



# Main Street Monday!



Meet Emily Ayers, the new director of Middlesboro Main Street! Emily started work last week and has hit the ground running. We met on Friday with several board members and all are excited about the future of their community!

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Thank you to all of the downtown communities who are participating in Main Street cleanups this week and week-end. It's a great day to bring people together in the work you do every day.

We also appreciate
Bluegrass Greensource
and their partners who
provide supplies to our
central KY downtowns
for this event.



### Here is a great article to share with your merchants!

17 Proven Ways to Drive Foot Traffic to Your Retail Store - Vend Retail Blog

Looking to boost foot traffic? This post offers tips to help you draw more shoppers in, while increasing visits from existing customers at the same time.

BLOG.VENDHQ.COM

https://blog.vendhq.com/post/64901828521/how-to-drive-foot-traffic-retail-store



This London Main Street project is a great event and brings crowds to their downtown. The redbud ride will roll through downtown London this weekend! The ride started in 2008 with 26 riders, last year it grew to over 1400 and it continues to grow! Based on zip codes provided 96% of participants are very over a 100 miles away and many from out west and

Canada. Grab your bike and get to London!

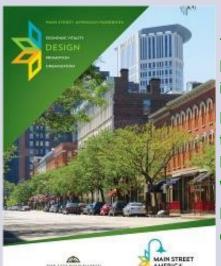
Watch the youtube video for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=A1M47A31yeM&sns=fb





Don't forget to vote for our Kentucky Main Street communities in the MAIN STREET contest! https://www.mainstreetcontest.com



The updated
Design Handbook
is now available.

Directors can find this at the National Main Street Center web-site.

Download your copy today!



### Lots going on in Pikeville!



### Beattyville Locally Made Market 2018

### **Events are the last Friday night of every month, April-November 2018.**

Locally Made Market: Open to local artisans, jewelry makers, photographers, quilters, blacksmiths, painters, and farmers to set up each month and sell their products at the Woolly Worm Park on Main Street in Beattyville.

Classic Car Cruise In: Free Registration each month for the classic car cruise in. Park your car in the designated part of Main Street and have direct access o the Locally Made Market each month. The first 25 cars will receive a dash plaque.

Street Dance: Jump into the fun each month by participating in a street dance. There will be a viratey of music each month. Tap your feet to exciting bluegrass music, dance the grapevine to oldies DJ favorite, or watch talented cloggers break it down for the crowd.

KYMS will be in Beattyville tomorrow. We will be doing a sister city visit, working with a potential new restaurant and conducting board training for Beattyville Main Street!







Pedal Wagon is launching its services in Covington the weekend of April 6. It tested out the service over the St. Patrick's Day weekend, offering free rides to hundreds of revelers.

Co-owner <u>Jack Heekin</u> told me the company has been receiving requests to cross the river into Covington for years. He sees Pedal Wagon as connecting the three major hubs of activity in Covington: MainStrasse, the downtown area around Braxton Brewing Co. and Roebling Point.

"We really like the area over there. There's a lot going on," Heekin said. "We talked to our partner bars and bars around the area, and it seemed like a really good fit."



News from Danville: We are thrilled to share about another new business to our downtown community, <u>Third & Mane</u>. In the little while that Third & Mane has been in their location downtown, they have already made a positive impact. Don't believe us, just check out their reviews. Better yet, check them out for yourself! #iheartdowntowndanville

#### SAVEEDATES Rock the Block: May 18 Rock the Block: June 8 EXPLORE Beer Cheese Festival: June 9 Downtown Winchester Rock the Block: July 20 Mark your Calendar Rock the Block: August 17 for these fun events! Sip & Stroll: August 23 Upstairs/Downtown Loft Tour: TBA Halloween MAINia: October 31 Holiday Hop: November 8-11 Shop Small Saturday: November 24 Main Street Winchester Christmas Parade: December 1





Join us in Perryville for a rockin' good time and help kick off the 2018 Snappin' Chaplin Turtle Derby race season!

Learn about what a turtle can do for Perryville's historic buildings and what surprises we have in store for attendees this year.

Music by Courtney Cochran, Joe Crafa and Dino Musso! Buy a dessert and get a turtle entry for this year's race for \$10!



## Register now for a free webinar discussion, Improving Community Health – One Bite at a Time!

Anita and Merritt hope to make the webinar discussion as practical as possible so you can decide if some of their lessons learned might be replicable in your community. There will be plenty of time for communities working on food access or menu labeling to ask questions and network with others.



<u>#MorningsWithMainStreet</u> was a success! We aren't sure if it was the <u>Heavenly Donuts</u>, the coffee from <u>Roasted</u> Appalachia or the food from <u>Land and Sea Grill</u> that brought in the crowd. Whatever it was, we're glad to see so many people ready to help the area grow. We're so excited to share all of the exciting ideas for the future of <u>#PikevilleDowntown!</u>

This looks like a great idea to R&D!!



Hillbilly Days is a annual three day festival......Thursday April 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st in downtown Pikeville, Kentucky. This historic festival with a heart is 42 years old this year! Shriners and Hillbillies helping kids is the cause! Come one, come all!! Yeeee Haaw



This weeks event for the 200th Anniversary of Williamsburg will be the Tour of Homes, tickets are on sale at City Hall. Limited number of tickets are available since this tour is one day only. Date: April 21st. 11 am. Six beautiful homes are included.

This is an opportunity to learn the hidden wealth of history in our little town. No one will walk away disappointed with what is seen.

You can also enjoy a stroll in beautiful downtown and visit area restaurants and retail shops and tour the museum located in the old train depot.



Last week's ice cream social was a big hit. The horse helped churn the ice cream for this little fellow!



The current streetscape project is coming to a close. Sidewalks & street-lights have been redone in downtown Scottsville and just in time for spring!

