



# Main Street Minutes!

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COMING UP...

- **July 16: Preview of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, Sulphur**
- **July 16: Relay for Life (Rescheduled )**
- **July 26: Garvin Co. Republicans Meeting**
- **Aug 3-5: Main Street Program Manager/ Volunteer Training, Poteau**
- **Sept. 16: Main Street PV at Opening day of the State Fair!**
- **Oct. 2: Oklahoma Heritage Quilts & Arts Festival**

For Donations, Fall Season of Measure Up! Registration, or any other information Contact Main Street Pauls Valley 103 W. Willow, Box 986 Pauls Valley, OK 73075 Or [mspv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mspv@sbcglobal.net) 405-238-2555

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## Save the Toy & Action Figure Museum!

As reported in local newspapers and by televised broadcast on Fox News 25 in OKC, Pauls Valley's Toy and Action Figure Museum is being AGGRESSIVELY recruited by officials in Oklahoma City to move north.

Recently named a TOP NATIONAL ATTRACTION by both Time Magazine and WIRED (who in this month's issue placed the Toy Museum in a category with Disneyland AND Universal Studios Marvel Adventures), The Toy and Action Figure Museum routinely attracts visitors from all over the nation and the globe! This type of brand recognition is extremely alluring to urban and tourism development in Oklahoma City. You have to admit, The Toy & Action Figure Museum would be a perfect fit for Bricktown.

Does that mean the move is definitely going to happen? Not necessarily, according to museum officials. While



the allure of bigger space and even bigger investors is definitely attractive, the feedback Main Street is getting from Curator Kevin Stark and Director Lisa Driskill is that it's not always about the money.

Pauls Valley may actually have a "home town advantage", but that advantage will hinge on a reaction of support by the community and city leaders. Can we compete with the financial offers that may be on the table? Well, NO, not realistically. But we can support the museum and Pauls Valley Tour-

ism by purchasing a membership...even if you don't plan on visiting the museum. You can always give that membership as a gift to a younger family member or friend...or even to an adult who appreciates action figures and comics. You may be surprised at how many adults truly love visiting our museum! The Main Street Pauls Valley Board of Directors, for example, is unanimous in it's support of the museum and we're members too!

Consider writing a letter to the editor of both our local papers in support of keeping the museum in Pauls Valley and showing your appreciation for this VERY UNIQUE travel destination that we are so blessed to have here. I know they and the museum are eager for your input!

For more information on the SAVE OUR MUSEUM campaign or to make a donation, contact Museum Director Lisa Driskill at 405-238-6300.

## Paul Avenue Planting Pride

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to assist us in the weekly weeding and litter removal of the Paul Avenue Streetscape landscaping "Bump-outs".

These lovely green spaces were provided through the hard work and dedication of many Pauls Valley businesses and individuals. While the city is providing water,

it is up to volunteers to keep them weeded and litter free.

If you would be willing to become a Paul Avenue Pride volunteer and adopt one or two of the planted spaces to keep them weed and litter free, please contact the Main Street Office at 405-238-2555 or by e-mail at [mspv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mspv@sbcglobal.net) to register

as a business or individual volunteer.

Pauls Valley's not your ordinary small town, due to people like you! Let's keep working together to show our PRIDE in PAULS VALLEY, the Queen of the Washita!

# 53rd Annual Watermelon Seed Spittin' World Championship Winners!



Photo by Ezra Mann of the Pauls Valley Daily Democrat

**Longest Spit:** Wayne Jackson of OKC at 33 feet! (during the 2nd place tie breaker)

**19 Years & Over MALE**

- 1st: Tommy Felan, PV (repeat winner)
- 2nd: Wayne Jackson, OKC
- 3rd: Trey Walker, Baton Rouge, LA

**19 Years & Over FEMALE**

- 1st: Dessie Daugherty, PV (repeat winner)
- 2nd: Sabra Landers, Elmore City (repeat winner)

3rd: Melanie Fuqua, Moore

**13-18 Years MALE**

- 1st: Chris Thomas, Wayne
- 2nd: Harrison York, PV
- 3rd: J.E. Bailey, PV

**13-18 Years FEMALE**

- 1st: Megan Williams, Elmore City
- 2nd: Kalea Dobbins, Paoli
- 3rd: Jasmine Landers, Elmore City

**12 & Under MALE**

- 1st: Chad Brooks, Chickasha
- 2nd: Adam English, Arkansas

3rd: Zachary Jones, Maysville

**12 & Under Female**

- 1st: Jayden York, Florida
- 2nd: Jessica Dobbins, Paoli
- 3rd: Synthia English, Arkansas

Congratulations to all our winners and contestants! Hope they all return next year to defend their standings as **WATERMELON SEED SPITTIN' WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

## Main Street's Got Talent!



We're changing our entertainment format for the Oklahoma Heritage Quilts & Arts Festival October 2, 2010. Instead of hosting an after event concert in

Wacker Park, we're going to host a TALENT SHOW!

So, dust off those tap shoes and break out those juggling clubs as we'll be announcing

dates for try outs soon!

Watch this periodical and local newspapers for try out dates in September with the competition to be held during the Oklahoma Heritage Quilts & Arts Festival!

## Those Crazy Rumors...

**What a difference a move can make!**

While the air conditioning and atmosphere in our new digs can sometimes make us feel like we're working in the Taj Majal, let me assure you that we are **NOT** paying Taj Majal rental rates!

Interestingly enough, very quickly after the move rumors began flying and I'd like to quickly dispel them.

1. Kevin Stark graciously offered the use of space in his Art Gallery as we

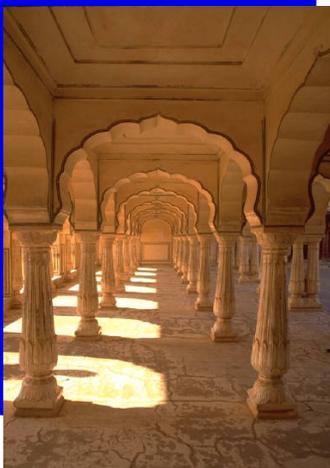
await the completion of our offices at the Arts & Cultural Center. He is **NOT** charging us rent and he is **NOT** charging the City of Pauls Valley any rent. He just didn't want to see June or Me melt into a little puddle, never to be seen again. :o)

2. We are **NOT** in the vacant building next to King's Kids. The building in question would be Kevin's STUDIO where he makes the art. The GAL-

LERY is where the art is displayed, and, hopefully, sold.

3. The City IS working diligently towards our office in the Arts & Cultural Center and they have **NOT** forgotten about us.

So I hope that clears things up, and if any of you have any questions or would like to drop by to see us, we LOVE visitors and look forward spending time with you! Hope to see you soon!



# We Couldn't Have Done it Without You!



**Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our efforts!**  
 By supporting Main Street Pauls Valley, you are helping us preserve and promote the heart of our community -- downtown!.

**THANK YOU** to all the Main Street Board Members and their "Conscripted Spouses" who helped man the tents at both Okie Noodling AND the 53rd Annual Watermelon Seed Spittin' World Championship. New board member spouse Rob Castle made an EXCELLENT Emcee for the contest and will be recruited for many

more events to come! And thank you to my hubby, Bill Robb, for all the sweat and muscle working with our crew to set up and break down tents!

In addition to board members Deanna Joy Stephens, Lou Hall, Melissa Castle and Cathy Agee who lugged water and supplies, set up tents, and helped sell,, officiate

contests, and more, I would like to thank Heather Woodman for her assistance with Face Painting, Kathy Hall for the extra muscle, Leonard and Lou's for supplying Ice both days, Jason & Julie Selman for getting extra ice, Martin Fertilizer for the use of their metal trough, and Brandon Woodman for the comic relief on Sunday!

I'm so proud to be part of such a great team!

*"Do what you can with what you have where you are"*  
**Theodore Roosevelt**

## From the National Trust for Historic Preservation...

Dear Main Street Pauls Valley,

Congratulations on being accredited as a 2010 National Main Street Program! Your coordinating Main Street Program has evaluated your organization's performance in 2009 and determined that you have met all ten performance standards and criteria required to be named an accredited Main Street Program.

These standards of performance help us keep the Main Street movement strong and focused nationally. The ten standards of performance require that a Main Street Program:

- Has broad-based support for the commercial district revitalization process, with strong support from both the public

and private sectors.

- \*Has developed vision and mission statements relevant to community conditions and to the local Main Street Program's organizational stage.
- Has a comprehensive Main Street work Plan
- Possesses and exhibits an historic preservation ethic.
- Has an active board of directors & committees
- Has an adequate operating budget
- Has a professional program manager

- Conducts a program of ongoing training for staff and volunteers
- Reports Key Statistics
- Has current membership in the National Main Street Network® membership program.

For more detailed information on the accreditation program, please visit [www.mainstreet.org/national](http://www.mainstreet.org/national) programs.

Congratulations on your achievements this year and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Doug Loescher, Director

National Trust Main Street Center

## Online Giving Now Available

The National Trust for Historic Preservation now allows Main Street Valley to accept secure online donations and membership fees on their secure server.

In addition to this, they will offer any **new member** or **donor** a complimentary membership to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for one year, if they are not already an NTHP member.

To make a donation or become a Main Street Pauls Valley member online, simply visit our website at [www.mainstreetpaulsvalley.org](http://www.mainstreetpaulsvalley.org) and click on the **MEMBERSHIP** Link at the top of the page. You'll be directed to a secure site where you can make your donation by Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, & Discover

Renew you membership, be-

come and event sponsor, or make a special donation ONLINE! Your contribution is tax-deductible and ALWAYS Appreciated ....on MAIN STREET!





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Main Street Pauls Valley is dedicated to the Survival, Revival and "Thrival" of our Historic Down-town Business & Shopping District!

We're working hard to continue the effort to restore our downtown to a vibrant level of all-day activity in a safe, attractive setting where our town's history is told and honored in the buildings and design of our central business district.

For more information about Main Street Pauls Valley or how YOU can GET INVOLVED DOWNTOWN, contact Samantha Robb at the Main Street Office!

Your Business Can Grow With Us!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS BULLITAIN BOARD

*Disclaimer: While we heartily encourage individuals to participate in the electoral process, the Main Street Pauls Valley Program does not officially endorse or promote any political party or candidate. Information regarding political meetings and or campaigns included in E-Mail or Newsletter distribution in no way constitute our support of any political issue or candidate and are presented only as notification of an event in the community.*

Local artist **Vicki Rennie** and Valley Idol 1st Place Youth Division winner, **Aleah Howard**, will be performing at Ada's McSwain Theater on Saturday, July 17th.

From the McSwain Theater Website: **Saturday, July 17, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**A Night with Jae L. & Crossover**

McSwain's long-time performer Jae L. Stilwell and her band Crossover performing anything from country to rock and roll renditions of your favorite songs.

Special guests include: Tisha Evans, [Emily Faith](#), Steve McDaniel, [Cutter Elliott](#), Jared Orr, Cameron Newby, [Tara Scott](#), [Tay-](#)

[lor Dye](#), Vicki Rennie, [Aleah Howard](#), and Debbie Allen.

Adults - \$15  
Seniors - \$13  
Children - \$10 [Tickets on sale now!](#)

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**July 26:** Garvin Co. Republican Party Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Little Ben's Pizza. Program to be presented by Jenni White, President of Restore Oklahoma Public Education, Content: where our money is being spent in the education system. (Submitted by Allie Burgin)

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### Summer Reading at the Toy & Action Figure Museum

#### Where & When

Date: Each Wednesday between Now and August 11th  
Time: 11 am to 12 noon  
Location: Toy Museum

July 21 - Reading about Robots and building Robots out of Lego Bionicles

July 28 - Reading 'My Heart is Like a Zoo' and making play-doh sculptures

August 4 - Comic Book and Character Development

August 11 - Reading Sesame's Street's "I Can Count to Ten and Back Again" and "Mr. Puppet" puppet show