

June 20, 2022

# Main Street Monday!



In 2021, Accredited and Affiliate Main Street America programs generated \$5.76 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 6,601 net new businesses, facilitated the creation of 30,402 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 10,595 historic buildings, and leveraged 1,427,729 volunteer hours. On average, for every dollar that a Main Street program spent to support their operations, it generated \$19.34 of new investment back into Main Street communities.\*

"We are thrilled to acknowledge this year's Accredited and Affiliate programs and their dedication to advancing economic opportunity and quality of life in their downtowns," said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of Main Street America. "During another incredibly challenging year, these programs demonstrated the power of the Main Street movement to respond to the needs of their communities. I am inspired by their steadfast leadership and innovative solutions to drive essential local recovery efforts, support small businesses, and nurture vibrant downtown districts."

Statewide, countywide, and citywide Coordinating Programs evaluate, select, and recommend qualifying communities to Main Street America on an annual basis. To quality for Accreditation status, communities must meet a set of rigorous standards. Evaluation criteria identifies communities that are building meaningful and sustainable revitalization programs, and include standards such as, fostering strong public-private partnerships, supporting small and locally owned businesses, and actively preserving historic places, spaces, and cultural assets.

Learn more about Main Street America designation here. https:// www.mainstreet.org/blogs/national-main-streetcenter/2022/06/14/announcing-the-2022-main-street-americadesignated We are pleased to share with you again the 2022 Nationally Accredited KYMS programs.

These programs are working hard every day to help your downtown be the very best it can be. Congratulations again to each of them!

#### 2022 Nationally Accredited Programs

Bardstown	Murray
Beattyville	Paducah
Campbellsville	Perryville
Carrollton	Pikeville
Covington	Pineville
Cynthiana	Salyersville
Danville	Caryorovino
Guthrie	Shelbyville
LaGrange	Springfield
London	Taylorsville
Maysville	Winchester
Morehead	
National Affiliate Programs	
Middlesboro	
Scottsville	
Tri-Cities	
Williamsburg	
Kentucky Network Programs	

<u>Kentucky Network Programs</u> Catlettsburg Paintsville

Learn more at heritage.ky.gov

www.mainstreet.org

KY programs websites and social media.



MAIN STREET

Coordinating Program



# ARTISTS THREE ANNUAL SUMMIT (JULY 19-22) 2022 Winston-Salem, NC and online www.ArtistsThrive.org

Join artists, arts leaders, educators and funders from across the country to collaborate, gain inspiration, engage and align! 2022 offers the opportunity to attend in-person in Winston-Salem, NC or engage online from your home!

## Tuesday, July 19 - Friday, July 22, 2022 Winston-Salem, NC and online!

### Registration Tiers from \$0 - \$250

Artist's Thrive is a great program and the conference was held for several years at Berea College. Several Main Street progarms/communities have participated. It is a great way to engage with artists in your community to assist in business development, public art, place-making, and so much more! Check out their website for more information.



Is your Main Street interested in historic real estate? Learn about downtown development trends, how to successfully pitch Main Street real estate projects to funders, & challenges and opportunities for historic real estate financing on Main Street.

Register for our Historic Real Estate Finance Certification course to dive deeper into these skills!

https://bit.ly/3MXoHbO

## Join Us at a Brownfield Outreach Session

### **REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 22nd**

KY EXCEL member Tetra Tech, as part of their environmental leadership commitment, invites you to a free educational session about brownfield redevelopment and resources available to make it happen. Join us to learn about programs and services to help revitalize contaminated, blighted or abandoned properties in your community while addressing social, environmental and economic challenges.



June 23, 2022 - Lexington 9am - 12pm EST - Bluegrass Area Development District June 28, 2022 - Elizabethtown 9am - 12pm CST - Lincoln Trail Area Development District June 30, 2022 - Bowling Green 9am - 12pm CST - Barren River Area Development District

We always say good buildings bring good business and good business leads to economic vitality in the downtown.

Jeff Siegler is the former state coordinator in Ohio and knows a lot about downtowns. He now works as a consultant and you can follow him and his insights at Revitalize of Die on social media or his blog https://revitalizeordie.com/



### BUILDINGS BEFORE BUSINESS

Your district will never attract the types of businesses you want if all you have to offer is subpar commercial space.

Focus real estate development before you worry about business recruitment.

Bad business owners seek bad space. They want low overhead, they don't plan to make much money, they aren't serious about a business plan, they don't care about cash flow. These are not the tenants you want.

Good space attracts quality tenants- every damn time. I have yet to see someone fix up quality commercial or residential space downtown and have any problem filling it. That's because current demand far outstrips current supply. There just isn't enough quality space in your downtown to meet the current demand, but sadly there is a surplus of crappy space



## Locable's Community Grant Program is back for 2022!

Offering grants for Main Streets / Downtowns, small businesses and other community organizations. Our programs ensure businesses effectively communicate while also enabling communities to support their merchants today and into the future. Our application process is

simple for each of the grant options to make it accessible to everyone and our hope is that your authentic need and goals come through. As a Main Street Association, you're focused on your community, to help attract visitors and equip your merchants to put their best foot forward. We invite you to tell us about your community, marketing and communication challenges you'd like to address, and why you deserve/need to win.

For more information or to apply visit: www.locable.com/locable-community-grant-program

Due June 30th https://lge-ku.com/environment/plants-and-wildlife/tree-planting-grants

Kentucky Utilities (KU/LG&E) offers grants of up to \$5,000 to Kentucky and Virginia nonprofit organizations and local government agencies for tree-planting initiatives. Funding is for projects in urban and non-urban parks, parkways, forests, and highways. Applicants must be located in the service areas of LG&E and KU.

LG&E and KU offer one-year grants for urban, suburban, or rural projects in forests and parks, along parkways or roadways that meet program objectives. Applicants must demonstrate that mature trees resulting from their efforts will not interfere with utility lines.

#### Due June 30th! https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants

Grants of up to \$50,000 to USA nonprofit organizations, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, and town managers and employees for capital projects to revitalize public community spaces in rural areas. The purpose of the program is to create and restore communal spaces that foster personal connections. Projects must benefit small cities with a population less than 50,000.

Applications open on a quarterly basis with the following schedule:-

- Spring: Applications open January March
- Summer: Applications open April June
- Fall: Applications open July September Winter: Applications open October – December

Due July 7th https://sesah.org/bots-preservation-award/

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) awards grants to historic preservation projects in southern states. The award will honor a project that has demonstrated excellence in research, design, and execution.

The award is also for a project that preserves, documents, restores, rehabilitates, or educates the public about a historic property, such as a building, structure, or a complex of buildings & structures.

Projects with a public interpretation component are encouraged but not required



America's Best Restaurants will be in Paducah tomorrow! They will be stopping in at Gold Rush Café at 400 Broadway and the restaurant is asking for your favorites. Check out their FB page for more information!

New businesses continue to open in KYMS communities.



House of Tao is a family-owned yoga and dance studio located on the 2nd floor of 521 Madison Avenue, above <u>KungFood Chu's AmerAsia</u>.



Here is just one way KYMS local programs help their small businesses. Murray Main Street has been spotlighting a business of the month on social media (others have also). This brings attention to the diversity of the businesses located downtown along with information about them. It's a great idea and the best part, it's free.



**New in Paducah!** Congratulations to Bluebird Blessings and owner Suzanne Glisson, LMT Bluebird Blessings is located at 222 Kentucky Avenue, Suite 1. Aside from being a Licensed Massage Therapist, Suzanne is also a Reiki Master Teacher & IET Practitioner. For more information on services or to book, head to their FB page, call 270-559-5203 or email bluebirdbless-ings.Imt@gmail.com.



We hope everyone has a great first day of summer and a great 4th of July holiday. Just a few tips to remember with fireworks and the summer heat. Do stop in a local business if you get overheated or need assistance. They are happy to help.

American Red Cross

X Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.