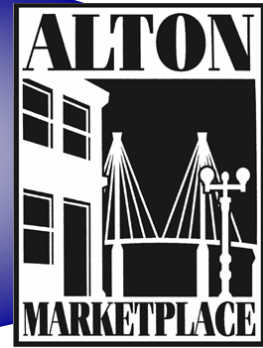




# The Marketplace Merchant

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## Come have some fun & Celebrate the Broadway Businesses on June 9th & 10th

Once again, Alton Marketplace is gearing up for a fun-filled weekend: the Celebration of Broadway! On Saturday, June 9th from 10am-4pm you will find side-

then at 1pm the Grapevine will feature the "Grapevine Idol" singing contest.

On Sunday, we are blocking off Broadway from Market St. to

each class of cars & motorcycles. All day long you will find food vendors, sidewalk sales, arts & crafts & more!

### **Some highlights:**

- ◆ The Sierra Club will be showcasing a variety of hybrid cars
  - ◆ Micro-car race track
  - ◆ Mississippi Mud will have an outdoor pottery demonstration.
  - ◆ Homemade cookies, Sno-cones & kettle corn
  - ◆ Antique Specials
  - ◆ Russ's Automotive will be raffling off a Panasonic DVD player!
- Vendors & participants still being accepted, call 463-1016 for more details!

### **PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES INCLUDE:**

Mississippi Mud \* A & A's Beads \* The Grapevine  
 My Just Desserts \* My Antique Store \* Biker Brother  
 Dance Things & More \* Gelato's Café \* The Cedar Box  
 Alton Acoustic Arts \* Alton Bell Community Credit Union  
 Alton Antique Center \* Country Meadows \* YWCA  
 \* Mineral Springs Haunted Tours \* Ciao Bella Scooters

### **JUST LOOK FOR THE BALLOON BOUQUETS!**

walk sales, street vendors, & childrens' activities on Lincoln-Douglas Square. Starting at 11am, the children's classes from the YWCA will be demonstrating martial arts & dance,

George St. for our annual All-Wheels Car Show! Registration starts at 8am and the festivities will conclude at 4pm with awards given by Time Machines Auto Club to the winners in

\*\*\* Starting this Saturday \*\*\*

## Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market

Every Saturday 6/2—10/13  
**8am – Noon**

Shop the parking lot between Catdaddy's and Harris's Downtown and along Sugar Alley!

*Here are some of items that you will find at this year's market:*

### Locally grown produce:

tomatoes, sweet corn, green beans, cabbage, peppers, fresh cut flowers, & more!

### Handmade arts & crafts:

Woodworking items, metal & blacksmithing crafts, watercolors & drawings, soap, quilts, jewelry, driftwood furniture & crafts!

### Baked Goods:

Quickbreads, muffins, brownies, specialty cakes, cookies & candies, fudge, rock candy, jams & jellies!

For the first time, coffee will be available on site – come have breakfast at the market!

~ THANK YOU ~

to \* *Gelato's Café* \*

who is sponsoring the coffee stand as a fundraiser for Alton Marketplace!

Children's activities on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month courtesy of Community Cultivators.

Vendors still being accepted, call 463-1016 for more details!

## Director's Note ~

The summer season of events is upon us & with everything going on, our Marketplace committees could use all of the help they can get! Our list of most wanted volunteer positions include:

- ◆ A chairperson for the Design Committee—this opportunity would be perfect for someone who would like to help organize our efforts to help the local arts community, beautification projects, and environmental & recycling programs.
- ◆ Committee members to help organize the Challenge of the Bluffs Run
- ◆ A volunteer interested in helping a new idea to get off the ground for a Jazz Festival & Rib Cook-off in downtown Alton.

Also, a big thank-you to Jim Shrader of the Alton Telegraph who suggested the new name for our newsletter!



~ Sara



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organization dedicated to  
securing the economic  
vitality and aesthetic  
quality of the district.



Alton Marketplace would like to extend a warm welcome to the new businesses in our district: Spirits Lounge & Temple Banquet Facility, The Realm Spiritual Boutique, Coco Bongos Caribbean Restaurant, Tha-Spot Urban Fashions, The Chat Room Barber Shop, Serenity House, & the newly re-opened Lighthouse Bar & Grill!

## *Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!*

### Crown Vision Center—

Get a well vision exam plus 2 pair of single vision glasses starting as low as \$69.99. Upgrade to bifocals or trifocals for an additional low fee. Call 462-7611 or 1-800-EYECARE.

for details! (providers for Anthem Blue Cross, GHP, Healthlink, United Health Care and Secure Horizons.)

### Argosy Casino—

*Jan & Dean—*\$20

June 8th & 9th at 7pm

*The Chippendales—*\$20

June 22nd & 23rd

7pm & 9pm show each night

### Jacoby Arts Center—

Is featuring "Material Attraction: Diverse Reactions II", an invitational ceramics exhibition, featuring 38 regional clay artists from the Southern Illinois metro-east and St. Louis area. The exhibit runs from May 11 - June 17, 2007—free & open to the public. Also visit their "Art in the Park" program for youth ages 5-10 at Hellrung Park every summer Saturday!

### Kimbro Auction Service—

Holds live auctions at their location in Mineral Springs Mall. This month's auctions are Sunday, June 10th at Noon & Friday, June 22nd at 6pm—doors open 3 hours prior to start time.

For more info, call 465-7564 or visit [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) for a complete listing of items up for bid!

### Alton Bell Community

#### Credit Union—

will be open on Saturdays beginning June 2! Saturday hours will be 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Visit their "Child Safe Day" program Sat, June 9th during the Celebration of Broadway—for no cost your child will receive a kit including fingerprinting, and photo ID. For more information please call 462-3413 or visit [www.altonbellcu.com](http://www.altonbellcu.com)

### Mineral Springs

#### Haunted Tours—

Come visit their booth at the Celebration of Broadway for free tarot readings, a raffle for a free ghost tour & other spooky surprises!

### The Realm—

A new spiritual boutique located in Mineral Springs Mall is having their Grand Opening on June 30th from 11am-6pm! Offering mini-psychic readings by Regina, free lectures and readers as well as all of your spiritual tools and metaphysical items like music, books, clothing, stones, spiritual counseling, hypnotherapy, herbs and much, much more!

### Biker Brother Leather—

Whether it's jackets, vests, helmets, or any other motorcycle riding accessory, Biker Brother is the place to get all that you are looking for, with the best prices on both sides of the river. Owner Mike Fort does repairs, sews patches, and does custom leather work on site. Free t-shirt with purchase of \$100 or more. Open Wed-Sun!

**\*\*\* NOTICE\*\*\* To all downtown businesses and residents! East Broadway will be closed to traffic from 7am until 5pm on Sunday, June 10th for the All-Wheels Car Show. Please make other parking arrangements for this day. We appreciate your cooperation & we apologize for any inconvenience.**

## Would you like to spotlight your business to the arts community?

Alton Marketplace is initiating a project called "Artfully Alton", which is a program to promote the thriving regional arts community through beautiful downtown Alton showcases. Art will be shown through available storefront property as well as in existing supporting businesses. Any partners who already offer art-related goods or services will be included in the project, as well as any partner who hosts a work of art from the region in their place of business. Assistance from the committee is available to match your place of business with a complementary work of art, and currently presented art is welcome as well. Please contact Alton Marketplace at your earliest convenience if you are interested in being involved with the program—there is no cost to Marketplace partners or property owners wishing to advertise available real estate. Artfully Alton is set to take off by mid-summer!