

Our History on the River

New Smyrna Beach occupies a notable place in history as the site of the largest colonial settlement in the United States. Settled in 1768 by Scottish physician Dr. Andrew Turnbull, it was named after the birthplace of his wife in Asia Minor which is now known as Smyrna, Turkey.

The history of Canal Street began at the same time when Dr. Turnbull established a series of canals for irrigation, drainage, and transportation. Two and a half centuries ago, flat bottomed boats glided up and down what is now Canal Street to deliver goods from the mainland to the Indian River. New Smyrna Beach soon established itself as an important producer of cane sugar and indigo.

The architecture on Canal Street is historically significant, given that the majority of the buildings were constructed during the early 1900s.

By 1920, the population had risen to almost 2,500, and Canal Street naturally found itself the focal point of the town with a thriving business district. This business tradition continues today with the added attraction of destination shopping and a wonderful cultural environment including art galleries and the New Smyrna Beach Museum of History.

EVENTS GUIDE

Weekly Events

New Smyrna Beach Farmer's Market
Every Saturday 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monthly Events

1st Saturday on Canal Street:

Art Stroll 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Craft Beer Walk 1-7 p.m.
Downtown Arts District Gallery Walk 4-7 p.m.

2nd Saturday (on Canal)

East Coast Cruiser's Classic Car Show 4-8 p.m.

Annual Events

Images, A Festival of the Arts – Riverside Park – January

Art Fiesta – Old Fort Park – February

Saturday Soup Sampler – February

Easter Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt - Old Fort Park - April

Antique Vintage Market – Canal Street – March & November

Downtown Music Festival – March

Springfest – Canal Street – April

Relay for Life – Riverside Park – April

Christmas in July – July

Jazz Festival – September

Night at the Museum – NSB Museum of History – Sams Ave – October

Blocktoberfest & Halloween Parade &

Costume Contest – Canal Street – October

Christmas on Canal Street Events

Spark the Spirit Night – Canal Street--November

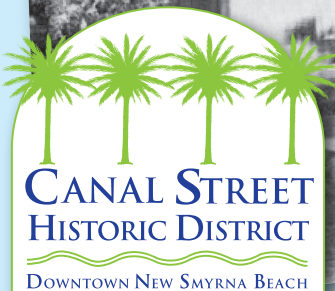
Coastal Christmas Market – Canal Street--November

Girls Night Out – Canal Street – December

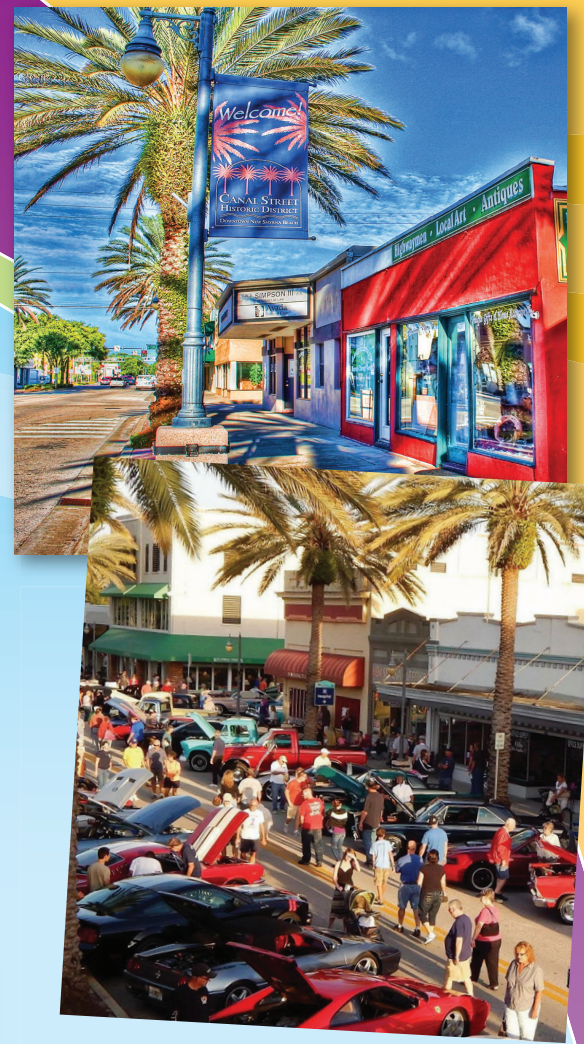
Bed & Breakfast Tour – B & B Locations in NSB – December

Christmas Parade – Canal Street – December

For event details, visit our website at canalstreetsnsb.com



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The Canal Street Historic District truly embodies "Small Town Charm - Florida Style." Our historic district features a local marina, the scenic Riverside Park, and a tree-lined historic downtown area with a variety of quaint shops and restaurants. We are host to monthly events such as the Classic Car Show "Cruise Night" and the popular "1st Saturday on Canal Street". Our community comes together annually on Canal Street for the celebratory Halloween and Christmas parades, our Holiday Street festival and nationally recognized art shows. This is small town living at its best.

Navigate and explore the Historic District map overleaf to find your way around our unique, vibrant community, and we welcome you to our friendly Small Town Charm!



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