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Downtown Highland Memories

Downtown Highland is home to many of my key memories, going to mini shops, running the annual mile for Fourth of July parade, and having a blast at the carnivals in Main Square. No matter what the event is, the Highland community always gives one hundred and ten percent, that is what makes me appreciate their events so much. Whenever Main Square hosts their carnivals, the community comes together and everyone has a blast. It shows the tight-knit community that Highland has, everyone has each other's backs, and shows that they all care for each other.

All throughout Downtown Highland there are mini shops or smaller restaurants, when I was younger, my family and I would visit as many shops as we could. The shops are magical, they bring back wonderful memories. The shops are the Disneyland of Highland. The restaurants all throughout Downtown Highland are amazing, the food is mouthwatering, flavorful, and absolutely scrumptious. The experience is all the better, the service is awesome, and everyone is always so kind. I always feel welcomed when I visit the mini shops and delicious restaurants.

Finally there is the Fourth of July parade, the Fourth of July parade is my favorite day of the year for several reasons, I get to run the annual mile with friends, I create a bunch of new friends, and most importantly, I get CANDY! That is what makes the Fourth of July parade so nostalgic. I have several memories of seeing the fire trucks honk their horns or the motorcycle gang doing dangerous stunts. The Highland community comes together and always manages to have a better parade than the year before.

Although I am not that old, one thing I do know is that if other towns and cities gave as much effort as Highland does, they would see larger participation from both the youth, and the adults. That is what makes Downtown Highland fun to me, both the memories that I have, and the overall community. No matter what happens in my life, the memories that Downtown Highland has provided will never be forgotten.