

News from Genoa Main Street



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Genoa Main Street Joins Governor Quinn At 6th Annual Main Street Day Rally!

(SPRINGFIELD) – Genoa Main Street, Inc. joined Governor Pat Quinn at the State Capitol for the largest Main Street Day rally in event history. Gene Bradford and Gordon Jones represented the organization. Both are Genoa Main Street, Inc. volunteers. Jones is vice president, and Bradford is a director and chairs the Membership & Development Committee.

At the rally, Quinn commended communities for their assistance in hosting the 2009 National Main Streets Conference in Chicago earlier in March. More than 1600 attended the Conference from across the nation and six countries. Attending the National Conference from Genoa were Mim Evans, executive director, and Jones.

Quinn honored four Main Streets achieving the National Designation Requirements. They were: Beardstown, Canton, Marengo and Sterling. Moline was welcomed to Illinois Main Street as an Associate Program.

State representatives and senators from many of Illinois' more than 60 Main Street communities attended the rally and activities during the day. Main Street communities showcased their successes with various displays and exhibits throughout the Capitol. Among those visiting the Genoa display in the Capitol rotunda were State Representatives Robert Pritchard and Ronald Wait.

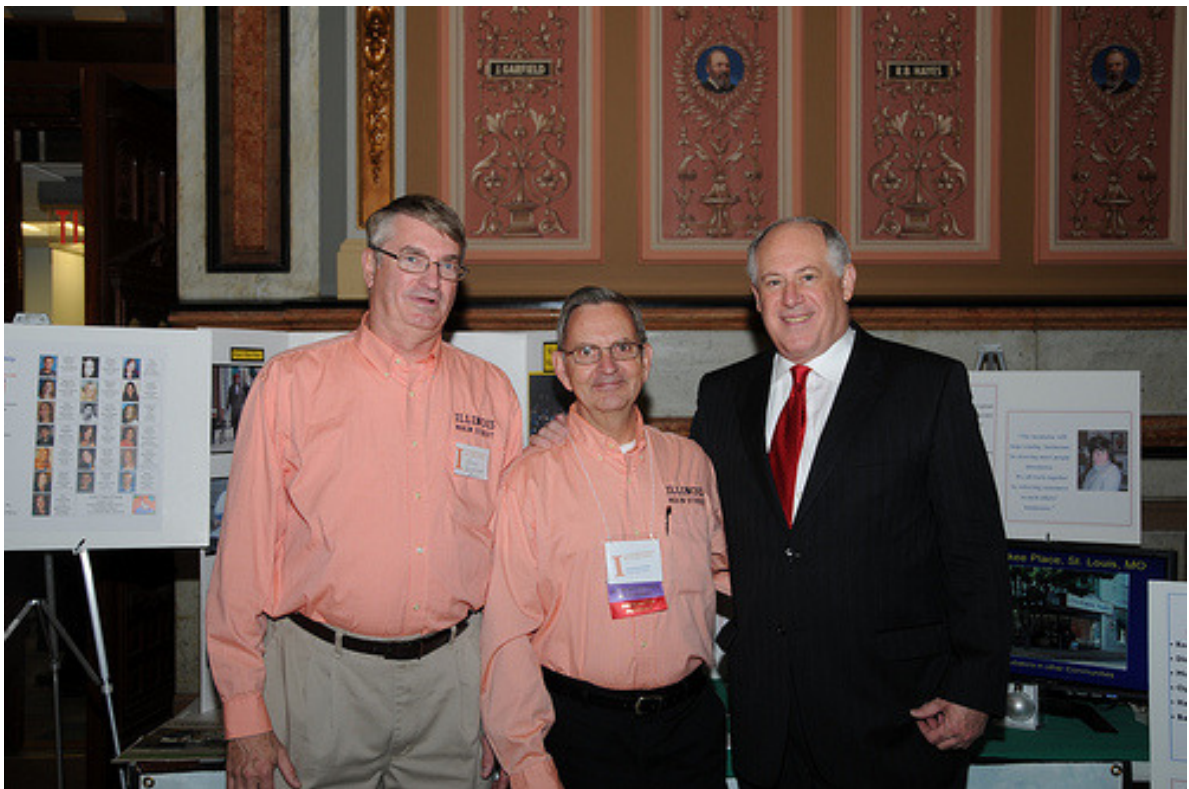
Under Governor Quinn's leadership Illinois Main Street has grown to become the fourth largest Main Street program in the nation. Illinois Main Street represents one of the state's most effective public-private partnerships for economic development and community renewal. Since its inception, designated communities have reported net gains of more than 1,600 new downtown businesses and created more than 6,000 new full and part-time jobs. The Main Street program has spurred the reinvestment of more than \$575 million in Main Street downtowns.

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Illinois is one of 40 states participating in the National Main Street program, administered through the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For more information about the Illinois Main Street program, please visit: www.IllinoisMainStreet.org. Information on Genoa Main Street, Inc. is on at www.GenoaMainStreet.org.

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Caption for IMS Day at the Capitol#1

During Main Street Day at the Illinois Capitol, Governor Pat Quinn visited the Genoa Main Street, Inc. display and visited with volunteers Gene Bradford (left) and Gordon Jones. It was the largest Main Street Day rally in event history.

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