

Main Street Dandridge

Dandridge, Tennessee- A Main Street Community

In 2006, Dandridge became a certified as a Tennessee Main Street Community, which is a program outlined by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and managed and supported by the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development.

The Dandridge Community Trust is a local organization that is responsible for the Main Street Dandridge program. It is run by a volunteer board of 15 members, an Executive Director, and volunteers from the community that develop and implement special projects. To maintain the Main Street status, annual recertification is required by the State and The Trust. Evaluations address the needs and growth opportunities based on the Main Street Four-Point Approach, which focuses on Organization, Design, Promotions, and Economic Development.

The mission of the Dandridge Community Trust is to preserve and leverage the historic architectural and cultural heritage of the town center, develop a sound economic base that meets the needs of residents and businesses, and build strong alliances and a high level of cooperation among groups with a stake in the future of the community.

As Dandridge celebrates its 5th year as a Main Street Community, the Dandridge Community Trust rejoices in the project and event successes focused on preserving and highlighting the rich history of our Town. Residents and visitors experience our heritage through the annual Scots-Irish Festival and the seasonal weekly Farmers Market. Main Street continues to support merchants and service clubs in their efforts to provide all that makes Dandridge the unique and special community that is a snapshot of an “America’s hometown” – that is authentic to its roots and planning for its future.

