



Keeping our fingers crossed! We find out this week if our Kentucky Main Streets make it to the top 25 in America's Main Street contest. Stay tuned.....

Tomorrow in Guthrie!

Let's paint the town



Join us for a celebration of Robert Penn Warren's birthday and a special announcement about his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, All the King's Men!

> Tuesday, April 24th at 11 a.m. CDT Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum, 122 Cherry Street, Guthrie

The homes tour in Williamsburg was great. There were many different homes on tour including a great adaptive reuse. This tour was unlike any I had ever been on and I've been on a lot! They started at 11:00 and had different groups with a bus to transport everyone. A guide took you through the house (mostly the owners) and shared the unique features. Lunch was provided at City Hall and then we toured again. There were 3 large groups who rotated among the homes so there was only one group in a home at a time. It was very well planned and everyone enjoyed the day. It is definitely something to consider for your next tour.





Preservation Month is fast approaching! I will be sending you the Upstairs/ Downtown Logo this week. I know you may be wanting to hold that tour in May. Please let us know any other activities you have going on so that we can share in Main Street Monday!

Certified Main Street director Part 2 training, Economic Vitality, will be taking place tomorrow in Covington beginning at 10:00 a.m. See you there!



Where's the best place to take a group prom photo? On Main Street of course!

If you look far in the distance you can see a dark spot in the middle od the road. That's Mayor Roddy Harrison stopping traffic sporting his 200th Anniversary T-shirt.





Cynthiana had a great turnout for Main Street clean sweep. This is just a portion of the group, others were still out in their areas cleaning and sprucing up the town!





Also want to share a photo of their beautiful historic courthouse that sites prominently on Main Street and where they took their photo. It is still in use and was recently renovated.

Here's a great idea to R & D from Covington for cleanup

Spring Cleaning in full effect! COVINGTON TRASH AMNESTY is this week (4/23 - 4/27). In addition to your usual bins, residents can place up to three large items and ten 30-gallon bags of trash at the curb without using a green sticker. This trash will be collected during regularly scheduled trash days. See site for details! <u>#keepcovingtonbeautiful #lovethecov</u>

Members of Downtown Beattyville spent Tuesday evening with The Kentucky Main Street Director, Kitty Dougoud, for their annual board training. The training included discussions of the success of the Main Street approach by carefully integrating four points: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization, and Promotion into a practical downtown management strategy. Pictured below: Dedra Brandenburg, Kitty Dougoud, director, Teresa Mays, Jessica Butler, Linda Smith and board chair Allen Begley.





There was a great crowd for Danville's first Lawn Chair Theatre and a great way to celebrate after the Main St. clean-up. This week they will be featuring





This is pretty cool. WalletHub has scored Paducah as 81 out of more than 1200 small cities in the list of best small cities to start a business.



London Downtown was well represented during the Red Bud ride this past week-end! They welcomed over 1200 bicyclists for this event!!

Murray director, Deana Wright, gave a tour last week to the realtors in her community of buildings that are available!



We also want to give a shout out to Rodney Hendrickson, Laurel Co. tourism (in the Red Bud jersey). Rodney has chaired this London Main Street event since 2008.

Blighted, Abandoned & Dilapidated (BAD) Property Conference

June 28 - 29 in Lexington

KLC will host our second Blighted, Abandoned & Dilapidated Property Conference which will

include the cost and negative effects of blight, rental regulation, hoarding and overcrowding, and other relevant topics.

See Kentucky League of Cities website for more information

Coming soon to Downtown Paintsville !



So happy to see our Billboard up along US23 Country Music Highway! Make plans to join us for this family fun day! Registration for vendors including food and political booths is still open and will be accepted at Mudpyz N Butterflyz located 633 Broadway Street Paintsville. ALL vendors are welcome!



They had a great turnout for the Marc Willson workshop in Salyersville. This is the inside view of their Main St. office where they have a nice area for meetings and events.

Happy Birthday!

28- Katie Meyer

30—Tony Pence



One of my favorite quotes that shows the value of a good Main Street Facebook page.

This is the most convenient way for me to stay up to date about what's going on in my hometown! Love y'all!



It certainly makes KYMS happy when others recognize the difference the Main Street program is making in their community. This is from yesterdays Winchester Sun.

OPINION: Accreditation testament to hard work

Main Street Winchester recently announced its recognition as a nationally accredited Kentucky Main Street program. The recognition is based on the program's achievements in 2017, and there are many.

While the recognition holds the Main Street Winchester program accountable as it seeks to quantify how the agency is contributing to the community each year, it also opens up new grant opportunities to further its mission in downtown Winchester.

MSW's goal is to encourage downtown revitalization and economic development within the context of historic preservation. Main Street Winchester is a volunteer-based program, supported by one city staff person.

More importantly, this accreditation further proves there is tremendous work going on in downtown Winchester, and primarily on the part of hardworking and willing volunteers.

Last year, the organization completed many notable projects and worked toward implementing several long-term initiatives. It began the implementation of Ten Priority Recommendations from the Downtown Master Plan, established a Downtown Development Investment Fund through public-private partnerships, and hosted 12 community events from the Christmas Parade to Rock the Block concerts to the Beer Cheese Festival.

Additionally, MSW reported more than \$4 million of private investment in downtown Winchester in 2017. MSW's hard work in 2017 was also recognized at the Kentucky Main Street Awards in January. It received Best Promotional Event for the Downtown Urban Loft Tour, along with its partners. Board member Debra Parr was named volunteer of the year.

And there are already many goals in place for 2018, in addition to the beloved and well-attended down-town events.

The struggles of downtown Winchester are not exclusive to our community. Downtowns across the nation are struggling, but it is encouraging to see that our Main Street Winchester program and the dedicated volunteers are open to new ideas, concepts and ways to adapt to the changing environment in our community.

We congratulate MSW Executive Director Rachel Alexander and the many volunteers and thank them for the effort put forth to not only earn this accreditation, which creates new opportunities for our community, but to make Winchester a great place to live, shop, dine and more.

Editorials represent the opinion of the newspaper's editorial board. The board is comprised of publisher Michael Caldwell and managing editor Whitney Leggett. To inquire about a meeting with the board, contact Caldwell at 759-0095.

News from Maysville



The city of Maysville is working to become a Green Dot city.

According to city and Women's Crisis Center officials, Greet Dot is a nationally recognized strategy focused on preventing power-based personal violence.

"The strategy is based around the belief that each one of us holds power as bystanders to actively prevent violence and shape our community norms," officials said. "The City of Maysville and WCC envision a community where the norms are violence will not be tolerated and everyone is expected to do their part. We know we can achieve this by having more green dots than red dots on the map."

Currently, the Women's Crisis Center and the city of Maysville are working together to raise \$6,000 on <u>crowdrise.com</u>. Should they make the goal, the city will be eligible for up to \$100,000 in funding from the A Community Thrives and the Gannett Foundation.

According to officials, the money will go toward making Maysville the first Green Dot city in the nation.

"We know how great and effective Green Dot is, but we need your help getting us to that goal so the Gannett Foundation can find out why Green Dot is so important and all the great work Maysville's doing to become the first Green Dot City," officials said on the fundraising page.

Officials said if the city reaches the fundraising goal, there is also an opportunity for a second \$25,000 grant through the Gannett Foundation.

"This \$25,000 grant is awarded to two campaigns that have the most donors. So every donation gets us one step closer to our \$6,000 goal and one vote closer to fan favorite," officials said.

For those who donate \$25, they will receive a Green Dot button and pen, those who donate \$50 will get a Green Dot button, pen and a shout out on Facebook, those who donate \$100 will get a button, pen, shout out and a Green Dot bystander training dedication.

"Women's Crisis Center is already so thankful for the overwhelming support from the Maysville community and we're excited to take Green Dot to the next level," officials said on the fundraising page. "With the support of donors today and the support of a grant from the Gannett Foundation, we can all come together and make Maysville the first Green Dot city."

Those wanting to donate to the cause can do so at <u>https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/maysville-a-green-dot-city</u>.



Discover Downtown Middlesboro will soon be known as Middlesboro Main Street! They have been hard at work preparing the Levitt Stage area. The music line-up will be released the end of May so stay tuned!