

1. Main Street Notes

The new art gallery will be open soon next to Hicks Jewelers! Kim Kleinhardt has some really great ideas for this new business and we are all looking forward to the grand opening!

Good things are happening on Main Street, the Clare Castle project is going along as scheduled with residents moving in within the next two weeks! All four committee for Main Street have wonderful plans underway, and new events are being planned for fall. Stay tuned for more news.

2. Educational Opportunities

There are several webinars that I plan to participate in within the next few months, and the Downtown Conference will take place in September. This conference is full of good ideas on making our Main Street even better!

As always, I continue to learn everything that I can about being a great Main Street Manager for our community. If you have a tidbit of knowledge or experience that you believe would help us, please feel free to share it with me, I will gladly utilize the information to our benefit!

3. Community

The Clare Public Safety Event was held on July 2, 2010 in conjunction with Summerfest activities at Shamrock Park. Clare Parks & Recreation, Clare Main Street, and the Clare Police Department are spear-headed this event. This was an opportunity to meet in a block-party atmosphere to learn about bicycle safety and all of our wonderful area law enforcement, rescue units, fire-departments, and other agencies that had informational displays at the event.

I continue to assist the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce through committee work and as a Board member. Also, I continue helping as the Program Director, and now Board member, for the Clare Rotary Club. As a reminder, I have developed a presentation to help people learn more about our DDA/Main Street Program. Please let me know whether there is a group or organization that would like to hear this presentation, I would be happy to present our information to them.

4. Committees

The Promotion Committee is working on their next big event which will be our Main Street Car & Bike Show July 17th, along with the Chamber's Street Faire Craft Show, and the S.O.S.- "*Sales on Sidewalks*" event that will take place on the 16th & 17th. In addition the committee is working on the Old 27 Motor Tour Overnight Event that is scheduled for August 26th this year.

Our Thursday night Summer Concert Series are a hit again this year! The concerts will run Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm in June and July with the Clare Super Star Contest being held July 15th. We have a really great line-up this year, so grab your lawn chair and head to the City Park for some wonderful entertainment!

The Design committee continues to work on the National Register for Historic Places application. Our intern, Ken Lingaur, provides weekly updates and he is making significant progress on this important project. In addition, the committee is in the process of distributing the new informational brochure for our Downtown Design Standards.

The Organization Committee is working on the July/August edition of our Main Street newsletter, Street Talk. This publication is distributed throughout the Main Street District, to our public officials, and will be available at City Hall and the Chamber office.

The committee is also working on some fund-raising ideas for 2010. Several really fun projects have been suggested and they welcome any new ideas. They are always looking for new committee members and volunteers and will welcome both with open arms.

Main Street Manager's Report
To City Commission

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The Economic Restructuring Committee is pleased to announce that the first of our Rental Rehab projects is underway! Work has begun on a three bedroom apartment project at 202 N. McEwan St. Also, the committee has several ideas for 2010 and will report on these plans when they are finalized.

Thank you for your dedication to our community and your support of our Main Street program. If I can assist you in any way please let me know.

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