

The Marketplace Merchant

AUGUST 2010 ISSUE



All kinds of summertime fun is in store—here are some cool ideas for your hot August weekends!

August 7th

The Alton Marina
Operated by
Parrot Pointe Marine, Inc.
Presents:

National Marina Day & 3rd Anniversary Celebration!

BBQ Specials by
Wee Willie the Pig
starting at 5:30pm
Chefs: John Grounds,
Ralph Smith,
& Gene Smith
Music provided by :
The Ralph Butler Band
Three years of fun slide-
show review provided by:
Outdoor Cinema Events
Jay & Stephanie Sinclair
Lots of Giveaways & Fun
& Food for ALL—open to
the public, please join us!

August 14th

Miles Davis Jazz Festival

Fifth Annual—Noon to 6pm

At the Commons, Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey. Sponsored by the Alton Museum of History and Art to honor the memory of this world-renowned jazz musician, band leader, composer, and Alton native. Enjoy the sounds of Howard Neal, Dave the "Soaring Saxman" Panico from Kansas City; Michael Salter of Chicago, a member of the acclaimed Chicago Jazz Philharmonic; and a return performance by Michael Fitzgerald and Brian White, who were show-stoppers at last year's festival. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students) and can be obtained at Bossanova Restaurant and Lounge, 112 W. Third St.

August 21st

Back To School Bash

Co-Sponsored by
Alton Marketplace & the
Riverbender Community Center

Join us from 11am-7pm for a big family-friendly party in the RBCC parking lot at 4th & Piasa! We'll have live music, great food, bounce houses & other inflatables, a free-throw contest and a series of fun & crazy games as seen on the TV show "Minute-To-Win-It". Hundreds of prizes will be given away throughout the event—only \$10 to play all day! Sponsors and volunteers are needed, for more info please contact Stacey at 334.6931 or leapkid@charter.net

Argosy Alton Promotes RESPONSIBLE GAMING!

Argosy Casino Alton has joined other Penn National Gaming properties in promoting a **Responsible Gaming Challenge** during Responsible Gaming Education Week August 2-6, 2010.

For 2010, the American Gaming Association's theme is "Taking the Mystery Out of the Slot Machine." This will focus on educating employees and the public about how slot machines work and correct some of the misconceptions about them. Educational, fun and engaging activities have been planned for the week to debunk the myths surrounding slot machines.

There will also be a *Celebrity Slot Tournament for Charity* on Wednesday, August 4 from 1-3pm at Argosy Casino Alton. Celebrities participating in the tournament are *Frank O.Pinion, Mark Klose of KHITS, Harry the Horse from the St. Louis Hawks, Blues Players Turnbeaugh, Cavalini and Campbell, along with two Rams players.*

Paint Your Own Ceramics Classes

Now offered at
**Alton Stained
Glass Works**
(412 E. Broadway)
Class Fee: \$5 Kids or
\$8 Adults, includes
firing & all supplies
Paint a mug (\$10.50),
light switch cover (\$8),
Rimmed plate (\$12),
or a 6" tile (\$8)

More info at:
www.AltonArtGlass.com

Director's Note ~

Take my word for it, you MUST get down to the Farmers' & Artisans' Market and see how we've grown - we have had record-breaking attendance in July averaging 35-40 vendors every week! Join us on Sat, Aug 7th for National Farmers' Market week - we'll have live music, a celebrity chef, kids crafts & artist demonstrations! The Market runs every Saturday morning from 8am-Noon at the corner of Henry St. & Landmarks Blvd.

Also, don't miss the tag sale and flea market from 8am-1pm on Fri and Sat 8/13 - 8/14 in the air conditioned lower level vacant space of the Lincoln Lofts (210 State St.). Vendors are welcome for a \$20 fee (please provide your own 8' table) and proceeds will benefit Downtown Alton Inc. Please contact Julie for more details at 462-5299.



~ Sara



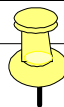
NEW LOCATION

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A community based,
not-for-profit, volunteer
organization dedicated to
securing the economic
vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



National Night Out 2010

KICK-OFF PARTY and Open House

**MONDAY, AUGUST
2ND FROM 6-9pm**

**At the
Alton Police
Department
(1700 E. Broadway)**

**FAMILY FUN!
Food and Drinks
Kids Activities
and much, much,
much more!
Bring your family and
help launch this year's
NNO with a bang!**

**www.National
NightOut.org**

Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

TheBANK of Edwardsville—

Is now working with Somtech Recycling to collect broken or unwanted cell phones at their branches. The project's goal is to divert 1,000,000 cell phones from Metro East landfills & you can do your part to help by dropping off your old phone at any Bank of Edwardsville center. Somtech Recycling is also offering sponsorship on all bins, please contact somrecycle@gmail.com if your business needs a little extra exposure, and you would like to be seen fighting for a good cause.

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Crown Vision Center—

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! Crown Vision Center is running their annual BACK TO SCHOOL promotion ending September 30th. For kids, choose ANY frame and their single vision, polycarb lenses are FREE. For adults, 18 and older, choose a frame starting at \$129 and their single vision, lined bifocal or progressive lenses are

FREE. For more info, call 1-800-EYECARE or 462-7611 for the Broadway location.

Riverbender

Community Center—

Is offering a youth theater camp for ages 11-18 from Aug 9-13th (9am-12 daily). Supercomics, is a scripted play that takes place in Comedyville as superheroes pledge to fight truth justice and the hilarious way. The camp will conclude with a community performance on Aug 13 at 7pm. Camp fee is \$75 with each participant receiving a script, and daily snacks. The RBCC will also host a theater workshop for ages 5-8 from 9am-11am on Sat. Aug 14th called "I Want to be a Princess". Children will select a favorite fairy tale, rehearse a scene, use costumes & present their princess tale. The cost is \$15. The location for both events is 200 W. 3rd St., for more info contact Sue at 466-1617 or visit Riverbender.com / community center

Mineral Springs

Haunted Tours—

Proceeds from this year's

"Friday the 13th" tour will be donated to the Alton Dog Park fund administered by Hope Rescues. Ghost enthusiasts and dog lovers are encouraged to attend. It should be a "howling" good time! For more information, please call 618-465-3200 or email Janet at mineralspring-shauntedtours@yahoo.com

Touch of Grace Spa—

There's a new spa at 513 E. 3rd St! Sherry Gardner offers 30-90 minute massages (Swedish, deep tissue, cold or hot stone, sports or prenatal). Prices start at \$30, and there's a "\$10 OFF" special through Sept 1st on any massage! Gift certificates are also available for the perfect gift idea. Join Sherry for an open house on Aug 19th from 5-8pm. Enjoy free 5-minute chair massages and a free sample of a body scrub line that will be available at the spa. Visit touchofgracespa.net & register under "contact us" - Touch of Grace is giving away a free 60-minute Swedish massage every month. Call 219-0771 to schedule your appointment today!

Are you unemployed or uninsured? When is the last time you had a health screening?
Join the Mexico Village People at the 5th Annual

Family Health, HIV/AIDS and Kidney Expo

Saturday, August 14th from 1pm-5pm

at the Riverbender Community Center (Corner of 3rd & Belle)

FREE: oral cancer screening, depression screening, blood pressure screening, diabetic screening, breast exams, prostate cancer screening, HIV/AIDS testing, and school physicals (free with medical card, without-\$25)

- Qualified participants will receive a \$10 gift card from Shop & Save
- Also enjoy free entertainment & free lunch from J&W's Plain Ole Kitchen!
- To pre-register, please call Lewis & Clark Community College at: 468-4440