



# Main Street Monday!

April 28, 2026

It's Derby Week and all eyes are on Kentucky!

It's the perfect week to shop in a KYMS for all your Derby needs. Whether attending the race or having your own party you can find all things Derby. From Hats to dishware, from KY Derby food specialties to Bourbon for your Julep, our shops are ready to help you celebrate. The weather is looking a bit chilly so don't forget a nice warm scarf or wrap to go with your hat!



Remember, you are always a winner when you invest in a KYMS community!

## MAIN STREET WEEK!!!!

MAY 4-9, 2026

It is time to celebrate your downtown!

#MainStreetsMeanBusiness

May 1 begins National Preservation Month and in KY this week we celebrate the long tradition of the KY Derby!, but next week, we celebrate our downtowns and small business owners that make them so special!

### SMALL TOWN, BIG IMPACT!

It's the perfect opportunity to get that perfect Mother's Day gift, graduation, teacher gift, wedding items. You local downtown business is just waiting for you!

Look for these activities in your local KY Main Street communities!

**Monday: "LOVE YOUR MAIN STREET DISTRICT** local press about the week, business spotlight day

**Tuesday: ECONOMIC IMPACT DAY & TASTY TUESDAY.** Communities will share Main Street by the numbers. Sharing their local impact of dollars invested, building rehabs, jobs created etc. It's a day to support local restaurants, bakeries, pubs, etc.

**Wednesday: VOLUNTEER & PARTNER APPRECIATION,** Faces of Main Street Spotlight on MS board members, city partners, & volunteers.

**Thursday: TRANSFORMATION** Then & Now photos, Highlighting legacy businesses, buildings that have had an adaptive reuse, district improvements.

**Friday: SHOP, DINE, EXPLORE!** All things downtown! A great time to gather and celebrate. .

**Saturday: Art Fairs, Farmers Market, (Main Street Market) etc.** time for last minute gifts for Mother's Day, graduation, end of school teacher gifts. This is also a great way to celebrate local merchants, artists, and artisans!! There may be chalk art and of course Music!

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Thank you to Jennifer Peachie-Harris, the KHC, Public Information Officer. Jennifer assists us in creating our great ads that you find in publications like KY Living, KY Monthly, YouTube, and much more. We greatly appreciate her!

USDOT also [released the NOFO \(Notice of Funding Opportunity\) for Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) grants](#). Even with some questionable changes to “safety” priorities, SS4A is still an excellent opportunity for communities to improve safety and connectivity.

To help communities take advantage of this opportunity, Smart Growth America is offering our decades of experience implementing proven safety measures to help you put together great plans and strong applications. [Read about strategies for SS4A success](#) and [apply for support](#).

<https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/>

Registration is FREE! <https://members.kynonprofits.org/>

**KENTUCKY NONPROFIT NETWORK**  
**Regional Forums**

Thank you to our sponsor: **DEANDORTON**

- April 29 Owensboro
- April 30 Paducah
- May 4 Pikeville
- May 6 Bowling Green
- May 8 Louisville
- May 11 Ashland
- May 13 Corbin
- May 14 Ft. Wright
- May 15 Lexington

**BONUS SESSION!** These Regional Forum locations below include **FREE** additional content - *What Every Nonprofit Board Member Needs to Know*:

- Owensboro - Wednesday, 4/29
- Paducah - Thursday, 4/30
- Pikeville - Monday, 5/4
- Bowling Green - Wednesday, 5/6
- Corbin - Wednesday, 5/13

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
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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

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**Register Now**  
75 MINUTES VIA ZOOM  
[www.achp.gov/preservethepastbuildforthefuture](http://www.achp.gov/preservethepastbuildforthefuture)

## Upcoming In-Person Brownfield Events



### Brownfield Boot Camp - Southern Kentucky

- 📅 Wed, Apr 29 2026, 9am - 5pm
- 📍 Lake Cumberland Area Development District

Join us at our free day-long workshop to learn about the Kentucky Brownfield Program and how to utilize its services.



### Brownfield Boot Camp - Northern Kentucky

- 📅 Wed, Jun 3 2026, 9am - 5pm
- 📍 OneNKY

Join us at our free day-long workshop to learn about the Kentucky Brownfield program and how to utilize its services.

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



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN

BRUSHY FORK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE OF BEREA COLLEGE



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT  
MAY 15, 2026

VISIT [TINYURL.COM/LG26-PROPOSALS](http://TINYURL.COM/LG26-PROPOSALS)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SESSIONS THAT STRENGTHEN THREE INTERCONNECTED DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP:

- ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP
- PERSONAL LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT

2026 LEADERSHIP GATHERING  
TOGETHER WE LEAD:  
GROWING STRONG COMMUNITIES ACROSS APPALACHIA

SEPTEMBER 16-17  
BEREA COLLEGE  
BEREA, KY

Beattyville Main Street was honored to be invited to attend the HP 616 Preservation Design Review at the University of Kentucky last week. This project focuses on Beattyville, with graduate students developing ideas for the preservation and adaptive reuse of a historic downtown building.

A special thank you to Earl Ray Shuler, Lee County Schools Superintendent, a proud UK & ECU graduate, and Police Chief Cody Sparks for spending time with this group on a Saturday back in February during their visit to Beattyville. The first round of presentations was held on UK's campus, and we're excited to see this project continue into the fall semester—with the potential for a future review right here in Beattyville.

We're grateful for Kentucky Main Street who connects us with partnerships like this.

Photo credit to Jr. MS Director, Gracie Bowling



# DOWNTOWN BINGO

WAVE TO THE TRAIN CONDUCTORS 	VISIT THE HISTORY MUSEUM 	SUPPORT A SMALL BUSINESS 	TRY A SWEET TREAT DOWNTOWN 	TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR FAVORITE BUILDING 
ENJOY DINNER DOWNTOWN 	VISIT THE RAILROAD MUSEUM 	TAKE A SELFIE DOWNTOWN 	BRING A FRIEND DOWNTOWN 	DISCOVER A NEW BUSINESS 
WATCH THE POLLINATOR GARDEN GROW 208 EAST MAIN 	CHECK OUT THE TRAIN OBSERVATION TOWER 	FREE 	GRAB A COFFEE 	WATCH A TRAIN PASS THROUGH MAIN STREET 
SHOP AT A LOCAL STORE 	SNAP A PHOTO WITH A TRAIN 	TALK TO A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER 	VISIT 3 BUSINESSES IN ONE TRIP 	EAT LUNCH AT A DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT 
VISIT SPRINGS PARK 	ATTEND AN EVENT DOWNTOWN 	ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER 	WALK THE ALLEY LOOP 	PLAN YOUR NEXT VISIT BEFORE YOU LEAVE 







Here is a great idea for Main Street Week!

All Milkshake lovers need to head to Perryville! Charlie Horse is a new 2026 business and already winning awards! Stop in and check out all their other great items!

## WE WON!

2026

# BEST MILKSHAKE

IN THE AREA!









# Fridays

AFTER FIVE

## VENDOR CALL!!!

Interested in being a vendor for FNB Fridays After Five in Downtown Paducah this summer? Send us an email to [director@paducahmainstreet.org](mailto:director@paducahmainstreet.org), and we will get connected!!!



## 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.



#### 8 am - 12 pm

Shelby County Farmers Market Opening Day!

Located at Stargazer Plaza, Saturdays through mid-October.

Fresh food, flowers & more!



We love this new project from the Heart of Scottsville Main Street program! It is one that can easily be replicated. For more information email [lizzy@heartofscottsville.org](mailto:lizzy@heartofscottsville.org)



In 2026, Heart of Scottsville launched a new initiative called Project Patriot, a program focused on connecting with the future of our town: our youth.

Since getting started, we've had meaningful conversations with school faculty, club leaders, and students. We've even had the opportunity to host students for job shadow days, giving them a closer look at what we do.

Why did we start this? Because they are the future of Scottsville and their voices matter.

As a nonprofit Main Street program, our mission is to care for our square how it thrives, grows, and continues to serve our community. Project Patriot is just the beginning, and we have big plans ahead.

We can't wait to see where this journey takes us.



Welcome to downtown! Brian Brashear has moved he and his State Farm team to Main Street Taylorsville. Brian is a MS board member and knows the importance of adaptive reuse of our historic structures.

**Look at this!** Seven years ago we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the KYMS program. In doing so we had a little friendly competition from each region with winners in a final cook off with then new Food Network Star Jason Smith from KY

The tradition continues each year in Shelbyville and what a great way to celebrate Main Street Week because who doesn't love Bacon, Butter, & Bourbon.

Presented by **RUSTY RABBIT**

**Shelby**  
MAIN STREET  
HISTORIC SHELBYVILLE KENTUCKY

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

**May 9, 2026**

Calling All Creators of Deliciousness! Think you've got magic in your mixing bowl? Prove it!

Scan to learn more!

Include at least two of the three ingredients in your entry - bourbon, bacon or butter!

Entry categories are sweet or savory. You may enter one or more of each!

You will need to provide 50-75 "bite-size" pieces of your entry for public tasting.

This event is part of Wild about Shelbyville Arts & Music Festival in Downtown Shelbyville, KY. Prizes!

Located upstairs at **EAST STOP BREWING**

**TRI-CITIES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**  
Cumberland/Benham/Lynch, KY.

**Accepting Vendors**

**July 3rd, 2026**

Cumberland Tourism is accepting vendors for our Independence Day Celebration. If you are interested:

[tcchamber@blackbearmtn.org](mailto:tcchamber@blackbearmtn.org)  
606-589-5812

Live music with  
Food, Fun, & Fireworks!

**2026**  
Monthly  
**MAIN STREET**  
Cruise In's  
TOWN SQUARE

**BEATTYVILLE, KY TOWN SQUARE**

**NEXT CRUISE IN:**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
TIME CHANGE DUE TO PROM THAT EVENING  
**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

THEME OF DRESS:  
**Derby Hat Contest!**

**FUN FOR THE KIDS!**  
★ Stick Pony Races  
★ Make Your Own Derby Hat Craft

**DJ MUSIC!**

**GREAT FOOD & DRINK!**  
★ HERMAN'S BREW and  
★ LOS TWO BROTHERS are both within walking distance!

**CALLING ALL PROM GOERS!**  
Come hang out on the Town Square if you're ready a little early and want a great photo shoot! It's the perfect backdrop for your big night!

**GREAT CARS + GOOD TIMES + COMMUNITY PRIDE**  
*We'll see you there!*

**MAY 15 & 16 '26**

**BEATTYVILLE**  
**APPALACHIAN MEMORIES & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

STORIES, TRADITIONS, DISTILLING, & HOMESTEAD HERITAGE

**LEE CO. KY**

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**HISTORY, TALL TALES, OLD TIME HOW-TO'S, & MORE!**

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**BROTHERS RATHBONE**

**HILLBILLY BIKEFEST**  
PRESENTS  
BETTER THAN BOURBON BEARD CONTEST  
HILLBILLY ARM WRESTLING  
SHOW US YOUR JUGS ART SHOW

**STILL SHOW**

**LEE COUNTY TOURISM**

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**DOWNTOWN MOREHEAD KENTUCKY**

**SOUTHERN LEGACY** 8PM

**THE PRETTY GOODS**

*Live Roots Music*

**SATURDAY MAY 23RD**  
**BATTSON-OATES COMMONS**

**6:30PM**  
[WWW.THEPRETTYGOODS.COM](http://WWW.THEPRETTYGOODS.COM)

St. Claire

**Downtown FARMERS MARKET**  
**MURRAY, KENTUCKY**

**OPENING MAY 9th**

**SATURDAYS**  
**MURRAY COURT SQUARE**  
**7AM – NOON**

**Kentucky Proud**

**The Murray Bank**  
*That's My Bank*

[www.MurrayFarmersMarket.com](http://www.MurrayFarmersMarket.com)



Look at these sweet ladies in their dresses from the Guthrie Main Street Market! Victoria, Tracy, & Julie are the vision (and staff!) behind this great space.

The market is operated by the Main Street program and has over 50 vendors! Something for everyone!

**150**  
*Budweiser*  
*Made of America*

**COME SEE THE CLYDESDALES**  
 IN BARDSTOWN, MAY 2-10

**PUBLIC VIEWING MAY 2-10**  
 501 E. STEPHEN FOSTER AVE. - BARDSTOWN, KY 40004

**SUNDAY MAY 3RD - MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME BBQ (TICKETED EVENT)**  
**FULL HITCH PARADE BEGINNING AT 1:00PM**  
 @MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK

**MONDAY MAY 4TH (PHOTO-OP)**  
 3:00PM-5:00PM  
 KROGER SHEPHERDSVILLE  
 185 ADAM SHEPHERD PKWY, SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY 40165

**TUESDAY MAY 5TH (PHOTO-OP)**  
 TRAIL HOTEL, BARDSTOWN - 4:00PM - 6:00PM  
 FROGGIES, BLOOMFIELD - 4:00PM - 6:00PM

**WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH (PHOTO-OP)**  
 4:00PM-6:00PM  
 CUT RATE MT. WASHINGTON  
 185 DELAINA DR, MT WASHINGTON, KY 40047

**THURSDAY MAY 7TH**  
 FULL HITCH PARADE 6:00PM  
 SPRINGFIELD, KY

**SATURDAY MAY 9TH**  
 FULL HITCH PARADE 5:00PM  
 NEW HAVEN, KY

**SUNDAY MAY 10TH**  
 MOTHER'S DAY EVENT @ MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK

Rooting for other small business owners, will not stop your growth. Community over competition.

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Don't forget May is also Bike Month! Lots of bikers will be hitting the road for events across the Commonwealth. These are economic drivers in communities as they share not only their downtowns, but the beautiful countryside that make Kentucky such a special place!

“When local communities invest in making bicycling safer and a real transportation option for more people, the return on investment is clear for individuals and society at large -- from cost-savings on public health to small businesses’ growth and more.”

~ League of American Bicyclists