



THE WORD ON THE STREET

Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn

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MAIN STREET STAFFING CHANGES

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn recently re-assigned staff members to focus more attention on Illinois Main Street. Staffers now have thematic assignments. These changes should result in more attention being given to each of the Main Street "Four Points" as well as to new initiatives. An updated Illinois Main Street staff listing with contact information is attached to this newsletter.

FARMERS' MARKETS MARKETING

The IL Department of Agriculture provides assistance to organizers of farmers' markets. They maintain a comprehensive list of such markets on their website. To get your market included or request assistance please contact Kent McFarland at (217) 524-9131. The list can be accessed at www.agr.state.il.us/markets/farmers/.

BUY ILLINOIS PRODUCTS

The State of Illinois has a new website, www.buyillinoisproducts.com, to facilitate Internet sales of Illinois agriculture and food products. Companies that grow agriculture in Illinois or make food products in the state can get a listing on the website. The website categorizes by type of product and provides links to company sites. Only persons/companies that sell via an Internet site are eligible for listing. For more information go to www.buyillinoisproducts.com or call Larry Aldag at (217) 524-3012.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Are you having trouble getting appropriate service from a state agency? Need help finding information about state grants, loans and contracts? Since taking office, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn has helped hundreds of individual citizens get the information and services they need. To request help please contact either the Lieutenant Governor's Chicago Office at (312) 814-5220 or Springfield Office at (217) 782-7884.

STATE FAIR

The Illinois State Fair kicks off with the parade on August 12 (the Fair runs August 13-22). Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn will be hosting a tent at the Fair. Illinois Main Street will have a large presence in the tent. August 14th is Illinois Main Street Day at the Fair. Be sure to stop by and meet the staff and check out the displays.

ROAD SIGNS

Are you looking for new ways to promote local attractions? You might want to explore getting a sign on a state highway. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) controls signs on state highways. They offer sign opportunities to promote tourist attractions, nearby businesses (the blue signs with business logos), and signs for business districts, hospitals and certain educational facilities. For more information about signage opportunities contact your local IDOT District Office. Contact information for IDOT District Offices is available at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/idotmap.html>.

SAVE THE DATE-STATE CONFERENCE

It's almost that time of year again, the annual state conference. Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn is pleased to announce that Dixon will host to the conference on October 13th and 14th. More details will be sent out in September.

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW, NOR THREAT OF TORNADO...



could keep these Main Streeters from Basic Training held in Bloomington. Class was briefly interrupted by a tornado warning and moved to a safe area in the kitchen. That's dedication! More than 65 people participated over two days of sessions. An Information and Application Workshop was held the following day for communities and economic professionals who were interested in learning more about Illinois Main Street. Application deadline for Associate communities is September 10th with those accepted announced at the annual State Conference.

TURN IN YOUR TOUR FORMS

Last month we requested each Illinois Main Street program submit suggestions for new tours. We've already received many great suggestions on new tours. If you haven't turned in your form yet, please mail it with your July 2004 Monthly Report.

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ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY STAFF

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) provides design services for Illinois Main Street communities. For information about design services call (217) 782-8221 or visit www.state.il.us/hpa/.

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