



MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.

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WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

2010 Calendar of Events

March 14th—St. Patrick's Day Parade

1:00pm In association with VPA
Come celebrate the "Irish" way
with a parade down Lockport Street.

April 3rd—Egg'straordinary

8:00am-5:00pm
Come for breakfast or lunch with
the Easter bunny, follow the bunny
trail for Easter eggs, coloring
contest, story time, & more!

May 15th & 16th—Spring Fest

10:00am-midnight on May 15th &
Noon-6:00pm on May 16th
Join us for a kickoff to spring with
the area's first outdoor festival of
the season. Enjoy food, rides,
inflatables, games, shopping, & more!

Tuesdays June-September

Cruise Nights

5:00-9:00pm
Enjoy the annual outdoor car show
every Tuesday night. Lockport
Street will be closed to through
traffic. Every week we will have
a theme & certain weeks there will
be awards handed out.

July 16th-July 18th—Plainfield Fest

5:00pm-midnight July 16th
10:00am-midnight July 17th
Noon-6:00pm July 18th
Come celebrate the summer with
the biggest fest of the season.
Enjoy food, rides, inflatables,
games, beer tent, bands, crafts,
and family fun.

October 23rd—Spooktacular

10:00am-6:00pm
Enjoy trick-or-treating, pumpkin
giveaways, hayrack rides, Family
Fun Area, and more!

November 27th—Candlelight Christmas

8:00am-9:00pm
Start your holiday season off with
Breakfast & lunch with Santa,
holiday shopping, carolers, pictures
with Santa, roasted chestnuts,
carriage rides, & the lighting of the
crèche at Plymouth Congregational
Church.

December 11th—Holiday Open House

8:00am-9:00pm
Enjoy breakfast & lunch with Santa,
carolers, holiday shopping, carriage
rides, and some holiday spirit!



COMMITTEE NEWS

Organization Committee

Wanted: Volunteers to help with....

- *mailings
- *website updates
- *helping out at events
- *generating new ideas for events
- *collecting participation forms
- *delivering forms to businesses

**.....interested?
Contact Susan at (815)436-5510**

WORKING MEETINGS:

Our Four Committee Meetings are working meetings that we have to learn, discuss, and plan events and projects. Very Fun!

9:00-11:00am

January 25th, February 22nd, March 22nd

Location TBD for each date. Please contact the MainStreet office for more information.

Thank you to our Renewing Partners:

\$250—Community Pride
Front Street Cantina

\$100—Plainfield Spirit
Cathy's Sweet Creations
Homewares by CWS
Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

\$50—Downtown Friend
Garrett Peck & Family

BOARD MEETINGS:

If you'd like to hear what we are up to or make a public comment please come to one of our scheduled board meetings. The board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

9:00-10:00am at MainStreet Office
January 12th, February 9th, March 9th

Executive Director Notes:

We had a great holiday season in downtown Plainfield. Beautiful coloring contest pictures were submitted for the coloring contest held during Holiday Open House. Many people enjoyed the carriage rides this year and children were thrilled to touch and take their pictures with the horses named Smoke, Pete & Megan. Some families took pictures for their Christmas cards. Our downtown was beautifully decorated with lights donated by Thomas Quinn Landscaping and we thank him for enhancing our events with all the lights. We are also thankful for all the support shown to MainStreet Plainfield by the visitors to our events throughout the year, the Village of Plainfield, our downtown businesses, and our partners. Good luck and much success in 2010! Susan Erickson

COMMITTEE NEWS

Design Committee

The Plainfield Historical Society invited everyone to join them for their Grand Re-Opening of the Main Street Museum on Sunday, September 27th, 2009. Museum tours were conducted and refreshments were served. Michael Lambert, President of the Plainfield Historical Society, said it took nearly 2 years and many volunteers to do this worthwhile project. The displays in the museum are organized to tell the story of Plainfield's past. The museum is now open to the public on Saturday's from 1:00-4:00pm. Be sure to stop in and learn more about our town's great history.



Michael Lambert, President of Plainfield Historical Society & Susan Erickson, Executive Director of MainStreet Plainfield, Inc.



Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting

PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Another year has come and gone and MainStreet Plainfield, Inc. is here to stay. The MainStreet Board of Directors has run MainStreet like a business for the last three years and are thankful we did. With the current economy and the lack of village funding for the non-profit organizations, we have been granted "support" of the village through the use of public works, police, and building departments. We need the "support" of the village of Plainfield to remain a MainStreet community with Illinois MainStreet.

For 2010 we have made a few changes. We have decided to no longer host Hawg Nights and Girls Night Out and tried to focus on the events that have strong participation by the majority of stores & restaurants in town and have been sponsored by businesses. Without village funding our events need to generate funding through participation fees, sponsorships, and partnerships. We also hope to bring in large numbers of people to preserve and promote our downtown businesses. We have kept our top 8 events and hope to be able to grow that number in 2011. Please help to do your part by becoming a partner and volunteering in some way to keep MainStreet alive in Downtown Plainfield!

Jennifer Potrawski, President



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MainStreet Plainfield, Inc. Welcomes Our New Partners:

\$100 Partners:

Gunther's Bar & Grill
Finnegan's Irish Pub & Restaurant

\$50 Partners:

Plainfield United Methodist Church

Welcome to MainStreet Plainfield!

****We will be featuring a new section for the next newsletter:**

"What's New in Downtown Plainfield"

Please email or call us if you have any new products, new employees, changes in your business, new services, etc. and we will report it in the newsletter for all to know!