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the Future of Your Community

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Highlights

July, August, September 2017

MAPPING communities have had a productive season. Here are some highlights:

(Please note this is not a comprehensive list)

Argenta:

- Hosted an ice cream social
- Organized an Argenta Hoedown
- Offered summer cinema in the park with snacks, activities, cosplay and more!

Assumption:

- Launched new community website
- Promoted local businesses on Facebook
- Offered raffle prizes to encourage people to shop local
- Made additional improvements to Reading Park
- Recognized Koehl Bros. for their continued investment in the community

Durand:

- Organized several community movies
- Held their annual duck race fundraiser
- Hosted the annual fall plant sale
- Partnered with school on the purchase of an electronic sign

Elizabeth:

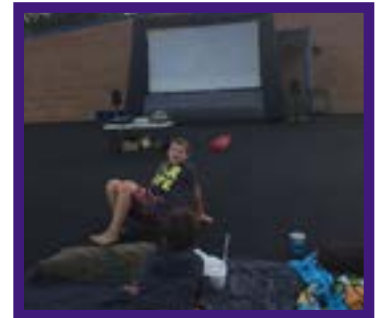
- Organized music in the park concerts
- Promoted local businesses on Facebook
- Promoted and assisted with 3rd annual Garlic Fest
- Organized a bingo night to support the chamber of commerce
- Created promotional videos

Findlay:

- Organized the FLIP 4 Findlay 5K run/walk
- Decorated flower pots around town for fall
- Cleaned up the landscaping at the community sign and decorated the community garden for fall

Girard:

- Worked with the City to collect 2400 pounds of plastic caps/lids and had 3 picnic tables created for the park
- Raising money to get a feasibility study done and hope to apply for an ITEP grant from IDOT



Kids enjoying Durand Charm's movie in the park



Poster promoting Elizabeth's Music in the Park program



Findlay's pots decorated for fall



The winners of the 3rd annual cardboard boat regatta

Hillsboro:

- Hillsboro hosted the 3rd Annual Imagine Hillsboro Cardboard Boat Regatta
- Harvested and gave away community garden produce
- Recruited volunteers to work with local school with MVP program
- Organized Imagine Hillsboro Farmers Markets throughout the summer
- Hosted the Summer Concert Series
- Planned and promoted activities for the Hillsboro Harvest Market including a scarecrow decorating contest and a chili cook-off
- Hosted a back to school pool party

LaHarpe:

- Organized farmers markets all summer and fall
- Held a town wide clean up for the streets and parks during the summer and again in the fall
- Hosted a Harvest Show Down yard decorating competition



Fall mums and pumpkins at the LaHarpe Farmers Market

Lanark:

- Offered recycling days
- Coordinated the 1st Pro-Am Chili Cook Off
- Organized the annual Celebrate Lanark business fair
- Developed an application to request items be added to the new electronic sign
- Lanark Area Community Foundation began establishing a 3rd endowment to support the foundation

Martinsville:

- Organized the 3rd annual Red Neck Pool Party
- Offered 3 performances at the Lynn Park Amphitheater

Mount Carroll:

- Sponsored the Mount Carroll homecoming street dance



Decorated corner with beautiful landscaping and bikes in Oregon

Neoga:

- Neoga held the 3rd Annual Soeey Fest
- Organized a fruit pie baking contest and smoke off
- Offered the 2nd annual co-ed softball tournament
- Sponsored back to school night
- Co-sponsored a back to school backpack giveaway

Oregon:

- Helped organize a Dust to Dusk gravel bike ride
- Hosted the 2nd Annual Oregon Together Block Party
- Continued placing bikes around town and other beautification efforts

Pana:

- Created a float for the labor day parade
- Organized community clean up
- Partnered with the school to paint rocks for Pana Retail Rocks Scavenger Hunt during the Hot Rods for Cancer car show
- Landscaped entrances to Pana and painted a retaining wall
- Coordinated yard of the month awards



Pana Pride float in the Pana Labor Day Parade

Rushville:

- Organized ribbon cuttings for 3 new businesses
- Supported the Halloween on the Square festivities

Savanna:

- Hosted monthly themed First Friday events
- Organized a flamingo decorating contest for August's First Friday
- Promoted local businesses on Facebook
- Organized a fundraiser during First Friday for a local dog rescue
- Partnered with Jo-Carroll Solid Waste on a recycling event
- Had a float in the Independence Day parade

Stewardson:

- Organized a Little Free Library tour with prizes, book sales, and story time

Stockton:

- Organized a lamp post decorating contest
- Coordinated the Fall into Stockton dunk tank
- Organized Fall into Stockton festival
- Held multiple movie in the park nights
- Coordinated the NW IL Art and Jazz Fest
- Participated in the NW IL Daily Drawing fundraiser
- Organized a Schwans fundraiser

Strasburg:

- Organized Family Night at the Park cook-out
- Hosted the Strasburg Hog Roast and parade
- Coordinated Strasburg townwide fall rummage sales
- Coordinated the 2017 Farmers Market
- Organized the Homemade Soup Show and Tell
- Seasoned Citizens held Christmas In July potluck
- Seasoned Citizens organized a baked Potato bar and bingo

Walnut:

- Walnut organized a cash mob at Walnut Hardware
- Hosted the Celebrate Walnut 50/50 raffle
- Planned the 2nd Annual Walnut Fall Fest on Main with children's activities, a chili cook-off, a fun run and more
- The Walnut Main Street Revitalization, a 501 c3 started by the MAPPING group, purchased and renovated a neglected building to become the new home of the Pass it Along resale shop
- Raised \$6,699 with a mattress fundraiser for Walnut Main Street Revitalization
- Held a rock painting activity and encouraged people to hide rocks and post pictures to Facebook of rocks found

Windsor:

- Organized the 9th Annual Windsor Harvest Picnic 5k
- WHAT had a booth at the Harvest Picnic to sell pies, t-shirts, and provide information on WHAT
- Held the annual fall mum sale
- Promoted local businesses, organizations and community events on their Facebook page



The poster for the Little Free Library event in Stewardson



Movie in the park attendees enjoyed using photo booth props before the movie.



Strasburg Grand Marshal accompanied by a garden gnome!



Cash mobbers set to mob the local hardware store in Walnut

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*It had long since come to my attention that people of
accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them.
They went out and happened to things.*

Leonardo da Vinci



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