



Historic Downtown Association

About the Association:

In one form or another, a downtown St. Charles Merchants Improvement Association has existed for more than 100 years. At one time it was called the Citizen's Improvement Association, Downtown Association, Riverside Mall Associates, North Main Association and now, Historic Downtown Association. The Association's membership consists of business and property owners, and residents with an interest in the 100 South through 400 North blocks of Main Street, a classic downtown business district.

The purpose of HDA is to promote the area, represent the area, and undertake projects to enhance the area. The Historic Downtown Association is recognized as the neighborhood association in city ordinances.



Some projects undertaken include:

- Purchasing, installing and maintaining the planter trash containers.
- Purchasing and installing seasonal plantings in the trash containers and, in conjunction with GSCCVB administering the pole light plantings.



- Purchasing and installing the Historic Downtown Identification badges mounted to light posts in the area.
- Music on Main
- Fete de Glace
- Trains on Main Christmas Promotion plus carollers and characters



- Promoting ghost lighting in trees for the holidays which has now been taken over as a city program.

- Discussing city legislation affecting the area and representing view points when appropriate.

- Developing improvements that enhance the area for HDA members and their customers



- Promoting infrastructure improvements that add value to the area and to the city as a whole including street lighting, sidewalk replacement and others.



- Researching a history of the buildings in the HDD areas and preparing, paying for and installing a plaque program relating interesting stories about the history of buildings & businesses on the Street.

Volunteers/ interested parties are welcome.



Music on Main is produced on the third Wednesday of each month May through September 5:00PM to 7:30PM. 100 North and 200 North Main blocks are closed to traffic for the event run by volunteers to promote awareness of Main Street, businesses on Main Street and a neighborhood gathering. Any proceeds gathered from the event goes to fund these projects.



Music on Main 2010 Schedule

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| 19-May | • Butch Wax and The Hollywood's |
| 16-June | • Serapis |
| 21-July | • Hillbilly Authority |
| 18-August | • Bumblee Bob |