



THE WORD ON THE STREET

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January 2005 UPDATE



Lieutenant Governor Quinn urges you to remember the Veterans on Valentines Day

Recently Lieutenant Governor Quinn joined a group of third graders to promote “**Valentines for Vets**”. Stating, “This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to let our veterans and soldiers overseas know that the people of Illinois appreciate their brave efforts, are thinking of them, and that we care. Let’s show our appreciation by sending hospitalized vets and service men and women a card or a letter letting them know they are in our thoughts this Valentine’s Day.” To find out where to mail your personal greetings, visit: operationhomefront.org.

Crystal Lake has just published the “Downtown Crystal Lake Business Directory.” Get a copy! It’s one of the best directories we’ve seen. You’ll like the design layout, use of color and its clean look. Call or e-mail **Diana or Helene** at, 815/479-0835 or downtown@mc.net.

The fabulous six: **Monticello, Paris, Marshall, Paxton, Danville and Vandalia** have taken the partnership idea to the next level and are meeting on a monthly basis. The purpose is to explore program management and economic development using each community’s assets. One of their ideas is a planned bus tour between the

towns. These tours will offer the guest a unique shopping, dining and cultural experience. We will keep you posted on their success.

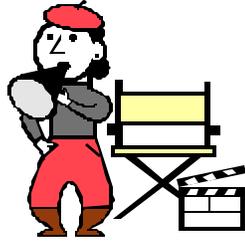
The City of Pekin has appointed Pekin Main Street to manage the City of Pekin Visitor’s Bureau. Congratulations **Emily Lambe, Pekin Main Street Program Manager, Mayor Lynn Howard; Denny Kief, City Manager; Kim Uhlig, Director of Economic Planning; Gary Gillis, Board President and the Board Members of Pekin Main Street**. This partnership is also working together to implement their plans to energize Downtown and revitalize their Illinois River Front. Wow! If you would like more information please contact Emily Lambe at 309/353-3100 or director@pekinmainstreet.com.

Kathy Novotny, Program Manager at Winfield, and their team have completed “Design Guidelines For Town Center Streetscape.” This is a “must have” for all towns in the process of developing a Streetscape Master Plan or looking to purchase streetscape furniture. Thank you **Todd Williamson, Gary Gall, Judy Hall, and Kathy**, along with **Design Chairman Dr. Michael** and **Board President, Ed Quinn** for this great document. If you would like a copy please contact Les Cavada, at Les_Cavada@ltgov.state.il.us or call 217/524-3608.

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing”.....Abraham Lincoln

On Stage in Paris

February
24 & 25, 2005



Illinois Main Street presents:
“Paris In The (almost) Spring Time”
Manager’s Meeting

Act 1 Day 1

An “eye full” tower of window display ideas directed by Margie Johnson a retail consultant speaking on “creating visual magic on Main”. You will learn window display techniques through a workshop and “hands on” team process. Get in on the creative scene and set your stage for spring!

Act 2 Day2

Your Wildest Dream of Fund Raising on e-bay: Laughing all the way to the bank! To those lover’s of Fund Raising, this is your chance to shine. The money will just pour in beyond your wildest dreams! Let E-Commerce Institute tell you about the “e-bay adventure” and how you and your Organization Committee can raise money to support your great program.! Come see the show on February 25, 2005.

Act 3 Day 2

Bringing Wi-Fi to Your Downtown

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn has spearheaded efforts to bridge Illinois’ “digital divide”, working with the Center for Neighborhood Technology to provide Wi-Fi high-speed internet service in several Illinois communities, including Elgin, a Main Street community. Main Street Princeton recently launched a Broadband Over Powerlines (BPL) pilot program, allowing downtown businesses the opportunity to offer customers fast and reliable internet service. This type of technology offers Main Street businesses an edge when it comes to increased customer traffic and is considered an economic development tool for new

business growth. WI-FI hot spots can include coffee shops, restaurants, libraries, medical facilities, college campuses, rest areas or other public spaces. For more information or to learn how your Main Street town can join this “WI-FI Craze” please call Ryan Mouw 312/814-4121 or Steve Simon 312/814-4866 in our Chicago Office.

Also Showing... Transportation Enhancement Grant Funds, Program Update and other important information.

First and last casting call for Managers, Committee Members and Assistants to attend and experience this production. Don’t be late and don’t miss this opportunity.

We are sorry to hear that **Cynthia McGill** is leaving Main Street Lincoln. She has accepted the position of Program Director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central Illinois. Good Luck Cindy!

Welcome to **Britta McKenna** the new manager at Batavia, the “come back” community. She and the Board of Directors have set an astonishing agenda. This will be a Main Street program on the move!

Calendar for February & March

February 7 – 11 – Certification Institute – Washington, DC

February 15 – Registration Deadline – Winter Manager’s Meeting

February 23 – Business Consultation by Margie Johnson for Utica, Illinois

February 24 & 25, 2005 - Manager’s Meeting in Paris

March 14 – Designation Ceremonies for Bloomington and Momence with Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn

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