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Volunteers needed for Oktoberfest event

PORTLAND - The Portland Main Street program is seeking volunteers to help staff its second annual "Oktoberfest" celebration in downtown Portland on Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17. Volunteers are needed for setup and tear-down activities, ticket sales, cleanup, and other various tasks. "Though we have quite a number of volunteers already, we could always use a few extra hands during this event," said Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan. "Anyone that would like to help is encouraged to contact the office at (517) 647-5027 or to visit our Web site at www.portlandmainstreet.org."

In return for working a three hour shift, volunteers will receive free admission to the event and will be invited to the annual Portland Main Street Volunteer Recognition event next spring.

Festivities will get underway on Friday evening at 6 p.m., and at noon on Saturday. Tickets to the event are \$2, with admission being free for children 12 years old or under. All tickets may be purchased at the gate on the day of the event.

Portland Main Street's "Oktoberfest" is a fundraiser for the Main Street program. All proceeds from the event will be used to help this program with its continuing efforts to revitalize downtown Portland.

The goal of the Portland Main Street program is to actively revitalize Portland's vibrant, charming, and unique downtown into a gathering place-one that uses broad-based community support to (1) provide opportunities to entrepreneurs; (2) sustain a strong economic foundation for the region; and (3) safeguard history, tradition, and a sense of community for residents and visitors.

For more information on being a part of this mission, visit the Portland Main Street Web site at www.portlandmainstreet.org or call the Portland Main Street offices at (517) 647-5027.

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