

Legacy Square 5 Year Anniversary



Onward Ottawa

Technically speaking, Onward Ottawa is a 501c3 foundation that incorporates the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin County Development Council. What Onward Ottawa really represents is a group of community leaders who identify community challenges and enact change to better our area.

Volunteers

Onward Ottawa needed a tremendous amount of manpower to make Legacy Square a reality. Over 50 volunteers worked on the board or on a committee. Undoubtedly, there were over 10,000 volunteer hours throughout the planning, fundraising, and building phases of the project. Now, community organizations continue to engage with this space and their team of volunteers for community events.



The background image shows a large, modern building with a white wooden truss roof and orange-brown metal siding. To the left, a historic grey brick building with ornate architectural details is visible. A dark red car is parked on the street in front of the historic building. The foreground is a green lawn. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid in the center, containing white text.

Funds Raised

Legacy Square could not exist without partners, public and private,
across the community and region.

\$4,800,000+

In total, over 4.8 million dollars was donated through pledges and in-kind
donations.

Legacy Square Stats

Legacy Square has hosted a growing number of community events. Groups who have used this space include but are not limited to Ottawa University, AdventHealth Ottawa, Ottawa High School, Ottawa Main Street Association, the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa Bike and Trail, Franklin County United Way, and more!

Events

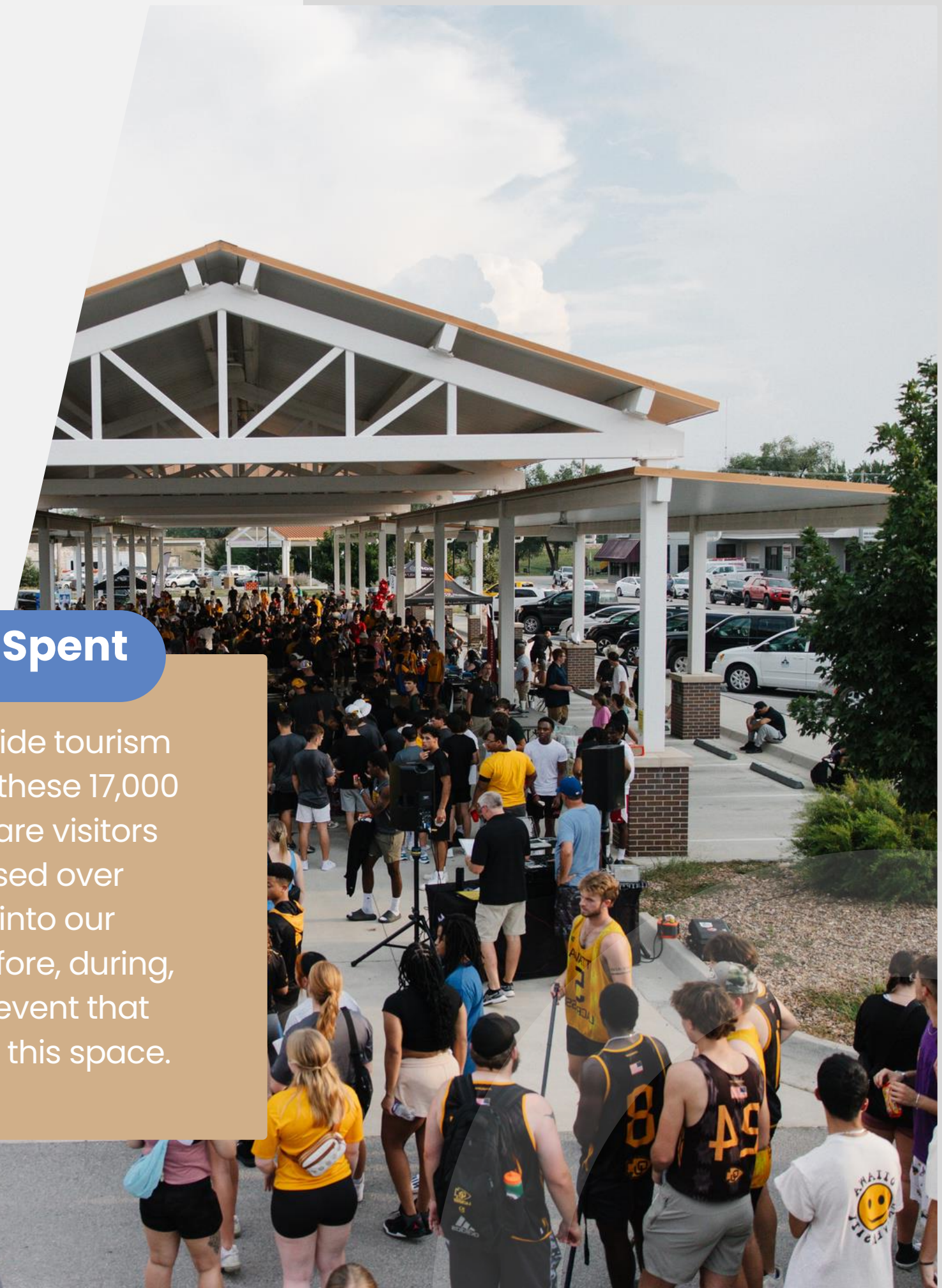
There have been over 65 organized events held at Legacy Square over the past 5 years.

People at Events

From those 65 events, we calculate that has entailed over 17,000 people across all the events. This does not include the hundreds of people who park their cars, utilize the benches, or play at the playground every week.

Money Spent

Using statewide tourism calculations, these 17,000 Legacy Square visitors have infused over \$441,000 into our economy before, during, or after an event that took place in this space.



EVENT TYPES

- ▶ Concerts
- ▶ Festivals
- ▶ School Reunions
- ▶ Graduation Parties
- ▶ Downtown Markets
- ▶ Outdoor Movies
- ▶ Bike Rides
- ▶ Wedding





FESTIVALS

Legacy Square has been the heart of vibrant festivals, filled with food trucks, artisan stalls, and live entertainment. These community celebrations often include fun activities for families, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness.



HOLIDAYS

From whimsical costumes at Halloween to winter displays during the holidays, the space has been a go-to spot for seasonal celebrations. Holiday events often include themed activities for children, live music, and opportunities to gather with friends and neighbors.



SHOPPING

Hosting bustling markets and seasonal pop-up shops, the space transforms into a shopper's paradise. Visitors browse unique, locally-made products, enjoy special promotions, and experience a lively, open-air shopping environment that highlights local businesses.



CONCERTS

The event space has been a stage for an eclectic mix of concerts, from local bands to touring artists. These music nights bring together people of all ages, offering a relaxed setting to enjoy live performances under the stars.



MOVIES

Movie nights at Legacy Square offers a safe outdoor cinema experience, where families and friends gather on blankets and lawn chairs. Featuring classic films and recent hits.

BIKING



Over a hundred organized bike rides have started and ended at Legacy Square. With groups of a dozen to groups of hundreds riding bicycles on our state trails.

Two local races that bring in hundreds of riders include the Bad Astra Gravel Bike Race and the Moonrise Bike Ride.

