



MAIN STREET ORION



Upcoming Spring, 2018 Events

MAIN STREET ORION Presents the Annual **DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE**



Sunday, April 8th, 5:30 to 7 pm

at the

Orion High School Commons

\$15 per couple.

Admission for each additional daughter is only \$5.

Reservations required and may be made by phoning

Main Street Orion at 309-526-8299

Or by emailing director@mainstreetorion.com

☞ Mark your Calendars for Saturday, August 4 as Orion celebrates Illinois' Bicentennial with music by the Orion High School Band and the Orion Community Band; Tea with Mary Todd Lincoln; Historic Walking Tours; Quilt Show; Armed Service Members' Recognition and a Taste of Illinois with Chef JR Greenwood of Maple Street Grille.

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ALL-TOWN GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 9th

- ⇒ Main Street Orion is thrilled that Deb Ford is once again heading up this event this year.
- ⇒ If you would like to participate, please contact Deb Ford at Parkside Treasure House after Mother's Day weekend.
- ⇒ Register your Garage or Yard Sale for just \$10.
- ⇒ Food vendors may register for \$50.
- ⇒ All pre-registered Garage/Yard Sales and Food Vendors will receive a numbered yard sign and will be listed on our official Main Street Orion Garage Sale Map. If you are selling food you must fill out a form that is available when you sign up.

Congratulations!

2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

CATE VIAGER

Cate is the owner and operator of Cate and Company, a hair salon in Orion. She done a dynamic job directing our Little Miss Main Street Pageant by introducing some exciting innovations to this important event held annually during the Orion Fall Festival. She is an enthusiastic and generous volunteer!

2018 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

MODERN WOODMAN/

JENNIFER LEES

Modern Woodman's Orion agent Jennifer Lees have supported many of Main Street Orion's events throughout the year, both financially and with Jennifer's presence. Jennifer also serves on the board of Main Street Orion.

MAIN STREET'S FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

The MAIN STREET AMERICA program has several components which are designed to make our communities the best they can be. Our four areas of focus are:

1. **Economic vitality** by focusing on our community's unique sense of place and its existing historical assets as in order to create an environment that is supportive of commercial businesses.
2. **Design** by making our community more visually appealing. According to Main Street America, *"A focus on design supports a community's transformation by enhancing the physical elements of downtown while capitalizing on the unique assets that set our commercial district apart. We want to enhance their appeal to our residents and visitors alike with attention to our public spaces, buildings and structures and businesses."*
3. **Promotion** by hosting special events aimed at enhancing positive perceptions of the community and communicating to businesses, residents and investors that Orion is special.
4. **Organization** by bringing together the people, groups and businesses who will continue carrying Orion's torch of greatness into the future. Just over the course of this past year, Main Street Orion has been fortunate to work with a number of community organizations including the National Honor Society, VFW, Girl Scouts, the Orion Fall Festival, the Orion Village Board, Orion High School and various churches and church youth groups.

JOIN MSO!

Even though 2018 is off and running, it's not too late to join Main Street Orion. If you've forgotten to send in your Main Street Orion membership for 2018, we encourage you to do so. Business, Individual or Family Memberships are available. Main Street Orion works in conjunction with our businesses, schools and local organizations to help make our community stronger and add to the quality of life for the people of Orion. Without your financial support we will not be able to offer our Façade Grants or conduct any of the events planned for 2018. If you have not already done so, please renew your support for Main Street Orion today so we can continue to make Orion the kind of town where families love raising their children!

You can also support Main Street Orion by becoming a volunteer. Whether you pitch in for a few hours or a few weeks, your labor is always welcome and greatly appreciated!

--Candice Schultz

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