

# Main Street Monday!

May 4, 2026



## Small Towns ~ Big Impact



### KENTUCKY MAIN STREET WEEK

May 4 - Love your Main Street

May 5 - Economic Impact Day

May 6 - Volunteer & Partner Appreciation

May 7 - Transformation Thursday

May 8 - Shop, Dine, Explore

May 9 - Community Celebration



## Celebrate Historic Preservation

Main Street celebrates Historic Preservation Month.

It's a time to celebrate the places that tell our story and shape our future.

Our downtowns are more than buildings; they are a reflection of our community's identity, resilience, and opportunity.

Preservation isn't just about looking back it's about building forward, using our historic assets to create a vibrant and competitive district.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Preservation isn't just about saving old buildings—it's about community vitality.

- **Economic impact:** Historic districts attract investment, small businesses, and tourism.
- **Community identity:** Preserved places tell the story of who you are and where you've been.
- **Sustainability:** Reusing buildings reduces waste and supports environmentally responsible development.
- **Sense of place:** Unique, authentic downtowns stand out in a competitive marketplace.

## **REGISTER NOW! | 2026 Regional Leadership Summit**

Registration has just opened for the 2026 Kentucky Community Leadership Programs Regional Summit, **Leadership Connections: Strengthening Partnerships for Community Success**. We invite Community Leadership Program (CLP) Coordinators, facilitators, and all who are interested, in joining us for a day of networking, sharing successes, and learning new skills and resources. We hope each community program will bring a strong representative team! Regional summit gatherings will be held at four locations across the state.

It's not too late to take advantage of **Early Bird registration for ONLY \$50!** Early Bird rates will expire two weeks prior to each Summit, so don't wait! After that, summit registration fee is \$80 per person.

### **Plan to attend the Summit nearest you!**

**June 5 - Eastern Kentucky** - Boyd County Extension Education Center/Franks Building at Fairgrounds, Ashland, KY

**June 9 - Western Kentucky** - Paducah Leadership Center, Paducah, KY

**June 12 - Northern Kentucky** - Leadership Louisville Center, Louisville, KY

**June 23 - South Central Kentucky** - London Community Center, London, KY

Visit [Kentucky Community Leadership Programs Network](#) to register and for prior and current Regional Summit Information

**Contact:** Amy Cloud, [acloud@kychamber.com](mailto:acloud@kychamber.com), with any Summit registrations issues.

## **Community Design in Action | A Place for Y'all: Universal Design in Rural Communities**

Tuesday, May 19th, at 1:00pm EST

Webinar

What does it mean for a place to truly welcome everyone?

This session moves beyond ADA compliance to explore practical, people-centered design in rural communities. We'll highlight often-overlooked groups, including caregivers, neurodivergent individuals, and aging residents, and show how small design choices can create more inclusive, usable spaces.

You'll leave with simple, actionable universal design strategies and checklists to apply in your own community—because inclusion isn't an add-on, it's the foundation.

**Contact:** Cameron Correll, Blueprint Kentucky, at [cameron.correll@uky.edu](mailto:cameron.correll@uky.edu).

Over the next few issues I will share some ideas from the National Conference that was held in Tulsa.



These two food spots were inside the Mother Road Mkt. One is long term, one short providing opportunities for entrepreneurs. Where could you offer this?

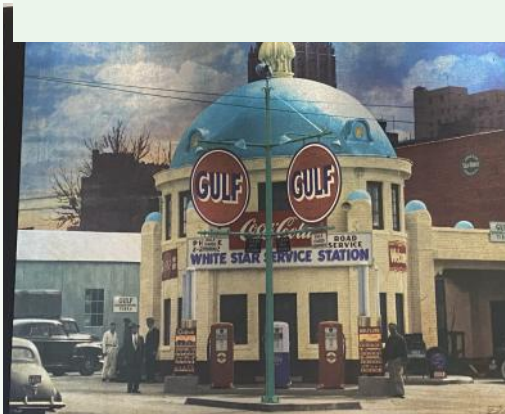
Perhaps you have an unused school or a large indoor space that can be used for small incubator spaces. These have ways to close their shops and plenty of space to showcase their items. Notice they have plenty of benches for sitting. There were food spaces & ice cream with open dining space and other spaces with no walls, but showcases. Plenty of signage and string lighting.



Do you have something special for branding?

The Blue Dome District is all about one special small building that is iconic in the neighborhood.

From business signage to the street lights they have embraced the Blue Dome!



We've all heard it. I came to fill in the blank and ..... "They weren't open" is a perception problem *and* a coordination problem. You can't force hours, but you can shape them. Economic vitality depends on consistent, predictable hours.

If customers can't rely on being open, they stop coming. In the past shops closed on Monday to restock & do paperwork after busy weekend sales. Shops may have winter hours where they close on Mondays and perhaps close earlier.

Today more people are traveling and Mondays are the days that they want to visit and shop.

Inconsistent hours don't only impact the shop, but the downtown as well. As travel season approaches it is important for shops to be open beyond 5:00 to attract local shoppers as well.

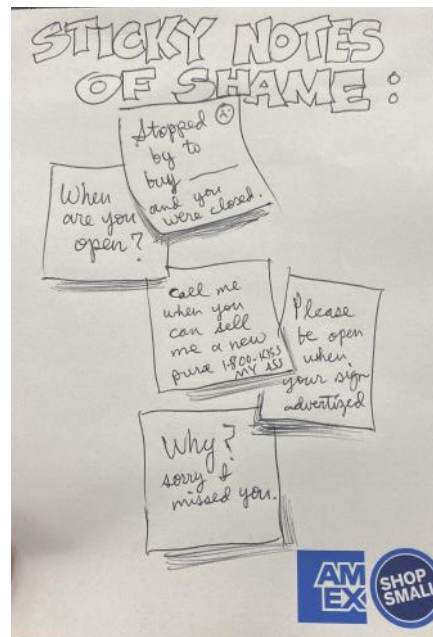
How can MS help? Meeting with business groups and encouraging them to be open. Sharing foot traffic numbers and sales of those that are open to others. Get buy-in for consistent hours of operation.

Main Street strengthens economic vitality by coordinating consistent hours, promoting what's open, and creating reasons for customers to show up even on slower days.

Promoting a "What's open on Monday" list could help everyone navigate the day with reduced frustration.



We've seen this before, but it was also seen at the National Conference.



Here are some other ways that everyone can support their locally owned small businesses!



Where **HISTORY** Meets **HEART**



**WPA 1939**

# PRESERVATION MONTH

## Open House Tours

Step inside history and see the progress as we restore the historic WPA Building and preserve Beattyville's story.

*Built in 1939.*  
**STILL STANDING. NOW BEING RESTORED.**

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE TOURS!

**FRIDAY MAY 8**  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Other times TBA

**FRIDAY MAY 22**  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Other times TBA

★ MAJOR INVESTMENTS. LASTING IMPACT. ★

- BROWNFIELDS**  
Cleanup and window restoration
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT**  
Supporting major restoration work
- AMERICA 250 GRANT**  
Helping to start early restoration efforts

TOUR THE HISTORIC WPA BUILDING

SEE THE CLEANUP & RESTORATION PROGRESS

LEARN ABOUT FUNDING & WHAT'S NEXT

Together, we're *preserving* the places that tell the story of Beattyville.




## Free Monthly Workshop for Kentucky Businesses

**Business 101**

Thurs, May 7, 1-2pm  
Virtual Workshop

Featuring Katie Startzman of KY Small Business Development Centers



Register here  <https://mtassociation.org/workshop/>



# CUSTOMER CAPITAL

with **NuMarket**

Mon., June 1 @ 1 p.m. CT



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/preservethepastbuildforthefuture](http://www.achp.gov/preservethepastbuildforthefuture)



# \$4.6 MILLION AWARDED TO MIDDLESBORO

 <b>FLOOD MITIGATION</b> Protecting our community for generations to come	 <b>DOWNTOWN</b> Enhancing our downtown with new lighting, amenities, and cohesive signage	 <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> Building sports fields and new walking trails for our community	 <b>FARMERS MARKET</b> Creating a space to support local farmers and strengthen our local economy	 <b>YOUTH &amp; FAMILY</b> Building our first Boys & Girls Club to invest in our youth and their future
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WHERE TRADITION MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Small Business Owners: You're invited to a free webinar hosted on Main Street America's Small Business Hub to learn about going live on NuMarket to generate more revenue for your business.

In this session, you'll learn about customer capital from [NuMarket](https://www.numarket.com/), and how local businesses across the country are raising working capital in 30 days directly from their customers, with no debt and no equity given up.

You'll hear real examples from businesses and get a step-by-step look at what it means to get capital and customers for the long haul with NuMarket.

Register: <https://savingplaces-org.zoom.us/>

# BEATTYVILLE Main Street Week!

MAY 4TH - 8TH, 2026

CELEBRATE LOCAL ♥ SUPPORT DOWNTOWN ♥ JOIN THE FUN!

**MONDAY**

**MAIN STREET MATTERS**  
 What it means to be a Kentucky Main Street community & why it matters right here in Beattyville! ♥

**TUESDAY**

**TASTY TUESDAY**  
 Show some love to our amazing downtown dining spots—grab a bite and support local!

**WEDNESDAY**

**LEADER APPRECIATION**  
 Celebrating the folks who give their time and dedication to support our Main Street program. ♥

**THURSDAY**

**LIVE AT LUNCH + SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION**  
 ★ Live at Lunch music featuring Tina Taylor on Town Square!  
 ★ Free Kentucky Main Street T-shirts while supplies last!

**FRIDAY**

**PRESERVATION DAY**  
 Take a step inside history! WPA Building Tours on Friday and see the progress being made to preserve this important space.

Let's keep our downtown **VIBRANT, WELCOMING & FULL OF HEART!** ♥

Shop Local. Support Local. Love Local! ♥

Check out this great historic spot that is available in downtown Perryville! Contact Aly at Main St. Perryville for more details! [ahuff@downtownperryville.com](mailto:ahuff@downtownperryville.com) or 859-332-1862

Presented by

**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



Lots of great activities happening this weekend!  
 Take Mom and celebrate her special day!

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Sip & Shop*  
 on  
 Middlesboro Main Street  
 THURSDAY, MAY 7TH | 5-8 PM



**LA GRANGE, KY**  
**RAIL FEST**  
 MAY 9, 2026 | 9 AM-5 PM

**LIVE MUSIC**  
 ALL WEEKEND **FREE**  
 MAY 8 | 5PM-10PM  
 MAY 9 | 11AM-9:30PM

**TRACKLESS TRAIN RIDE**  
**TRAIN VENDORS & LAYOUTS**  
 MODELS • TOYS • COLLECTIBLES

**ARTISAN CRAFT VENDORS**  
 HANDMADE GOODS • UNIQUE CRAFTS

**FAMILY FUN ZONE**  
 BOUNCE HOUSES • GAMES • FACE PAINTING

PLUS VIRTUAL RAILFAN LIVE STREAMING, FOOD TRUCKS, BOOK FAIR, LA GRANGE FARMERS MARKET & ARTISANS & MORE!

visit La Grange KENTUCKY



**Downtown FARMERS MARKET**  
 MURRAY, KENTUCKY

**OPENING MAY 9th**  
**SATURDAYS**  
 MURRAY COURT SQUARE  
 7 AM — NOON

Kentucky Proud | The Murray Bank That's My Bank

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




**WILD about Shelbyville KENTUCKY**  
**Arts & Music Festival**

Shelby County Historical Society Museum  
 627 Main Street

**Special Festival Highlights**

- 1:00 PM – Declaration of Independence Reading  
 Stargazer Plaza  
 Read by Brian Cushing
- Historical Garment Spotlight  
 A rare garment that did not make it into our current exhibit  
 Presented by Amy Liebert & Brian Cushing
- Living Statues (12 pm – 2 pm)  
 A mesmerizing live wax figure artform  
 Stargazer Plaza & 6th Street
- Author Appearance  
 John Graham will be onsite selling and signing his book:  
 Freedom's Teacher: The Story of Elijah P. Marrs

**Stop by the museum for**

- 18th Century Schooling and Quill Pen & Ink Writing
- Weapons of the American Revolution
- Fife & Drum Music
- Flags of the American Revolution
- Frontier Food

visit **Shelby** MAIN STREET HISTORIC SHELBYVILLE KENTUCKY



**FREE SMALL BUSINESS WEBINAR**

**THE OPERATIONS TUNE-UP: APPLYING LEAN THINKING TO SMALL-SCALE PRODUCTION**

Register Today!




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

The Clydesdales are coming to Main Street! See them in Springfield on Thursday!

- Food trucks | 4–8 PM (North Cross Main)
- Live music | 4–5 PM (in front of 1816 Courthouse)
- Hitch Showcase | 5–6 PM (324 E. Main St. parking lot- Former Communicare parking lot)
- Full Hitch Parade | 6 PM (Main Street)
- Adopt-a-Horse | After Parade (in front of 1816 Courthouse)



**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 DELAINE 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



They would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Golden Tempo and Cherie DeVaux on winning the Kentucky Derby, Run for the Roses Saturday! A historic moment to kick off Historic Preservation Month. It is a perfect script for another great movie about Kentucky.

**KENTUCKY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUMMIT**  
FRIDAY, May 15, 2026  
10am-3pm Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, KY

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

Guthrie Main Street  
PRESENTS

# MUSIC IN THE PARK 2026

Live music under the summer sky  
in downtown Guthrie!

Longhurst PARK

BLUE FLAME  
Guthrie KY  
LIKE A JOINT

-  **MAY 30** **SAVED BY THE MUSIC**  
The Ultimate 90's Band
-  **JUNE 27** **THE JIMMY CHURCH BAND**  
During Guthrie's 250th Celebration
-  **JULY 25** **COUNTRY TWANG**
-  **AUGUST 29** **JUSTIN REYNOLDS BAND**

ALL CONCERTS  
START AT 7PM

 **LONGHURST PARK**  
DOWNTOWN GUTHRIE

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

*Bring a chair. Bring a friend. ♥*  
LOVE YOUR DOWNTOWN

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)



City of Pikeville

## Time Capsule Sealing Ceremony

Tuesday, May 5 at 11:00 am

Pikeville 200 Plaza  
at the Overlook Events Center  
Bob Amos Dr., Pikeville KY

Refreshments immediately following  
at the Overlook Events Center.

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# Best in KENTUCKY 2026



Don't forget to vote!!! Lots of Main Street cities and businesses are in the running!  
<https://www.kentuckyliving.com/>