

Main Street News – May 2009

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“It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn’t matter who gets the credit” - Anonymous

Take a Field Trip with Us

Main Street would like to invite you to attend Mississippi Market on Thursday, June 4th and Friday, June 5th. We will be renting vans to carpool to this event. It is a great time to showcase your merchandise as well as enjoy other merchant’s products. See the attached flier for more details on Mississippi Market. If you need more information or an application please let us know. You can also visit www.mississippimarket.org for more information. So come take a field trip with your Vicksburg Main Street as we enjoy all that Mississippi merchants have to offer!

Farmer’s Market

Mark your calendar’s for the 2009 Farmer’s Market that will begin on June 6th.

Tourism Week

Tourism week is May 9th through May 17th at the Welcome Center. We will have a table again this year and will be working there all week directing people to our downtown area. We will be coming by to pick up brochures and any coupons you may have for tourism week.

Mural Unveilings

This month will finish up the Riverfront Murals with three unveilings. May 8th at 10:00 a.m. the “Fordice” mural will be unveiled. “LeTourneau” will be unveiled on the 15th of May at 10:00 a.m. “Jitney Jungle/Glass Kitchen” will be the last mural to be unveiled and that will take place on May 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Benefit for Kyle Coleson

Kyle Coleson, an 18 year old Vicksburg Native, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia six months ago. Bracelets can be purchased for \$5 by contacting Patty Meekus at St. Aloysius 601-636-2256. There is also a benefit scheduled for June 20th, 7 p.m. at the city auditorium featuring country rocker Sean McConnell who is donating his services. Pre-concert activities and food are also on tap for the event. Ticket prices to be announced, and will be available at Ticketmaster. A non-profit organization has been set up to receive donations, which can be made out to The Kyle Coleson Foundation and sent to Bancorp South.

Parking

As you know summer is right around the corner and we will be having many visitors to our downtown area.

Just a reminder: we promote using the upper levels of Horizon's North and South parking garages and Walnut Towers for easy, convenient parking, but the truth is- many of our shoppers will drive away and go somewhere else to shop or eat if they can't find a readily available parking space on Washington Street. So let's leave the parking at Riverstage Plaza and Washington Street open for our customers.

Dog Ordinance

As you know we like to keep our downtown area pet friendly! There is a city ordinance in place that states the dog owner must clean up after the pet. If you would like a copy of this ordinance please let us know and we will supply you with one.

**Be a good
neighbor! Shop
local.**

Why Downtowns Will Shine After Economic Storm:

1. Downtowns are diversified, mixed-use places that are prepared to rebound.
 2. Downtowns will benefit from a growing interest in supporting the local economy.
 3. Downtowns' development is consistent with an increased interest in the environment.
 4. Downtowns are places that truly support entrepreneurship.
 5. Downtowns offer a "sense of place" that is increasingly important to residents
- Downtowns should develop these competitive strengths:

The economy will rebound, and downtowns should seize the opportunity to take full advantage of these competitive strengths. While downtowns are all different, they are positioned for a strong recovery.

Community leaders can build upon downtowns' diversified mix of uses, contributions to the local economy, promotion of sustainable development, support for entrepreneurship and a sense of place. These strengths cannot be replicated anywhere else in the community. Together, they will allow downtowns to play a more prominent role in a healthy local economy.

By Bill Ryan and Chuck Law
Article adapted from the Downtown
Idea Exchange
April 15, 2009

Jacob's Ladder

Jacob's Ladder cleanup day has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please come help Keep Warren-Vicksburg Beautiful!

Dice Run

The Warren County Chapter #212 Southern Cruisers Riding Club will be having a Dice Run at Riverstage plaza on May 9 beginning at 12:00 noon honoring the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information visit ww.wcsrc.com. Please help us welcome the 2009 SCRC MS State Rally to our Downtown!

Congratulations to Leslie Silver for receiving a merit award for a mixed media entry in a Meridian Museum of Arts Competition.

Welcome back to Courtney of Nuevo Image. It is so good to see that you have recovered! We are glad to have you back in our Downtown!

Last Month's Updates

Riverfest 2009

Riverfest 2009 brought out a good crowd despite the uncooperative weather. Friday night was celebrated with Sunset Slim, The Chill, The Patrick Smith Band, and Andy Griggs. Even though some of the performance had to be cut a little short due to the weather, the crowd didn't let it spoil their good time in Downtown Vicksburg. Saturday was a day filled with family fun, arts and crafts, gospel

fest, daytime entertainers, and fabulous sidewalk sales during the day. The Vicksburg Main Street Program added a few attractions to the 1100 block of Washington Street including a wood carving demonstration, a cartoonist, and a book signing by a local author. Many people found their way down to the 1100 block and thoroughly enjoyed what it had to offer. Children and adults alike were simply amazed by Burt Fleming and his creations. Saturday night was topped off with Sunset Slim and C.L.O.S.E.R. Anthony Walls and Aaron Tippin were scheduled to finish off the night, but were unable to perform because of the weather. All and all it was an enjoyable and successful weekend. It is always a good time to have that many locals and visitors in our Downtown Area. Thank you to all of our merchants for your hard work and cooperation!

Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets Encore

Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets Encore was a huge success. Hundreds of nurses came to our downtown area to shop, relax, and see what downtown Vicksburg has to offer. Many of the nurses participated in the annual scavenger hunt with the participating merchants. The winner got a nice gift basket with several items from the many downtown stores. Relay for Life added to the night with their kick off for the 2009 Relay for Life. They set up "campsites" along Washington Street to raise money for the cause. It was a fun filled night with shopping, eating, and supporting a great cause!

Annual Membership Dues

It is not too late to become a member of your Vicksburg Main Street Program. With your membership you will be able to enjoy many benefits such as linking your business to the Main Street Website, being listed as a Downtown Dollar Participant, and many marketing and advertising promotions Main Street does for the Downtown Central Business District throughout the year. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses and friends of Main Street:

A Drop in the Basket (Daria Hood),
Abraham Brothers Department Store
(Frances Abraham Thomas),
Annabelle Bed and Breakfast (Carolyn
Stephenson), Art and Soul of the
South (Regina Gialini), Audubon
Society (Bruce Reid),
Cherry Street Bed and Breakfast,
(Betty Jackson), Cinnamon Tree,
(Karen Ruggles), Data Pak, Inc (Don
Neuman), Fisher Funeral Home, (Mike
Terry), Francis and Ellis Koury, H C
Porter Gallery (Chris Porter),
Frederick's (Norma Massey), Jared
Minor (Downtown Resident),
Kay Odom, Landman Teller,

Linden Plantations and Gardens (Joy
Brabston), Lorelei Books (Laura
Weeks), Miss Mississippi Corporation
(Tammy Folger-Sutter), Paper Plus
(Alice Hebler), Peterson's Arts and
Antiques (Bobbie Marascalco), Randy
and Lisa Ashcraft, Riverhills Bank,
Ronnie Bounds, (Vice Chairman of the
Main Street Board),
Sweet Beginnings (Marianne Floyd),
Trustmark National Bank, (Jerry Hall),
Tyler Printing, (Janice Tyler), Westside
Theatre Foundation (Jack Burns),
WRTM FM, (Carl Haynes), and
Yesterday's Children Doll and Toy
Museum (Mike Bakarich)

Vicksburg Main Street Program 2009 Membership Dues

Dues/Categories

*__ \$25 Individual Family/Friends __ \$50 New Business __ \$100 Contributing Member 1-3 Employees
__ \$200 Contributing Member 4-6 Employees __ \$300 Contributing Member 7-9 Employees
__ \$400 Contributing Member 10-12 Employees __ \$500 Contributing Member 12-24 Employees
__ \$1000 Contributing Member 25+ Employees*

Method of Payment: Check enclosed in Full \$ _____ Semi-annually \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____

Return this Membership form with Payment to: Vicksburg Main Street P.O. Box 150

Signed _____ Business _____

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Email Address _____ Contact Person _____

MISSISSIPPI MARKET

Mississippi Market

WHOLESALE SHOW



EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 & FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

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