

Main Street Monday!

July 27, 2026

More comings and goings. This has certainly be a year of change in the last few months and today we share more transitions in KY and at Main Street America.

First on July 31 sweet Beverly Ingram is leaving her position in Taylorsville. She will remain active as her 30 year business, The Red Scooter, has been the gathering place and the stop in for all things Main Street & tourism. She will continue to share and welcome all to town.

Kim Elzy will begin as the new director on August 1. Kim has served on the board and has been very active and has attended multiple trainings as a board member. We know she will do a great job and is excited to be in her new position.



Many of you know Kathy as our KY connection over the years, but for those who don't here is a little about her. She has served in many roles at MSA and has always been a great supporter of the state coordinators. She always has a smile to share and she will be the first to tell you Main St. is hard work, but so worth it!

Kathy currently serves as the Vice President of Main Street Programs at MSA. She serves as the primary relationship manager for the network of coordinating programs and manages the Field Services team, which provides technical services and training to the network.

She has worked in the Main Street field for over 35 years! She joined the MSA staff in May 2007. She has worked throughout the U.S., providing training to cities of all sizes using the Main Street Approach to downtown revitalization and serving as an instructor for the Main Street America Academy.

Prior to joining MSA, she was hired as the first Director of the New Hampshire Main Street Center, where she served for over 10 years. She was responsible for initiating the statewide New Hampshire Main Street Program and providing technical assistance to 23 designated Main Street programs.

We thank Kathy for her many years of service and advice and support she gave to all of us.

Kathy's last day will be August 7th. We know an adventure awaits! You can send well wishes to klaplante@mainstreet.org



**It's not Wall Street that keeps America alive — it's Main Street.
The small towns, the family farms, the mom-and-pop shops that never quit.**

Gordon Hutchinson

Independent Retailer Month may be just 31 days long, but the theme and impact of this movement resound through the entire year. To learn more, visit Independent Retailer Month and check out their website.

This Saturday, August 1st see these smiling faces! Darlene Snow –Shelbyville and Aly Huff– Perryville joined Jennifer Palumbo to represent KYMS and share some of the great unique items that you can find in our locally owned small businesses in our Main Street communities!



Congratulations to the Purple Llama in Maysville on being named Best Specialty Merchandise Retailer for 2026 by Guide to [Kentucky.com](https://www.kentucky.com)!! If you want to find local products around the state, you can bet your first stop should be our the Kentucky Main Streets. Stores like the Purple Llama are huge showcases for local artisans, entrepreneurs, and food producers, and often offer unique products you can't get anywhere else.

We excited to share The La Grange Railroad Museum and Learning Center is a 2026 Best of Kentucky Winner!

If you haven't stopped by The La Grange Railroad Museum and Learning Center yet, you're in for a treat!



KYMS will be stopping in Grayson this week to meet with director Haley Bays and check out their coffee shop Nook & Cranny. Word on the street from another director who stopped in recently is that it is very good!

KYMS has been assisting our neighbors in West Virginia as they begin recovery from last week's flooding, something EKY knows way to much about. We have been sharing our knowledge of processes and set ups along with how to manage volunteers and create a local, Love Local Fund, to support local businesses. If you care to donate please watch for additional information.

Visit [Main Street/ON TRAC West Virginia](#) FB page.

SOAR SUMMIT 26

Presented by **Appalachian Regional Commission** and **Appalachian Wireless**

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Registration is officially open for the 2026 SOAR Summit, presented by **Appalachian Wireless** and the **Appalachian Regional Commission**.

On October 7-9, leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, employers, nonprofits, students, elected officials, and community members will gather in Corbin to share ideas, strengthen partnerships, and build what's next for Eastern Kentucky.

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FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD, KY

"RHYTHMS AND ROOTS"

-FOOD TRUCKS OPEN AT 5 PM-
-PARADE AT 6:30 PM-
-LIVE MUSIC AT 7-11 PM-

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING **JIMMY CHURCH BAND**

ENTER YOUR PARADE FLOAT HERE:

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Visit Springfield, Kentucky Association for Environmental Education, Kentucky Main Street, Main Street America

Upcoming In-Person Brownfield Events

Brownfield Bootcamp | Western KY (CST)

Thu, Jul 30 2026, 9am - 5pm

Green River Area Development District

This event takes place 9am-5pm, Central Standard Time.

Leveraging Brownfields Assessments for a Vibrant Downtown Frankfort

Wed, Aug 19 2026, 1 - 2pm

So You've Gotten a Brownfields Grant... Now What?

WEBINAR
1PM EST
TUESDAY JULY 28TH

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

KAEE
Kentucky Association for Environmental Education

KAEE will award a minimum of ten grants, each up to \$5,000, to support initiatives that address resilience, urban forestry, and tree canopy coverage in disadvantaged communities through tree planting or education programs. Eligible applicants include state and tribal governments, public institutions, and nonprofit entities located or operating in disadvantaged communities throughout Kentucky.

Here is a great service from Middlesboro. Just a simple check as the officers patrol the city.

KYMS has encouraged businesses to leave a light on at night, it could be a small lamp in the store, not the overhead, just something to illuminate the inside to assist officers and to showcase your business to potential customers.



On July 15th KYMS attended the regional meeting that was held in Shelbyville. We had a great surprise as Bev announced her retirement prior to the meeting where we met our two new directors. Lots going on in this region! It is always a pleasure to be able to attend these gatherings.



Kamryn Knight-Carrollton, KYMS Kitty Dougoud, Sam Burgess formerly Carrollton, Kim Elzy new Taylorsville, Beverly Ingram, Sarah Garrett-LaGrange, and Darlene Snow-Shelbyville.

**Business Launch Training Lab:
From Idea to Action**

**Beattyville City Hall
28 W. Railroad St., Suite A
Beattyville, KY 41311
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
5:30 – 7:00 PM**

MICHELLE SPRIGGS
CENTER DIRECTOR, KENTUCKY SBDC IN EASTERN KY

RACHEL BOWLING
BUSINESS COACH, KENTUCKY SBDC IN EASTERN KY

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Jamie Corum has done it again! Look at this great sign over Porteous Acres in downtown Middlesboro. The building received a fresh coat of paint and a hand painted sign! What a difference a little paint can make to improve a façade.



Before and After



Toolkit for Institutionalizing the Safe System Approach



WEBINAR, July 30: How can communities move from talking about the Safe System approach to institutionalizing it?

Join [Vision Zero Network](https://www.visionzero.org/) to explore their new toolkit of proven, innovative, and emerging strategies for institutionalizing the Safe System approach throughout transportation planning and programming.

Register: <https://buff.ly/G01KOW1>



Music has a unique way of bringing people together, and there's no better stage than a vibrant downtown. Live music events create energy, encourage people to linger longer, and introduce visitors to local shops, restaurants, and businesses they may not have otherwise discovered.

Beyond the economic impact, music helps create memorable experiences, strengthens community pride, and transforms downtown into a gathering place where connections are made and traditions begin.

Whether it's a concert on the courthouse lawn or a local band playing on Main Street, music is an investment in both community and commerce.



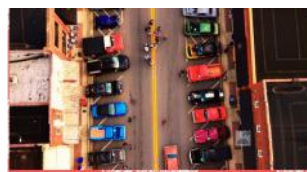


Let's help Murray Main St. reach their goal! They are almost there. They are doing amazing things to put this 35,000 sq. ft. building back as an economic driver in downtown. Go to their FB page to donate.



The Allen County Scottsville High School Marching Band (Allen County-Scottsville Bands) has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season.

The Heart of Scottsville is excited to welcome them to August 7th First Friday Street Fair + Car Show



Section 106 is Under Threat

On Friday, July 17, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) proposed damaging revisions to the regulations for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). If implemented, these new rules would dramatically diminish the effectiveness of the NHPA and the current legal protections for historic and cultural places. As a voting member of ACHP, the National Trust voted against these changes. [MORE»](#)

Plus: Join us Thursday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m. ET for the [Forum Webinar](#) on this important issue.

At first glance, **Section 106** may seem like a process reserved for preservation professionals, but for Main Street communities, it is much more than that. It provides an opportunity to ensure that federally funded or federally permitted projects consider the impact on the historic places that define our downtowns. From protecting iconic buildings and streetscapes to preserving the character that attracts residents, visitors, and investment, Section 106 helps ensure that progress and preservation go hand in hand. Understanding this process gives Main Street programs a voice in shaping the future while honoring the past. Nicole Konkol is the Site Protection Program Administrator for Kentucky SHPO and many of you have had the chance to work with her on projects in your communities. You can contact her at Nicole.konkol@ky.gov if you have questions.

