



## Main Street Monday!

#### **Opening today**



By all accounts from our Main Street directors retail, service businesses, & restaurant openings are going well. We have been excited to see the creativity that everyone has been using to create opportunities for the use of unused spaces and making downtowns more people friendly.

We are looking forward to the continued lifting of restrictions to accommodate more capacity in the future.

We are also excited to show you in future editions more of the restoration work, public art installations and other things that has been taking place across the state in our Main Street communities.

Main Street is the heart of every community and is a place for all. We may never understand the hurt that has been felt across the nation as an individual but together, we all stand for equality and for what is right and just. Love one another.

Renaissance Covington said it so well we are sharing their statement.

We see you, we hear you, and we are here for you. We will never understand, but, we stand! We stand with those working to create a more equitable society. We stand with those calling to make tomorrow a better day.

Change starts with a single choice. So we are calling on you to support your neighbors. Make the choice to speak up when you hear racist language. Make the choice to spend money at minority-owned businesses. Make the choice to stand up to inequality.

Make the choice to be better, not just tomorrow but every day.



Wednesday, June 10 at 2pm ET. Register and learn more: https://brook.gs/3gSWQuH



New webinar from the Bass Center for Transformative Placemaking at The Brookings Institution:
Mitigating the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Rural Areas.

Join the Bass Center for Transformative Placemaking at Brookings for conversation with Main Street Leaders on how hyperlocal rural organizations are working to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the ground.



Thank you to Donna Smith , Jerry Shoffner and Nick Shoffner for volunteering with Middlesboro Main Street and director Larry Grandey. I personally can't wait to see what will be happening on this island. As Larry says, It folks like these that make our town a beautiful place to work, shop and live.

Volunteers are the heart of all of Kentucky's Main Street programs and we appreciate their passion for their communities and all they do to serve the places they call home.

Spotz Homemade Gelato is coming to Shelbyville! You may have seen them at a festival near you with their pink polka dot trailer. It is delicious and we are so excited to have on in our Main St. community!

# Artful Gifts in downtown Carrollton makes you want to stop in!







Guthrie Main Street purchased the Abshire building in 2019 and completed phase 1, which included a new roof and brick work. Phase 2 will include the facade and interior work. We can't wait to see the finished project!

We are excited that Farmer's Markets are open in many of our Main Street communities! We love shopping local and supporting our local farmers. Please follow the guidelines when you shop.

## FARMERS MARKET C SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 1. WE <u>STRONGLY</u> RECOMMEND PATRONS WEAR A MASK WHILE IN THE MARKET AREA.
- 2. FOLLOW DIRECTIONAL ARROWS; STAY 6FT. FROM OTHER PATRONS.

(COUNTER-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION)

- 3. PLEASE LIMIT INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CUSTOMERS AND VENDORS.
- 4. PLEASE FREQUENTLY USE THE HANDWASHING AND SANITIZING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE MARKET.
- 5. You touch it, you buy it. Please LET THE VENDORS HANDLE ITEMS FOR PURCHASE.

These rules have been set in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. To ensure we can continue to stay open, your full cooperation is necessary.





The photo is a bit blurry, but this shows you the impact of social media. In 7 days we reached 39, 920 people. Your page can do the same!

### Insights

Last 7 Days: May 29 - Jun 4



Reach (1) 39,920 +77%

Post Engagement (1) 3,766 +131%

Net Page Likes 102 +149%

A Cumberland business can use some assistance. Posted on Tri-Cities site. One of our oldest local businesses, the Poor Fork Arts & Craft Store, is struggling financially due to the COVID-19, unemployment, and weather conditions earlier in the year. In order to save them from closing, we are asking former family members, artists, and friends if interested to make a contribution to the save this business or helping you may contact Pat Scopa at 606-589-4057 or mail to 17623 N Hwy 119, Cumberland, KY 40823.



Thank you for helping the community.



Tucker's Diamond and Gold in Campbellsville



In Carrollton Maguana's Unique Gifts and Flowers



Curbside pick-up at All Seasons in Salyersville





Tri-Cities Main Street director, Bobbie Gothard was Healthy at Work.





Some spring time events are starting to be rescheduled and we hope that the fall will allow us to once again get together and celebrate with our communities. While the Redbuds in the Spring are amazing in southeast KY the fall is just as beautiful. So hop on your bike and start practicing to come and enjoy the event!

Restoration occurring in downtown Taylorsville on the corner of Main Street! This will provide more downtown housing upon completion.





Did you know that Taylorsville director, Beverly Ingram is also a small business owner? The Red Scooter is a great antique shop. You can stop in for a visit this fall when our conference takes us to visit her community. She is also a city council person. She is one busy lady!

Here's another, did you know. Cumberland is the black bear capital of KY. They have been spotted at director Bobbie Gothard's home. Even bears like to get their things locally.



Two more art projects that were done in the Main Street District this week. Thanks Makenna Hampton and Izabella Martinez for your unique creativity. Those electric boxes were pretty boring before these MCHS students got their hands on them.









Last weeks mural is complete! Also in downtown Maysville. Thanks to Stephanie Martinez for again sharing her talent and whimsy with us - and to the Blakefield Neeley family for being great partners and loaning us such a super spot!!! It's in the alley between Omni Materials and Local KY 68

Happy Belated Birthday to Eilene Collins, June 2nd. I wish you could have viewed the Happy Dance when her children surprised her.

