

The Marketplace Merchant

JUNE 2009 ISSUE



We're kicking off a great season of spring events; so much to do downtown—mark your calendar & join us!

Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market

May 30—mid-Oct

Every Saturday (8am-Noon)
Located in the parking lot at the corner of Henry St. and Landmarks Blvd.

A wide selection of locally-grown seasonal fruit and vegetables will be available, including heirloom varieties and organically grown crops. Along with produce, shoppers will also find plant materials, grass-fed meat, local honey, fresh bread and other baked goods, and a large assortment of hand-crafted artwork. The Community Cultivators will offer free nature related crafts for kids on June 6, 13, 20 & 27. This location provides plenty of on-site parking!

All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show

June 14 (8am-4pm)

Please note our new location:
3rd Street / State / Belle

This 12th annual show attracts hundreds of people to browse hot rods and classic cars. The fee is \$15 to enter the show or just \$10 to display your wheels!

Downtown Alton Inc. Block Party

Live music & dancing in the streets starting at 6:30!

May 30— country, rockabilly, swing band:

“Back in the Saddle”

June 27—don't miss the great Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute band:

“4&20”

Celebration of Broadway Sidewalk Sale

June 28* (10am-4pm)

...along with the...

Antique & Classic Boat Festival

At the Alton Marina

June 27 (11am-5pm)

June 28* (11am-3pm)

* Free transportation will be provided on 6/28 between the two events listed - make a day of it!

Alton Marketplace & Downtown Alton Inc. need volunteers for many events & beautification projects; please consider lending a hand & joining our mission to improve & promote Downtown Alton!

Enjoy two pet-friendly events in one weekend!

Whisker Walk

Riverfront Park—Alton
Sat, June 6th 1pm-4pm
(rain date: Sat, June 13)

You and your furry friends are welcome at this great new event, featuring the St. Louis Disc Dogs, dog handling demonstrations, pet adoptions, AWW mascot competition & more! All proceeds from this event will be donated to Hope Animal Rescues, and the Alton Park and Recreation District fund for an off-leash dog park in Alton. For more info, call 463-9983 or visit: www.altonwhiskerwalk.com

Bark in the Park

Glazebrook Park—Godfrey
Sun, June 7th 12pm-5pm

Bring your pooch to the park in support of the 5As animal shelter. The event will include food, games, prizes, rides, vendors and contests to support and bring awareness to the wonderful work the 5A's provides for the community. Admission is free. For more information, call (618) 466-1483 or visit:

www.fiveas.org

Director's Note ~

There's so much going on May 30th that you may have to clone yourself to be able to check it all out! In between the Farmers & Artisans' Market & the Poker Run, make sure to stop by Jacoby Arts Center's Summer Kickoff and Sidewalk Party (11am-2pm) Activities include tie-dye, clay throwing, face painting, free hot dogs, chips and beverages & more! From 7pm-9pm, Jacoby presents another fine "LIVE at Jacoby: Last Saturday Nights" concert with the Dizzy Atmosphere Trio, an elegant, lighthearted trio inspired by the "Hot club du France Quintet." Admission is \$8, doors open at 6pm, and a cash bar will be available.



~ Sara



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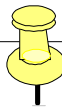
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A community based,
not-for-profit, volunteer
organization dedicated to
securing the economic
vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



Join us on Sat,

May 30th for the

DOWNTOWN POKER RUN!

1-5pm, winner announced at 6

Get your \$20 ticket at Ciao
Bella Scooters, Biker Brother
Leather or the Alton Marina!

Visit 7 of your favorite
downtown bars & win big cash
prizes for the best poker hand:

1st-\$500, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$100

Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

Crown Vision Center— Gear Up—

Friends and Family Week
at Crown Vision—May
31st ~ June 6th! Both loca-
tions—406 E. Broadway
and 115 Alton Square
Mall. Get 40% off all
eyeglasses, any kind of
lens, and all frames includ-
ing designers. Also, 10%
off contacts, 20% off non-
prescription sunglasses
and \$200 off LASIK. Just
mention this ad! For more
details, call 618-462-7611
or 618-462-6330.

**Taylor Made Treats &
Tea Room—**

Has recently opened its
doors inside the historic
Mineral Springs Mall at
301 E. Broadway! You'll
enjoy the lovely décor
while you dine on a wide
selection of soups, salads,
sandwiches and wonderful
desserts—the restaurant is
open from 11am-3pm
Tuesday through Sunday
& you will always find
delicious food and
friendly service. For more
info, please call Alice
Taylor at 433-1740

Downtown Alton has a
great new retail shop owned
by athletes for athletes. Visit
Gear Up at 208 State Street
to find an assortment of
triathlon, running, swim-
ming, and yoga/pilates gear
& accessories. You'll be
impressed with their
selection of hard to find
products and the friendly
knowledgeable staff, whose
goal is to promote healthy
lifestyles, family activities,
and tourism to the down-
town Alton area. The crew
at Gear Up has a plan in
the works for a cyclocross
bicycle race series, and they
are currently sponsoring the
“Escape to the Bluffs Triath-
lon” in Elsah on May 30.
Interested in the events or
products? Call Justin White
for more info at: 462-8390

**Saints Peter & Paul
Church—**

SSPP at 717 State Street
welcomes all downtown
businesses to advertise in
their weekly church
bulletin. For a price quote,
please call Dominic Vitale
at 1-800-950-9952x2607

Alton Regional CVB—

We are fast approaching
the wedding and family
reunion season and the
Visitors' Bureau is looking
for discount coupons to
add to the welcome bags.
If you would like to add
something to the bags
please send or deliver your
items to 200 Piasa Street.

Mineral Springs

Haunted Tours—

Alton's most popular
haunted tour now has a
hearse! It will be parked in
front of Mineral Springs
Mall at 301 E. Broadway
on the evenings of all
tours. 3 tours are offered:
Walking Tour— \$30, Din-
ner and Walking Tour—
\$50, Haunted Overnight
Tour—\$100 (includes
dinner, walking tour,
camping overnight in the
haunted pool, and
breakfast the next day for
those brave enough to stay
all night.) We have new
discoveries from our
research, stories, and
recorded “electronic voice
phenomenon” to share!

River Art Contest

**Application deadline: 8/24/09—that's the beginning of the school year;
submit your artwork over the summer when there's no homework!!!
To request an entry form please call 463-1016 or 462-6802**

Alton Marketplace and the Sierra Club challenge creative, eco-conscious youth, 6th through 12th grades, to submit designs for the
2009 River Coloring Book, *The Watershed and Me!*, a region-wide environmental art contest.

Students are encouraged to design a black outline page, as found in most coloring books, and also have a 50 word (or less)
explanation of what that design is and how it relates to the watershed
(the natural area between the bluffs and the river, including all streams that go into the river) and people.

The top 10 entries from throughout the Metro East Region will be made into a coloring book to be handed out at the
Mississippi Earthtones Festival (MEF) on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Top designs will receive special prizes and recognition
during a ceremony at the MEF, an extension of the Illinois Governor's "It's Our River Day 2009".

Entries must be done in marker, crayon, colored pencils, or ink only. No collages or computer generated art, please.

The 50 word explanation could be a description or conservation tip, but should be in the student's words.