



## Media Fact Sheet

### Hartsville History

- Hartsville originally developed from Thomas Hart's Kalmia Plantation on Black Creek in the early 19th century, and the later Hartsville Plantation, mills and factory established by his son John L. Hart.
- The Coker family, most notably Maj. James Lide Coker, contributed much to Hartsville's early history, including the Southern Novelty Company, forerunner of the modern major Hartsville company Sonoco and Welsh Neck High School, forerunner of Coker College.
- Hartsville was incorporated by the South Carolina General Assembly on Dec. 11, 1891.
- Local historic sites include Kalmia Gardens (1624 W. Carolina Ave), the Hartsville Museum (222 N. Fifth St), the John L. Hart House (100 block of E. Home Ave.) and the Jacob Kelley House (2585 Kelleytown Road).

### Hartsville Businesses

- Hartsville is home to numerous industries including Sonoco, Duke Energy, Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Novolex, A.O. Smith, Anderson Brass, RBC Bearings and others.
- Resources for local businesses include the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce ([www.hartsvillechamber.org](http://www.hartsvillechamber.org)) Main Street Hartsville downtown development organization ([www.mainstreethartsville.org](http://www.mainstreethartsville.org)) and the Startsville business incubator organization ([www.startsville.com](http://www.startsville.com)).

### Hartsville Residents

- Hartsville is the largest city in Darlington County, counting 7,764 residents in the 2010 census.
- Hartsville is home to one high school, one middle school and three elementary schools of the high-performing Darlington County School District ([www.darlington.k12.sc.us](http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us)). It is also home to the private, four-year Coker College ([www.cokercollege.edu](http://www.cokercollege.edu)) as well as the renowned South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics ([www.scgssm.org](http://www.scgssm.org)), one of 12 specialized residential high schools in the nation.
- The City of Hartsville maintains numerous parks including the Byerly Park Recreation Complex (700 Russell Road), a frequent host of regional sports tournaments, and the waterfront Lawton Park (716 Prestwood Drive) located on Prestwood Lake.
- Major special events include the Downtown Block Party concert series, the Renofest Bluegrass Festival, and the massive Hartsville Christmas Parade.

### Hartsville City Government

- City Council regular meetings take place the second Tuesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. at Hartsville City Hall, 100 E. Carolina Ave.
- Mel Pennington serves as Mayor of the City of Hartsville. The other City Council members are Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Andrews, Adlena Graham, Bernice Wilson, Teresa Mack, Bob Braddock and Billy Shirley. Natalie Zeigler serves as Hartsville's City Manager.

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