

ATOKA MAIN STREET

Atoka Main Street Minute!

On the right you see two major events for Atoka Main Street coming up. This is an excellent time to get involved.

What does involvement mean?

- You are willing to support Atoka Main Street
- You enjoy going to the Atoka Main Street functions, festivals, and seeing the improvements downtown
- You shop local first
- Several supporters of Atoka Main Street are not downtown
- Anyone in Atoka may attend the trainings and workshops (members get first notice)
- The Taste of Atoka is in response to an outcry from people that attended Devour Downtown, this social function did something unique. We all get wrapped up in our own world and forget about the other people that we may only see at the grocery store. This gives you a chance to reconnect and recharge with people you haven't seen in forever :)

The committees set up on the Main Street Four Points are running strong and there are some great opportunities for you to flex your mind, body, and spirit.

Join today you don't have to be on a committee to come downtown and have fun! Different people may own the buildings but "It's our downtown, and we love it"

Please see a personal note from Carol Ervin

ATOKA MAIN STREET

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You are receiving this information as part of the community aspect of the Atoka. If you would like to no longer receive emails regarding community events send an email to email@atokamainstreet.com in the subject line with the subject line REMOVE FROM COMMUNITY EMAIL. Likewise your friends can be added to the email list by simply sending an email to email@atokamainstreet.com with the subject line ADD TO COMMUNITY EMAIL. Thank you!

Go Atoka!



Taste of Atoka!



You will want to make sure you are there!

Your membership in Atoka Main Street gets you inside this wonderful evening of cuisine, enchantment, and camaraderie. See the attached flyer or call: 580.364.0131 or 580.889.0673

When: Friday, April 1st Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: 404 E. Court St. in *The Courtyard* (across from the Post Office)

Cost: \$25 includes Annual Individual Atoka Main Street membership .

\$10 includes Annual Individual Student Atoka Main Street membership.

\$200 includes Annual Business Atoka Main Street membership. (includes 8 tickets)

Golfers Get Ready!

That's right the 2nd annual Atoka Main Street Golf Tournament will be held again in May! Dust off those clubs and get ready for some fun competition while doing your part to help Restore the Heart of Atoka, our historic downtown! "Honest Honey, I'm only golfing for a good cause!"

Saturday 3/12/11 Sand Drags! Atoka Motorsports Park. 1st Points Race of the Season. Check out the community calendar for more information and admission fees www.atokamainstreet.com click community calendar.

Drop a note to email@atokamainstreet.com to add your event to the community email.

EVERY SUNDAY! From 5 - 7 Daily Bread Sunday Supper. This weekly community supper takes place every Sunday at the HS Cafetorium and now transportation is available! Contact 580.889.7139 to volunteer, schedule a ride, or more information. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Did you know? Atoka has: *A toka/Coal Partnership for Change* check out the attached newsletter for more information or contact Jerry Speck 580.286.6624

Also attached is a job posting from the City of Atoka

You know there is always something going on in Atoka!

I Know! We're not just some sleepy little town we have people who care!

AND We know how to have FUN!!

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A toka/Coal Partnership for Change

About Us...

Partnership for Change is an active group of individuals working together to improve the health of citizens of Atoka and Coal Counties. Since its development in 2001, the partnership has maintained a successful collaborative effort striving to meet the needs of the families and communities of both counties. PFC has not only networked to pull local resources, but has through grants and other funding opportunities brought much needed resources and services to their communities. They have successfully implemented a comprehensive tobacco control program that has provided cessation resources, youth development and empowerment, tobacco free policies and environments, developed community education campaigns, provided youth and student education and even prevented tobacco sponsorship in their area.

The coalition has partnered with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to implement a Methamphetamine Prevention Program in Atoka County and has worked to address substance abuse in the county through media, health education and youth programs and curriculum. Through the Meth Prevention Project they have seen many new partners and sectors of the community become involved in the coalition's efforts. PFC applied for and received funds to address Underage Drinking in Atoka County. Through the partnership they held a Town Hall Meeting including a victim's impact panel that provided information to community members and students. Partnership for Change continues to improve the health of the area through a strong and dedicated coalition challenged TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One of their newest priorities for this group is addressing nutrition and physical activity. Recently, the coalition partnered with INCA to send in an application for a TSET Communities of Excellence Grant in Nutrition and Physical Activity. Notice of Awards is due sometime in May 2011.

Please come and join us at our meetings on the third Friday of each month at noon. For meeting location you can contact Turning Point Field Consultant Jerry Speck jerrys@health.ok.gov.

Jerry Speck

Turning Point Field Consultant ~ Region 12

McCurtain County Health Department

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Job Posting:

The City of Atoka is accepting employment applications for seasonal position(s) in the Sanitation Collection dept. A valid minimum Class "D" Drivers License is required. A minimum class "B" CDL Drivers License is preferred. Applicant must also have a high school diploma or equivalent, be able to pass a background check, and drug screening. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 315 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be taken until the position is filled.

The City of Atoka is an equal opportunity employer.

LINKS to Atoka Main Street Supporters

Latest Community Email
[GO ATOKA!](#)

Contact Carol Ervin at carol@atokamainstreet.com to see how your website can be added to the Links page.

Thank you!

Official Corporate Sponsors!

[Atoka County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[City of Atoka](#)

ACIDA

Atoka City Industrial Development Authority



Official Atoka Main Street Members!

Please support these businesses that support the revitalization of our Downtown!

- [Bella Ragazza 104 N Delaware](#)
- [Boggy Bottom Antiques 400 E Court](#)
- [Boggy Bottom Graphics](#)
- [Danny Cochran Rentals 107 N Penn](#)
- [First Baptist Church Atoka 123 N Delaware](#)
- [Hair Unlimited 112 W Court](#)
- [Henson's 117 S Ohio](#)
- [Mansell Insurance Agency 106 W Court](#)
- [PSO of OK](#)
- [Rita Benson CPA 213 E Court](#)
- [Sarilea's Jewelry & Gifts 317 E Court](#)
- [Sharpe's Department Store 318 E Court](#)
- [Stuteville Ford 1601 S Mississippi](#)
- [Three Rivers Pecan and Fudge Store](#)
- [Youngblood Law Office 215 E Court](#)

Three Rivers Pecans and Amish Store



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I have so loved being the first Main Street Director for Atoka. I think it was a perfect fit for me and has shown me a wonderful side of Atoka, the rich history and passion of our citizens. With that in mind there is one thing that I regret. That we have not yet saved the Presbyterian Church. This unique landmark averted demolition when purchased by Keith Toney who owns Discount Liquor on East Court. But it is too much of a project for one individual.

I have seen firsthand what the people here can do when forces are combined. I also know there are several groups that want to save this beautiful building. The key will be getting everyone together. This is how I suggest everyone make contact. Get in touch with Keith Toney, have a town meeting, I firmly believe there are professional plumbers, electricians, and architects etc. that are passionate about this project. Contact Melvena Heisch and Harry Sims at the SHPO office. There are other options but every option involves more than one person.

Yes, this is a big project for a little town. Will it be expensive? YES. Can it be done? YES!

There have been bigger projects in smaller towns and they don't have the heart of Atoka. If you want to save this wonderful landmark then it is time for the citizens of Atoka to unite. I feel this could be a wonderful conference and arts center. In a brain storming session it was brought to light that because of the acoustics in the building it would be a perfect conference center, there could be community plays, music concerts, movies (how many times have you said Atoka needs a theater), art gallery, and even be a fine arts center in the basement. That is just one avenue; there are several possibilities that would make this wonderful building a very viable enterprise. SHPO and Preservation Oklahoma will be willing to educate everyone on the tax credits and offer advice.

This is my final plea please don't say "someone should" say "what can I" for my part I have worked hard to bring to light the possibility of saving this building. It is not the banks or the city's or ACIDA's responsibility. It is solely the responsibility of the citizens of Atoka. If you want this building saved you will have to save it, if it is not saved please don't blame someone else for not "doing something" and do not blame whoever has to be the one to tear it down. It is too big of a project for one person but not for Atoka.

Carol Ervin