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Portland Main Street to celebrate key honor

PORTLAND - After six years of hard work, the Portland Main Street organization has been awarded National Accreditation at the Master Level.

To celebrate the achievement, Portland Main Street will host an accreditation party on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Band Shell at Two Rivers Park. Aug. 27 will be the final "Thursdays on the Grand" concert for the 2009 summer season, with Bailey's Comet scheduled to perform.

The event is meant to thank the Portland community for supporting downtown businesses, Main Street volunteers will treat attendees to hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks from 6 p.m. until supplies run out.

Learn more

Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Main Street program and to enter their names in a drawing for a gift basket of items from downtown Portland businesses.

A winner will be selected during the Portland Pay Day drawing in September.

The Main Street organization is administered at the national level through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, at the state level through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's "Michigan Main Street Center," and at the local level through the Portland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Main Street Board.

Portland's Main Street volunteers have had considerable success.

Although a number of storefronts are currently empty, the Main Street program has helped Portland's downtown remain considerably stronger than many communities that have been devastated by Michigan's current economic climate.
