

# Community

## **1. *What business advocacy membership organizations are available in Center City?***

The following business organizations can help you become an active participant in Center City. These groups work on collaborative marketing, community events, public infrastructure planning, business-to-business networking, and serve as a sounding board for changes to City policies and ordinances.

Downtown Springfield Association (DSA)      [www.itsalldowntown.com/DSA](http://www.itsalldowntown.com/DSA)

Commercial Club      [www.itsalldowntown.com/CStreet](http://www.itsalldowntown.com/CStreet)

Historic Walnut Street Association      [www.itsalldowntown.com/HWSA](http://www.itsalldowntown.com/HWSA)

## **2. *What community organizations could be helpful to small businesses?***

Urban Districts Alliance ([www.itsalldowntown.com](http://www.itsalldowntown.com))

Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce ([www.springfieldchamber.com](http://www.springfieldchamber.com))

Demographic Information ([www.business4springfield.com](http://www.business4springfield.com))

Small Business Association ([www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov))

Spfld. Council of Retired Executives (SCORE) ([www.springfieldscore.org](http://www.springfieldscore.org))

Missouri Business Resource Center ([www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net))

Missouri State University Small Business Development Center

([www.sbdc.missouristate.edu](http://www.sbdc.missouristate.edu))

Ozarks Technical Community College Training Resource Group

([www.otc.edu/business](http://www.otc.edu/business))

Drury University Breech School of Business ([www.drury.edu/SIFE](http://www.drury.edu/SIFE))

## **3. *What housing options are available in Center City?***

The number of renovated lofts available for lease has increased dramatically over the past five years. Information on lofts currently available is available at [www.udaonline.org](http://www.udaonline.org).

Additionally, the Urban Neighborhoods Alliance works with the five residential neighborhoods surrounding the historic business districts (Grant Beach, Woodland Heights, Midtown, Sherman Avenue, and West Central). Information on these areas and employer-assisted housing is available at [www.unaonline.org](http://www.unaonline.org).