

# Main Street Monday!

April 21, 2026

Voting opens May 1 and we are not surprised the three finalists for top Downtown Shopping Districts are all KYMS communities! Bardstown, Campbellsville, & Shelbyville!

We know all of our communities are winners, but only 3 finalists were presented.

Help your favorite bring home the title.

In addition, many local businesses in our KYMS districts are finalists. Check out all the finalists at the following link and remember to vote!

<https://www.kentuckyliving.com/news/2026-best-in-kentucky-finalists>



We had a great week in Tulsa learning & sharing with a few thousand people who are passionate about downtown & economic development.

Carly Dick and Blaine McDonald came from Paducah, Darlene Snow from Shelbyville and Candace Tingen from Pineville. Matt Meunier also attended from Jeffersontown.



Candace & Kitty presented the session "From Flooding to Flourishing" The Beattyville story of resilience for Teresa Mays & Dedra Brandenburg who were unable to attend.

It's never too early to start planning

Historic Dining Guide coming soon from KHC!

Spring KYMS gathering is happening June 2 & 3

Registration is attached to the newsletter!

Main Street Awards June 3 more info soon!!





It's Derby Time in Kentucky!!!  
But you know why this jockey is so excited???

He knows that the following week is Main Street Week! Just in time for Mother's Day, Graduation, weddings, and more.

Our locally owned downtown shops are ready to prepare you for Derby and beyond!

Won't you share some of your favorite spots on our Kentucky Main Street page so others can support them too!



Main Street Week theme and activities & activities are ready to go!

Theme **Small Towns - Big Impact!**

Monday Kickoff: "Love Your Main Street"

Business Spotlight Day

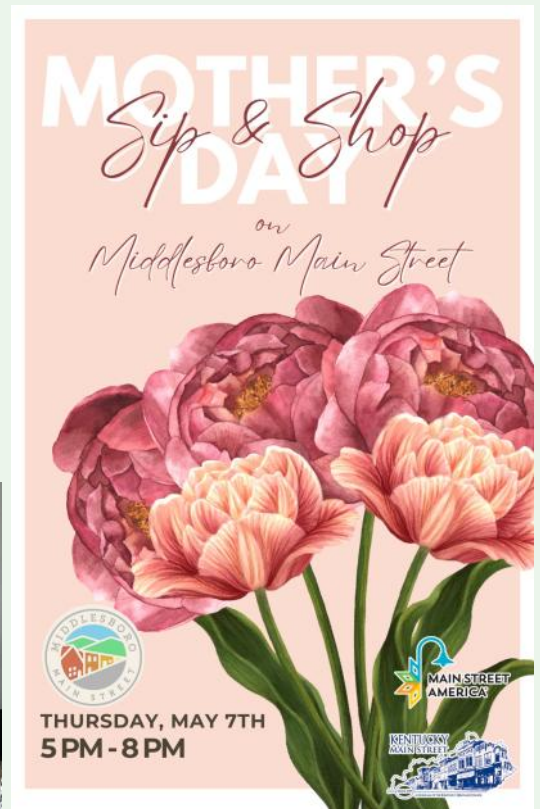
Tuesday – Economic Impact Day

Wednesday – Volunteer & Partner Appreciation

Thursday – Transformation Thursday

Friday – Shop, Dine, Explore

Saturday – Community Celebration



As we might say in Appalachia "We are over the moon with excitement" for Beattyville. They were recently awarded a \$750,000 grant from the National Park Service for Historic Preservation and Disaster Recovery. This grant will support the preservation efforts for two city-owned historic properties: the WPA building and the Yellow House (the oldest residential bldg. in the city) Both are contributors to the historic downtown and long-term revitalization efforts that will enhance the economic vitality of the downtown district. Congratulations to all who had a part in this process.



Upcoming learning opportunities.

Have you checked out the Main Street America Academy yet?

You will find lots of information and training webinars from Main Street 101, to strategic planning and much more!

Check out [academy.mainstreet.org](https://academy.mainstreet.org)

PRESENTED BY THE KENTUCKY TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCUST GROVE

# KENTUCKY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUMMIT

FRIDAY, May 15, 2026  
10am-3pm Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, KY



Featuring: Kim Trent: Executive Director, National Preservation Partners Network



## May 7th 2pm EST. [Opportunity Zones 2.0 Guidance](#)

The Cabinet for Economic Development outlines the program's objectives, requirements, and steps.

The Opportunity Zones 2.0 program is now open for applications from eligible communities, featuring updated criteria and enhanced incentive offerings with a renewed focus on rural development. To support a successful statewide rollout, the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development is leading an informational session to help city officials better understand the program's objectives, requirements, and application steps.

See [klc.org](https://klc.org) for more information



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## PRESERVE THE PAST, BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

2026 WEBINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

February 25	PRESERVING AMERICA'S HISTORIC MUSIC VENUES
March 24	PRESERVING AMERICA'S HISTORIC MAIN STREETS
April 21	PRESERVING AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONARY ERA SITES
May 27	PRESERVING AMERICA FOR THE NEXT GENERATION: INVOLVING YOUNGER GENERATIONS IN PRESERVATION EFFORTS

[Register Here](#)



## Register Now

75 MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM

[www.achp.gov/preserve-the-past-build-for-the-future](https://www.achp.gov/preserve-the-past-build-for-the-future)

## Due May 7th. Kubota Hometown Proud Prizes

Kubota provides prizes to nonprofit organizations, cities, towns, and municipalities for community development projects. Past projects supported by the prize money include park improvements, community gardens, and agricultural education programs. Recipients must be located within a 50-mile radius of an authorized dealer of Kubota products to qualify.

To be considered, all grant submissions must be entered by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status organization or a city, town, or other municipality.

The contest is open only to the designated representatives of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in viable financial standing as determined by the sponsor in its sole discretion. For more information <https://www.kubotausa.com/hometown-proud/>

**Due May 11th!** More information [https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Mining/Abandoned-Mine-Lands/Pages/AMLER\\_](https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Mining/Abandoned-Mine-Lands/Pages/AMLER_)

Kentucky cities in coalfield counties can apply for a share of \$29.5 million in funding from the Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization Program. Funds can be used to design, develop, and create projects that encourage economic development.

The Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands is accepting applications through May 11, 2026. Staff will be available on the following dates to provide in-person assistance with completing and submitting applications.

- March 19 - 100 Bulldog Lane, Suite 103, Hazard
- March 26 - 85 State Police Road, London
- April 9 - 3140 S Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg
- April 16 - 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville

It's outdoor music time again! WooHoo!



Congratulations to Moore's Shoes & Services in the heart of downtown Campbellsville!! For 65 years they have been serving the community at 103 S. Central Ave. What a wonderful testament to being a supported locally owned business.

Find your perfect fit with the Moore's!



When public art tells a part of your story it is both beautiful and impactful. Kim Radford recently completed this lovely mural in downtown that tells the story of Guthrie native Robert Penn Warren the only person to have won a Pulitzer Prize in the separate categories of fiction and poetry. You can also visit his home on your next visit. Don't forget to stop in the Main Street Market pictured on the left of this photo for some great items!



From left to right: Liz Parham ©Liz Parham; Ron Frantz © Ron Frantz; and Trey Sherwood © Lightfolly.

Main Street America is proud to recognize Liz Parham, Ron Frantz, and Trey Sherwood as the recipients of the 2026 Mary Means Leadership Award. The prestigious award is Main Street America's top honor recognizing individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership in the field of comprehensive preservation-based economic development and commercial district revitalization. The 2026 Mary Means Leadership Award was presented on Wednesday afternoon at the closing celebration of the 2026 Main Street Now Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"Trey, Liz, and Ron each represent the very best of this work: leaders who build partnerships, inspire local action, and help communities realize the full potential of their historic downtowns," said Erin Barnes, President and CEO of Main Street America.

Mary Means started the Main Street program almost 50 years ago. It is a true honor to be recognized with the award named for her. Many of you may recognize Liz Parham, the North Carolina State Coordinator. Liz has provided training and assisted in the 2025 assessments with us. Some may also recognize Trey. She visited KY with the MS group from Wyoming who attended our KYMS gathering that was held in Bardstown. Ron is from Oklahoma and served for 19 years as the design architect. You can read more <https://mainstreet.org/the-latest/news/just-announced-2026-mary-means-leadership-awards>

**Save The Date**

Pikeville Main Street's  
*Dinner in White*

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

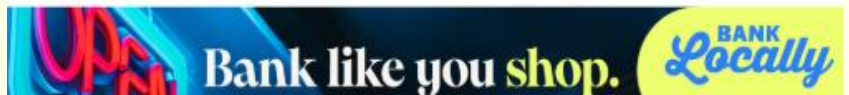
*Launching Soon*  
Ticket Sales  
Monday, April 13, 2026

FOLLOW THE PIKEVILLE MAIN STREET FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS



Did you know it is move your money month? Main Street Pineville welcomed Hearthsides Bank to the Square!

**INVEST IN YOUR** neighbors  
**INVEST IN YOUR** community  
**INVEST IN** local first





We don't want to miss out on saying a big **THANK YOU!** To everyone who volunteers! Whether it is with your local Main Street program or another organization. Contributing to the health and well-being of your community is vital to its success. It may be for clean-up day as those pictured from La Grange or something as simple as writing thank you notes for an organization. And studies show it's good for you too! Regular volunteering reduces stress, lowers the risk of depression and anxiety, and is associated with lower mortality rates. The act of giving back can increase personal happiness and self-worth. We would love to have you join the on-going efforts of you local Main Street program or one near you.



**HISTORIC TAYLORSVILLE MAIN STREET**  
EST. 1799

## Dinner in Jail

**Saturday April 25, 2026 6pm**

Tickets \$30, available @ **Red Scooter** or **Tea Cup**

**Jail & Bail Fundraiser**

Judge Brian

Arrest Warrant \$25  
Bail \$100

**Meet & Greet**

Local & Regional Candidates

VOTE FOR ME  
Thank You

**Chef David**

**Cookout**

**Josh Bogard LIVE**

7-9pm

**Celebrate Beautification Phase V**

\*\*FUNDED

**Chef David**

**Cookout**

PROCEEDS 100% invested **Taylorsville Main Street Beautification Projects**  
\*\* Phase V funding just approved by State of Kentucky!

**Shelby MAIN STREET**  
HISTORIC SHELBYVILLE KENTUCKY

**MAKE IT A MAIN STREET SATURDAY!**

Something for Everyone Downtown  
Three big events. One amazing day.

**Saturday • May 9, 2026**

- Wild about Shelbyville Arts & Music Festival
- Bourbon, Bacon & Butter Bake Off - Sweet and Savory
- Shelby County Farmers Market Opening Day

Presented by German American Bank

**10 am - 3 pm** - Downtown Shelbyville transforms into an even more vibrant hub of creativity, featuring live music, arts and crafts vendors, family art activities, historical reenactments, unique shopping opportunities, delicious dining options, and more.

**Bourbon, Bacon, & Butter Bake Off - Sweet & Savory!**

**2 pm - 3 pm**

Enjoy some culinary artistry with the Bourbon, Bacon, and Butter Bakeoff! Sample and vote for your favorites - upstairs at Last Stop Brewing. FREE!

Presented by RUSTY RABBIT

**The SHELBY COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET**

**8 am - 12 pm**

Shelby County Farmers Market Opening Day!

Located at Stargazer Plaza, Saturdays through mid-October.

Fresh food, flowers & more!

This news had to wait for last. It is with profound sadness that I share this news.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Katie Meyer, former Main Street Director in Covington. Katie approached both her work and her life with an energy and enthusiasm that was impossible to miss. She had a true zest for life and a genuine heart for service, always putting others first and working to lift up those around her.

Many of you outside of Main Street may know her father, Joe Meyer who served as the Mayor of Covington. He also served both as a Senator & in the House of Representatives.

Her time in Covington reflected that spirit. She was deeply committed to the community, passionate about downtown, and dedicated to creating opportunities for others to succeed. Katie believed in people and in place, and she brought that belief into everything she did. She served in that role as they were awarded the Great American Main Street Award in 2017. She most recently was making that same impact as the CEO of Downtown Dayton in Dayton Ohio

Her impact will be lasting, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her. Our thoughts are with her family, friends, and the Covington community during this incredibly difficult time. To learn more about this incredible young woman who we've lost much too soon visit:

<https://www.connleybrothersfuneralhome.com/obituary/kathleen-marie-meyer/>



One of the first NKY restoration weekends



Our deepest sympathies to Katie's family, friends, and the communities she served. We are all a bit better for having had the opportunity to have Katie in our lives and our work.