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Hoopeston citizens hear benefits of Main Street Program

Hoopeston hopes to join an elite group of Illinois communities.

Officials have applied to become an associate member of the Illinois Main Street Program, part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that helps communities energize and revitalize their downtowns.

Only 2,000 communities in 40 states - and 69 in Illinois - have been approved as Main Street communities. Of those in Illinois, seven have been named Premier Communities and are used as guides for what other communities may become.

There are several reasons why downtowns have declined in the last 20 to 30 years, said Wendy Bell of the Illinois Main Street Program. Among those reasons are mobility of residents; more choices of places to shop, including the internet; and the advent of malls.

Bell and colleague Darius Bryjka met with approximately 50 people Monday night at Hoopeston City Hall to discuss the program.

The Main Street Program started in 1980 and Galesburg was one of three pilot communities for the program. Since 1993, Illinois' program has overseen by an advisory committee which includes the lieutenant governor. The program serves all types of communities, from Rockford, which is the largest member community, to Aledo in Mercer County. The city, population 3,700, is a Main Street's Premier Community.

Becoming a Main Street community is competitive and not all towns that apply will be granted the status, Bell said.

Those that are accepted do not have to pay a fee but do have to agree to follow program guidelines which include having a board of directors and paid executive director and having the program set up as a nonprofit group with four committees and volunteer workers.

The four committees include organization-to develop



Illinois Rep. Shane Cultra gives a pen to Hoopeston Education Association President Suzi Root after an Illinois Main Street Program meeting Monday at city

and sustain a downtown management organization; design-to improve appearance of the downtown buildings and streetscape through historic preservation; promotion-marketing the downtown; and economic restructuring-improving the downtown economic base by recruiting businesses and finding creative uses for underutilized spaces.

To accomplish those goals, Main Street offers training, advice, design and web services. For example, said Bryjka, Main Street can provide renderings of what a building or buildings might look like with even simple measures like a new coat of paint or colorful awnings.

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The Hoopeston Police Department
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Entry level candidates testing will be conducted on September 15, 2007 at Hoopeston Area High School located at 615 E. Orange Street Hoopeston. You must report no later than 7:45 a.m. for the physical agility portion of the test. The written test and interviews will be conducted immediately afterwards. Calculators are allowed for the written test. Additional information will be provided at the time applications are turned in.
Lateral entry candidates are encouraged to apply as well. Candidates who have a valid part time or full time Illinois law enforcement officer certificate or one from another state are exempt from the physical agility and written test.
Contact the Hoopeston Police Department at (217) 283-5196 or email the department at chief@hoopestonpolice.org if you have any questions.



64th National Sweet Corn Festival

August 30-September 3, 2007 McFerren Park - Hoopeston
Sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees

Thursday, August 30

5 p.m. Gates, Display Areas Open
\$1 admission
Beer Tent Opens in Annex
5-10 p.m. Ride Special-Bracelet Night
7 p.m. Truck/Tractor Pull 1 (Annex)
11 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

Friday, August 31

5 p.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
Midway, Display Area Open
Beer Tent Opens in Annex
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)
Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)
8 p.m.-11 p.m. Teen Dance (Odell Crabtree Shelter)
11 p.m. Midway closes

Saturday, September 1

6 a.m. Flea Market Opens
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - Honeywell School
8 a.m. Sweetcorn 5K Run - Honeywell School
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Run - Honeywell School
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
Custom Car Show (South End)
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade
Noon Midway, Display Area Open
Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1:30 p.m. Beer Tent Opens in Annex
1:30-5:30 p.m. Free Sweetcorn Served
2 p.m. Elvis—Jaycee Shelter
3:30 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
6 p.m. Demo Derby I (Annex)
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (Civic Center)
8 p.m.-11 p.m. Teen Dance (Odell Crabtree Shelter)
11 p.m. Midway closes
12 a.m. Beer Tent closes

Sunday, September 2

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
9 a.m. Gate Opens - \$1 admission
Midway, Display Area Open;
Noon Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
Rob Thompson Magic - Odell Crabtree Shelter
Free Sweet corn served
12-4 p.m. Beer Tent Opens in Annex
12-10 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby
1 p.m. Kent Sorrell—Odell Crabtree Shelter
Greg Rhodes—Jaycee Shelter
Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1-4 p.m. Autograph Session—Civic Center
1:15-2:15 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
5 p.m. Demo Derby II -(Annex)
6 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (Civic Center)
7 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
Raffle (Legion Shelter)
8 p.m. Kent Sorrell—Jaycee Shelter
10 p.m. Pageant Reception
Midway closes

Monday, September 3

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
9:30 a.m. Antique Auto Show— South end of Park
Display Area Opens
11 a.m. Kent Sorrell—Jaycee Shelter
Noon Midway, Beer Tent Opens
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
Free Sweetcorn Served
12-4 p.m. Last Blast Rideathon-Bracelet Day
3-8 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
12:30 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1-4 p.m. Chili Cook Off*—Beer Tent
2 p.m. Kent Sorrell—Jaycee Shelter
4 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
6 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic - Jaycee Shelter
9 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close
*For info, call (217) 283-4645 or (217) 304-0246

Main Street continued from other side

Design services are not cookie cutter things used for all communities, Bryjka said. Each community is unique, and design suggestions make use of those unique qualities. “There are so many wonderful things here that I wouldn’t be able to find anywhere else,” he said.

Hoopeston has applied to the program and Bell and Bryjka did a site visit before Monday’s meeting. Officials now wait to see whether Hoopeston will be accepted.

Bell said communities are not accepted for two reasons: 1.) there are more new eligible communities than Main Street staff can manage or 2.) the committee believes a community is not quite ready for membership.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 81. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 54.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Enjoy Festival Week with us!

Ranchburgers Monday 5-8 p.m.

Taco Night Wednesday 5-8 p.m.

Friday: Beer Tent opens 7 p.m.

Generation II 9-1

Saturday Beer Tent opens 7 p.m.

The Brat Pack 9-1

Sunday:

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