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Lauderdale Lakes is planning a 'downtown'

More evidence of an emerging vision for a redeveloped Broward County came last week when the County Commission approved Lauderdale Lakes' plans to create a modern "downtown."

The mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly center is planned for the corner of State Road 7 and Oakland Park Boulevard, a site now occupied by an aging shopping center. The plans are part of an evolving trend bringing "smart growth" and "new urbanism" concepts to South Florida. The idea is to allow people to live, work, shop and play in one convenient, central location.

It's the kind of downtown setting that used to be a part of every American city. You could say it's the past making friends with the future.

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A vertical graphic with a red background. The words "BACK TO SCHOOL" are written in a large, white, bubbly, hand-drawn font. "BACK" is at the top, "TO" is in the middle, and "SCHOOL" is at the bottom.

A dark grey rectangular graphic that looks like a chalkboard. It contains the text "Great Meal Ideas from KRAFT at ShopLocal.com" written in a white, hand-drawn, chalk-like font. "Great" is at the top, "Meal Ideas" is below it, "from" is below that, "KRAFT" is in a larger font, "at" is below that, and "ShopLocal.com" is at the bottom.

