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Main Street Chanute Mission Statements

The mission of MAIN STREET CHANUTE is to revitalize downtown by involving the community to determine and implement strategies that integrate historic preservation principles with shared economic development strategies.

Promotions Committee:

To plan and coordinate retail promotions, special events and image building by involving the community in "Main Street Chanute, Inc." activities.

Design Committee:

To create and maintain an attractive, coordinate and quality image of the community by capitalizing on its unique assets and heritage by direct involvement in all aspects of design that affect community character.

Economic Restructuring Committee:

To aid in the development of a marketing strategy which will result in an improved mix of retail, professional services, and organizations, increase tax base, and investor confidence for the community as a major component of the city's economy.

Organization and Membership Committee:

To recruit and develop new leadership, to stay in close touch with its supporters, recruit new membership and meet their needs, to attract a large number of volunteers and to raise funds for the program's ongoing operation and special projects.



MAIN STREET NEWS

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Parade of Lights and Community Sing Along



For the last 15 years residents of Chanute have supported the Parade of lights. This year a Community Christmas Sing along was added and both of these events were attended by all age groups. Terri Orozco exceeded the first hour and many thanks go to her for handling the difficulties that go with a new idea. The Chanute High School Select Ensemble performed first and let the crowd join in a version of Silent Night. They performed brilliantly. Thanks CHS! Next Rev. Bill Peters led the crowd in singing traditional Christmas songs. It truly was a multi-generational gathering and everyone enjoyed the music. The Parade of Lights was announced by Todd Johnson, owner of the Tioga Suites, and Derek Wolf of KKOY. Thanks for the great job. There were 37 entries and a visit by Santa. Pictures are included in this news letter thanks to Gary Fail of Total Image. The biggest thanks goes to Debbie Shields for making all the plans and taking care of the details. THANKS, Debbie!

Congratulations to everyone and Merry Christmas to all!

Nancy Qualls, Director

Winning floats were divided into three categories.

Business: 1st place – KINZ 2nd place – Wal-Mart

Organizations: 1st place – USS Earhart Club 2nd place – Neosho Valley Busy Bees 4-H Club

Churches: 1st place - Parkview Holiness 2nd place – St. Pat.'s Catholic School



Calendar of Events - December

- 12/13 ER Committee, 12 Noon at Sophia's
12/16 Executive Committee, 12 Noon at Sophia's
12/19 Organization, Noon, at Sophia's
12/21 MAIN STREET Board Meeting, Noon,
Good News Center, First Baptist Church
12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
12/26 **Office Closed Thru 1/2**

Calendar of Events - January

- 1/1 **Happy New Year**
1/2 **Office Closed**
1/5 Design Committee, 8 AM
1/6 Executive Committee, 12 Noon
1/10 ER Committee, 12 Noon
1/12 Promotions Committee, 8:30 AM
1/12 Org Meeting, 12 Noon
1/18 MAIN STREET Board Meeting 11:30 AM



PLEASE NOTE: Village Therapeutic Massage is participating in Toys for Tots. This Marine Corps Reserve program is dedicated to bringing the joy of Christmas to needy children nationwide. If you can donate a new, unwrapped toy or know of a needy child, please contact Village Therapeutic Massage, Bob's Café or McStuff on W. Main.



It is time to get ready for Christmas!

This year **Main Street Chanute Christmas Promotion** is in conjunction with the Chanute Tribune, KKOY and KINZ.

Main Street Chanute is providing the \$1250 prize money.

The Big Stocking Stuffer Giveaway will work like the IGA BANKROLL giveaway. If the winner doesn't claim the prize, it will roll over to the next week.

This promotion will run 5 weeks starting with the Christmas Open House on November 12th and the last winner will be drawn on December 16th. Each week the amount increases \$250 if not claimed.

KKOY and KINZ will announce the winners each Friday.

The Chanute Tribune will publish the winner each Saturday.



This year's house Decorating Winners are:
1st place Darrin and Sara Larkin, 1021 S. Central
2nd place Roy and Donna Colston, 407 W. Seventh
3rd place Clint and Nancy Isaac, 1715 W. Seventh
Congratulations to all and thank-you to our judges and to Nathan Falk for all his hard work.

Lost and Found: Left at Main Street Concession Stand (Artist Alley), 1 orange Crock Pot, approx. 25 yrs old, but still in good working condition. Misses its Home!



New Web Site

We have a new web page.
Please check out the new look and see the changes that have been made.

www.chanutemainstreet.com

Thanks to Dona Hale for all her help.

We want to provide a link to all members. If you already have page we can link to it or make you if you provide information.

Don't even have an email Account? We can help you with that, too.

REMINDER:
Return your Artist Alley GREEN T-Shirts to Nancy Qualls please!!!
(if shirts are not returned by Aug. 2006, you will automatically be on the Artist Alley Committee for next year!)

Organization Committee

The Organization Committee has completed the volunteer list and is now working on matching the names to the event they helped with and/or are willing to help with in the future.

Volunteerism, as you know, is the core of the Main Street Program. We encourage you to contact the Main Street office and give your time ... and get involved!

The Org. Committee served hot chocolate and pop corn at the Parade of Lights and made nearly \$100. Many thanks to Heather Rowan and Jessica Wilson.

Plans are in motion for a Chili Cook Off as a spring festival.

Main Street's fiscal year is changing to coincide with a calendar year starting this January 1. We are excited about our upcoming new year!

Promotions Committee

The Promotions Committee decorated the float for the Parade of Lights and fixed up the sleigh and reindeer for Santa's Grand entrance. Thanks to Sam Ward, Linda Springer, Lisa Gant, Cathy Whitworth and Scott Gehrer. I am sorry if I left anyone out. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Terri Orozco was the emcee and introduced the CHS Select Ensemble and the Karaoke singing. Thanks for your help and sense of humor.

The Community Christmas Karaoke Sing-a-long was wonderful. Thank you Rev. Bill Peters for leading the singing. Todd Johnson and Derek Wolf announced the Parade of Lights and Gary Fail took pictures. Debbie Shields organized the parade and Mike Call and Dr. Nathan Falk helped that night.

Santa will be at Stay and Play toy store on Dec. 8th and 15th. Total Image will also be there to take pictures. This special event is from 5-7 pm.

Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped make this event so wonderful! Merry Christmas!

Economic Restructuring

This committee is continuing look for ways to improve our downtown.

We are researching other Main Street cities to see what retail and services they have in similar population areas.

Design Committee

The Design Committee will be placing furniture in the shanty in the future and placing a plaque on the John Barr Memorial Clock. We are also looking into ways to acknowledge those who have made a donation to purchase wreaths for downtown..

Parade of Lights

