

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY REMODEL

Downtown Springfield is in the beginning stages of its revitalization effort. With a recently established Main Street program, there is a renewed interest in seeing downtown as “the place to be” for the center of community life and culture. Many people in the region have the perception that downtown Springfield is a scary place with little to offer. In an effort to change that perception, the owner of the Springfield Armory building assisted in bringing the Washburne Café and MotherShip Salon downtown and was instrumental, along with the City of Springfield, in working through the extensive remodeling project to accommodate each business owners’ needs and vision.

The Washburne Café and the MotherShip Salon serve as shining beacons for the rest of the vacant and existing storefronts. Open for just over a year, they have truly been a catalyst for change along Main Street.

The Café has become a hub for neighborhood meet ups, afternoon coffee, Saturday morning brunch, and weekly business meetings.



The Salon brought a unique, “trendy,” feel to the block. It’s modern, chic salon services and out of this world atmosphere appeal to a variety of clients, bringing new customers to downtown Springfield. The opening of these businesses has benefitted surrounding businesses by both stimulating increased profits and generating interest for potential new businesses to locate downtown.

