

Main Street Monday!

August 31, 2026

One again summer has flown by! Always so much going on and it seems to go by quicker every year. Labor Day is on the way!

The Main Street Monday newsletter will be undergoing some changes soon as Publisher will cease to function October 1st. This has been such a useful tool I'm not sure why they have decided to discontinue it. It may take some time after September for a new format to be in place. I'm not sure I am up to the learning curve. I'll keep you posted as we move forward. Just know I am very sad about the changes and how it will limit how the usual information being delivered.

I recently took two days to travel to celebrate a friend's birthday. I saw lots of MS towns in GA, MS, and TN and while I stole some ideas to share of course, KY towns are just the best. I know I am partial, but our communities and their MS programs are working hard every day to provide for locals and tourist alike.

Ideas will be shared in a future newsletter.



Have you seen our agencies new coloring book?? It is so cool! It's a perfect fun teaching tool for children and young adults and a great book for adults too!

We had fun creating this great resource and yes, there is a Main Street page :) You can download this from the KHC website or our Facebook pages.



It is not surprise to us that all three winners in KY Living's Best Shopping District are all Main Street communities! Each one is different and full of great local shops and wonderful places to meet up with friends for coffee, lunch, or a meal. Plan to make your visit soon.

Congratulations to all of the winners!!



We want to give a warm MS welcome to Vanessa McMahan as the new Main Street director for the Tri-Cities of Cumberland, Benham, and Lynch.

Vanessa moved to the area from Asheville, NC and we know she has a lot of great ideas to share. She is full of energy and enthusiasm and is excited to join our MS network.

She has arrived just in time for Possum Fest which you do not want to miss!

It is a great tool to share with your local schools/teachers and local library. We think you will enjoy it just as much as we do so get your crayons and colored pencils out and enjoy a little color in your life!



The Capacity Building for Business Districts Pilot Program: A Federal Opportunity to Boost Local Small Business Development Organizations

Thursday, September 10th, 2026 | 3-4 PM ET

REGISTER NOW

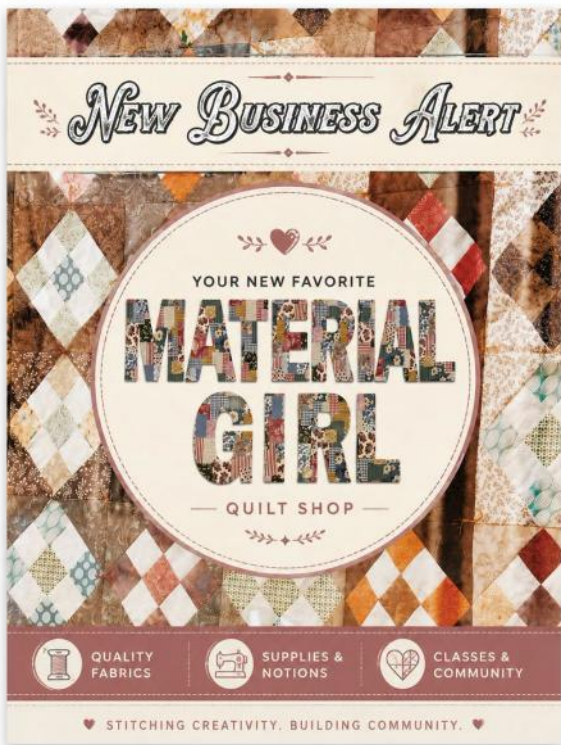
Main Street America and Local Initiatives Support Corporation invite Main Street programs and business district management organizations to join a stakeholder briefing on the bipartisan Capacity Building for Business Districts Pilot Program Act. Tune in to hear about the latest developments in Congress and learn how you can help make this program a reality.

<https://lisc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN>

How did we get here?

As we look at placemaking and being places people want to be consider this from the 2014 Smithsonian.com By the 1960's, cars had become so dominant that when civil engineers made the first computer models to study how traffic flows they didn't even bother to consider pedestrians!

If we want thriving communities we must have safe downtowns. Planning for People first will help increase the economic vitality of any community.



For all you quilter and seamstress who are missing that big box fabric store, we have you covered! You know about Bridgette in Pikeville but we have a brand new shop in LaGrange! There is also a yarn shop in downtown LaGrange so grab your fabric friends and go check it out! You might even see the train!

Plan your trip for September and enjoy Harvest on the Rails!

As we begin closing out a grant KYMS was awarded we had a blind drawing for registration to a Main Street conference. The grant was for capacity building and education and what better use than training directors. We had 3 categories, 1. less than 2 years, 2. less than 5, and 3. experienced. We are pleased to announce the recipients.

1. Blaine McDonald– Paducah
2. Celia Shoffner –Middlesboro (and it was her birthday!
3. Emma Wireman– Salyersville

Congratulations to all!





One of our favorite consultants, Janet Hurn, conducted a very well attended merchants training in Perryville last week. Janet was our consultant for Small Business Coaching grant we received from Main Street America and spoke at our fall conference in 2025. She can present on multiple topics. You can reach her at Future Ready Consulting 1 513-995-2330. You can also find her on Facebook and YouTube. She is located in Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati so very close for our Kentucky programs.



Who doesn't love an independent bookstore! Everyone is excited for The Book Burrow on Main Street in downtown Perryville!



Anyone have an old beauty shop that is just waiting to be a restaurant?? This was the cutest adaptive reuse in Memphis called the Beauty Shop. Zoom in to see the dryer hood. There are a number of these seats and booths!



It's a bit early, but we know people love those fall flavors. Stop in Gem City Cakes in Pineville to see Jennifer and tell her we sent you.



Board meetings don't and shouldn't just take place around a table. The Beattyville board took to the streets at their August mtg. They took a walk and covered several downtown updates, including upcoming events, our Farmers Market, current grant projects, a "Taste Your Town" passport, the Ky Coal Heritage Trail Summit, Town Square mural, and other ways we can continue supporting our downtown. They also looked at potential placement for signs and improvements along the Main Street Mile project. Moving and improving!

Here are just a few shots of the new trail head signs along the Point Park River Walk that comes right to downtown Carrollton.

Did you know they also have swings that you can sit and watch the river? Take a trip to Carrollton and enjoy a walk, a beautiful view, and sweet downtown with 8 new businesses!



And they have this great new billboard that even tells you that you are on mile 545 of the Ohio River! Ed Hill's photo of Carrollton is absolutely beautiful!

Caroline Reece was just one of the Main St directors you may see at the state fair. It's a great place to learn about so many of our communities and KY!

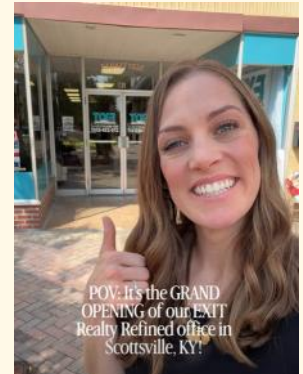
If you visit her in Maysville you might hear a few Dolly tunes, show tunes and more in the downtown!





How do you lend your time and talents to your town? You don't have to volunteer for everything, just something as simple as what Charlie does makes a big impact. This is Charlie Clarke. He lives down the street from here, but when he is mowing or weed eating his property, he comes across to do the area around the Cox Building just as a kindness. Thank you, Charlie. Maysville is lucky to have good citizens like Charlie!

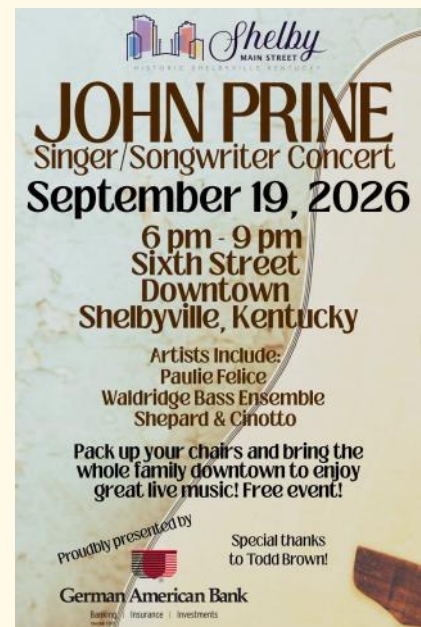
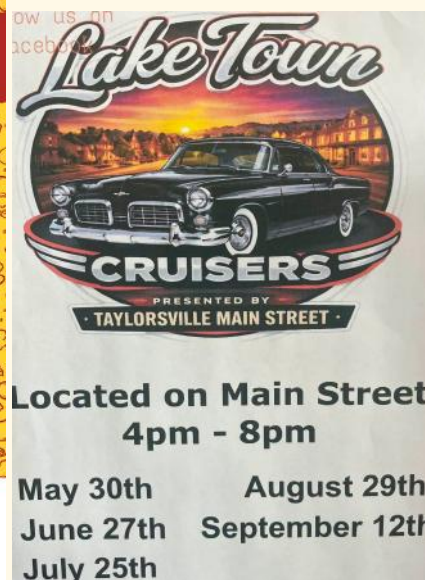
Realtor Kelly Jones invites you to come visit their new EXIT Realty office on the Square in downtown Scottsville! A ribbon cutting was held on August 27th..



We love this activity! It is something everyone could R & D and for those who may not know that means rip off & duplicate. What a great way to get the littles in your community off to a great start as a future business owner.

The Main Street Market in Guthrie supports young entrepreneurs on a regular basis and you can too!

We look forward to seeing what the youth in Pineville are up to. Get out and support the future of your town.



We will miss Dolly for so many reasons and we should all try to be more like her spirit. A few rhinestones wouldn't hurt either. Many tributes can be found at a variety of places in our MS towns.

A TRIBUTE TO

DOLLY PARTON

WILLIAMSBURG, KY

DALTON DAILEY
DENIM DAISY
TINA TAYLOR
HUCK SONG-SMITH
JUSTIN RILEY
BRITTANY BUSH

OUTDOOR STAGE
WILLIAMSBURG, KY
7-10PM

FREE SHOW!
THURSDAY!
SEPT 3

HOSTED BY BRANSTETTER MUSIC MANAGEMENT

DOWNTOWN

SUMMER SOUNDS

MAYSVILLE KY

JOIN IN THE FUN
JUNE-SEPT
LOWER MARKET STREET
7:00PM

VINYL COUNTDOWN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

FIRST FRIDAY

STREET FAIR & CAR SHOW

Gospel Night on the Square

Join the Heart of Scottsville September 4th from 6–8 PM in Historic Downtown Scottsville for September First Friday Street Fair + Car Show.

Gospel Night on the Square Gospel Night on the Square is proudly sponsored by Mills Real Estate and Auction Company.

DOWNTOWN MOREHEAD KENTUCKY

an evening with the **BLUES**

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
5TH

BATTSON-OATES COMMONS

MUSIC STARTS AT 5PM!

5PM
ROBERT FRAHM TRIO

6PM
MIKE DEBELLEFEUILLE & LIKE MINDED INDIVIDUALS

7PM
JOHN FORD BLUES SOCIETY

8:15 PM
TINSLEY ELLIS
LABOR OF LOVE ALBUM
STREAMING:
<https://s-disc0.ac/00q8h1pantw>

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Pathways to Prosperity:
A RURAL KENTUCKY VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment | Blueprint Kentucky



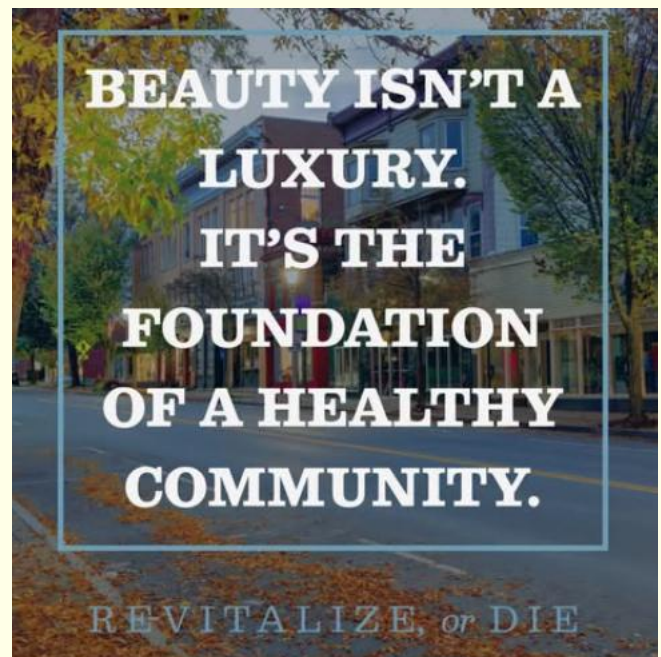
Downtown Pikeville is inviting community to gather, reflect, and pay their respects. Located on Division Street in front of the Judicial Center, our iconic teal butterfly chairs offer a special space for remembrance. Inspired by the butterflies found throughout Dolly's beloved mountain properties in Tennessee, these sculptures serve as a lasting symbol of hope, transformation, and the creative spirit that lives within each of us.



Coach Elliott and the UPike football team scored big by helping downtown Pikeville with several projects. This is a great service project for the team and they can take pride in being a part of the community. Thank you Bears!



A promotional poster for the Bardstown Farmers Market. The top features the word 'CHEERS' in large, bold letters, with 'Bardstown' written in a cursive script below it. The background shows a lively market scene with people and food trucks. Below the title, it lists 'LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • LOCAL VENDORS • SHOPPING'. The date 'SEPTEMBER 12, 2026' is prominently displayed. The time '1:00 PM - 10:00 PM' and location 'BARDSTOWN FARMERS MARKET, 200 E. Flaget St. Bardstown, KY' are also included. Three featured acts are listed: 'TREY & SAM WASHBURN' (4:30-6:00PM), 'V-GROOVE' (6:30-8:00PM), and 'FLY 2K' (8:30-10:00PM). At the bottom, it mentions 'FOOD TRUCKS 1:00-10:00 PM' and 'LOCAL VENDORS 1:00-9:00 PM'. Logos for 'BARDSTOWN', 'BNCC', and 'BARDSTOWN WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE' are at the very bottom.



Who's Interested in MAINSTREET Weekly Fitness Classes?

WE WANT TO BRING FUN, MOTIVATING FITNESS CLASSES TO MAINSTREET — and we want your input!

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- FUN & EFFECTIVE WORKOUTS**
For all fitness levels – beginners welcome!
- WEEKLY CLASSES**
Consistency, community, and accountability.
- HEALTHIER TOGETHER**
Build strength, boost energy, and feel your best.
- RIGHT HERE IN MAINSTREET**
Convenient, local, and made for our community!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN JOINING WEEKLY FITNESS CLASSES IN MAINSTREET?

Let us know! ♥

YOUR INTEREST HELPS US PLAN CLASSES YOU'LL LOVE!
COMMENT BELOW, MESSAGE US, OR STOP BY AND LET US KNOW!

MAINSTREET
Building a stronger community one step at a time. ♥

Stronger. Healthier. Together. ♥

Main Street is all about having healthy activities in our communities. Many hold Farmer's Mkts or have the Main Street Mile and now the Tri-Cities Main Street program is holding Fitness classes. We think this is a great idea! A place to connect and have fun with fitness all leading to a healthy you!

It's time for the award winning Possum Fest!! Plan now to have a fun time in the mountains!

150 VENDORS

HANDCRAFTED & HOMEMADE GOODIES
DUDDS & FIXINS FOR WHAT YA WEAR
SHINY THINGS & PRETTY WEARABLES
ART, TRINKETS & TREASURES
SMELL-GOOD STUFF FOR YOU & THE HOUSE
SWEET TOOTH SATISFIERS
GOOD EATIN' & COLD DRINKIN'
...AND A WHOLE HEAP MORE!

POSSUM FEST
FRI & SAT
SEP 4-5
10AM-8PM
CUMBERLAND, KY

Shelbyville Main Street Kentucky Presented by: RUSTY RABBIT

SHELBYVILLE JEEP 20th INVASION

Where Main Street Meets Jeep Life

Saturday, September 26
2 pm - 5 pm

Downtown Shelbyville, KY
Jeep Show & Shine, DJ, Food, Games, Trolley Rides and More!

Street closes and Jeeps can begin setting up at 1 pm! Show & Shine runs from 7th to 3rd Streets.

Fundraising EVENT **BUY EAT LIVE** **LOCAL.** Support Gutrie Main Street. \$100 PER TICKET

ONLY 400 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Grand PRIZE

2026 E-Z-GO EXPRESS 4 TOURING S

4 CHANCES TO WIN!

- 1 \$1500 CASH
- 2 \$1000 CASH
- 3 \$500 CASH
- 4 \$500 CASH

DRAWING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 31, 2026
3:00 PM AT LONGHURST PARK
238 S. SHAW STREET
GUTHRIE, KY 42324

RAFFLE RULES
Participants must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a raffle ticket. Winner does not have to be present to win.

WHAT YOU SUPPORT
Your ticket purchase supports downtown revitalization, community events, beautification, and programs that improve quality of life, vibrant, welcoming and full of small businesses.

HOW TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET
Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:
Guthrie Main Street Office: 324 E. Third, Guthrie, KY
Main Street Market: 231 E. Third, Shelbyville, KY
or from any board member of Guthrie Main Street

KY CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE
ORG0002495

VISIT WWW.GUTHRIEMAINTREET.COM/GOLF-CART-RAFFLE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OLD Fashioned TRADING DAYS

SEPT 10TH - 12TH

OVER 100 VENDORS!

CRAFTS FOOD GAMES FREE ENTERTAINMENT!

Shop. Eat. Play. Enjoy.

A TRADITION WE ALL LOVE!

Where Visitors Become Family. Feels like home.

Downtown Williamsburg

Do you have your ticket yet?? \$10 might just get you a \$500 cash prize!

Raffle Ticket

2026 Downtown Morehead, Inc.
www.downtownmorehead.org

Summer 2026 Raffle
Drawing 5 \$500 Cash Prizes
September 26, 2026 @ OcTubaFest

Donation: \$10.00 Per Ticket
Charitable Exemption No. EXE0002597

All funds raised by or contributed to Downtown Morehead, Inc. support our Mission to Condemn Morehead as a dynamic regional center by revitalizing the downtown area, creating a sense of community and providing opportunities for everyone.

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Some crosswalks in Paducah celebrate their river heritage. It also makes a beautiful public art piece and add interest to the area.



Our colleagues at the Kentucky Heritage Council traveled to Beattyville on the 27th to discuss updates about the historic WPA Building on Main Street. Today's meeting included Mike Radeke, Jennifer Peachee Harris, Mayor Scott Jackson, Jennifer McIntosh of KRADD, Paul Nesbitt of Nesbitt Engineering, and Main Street Director Teresa Mays.

The city of Beattyville recently received a \$75,000 America 250 preservation grant for the continued restoration of the WPA building.



Carrollton director, Kamryn Knight was at the state fair this week sharing all about her community and look at that great shirt she has on!

If you'd like one of these great shirts check with your MS director. We will also have some available at the KLC gathering in Covington later this month. Come see us!

What creates that Main Street feeling?

Even if you aren't familiar with the concept of 'place', you probably know the feeling it creates. It's the collection of unique features, stories, buildings, people, cultures, green spaces, and other assets that make a community feel special, distinct, and meaningful. People love places that feel connected to their past, hopeful for their future, and grounded in their identities.

Think about some of your favorite places. What quirks, stories, and spaces stand out in your mind?

