

August 15, 2022

Main Street Monday!



On August 8th Our SHPO, Craig Potts, and I were able to visit eastern KY and to assess some of the flood damage in a number of communities. Many of these towns are quite small and are not receiving as much attention as others, and in some ways they are in the greatest need as they are the only areas in the local community for commerce.

We drove through the tiny town of Garret and then visited the community of Wayland where we met with the Registration, accomo Mayor, Jerry Fultz, and others to see their community center damage and hear the plans for repair. We are in hopes that their high school built in 1941 might now be restored for affordable housing and service. It will be a long road to recovery for everyone, but the immense outpouring from friends and neighbors along with help from those outside the region will be as the Shakers said, "Many hands make light work."

Our next stop was Fleming-Neon. It is the most intact commercial district with the exception of Whitesburg, but the entire downtown was flooded. Having been through this with Beattyville last year we know they are in need of items like drywall, flooring, and volunteers to help clean out and clean up.

Further up route 7 we came to Whitesburg. We visited with a number of individuals including their state representative, Angie Hatton at Letcher Co. Central High School which was serving as one of the locations for supplies and the command center for the National Guard. Ms. Hatton took us on a tour of downtown and neighborhoods where we ran into the Mayor, Tiffany Craft, who was preparing to interview with the CBS news crew. Appalshop is in the process of saving valuable archives and others are doing all they can to reclaim their businesses and homes.

Hindman also received an immense about of damage to their community. The Settlement School, like Appalshop just down the way, are in the process of saving their

Mark your calendars!

The fall Kentucky Main Street conference will be held September 28-30 in southeast KY. We are looking forward to returning after six years to see all the great work that has taken place since that time.

One thing that was replicated across the state after that conference were pocket parks! What new ideas will be taken

away this time?

dations, information, and more will be coming in the next week or two and we would like at least one board member from



each community to attend. This conference will be beneficial to you and your organization as we cover the basics, the new standards, tax credits, and more!!

archives as well. So much of the areas history is located in these two spaces. It is all a bit overwhelming.

Flood devastation is different from tornados in that you have so much left to clean out and in tornados so much to clear. Both east and west KY will be repairing and rebuilding for a long time and will need our lasting support. If you would like to send donations two agencies I have personal experience with are Foundation for Appalachia and Pine Mountain Partnership. You can designate funds for a specific project or community. Beattyville Main Street is still collecting for Love Local Fund and you can designate a person, or community and they will see to it that it makes its way to them.

Please keep watch on the Kentucky Main Street Facebook page as well as others to see what the current needs are as they will be ever changing.

If you are interested in volunteering this website can provide information on where and what type of help is needed and when. Crisiscleanup.org/about



Craig and Mayor Fultz

This gas station in right on Main next to their community center. During the flood the water was to the bottom of the apron over the gas tanks or much higher than that large truck.







The Wayland school. The first Mr. Basketball in the state attended here, King Kelly Coleman. Home to the Wayland Wasps. Their historic gym next door is amazing. Today it is serving the community with goods and services.





Fleming Neon

Fleming Neon Main Street





It was so heartbreaking to see these communities. Several have been Main Street communities in the past and Whitesburg has been working to become one once again, but in these situations it doesn't matter, we are all Kentuckians and we are here to serve and assist however we can.



In Whitesburg we met with State Representative, Angie Hatton and Jeffrey Justice who among other roles is the head of Pine Mountain partnerships before we headed out for a tour of the damage.





There has been a lot of national news coverage and one thing that stands out above it all is they talk about how we have all pulled together and how nice everyone is. That is the true KY spirit, we always stand united in a crisis. The story is very different when we get to tell it.

Now if we could just teach the national correspondents to say Appalachia :) App uh latch uh The Bourbon City Pedalers & Pedaler's Arcade celebrated the brand new Bourbon City Pedalers and Arcade with a ribbon cutting. Missing those old Nintendo or Atari games? The Pedaler's Arcade has over 10,000 + games to choose from. Want to see the city of Bardstown and not have to walk? The Bourbon City Pedalers has Bardstown's very own Pedi Cab, a cab that will guide you through the main and backstreets of the Most Beautiful Small Town in America. You can find them on Facebook or give them a call at 502-331-2704



PUT YOUR NAME ON DOWNTOWN LONDON!

100% OF PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD VICTIMS *ON ALL ORDERED PLACED THROUGH AUGUST 34







We are so excited for <u>McGill Media</u> <u>Productions</u> to be on Main Street. You heard it right... a live, local streaming radio station broadcasting live from Main Street in downtown La Grange Kentucky. HOW COOL IS THAT!!

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Graffiti 8:00pm



If you have any questions, contact Murray Main Street at 270-759-9474



Banner today!

The first round of our **Hometown Heroes Banner** Program will be open until September 15th.

Banners will be displayed on light poles in downtown during Memorial Day and Veterans Day

Contact Murray Main Street at 270-759-9474 or go to www.murraymainstreet.org to download your Hometown Heroes Banner application

Beattyville Main Street has been doing this type of banner program for a number of years and it is always well received. This is a great way to honor your community and have downtown banners that are of interest to both locals and visitors.



We were sadden to learn of the passing of George Best, (on far left) board chair of Shelby Main St. George was a huge supporter of Main Street and was active in many ways in Shelbyville. He was truly a downtown hero!



Hometown Heroes Banner Project

We are once again taking orders for the Hometown Heroes banner project as a way to honor and pay tribute to all past and current serving members of the Armed Forces.

Each banner, available for purchase for \$100.00 is in honor of a military member (with ties to Beattyville/Lee County) to include NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE and a PHOTOGRAPH (see sample below, Thank you Chief Shadle for your service and sacrifice). They will be hung and displayed on our Main Street lamp posts on special occasions!

For more info. contact Teresa Mays Main Street Director tmays@beattyville.org 606-464-5007, 606-567-7703 or Mayor Scott Jackson sjackson@beattyville.org 606-464-5007



Streetscape project continues in downtown Pineville!



Southern Living knows! They have provided a list for those who would like to make a visit to Paducah!

12 Cool Things to Do on Your First Visit to Paducah https://www.southernliving.com/travel/kentucky/ paducah-ky



Chosen artists receive \$500 and their artwork featured on The Creative District segment of Pikeville's local station PikeTV (channel 99). The Arts Elevated project is seeking artists to submit a full color sketch of art that shows their interpretation of how the mountains move them to create and how the mountains make them feel. How the Mountains can... Ignite You! Move You! Engage You! Heal You! Fuel You! Inspire You! or Embrace You!

Artists recognized during a ribbon cutting ceremony and presented a certificate of being a featured "Creative District Artist" in downtown Pikeville. Entry form and guidelines available at facebook.com/PikevilleMainStreet or contact Minta Trimble

For more info, contact: Minta Trimble, Main Street Director 606-899-2489 or minta.trimble@pikevilleky.gov



Call for experienced artists to paint their expressions of how the mountains move them! The Arts Elevated Banner project will feature hand painted banners by artisans on Hambley Blvd. Each chosen artist will receive \$500.00 and will be featured on PikeTV Creative District segment. Contact Minta Trimble for entry form

minta.trimble@pikevilleky.gov Proposed design sketch must be received by 9:00pm via email Wednesday, Aug 24th.



Preservation in downtown Springfield!



COUNTRY MEETS CITY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY AUG. 19TH 8PM-10PM TIDAL WAVE ROAD RIVER FOG PARK

SATURDAY AUG. 20TH 10AM-2PM CUMBERLAND RIVER CRUISE-IN ON MAIN ST CUMBERLAND RIVER CRUISE-IN CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FEATURING: TRIPLE L BBQ & SOUTHERN SNO

SATURDAY AUG. 20TH 8PM-10PM ZAC HART RIVER FOG PARK FEATURING: SOUTHERN SIPS & SWEETS



Week 6 of the series will host Magnolia Boulevard!

Based out of Lexington, Kentucky, this group is one you don't want to miss. The group consists of five members: Maggie Noelle, Gregg Erwin, Ryan Allen, John Roberts, and Chad Gravitt. They play a mix of soul, blues, and rock 'n' roll, with elements of funk, folk country, and psychedelia.

Join us this Thursday as Magnolia Boulevard takes the stage in downtown Middlesboro.



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There's a new crosswalk in Winchester!

This past school year the RAC partnered with the Winchester Design Studio and Main Street Winchester for a Crosswalk project!

We love getting students involved in their downtown!