

Vicksburg Main Street Program



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Mission Statement

The Vicksburg Main Street Program promotes the economic growth and welfare of the community through planning, beautification, and preservation of our central business district, thus providing a competitive, local and regional business market while continuing to serve our growing tourism industry.

Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets

The bi-annual Downtown event, Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets is just around the corner! Hit the Bricks will be on Thursday, September 9th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The Downtown businesses will keep their doors open late just for you! Enjoy extended shopping hours, fellowship with merchants and other patrons, refreshments, and so much more. Jacob's Ladder will also be Downtown during Hit the Bricks selling their wonderful cookies in a jar, soup in a jar, and trail mix in a jar. Come down and support Jacob's Ladder and visit with all of your favorite Downtown Merchants! Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets is always a great night Downtown and the merchants are sure to have some great deals waiting for you!



Hit the Bricks



Join us at

Bricks and Spokes

Join us in Downtown Vicksburg for Bricks and Spokes and the 16th Annual Downtown Vicksburg Fall Fest on Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd. Tour the beautiful Downtown Vicksburg and Warren County on two wheels. Take part in either the 10 mile ride, 30 mile ride, or 50 mile ride. All bikes (mountain bike, road bike, triathlon bike) are welcomed as well as all skill levels! All registered participants will receive a Bricks and Spokes t-shirt. Friday night, October 1st, riders will be welcomed Downtown for packet pick up. Whether you are a rider or not, come down beginning at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a Fall concert outdoors with 2 great bands! Rewind and Big "Joe" Shelton will perform Friday night at Riverstage Plaza. Rewind will take the stage at 7:00 p.m. with Big "Joe" Shelton beginning at 8:00 p.m. for a two hour performance. During the concert, there will be children activities galore. The ride will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Cyclists can enjoy refreshments, drinks, and massages. For more information or to register for the ride contact the Vicksburg Main Street Office at 601-634-4527 or email kimh@vicksburg.org.



Vicksburg Main Street and Uptown Florist: On the Move

The Vicksburg Main Street Program has relocated to 1617 Walnut Street in the Safety Building. The phone number is still 601-634-4527. With the move of the Main Street Program, came another move. Uptown Florists will be relocating from the 1500 block of Washington Street to the Main Street's old office at 1309 Washington Street. This will be a great spot for Uptown Florists and we are very happy that they are able to move into that wonderful space. Be sure to welcome Uptown Florist to their new home in the 1300 block of Washington Street!

Vicksburg Main: An Accredited National Main Street

The efforts of the Vicksburg Main Street Program over the past year has earned it recognition for commercial district revitalization by meeting standards for performance set by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. The Mississippi Main Street Association, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation has verified that Vicksburg Main Street has met performance standards that ensure a comprehensive historic preservation based approach to commercial district revitalization. The annual accreditation process evaluates commercial district revitalization programs based on criteria ranging from having an active board of directors to paid directors who promote the downtown. Having a solid organization at the foundation of the revitalization effort is so important to the programs long term success. The Vicksburg Main Street Program is guided and directed by a nine board members who serve three terms. Current board members to

commend are Harry Sharp – Chairman, Ronnie Bounds, Vice-Chairman, Nancy Bell – Secretary, Alice Hebler – Treasurer, Jerry Hall, Norma Massey, Lauchlin Fields, Linda Gerache, Sandra Brasfield, and Walter Osborne – City of Vicksburg Ex-Officio. Kim Hopkins is the Executive Director and Samantha Blount is the Assistant Director of the program.

Mississippi Arts Commission: Governor's Award

Each year the Mississippi Arts Commission recognizes outstanding artists, writers, performers, craftsmen, and educators who have made significant and lasting contributions through their work as well as to corporations on the basis of their dedication to arts advancement. The Vicksburg Main Street program would like to recognize two of the nominees for the 2011 Governors Award of Excellence: Southern Culture Heritage Center and H.C. Porter. Congratulations to both of you! To help narrow down the nominees visit

www.surveymonkey.com/s/NC37xFB. and vote for H.C. Porter Gallery and the Southern Culture Heritage Foundation!

Welcome Jeff Michie

The Vicksburg Main Street Program would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Jeff Michie as the General Manager of Horizon Hotel and Casino. He was named general manager in June. Michie is a 20-year veteran of the gaming industry. For the past five years he has been with Belterra Casino Resort & Spa in Indiana where he was named assistant general manager in 2007 with responsibility for finance, marketing, casino operations, information technology and security. We are very happy to have Mr. Michie in our Downtown area!

Old Fashioned Christmas Open House



Come experience the first sights, sounds, and scents of the holiday season in Downtown Vicksburg. This year's Old Fashioned Christmas Open House will take place on Sunday, November 28th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The first 100 customers will receive free poinsettias compliments of the Vicksburg Main Street Program. Be sure to be Downtown on Sunday, November 28th to see all of the merchants' wonderful holiday merchandise.

Downtown Vicksburg's Christmas Parade of Lights

The 2010 Downtown Vicksburg Christmas Parade of Lights



will take place on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is "A Gift from the Heart." This year many people won't be able to buy extravagant gifts, but you can always show those you love and your community how much they mean to you by giving a gift from the heart such as community service, visiting with the elderly, volunteering at events to help better the lives of others, and just taking the time to speak to people as you pass by them this holiday season. For more information or to register for the parade, contact the Vicksburg Main Street Office by calling 601-634-4527 or by emailing kimh@vicksburg.org.

A Look Ahead

September 2nd – Hometown Hero Celebration
September 4th – Art and Soul Beading Class
September 7th – 4 Day Portrait Drawing Workshop at the Southern Culture Heritage Center
September 9th – Hit the Bricks and Adjoining Streets
September 9th – Adobe Photoshop Elements Workshop at the Warren County Extension Office
September 11th – Art and Soul Beading Class
September 14th – 4 day Portrait Drawing Workshop at the Southern Culture Heritage Center
September 21st – 4 day Portrait Drawing Workshop at the Southern Culture Heritage Center
September 26th – 8th Annual Beautiful Bride at the Vicksburg Convention Center
September 28th – 4 day Portrait Drawing Workshop at the Southern Culture Heritage Center
October 1st – 16th Annual Downtown Fall Fest begins
October 2nd – Bricks and Spokes Celebrates the 16th Annual Downtown Vicksburg
October 2nd – Art and Soul Beading Class
October 14th – Peterson's Arts and Antiques Mixed Nuts
October 14th – Eleven Visions "River is Life Tour"
October 31st – Treats on the Streets
November 6th – Veteran's Day parade
November 11th – Peterson's Putting the Thanks back into Thanksgiving with artists Mary Scott Shepherd and Chuck Marscalco
November 28th – Old Fashioned Christmas Open House
December 4th – Downtown Vicksburg Christmas Parade of Lights
December 8th – Kansas City Railway Express