



The Marketplace Merchant

OCTOBER 2008 ISSUE



Join us for an Alton Tradition — The Challenge of the Bluffs Run is Oct 4th!

Join us this Saturday for the 2008 Challenge of the Bluffs Run presented by Alton Marketplace. For a \$25 entry fee, all participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and a goodie bag provided by area merchants. Packet pick-up & registration will begin at 8:00am on race day.

The 5-mile run and 2-mile walk start at 9:00 a.m.

in front of the Alton Marketplace office at 100 E. Broadway. This beautiful (and hilly!) 5-mile competitive run is up to the top of the Mississippi

River bluffs and back. The 2-mile walk is up to Riverview Park and back on the 5-mile course. Water stations are

the garden at Mac's Time Out immediately following the race. Awards will be given in each age category, for 1st Male & Female overall, for first master male & female over 40, and 1st 2nd & 3rd walking. Timing will be performed by Toolen's Running Start. Join us to run or walk...or just stand along the route to cheer on the runners!

Race results will be posted on: www.AltonMarketplace.com and www.RunningStartSports.com
See you at the finish line!

WE THANK OUR SPONSORS!

GOLD: The Telegraph, Saint Anthony's Health Center, WBGZ Radio, Argosy Alton, Riverbend Headstart & Family Services, Illinois American Water

SILVER: Roberts Ford Chrysler Jeep, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton Podiatry Clinic, Toolen's Running Start

BRONZE: Cornerstone Bank & Trust, Alton Bell Community Credit Union, TheBANK of Edwardsville, American Water

available at the 1-mile and 3-mile markers. Cross the finish line at Belle & 4th St. and enjoy post-race refreshments & the awards ceremony in

The popular "Downtown Recycles!" program is celebrating it's 1st anniversary & we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the participating green businesses for their involvement, which has diverted approximately ***** 15 TONS ***** of material from landfills!

Kudos go out to: Sierra Club, Mineral Springs Mall, Alton Acoustic Arts, Mineral Springs Haunted Tours, In-Zone Barber Shop, Kimbro Auction Service, Ciao Bella Scooters, Madison County Urban League, Alton Stained Glass Works, Crown Vision Center, Saville, Evola & Flint, Mississippi Mud Pottery, Dance Things & More, Jacoby Arts Center, BD Sports, Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, WBGZ Radio, St. Paul's Episcopal Parish, Alton Bell Community Credit Union, The Grapevine, Meridian Bank & Tenants, Alton Regional Convention & Visitors' Bureau, Tony's Restaurant, New Frontiers Home Furnishings, Lauschke & Associates, YWCA of Alton, Miller's First Insurance, Land of Lincoln Legal Services, Owens-Illinois, International Paper, and Bossanova Lounge

Director's Note ~

I'd like to send a huge thank you to Christine Favilla from the Sierra Club and everyone else who helped with the Mississippi Earthtones Festival on 9/20 — a wonderful time was had by all at Riverfront Park & the music & exhibits were outstanding. Save the date for next year — 9/19/09!

Also, mark your calendars for the upcoming ARTEAST Tour on October 18th & 19th from 10-5; downtown Alton will be represented by: Towata Fine Arts Gallery, Bossanova, Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton Glass Works, Alton Acoustic Arts, and the Jacoby Arts Center. The tour is a chance to visit over 200 Madison County artists in their studios, galleries, and alternative exhibition spaces. I hope that you will take advantage of this great program of the Madison County Arts Council—it's free & open to the public!



~ Sara



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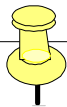
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Alton • Illinois

Lincoln & Douglas WANT YOU!

To help out on Oct. 18th or 19th
with the 150 Year Celebration
of the historic Lincoln & Doug-
las Debates. Help is needed
with a variety of duties for the
2-day festival, ranging from
kids activities to visitor infor-
mation. 2 ½ hour shifts have
been created, so you can have
time to enjoy the festival too!

Please call the Alton Visitor
Center at **465-6676** to
find out more and help out!

Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

Argosy Casino—

Bob Zany & Friends,
some of the best comedi-
ans on radio, will be live
on stage at Argosy. You've
heard the Zany Report on
The Bob & Tom Show, now
experience his hilarious
routine in person.
October 3rd & 4th —
7:00 & 9:30pm shows
each night. Tickets are
\$10 and can be purchased
by calling the box office at:
1-800-711-4263

Friends of Hayner

Library—

Are having their Fall Book
Sale at 327 State St. on
Thursday 10/9 from 6pm-
8:30pm (\$5 admission), and
on Friday 10/10 from
9am-7pm & Saturday
10/11 from 9am-3pm
(FREE!) — call 462-4396
for more info.

Crown Vision Center—

Back by popular demand
at Crown Vision!!!! Free
lenses with purchase of
frame. This includes
single vision, lined bifo-

cal, or no-line progressive
lenses. Some restrictions
will apply. Call the store
for details (618-462-7611)

St. Paul's Episcopal Parish—

Is having a Blessing of the
Animals on Sunday, Oct.
5th at 2pm in the garden at
10 E. 3rd Street. Pets must
be suitably leashed or caged,
and you are requested to
bring an item for the Alton
Area Animal Aid Associa-
tion (5A's). Please invite
your friends and their
animal friends for this very
special liturgy!

River Bend Growth

Association —

Invites its members to
attend a special Business
After Hours on Thursday,
October 16th from 5-7 pm,
in the gymnasium behind
the Catholic Children's
Home, located at 1400
State Street in Alton. This
BAH will feature the
services of 28 area non-
profit groups & promises to
be a wonderful event, with

entertainment provided by
the Chamber Orchestra of
the Alton High School.

Krueger's Orchard—

Is still going strong down
at the Farmers' &
Artisans' Market! You'll
find us at Henry Street &
Landmarks Blvd every Sat
from 8-Noon for at least a
couple more weeks — get
your locally grown Hallow-
een pumpkin & apples for
bobbing! Plus, you will
find decorative items for
fall such as: gourds, Indian
corn, mums & more!

Kimbro Auction

Service—

October Auction Blitz!
Instead of our regular
auction schedule, we will
have four special auctions
in October:
Thurs, Oct 2nd — 6pm
Thurs, Oct 9th — 6pm
Thurs, Oct 16th — 6pm
Thurs, Oct 23rd — 6pm
At Mineral Springs Mall —
301 E. Broadway.
Limited listing in The
Telegraph; full listing with
photos at: auctionzip.com

Two great events in one on Sat - 10/11/08

Alton Beautification & Clean City Committee

City-Wide Litter Clean-Up

9am—Noon Rain or Shine

Downtown registration station

Bossanova (112 W. 3rd St.)

Other registration stations: Family
Learning Center (5th & Central),
Lowe's, Main Street Methodist
(Rear Lot), and St. Peter's Hardware

For more info: 467-2375

Cool City Treasures Community-Wide Sale

9am-3pm

at Old St. Patrick's School (5th & Central)

A variety of items for sale at many booths,
such as: artwork, jewelry, Mary Kay, gently
used items, books, Watkins & much more!

To benefit the Alton Cluster of the
United Congregations of Metro East
- a peace and justice institution working for
lasting social change to benefit all citizens

For more info: 377-8257