



Along Main Street



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Curb Appeal Program: Matching Grants for Façade Improvement

One of the tools in the Main Street Program’s arsenal for downtown improvement is façade improvement grants. Many communities, Goffstown, Concord, Plymouth, and others, have successfully implemented them. The Ossipee Main Street Design Committee had researched these programs and had begun to develop the guidelines and application process for a local program but was hesitant to start it. But two events acted as a catalyst to get the program started. The first was the September, 2008, report from the Program Assessment Team from the Downtown Resource Center who highly recommended such a program and encouraged the Design Committee to start one as soon as possible. The second was the support of the Ossipee Main Street Board which voted to financially support such a program for 2009.

The Curb Appeal Program: Matching Grants for Façade Improvement is intended for both commercial and residential property owners in the Program’s target area in Center Ossipee Village. The goal is to promote the renewal and revitalization of the Village center by helping property owners restore and refurbish the visible exteriors of their buildings as well as improvements in landscaping, pedestrian ways, and parking. Projects might include painting, lighting, signs, windows, doors, and awnings. The grants may be up to \$750 with property owners providing at least as much as the grant. The applications for grants are due this April with an expectation that the work proposed in successful grants will be completed in the following summer/fall months. With a slowing economy this could be considered a local stimulus package – with no taxpayers’ money. And a stimulus to a brighter, more beautiful downtown area.

Joe Skehan Youth Fishing Derby



Winners!

- 1st Place Longest Perch
Dawson Eldridge**
- 2nd Place Longest Perch
Brendon Mullen**
- 1st place Longest Pickerel
Tyler Young**
- 2nd Place Longest Pickerel
Jerrod Peterson**

TOWN MEETING

About 150 people attended the Ossipee Town Meeting on March 11 at 6:30 PM to vote on the Warrant Articles. Article 17 for \$6,500 for the Ossipee Main Street Program, recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee passed. Two articles for the construction of a skateboard park, one to put an asphalt floor in the ice-skating rink and another to accept a grant for the skate park equipment, passed. We should know in April if Ossipee gets grant money. Our thanks to Ossipee voters who supported our program priorities.

ECONOMIC FAIR



The 4th Annual Economic Fair was held Saturday March 28, 2009 from 9 -1 in the Town Hall. Over 100 people attended to talk to the 25 exhibitors, get advice, win door prizes including a limo ride, eat in the “fine dining area”, attend workshops designed for today’s economy, and collect “freebies” such as candy and a tomato or basil plant.

Volunteer Now...Call Executive Director Sarah Millette at 539-7200 ~ www.ossipeemainstreet.org

Save these dates.....Coming Events

OSSIPEE MAIN STREET ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday April 18, 2009 8:00-10:00 AM
Breakfast Buffet at the Whittier House, \$12

2008 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Speaker: Using Social Media to Benefit Your Business

Ossipee Clean up Day ~ a Tradition!

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.

The more the merrieras we clean up...

- **Downtown Center Ossipee**
- **Constitution Park**
- **Ossipee's other Recreation areas.**
- **Bring your own rake and gloves.**
- **Lunch available at OCC's Spring Fling**

Park Grand Opening

May 30, 2009 ~ 10a.m. 1 p.m.

Join us to thank all those who helped build the park and the kick off of the gazebo fundraising.

Refreshments and face painting.



Mini-Concert

by the
White Mountain Boys

courtesy of
Double H Farm Productions



FARMERS' MARKET

The Ossipee Main Street Program encourages buying locally, saving energy, and increasing sustainability. Toward that end, Friday afternoons from 1-5:30PM in the new park from June 26-September 25 you may shop or sell at a Farmers' Market. We are looking for more vendors. If you are interested in selling produce or local crafts, call 539-7200.

Watch for more information on **Ossipee Community Currency**, a way to get publicity for local businesses and promote the Farmers' Market.

Save July 11, 2009 ~ Two Annual Events

Rubber Duck Race



Adopt a Duck for \$5.00
starts
May 9th at Spring Fling

Great Cash Prizes this year!

1st prize-\$100.00
2nd Prize-\$75.00
3rd Prize-\$50.00

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Beech River Run



5K Road Race **Kids Fun Run.**

Preregistration
\$15 with Tee shirt.
\$10 no Tee shirt

Day of Race,
\$15 - No Tee