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## Portland Main Street to Host “Main Street Building Basics” Presentation

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Portland, Michigan The Design Committee of the Portland Main Street program will be hosting a “Main Street Building Basics” presentation on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm at Portland City Hall. The public, especially downtown property owners and individuals interested in historic preservation are invited to attend.

The presentation will be conducted by Kelly Larson, Main Street Architect for the State Historic Preservation Office. The presentation will focus on the history of downtowns and the evolution of older buildings over time. Also discussed will be good historic preservation principles and practices to maintain the unique qualities of historic buildings while also making them functional for today's needs. There will also be a presentation on the characteristics of quality signage for buildings in the Main Street district. There is no cost to attend this presentation.

The presentation is a kick-off point for the Portland Main Street's Design Committee to select up to three downtown buildings over the next year to receive no-cost design services intended to facilitate the rehabilitation of a building's facade. Any building located within the Main Street district is eligible to receive the services that include a schematic drawing of the proposed faade improvement, preliminary cost estimate, and paint samples. The design services are provided by the Michigan Main Street Center at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Any property owner interested in receiving the services must first attend a “Main Street Building Basics” presentation. An application, available at the presentation and at the Main Street office, can then be submitted to the Design Committee for review and approval.

To learn more about the presentation and design services, please contact the Portland DDA Director/ Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan at (517) 647-5027 or by email at: [ddamainstreet@portland-michigan.org](mailto:ddamainstreet@portland-michigan.org).

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