

DeLand FL, A Quintessential Character Town.

Population: City 40,000; Volusia County 550,000.

The City of DeLand was founded in 1876, named for its founder, Henry Addison DeLand who envisioned the town as a place of education and culture... "The Athens of the South".
Stetson University was founded in 1883 just north of downtown. Surprised they are called the Hatters?



CHARACTER. The City is the home of Stetson University and the seat of Volusia County government, both with facilities near downtown. The thriving downtown economy depends on the City remaining an interesting, pleasant and prosperous place for residents, businesses, students and visitors.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

- The Athens Theater, <https://athensdeland.com/>
- African-American Museum of Arts, <https://www.africanmuseumdeland.org/>
- DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, <https://www.delandnavalairmuseum.org/>
- Gillespie Museum, <https://www.stetson.edu/other/gillespie-museum/>
- Henry A. DeLand House Museum, <https://www.delandhouse.com/>
- Museum of Art – DeLand, <https://moartdeland.org/>
- Reptile Discovery Center, <https://reptilediscoverycenter.com/>



The Athens Theatre is a fully restored historic theatre. Once the centerpiece of DeLand, this red-bricked beauty is a jewel of Italian Renaissance architecture. This historic theatre was designed in 1921 by prominent Orlando architect Murray S. King and first opened its doors on January 6th, 1922.

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