

A Downtown for North Charleston

The place to meet, dine, shop, and be merry



North Charleston Arts Festival held at the Charleston Area Convention Center Complex (right).



Tanger Outlet

THE UNPARALLELED appeal of the Charleston area also makes it the ideal meeting venue. The Charleston Area Convention Center Complex, conveniently located in Centre Point—just 12 minutes from downtown Charleston—features a 77,000-square-foot exhibit hall and a 25,000-square-foot ballroom, in addition to 20 meeting rooms. Adding to the robust use of this multi-purpose facility are the 14,000-seat North Charleston Coliseum and 2,300-seat North Charleston Performing Arts Center.

Not surprisingly, there's more to Centre Point than just the convention center complex. The area has rapidly become a dining and retail hub that caters to the recreation hours of the many groups using the convention center complex. Nearby Tanger Outlet Center features such favorites as Polo, Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, and Brooks Brothers. Bargain-loving locals and visitors alike turn out daily to discover great deals.

The man behind the impressive growth of Centre Point is North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey. "The growing capital investment in this area has been an economic boon for the city and a quality-of-life win for our citizens," Summey says. "It has created many new employment opportunities while providing outstanding entertainment, dining, and retail options that are enjoyed by everyone, including our visitors. What we've done is create a downtown for the City of North Charleston."

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