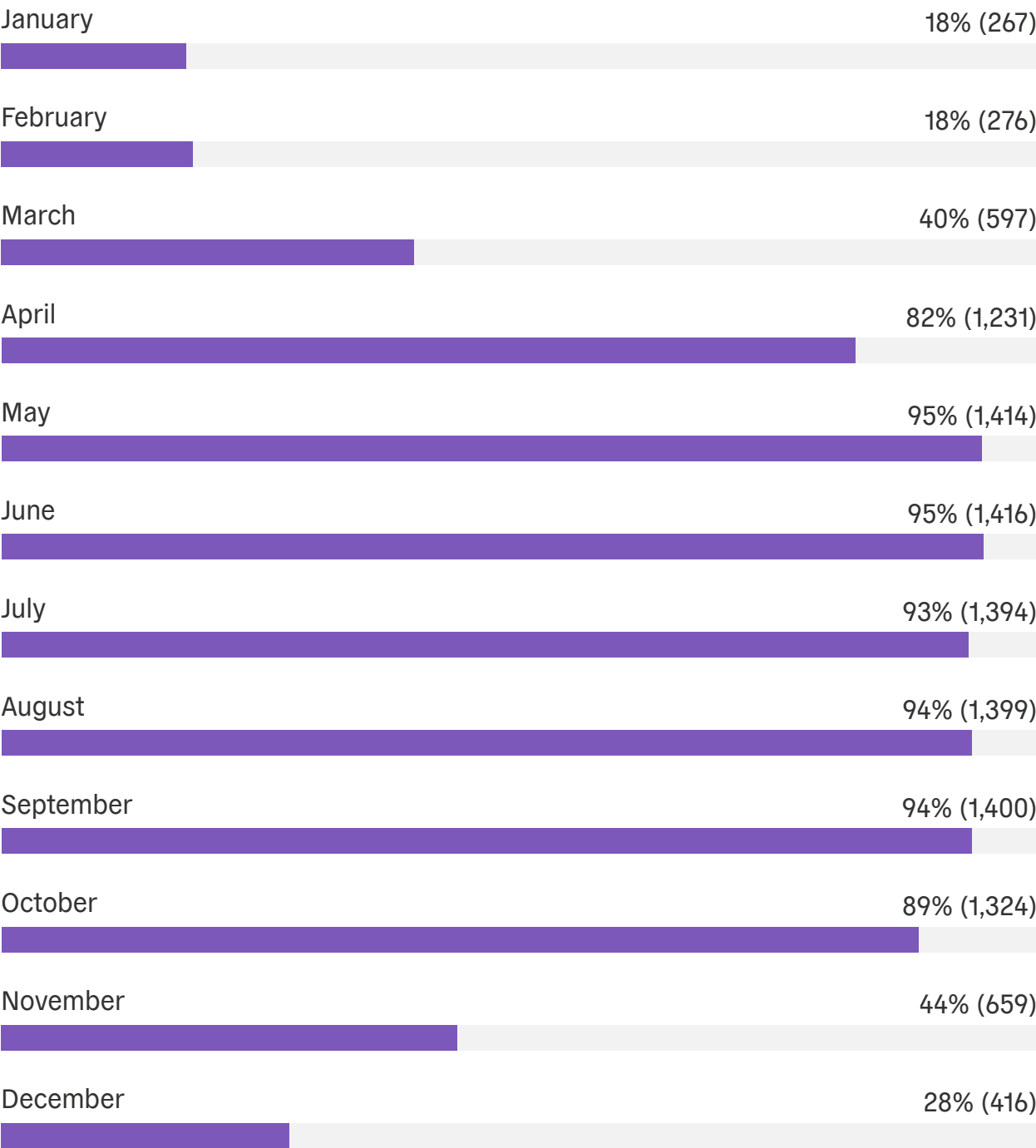




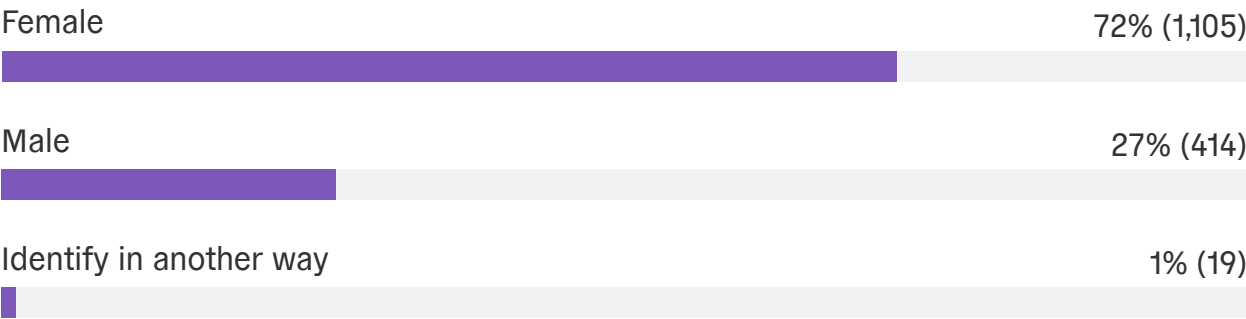
Do you want Shop & Dine Out in Downtown to continue in 2022?



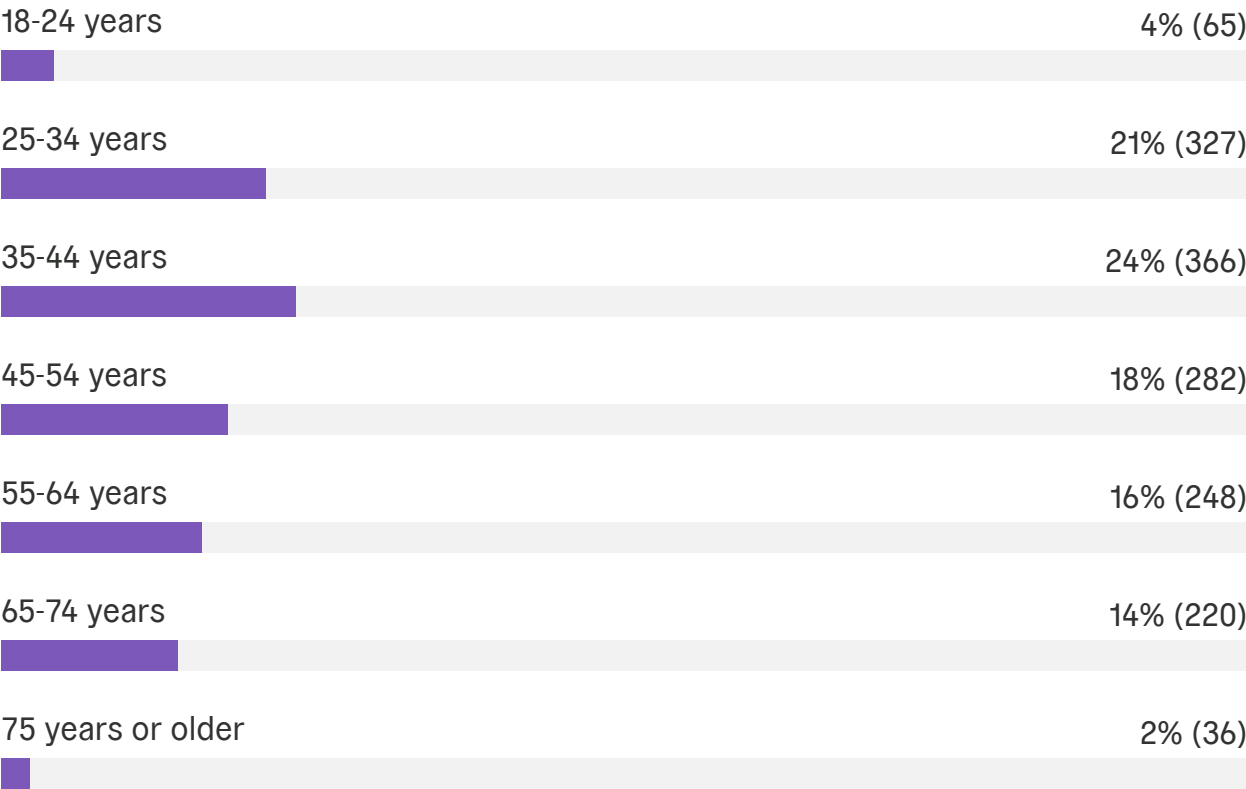
I think Shop & Dine Out in Downtown should occur in the following months:



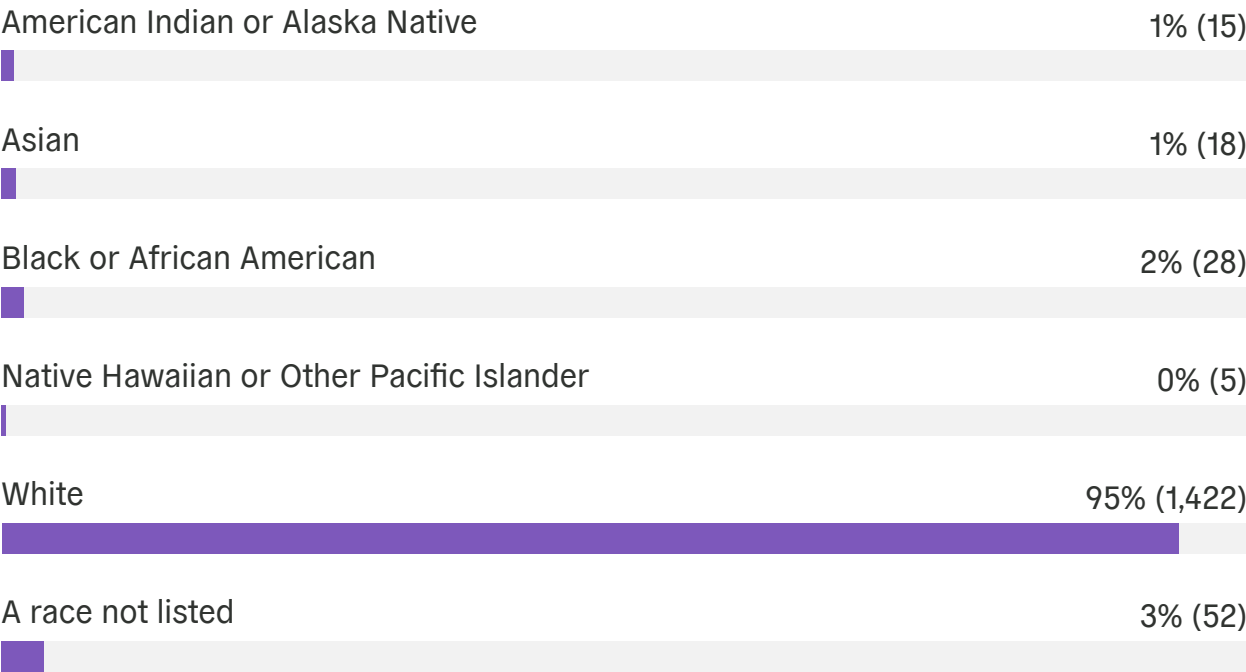
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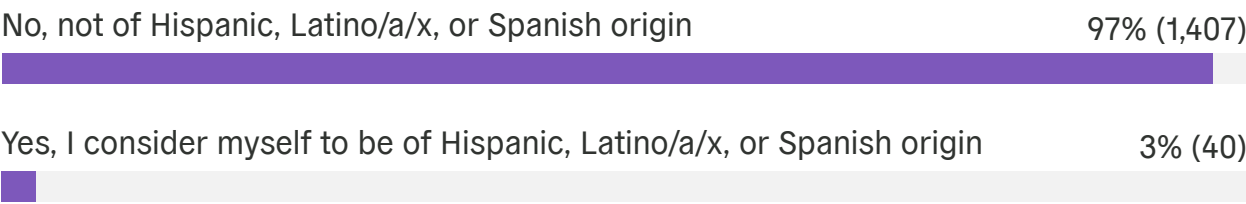
In which category is your age?



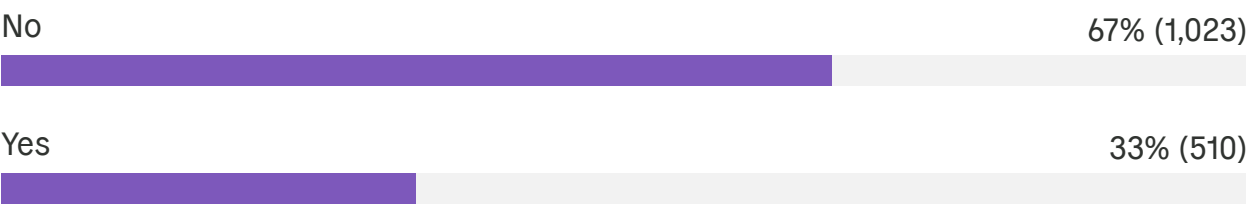
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)



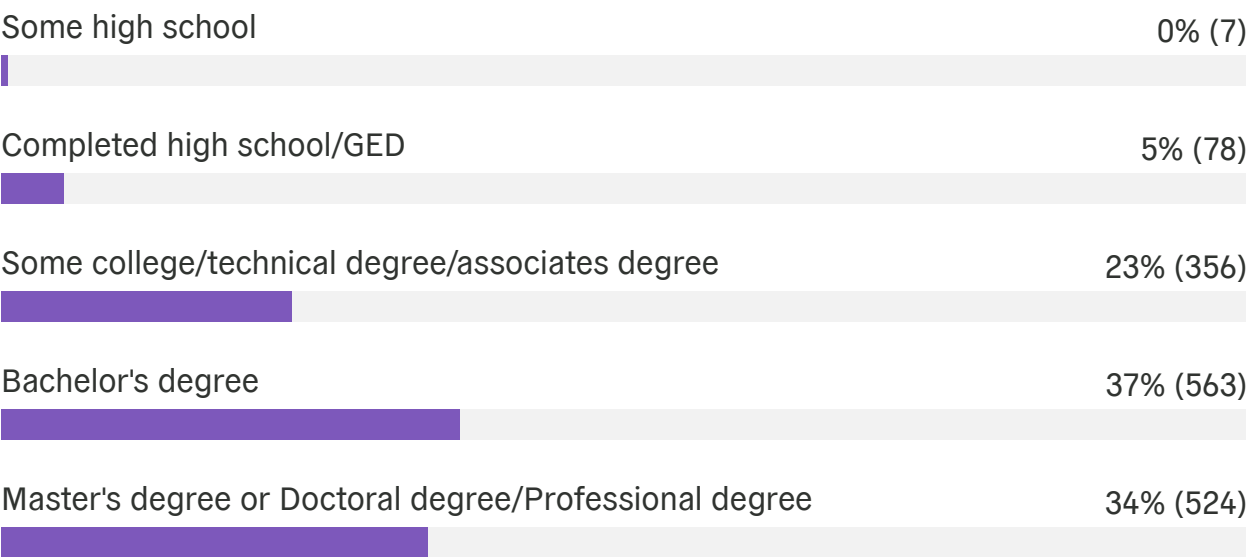
Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?



Do any children 17 or under live in your household?



What is your highest completed level of education?



How much do you anticipate your household’s total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)



What suggestions do you have to improve Shop & Dine Out in Downtown?

Transition to once a month. This will inflate demand and will result in less empty space that we saw towards the end of the season. Also. Find a way to stop cutting off a major travel lane. As someone who drives in the city for work, my coworkers and I DREAD these events, as it adds no less than 5-10 minutes onto our service time if we have to be anywhere near downtown

Have benches around to sit down on for free.

Make downtown Staunton like Charlottesville walking mall

Always have Beverley blocked off on weekends. It's so awesome to not worry about vehicles

Improve signage. For example, instead of “road blocked”, something like “shop and dine” or “welcome to....”

Only allow independent businesses downtown. Add a map showing where all the downtown businesses are for those visiting from out of town (or in town!). Some are tucked away or a little out of the way (e.g., Table 44, Crack the Code, Aioli, Basement on Byers, Crucible) and may not get noticed. Maybe port-a-potties? Otherwise, I really enjoy the ability to walk around freely and explore the businesses. Thanks!

We love it! Keep doing it!

Benches added for sitting and relaxing downtown between retail visits.

Can't think of any right now

Permanently pedestrianize W Beverly street

Close Beverly street

Have stores stay open longer on Friday through Sunday. By the time we go to dinner, the stores are closed. And, we tend to eat early.

Have it all year long!

Keep up the good work. Add some live music events later in the evening if Covid regulations permit.

1. Is there a way to make car traffic flow more smoothly on surrounding streets during S&DO? Could you re-pattern (if that's a word, which is almost surely is not) the other streets' traffic lights to have longer greens during Shop & Dine Out? Friday night and

Saturdays turn into a snarl on Franklin, Augusta, Central, etc. due to the flashing reds. And that's fine, because S&DO is still a net good even with increased traffic, but there might be a way to ease that with less frequent light changes on the surrounding streets. (Not a traffic engineer; there's a good possibility I'm 180 degrees incorrect, and that my suggestion would actually make it worse.) 2. Several people have mentioned this in the Staunton Facebook group where this poll was posted: is there a possibility of "municipal" seating areas dotted around S&DO? Seats/benches that are not specific to any business but can be for the general public to sit down for a minute?

The addition of benches or small picnic tables that aren't associated with a specific restaurant would be welcome. Being able to grab a coffee and sit on a bench would be preferable to ordering just a coffee at a restaurant and taking up valuable space in a server's section. It would also open up Shop & Dine Out to those who don't necessarily have the extra money for dinner out, but could grab an ice cream, etc. Otherwise, I love this new tradition and hope to see it continue!

Keep it going longer! Heat lamps work wonders and we'd be up for it.

Stores need more consistent hours

Love it so much!!

Offer more vegan options that are much more creative than just a salad, and in the baked goods arena, offer things that are BOTH vegan and gluten-free at the same time. Those things are few and very far between, but are an absolute necessity for folks who live with food allergies/sensitivities and who are trying to eat for the health of it. We get tired of having to fix ALL of our own meals at home.

It was more of a nuisance having the main road through downtown blocked off then it was worth.

I think it would be great to fully block off the road on weekends to allow people to walkabout. I have found that some people barely stop at the lights/stop signs which certainly poses a risk to people wandering the streets. Also, it would be great to do it based on the weather. IE - there were a few weeks in December where the weather was AMAZING and it would have been nice to have an outside option to enjoy.

I selected December only for a weekend event or something before Christmas time. The streets could be decorated, hot chocolate for sale like at the Christmas parade, and include outside vendors like a craft show. It would be really neat! Staunton never participated in those like waynesboro does the heritage festival.

Propane heaters outside during the colder months. Close Central, Augusta and New Streets between Frederick and Johnson so that pedestrians can walk freely along Beverly Street. Get the ABC to allow open containers on Beverly street so that people can move freely from place to place without having to take up a table.

Not easy walking from garage to the shops.

There are many who are physically disabled. When you block off the street we do not have access because there are hills to climb one way or another. No access to handicap spaces. There are no benches for us to rest on along the way, which would allow us to see all the businesses. I hope you'll find a way to address these issues.

I would love to see it year-round!

Allow "contained" music or include a weekly stage in an area that doesn't overwhelm.

Can't think of any. Just wish the stores that are empty could get tenants. A couple of them have been empty for more than a year, and that doesn't make a good impression.

More benches to relax

This may be due to covid, but I wish places had extended hours

More tables and more live music! We LOVED it! Also was the only way we were able to eat at those restaurants in the pandemic.

It would be wonderful if there were some benches so that people can sit down and people watch without having to take places at restaurants.

I hate going downtown because of parking.

Restaurants and breweries should have heaters so dine out downtown can continue into the winter months.

Retail stores to stay open late Friday or Saturday, since many are not able to visit Downtown during their workday and are busy with children's activities/sports weekend days.

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Make it everyday!! Close the street! I love walking downtown without the cars, there is still plenty of parking and it is more enjoyable to shop.

Staying open longer in the year. It's nice to have the extra space outside. Maybe some heaters.

Funding for appropriate outdoor seating, tables, heaters, etc.

Benches and white lights year round, hanging flower pots, warmers so outdoor eating is extended into cooler months

Extend the Shop and Dine out experience to the Warf restaurants and give them Covid money for outdoor heaters like you did Bev St restaurants.

have street entertainment in the summer months. IE: Music, Jugglers, similar to Boston Faniel hall. (we are from Massachusetts)

Let businesses have live music outside not just inside to attract people in

Parking is bad

Keep doing it because it helps the merchants.

I saw a suggestion on benches downtown and think that would be a nice addition. Also loved the carolers during the holidays. Not sure if its even feasible to incorporate into the warmer months?!

Downtown shops need to represent diversity. Diversity in the areas of age, race, ethnicity, heritage ect! I am a person of color and do not find other shoppers in my ethnic group equally represented. A shop selling items from international designers etc. is not that same as supporting black business or latinx businesses.

Nothing - we loved it!!

I love being able to take my kids and not stress about whether they are on the sidewalks or not. I thought it odd that it was stopped before the Christmas shopping season was over this past year. It's much more pleasant to shop downtown with the fun open air atmosphere, and it wasn't really that cold.

It should be more than the weekend. Some people have to work weekends and do not get to partake. I believe it should be more like Cville.

I would actually prefer it to be permanent. I only chose the moths I did based on it only being for the weekends.

Additional seating for people not eating. Like...downtown benches. Also with heating units.

City should cleans the streets afterwards....public restrooms would be nice as well.

I think it should be year-round, or perhaps only closed January and February. It would help the downtown businesses to have the streets closed in the Christmas shopping period. We could even have a German-style Christmas Market with crafts, hot drinks and cookies. Live music would also help.

Reduce the street dining to Saturday midday through Sunday. Having the streets completely blocked off makes it hard to get to retail stores. With so many stores closing up shop, we can't afford to make it more difficult.

Add music

Would love to a new high end Italian restaurant to replace Emilio's and reopen Pompeii Lounge. Permanent closure of Weste Beverly would be nice, as the places could keep the outdoor dining areas up the whole time, like in Charlottesville.

Ask shops to remain open later. Make the outdoor seating available all evenings in the warmer months (so deliveries and parking can still happen during 9-5 business hours).

Live music. More benches/tables/seating area that isn't restaurant-specific so servers don't miss out on paying tables just so someone can rest - and also people like to rest. Loop the library in for activities for seniors, children.

Access to more free parking if you aren't going to block the street off. I work at a restaraunt downtown and all of our workers are always SO frustrated when we come in to work at 5pm and cannot find a parking space. It ends up making everyone late for work, as we have to find a spot 10 minutes away.

Benches

benches for seating to take breaks while walking

Close the streets that cross W. Beverly Street to ensure a safe street.

Have it available in the summer months most family's would love to dine out with their kids and having outside space allows children to be loud and expressive. We loved having pizza outside with our kids in Staunton last summer would love to keep coming back.

Music. The outdoor concept is great but music would create a festival atmosphere.

Do it more! Shutting it down before holiday shopping season in 2021 made no sense.

Please encourage the stores to stay open later! It's really depressing to come eat and see closed shops at 6pm! You can't promote the shopping part when it's always closed!

Craft store

The city should subsidize the restaurants' purchase of heaters so the outside dining can go in to November.

1.) Dog tethers / hooks at intervals 2.) A page or link specifically dedicated to what's open on Sun, Mon & Tues and special holidays.

Make it permanent

Parking in general or shuttles would be nice

Care for the local businesses. Give them more freedoms from the SDDA. Put Staunton citizens first before any tourists.

Spread it over to the west end of Staunton! Staunton city has totally forgotten that the citizens there pay taxes too. The city ignores Big Lots and Foodlion area and seem fine with that section being a slum!

Themed events; Bike/Hike Weekend, Brewers/Distillers Weekend. Latinx Weekend, LGTBQ weekend, Shakespeare Farm to table ETC. Would help draw special interest tourists into town. Special events, tours and/or seminars that end on Beverly street.

I hated that it stopped earlier this year! Also, please make it so that Sunday evening is also viable - last time I tried dining out on Beverly on a Sunday, they said they had to stop outdoor seating early because the street was opening at 8 p.m. that night.

No smoking!

I think it is wonderful for downtown and for Staunton and should happen year round. I try to do all my Christmas shopping downtown and I wishes in December that the streets were still blocked, because there were so many people shopping, the sidewalks felt crowded. It would be fun during December or other holiday times to also have vendor carts, with hot chocolate or other seasonal treats/goodies.

Benches, more green space, more places to gather for events near downtown. businesses could extend shop and dine out into March and November with outdoor heat lamps

Shrubbery & trees & canopies- the little umbrellas are ridiculously insufficient And close off Beverley permanently

I think the street should close down the entire month during the summer months and on the weekends in the spring and fall

It was hard to get around the sidewalks. Also did not enjoy dining on the street

Restaurants need to offer outdoor seating later than 8pm.

The city should install shades across Beverly St. so it looks better than ten different colored/styled versions done by each business.

Loved it as is.

Longer months. I just love it! One of the reasons I moved here!

I feel like it could carry on into Nov and Dec and still be popular. It just creates such a fun, downtown mall atmosphere and that would be wonderful during the holiday months

Do it every weekend! Add some potted plants to streetscape. Add some casual seating.

Close Beverley St through town all year

More vendor participation. Maybe food trucks.

Beautiful flowers and greenery

Benches along route, heaters for cooler evenings, retractable awnings for restaurants.

Umbrellas for shade and heater during cooler weather. Reservation would be a plus!

Make it permanent

Move it out of Staunton

We would love to see this become a VERY regular weekend thing.

It should be permanent. Close the street to traffic and expose the original cobblestone streets.

N/a

Close downtown and open it to stores and provide more parking on other streets

I don't.

Don't know how feasible it would be, but we think the idea of a permanent pedestrian mall like Charlottesville's is really interesting.

More music. Any kind. And pay the musicians FAIRLY.

Adjust the hours of business so they are open when we are dining in the evening.

None at this point and time

Some specially designated parking on side streets for people with disabilities would be helpful. I don't need it personally but want to be mindful of those that do and are impacted by not being able to park on Beverley during these times.

Was great! Loved the open air dining and people strolling around. Perhaps more musical guests

More days of the week. Provide covered areas to help with sun and rain

I loved it! But in general I would like to see more affordable dining options downtown. This would be more inclusive and welcoming of all Staunton including MBU students. But please keep Bev closed for downtown! It was great for everyone

It seems like the stores close too early.

Stay open a little later at night (restaurants sometimes closed at 8:30)

More businesses participate. I believe the small shops would get much more business if they were actually open.

Close the street to cars year round, add public benches, add greenspace

Parking for the elderly needs to be addressed. They might not be able to walk the hills from the parking lots. Maybe a golfcart shuttle service. While I didn't select December as a month to operate, I think if you made it a special one week only Christmas celebration type of event.

More shade for some of the restaurants. We love the outdoor dining but will only select spaces that provide shade

Continue all year

Keep it up! :)

It feels safer for both drivers and pedestrians when that street is closed, and the outdoor dining was so nice! I felt less hurried and stressed when doing my shopping music!

No suggestions

Just keep doing it!!!

Maybe use the Trolley to shuttle people from parking lots to drop off points. More enforcement regarding owners cleaning up their dog's poop.

Honestly, year round would be amazing. Add a bar to replace pompey lounge...

Get rid of the old antique stores and other old stores in Downtown. We need fresh and new shopping like Lexington and Downtown Culpeper. Thought you might want to know there is a rumor that rich people own downtown buildings and many of them run stores regardless of profits. They are rich and don't need the money, they just want something to do. Which results in stores we don't need or want. I love downtown, but would shop more with more relevant stores.

Patio heaters during the cold months. More participants. Week nights as well as weekends.

More seating, more shaded, safer crosswalks

Have outside dining as much as possible or year round. It's a great day trip for us from Richmond (though at least twice a year we stay for 2 or 3 nights), so we need to get at least one meal there. We have sometimes driven up for the Farmers Market, then had lunch, wandered around (shopping), eaten dinner and then driven home.

Make it permanent for visitors and locals

Keep it year round! Add trees and make it a walking mall!

We LOVE it! Maybe have more live music downtown. We bring out of town guests to it and they always say it's like a fairytale.

Benches, bike racks, outdoor music spots

More publicity.

More music. Maybe a sweet dance!

Should be closed to traffic permanently to allow businesses to thrive.

Give locations for all parking lots and available spaces. Have several places available to drop off and pick up handicapped and persons who are challenged with their mobility. Have a shuttle service for the city's parking lots. Some of us aren't spring chickens!!

Have more retail businesses open after 5:00 pm

Block off Beverley and have performers and lights and make it a real event

24/7/365

Bring it back! :-)

Make it permanent!

Please work with businesses to ensure sidewalks retain wheelchair access -- it can get tricky weaving from sidewalk to road and back because the curb cuts get blocked.

Live music! Lights! More space devoted.

Please keep the road blocked off for dining longer or all year round. Really made navigating downtown on foot easier and I was disappointed when I saw it open back up. Felt like the on foot benefits really outweighed the ease of driving.

Direct traffic off Beverly St as well.

Make it permanent!

I didn't not find it to be disruptive to trying to get around. I would love it year round. Especially in these covid days.

Live music. More benches on the sidewalks for sitting on Beverly. There is one bench near the Cosmetology School and we use it a lot! LOVE having the street closed off.

More plantings/flowers.

Sitting available for when your not a customer, live bands at least every Saturday if the, Benches in wharf area and places not on sidewalks. Would love the street was stringed with lights. More art walls because tourist love Instagramable pictures. I would like some table games available, like chess. Crosswalk signs could help.

Open the parking garage free of charge

Covert W. Beverly St into a shared street or pedestrian mall.

I think it's great. I think everyone would like to be able to walk from restaurant to restaurant with a drink to go but that would also be hard to mange. It had brought new life to downtown with so many great bars and restaurants.

No suggestions. It is GREAT

The main downtown stretch of West Beverly should be permanently closed to cars and become a walking street like those in Charlottesville. This would allow restaurants to set up more permanent outdoor spaces and would make our city more walking friendly.

Sun shading during the summer months.

If it's not cold, do it. It was great last year!

Making it year-round would be fantastic!

I like the dine out on Beverly, however, there are businesses in other parts of town that I wasn't aware of because all of the attention was being put on just one street. The area with where Chicano Boy and The Farm Store should be highlighted as well as the area around Byers St Bistro.

If there's a way to designate all of closed Beverly to allow carrying open Alcoholic Beverages, that would be neat.

Please stop closing down the streets. I know the restaurants like it, but it causes traffic issues and makes it so much harder to get around town on those weekends. I also think it hurts non-restaurant types of businesses. This pandemic is (gradually) coming to an end and the restaurants do not need outdoor dining space anymore. Please, please, please stop doing this.

Make it permanent! Every day, all year!

Add live music spot (other than busking) for people to enjoy tunes while they eat and shop

Make it permanent and add more seating and benches

More signage!

Expand to Wednesday's/Thursday's in the summer!

More gluten free options available.

Ensuring sidewalks stay clear to improve accessibility, consult with accessibility experts to improve the experience

Love it. Maybe consider a permanent open mall area.

It's perfect. We love any time we can dine outside and/or shop in Downtown Staunton. Thanks for all you do!

Start it earlier and end it later.

I would love for this to be a permanent feature year round. Obviously there will be bad weather days, but terrace dining is one of my favorite things about Europe and I would love for that section of Beverly to become a permanent downtown city center for pedestrian or bicycle traffic only.

Stores stay open later. More street performers or activities.

More retailers given space

Staunton needs a Restuarant week. Street festivals. More Busking weekends. COVID NEEDS TO GO AWAY!!

Would love to be able to have enclosed downtown area open container to be able to walk around and chat. Loved the kids activities in the street like the street chalk . Would love to have some games set up in the street for kids to play as well to keep them entertained while we eat. Happy hour specials M-F Brunch bunch fun on Sundays Downtown card to stamp. Maybe get a discount for visiting 5 different places ? We have absolutely loved dine out in downtown!

It's a great idea

Could heat lamps be purchased for colder times of year? I'd like to see more retail stores participate and bring merchandise outside. Could some benches be installed on Beverley?

Awnings, outdoor heaters for winter dining

Bring back free parking and open the roads

Love it! Please keep it going.

Close down Beverley full time like the Charlottesville downtown mall.

Have live music in the streets!

More beer!!!!

There is no reason that the Shop & Dine Out shouldn't extend through Thanksgiving weekend. Why would you miss out Black Friday and Small Business Saturday? Unless you don't like more tax money...

Make it more inviting. There is nothing drawing attention to downtown. We didn't even have Cristina's displays (even wreaths on lampposts would be an improvement). There is so much potential.

Please keep closing the street. Year round would be great! Outdoor dining is necessary and possible this way. Closing the street is charming and attractive to people from here and afar. We tell everyone about this initiative and people love it.

Love it!!

Children's museum.

Better parking.

It's great!

Open container!

Needs more live music. Needs more promotion/advertising.

Bring back Main Street closure on weekends.

more! longer! we love to dine outdoors! during covid times my family and I will not dine indoors full stop but even during "regular times" we love al fresco! PLEASE bring it back!!!!

Keep it always

Welcome to Staunton about 6x a year. Loved the dine out setup and we would like to see it be permanent. Seemed so smart to us!!

Benches would be a good addition .

Close Beverley permanently and let it be a pedestrian/shopping street like the downtown mall in Charlottesville. Stop being old minded and embrace new and young ideas to propel our amazing city into a brighter and successful future

Just want to say thank you for having Shop Dine Out in the first place. It's one of the biggest reasons my girlfriend and I were pulled to Staunton (besides the beauty and people) and it's one of the reasons we consider every other day leaving everything behind where we live and moving. Love the town and all it has to offer.

The traffic, with there being one-way streets already, is even more horrendous when you block off even more roads. People have not been able to go into restaurants for quite a while, and probably won't be able to for a while. So why keep things blocked when most people won't even use it anyway? Perhaps make a couple of parking spaces in front of the restaurants so that the delivery companies can pick up the foods quicker instead of riding around in circles trying to navigate the closed and one

way streets to pick up and deliver. Sorry, but I believe that is going to be the new norm for a while.

Make downtown a permanent pedestrian area.

Just keep doing it! It's one of the only good things to come out of this pandemic.

More outdoor seating for dining and music

Doesn't not need to improve, perfect the way it's set up.

Maybe extend Beverly Street closing a block further west

Extend throughout the entire year.

Open containers allowed on Bev Street :)

I didn't get to go this past year, but I will definitely attend in 2022 if it is offered

Provide a crossing attendant for Johnson st during the Farmer's Market

keep it going!!!!!!

What is it?

Go even bigger because we loved it! We loved it so much we invited friends & family to join us. Maybe add live music (culpeper does a third Thursday concert series that's always a huge hit). Maybe invite live arts/entertainment & other local craft beer, wine, food trucks...so many possibilities!

We all love it! My husband and I are thrilled with the al fresco dining experiences. My two teen kids love meeting friends on the weekend downtown to poke in stores and get ice cream. I'd love to see Beverley St become a permanent pedestrian mall like Charlottesville with outdoor dining and outdoor shop displays. I know it's hard for restaurants to heat the outdoor spaces in the winter but there could be other attractions. Thank you for continuing this fabulous event!

Plastic cups so you can enjoy your beverages and the downtown experience.. also maybe street food vendors

Stop having it it's a safety hazard, if there was a fire, emergency personnel would be wasting valuable time getting pad locks off every single bollard and then getting them out the ground. Besides that I don't see that any business outside of the downtown district getting any extra attention!

Live music!

Remove barriers for the shops and pedestrians-my favorite historic downtowns and cities across the US have this as a norm. We shouldn't have to advocate for it consistently-just do it!

Loop

Keep it open all week during the summer months!

At least through Christmas! More lighting and outdoor dining

More obvious walkway thru the seating areas

I don't go because I can't walk far and can't park close

Open all year!!!!

have heaters for winter

N/A

More tables, heat blowers, more parking, live music

Block it off year round with delivery times in the mornings.

Keep it open during the week...don't just limit it to weekends!

Staunton needs a soul food restaurant.

It's perfect, I love it!!! It needs to be done every year, it creates culture and something to experience in Staunton.

Can be year-round as weather cooperates. Even if too cold to dine outside, it is nice to shop with the road closed.

keep it going!

Live music/comedy

Upgrade quality of outdoor furniture and add planters to make all more visually appealing.

If heaters can be provided, year round outdoor dining would be great! It's such a fun option.

LOVED dine out downtown. It would be great if there could be a more permanent option (like in Charlottesville) so it could be enjoyed on weekdays too!

More restaurants, more live music.

Including food trucks from other places to increase diverse food options and availability

I think from Thanksgiving to Christmas there should be a European style Christmas market downtown and wharf area and be allowed to walk with mulled wine.

keep it closed all the time similar to charolettesvile

Continue it on weekends throughout most of the year, weather permitting. It was so wonderful. I brought several out of town friends on various occasions all of whom are now obsessed with Staunton.

None

Close off the street and re repute traffic like the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville

I would love more live music!

Town or business district subsidized live roots music on the street.

I love it! I would love even more options for Dining. More park benches, I have little kids & they need to rest sometimes. We've just taken a seat on the curb from time to time. Love the businesses that have chalk out on the side walk to draw with!

set up individual rope offs to allow a central contiguous walk down middle of street

Make sure all the side walks can be accessed so there arent people running into chains and those with different abilities have a clear path to access the street and shops.

Continue to offer it! What an amazing asset to the community! I also recommend allowing more live music

Something to draw pedestrians' attention that traffic crosses Beverley St. I almost hit some children who were skateboarding and observed other people who didn't seem to know they were crossing the intersections with vehicles going through. Thanks!

Allow businesses that use outdoor space use the space in front of storefronts that opt not to use their space. Some restaurants need more space!

Please continue outside dining!

Outdoor Bev St Christmas market during the month of December on weekends

Maybe including a food truck gathering in the parking lot where farmers market is on Friday evening and live music?

Shops stay open later

N/a

Umbrellas for the summertime!

Keep it going!

None

The city should provide financial help so the restaurants can have better shelter, tables etc...more comfortable, more shade or protection from the elements, more attractive in the street arrangements. Should be all year. More out door entertainment esp music.

Have really enjoyed having the metal barricades — has felt much safer. No other suggestions for improvements.

Would love to see it go pedestrian year round.

Extend the area another block or two. Also, some increased outdoor seating under umbrellas for restaurants. Love the street musicians -- more, please! Enjoy the floral displays outside businesses, too -- beautiful addition that adds to the enjoyment!

While I like the physical retractable barricades that were installed instead of the construction barriers, I believe that the the barricades should stay up and we should turn that portion of west Beverly into a downtown mall area and have the ability to walk around and shop year round.

Keep it going

Expand it!

Have the roads shut off like that throughout the entire week.

Thank you for asking and caring. Please do what is right for the businesses and residents.

Live music. Fairs. Harry Potter.

Do it for as many weekends/months as possible. It provides such an unique downtown experience

Permanently year around and encourage later hours in the summer

Go back to the City-wide gift cards. We love to give them to our friends and others to get them DOWNTOWN.

Make a Downtown Mall a permanent attraction. Turn the Wharf Parking Lot into a Plaza with permanent Farmers Market Pavilion. There's more than enough parking for this we just need to push people to it. Put the flowering plants back up on Beverley light posts — their absence was a huge downgrade. Add large container plantings on Beverley. Require restaurants to use non-plastic seating and no branded canopies (Miller Lite, etc.). Get Clocktower to switch out their tacky sign to something more historically compatible. Ask Beverley Street merchants to require their employees to not smoke at entrances (this has gotten out of hand and is a huge reason to NOT come downtown). Ask City Works to prioritize picking up Beverley Street garbage earlier in the day — it's an off putting, stinky mess and should be strategically managed to support both tourist and local experience. Those sound like criticisms, and I guess they are, but really it will serve a more successful downtown.

Close Beverly street to traffic permanently

Bring more restaurants to the area. We often go to the same three and love to support small business

Make Beverley St. a walking mall (visit Winchester)

Allow space to be used in front of non participating businesses like the insurance co and Emilio's

Make it permanent! Downtown deserves the stellar attention and it truly doubles sales for most businesses!!! Do it do it.

More variety of bars for night life, live music

Better retail shops, incorporate the farmers market into the main street and make it more than once a week

Better to remove the posts either late Sunday night (9pm) or earlier Monday morning (before 730am) because it impacts the morning school or work commute

With all the one way streets in Staunton, it makes it difficult to drive downtown.

I realize that is probably not feasible, but I would love to see Beverly St blocked off permanently like the downtown mall in Charlottesville. It would be wonderful if the restaurants could develop semipermanent outdoor spaces!

More masking during a pandemic. Host stations outside so people don't have to go in the restaurant if they don't want to.

None

More specials. More marketing. Invite exhibitors or small business tents. A market like atmosphere. Christmas markets in December.

Make it a staple and a special event season tied to larger events like Potter days or farmer markets. Utilize this opportunity to continue to bring revenue and tourism to the city.

Have a walk about with map and tickets, for tastings from wine and beer merchants at each food establishment, that also includes items from the food places. Did this in Cape Town, SA. Was a big draw and people went into merchant places while walking from place to place. Your Shop and Dine really doesn't offer anything special or good deals.

Make it permanent

More public rest rooms

When possible, add live music. Allow drinks to go, much like in Savannah, GA.

Advertising! I didn't hear about it

The cooler months could have a trigger temperature—if it's going to be over 50, the streets will be blocked. So glad staunton decided to do this!

Do it all the time like Charlottesville!

It would be best if Beverly becomes pedestrian only (with access for delivery vehicles etc.). The location can also be used for events like xmas market/village, and street fairs. The city can also then plant some small trees around to add more greenery. There are such pedestrian only areas in many tourist cities around the world and they generate a lot of revenue for these towns. They are also more family friendly and provide more space for wheelchairs etc.

Close Beverley to traffic permanently and make it an outdoor mall.

Maybe the City could set up a “living room” on each block with Adirondack chairs, lower scale lighting, rugs and planters. This would provide a gathering space not associated with a specific business yo draw people together more.

just like it is

Keep it going, and get more businesses involved!

I think it worked really well last year. The only thing I might suggest is clear communication about when Shop & Dine starts and finishes. For the record, I think the city should strongly consider pedestrianizing the downtown part of W Beverly entirely. In other small towns and cities, it provides a consistent economic and cultural boost year-round. That makes particular sense given how attractive Staunton is to visitors, and how important the central downtown area is to residents.

This info may have existed, but before I headed downtown, it would be nice to know exactly what was going to be set up and available. A site for me to look up what all would be there because I know at times a random restaurant wouldn't be set up. We plan to take more advantage of it in 2022.

Do away with it.... They are public streets, not for businesses to use.

More seating outside

More seating

Please continue the downtown shop and dine outside - perhaps offering a shuttle service for those who have difficulty walking - from the parking lots to Beverly street.

Keep it going! I used to work on Beverly St. and would have loved shop & dine back then! It was always crowded with cars zooming down the street in front of the store I worked at and coming back as a patron to a car-free Beverly street was so lovely. I wasn't worried about crosswalks or being too close to cars when trying to share the narrow parts of the sidewalk with other people. It really added to the charm of the Victorian architecture to have the culture of the Victorian era – lots of walkers and strolling. I think it also contributed to me staying in the area for longer, it's not unusual for me to get a drink at Green Room, stroll around, and then get a full meal at Shenandoah Pizza or another treat in the form of gelato.

Make it through out the week as well

More outside dinning and shopping

Y'all need a good pub. Also a tapas spot would be clutch.

More Information. Specials. Maybe a punch card for free food after a reasonable number of stops. Live music but not loud.

A few places to sit and rest

I have no plans to eat in the street ever. I only eat inside to cut down on the bugs and flies.

I love it! I think it's wonderful! More live music would be cool in the warmer nights

I love it so much

Year round! And apply for an ORA ABC license for a few special event weekends to allow town to showcase all the region offers in a responsible but tourism driving way. Get more businesses to open on Sunday! Town rolls up that day, and tourists/visitors are often looking for dining and other options. ..

During COVID, require masks indoors and/or vaccination. Keep West Beverley closed to traffic EVERY weekend all year long.

IMO, I don't think that it really made the Staunton downtown more appealing, if anything it made driving around the downtown difficult. It's a nice idea and I think people wanted it to work more than it actually did. The downtown businesses are struggling through this pandemic because they rely heavily on tourism brought in by the ASC and other local attractions which are also struggling. The downtown retail is languishing because their offering is paltry and their hours are inconsistent. We need an infusion of better retail shops. Every 5 years or so the retail go's through a cycle and downturn. It's unfortunate but if we are going to attract people from C-ville, Richmond, and NOva the local businesses will need to be more enticing.

There are already parking limitations downtown; blocking off Beverly makes it even worse. But I do love the concept.

I loved eating outside and would love it to continue!

Better communication about when it is.

Add musical entertainment

None

Heat lamps for colder days

I like it just the way it is.

Maybe keep a small area open at the end of the street. Block off the middle portion by clock tower and Baja bean

More out door heaters in the colder months, and more love music outside!

Expand number of days during week and some restaurants need to expand their outdoor spaces.

Lighting needs to be improved downtown.

We love Shop & Dine Out! If the restaurants are willing, we'd love to see it year round. But April until the end of October would be so awesome!

There's a lot of dead spaces. Market vendors artist and musicians please and thank you.

Online or app waitlist option for outdoor seating. Or at least showing a wait time estimate. (It would be nice to know ahead of time if I should bring my dog with me before I leave the house, or if all outside seating is full)

Keep doing shop and dine out!

Find a way to have Uber, Lyft or some form of cabs to attract people from nearby cities

It is awesome! Keep it going!

I'd love for restaurants to plainly state their dog policy for outdoors. Maybe just a listing of dog friendly spots on the City's Facebook or website?

It's already wonderful, maybe more pet friendly outdoor places.

More of it! More days, more places, more space in the streets, and more months.

I liked the way it was handled last year. Maybe declare downtown entertainment district so adult beverages could be carried as you walk through the downtown area.

Music in the streets; allowing alcoholic beverages to be purchased and then being able to walk in the cordoned off area (many times you have to wait a bit for a table and it would be nice to be able to walk around with a beer or drink)

The shop and dine out in downtown should be open until the end of November

More heaters

Free parking in the garages

I think Staunton downtown is incredibly disappointing when it comes to Covid protection. The restaurants are overpacked seats are too close together and wait staff are not wearing masks. I won't go out in the future unless safety is taken seriously

If weather permits, April and October could be added. I strongly support the S&DO idea. It is inviting and relaxing.

Dine out downtown is amazing. Needs to stay.

I think it should be Pedestrian mall any time the weather is over 50°

Would like to see more shops open later

We feel there is more shopping needed like it used to be

The retail stores should stay open later to take advantage of the larger crowds because of the, Dine out, weekends.

Please don't keep it shut down during the week.

We should close downtown to drivers(other than deliveries) and transition to a downtown mall approach, much like that on charlottesville

Better parking options/discounted or parking validation from walkable businesses to the parking garage.

More seating at select locations. Cleaning the sidewalks and streets more often but mostly the sidewalks.

I love our downtown just the way it is

Don't have it again. I hate it.

Ensure enough space between restaurant seating areas for safe pedestrian walking. The area at Lewis and Beverly is very crowded and there is no way to distance. Reset the bollard tubes below a brick surround. The noise from tires hitting the caps is awful. My answers are not an endorsement for blocking off downtown streets permanently - that would be a big mistake

We need more Fine Dine-In restaurants downtown

Be great to have some areas to sit that are not necessarily affiliated with any particular restaurant, maybe bring in a food truck, a different one every week. And maybe some outside music.

None. I love it!

Advertise to Charlottesville area! Staunton is a great day trip get away!

I don't think improvements are needed. We loved and appreciated it.

Make it permanent like Charlottesville's downtown qmall.

I would love to see it become a walking mall similar to Charlottesville. It would open the area up to vendors, performers, etc.

Keep it!

Live music on the weekend, themes, kids night, artist showcase, street vendors, food trucks

Love it! Please bring it back!!!

advertise better, I knew nothing about it

None. I think y'all did an outstanding job under rough circumstances.

It needs to extend through the Christmas holidays! Add more heaters get more places involved - it's so fun!

Better advertising. Wasn't aware of anything going on in downtown. Lived here my whole life, make good money, eat out a lot. Dont visit downtown due to parking and expense. Don't want "fancy" food, want comfort food, good steak house. Eat at Mill Street and Depot regurly but not on Beverly St. Hard to walk up the hill from parking

Try and recruit a Greek restaurant

I would love to see Beverley closed down like it is for Shop and Dine for all time. Just like to downtown mall in Charlottesville. Keep the cross-streets open, but close Beverley for pedestrian traffic only. It would be a great thing for the downtown merchants.

We think it a great idea. Do not currently participate because of the pandemic, especially threatening to the old and infirm. But it keeps our downtown vibrant and our wonderful restaurants and shops open.

Allow the dates to continue into, through December, with outdoor heated tents, much like the Bier gardens In Berlin that are open year round. They even offer blankets on the backs of the chairs for their guests... and a true Christmas market , not just a weekend craft show.

Brick over Beverley, plant trees.

Would love it if the Christmas parade changed to a daytime affair (it's so late for a school night). If it was done on Saturday or Sunday, you could have a special Christmas shopping event following the parade to get people to stay and shop.

none

Please have it open earlier in the year and stay open later to take advantage of nice weather. Thanks

I would love for it to be all the time, like the C'ville downtown.

None that I can think of at the moment. Although I have to hold my breath passing the cigar store.

Only close the streets on weekends. Allow seating on sidewalks.

Would be great to have Beverly closed year similar to the Charlottesville downtown mall. Augusta, New, N. Market would remain open for traffic. Would make more room for walking , mingling and hopefully get more people downtown.

Turn E Beverly into a pedestrian Blvd with flowers and fountains and anytime dining, coffee, benches, and refreshments

Beverly street should be turned into a pedestrian street permanently, similar to the downtown mall in Charlottesville. The city should provide heat lamps to restaurants to encourage outdoor eating. When i lived in New Orleans, there was an evening called "champagne stroll". All the businesses on the street were open late, handing out champagne with live bands in the street. It brought in a ton of people and was a blast! We should consider the same this summer:
<https://magazinestreet.com/event/champagne-stroll/>

Make it permanent like the downtown mall in Charlottesville. Driving on Beverley Street in that area is a bit ridiculous as it is. The lanes are too narrow, parking is on the 'wrong' side of the street, people dart between cars to cross the street in the middle of the block. Just close it off permanently.

Start on Thursday afternoons

Live music

Hand food push carts would be a nice addition

In colder months perhaps add heaters if feasible

More live music

Cheaper

If you could put in outdoor fireplaces, how nice that would be similar to Blue Mountain Brewery.

It would be interesting to explore making it year-round and permanent like the mall in Cville?

Hi, I'm from Staunton but live in DC now. I get home 6-8 times a year to visit family there and we've all loved going downtown when West Beverley is closed to traffic. They are also noticing how much people enjoy it here in DC when they close streets to traffic.

Outside Live music on each end of the closed off street.

Comparisons are always drawn between Staunton's Shope & Dine Out in Downtown and Charlottesville's Downtown Mall. Of course, the big difference is that Charlottesville's is a year-round setting with many permanent fixtures and without cars. I often wonder if coming up with a more permanent solution for Staunton wouldn't be beneficial, but of course we have main roads intersecting.

Close Beverly St to pedestrian traffic only. Leave through streets open as needed.

Bring back pineapple boba

Make Downtown a mall like Winchester, Charlottesville.

Close streets and create pedestrian walkway, increase events etc.... Similar to Charlottesville downtown

More Aggressive Advertisements

Continue to encourage all restaurants to have comfortable outdoor eating. The city might invest in some more awnings to help with shade. Encourage stores and shops to stay open.

N.A.

Just Do It

More music would be nice but very enjoyable as held previously

I don't thinking closing Beverly st is far to non food stores maybe this should be done once A month in the summer only

During hotter months, a canopy over at least a few tables in the street. Also, a "common" rest area with a bench or two & partial canopy - possibly reach out to non-downtown businesses/professionals to sponsor the area for a week, two or a month (simple signage to promote the sponsor) - might need to post a friendly time limit reminder so no one stays too long. I hear many good comments on this closed street concept in my travels.

start dinner hours earlier (4pm)

More promotion

Better seating and retail shops open later, bar options outside, dj events outside

Do it year round with seasonal events. Think Christmas market in December (like France/Germany), Oktoberfest in the fall, Spring Fridays, maybe even an evening open air farmers market in summer. This could really pick up foot traffic for retail and restaurants downtown

More seating and in winter months covered tented seating.

Clean the snow out of downtown!!!

Make it year round with outdoor heaters in winter

As much outdoor dining as the restaurants can handle. Parking has not been an issue for us. We do not need disabled parking but I have a disabled sister so I constantly look for that. It's rarely easy getting her around with the wheelchair, drop-offs, etc., but

it CAN be done. So please help our restaurants and retailers by keeping this outdoor dining feature! Thank you!

Individual businesses and program planners need to pay more attention to accessibility and ensuring adequate space is left on sidewalks and roads for people who use mobility devices, aids, and wheelchairs. Downtown in general has accessibility issues and having lived here for many years I am fairly confident in saying I have yet to observe the city conduct any significant outreach to improve the experiences of people with limited mobility.

Just simply close the parts of Beverly Street normally closed just for this event permantly.

covered outdoor seating for sun and rain protection

None

Close beverley street beginnings Thursday

Allow restaurants to widen seating areas. Encourage vendors to participate. More music.

Improve parking; a way to order from multiple restaurants while sitting in one location

Increase foot and bike patrols.

Bring back downtown festivals and allow more small local entertainment to perform. Love our cities growth! Thank you

Do it more often!!

The restaurants would have to invest minimally in adequate and comfortable outdoor seating, the way they have done it so far lacks style and comfort. Additionally, there is very limited outdoor seating, which leads to long waits. It does not contribute to an enjoyable dining experience. Presentation and comfort is important for me no matter the size of the business.

Acoustic music performance

Love blocking off Beverly street in summer to traffic.

More free parking, patio heaters, covered seating

I hope that we can have Beverly Street be more of a walking street than a driving one.

Heaters for winter! Close the street permanently and use Downtown Charlottesville as a model. Have more partnerships between businesses (like, free Split Banana if you spent \$50 at a downtown store, or value packages like dinner/drink/dessert specials. Movie screenings outside!

Continue the shop and dine ubtil after christmas during the chriatmas market .

Include weeknights

More sitting please!

Encourage more shops to stay open when the. Restaurants are open. Especially on weekend.

Make it as Covid safe as possible or we won't come

Have Shenandoah Pizza be open more.

Advertise any specials

Keep it going

Allow restaurants to have tables on the sidewalks but keep road available for cars. Have more street musicians and craft / art festivals downtown. Encourage restaurants to coordinate with shops so there is dining and shopping in the evening, until about 7:00 or so for the shops- at least Thursday through Saturday.

More live music in streets. Food trucks once a month in the parks during warmer months. Street fairs on sundays, craft shows. Most stores and restaurants not open on Sundays.

Another Pho Soup Vietnamese Restaurant

No cars, walking and shopping and eating.

Shade. Even before COVID we preferred outdoor seating when dining out. Please keep this up! The only thing C'ville has on us is shade. Not sure how you fix that (sun sails? more umbrellas?) Shuttle from the warf parking lot would be nice for some of the less able.

Outdoor heaters would extend the months for dinjng

Expand the available outside seating space for all the restaurants that wish to do so. There's a lot of wasted street space that could be used for more seating.

Only had one issues with shop & dine, individuals chain smoking on Beverly, especially in front of Clocktower. It would be wonderful to enjoy a lovely meal in our beautiful downtown and not have plume of cigarettes smoke in our faces. I would also like to suggest that during the spring and summer months, shop & dine be extended to some week days or at least week nights .

Get more stores to stay open later on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Allow for open container during the times when it is operating. With wait times at restaurants it would allow you to enjoy a drink while shopping and waiting for your table. This would provide additional revenue opportunities for restaurants and bars.

No. We enjoy the atmosphere and think the businesses do a great job with it.

Ensure more retailers extend their operational hours.

Consider ways to better involve businesses not on Beverley St—but unfortunately I have no ideas.

Add another block, though maybe not viable because of routing traffic around it. In December be wonderful to have someone selling Christmas trees, wreaths, etc. And hot chocolate, cider, etc. and roasted Chestnut vendors. Perhaps expand another block just during the Christmas season to make room for this?

Include live music .

Keep it! Out of towners love it as do our local friends.

Shop & dine has been well done. I would like to see heated igloos for outdoor dining during cold weather.

Benches

Honestly, none. I LOVE IT!!!! Never stop!

Advertise live music. Theme nights with facebook events. Newsletter highlight all the options for the weekend.

Everything outside is better! Love to dine “in the street”. Would like to see more Beverly st shops open during evenings while we are downtown

Moved to Staunton in Feb 2021 (downtown - Newtown district) and one of our favorite parts about living in Staunton is the Shop & Dine Out in Downtown! Hope it continues.

Expand seating in some spots and be open later. Maybe add some food trucks and seating?

medieval flame torches on the street lights

Better access to handicap parking

More lighting, Coverage from sun and weather, music

We are from Rockingham County and really love this idea!! We enjoyed visiting the various restaurants located in Downtown Staunton...it was enjoyable eating outside in the evenings, watching people walk their dogs and the kids drawing on the streets with chalk given to them by various stores. We definitely shopped more and spent more money in downtown Staunton last summer than ever before. We certainly look forward to having this opportunity again next summer!!!

More covered spaces so to protect one from sun and weather. More tables with umbrellas, I prefer sitting with my own group at my own table not at group tables with strangers. A book festival would be nice. Requiring proof of covid vaccination until the pandemic ends to enter.

Permanently block off downtown to vehicular traffic (delivery vehicles can have special windows in which they are allowed to make their deliveries) and make it a downtown "walking mall." This is how it's done in a very small town in western Maryland and it works well. Obviously, you'll need to invest in much better parking on the outskirts. In the long-term, this is the only viable solution for the overcrowded downtown area.

Keep doing it! It's a great tourist draw for the City!

More restaurants

More gluten free options!

Would love to be able to take alcoholic beverage outside designated barriers, e.g. pick up a beer at Shenandoah Brewing and walk around checking out shops or just chatting with friends, etc. Sometimes the outdoor seating area would be full. This way I could still get a drink, support the business, and spend time outdoors. Also extend the season. In November I would've loved to have space outside to eat, drink, etc. while admiring the fall foliage.

Based outdoor dining on weather

More advertisement!

More live entertainment.

Love the atmosphere and being able to walk in the streets. Suggest stop 4 pedestrians in walkways at each intersection where traffic can cross Beverley street. Not all cars and trucks stop and let pedestrians pass by. Some like to speed up. Thanks!

Free parking in pay for lots. Heaters in cold months. More seating.

We love it no changes needed!!!

Benches and more tables

More covered seating areas so light rain wouldn't be an issue.

More months out of the year! Weeknights too, like the Charlottesville pedestrian mall!

Benches, more night life, live music r

Retail shops open in evening as well on weekends.

I do NOT want it to continue. It's has a negative impact on non restaurant businesses. Parking is minimal and the traffic pattern and flow is impossible. The historic street pattern was never designed for this type of activity and only serves to destroy the ambiance of the genuine charm of Staunton. One must walk the entire length of the closed street to finally get to the desired business. After several attempts to find parking near the business I wanted I finally gave up and shopped online. NUMEROUS TIMES. I prefer to support the businesses on Beverley St, but "Shop and Dine Out in Downtown" is a failure as far as I'm concerned. The occasional closing of the street as for the Harry Potter event, is ok, but the thought of spending every spring summer autumn and winter weekend with the street closed is disgusting. Even getting to the restaurant was a chore and annoying. There's no need for restaurants to continue serving in the street since we, thankfully can now dine inside anyway, away from dirty sidewalks, gutters, animal "residue", and paper trash blowing about ones feet.

None take it away. It uses city money by taxpayers that should be used elsewhere

Advertise more LGBTQIA+ education and friendly locations. Work with the LGBTQIA+ center downtown to coordinate.

We love the street closure on the weekends and hope it continues year-round. Outdoor heating units would be helpful for cold months when dining outside.

Welcome music, festivals and other street activities to complement the stores.

Provide handicap parking near intersections. Also consider a golf cart shuttle (similar to the Frontier Culture Museum during events) to increase accessibility. As a person with a disability, downtown access is always difficult and the sidewalks are too narrow to navigate comfortably so being able to utilize the wide road made it possible for me! I hope it continues!

Give shops outdoor spaces, as well as restaurants. Then when people walk downtown, they can outdoor shop as well as eat outside. This will make it more accessible for both shops and restaurants.

Weather permitting, it would be great to have it going all winter. Providing ez ups to business so even if it is raining a little they can offer outdoor seating. We think this is the best thing Staunton has done in a long time!!! Everyone we know loves it.

Make it permanent!

Make it year round or at least through end of December

It's great

Fill up the recently closed businesses like Laughing Bird and Emilio's so there aren't empty spaces down town

Expand area to include the Warf and or some side streets.

Make sure there is a clear path for pedestrians to walk down main street.

More Parking

Add more days of the week. Make it Thursday through Sunday.

My only concern is about cars--saw a concerning number of cars not stop and really not even brake at the cross intersections. Not sure how to fix that but wanted to raise it.

vendors in the streets? slushies/cold drinks in the summer months, cider/hot cocoa when it's colder

Make it permanent!

Make sure sidewalks are still accessible!

Add the possibility of food trucks If needed shuttle handicap patrons to Main Street

Make it permanent, close Beverly street to vehicle traffic.

Please please keep this great event!!!

None!

More dog friendly events

We loved the dining out downtown! Please continue it and make it permanent.

Outside heaters when cold

We enjoy the tented tables to shield the sun and the patio heaters in cooler months. We have loved supporting our favorite local restaurants and feeling like we can safely have a meal out with our daughter or meet friends safely.

Closer parking would be amazing

Free parking locations

Close 1st block east and 1st block west Beverley St permanently.

I have no suggestions, I love it!

Extended outside dining

The best part of town DO NOT let it stop. I'm a resident and vote

Attractive matching canopies. Big flower/shrub pots outside. menus on board outside each restaurant.k Make Beverly St look inviting and attractive. The cigar store had a very attractive outside service area. Generally Beverly looked ratty. Keep retail open a bit longer and a few hours on Sunday . Have a few simple activities (chalking?) Book readings. chess game. etc. soft music group walking thru street. Make Beverly vibrant.

Get rid of permits for street performers. If folks want to play, let them play. We don't need the government and police involved in artistic expression.

Acoustic music

I am very happy with the Staunton Shop & Dine.

YES, just moved here in August, and LOVE it!

Provide a straight walking corridor down the length of Beverley; the current setup is a confusing zig-zag path in the street for walkers

I believe the city has done a fine job at accommodating its residents, and residents of surroundings areas, to the experience that is Staunton's Downtown Shop & Dine Out.

No waste tax money on some a special interest group

More outside seating

Redesign traffic flow so Beverly St. becomes walking only with bike paths. Similar to Main St. in Charlottesville.

It would be great if there was more shaded outdoor space. I know as of now it's up to the individual business, but something more standardize would be nice.

We live in Newtown and loved being able to walk downtown for dinner and to shop and be outside. It definitely made us divert our business downtown!

I think it was a great way to keep businesses open during pandemic but ready to get back to normal.

Leave Beverley St closed permanently like the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville.

Have more retail places open. Seems like most retail shops close so early I didn't get to look at many shops, very disappointing.

Special events, wine tastings.

Maybe music or some collaborations with parks and rec for occasional kid activities.

More outdoor tables at restaurants Live music outside Chalk art Extend to Byers Street

It is hard to walk downtown. When the street is closed off, I don't shop or go to the restaurants because of lack of close parking.

Have group of volunteer or paid musicians or singers move about Beverly Street.

Live entertainment?

Benches

Create a car free zone as in Charlottesville and Winchester

Signage for no parking after 4 at motorists' eye level and more signs.

Continue free parking and do not keep growing like Charlottesville. We stopped Charlottesville because of greed, no free parking, high costs, and overall ruder restaurant staff. People are miserable there because low wages versus high rent and tired. Staunton is starting on a negative slope downward and it needs to stop, GO back to being a small quiet simple town. Once you start all this "come to Staunton" it turns into a busy ugly commercialized expensive mess.

Just make it available on the first weekend of the month or special times like festivals?!

keep up the good work !

Better survey w/o personal questions. More shade canopies

Music groups performing outside adds energy to the experience

More heaters for the colder weekends. More shade for hot summer days.

Closing off downtown is part of what brought my family here to live from WA state!! It's the best!!

allow alcoholic beverages on street and side walks. Music stage set up in street with bands on weekends

Live music at night sometimes

More secure barrier at the start of the section at Beverly (near the seafood restaurant). It is at the base of a hill and a large truck could potentially get through the barriers at that section of the road. Not needed anywhere else though

If the businesses also support it, I hope that the City of Staunton will maintain Shop&Dine Out.

I THINK IT WAS WELL DONE LAST YEAR AND WAS A GEAT SUPPORT TO THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN.

Encourage all restaurants to participate. Add outdoor drinking establishments.

Clear pedestrian traffic lanes in the closed off to vehicle streets. Some folks would stand in groups and block those attempting to walk from one end to the other. Better signage for parking locations. We really enjoyed ourselves last year!

Please have an evening farmer's market and add food trucks to the experience.

Enough lighting.

Close down Main Street to traffic, implement a "walking downtown"

lower prices

Help business afford outdoor heating fixtures

Allow more retailers or craft vendors to setup outside during the weekend. Live music would be great attraction, too.

Maybe more seating for people not eating at a restaurant- to stop and rest (or just people watch).

Leave outside dining months up to the individual restaurants which adds another layer of charm to our downtown area.

just continue it

We need more restaurants... several have closed recently... some fine dining would be nice, as we are traveling to Harrisonburg and Charlottesville to eat on the weekends, but we would rather stay local and eat around here.

More outside vendor's to attract more walking around tourists and more radio advertising for us shop owners and outside vendor's would bring a lot more out of town visitors here and more people from nearby county's?

