Harrodsburg KY, A Quintessential Character Town.

Founded by <u>James Harrod</u> on June 16, 1774; incorporated in 1836.
2018 population, City 8,492, Mercer County 21,774. LINK: http://harrodsburgcity.org/

HISTORY. First town west of the mountains, 1836. Settled by Daniel Boone and James Harrod. Harrodsburg is a free-standing town in the sense that is not a suburb of a larger town. It is some 60 miles southeast of Louisville. Lexington is 25 miles to the northeast, connected to Harrodsburg by a National Geographic Scenic Road that crosses the scenic Kentucky Gorge.

CHARACTER. Harrodsburg is an interesting, pleasant and prosperous place.

FEATURES. The town has an active main street, historic neighborhoods and a vibrant economy. The town features:

- S. Main Street's active zone is 1200' long with:
    - Shops, theater, water wall plaza,
    - Civic activities including city hall, post office, library,
    - The Kentucky Fudge Company world famous for ice cream and fudge, and
    - Mercer County Judicial Center.

- Neighborhoods, close-in and historic.
- Hitachi, 1454 employees, Hitachi Automotive Products in Harrodsburg.
- Corning Incorporated employs 400 AE, the maker of Gorilla Glass for smart phones.
- 26% of the town's jobs are in manufacturing.
- Downtown shop owners tax themselves for main street improvements and maintenance.