

# The Marketplace Merchant

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## Summer is here - celebrate by catching some live music in downtown Alton!

There are a number of opportunities coming up to enjoy outdoor concerts at Alton's beautiful Riverfront Amphitheater. Mark your calendars & don't miss a single show!

### June 11th from 5pm-10pm

"Feed the Need" Concert to benefit Meals on Wheels to end senior hunger in your community. Featuring America's favorite country band "Little Texas" as well as local country sounds from The Glendale Riders and Borderline. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day of concert. Premium seating is also available. To purchase tickets, visit [www.seniorservicesplus.org](http://www.seniorservicesplus.org) or call 465-3298.

### June 16th from 7pm-10pm

Last year's biggest draw, Chicago's Think Floyd returns with a completely new show, recreating "Dark Side of the Moon" in its entirety. Free Admission!

### July 2nd starting at 6:30pm

The Glendale Riders will be performing starting at 6:30, and Alton's fireworks display will start after dusk.

### July 21st from 7pm-10pm

Nashville singing artist Andrea Young got her start right here in Alton. Since her graduation, she has teamed up with Ameri-

### June 25th 11-9pm & 26th 10-5pm

## Cars Blues BBQ Festival

at Mungenast Toyota (850 Homer Adams Pkwy.) BBQ competition, great music and beautiful cars... and Marketplace will be running the beer tent—enough said!

can Idol standout Kady Malloy to perform their own signature brand of rockin' country. 93.7 The Bull Presents the show featuring Kady and Andrea, along with local favorites, The Rough Ryders. Free admission!

### July 23rd from 3pm-10pm

The BIG GIG Local Music Show is presented by Alton Marketplace and Riverbender.com and features the

area's best up & coming bands. This year's outstanding lineup includes 2010 winner, Audri & Aaron (Acoustic / Pop) returning to open the show, Mason Hollow (Acoustic & Progressive Rock, from Godfrey), Zion & the Lion Roots Band (Reggae, from St. Louis), Irony Rains (Alternative/Contemporary Folk, from Alton & Troy), White Sage (Indie, from Alton), Ancient Chinese Secret (Power Funk / Reggae Rock, from Alton), and Midnight Escape (Rock from Hardin, IL) Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Purchase

now online at [www.RiverfrontAmphitheater.com/BIGGIG](http://www.RiverfrontAmphitheater.com/BIGGIG)

### Every Sunday in June &

### July from 6pm-8pm

Enjoy "Sunset Concerts" presented by Life Empowerment Outreach Ministries—free & open to the public! June 12 - Choir, June 19 - Quartet, June 26 - Rap & Rock, July 10 - Instrumental, July 17 - Soloist, July 24 - Praise & Worship

## Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market starts June 4th!

Join us from 8am-Noon every Sat. at the corner of Henry St. & Landmarks Blvd.

### Special activities & entertainment happening every week:

- 6/4 — Live Music: The Plain Label Band & nature crafts: make your own terrarium
- 6/11 — Nature crafts: seed bracelets or ladybug pins & magnets
- 6/18 — Nature crafts: eco-heads & arts demo: pottery wheel
- 6/25 — Nature crafts: topiaries
- 7/2 — Live Music: The Waters Trifecta & art project - potato stamping
- 7/9 — Celebrity Chef Jarvis Putnam of Bossanova & Face painting
- 7/16 — Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation Health Fair
- 7/23 — Celebrity Chefs Laurie & Geo of Chez Marilyn & Summer recipe day
- 7/30 — Celebrity Chef Keith Davis of Southern Girls BBQ & Arts In The Park: clay explorations
- 8/6 — Live Music: The Dixie Dudes & Arts In The Park: wooden wind chimes
- 8/13 — Arts In The Park: tissue paper paintings
- 8/20 — Arts In The Park: 3D puppets
- 8/27 — Composting workshop with The Nature Institute
- 9/3 — Live Music: The Blu Skies & arts demo: pottery wheel
- 9/10 — Fall recipe day & art project: Make Your Own Tie Dye (bring your own shirt - \$5 fee)
- 9/17 — Arts Demo: wood carving
- 9/24 — Dog Day at the Market to benefit the Alton Dog Park
- 10/1 — Live Music: Typsy Gypsy & Magician
- 10/8 — Community Supported Agriculture & Urban Gardening Day
- 10/15 — Pumpkin Decorating Contest & face painting

## Director's Note ~

Alton Marketplace, the North Alton-Godfrey Business Council and the Upper Alton Association are teaming up to promote a series of "Brown Bag Luncheons" to encourage business-to-business interaction and commerce. These events are designed as casual opportunities for local businesspeople to increase their knowledge about the services and goods available through local companies, and also discuss current events relevant to the growth & prosperity of the Alton community. There is no cost to attend; bring your own lunch, and complimentary beverages are provided by our sponsor Liberty Bank. Drop in anytime between 11:30-1:00 at the following locations: Thurs, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Liberty Bank (3112 Godfrey Rd.), Fri, July 15th at Wellspring Resources (2615 Edwards St.), Wed, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Alton Museum of History & Art (2809 College Ave.), Tues, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Riverbender Community Center (200 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.). Hope to see you there!



~ Sara

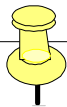


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organization dedicated  
to securing the economic  
vitality and aesthetic  
quality of the district.



Please join us for  
our 14th Annual

## ALL-WHEELS DRIVE-IN CAR SHOW

Sunday, June 26th  
(8am-4pm)

On 3rd, State,  
and Belle Streets

- Dash plaques to the first 100 entries
- Awards given in 36 classes plus 5 specialty awards
- Registration Fees are: \$15 to show, or \$10 to display only
- Registration ends at Noon, trophies are given at 4pm

For more info:  
Jamey Griffin from Time  
Machines Unlimited at  
792-8901 OR  
jgriffin@tmucarclub.org

## Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

### King Law Firm—

We welcome Patrick King as a new business owner and to our Board of Directors! His law office is conveniently located at 510 East 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Alton, and practice areas include: Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, Criminal Defense, DUI and Traffic, Wills & Trusts, Business Contracts and Litigation, and Pet's Rights. Patrick is licensed in IL and MO, and when asked why he selected the City of Alton to locate his business, he shared that his plans are to continue to build solid and lasting relationships with clients as well as serve the legal interests of his hometown and the greater Alton area. The practice is built on strong relationships and clear communication with clients, and focuses on helping individuals and their families through hard times. He guides clients through the legal system to make well informed decisions, and protects the rights and interests of individuals, families, and small businesses. Clients can be assisted through the tedious and difficult process of Driving Privileges Reinstatement cases before the Secretary of State, with understanding that people need a

license for work, school, and to transport children. To schedule your complimentary initial consultation, please contact: 462-8405 or Kinglawfirm1@gmail.com.

### Jacoby Arts Center—

Is hosting a Trivia Night on Sat, June 18th—doors open at 6pm, trivia starts at 7pm. \$80 per table, up to 8 players per team. Cash bar available, or BYOB and snacks! For more info or to make reservations please call: 462-5222 Located at 627 E. Broadway.

### Iris / Mockingbird—

Iris will be closing its doors at 100 W. 3rd Street on Sat, June 4th—stop in until then for storewide sales. For more info, please call: 433-2900. While we will miss this fabulous shop, we are excited to welcome a new clothing boutique to the same space. "Mockingbird" will open in early July—more details in our next newsletter!

### Southern Girls BBQ—

A great new restaurant is coming to 130 Front Street. You have probably tasted Pit Master Keith Davis's cuisine at one of our events, and now you'll be able to get that great BBQ as carry out Tues-Sat 9am-3pm. Keith has 25 years on the grill and 10 years of catering experience—he can

provide a wonderful meal for your next party of 10 or 1,000! Services range from boxed lunches to bulk meats and on-site cooking. Specialties include pulled chicken, beef brisket and pork steaks. keith@southerngirlsbbq.com

### Chez Marilyn—

Is offering new hours, serving food between lunch & dinner in order to better serve their customers. Drop by for a delicious meal Sun from 4-9pm, Mon from 10:30am-9pm, and Tues-Sat from 10:30am-10pm. Also of note, Marilyn's has recently added 5 employees, which in this economy is something to be celebrated! Join them at their "Party on the Patio" every Wed, and don't forget free lunch delivery Tues-Sat (10-mile radius). Order at: 465-8071

### Riverbender.com

### Community Center—

Teen Lock-In June 3rd, Membership renewal Week June 6-10 (\$5 off!), Middle School Dance & Open Mic June 11th. Summer Hours are Mon-Fri 1-6pm (\$5 admission) FREE High School Nights every Wed this summer from 6-10pm! For more info: 465-9850x212

### Improve your energy efficiency with the "Green Team"

This hands-on green initiative matches local trainees with experienced tradesmen combining field training with technical theory and real life experience to prepare students for employment. You benefit from a greatly reduced rate while contributing to the creation of good "green" jobs in our community!

Services rendered will include a 3-point check of your air conditioning unit consisting of: cleaning the outside A/C condensing unit, inspecting the indoor air filter and air handling equipment and replacement of standard size filter if necessary, and visually and thermally inspecting refrigerant charge of A/C equipment.

Residential client fee = \$39 / Commercial client fee = \$89\* some stipulations apply based on number of units, complexity of HVAC system and ease of access to units.

To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Brian Hutchinson at 314-662-7328