



May 2009

Dear Main Street partners,

In October 2008, City Council changed a City Ordinance regarding parking fines in the downtown district. Main Street Beatrice extends sincere appreciation to our City Council for recently allowing us to present alternative options, and we appreciate the changes made during the May 18th meeting.

We also appreciate City officials' handling of the highway construction. Although we appreciate the road improvements, we are distraught for the businesses who are struggling during this process. We encourage you to visit your favorite downtown business even during the construction. Look for the signs directing you to free district parking!

While you are downtown, please also check out the changes with Charles Park. You may notice the installation of a new irrigation system and will soon see the addition of period benches, both courtesy of Exmark. We are also adding historic marker signage and flower gardens, thanks to support from Beatrice Plus.

The Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee has been working steadily behind the scenes to create programs to benefit and stimulate the downtown economic climate. We are nearing completion of Main Street Beatrice's plans and are eager to share them with you once finalized.

We want to be as accessible to you as possible about these and all Main Street projects. We are available for you via phone, email, website, facebook, regularly scheduled public meetings, and in person in the City Auditorium. We always want hear suggestions on how we can improve the downtown district. Please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Angela Fortier
Executive Director



*"There is no try.
There is only do or not do."*

~ Yoda

2009 FARMERS MARKET

The annual Farmers Market is held 5-7pm on 5th Street by Charles Park every Thursday beginning in June. This year we have collaborated to invite more vendors with more variety of goods to the Market. The vendors offer high-quality, fresh products direct from area farms at competitive prices. Come enjoy fresh, delicious goods while supporting our local agricultural environment.

The Market will be held rain or shine, except in the event of a severe weather Warning.

Our Market Vendor Application form is available online or in our office. Contact us with any questions!

Homestead Days RIBFEST

Main Street Beatrice will again host Thursday evening's Ribfest during Homestead Days 2009. Ribfest will be held 5-9pm on June 18th on Court Street between 4th & 6th Streets. Main Street volunteers have tirelessly planned great family-focused events for you to enjoy. As with last year, we will have BBQ vendors, entertainment, HOOPS basketball, and children's activities.

If you are interested in assisting with the event, please contact us. Homestead Days is a community celebration, but it takes a large crew to conduct it. We'd love to have your help!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 21 Ribfest committee meeting
- May 25 Memorial Day- OFFICE CLOSED
- May 26 Economic Restructuring Committee meeting
- May 26 Leadership Beatrice class graduation ceremony
- May 27 Beatrice First brainstorm session
- June 2 Beatrice First Committee meeting
- June 5 Promotions Committee meeting
- June 9 Executive Committee meeting
- June 11 Leadership Beatrice BBQ & LBAN Annual Meeting
- June 12 Board of Directors meeting
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Design Committee meeting
- June 18 RIBFEST
- June 21 Father's Day

For more information about any of these meetings or events, please feel free to contact our office.



Beatrice First

Did you know there are multiple local businesses who can offer fundraising opportunities for your organization to help keep our money local? Instead of using a service who will send your hard-earned fundraising dollars elsewhere, please consider using local businesses.

Although we cannot always obtain all goods and services locally, the Beatrice First Committee encourage residents to try local first. Help the businesses that help us.

LOOK UP DOWNTOWN!

It's simple: we want to give you Money! Every month, our e-newsletter and website will feature a photograph trivia contest. If you know the answer, email us before the deadline. Every month, someone will win \$20 in Main Street Money! It's that simple!

Check our website regularly for updated contests, or contact us to subscribe to our e-newsletter to get notified when a new contest is released.

MAY 2009:

Name the business that occupies the building with this exterior feature:



Provide your answer by 4 pm on Friday, May 22nd!

Good luck with the trivia contest, and thanks for playing!

Congratulations to April 2009's winner Robin Gascon for knowing the photo was Hill Home Furnishings.



"There's reality, and then there's political reality. I've learned that now."

*~Nebraska
Senator Pankonin*

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