



# Vicksburg Main Street Program

January Newsletter

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## Main Street Offices Moving



The Vicksburg Main Street Program offices will be making 1309 Washington Street our home until the Old Depot building is finished with renovations. We are very happy to be back on Washington Street and are looking forward to having a hospitality area once again. We hope everyone will stop in and visit with us once we have completed moving.

## Vicksburg Main Street Program 26th Annual Meeting



The Vicksburg Main Street Program will be celebrating its 26th year with the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 21st beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Vicksburg Convention Center. We are excited to announce that this year's guest speaker will be Vicksburg's own, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi's Secretary of State. Secretary Hosemann is Mississippi's eighth Secretary of State since 1900. In his short time as Secretary of State, Secretary Hosemann has worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of Mississippi's vote, ethically manage state lands to guarantee the future for our children, and make our State more business-friendly and attractive for economic development. Secretary Hosemann has longed served the citizens of Mississippi in many different ways and continues to do so as the Secretary of State.

The Vicksburg Main Street Program is very honored to have him as our speaker this year and we look forward to seeing the Vicksburg Main Street Members and Sponsors at the 26th Annual Meeting. We are excited about what Secretary Hosemann is doing in regards to economic development and we look forward to hearing what he has to share with our community.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Parade - "We Shall Overcome. Yes We Can"



The Multicultural Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade will take place in Downtown Vicksburg on Saturday, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Paul Winfield will serve as the Grand Marshall of this year's parade. Donations and sponsorships may be mailed to: Sylvester Walker/ A.A.F. LLC. - 629 Highway 80 East Apt. 28 - Vicksburg, MS 39180. For questions please call 601-630-7821, 601-618-4636, or 601-638-1251.

## 2nd Annual YMCA "Chill in the Hills"



The Vicksburg YMCA will host its 2nd Annual "Chill in the Hills" 10k run/5k walk and 1 mile fun run for kids on Saturday, January 16, 2010. The race will kick off at the Convention Center at 8:30 a.m. for the 10k run, 8:35 for the 5k walk, and the fun run immediately following the conclusion of the run and walk. The course winds through historic downtown Vicksburg. All races will begin and end at the Vicksburg Convention Center on Mulberry Street. You may pre-register by mail, post marked no later than Saturday, January 9, 2010. Race day registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 8:00 a.m. Entry forms may be picked up at the Vicksburg YMCA or by visiting [www.mstrackclub.com](http://www.mstrackclub.com). Race packets can be picked up Friday, January 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Vicksburg Convention Center, or at registration on race day. Entry fees are \$20 - 10K Run; \$20 - 5K Walk; \$10 - 1 Mile Fun Run (ages 12 & under) *After January 9th*: \$25 - 10K Run; \$25 - 5K Walk; \$15 - 1 Mile Fun Run. Race Amenities include "Chill in the Hills" technical shirt (for runners & walkers), refreshments, door prizes and awards to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in age groups and overall. Shirts guaranteed to first 250 registered participants. Post-race events will be held inside the Vicksburg Convention Center. For more information contact the YMCA at 601-638-1071

## 9th Annual Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade



The Vicksburg Main Street Program will be sponsoring the 2010 Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. For the first time this year, the parade will have a theme! This year's theme will be "Latin Carnivale." Festivities will begin at 12:00 p.m. at River Stage Plaza with live entertainment, piñatas, inflatable toys, and much much more!

If you are interested in participating in the parade you may download an application at [www.downtownvicksburg.org](http://www.downtownvicksburg.org) or by calling the Vicksburg Main Street Office at 601-634-4527. We look forward to seeing everyone out celebrating Mardi Gras 2010 with us in Downtown Vicksburg. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Main Street Office or email [kimh@vicksburg.org](mailto:kimh@vicksburg.org).

## 8th Annual Mardi Gras Ball



Vicksburg will celebrate Mardi Gras in style at the 8th Annual Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the Southern Cultural Heritage Auditorium. This fun evening will include a cocktail buffet and a cash bar. Musical entertainment will be provided by "The Colonels."

The Ball is a fundraiser for the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation, whose mission is to preserve and protect Vicksburg's unique architectural heritage for future generations to enjoy. In its 8th year, the event is black tie optional and remains Vicksburg's only Mardi Gras Ball and follows the 9th Annual Mardi Gras Parade which takes place at 2:00 p.m. on Washington Street in downtown Vicksburg.

"The Colonels", back by popular demand, will keep the good times rolling with rock and roll from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. They were named Best County Artist 2009 by the Jackson Free Press. "The Colonels" are five homegrown Mississippi boys out of Brookhaven with a growing fan base and you can catch them playing shows all over the state.

Advance tickets are \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. They are available at Paper Plus in Downtown Vicksburg or by calling the Foundation at 601-636-5010. A \$5 ticket discount is available for up to ten float participants in the Mardi Gras Parade and payment for discounted tickets must be submitted with your application. Checks should be made payable to the VFHP.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Friday, January 8th** - City of Vicksburg Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall Annex Building

**Tuesday, January 12th** - Architectural Review Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex

**Saturday, January 16th** - 2nd Annual YMCA "Chill in the Hills" 10k run and 5k walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Vicksburg Convention Center

**Saturday, January 16th** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Parade in Downtown Vicksburg beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 19th** - City of Vicksburg Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall Annex Building

**Tuesday, January 19th** - Warren County Board of Supervisors Meeting on the 3rd floor of the new Court House at 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 19th** - Architectural Review Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Annex Building

**Monday, January 25th** - City of Vicksburg Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall Annex Building

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