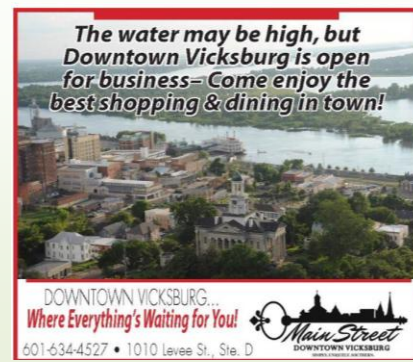


Vicksburg Main Street

Monthly Newsletter



Vicksburg Main Street wishes you a happy 2016! We cannot wait to start this year with you in Downtown Vicksburg. We have so many new and exciting promotions and preservation projects planned for our downtown this year. Be sure to keep reading, follow us on social media, and make it your New Year's resolution to join us as a Main Street Member!

Get Downtown for our fabulous restaurants:

10 South Rooftop Bar & Grill

The Mad Bakery

The Brick Sports Grill & Billiards

The Wine House

Eddie Monsour's at the Biscuit Company

Hot Dog Man

KJ's Rivertown Grille

LD's Kitchen

Main Street Market

Rusty's

Walnut Hills

Flood of 2016

We are very fortunate that almost all of our attractions will not be affected by flooding and are open for business. We regret that the Old Depot Museum is closed until further notice. Please note that Levee Street Market Place is open for business! For up-to-date information about road closures and river levels you can visit www.vicksburgwarrenflood2016.com

Main Street has temporarily moved to the City Hall Annex building due to the flood.

Parking Reminder!

Complaints are still coming into the Main Street Office about merchants and their employees parking all day on the street in front of businesses and in the River Stage Parking Lot. Let's keep the parking in these areas for our patrons! Everyone understands that emergencies arise and there are situations whereby you may need to park there for a little while, but not all day, every day. We have all seen shoppers drive off because they couldn't find a nearby parking place. Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated!

Please encourage everyone to use the North and South Parking Garages (Mulberry Street) and the Walnut Towers Parking Garage (South and Walnut Street) Thank you!

Vicksburg Main Street Elects New Board Members

The Main Street Nominating Committee did an excellent job getting a great slate of nominees for the members to choose from. A big thank you goes to all the candidates who agreed to be on the slate of nominees. We are very pleased to announce the election results. The newly elected Board Members are Shanon Shealy, Samantha Blount, and Harry Sharp. Re-elected to serve another 3 year term was Dean Anderson and Skipper Guizerix. Other members of the board include Daryl Hollingsworth, Joyce Clingan, Alice Hebler, Norma Massey, Linda Fondren, Jay Parmegiani, and Walter Osborne, City of Vicksburg ex-officio.

Brickscape Project

The brick orders are rolling in! The latest sets of bricks ordered were recently laid in the front walkway of the Old Depot Museum. This project is a fundraiser that will help increase funding for economic development and day to day operations to keep downtown alive! If you would like to purchase a brick please call the Main Street office at 601-634-4527.



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Downtown Vicksburg Christmas Parade of Lights

We would like to thank everyone that came out to watch the Downtown Christmas Parade of Lights. We would like to also give a special thanks to our Grand Marshal of the parade, **The Leader In Me Program**. We were honored and truly appreciate all the hard work of the teachers and students have put into the program and coming together to represent it in the parade, you all did a wonderful job! We were thrilled to see so many participants and all of the different floats, cars, and organizations! The winners of the Downtown Vicksburg Christmas Parade of Lights this year are the following:

Best in Show-Danny Hearn Trucking
Best in business-River City Tumble & Cheer
Best Nonprofit-Warren Central Big Blue Band
Most Beautiful- King Solomon's Baptist Church
Best in Theme-First Pentecostal Church
Most Original-Good Soldier Mixed Martial Arts Academy
Most Creative-St. Francis Xavier Elementary
Most Enthusiastic-Vicksburg Warren County Fire Departments
Main Street's Pick- Warrenton Elementary



Congratulations to all of the winners! Again, thank you to all that came out to watch the parade and to all those that participated!

Save the Date

February 6th – 15th Annual **Mardi Gras Parade**

The Vicksburg Main Street Program is looking for "krewes" who wish to participate in Downtown Vicksburg's 15th annual Mardi Gras Parade. All area Clubs, Churches, Organizations, Schools, Drill Teams, and Businesses are invited to take place in this community parade. The parade will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in Downtown Vicksburg.

The parade begins at Washington and Belmont streets and will travel North on Washington Street to Jackson Street. The fee is \$25 for non-profit and civic groups and \$50 for businesses. After Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 the fee is \$50 for non-profit and civic groups and \$100 for businesses.

Anyone who would like to participate in the parade must contact the Vicksburg Main Street Program at 601-634-4527, stop by 1413 Walnut Street, City Hall Annex and pick an application up or stop by the the Action Line office, or email kimh@vicksburg.org, or visit www.downtownvicksburg.org.

Crossfit Bayou Bluffs Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Main Street was happy to welcome our newest business to our downtown family, Crossfit Bayou Bluffs. Crossfit Bayou Bluffs had their grand opening ceremony January 19, where owners Dustin and Samantha Blount were presented a certificate from the Vicksburg-Warren Chamber of Commerce and a plaque from Main Street from Vicksburg Main Street Chairman Daryl Hollingsworth. Stop by and welcome Crossfit Bayou Bluffs to our community, the store is located at 900 Clay Street.



Upcoming Meetings February

February

1st, 10th, 16th, & 25th

- City of Vicksburg Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting at

10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Annex Building.

February

1st & 15th

- Warren County Board of Supervisors Meeting on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse at

9:00 a.m.

February

18th

-Vicksburg Main Street Board of Directors Meeting at

8:45 a.m.

Mardi Gras

We have the perfect recipe for a fabulous Mardi Gras Celebration.

Take one electrifying parade with thousands of beads; add one Carnival de Mardi Gras complete with gumbo and masks. Mix well in Downtown Vicksburg Saturday, February 6th with some of your favorite friends and family for a complete day of Mardi Gras fun.

Saturday, February 6th at 4:00 P.M.

Gifts Under the Tree

Many thanks go out to the following participating downtown merchants: Art and Soul of the South, Attic Gallery, Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum, Cinnamon Tree, Crown To Heels, Dragonfly, Frederick's Boutique, Highway 61 Coffeehouse, Levee Street Marketplace, Main Street Market Café, Marcus Furniture, Michel's Music, Monsour's at the Biscuit Company, Paper Plus, Peoples Drug Store, Peterson's Art and Antiques, Sassafras, Walnut Hills Restaurant & Willingham's Gift Shop

February 2016



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Look back on 2015

Downtown Vicksburg has had so many wonderful accomplishments in 2015! Let's take a look back on a wonderful year.

- 385 downtown residential spaces are filled.
- 25 new businesses joined our downtown family.
- Celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the American Queen Steamboat!
- Added a new addition to the steamboats, the American Eagle.
- 6th Annual Bricks & Spokes
- Helped host the Governor's Conference on Tourism
- Had a parade for our hometown hero Malcolm Butler
- Downtown merchants hosted "Backstage with Hannah Roberts"
- Hosted a Basic Bike Seminar
- Had wonderful fall and summer Farmers Markets
- Named a Top 10 Semi-finalist for Great American Main Street Award!
- And more!



Post Office Box on Washington Street!

Looking for the nearest mailbox around Washington Street? Look no further than Paper Plus store front, located at 1318 Washington Street. Paper Plus also has stamps for sale at their store as well.



2016 Annual Membership

Mission Statement

The Vicksburg Main Street Program promotes the economic growth and welfare of the community through planning, beautification, and preservation of our central business district, thus providing a competitive, local and regional business market while continuing to serve our growing tourism industry.

Purpose

The program is an incremental approach designed to stimulate downtown economic development through organization-encouraging cooperation and building leadership in the business community; promotion-creating a positive image for downtown by marketing the downtown; and economic restructuring-recruitment of new business, both retail and non-retail.

Membership Categories (Check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Individual Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 New Business	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Contributing Member (1-3) Employees
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 Contributing Member (4-6) Employees	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00 Contributing Member (7-9) Employees	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400.00 Contributing Member (10-12) Employees
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 Contributing Member (12+) Employees	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Contribution	

Method of Payment

(Check one)

☐ Check enclosed for full amount
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Please return this invoice to the
 Vicksburg Main Street Program
 P.O. Box 150
 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Signature: _____

Business _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Contact Person: _____

Your Vicksburg Main Street Program is working hard for you through organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring for the betterment of our Downtown Central Business District. Together, we are making a difference. We could not do all that we do without your generous support.

Kim Hopkins, Executive Director



Vicksburg Main Street

Upcoming Events

January 30- "When Cletus met Elizabeth"- The Detectives Dinner Theatre is back at KJ's Rivertown Grille, 1306 Washington Street. For more information please call 601-501-4030.

February 1- Conservatory of the Fine Arts Digital Photography Class- The classes will be on Monday evenings from 6:30- 8:30 pm at Church of the Holy Trinity, 930 South Street. For more information please call 601-747-0125.

February 4- Business After Hours at Willingham's- Business After Hours will be at Willingham's, 1305 Washington Street, for more information please call 601-636-1012.

February 6- Downtown Vicksburg 15th Annual Mardi Gras Parade- The parade will begin at 4 pm! It will begin at Washington and Belmont streets and will travel north on Washington Street to Jackson Street for more information please call 601-634-4727 or email kimh@vicksburg.org.

February 6- Carnaval De Mardi Gras and Gumbo Cook-off- Benefitting the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation It's the Vicksburg's Carnaval de Mardi Gras & Gumbo Cook-off. A festival at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center on the corner of Cherry and Crawford Streets. The event includes a Cajun Gumbo Cook-off, block party, indoor live music, dancing, children's activities and much more!

February 17-Vicksburg-Warren Chamber of Commerce Luncheon-The Luncheon will be at the Vicksburg Convention Center, to register or for more information please call 601-636-1012 or visit www.vicksburgchamber.com.

**For more events check our website at www.downtownvicksburg.org or our Facebook page*

Weekly Events:

Beginner's Yoga every Wednesday Night- 6:30P.M. at the Vicksburg, 801 Clay St in the Coral Room, for more information call 601-868-0871

Challenge Entertainment Trivia every Thursday Night-7:00 p.m., at KJ's River Town Bar & Grille, 1306 Washington Street. For more information call 601-501-4030.

Story Time at the Public Library every Tuesday and Wednesday-Story time begins at 10:30 am at the Warren County Public Library, 700 Veto Street. For more information please call 601-636-6411.

Power Hour Vinyasa Yoga Every Sunday at 2:00 pm and Wednesday at 6:30 pm- Yoga classes will be at Crossfit Bayou Bluffs, 900 Clay Street. For more information please call (251)-228-2121.

Free Crossfit Class every Saturday-Classes will be at 10:00 am at Crossfit Bayou Bluffs, 900 Clay Street. For more information please call (601)-213-7450.

Downtown Museums

Biedenharn Cola-Cola Museum
1107 Washington St.
601-638-6514

Lower Mississippi River Museum & Interpretive Site
910 Washington St.
601-638-9900

The Old Depot Museum
1010 Levee St.
601-638-6500

Yesterday's Children Antique Doll & Toy Museum
1104 Washington St.
601-638-0650

Old Court House Museum
1008 Cherry St.
601-636-0741



Vicksburg Main Street is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of downtown Vicksburg. Downtown is the heart and soul of our city. As the heart goes, so does all of Vicksburg. Our downtown tells us who we are, who we were, and how the past has shaped us. Downtown is the place of shared memory where people still come together to live, work, and play.

To find out more about Main Street please call 601-634-4527 or email kimh@vicksburg.org.

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