Scranton, the urban and cultural center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, was born during the industrial boom of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The city grew quickly, attracting thousands of immigrants looking for new jobs, new opportunities, and a new way of life. As a burgeoning city, Scranton was a pioneer in many areas, including the use of electricity as a residential power source and method of transportation. In fact, the Nation’s first successful electrified trolley system operated in Scranton. It averaged one million passengers daily and earned Scranton the celebrated moniker, “The Electric City.”

Like many early American cities, Scranton suffered economic setbacks in the post-World War II era. In order to return the city to prosperity, its leaders have embarked on an ambitious effort to revitalize the downtown. This effort, which emphasizes the city’s proud heritage and compelling history, includes the development of new tourist attractions and the ongoing support for a multitude of family-oriented annual events.

We are proud to invite you to visit our downtown tourist attractions, including the Steamtown National Historic Site, The Electric City Trolley Station & Museum, and the Lackawanna Historical Society. We also encourage you to attend one of our annual events, such as Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, La Festa Italiana, First Night, the Steamtown Marathon, Race for the Cure, Veteran’s Day Parade, Santa Parade and Riverfest.

Visitors to our progressive city will find a thriving arts community, unique shopping opportunities, and a restaurant for every palette in our downtown. Attractive options for lodging and parking are readily available. Perhaps the most outward sign of Scranton’s return to prosperity is the recently restored Vegas-style neon sign that proclaims: Scranton – the Electric City. With constant activity, Scranton truly is, once again, electric.