

Atchison's mall gains national attention

(KAIR)--Recognition for Atchison's Downtown Pedestrian Mall.

That comes through National Life Group's annual list of Main Streets Across America. According to a press release issued by the insurance company, the list is “a celebration of streets in each of the 50 states, and the District of Columbia, that embrace a strong sense of community and a commitment to creating an environment where people want to live, work, and play.”

Atchison's Commercial Street Mall represents the entire state of Kansas on the list.

Lee Duncan, of National Life Group affiliate, Alliance Group, calls the mall “a great example of a vibrant place at the heart of its community,” adding that he's pleased to feature the Commercial Street Mall this year and gets “to share Atchison's community pride and unique stories with a broader audience.”

The list describes Atchison's mall as “a three-block stretch of the town’s central avenue that has been converted to a pedestrian-only stretch of retail shops and shady spots... Along with the Earhart Festival, the mall hosts a number of special events through the year.”

Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacque Pregont says she's happy to see the mall's inclusion on the list. “We love the mall, primarily because of the events we have. It's nice that somebody else see the value of it. Just a beautiful environment, and we love having events there, so I'm really excited about this.”

The interactive map, included as part of this year's Main Streets Across America, allows an up close look at features and facts about the streets and communities selected for the annual highlight.

The complete list is found [here](#).

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