

Alton Marketplace Friday Facts

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Please consider joining a Marketplace Committee ~ we are setting our sights high & gearing up for 2007!

Those of you who are interested in architecture, rehabilitation projects, or interior design may consider joining our Design team. You would surely enjoy getting involved with our newest project, the Downtown Loft Tour. The 2006 tour was very successful and we hope it will be an

integral part of the residential movement to the downtown area. Alton is in the running to host the next "Upstairs Downtown"

workshop, an event offered by the Illinois Historic Preservation agency to help communities respond to the under use of upper-floors in historic downtown buildings.

Are you an outdoorsy family, a citizen who is concerned with conservation issues, or someone who just enjoys spending time on the river? You have the opportunity to help Marketplace initiate involvement with Lt. Governor Pat Quinn's "It's Our River Day" program that focuses

on education, recreation, and conservation of the waterfront and will help connect citizens to the natural beauty that the downtown area offers.

Are you an entrepreneur or are you interested in economics? Consider getting involved in our Economic Restructuring committee. Our goal is to frame downtown as an incubator for new businesses, and we will be looking to attract & recruit locally owned & independently operated

companies that appeal to both residents and visitors. When anyone in the area is considering starting their own business, we want Alton Marketplace to be their first stop for assistance—we will be able to provide information on how to get started & what assets are available, and also assist with all business services offered through the IL Main Street program. We're out to fill those empty storefronts!

*** Remember the Dates! ***

Promotions Meeting

Wed, March 7th-5pm @ A&A's Beads

Economic Restructuring & Design Meeting

Thurs, March 22nd-6pm @ the Marketplace Office

Mark your Calendars!

Here is our 2007 Schedule of Events!

Farmers' & Artisans' Market

Every Saturday from June 2nd - October 13th

Birthdays on Broadway Festival

June 9th & 10th

All-Wheels Car-Show

June 10th

Downtown Loft Tour

September 23rd

Challenge of the Bluffs Run

October 6th

Business After Hours & Lighting of the Christmas Tree

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November 16th

See You there!!!

Director's Note ~

I would like to send a big THANK YOU to our partners for your support; our 2007 Partnership and Volunteer Drive has been very successful so far! To date we have many new partners and have regained support from several local companies and organizations. If you would like more info on joining Marketplace, please contact our office!

I aim to have this issue be our first newsletter in electronic form, so if you would like to be added to our e-mailing list, please send an email with the subject "SUBSCRIBE" to sara@altonmarketplace.com. I hope that you will help us circulate it far & wide to spread the word about the positive things that are happening in the downtown area.

We are in the process of updating our website, soon you will be able to access all of our Partners' websites directly from www.altonmarketplace.com!

~ Sara



