

Main Street Monday!





National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Make A Plan Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the Coronavirus.

Build A KitGather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Natural disasters don't wait for a convenient time. Preparing for them shouldn't wait either. Start today by signing up for alerts, safe-guarding important documents, and taking other low cost and no cost preparedness actions to lessen the impact of disasters and emergencies for you and your family.

Teach Youth About Preparedness Talk to kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case they are alone. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

One of the great things about Main Street! It is a grassroots organization made up of people committed to making their communities all they can be. This include local citizens, local leaders, students and more. If you are interested in being a part of this national movement contact your local director or the state office to see how you can be involved!

Building a Community Entrepreneurship
Ecosystem - A Self-Guided Training for
Communities provides the foundational
knowledge you'll need to begin, including
how to integrate this work into existing workplans and the Four Point framework, and
how to comprehensively evaluate your
current Ecosystem. Whether you are new to
the field or a veteran practitioner, this stepby-step guide will offer you the springboard
you need to build a thriving entrepreneurial
culture. Directors can download the guide
from the Main Street America website.



Last week we failed to include that our staff architect, Erick Rawlings, has taken a job in the private sector. We greatly appreciate the work he did with our Main Street communities. He will be missed. We wish him the best as he begins a new chapter.

The 2021-2022 Flu Season FAQ has been updated with additional information related to flu and COVID-19 at https://bit.ly/3zHYoAz, including with resources for health care providers on coadministration of flu and COVID-19 vaccines: https://bit.ly/3yJ9gge

Applications for the annual **Community Change Grants** from America Walks and Active People, Healthy Nation are open! This program will award grantees \$1.5k to innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level.

Submit your application by September 30. Learn more and apply: https://bit.ly/3hSCgMZ

Funding Availability for FY 2022 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

EPA has announced the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including non-profit organizations, to deliver Brownfields Job Training (JT) programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment across a spectrum of brownfield-related activities. The application submission deadline is October 5th, 2021. Learn more about this opportunity and see available resources: https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-jt-grants



The SOAR Summit is an annual event held in Eastern Kentucky. It's the only event focusing specifically on the issues and activities of our region. Drawing more than 1,000 attendees, participants include local residents and businesses, elected officials, nonprofit leaders, and other change agents across Appalachia.

When Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM EDT-to-Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM EDT Save your spot for this year's Summit now at https://www.soar-ky.org/summit/
For more information contact Keriston Smith SOAR (606) 766-1160
keriston@soar-ky.org

KYMS will be participating on a panel and KYMS/KHC will be set up in the exhibits.



This was a great tip on a non-profit sharing site.

We held an event and instead of charging asked for a donation at the end of the day based on their desire to give. Then it is a tax deductible donation and we made more then if we had charged a flat fee.

Springfield is the only Kentucky Main Street in the America's Main Street contest.

Please vote daily and help them win \$25,000!!! https://www.mainstreetcontest.com/profile/6



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Promote what your Main Street organization

is doing! New mural, new sculpture, new business incentive, assistance with tax credits, ribbon cutting, new flowers, activated alleys, take credit for what you are doing!!! If you are not telling your story someone else is and sometimes taking credit for all your hard work!

Local media is happy for you to send them the article! Give them information before the event, why they should come, what's different from last years event, why it is being held, etc. Then recap after it is over. Send photos, make their job easy, but promote your story! They are always looking for content!



Look back on last year

Here are some great tips from *Locable* on promoting your organization, the downtown, and your businesses.

Tell an interesting story!

Spotlight a Business ULOCABLE

Simply interview a business Potential Prompts include:

- What is [business name]? How would you describe it to a friend?
- How and why did you start the business?
- What's something you wish people know about [business]?
- What's your most popular product or service?
- Other than your business, which is your favorite in town?
- How are you involved in the community?
- What would you say to someone thinking about starting a business on Main Street?

www.locable.com/downloads for this and more

Create human interest!

- √ Highlight a Creation
- √ Spotlight an Experience
- √ Product Overview / Unboxing
- √ Professional Services Example
- ✓ Employer or Volunteer Recognition
- ✓ Profile Cause or Relationship

Main Street Prompts Include:

- ✓ Spotlight Articles
- √ Event Story Arcs
- √ 4-Points Projects

Recap Article(s)

- Surprises
- · Photos & Videos
- · Attendee quotes & thank you's
- · Call for UGC content

Equip merchants to tell their stories

Tell your stories & amplify your merchants activities.

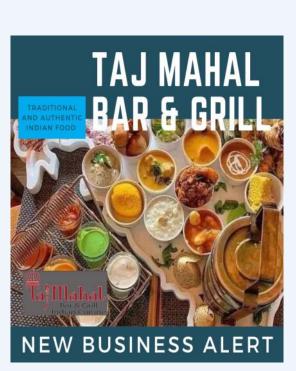
On a very rainy day a piece of Scottsville's history was given new life on Saturday. Local artist, Andrew Wielawski wiped rain droplets off of the new marble sculpture in downtown Scottsville on the Square.

The Jacksonian was a hotel which stood until 1973. Wielawski and four area high school students, Ella Burch, Sno Browning, Daphnica Wood, and Dillan Blankenship created the sculpture which is the first of four historical markers that will stand on the square.

Chris Cathers from the KY Arts Council was on hand for the unveiling.

Chris Cathers & Daphnica Wood





We are excited to welcome Covington's first Indian restaurant, Taj Mahal Bar & Grill, to the neighborhood!

Serving traditional and authentic Indian food, the menu includes a selection of popular and unique Indian dishes. Find them at 726 Madison Avenue!

Andrew Wielawski

Outdoor concert series are sadly coming to an end as summer fades in to fall. While there will be a few remaining here and there this is a great week to get out and enjoy the weather and great tunes across our KYMS communities.

These events are held for a number of reasons: to promote the downtown community and create a place to make memories

To elevate the visibility of our downtown merchants & restaurants as well as our Main Street organizations.

To enhance the quality of life for all citizens.









Pedrito Martinez Group

explodes on the Levitt stage in Downtown Middlesboro this Thursday evening (09/23/21).

It's a must see event that closes our 2021 Music Series. All the fun begins at 6:30 with Few Miles On.





To Nick Wade, Covington, who will celebrate this Friday, Sept 24!



Downtown Cynthiana, listed as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places, has the second-largest collection of buildings with mid 19th century cast iron storefronts in Kentucky.

These outstanding examples of Federalstyle architecture have survived from the community's earliest years and are still now home to great small businesses!

Make a date to dine and shop and enjoy downtown Cynthiana.



New mural in Paintsville speaks to what makes them special. This mural has so much detail in it. All the letters have something that is unique to Paintsville. Do you see country music star Chris Stapleton in the S and the country music highway along the bottom? Leslie Heinze and Becky Grace did a great job making this happen. Becky serves on the Paintsville Main Street board.



Activating spaces!! One thing COVID gave us was an opportunity for placemaking and the ability to create outdoor spaces that people wanted to enjoy, to continue, and to make better.

These were great for many Main Street design committees as a new excitement was created in our downtowns. This spot in downtown Morehead was brought to life and we couldn't be more excited for their community!



And painters...and masonry workers... and roofers...and plumbers...and electricians. With our Maysville Main Street Historic Building Improvement Grant in full swing, all sorts of workers are in demand. Please give us a line on some of your favorites!

Contact Caroline Reece to find out more! Carolinereece@maysvilleky.net



used for beautification, façade grants, incentives, summer concerts, a number of things that make these KYMS communities great places where you want to invest your time, talent, and dollars. Not to mention you also get to have great food, great entertainment, great company and a lot of fun!

We hope you got your ticket early because The Heart of Danville's first fundraiser is **SOLD OUT!**







Fun Fact: Did you know London is the home of the Honey Bun?

Cider + Bun = Fun