

**CALENDAR****Sept. 7-10****Tri-State Rodeo!****Sept. 12**

Historic Preservation Commission, 7pm, City Hall

Sept. 14

Main Street Board Meeting & Main Street Director presents at the Historical Society, 7pm, CB&Q Depot

Sept. 14-17

Mexican Fiesta

Sept. 16Branding Implementation Visit & Main Street Annual Assessment; *Wine Walk Info Meeting* at 6pm, Lost Duck Brewery**Sept. 21**

Old Fort Commission Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Sept. 24*Fall Fest*, Old Settlers Park & Relay for Life (FMHS)**Sept. 25***Art in the Park*, Central Park**Sept. 27**

Main Street Board Fundraising Workshop

Sept. 29**Last Day for Market Nights & Farmers Market!*****Main Street Awarded \$53,500 for the restoration of the Fox Theater!***

On August 26th, members of the Main Street Board and Fox Theater owners Larry & Trudy Wright met with Senator Harkin and other state and Main Street Iowa representatives to accept the Main Street Challenge Grant awarded to Fort Madison Main Street. The grant is specifically for the full restoration of the marquee, which will utilize both neon and LED lighting, as well as a brand new sustainable roof. Construction will most likely start in the spring of 2013, coinciding with the \$500,000 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Master Plan grant.

Fort Madison Partners has a new website!

Fort Madison Partners is proud to announce that the new website will "go live" later this month! Partners, Main Street and the Chamber have spent countless hours reviewing content, material, layouts and graphic designs to ensure that the website was user friendly for visitors and residents alike. *Plexus Networks* (a local Main Street business) and Frey Design were the website and graphic designers. Updates will be made a priority, as soon as staff can get them uploaded. Don't forget to let us know if you have any changes to contact details and event information. Check it out!

www.fortmadison.com

Main Street Iowa wants YOUR opinion!

Main Street Iowa will be hosting a workshop in November that is a great training opportunity, available only to Main Street communities. They want your input! What topics would you like Fort Madison Main Street to learn about so we can apply their tips and suggestions right here in our downtown! Let us know by September 30th!



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***Main Street Director Joins the Preservation Iowa Board***

Mary Ottoson has been nominated by Michael Wagler, of Main Street Iowa, to the Preservation Iowa Board of Directors. Ottoson will officially join the statewide organization's board on September 12th. Preservation Iowa is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings and structures, advocacy of historic preservation at the state level, and offers educational and training opportunities for those interested in preservation. They are going through a growing period as they are exploring new pilot programs and inviting preservation professionals from around the state to join their board. Visit them online at www.preservationiowa.org.

The Big Buckle Bash : Mission Accomplished!

Main Street would like to thank the 50+ volunteers who helped to pull off the first large successful pre-rodeo downtown street party in years! Thanks to everyone's support and dedication, we had nearly 500 people attend the first annual Big Buckle Bash! We wish to particularly thank the City of Fort Madison, the Moose Lodge, Johnson Trucking, Flecks Sales, Darla Farrell, and Mike Mohrfeld for helping to arrange for last minute details before, during and after the event. Also a huge thanks to our very generous sponsors: *Siemens, Shottenkirk GM Giant, Rodeo Corporation, Jim Baier and Fort Madison Bank & Trust*. Mark your calendars for the second annual Big Buckle Bash which will be even bigger and better than it was this year! **August 25th, 2012** If you have any suggestions for country bands, please let us know!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 14—Nov. 14	Main Street Pledge Drive
Oct. 31	Beggars' Night
Nov. 14-16	Main Street Iowa November Workshop (location/time TBA)
Nov. 5	Steppin' Up for Main Street
Nov. 18	2nd Annual Wine Walk
Nov. 25	21st Annual Parade of Lights

